

# Weegee, Ace Camera Man, Practices To Be Bar Tender

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HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—A rumpled little man with bug eyes and a gentle lower east side burr is giving Cary Grant a run for his money.

The man named Weegee, one of the world's better-known news-photographers, is determined to become as good in front of a camera as he is behind one.

He decided to become an actor when he happened on a movie company on location in New York. "I always got a run for his money," Weegee said, rotating his eyes and a long cigar simultaneously. "After watching doze guys a while, I knewed it."

Despite his conviction Weegee did not dash recklessly into his new career. He waited for a favorable conjunction of the zodiac and his bankroll.

"I consulted a new type of fortune teller in Hollywood," Weegee said. "He gave me a \$10 reading and da same old advice."

**Got To Be Hot**  
"I'm sorry old man," the agent said. "I can't do a thing for you until you're hot."

Hot in Hollywood means sought after professionally.

Weegee, ignoring the advice, got himself a job in RKO's "Every Girl Should Be Married." The job was as a street photographer.

The new actor's real name is Arthur Fellig. He got his nickname at the height of the Ourie board craze from new-men who

marveled at his uncanny ability to forecast locations of news events. "I'd be driving around town," he said, "and I'd get a hunch to go to a certain corner. Sure enough, something would happen there, like a fire or something."

With a record of photographing New York news incidents, murders and disasters, he published the best of his pictures in a book, "Naked City." The late Mark Hellinger bought the film for his studio.

**Won Many Prizes**  
Weegee's photographs have won four international prizes, but he values them all about as much as a man's own shadow.

"I shot the Dock of Windsor yesterday," he said. "So when the picture comes out I'll send me 50 bucks, a bottle and a box of Char's. Next year, Christmas, I got a million boxes of cigars. Free."

Weegee always looks as if he slept in his clothes, which he did during all night shifts on Aimee Newquist's. He's not hurting his movie career though. After he finishes "Every Girl Should Be Married," he'll test for the part of a bartender in "Auntie Fanny."

"I'm worked out for da part," he said. "I go in to see in bars and stuff."

No more old stuff, you gotta find drinkin'.

But we're not sure but I don't care. Don't see his time for da part.

# U. S. JETS REACH GERMANY AFTER HISTORIC FLIGHT



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## Tractor Seats Will Be Easier On Farmers

COLUMBIUS, Neb. (U.P.)—Farmers throughout the world may rejoice because of the ingenuity of two young Nebraskans.

The pair decided there was no reason farmers should be jolted and sometimes injured as they operate tractors, so they set out to make their first sales.

The inventors, Ivan Schmid and Leonard Fleischer, devised a tractor seat that dampened all vibrations.

Schmid, 21, is farm-bred with great talent from operating tractors on the farm. Fleischer, 37, was an aviator, learned the needs of farmers in making his tractors.

**Firm Expands**  
In August of 1945, the firm incorporated for \$20,000 and started manufacturing in a 22,000-ft. building. The firm was reorganized recently at \$200,000 and has expanded into three more buildings.

The first time the invention did when they tackled the problem in 1944 was to buy a used tractor for \$50. They devised a hydraulic shock absorber under the seat which stopped seat rattling.

After a few sales of their original model the firm provided an air-cushioned seat to pad the conventional steel seat.

However, on rough ground farmers still were lurching from side to side.

**Stabilizer Used**  
Fleischer and Schmid liked that by installing a gyroscopic stabilizer adapted from the mechanism that kept tank guns level and accurate during the war.

The final improvement dreamed up by the pair was a tilt-back arrangement to enable the farmer to tilt the seat and stand upright on the frame of the tractor.

The seats have been shipped from the midwestern factory to points in Europe, Asia and South

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