

ON THE OTHER HAND

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READING THE comments of a blase reporter about a press party for Judy Garland made me feel very sad, and very lonely, and very suddenly old, old, old. Attending the same kind of shindig for Rosalind Russell didn't make me feel that way. And Roz is older than Judy.

Nor did I feel that way after a glamorous encounter with Lana Turner, who was a topfilm star while Judy was growing up. So why should some cold hard lines about Judy make me wary of Father Time? It took me a little while to figure it out.

In describing Judy's appearance, the reporter said, "At 45, she looks startling--her suddenly youthful grin cracking her tired gamin face in two, her obviously dyed hair too black against her white skin, her troubles written and rewritten in that thin body."

Well, for heaven's sake! "Her troubles written and rewritten in that thin body."

So here's a charitable public-serving reporter, anxious to give you the news. Does she discuss the agonies fat-prone Judy must have endured to reach fashionably slim proportions? No!

Trouble made her thin.

DOES THIS objective fourth estater with (to tell the truth) obviously dyed blond hair, find in Judy any charm, any sparkle, any warmth? Does she find anything you would expect in a performer of that stature of this veteran star who can still put a lump in your throat, still bring a tingle of delicious enjoyment? No!

You know why? Because at 45, Judy Garland is vulnerable.

A "Twiggy," a "Julie Christie," even a "Connie Stevens" can get a line or two of warmth, of tolerance, of understanding. They are young.

We do so worship youth that if you ain't got it, babe, you sure had better fake it. If you want to be in, and you'll never see 40 again, you had better be flawlessly dressed, just slim enough, with a peaches and cream complexion and a dynamic or gay insouciance.

You had better be on the order of Roz Russell, Joan Crawford, Eve Arden and Lana Turner or lady, it just ain't going to happen. Don't let trouble etch your face.

Don't, for heaven sake, feel anything enough to let it "break you." It's not in to let things break you.

IT'S IN TO go through tragedy and anguish and suffering with not one hair out of place, with make-up perfectly blended, fresh and lively and never, ever, whatever you do, don't you ever, for heaven's sake, look TIRED!

Ah, well. The life that begins at 40 isn't always full of bitter invectives.

There are lots of fat, dowdy, dull, contented women, aren't there? Maybe that's the problem. They want to identify.

Should you be near that age where "life begins" and should you feel sad and lonely and old around someone your age, you'll know the reason why.

You're looking for a reassuring semblance of that youth we do so admire.

You're looking for the security, the confidence of someone who has faced the line-inspiring ravages of time and come through with hardly a wrinkle.

YOU DO that because you want to identify. You want to feel that you're really like that star, or you will be when you reach her age. The mirror lies that says you are fat and dull and dowdy.

So come on, Judy. Get that fresh and lovely look. Sleep 19 hours before every public appearance.

Sparkle, Judy. Glimmer! Glow!
Who cares if your heart is breaking.

"Madison Mothers" Plan Successful PTA Opener



The year's first meeting of the Madison School Mothers, pictured above, was spent in planning the school's first PTA meeting which was held Wednesday, Oct. 5... Activities of the "Mothers" include year 'round assistance to teachers and all school events. Mothers, seated from left, are Mrs. Ora Vaughn, Mrs. Ruth M. Harts, Mrs. Rosie Brooks, and Mrs. Hazel Geran... Standing, from left, are Mrs. Lila Williams, Mrs. Edna Jones, Mrs. Eluessie Beal, Mrs. Evelyn Hamilton, Mrs. Eva Stanton, Mrs. Emily Clary, Mrs. Geraldine Davis, and Mrs. Elsie Sellers, Madison School Counselor.

Results of the astute planning of the Madison Mothers is evidenced in the PTA turn-out pictured below where parents enjoyed a convivial evening meeting teachers and other parents, and renewing old acquaintances. Refreshments were served.



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