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## The Private Life of Helen of Troy

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### BUCK JONES in "BLACK JACK"

See Buck laugh in the face of danger and death  
"NEVER THE DAMES SHALL MEET"—Charlie Chase Comedy  
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SUNDAY, FEB. 26—ONE DAY ONLY  
Continuous—Starting 2:30

### NORMA SHEARER "THE LATEST" GEORGE SIDNEY in "FROM RALPH FORBES PARIS"

Beautiful Norma plays the part of a  
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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There is nothing ponderous in this picture—  
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"PASS THE GRAVY," Hal Roach Comedy  
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WED., THURS., FRI., FEB. 29-MAR. 1-2

### MARY PICKFORD in "MY BEST GIRL"

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## New California Booklet Published by Union Pacific

Nearly a half million pictures of California are being distributed by the Union Pacific System as a part of its advertising campaign of this state in the east. The photographs, one of the handsomest collections ever made in the state, are contained in a new volume "California," which has just been issued by the transcontinental system. One hundred thousand copies of the booklet, beautifully printed and bound and embellished with a number of multi-colored photographs, have been sent to all offices of the organization and to travel bureaus and tourist agencies in all sections of the country.

In addition to its pictorial value the book is replete with interesting and convincing data on the Southland and gives to the prospective traveler a comprehensive summary of the all-the-year-round state. From a literary standpoint also the booklet is unusual in its vivid description of this section.

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Not so long ago, when Woolworth and the others were piling up their bank accounts, Miss Pickford was the "Biograph Girl," and the nickels and dimes of the public that patronized the picture houses brought her steadily upward to the eminence of being the world's most famous woman.

And now "America's Sweetheart" is paying a graceful tribute to these same small coins in "My Best Girl," a comedy-romance of the 5-and-10-cent-stores showing next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Torrance Theatre. As a busy little stock girl in the basement of the store, juggling boxes and cartons and carrying armfuls of pots and pans to the counters upstairs, Miss Pickford has a role that is appealing in its sympathy and delightful in its humor.

In both story and treatment the new production is a distinct departure from any of the star's former offerings. The many charming love scenes add a note of romance that has heretofore been undeveloped, and with the assistance of a notable supporting cast, the comedy features of the film have been strongly accented.

Charles Rogers, the sensational young lead in "Fascinating Youth" and "Wings," is the leading man.

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## Nickels and Dimes Made Mary Rich



MARY PICKFORD

Nickels and dimes! To the average person, a five or a ten-cent piece is only an insignificant coin—and yet on this unpretentious basis has been built not only the immense fortunes of such men as S. H. Kress, S. S. Kresge and J. F. W. Woolworth, but also the everlasting reputation of Mary Pickford.

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## Engineer Warren Explains All About New Sewer System Here

The sewage disposal plant of the county sanitation districts is now in operation, according to A. K. Warren, Chief Engineer, and is now handling the sewage from the lines already connected to it. Official notice was given by the chief engineers to the cities of Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, South Gate, Lynwood and Compton that connections could be made to the sewers. Montebello, Downey and Clearwater will be able to connect the first part of next week and Inglewood, Hawthorne and Torrance will be given service as soon as the main trunk line south of Torrance is complete, which will be about the first of May.

The operation of this plant marks the end of the first stage in the completion of the Metropolitan Sewer Project, for which bonds were voted in 1925 and the entire area has available this much needed service. In his letter to the various cities Mr. Warren emphasized the fact that the present service is for emergency use to take care of existing nuisances and the new construction. There is no intention, he says, of forcing anyone to make connections at this time, but in fact, it is rather hoped to minimize the connections wherever practicable, so that the capacity of the temporary plant may be conserved for instances where cesspools are overflowing or causing nuisances.

While the value of an adequate sewerage system will become more and more apparent as time goes on, the benefits that will be derived from it are immediately apparent. For instance, the construction of several new large buildings in Huntington Park has been held in abeyance awaiting the availability of the use of the Metropolitan Sewer System, and construction work will now proceed. Inglewood, also, has several large projects awaiting the completion of the sewer.

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## Last Shrine's Light Operas Will Open Monday Night

The tenth and final light opera of Al Malalakh Temple's ten weeks' season at the Shrine Civic Auditorium will be given its initial showing next Monday night, Feb. 27, when "Firefly" returns to music lovers of the Southland for the first time in many years. Since Al Malalakh Temple inaugurated its musical season nine weeks ago, "Firefly" has been eagerly awaited and the forthcoming presentation, under the direction of Frank M. Rainer, promises to attract wide attention.

The current opera is Zeigfeld's "Sally" which has been playing to record crowds since its opening on Monday night.

"Firefly" was written by Otto Harbach, and Rudolf Friml is responsible for the music which has long been considered among the world's most beautiful. Throughout the three acts there is an abundance of tuneful melodies including the famous "Glanina Mia" which is known and loved the world over.

Other song hits of "Firefly" include "Beautiful Ships from Toyland," "Sympathy," "The Sapphire Seas," "Something," "The Latest



**MISS DOROTHY DAY**  
Who has been especially engaged to play the role of "Sally" in the production of that name to be given at the Shrine Civic Auditorium, commencing Monday night, Feb. 20th. Thing in Paris, "Mia Cara," "A Woman's Smile," "An American Beauty Rose" and "Love is Like a Butterfly."

The three acts present a striking contrast as to settings, the opening scene being a pier at the foot of 23rd street, New York. From there action jumps to Bermuda and affords the presentation of elaborate scenic effects in a glimpse of the Vandare Estate.

The final act shows the Vandare home on Fifth Avenue, New York, four years later, and here as in the first two acts, Frank M. Rainer and others in charge of "The Firefly" presentation have spared no expense in the matter of making the settings artistic triumphs. Charlot Woodruff essays the role of "Nina," a street singer around whom much of the action in this Harbach-Friml opera is woven. Bernice Mershon has the part of Mrs. Oglesby Vandare, an aristocrat, and others in "The Firefly" cast include Ralph Errolle, Louis Templeman, Richard Powell, Robert Woodruff, Cora Bird, Beth Laemmle, Ruth Davis, Bram Nossen and Alexandre Gill.

"Firefly" promises to exceed in popularity even the more modern musical attractions which have from time to time been staged at Shrine Civic Auditorium since the light opera season was inaugurated. It has an interesting plot in which comedy lines and situations are generously brought into play in addition to its song treats.



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