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HOLLYWOOD

Rita Hayworth steps into the top spot in the Columbia production, "Tonight and Every Night." Janet Blair has the second feminine lead. . . . 20th-Fox is all set for the release of "Roger Touhy-Gangster" following FBI okay. . . . Ethel Barrymore returns to the screen after 11 years' absence to share stellar honors with Cary Grant in "None but the Lonely Heart." . . . J. Carroll Naish will play the main character role in Paramount's "A Medal for Benny." . . . Jean Arthur co-stars with Lee Bowman in a comedy of hasty wartime marriages titled "The Impatient Years." . . . Henry Hull goes into the cast of "Good Night, Sweetheart," which has Ruth Terry and Robert Livingston, ex-cowboy star, in the romantic leads. . . . "Lost in a Harem" is Abbott and Costello's next, with Marilyn Maxwell supplying the heart interest. . . . Alice Faye will play the role of Cissy in the film version of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." . . . Cagney Productions has bought the screen rights to "Only the Valiant," by Charles Marquis Warren. Burroughs Mitchell PhM3c, editor of *The Courier* at Norfolk (Va.) Naval Hospital, started this one off to success when he was associate editor of *Argosy* magazine and a reader for the Macmillan Company, which published the book. . . . James Melton, Ann Sothern and Fannie Brice are in the screen version of "Ziegfeld Follies." . . . Gene Kelly has the leading dancing and romantic role in "Anchors Aweigh," in which Frank Sinatra is starred. . . . Ann Miller's next is the musical, "Eadie Was a Lady." . . . Ella Mae Morse, of "Cow Cow Boogie" fame, has signed a two-picture deal with Universal. . . . In the coming "Something for the Boys," Carmen Miranda will sing "Mairzy Doats." . . . John Hodiak has the lead opposite Lana Turner in "Marriage Is a Private Affair."

BAND BEAT

Vaughan Monroe scored well at the Commodore Hotel's Century Room, New York, when he opened his sixth engagement there. Dell Parker supplied the feminine vocal interest. . . .



Lina Romay

Lina Romay, vocalist with Xavier Cugat for more than three years, will leave about May 1 for Hollywood, where she is under contract to MGM. . . . Duke Ellington, playing an RKO Theater date in Boston recently, spoke before the Colleges of Music of Harvard and Boston U. His subject was "Negro Music in America." . . .

Charlie Ventura, tenor saxman, has broken with

Teddy Powell's crew and joined the Jon Arthur band at the Shangri-La in Philadelphia. . . . Jimmy Cook is the new vocalist with Tommy Dorsey's outfit. . . . Sonny Dunham goes into the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, on May 19. . . . Jimmy Palmer, vocalist, has taken over the baton of the Grace Barrie band. . . . Charlie Agnew's band is at the Rainbow Randevu in Salt Lake City. . . . Red Norvo and his new six-piece outfit is rocking 'em at the Preview in Chicago. . . . Glen Island Casino, N. Y., reopens on May 25 with Bob Strong's orchestra featured. . . . Horace Heidt's orchestra comes out of semiretirement this summer. . . . Ann Cornell debuted recently as vocalist with John Kirby's crew. . . . Tony Pastor moves into the Terrace Room of New York's Hotel New Yorker for eight weeks starting May 1.

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