

## HOLLYWOOD HALO

By Dorothy M. Peper

He was back in his room. The movie had been good. In fact, the movie had been very good. But now, alone again, he felt a little sad.

On the table before him stood a silver-framed photograph—her picture, with her autograph. He was going to write her a letter. He started out the way he did in movies and books—chewing the top of the fountain pen, writing a few lines, wadding up sheet after sheet. . . .

Finally, after a struggle, he plunged ahead:

"Dear Gloria:

"I saw your new picture, 'Hollywood Halo,' at the Carthage Circle tonight. You were as sweet and beautiful as ever. But then, I guess it's just natural for me to think you're tops!

"You'll be surprised, I reckon, when you open your fan mail tomorrow, and in it find this. Maybe you will think that I'm a little silly. But I'm not. The trouble is adults think kids don't have any sense. But a guy who's 14 knows plenty. Especially what he likes and wants.

"Well, what I like more than all the world is you—and what I want most is to have you all to myself. I love you more than life, and I'm proud of your success. (I read that last sentence in a book. But I mean



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it, and it is the truth.) I'd like to be the one to give you everything you want in life. But I wouldn't want you to belong to anyone else. Maybe that is selfish. But you'll understand, I hope.

"You were wonderful in the picture, tonight. Especially, the scene in which you did that dance when you came out in that long, blue dress. You know what I did, Gloria? I closed my eyes and pretended I was the one there with you, whirling you about. And the part where you were in the roadster, going real fast—I pretended I was the driver and you were at my side. Your hair blew back away from your face, and you were laughing. I love to hear you laugh!

"I wish you were here right now, instead of your photograph. I wish you would come in right now through the doorway, and sit on the side of the bed, and talk. I can just imagine how you'd look. Maybe you'd wear the robe you wore in the picture—I think you called the color 'chartreuse.' And slippers to match, with white fur trim at the top. And your hair would be loose around your shoulders, and all soft and golden around your face. Oh, Gloria, you're so beautiful! You make me feel so proud!

"In the picture, you cried—and even if I did know it wasn't real, I couldn't help feeling sad.

"The part of the picture I liked best was when you put on a white apron, to cook a dinner for guests—you didn't know much about it, but you were bound you would do it or bust. That part was natural and real. That's why I liked it so much. You seemed just like yourself, and so little and helpless and cute.

"I pretended you were going to cook hamburgers, and it was Saturday night, and we didn't have a single guest—just you and me—and you didn't have to go back to the studio for a whole month!

"Oh, Gloria! Wouldn't it be wonderful? I love you so much! Maybe it's best you aren't here, and I can write all this—I'm afraid I could never get it said if it had to come out in talk!

"Even if you can't be just mine, I want you to be happy and to have your success. But don't forget I love you.

Your own Johnny.

"P. S. I heard you tell someone the other night that it took a lot more than make-up to hide a 14-year-old son. I know you love me, though—I'm sure I could tell if it was pretend.

"But I wish it didn't matter so much for people to know I'm your son. I wish you could just stay home and cook hamburgers. I wish I could stop calling you Gloria, and just call you Mom."

## GRASSROOTS

by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

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### FIGHT AGAINST RADICALISM MUST BE CONTINUOUS

THERE IS GRAVE DANGER that those—and that is the great majority—who desire the maintenance of our form of government and our economic system may take the rebuke administered to the subversive element in the last election as a permanent defeat. It is not that; it has but driven the Reds, the pinks and fellow travelers, the adherents of Moscow ideology, back to their burrows under ground. From that vantage point, they, like the moles and gophers, will continue to gnaw at the roots of our liberties until an opportune time when they again will appear in the open, and our danger again will be apparent.

We Americans are an emotional people. Our emotions cause some portion of us to shift with each change in our pocket-books. We are prone to chase phantasies, and some day we may catch one by the tail and find it impossible to let loose. We did not quite catch the one we have just repudiated, though we came too close for comfort. Should depression again engulf us, the element we have turned against would be welcomed back.

What we need is a greater degree of stability of principle. Such stability is based on a definite knowledge of facts, and especially facts as they concern each of us as individuals. Such knowledge would give us a better understanding of the meaning to each of us of constitutional government, and the opportunities offered by our free enterprise to everyone with ambition.

That story can be told in thousands of ways, and some one, or more, of those ways will drive the lesson home to each and every one who reads or listens. Each story must be a brief, factual statement that would carry a definite message to each Joe Brown, John Doak or Sam Smith.

The continuing circulation of such factual information, to be read or heard by the present and future generations, will destroy the last vestige of radicalism in this country. Without something to effectually plug the holes of their burrows, we can expect the carriers of Moscow ideology to emerge again within a comparatively short time.

### PEOPLE RUSHING INTO DEBT

The savings banks have more money on deposit than at any previous time in our history. A great number of workers, more than 58 million, have well-paid jobs. There is not a sufficient amount of commodities to meet consumer demand, especially so in such durable goods as automobiles, washing machines, refrigerators, sewing machines and other things more frequently purchased on installments. According to a bulletin issued by the home economics bureau, despite these conditions American consumers are going into debt twice as fast as at any previous time in our history. The greatest item of increase is in charge accounts at the stores and in personal loans. Why are the people rushing into debt? Possibly they fear near approach of uncontrolled inflation prophesied by those who opposed the lifting of price controls, and expect to pay for what they have bought with cheap dollars of the future. Inflation means a debtor's paradise.

### EVERYBODY LOSES

A farm paper, published in a mid-western state, charged the county seat with collecting from the farmers, through a town sales tax, the money to run the town government. The town paper replied with a statement that the people of the town were paying for the education of the farmers' children. And the row was on between town and country. The only beneficiaries have been the merchants of a nearby city, with whom the farmers now are trading, and, incidentally, paying a city sales tax. The row was unprofitable.

"SOCIALIST," said the young woman, a college student, just past 21, as she designated party affiliation when registering to vote. She was the daughter of one of the town's teachers, and one wondered that ideology was imbibed at the home fire-side, or on the college campus.

THEY STILL are looking for Pfes in the army, a tip for ex-federal job holders.

THE WEST COAST manufacturer is asking why he should pay more to ship his product east, than the eastern manufacturer pays to ship the same product west. A query for the I.C.C.

THERE IS not much that now can be done about the millions, or probably billions, spent on impractical whims during the war, but it would be some satisfaction to know those whims, and what they cost the taxpayers.

## Woman's World

### Start Out the New Year Right By Making Yourself Attractive

By Erta Haley

#### Princess Fashion

WHEN YOU catch yourself looking in the mirror and saying, "I'm not as good-looking as I was at 20," look out lady and take yourself in hand. Or, if you shrug off doing something about your clothes with the flimsy excuse, "The fashions are for me this season," be truthful to yourself at least and admit that you're just being lazy.

No woman, with all the modern aids to make her attractive, need feel that she has lost her youth and charm. True, she may have added a few years, but with those years she gains a new kind of beauty, a poise and maturity that is even more attractive than her beauty of the early 20s. And as for fashions, isn't it a bit silly to think that designers would neglect any type of woman?

No, let's face the facts. Somehow or other, you've just let yourself slip, and what you really need is to attire yourself in the latest, and I defy you to find at least half a dozen styles that you can't wear. Sometimes it does take a bit of looking to find just what we're after, but when you do find it, wear it, and you'll enjoy the compliments.

No longer can women ask, "Which is better, to be dressed becomingly, or to be dressed in the height of fashion?" There may once have been a reason for this sad plea but now we have so many editions of each trend that if you try, you can find one which will be flattering especially for you. And don't shy away from adding a few imaginative touches which will enhance the style for you.

#### Hoods Are Pretty as Well as Practical

For instance, take the hood. According to Chicago Fashion Industries, it is extremely popular, especially with the young crowd. It makes a lot of sense to wear it on cold days, and chances are you've been tempted to have one. If your features are tiny and you have a good profile, or if you have a long, lean face with high cheekbones, the tailored version of the hood will do the most for you.

But don't discard the hood idea if you don't fit in the above category. Let's say that your features aren't quite as perfect as you've wished. You're the kind who likes to wear soft hats with perhaps a fluff of hair to break the severity of the hat.

In its usual form the hood is not for you, but suppose you try a knitted, loose snood that gives you the covered-up look and provides the necessary softness. You might even try bangs or a soft fluff of curls to decorate the forehead. Or, if you don't wear bangs, you might arrange a wave or push down the pompadour for a similar look.

#### Follow the Fashions, Find Own Version

A good way to illustrate this is to watch women who are buying their clothes. I've seen many a tall, bony-chested woman turn down a "V" necked dress which was otherwise perfect for her. Had she spent a little time thinking about it, she could have used a froth of attractive ruffles at the neck, or even a clever, dicky effect which could have done a neat job of concealing, and made a lovely garment for her.



Very often you haven't the time to change your make-up. But you can refresh your skin and get a fresh glow! Wrap an ice cube in a bit of damp cotton. Sprinkle this with skin freshener or toilet water. Rub over throat and face. Press the perfumed ice cube over the closed eyelids. Press cosmetic tissue over throat and face, then pat on face powder. Brush off excess. A little Accent with your lipstick—and there you are!

#### Fashion Forecast

The front button, princess style variation is still nice fashion for the dressy coat. You can be clever with accessories with this basic coat. Trimming takes a back seat on evening clothes. They're glamorous, perhaps even more so than before, but the interest is in material and lines rather than "things added" to the costume.

For the younger set the pinched-in waistline and wide belts have a wide appeal. Fashions to keep you warm have style, too. Notice the smart lines of fur-lined coats that avoid a baggy appearance, and watch for color interest, particularly the contrast treatment being used quite extensively.



### Electro-Agriculture Leads Farm Planning

#### Federal Government Attacking Problem

Science is keeping pace with electro-agriculture, planning and developing new methods for easing the farmers' burdens and attacking troublesome problems with "atomic age" devices in Buck Rogers fashion.

Farm electrification division of United States department of agriculture proposes to consider six of these problems next year. High on the list is control of insect pests through use of electric lamps and light traps. Insects will be subjected to a wide variety of tests to determine color and intensity of light which best attracts them to an incandescent glow.

The division also will experiment with the use of infra-red heaters to dry seeds and provide thermal



therapy treatments for farm animals. It will consider the use of ultrasonic vibrations for treating seeds and delve the limitations, cost and influence of bactericidal lamps in animal shelters and storage cellars. Bactericidal lamps have grown in popularity recently with poultrymen and dairymen to control respiratory diseases among chickens and sterilize dairy equipment.

Another top project to be considered is development of electrical equipment to aid farmers in performing chores. Since from 20 to 80 per cent of a farmer's time is spent in doing chores, the division feels that electricity can be put to greater use in taking over more routine jobs than is now the case. Experimental work also will be done in determining proper standards of construction for general purpose refrigerators for farm use.

### Banish Barn Drudgery By Mechanical Cleaner



The automatic barn cleaner will remove manure from both gutters at the same time.

Where the surroundings are clean, the problem of preparing cows for milking is simplified. With the better barn cleaners, such as the Crown illustrated above, the only hand work required is the walk along the gutter with a scraper and see to it that the manure actually gets into the gutter.

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#### Hog Breeding Crate



The breeding crate allows the breeder to use a mature boar on immature gilt or vice versa without danger of injury, and it conserves the vigor of the boar.

The crate shown is constructed so it can also be used as a holding crate for ringing, ear tagging or vaccinating. This crate was designed by Kansas State college.

### Swine By-Products a Cure for Peptic Ulcer

A new hormone has been discovered in the mucous lining of the upper intestinal tract of freshly slaughtered hogs which is proving effective in healing and preventing recurrence of peptic ulcers, according to Dr. Andrew C. Ivy of University of Illinois. The new hormone promises relief for over a million ulcer sufferers in this country. It has been tested on a large number of patients with satisfactory results.

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### Torch in Hand of Vulcan Statue Warns Motorists

A new method of reminding motorists to drive carefully is an electric torch that is being installed in the upraised hand of the giant statue of Vulcan in Birmingham, Ala. For 24 hours after a fatal traffic accident, the light will glow red instead of its normal green.

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