



In Hollywood— He-Men Tire Of Open Spaces

John Wayne, Kirk Douglas
Want to Turn to Musicals

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HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 2—Exclusively Yours: Hollywood's he-man of the wide open spaces, John Wayne, says he'd like to do a filmusical. Kirk Douglas has the same idea. I can't picture Wayne riding herd on a line of chorus girls but Kirk could fill the bill. Before coming to Hollywood, he auditioned and landed the lead in the Broadway musical, "On the Town." A bad case of laryngitis cost him the role.

The movies are after the life story of Joe DiMaggio. Guess Joe will have to play himself. You can't dub in hits as easily as Jolson's voice.

EDDIE BRACKEN gets his best role in months at M-G-M. He'll be featured with Judy Garland and Gloria de Haven in "Summer Stock." Paulette Goddard's latest is Gilbert Roland's "Lauren Bacall's" suspension at Warner Brothers, she hopes, will pay the way to break her contract. That's the reason for all those long statements by Bacall, who otherwise has little to say.

Bonnie Best, the Hollywood fashion designer, is turning out skirts made of felt. I asked her what kind of felt.

"Just ordinary pool table felt," she said. How glamorous can a pool table get?

BIG REUNION for Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray when "Come Share My Love" hits the cameras. Their last together, "Invitation to Happiness," was made 10 years ago.

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How old do you feel department: Former kid star Virginia Weidler took her two-year-old son to the Dells for his first dinner out.

MIMIC ARTHUR BLAKE introduced Loretta Young, Tom Lewis, Van Johnson and Eve to the audience at the Bar of Music. Then he called on the cigaret girls to take a bow.

Everyone did a double take. "Don't look so shocked," said Blake. "She's Mario Lanza's sis-in-law."

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