

INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

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*** VISITING A STAR ***

G **GLORIA JEAN**, whose real name is Gloria Jean Schoonover, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., April 14, 1927. Her singing ability was evident at an early age and by the time she was 11 years old she was the youngest member of an opera troupe in the United States. Film scouts, on the alert for such talented young ladies, hurriedly signed her for motion pictures and her Hollywood career began. Gloria lives now with her family in a ranch-type home in North Hollywood where the neighbors even approve of her practising. She'll be seen next in "I'll Remember April."



WESTERN ACTOR Robert Livingston was taking advantage of between-scenes time to deepen that sun-tan when Actress Jane Frazee nabbed him to lend a hand with her knitting. He doesn't seem at all unhappy about the task but it's also obvious that he hasn't got his mind on the job.



THREE THOUSAND gallant American gentlemen offered to marry ice-skate star Vera Hruba Ralston when her passport visa expired and she was due to go back to Europe. But when the war precluded her return, the Federal government let her stay and apply for citizenship papers.



THIS'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF GLORIA WATCHES THOSE TOES.



THE HAT doesn't exactly make the major but Major Buddy Adler doesn't want to make a mistake here. His wife, Anita Louise is helping him find his own as they leave the Mocambo.



FIRST TO GREET Xavier Cugat on his return to Hollywood was vivacious Lupe Velez. Cugat, who is scheduled soon to begin a new engagement at a nightclub is also a caricaturist.



RICHARD ARLEN finds time between scenes of "The Big Bonanza" to educate juvenile actor Bobby Driscoll in the finer points of making hats and airplanes from yesterday's paper.



POTTED PLANTS GET THE STAR'S PERSONAL ATTENTION



THOSE figures must look like lend-lease totals to Conrad Nagel but he's had the privilege of dining and dancing with lovely Lynn Merrick, who is calm about it all. Nagel, formerly a top Hollywood star, lately has found success in Broadway shows and radio broadcasting work.



HOBBYIST Brian Donlevy has a completely-equipped carpentry shop on his Brentwood estate where he's really an expert at it. Hasn't hit his thumb yet but keeps the studio worried.



ENJOYING a hearty laugh, Joe Cotten and his wife, the former Lenore Kipp, are seen dining on the terrace at Cafe LaRue. One of Hollywood's tallest actors, (6' 2") Cotten, off the screen, still retains most of his southern drawl which he acquired in Petersburg, Va., his birthplace.