

Barney Glazer's "HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE"

Comedian Benny Rubin, former Boston top banana, has almost completed his Yiddish - English dictionary titled "How to Be Jewish without Benefit of Surgery." Those who have attempted to purchase a Yiddish-English dictionary have found it either difficult to locate one or have encountered the basic dictionary with the standard Yiddish characters. Rubin's dictionary uses phonetic pronunciations, making it quite simple for the non-Yiddish speaking reader to understand.

Benny also includes variations including: complete sentences, phrases, a crossword puzzle to be completed in Yiddish, Jewish athletes, recipes and real names of Jewish celebrities who have adopted Anglicized monickers.

Four pages will point out the differences between the Hebrew and Yiddish alphabets including the information that there are no vowels in either language. Dots and dashes are used when writing vowels, thus leaving them to the discretion of the writer.

Rubin believes that his dictionary will prove a boon to the world traveler who is not versed in the languages of the countries he visits. As an example, he cites the case of Gus Kahn's widow who learned only one sentence in the language of any country.

For example, when she visited Paris, she learned in French how to say, "Where is the nearest synagogue?" Benny wrote out for Mrs. Kahn how to ask this simple question in French, Italian, German and Spanish.

When Mrs. Kahn reached her destination, she asked for the synagogue, went there and spoke Yiddish to any member, thus communicating with a foreign resident to her heart's content. Neither could speak the other's national language but they spoke in Yiddish without any difficulty.

Benny Rubin decided last year to retire and took up residence in the Motion Picture Country House where retired film stars or char-

acter actors may live it up like Reilly (would you believe Rubin?) He soon learned that he wasn't ready for this senior citizenry bit so, champing at the bit, he returned to his former mode of living and working.

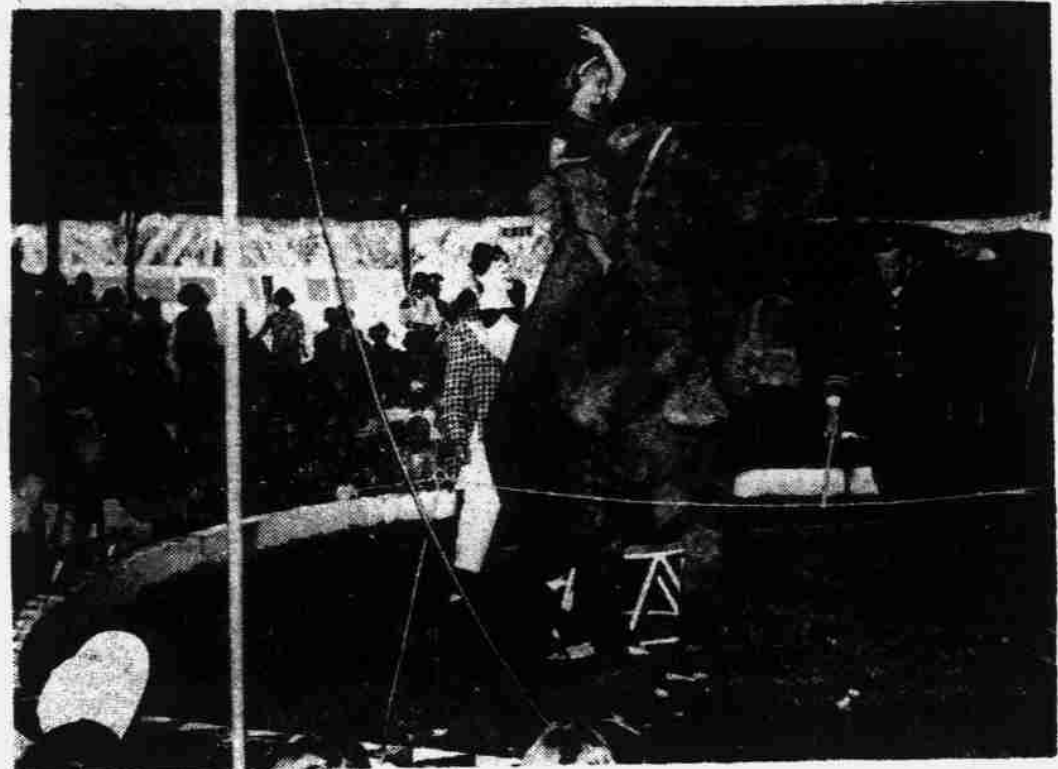
Benny had an excellent role in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and scores with an outstanding characterization in Danny Thomas' tv burlesque special. Although he has never taken a drink in his life, the beloved actor plays a drunk to perfection in the Don Knotts movie, "The Wackiest Gun in the West."

CARL REINER, who directed Columbia's "Enter Laughing," will preside as Honorary Chairman of the June 7 Cardiac Research benefit preview of the film at the Directors Guild Theatre.... Recovering from his tragic and near-fatal auto accident a few years ago on Sunset Boulevard, Mel (Bugs Bunny) Blanc is now walking without his familiar cane.

THELMA RITTER signed to play Mrs. Schwartz in "What's So Bad about Feeling Good?".... When Marty Allen, of Allen and Rossi, saw a pretty girl wearing a stole at the Riviera Hotel's party for Mitzi Gaynor, filmed by the Bill Dana Las Vegas tv show, Marty asked, "How much for the tiztis?"

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