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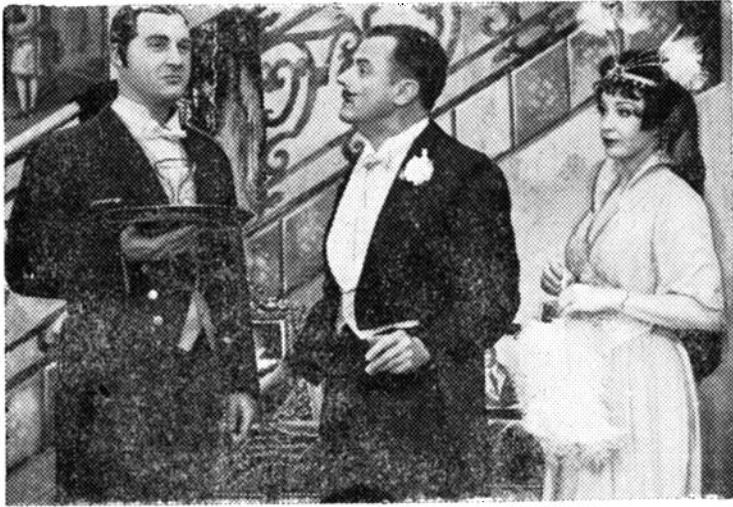
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AT THE MOVIES — Sid Caesar plays a movie extra on the brink of discovery by a Hollywood producer (Art Carney, center) as the exotic silent screen star Theda Gilda (Audrey Meadows) stands by, in the NBC-TV Network's Sunday, May 3 special telecast of "At the Movies" a full-hour production.



BIG TOP — Charles Van Doren chats on location in Sarasota, Fla., with aerialist Delia Cristiani during rehearsals for "Roll out the Sky," the story of the Cristiani Brothers Circus, on "NBC Kaleidoscope" Sunday, May 3 over the NBC-TV Network. Van Doren, host of the series, will guide viewers in an intimate look behind the scenes at this biggest circus still performing under a tent. Thirty-six members of the Cristiani family perform in the circus acts.

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COVER PICTURE:

An all-star cast will appear in the first 90-minute NBC-TV network's "Hallmark Hall of Fame" Tuesday, April 28.



FLIGHT TO FREEDOM— Actual film clips from NBC News' full-hour telecast, "Why Berlin?" — to be telecast Friday, May 8 — portray steps in the flight to freedom of East German refugees seeking sanctuary in West Berlin. At top, a family wheels its belongings along the road from the "S-Bahn," the train which carries passengers back and forth from East to West Berlin. At bottom left, East German guards check the credentials of a youth traveling by bicycle. At bottom right, Chet Huntley, at a West Berlin processing center, interviews a girl who will soon complete her freedom flight to West Germany.



COMEDY WITH MUSIC — Performing in the NBC Radio Network's new two-hour daytime program, "It's Network Time," are: (left to right, front) co-host Frank Blair; three guest stars—comediienne Pat Carroll, singers Tommy Leonetti and June Valli; and co-host Don Russell. In the background are musical director Skitch Henderson and members of his band. The musical variety show will be broadcast Monday through Friday, starting April 27.

New Jersey Ready To Receive Spring Vacationers; Offers Variety of Fun

Salvatore A. Bontempo, Commissioner of the New Jersey State Department of Conservation and Economic Development today announced the State's new "Vacation Guide to Fun in New Jersey" is now available for free distribution to the public.

Commissioner Bontempo noted that New Jersey invites everyone to share the natural beauty of mountains, lakes, rivers and seashore, all of which have made the "Garden State" one of the foremost resort areas in America.

New Jersey boasts some 120 miles of the finest wide, sandy beach in the world, with rock fishing jetties, 31 miles of boardwalks, and more than 55 coastal resort communities with recreational facilities.

Sightseeing, swimming, boating, fishing, sun-bathing, golf, tennis, horseback riding, carriage rides and just plain loafing are only a few of the recreational attractions New Jersey offers spring vacationists.

Resorts also feature some special inducements for vacationers. Small centers emphasize good surf, pier, jetty and bay fishing; while larger communities point up broad boardwalks, rolling chairs, amusement piers, and charter and party boat fishing. No license is needed to fish New Jersey's coastal waters and bays, this fact plus the warm spring sunshine, fresh air, and excitement of "hooking a big one" make salt-water angling and surf casting two of the most popular pastimes for Jersey "shoregoers". Row boats and motor boats also are available at all centers.

Although swimming at the shore does not begin officially until Memorial Day, May 30, with traditional ocean unlocking ceremonies, several of the resorts offer pool swimming in either heated salt or fresh water the year-round. Indoor ice skating over the ocean on the boardwalk at Asbury Park is also offered.

Further information on resort activities and a copy of the State's "Vacation Guide to Fun in New Jersey" may be obtained free by writing to: the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Trenton 25, New Jersey.

A Music Festival Will Be Featured By Paterson Brotherhood Committee

An outdoor music festival, featuring a chorus of all faiths and nationality groups, will be one of the climaxing events of the Paterson Brotherhood Committee's 1959 program.

The festival is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, at Hinchliffe Stadium, according to Benjamin F. Collier, director of the Paterson Human Relations Commission and members of the Mayor's Brotherhood Committee. Further details will be announced as the program is developed, according to Collier's report to the Brotherhood Committee at its meeting at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel.

Plans also are being developed for field trips to a number of religious institutions in the area. Arrangements are being made by Robert Lammey, chairman of the religious emphasis committee.

According to Collier, response to the mail campaign announcing the availability of "package programs" has been most encouraging. More than twenty groups have requested programs for their organizations. The Human Relations Commission in cooperation with the Paterson Brotherhood Committee, has programs on brotherhood for club groups of all ages and types. They include motion pictures, talks and novelty programs, such as rumor clinics and panel sessions. A telephone call or postcard addressed to the Human Relations Commission, City Hall Annex, MULberry 4-5800, is all that is required to obtain a package program without cost for any local organization.

Exhibit materials may be obtained from Miss Jeanne Van Wyck, principal of School 18, chairman of the exhibit committee.

Mrs. Gloria Broder, chairman of the "Dolls for Democracy" project reported that she has received more than seventy letters from pupils at School 13, expressing appreciation for the program presented at that school, as well as letters from the Totowa Library and other groups.

According to Masiello, the extended observance of Brotherhood Month in this city, through May 31, has stimulated an awakening interesting in developing understanding and harmonious relationships between persons of many nationalities, creeds and races.



ANGEL — Walter Slezak will portray Mr. Finch, an incredibly inefficient angel in the requisition department of heaven, in "The Slightly Fallen Angel," a comedy on the NBC-TV Network's "Alcoa Theatre" Monday, May 4. The setting in heaven will resemble a modern business office, with clouds in place of wall-to-wall carpeting.



TEXAS RODEO — Sandy Anderson, 19, of Crosby, Texas, tilts the barrel in a dry-run of a barrel race for the new weekly "Texas Rodeo" series on the NBC-TV Network starting Thursday, April 30. The rodeos, televised in Dayton, Texas, feature such authentic rodeo contests as bronc riding, steer wrestling, bull riding and barrel racing, in which girls on horseback race around a clover-leaf course marked by barrels. If a barrel is knocked over, the rider is out.

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This Week In AMERICAN HISTORY



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THE OKLAHOMA RUSH

On the sunny afternoon of April 22, 1889 a shouting, pushing and impatient mob of 20,000 persons crowded together on horseback, in wagons, buggies, carriages, on bicycles, and even on foot, was lined up for miles along the southern border of Kansas facing toward the wide open spaces of central Oklahoma. For on this day, Oklahoma, the "Beautiful Land," as the Indians called it, was to be thrown open to white homesteaders. The mob was to rush into the new land on a signal to be given at exactly 12 o'clock noon.

Oklahoma was the old Indian territory which had been reserved for the Indian tribes alone. But as good land for homesteading became scarce, white settlers kept sneaking into Oklahoma, the last big vacant corner of the old West. This was illegal, and these squatters had to be removed from time to time by U. S. soldiers.

Finally, the clamor to grab the fertile lands from the Indians became so great that Congress and the President decided to give way to the inevitable. The government made a deal with the Indians and bought the land from them, against their will. In March of 1889 President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed that Oklahoma would be opened to free homesteading at 12 o'clock noon of April 22.

For weeks eager men and women of all ages had gathered for the rush, the homeless, the adventurers, the speculators, as well as the homesteaders. Now they waited impatiently for the signal. Soldiers were stationed up and down the line for miles to hold back the "sooners" who wanted to

beat the signal for the mad rush forward. As the hours passed and the final minutes ticked away the shouting, milling, fighting thousands strained on the starting line like penned-up animals ready to stampede.

Army officers, watches in hand waited with their guns held high to fire the signal shots. Twelve o'clock, and bang! bang! bang! The revolvers cracked along the line and army bugles blared. The soldiers stood aside, and with a roar like that of a flood pouring over a broken dam the struggling mob dashed off in a mad race. Galloping horses, wildly careening wagons, colliding men and teams dashing madly about raised a tremendous cloud of dust. New arrivals by the hundreds kept joining the rush. Ahead lay fertile homesteads to be grabbed by the fastest, the strongest, and the luckiest in the wild scramble.

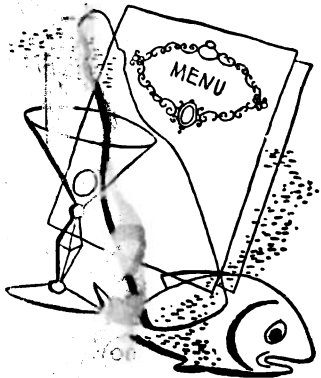
Within a few hours the 1,920,000 acres of the Oklahoma district were taken up. All over the plains the lucky homesteaders labored to stake out their claims and build shelters. Others marked out city lots. Somehow, two cities sprang up. Oklahoma City had a population of 10,000 tent dwellers and Guthrie had 15,000 by night. City governments were organized and a bank with \$50,000 capital was started in a tent.

By nightfall the rush was over. Flickering campfires marked the locations of new homesteads all over the countryside. The dust had settled, covering the last traces of the old frontier. The last of the Indian lands had been taken over by the white man.

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