#### Short on Inches Long on Ability

Although he's actually twenty eight years old-has been twice mar-ried, once divorced, and is the father of two children-most folks still mentally picture him as a boy of seventeen or eighteen.
His first stage appearance—one of

no financial reward-was at the age of fifteen months. Shortly after achieving his second birthday he turned professional, and ir one way r other has been appearing before the public as a paid actor ever since. He's only five feet, one and a half i ches tall, and so youthful ooking that in 1942—aged 22—he was refused admittance to the Hialeah Race Track on the ground that h

was a minor. His mother was a chorus girl. He was named for his father-a stage property man, later comedian-and years known as Joe Yule, Ir He had this name legally changed, however, to Mickey McGuire Rooney -and he's known to millions the world over as plain Mickey Rooney one of the strangest and most in credible figures in all the fabulous

#### In The Spotlight

Nobody who knows him, or has ever even met him casually, would ever accuse Mickey Rooney of being in any sense a shrinkink violet. Even his best friends will admit that he's an exhibitionist-something of a

braggart-and a constant seeker after the brightest section of the spotlight type, he has the goods to back up all his claims. He has appeared on the screen with such top-ranking actors as Spencer Tracy remember "Captains Courageous" and "Boys Town"?-and Frank Morgan; with actresses like Lana Turner, Judy Garland, Esther Williams, Ann Ruth-



erford. But with all their ability and experience, not one of them ever came close to stealing a scene on him. Indeed, it was generally the

A Surprise Performance What he did at President Roose velt's Inauguration Gala at Washington in 1941 is typical of Rooney. Ap pearing on the same bill with stars such as Charlie Chaplin, Nelson Eddy, Ethel Barrymore, Raymond Massey and other famous figures, most folks expected Mickey to de some of the imitations for which he has long been noted. When he sat down at the piano the audience start to mimic Iturbi or some other key-board celebrity, and probably end up by standing on his head on middle

B Flat, or something of the sort. But they soon quieted down and paid strict attention, once they rea-lized that for a change Rooney wasn't clowning. For nineteen minutes straight he played a three-movement symphony which he himself had composed. When the solo ended there was a tumult of applause; he was invited to the Presidential Box to receive congratulations; and the con-ductor of the National Symphony Orchestra seriously informed him that, with such talent, it was a real

pity he was an actor.

Not bad—especially when you consider that his only formal musical education consisted of a few fifty cent piano lessons when he was five years old.

### As "Mickey MacGuire"

His initial appearance on the screen was a cigar-smoking midget in a now-forgotten epic entitled "Orchids and Ermine" and starring Colleen Moore. Then, in spite o fierce competition from some 300 other ambitious youngsters, and their mothers,-also in spite of having blond locks instead of the dark hair the part called for—he secures the leading role of Mickey (Himself) McGuire, a movie serial based on Fontaine Fox's comic strip character

of the same name. At the beginning it was expected that young Yule would soon outgrow the part. Instead, he remained so small that he was able to play in no less than 78 of these pictures over a period of 6 years, and so identifying himself with the tough kid that, when he came to change his own name he had merely to add "Rooney" to the "Mickey McGuire".

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a covered leaking-pit for water disposal, since he has no drains.

The Benson farm is typical of | So Mr. Benson put screens on the many to be found in rural Ontario. The house, the farm buildings, the kitchen door. All these go to make

it typical and familiar.

Just take the pump for example.

Mrs. Benson draws her household water from it several times a day. Mr. Berron washes up there for supper. Young Paul often goes there for a drink. The pump is a friend in a new National Film Board film, a friendly land where the air is clean, the food nourishing, and exercise unlimited.

The years pass, and although be 2-4-D Wonderful Pensons do not suspect it, the pump slowly turns into an enemy. Young Paul becomes ill, and is taken away to hospital. His parents are worried come so ill on so healthy a place as

The doctor finds the answer, and the sanitary inspector backs him up. The well and pump are to blame. Over the years the well has accumulated poisons and infectious germs, and nothing has been done to counter this contamination.

But when the Bensons realize what has happened, they make amends as fast as they can. Mr. Benson has a cement close-top well installed. But he doesn't stop here. | weed control agent, feel confident When he gets to thinking about it, he sees water can be contaminated in many other ways: from accumulated barnyard manure, from a neglected privy, from the refuse of the animal pens. And, again, summer insect pests can carry the pollution | pay for the cost of application. On to the water supply.

#### The Green Thumb By Gordon L. Smith

Try Something New niece say her prayers. All went well vegetables does not stand still. ns and types today
that were not in

and the little girl remembered to
bless all her aunts and uncles, but There are strains and types today existence before just as she was going to say Amen, the war, and each
year there are she paused and added very hurriedly:
"Oh, and God bless Auntie Aircraft." some brand new varieties. It is a sound rule to try

something new each season. In this way variety be added to the garden. Even the

old standbys like Golden Bantam corn and Rosy Morn Petunias, to improved. Plant breeders are constantly striving for new colours, more disease resistance and hardie and earlier plants. Much interest and value can be added to the garden by trying two or three new varieties or types of vegetables and

flowers each year.

Big Show For Little Work A really wonderful showing car be made with a big bed of annuals and at surprisingly little cost. Where space is available one should not crowd these things. Indeed in very long borders along roadways or paths it is possible to do muc of the preliminary cultivation with a hand-drawn or tractor - operated cultivator.

First the bed should be dug or

cultivated thoroughly at least twice before the annuals are sown or set out. This gets rid of the weeds and gets the soil in good shape.

For a long bed, three feet wide is
about a minimum requirement. Into
this one can plant dozens of different type annuals, with the smaller things generally at the front, the bigger things at the bottom. For tiny things like French Marigolds, allow about ten inches between, and for the biggest things like allow about ten inches between, and for the biggest things like cosmos, full size zinnias, etc., two and a half to three feet is not too much room. Where one has only a small piece of ground available closer planting is advised in order to get more bloom.

# Three Minutes of Fiction Fun

In the Night

N. G. ADLINGTON prised when confronted by the man with the gun. He had been expectg something of the sort ever He was swiftly but thoroughly

old caretaker. "I never carry it with me. "m afraid of it." The old man darec to relax. ed abruptly. "Thanks," he said, "I was getting kinda tired holding 'em up. Do you mind if I sit down?" "Yes." he said, with a sigh, "I

while he and his wife spend the sum-

mer on the coast. Must be nice to

the story the paper got."
"What do you mean," asked the gunman sharply. "Aren't you alone

more to 'em closing the house ut

than the paper was told. Mister

"Most dames could stand living

"They've only been married three

months. She lik. it here at first,

then she said it got on her nerves.

Claimed the place was spooky. It's

gunman said roughly. "Here's what I'm interested in." He sccred a

w lines on the paper with his

thumbnail, then tossed the paper

Slowly the caretaker read aloud

from the society page blurb.

"Among the many treasures gathered under the roof of the historic

old house is an early Van Gogh

first," said the gunman, with an-

sage, "but on second thought I'll

They were half way through the

passage, the caretaker leading,

when the gunman stopped and

erse them, before the caretaker

halted again, this time of his own

"The painting's on the far wall."

"This is the music room," he said.

The man with the gun gave a

grunt of satisfaction. With the pia-

light play on it, making audible

noises of satisfaction. "You can

High and clear, came the tink-

ling notes of a piano. It was as

help me-" he began, but the sen-

tence was never finished.

gripped him by the arm.

"I didn't hear anything."

'What was that?"

the other hand, there are weeds, that must have been enormous, that the time it took to trav-

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other quick glance at the dark pas

a pretty old place, you know. "Enough of this spook talk," the

in a shack like this."

to the old man.

no good would come of it."

"Where is it?" demanded the

"You little rascal, you," chuckled the old man fondly, to the furry bundle in his hand. 'It's a good thing for Mister John he told me told Mister John it was foolishness, I could use his pianner. But its putting all that stuff in the paper, no place for a kitten to play in." The End "How right you were," grinned the man with the gun. "According to this spread, he's closed the joint up

brushed over the keys, or lightly ran up a scale. The sound was re-

peated, but this time the notes were

slow and uncertain, as if the un-seen player tried to pick out an

almost forgotten tune. The circle

'fell or was hurled to the floor.

of light on the painting wavered violently then jerked wildly down to the piano. By its light the two men saw that the stool was untenanted, but as each note sounded a key was depressed by invisible fingers. The old man was touching the gunman, and he felt hin go rigid in terror. The next second the room was in darkness as the lamp The kitchen door had slammed behind the intruder before the care taker recovered the lamp. Ap-MINARDS MINARDS proaching the piano, he fumbied under the open top, and when he withdrew his arm the music ceas-

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III herself, tends expectant mother until plane with doctor arrives On barren, storm-swept Miscou Island, 20 miles off New cou Island, 20 miles off New Brunswick's northeast tip, Theresa Arseneau waited at the bedside of Mrs. Omer Ward, an expectant mother. All was not going well with the patient. Dangerous symptoms had developed . . and the 21-year-old Red Cross nurse feared for Mrs. Ward's life. But she stayed at her nost all day ... all the register. her post all day...all that night...doing what she could to help the suffering woman.

By morning Theresa realized that a doctor must be summoned if Mrs. Ward and her baby were to live. She phoned the hospital in Bathurst for help . . . and then returned to wait at the bedside. The gallant nurse was seriously ill herself by this time . . . running a temperature of 103.

An hour later a plane landed a doctor on the bleak little island. Rushing to the Ward home he found the feverish and almost completely exhausted nurse still beside her patient. He delivered the baby safely and then attended to the purse. then attended to the nurse. Theresa Arseneau, who with one other nurse staffs the Red Cross Outpost Statis the Red Cross Outpost Station on Miscou Island, has earned the praise of every Canadian fot ner coura-geous devotion to duty. We are proud to pay her tribute through the presentation of The Dow Award.

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medical supplies, was rushed to the desolate little island. The doors delivered the baby safely and the treated the exhausted nurse.





#### Goes On he World NORMAN BLAIR

month Italy's voters million are eligible-will under the Italian Refierce propaganda fight is for on the result of this hinge the whole matbreak of a conflict which

ountry has been growing in strength, principle strength, principally impoverished and landpeasants, who eagerly swal-glowing promises of the ind prosperity that will be after the Russian pattern— Communist workers.
The Pope as spokesman, the dear the strown its full aubehind the anti-Communist

nd the recent proposals by France and the United that Trieste would be reo Iitaly has been a bitter the Reds. But the situation hly critical, and no matter is almost certain to be over, and possibly after-well.

#### Palestine o do so for some time—a danger spot. The British mant in their resolve to w entirely from that un-ountry, and who can really hem? The Jews have extermination of prociaimvereign Jewish state-pro-

be called Judea-on May Truman has asked for onement—not, he explains, idonment—of the partition it this doesn't seem to offer ope, seeing that there are of fanatics among both the and the Jews who would to see the whole world in rather than yield an inch he stand they have taken.

resident also called on the and Jews to arrange an im-; but Arab representatives gree to this only if partition upletely abandoned". end troops to enforce the

of partition, there would be to stop the Russians claim-right to take similar action led forces in Palestine would ave threat to Arabia and all oil territory in that region. ile, the guerrilla warfare Arabs and Jews continues ign of abatement. Scandinavia

Russians intend to expand ther into Western Europe, tion will probably take place the coming Summer and year from now the nations Atlantic community" should cause of the Marshall plan, stronger and better able to stronger and better able to esistance to such a move, the the United States likely hiefly occupied with election it looks like now or never Reds. nunism is by no

ong in either country, peocounts" in boxing, the most famous orway and Sweden are jitof all being the one in the Dempseyth both countries bordered Tunney affair at Chicago. -already in effect a part years Dempsey claimed that he got all the worst of that one, and that oviet military system-they pear to be in real danger in aggression, for in diplo-Tunney should have been counted out while outside the ropes. Actules two fears are being
The first is that Russia limself, the referee on that occawilling to risk even war in gain a quick advantage; sion very properly refusing to start the count till Dempsey had retired that while the Kremlin to a corner, instead of standing at actually want war, the the edge of the ring eager to take re liable to make some a crack at Gene as soon as he appeared. stake which will cause Great Britain

re well aware what the st party stands for."

the way from telephone

who have Communist boy

men like Professor Hal-

gaged in important naval

work but also on the Edi-

Board of "The Daily Work-timates of the number likely

their jobs, or be shifted to

es, go as high as 10 the

will probably be consid-

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be among those connect

That Extra Day h woman shopper: "And

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we've got to spin the ut to cover three hundred

cted by the purge will

Whether or not Tunney would tain they are still talking have been able to scramble back Communist "purge"—for the newspapers refrained in time-if Dempsey hadn't blown his top-is still a matter of hot debate in fistic circles, and something so drastic a word, that is which can never be definitely setally amounts to. Prime tlee told the House of tled, not that it matters much. Our that all Communists and own guess, for what it is worth, is rellers" engaged in vital that Gene could have made it, and work in the British civil would have won anyway. Anyway, to be either transferred Tunney is the man they finally paid off on, which is the most importan e not forgotten their atti-1939, 1940 and 1941," said e, "and the workers of this

But now the boys are talking But now the boys are talking about what seems to have been the long count to end all long counts. It came during the Madison Square Garden fight between Marcel Cer-dan, the French middleweight, and Lavern Roach of Texas. In the second round, according to ring-siders, Mr. Roach was down on the HERE'S ONE THING FOR PAIN OF

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