

BABES ON BROADWAY

Adapted by
FRANCES BARBOUR
from the MGM Picture Starring
Mickey Rooney

SYNOPSIS
Tommy Williams, aspiring young actor and dancer, is a member of the trio, "The Three Balls of Fire," working in Nick's cellar spaghetti joint. Because of "no business" Nick lets them go. However, they meet the famous Jansy, assistant theatrical producer Thornton Reed. She offers them a musical revue audition but the boys let the word get out and when they arrive at the theatre the place is a madhouse. Along with everyone else, they are thrown out. Tommy loses hope. Then Tommy has a great idea. Little Barbara, a friend of Penny Morris, whom Tommy loves, is in despair. Barbara and all her pals have been promised a trip to the country by the "Dorham Street Settlement" house. But now there is no money in the treasury. Tommy gets things moving arranging a block party for the kids which will in turn finance a benefit show. Actually, Tommy is doing this for his own set, so he can get a publicity break.

CHAPTER FOUR

Over in the Dorham Street Settlement house, Barbara Jo told Penny her version of the meeting with Busch. The child's eyes were shining as she said, "... and all the time Mr. Busch kept sitting right on the desk and told him that wonderful kids were and how if we didn't get sunshine and fresh air we'd all wind up with pickles."

"With what?" Penny asked.

"Pickles," Penny said.

Penny got it and laughed. "Darling, you mean pickles."

It was all the same to Barbara Jo. The results were what counted. "Well anyway he was wonderful and finally Mr. Busch said he'd let him do it and Penny, all I could think of was Tommy being like Abraham Lincoln testing the slaves."

Penny smiled but as she thought of Tommy her eyes were bright with her worship too. "I'll have to tell him what you said. He'll like that."

Barbara Jo nodded violently. "I wish you would. Gee he's exceptional. Too bad he's not better looking."

Penny looked at her in amazement. "Why Barbara Jo he's fine looking. He's got character in his face. Why, he'd never stoop to think of himself at all. But he'll be paid back. Dramatically, she began to hum, "You know I Love."

Barbara Jo giggled. "You know Penny if it was anybody else but you I'd be jealous."

Penny squeezed her chin. "If it were anybody else but him you could have him."

Rehearsals got under way the very next morning and Tommy went next morning feeling that he was living again. It was worth a million dollars getting into the comedy skits going nice and smooth, building up the technique of the kid orchestra, standing there, listening Penny tear up his heart with the love of his songs. And the kids were great. They all co-operated like a house afire.

The Block Party date was close, when one day Mr. Stone sent for Tommy. Stone had received a letter from the Board of Trustees. It seemed that they were sending the Settlement twenty refugee youngsters from the British War Relief to show them what a real American Fourth of July was like.

He read aloud. "An short wave broadcast has been arranged and

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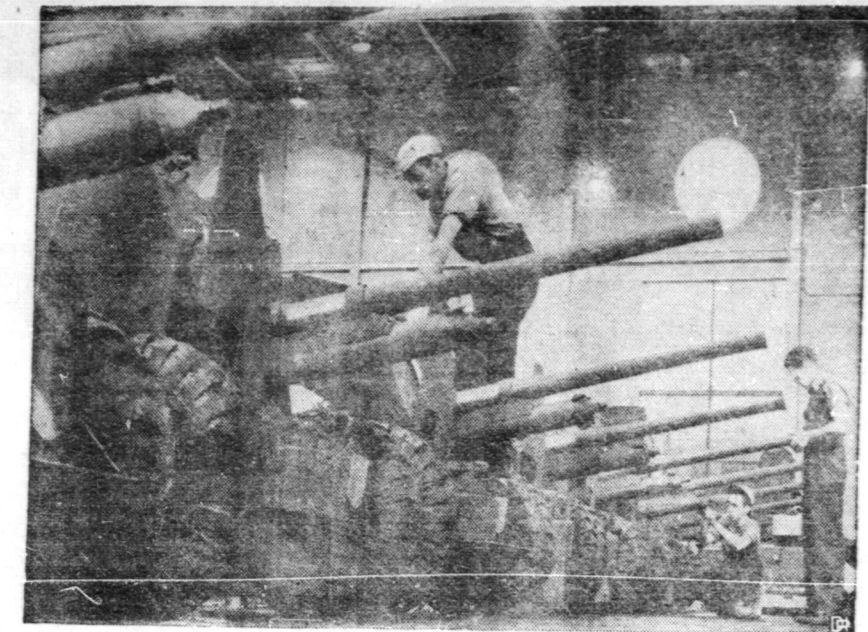
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"Nothing." Her voice was tremulous. "I just don't think you're Abraham Lincoln any more that's all."

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Fourth of July arrived, the streets were packed off and Tommy's show got under way. The men and the Refugee children one tremendous cheer after another.

BLITZ-BUSTERS



These two-pounder anti-tank guns are being turned out in large quantities from a Canadian factory. This gun is only one of the ten types now being built in Canada.

The English children will talk to their parents in London directly from the Settlement house. The broadcast is scheduled for three o'clock.

Tommy was shocked. "But that's the time we advertised the block party for. We can't have the Settlement kids in the auditorium then. That'll be right in the middle of the performance."

Stone was concerned but there was no help for it. The Block Party would simply have to be postponed.

Tommy was in despair. "But we'll never be able to get a permit again." All at once, however, he jumped two feet in the air.

Where was his noodle? Why this was perfect. Better than he could have dreamed of. Sure, sure they'd have the broadcast... along with the Block Party, straight from the side-trails of New York.

Stone was delighted with the idea and Tommy rushed out to tell Mr. Ray and Tommy. The boys didn't catch on at first. "Don't you see?" Tommy said. "Bundles from Britain will be a swell set for us to follow. And if they're sensational, so much the better. Think of it. 'The Three Balls of Fire.' Flashlights, radio, front page... twenty little English kids torn from their mothers' arms... thrown right into our laps with an international hookup."

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TABLE TALKS

A Marmalade Discussion

At this time of year most of us wish to see the empty jars and the bare shelves of the fruit cupboard being replaced with spring jams and marmalades. Probably most of us commence with orange and lemon or other citrus fruit marmalades. I have been requested to give to you again the marmalade recipe and a discussion on the same, for quite a number seem to be having failures, and marmalade making can be made very simple.

The first thing of importance is choosing the fruit. Do not think that fruit you have had in the house for sometime or that is not quite fresh enough for table use will make good marmalade. In order to have a clear marmalade with an excellent flavor you must have fruit from the finest selection. Now for the recipe: Grapefruit, Orange and Lemon Marmalade

3 oranges
3 lemons
3 grapefruit

Extract juice from fruit and pass all white membrane from peels. With a sharp knife slice very thinly the fruit peel or chop very finely. Place juice and peel in a earthenware dish and add water, 3 times the amount of juice and peel. Allow it to stand overnight. In the morning place on the heat and bring to a boil.

When it reaches boiling point, boil from 5 to 15 minutes. I find the first boiling varies with the type of heat you are using. If using electricity or a good type of stove where the heat is the most steady type, five minutes is sufficient to boil after the boiling point is reached. If the heat is slower such as coal, boil from 15 to 20 minutes (never longer). After this boiling return it to the earthenware container and allow it to cool slowly and again stand overnight. The next morning measure juice and pulp, cup it up, and for every cup of juice and pulp measure the same amount of sugar. Place the sugar where it will get warm—not hot, but warm. Commence the boiling of the juice and pulp. When it has reached the boiling point in the sugar very gradually, add the pulp, stirring constantly. Boil until, when dropped from a spoon, it will spin a thread. It should be from fifteen to twenty minutes, but never longer. Lay the boiling marmalade in a dark color and spoils the jam.

Four into containers and cover with paraffin.

Now I have discussed with you the type of heat, the type of fruit and the length of boiling. Let me say one thing more when making jam. I never boil it in a glass jar. I divide it into three portions; a smaller amount is easier to make.

Occasionally for very special marmalade, I do add three tablespoons of white corn syrup to the above recipe, adding syrup about five minutes before the jam is done. If dividing into three portions, add one tablespoon of each marmalade. The syrup adds a little more of a honey flavor.

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