

# FIRE FACTS

by CRAWFORD

The Highland Park fire department, under the leadership of veteran Chief E. C. Hoskins, keeps a constant 24-hour vigil.

Besides leading a moral stability to the residents of this city, our firemen occupy themselves with other work than answering fire emergencies.

Fourteen men are on the force, which includes Highland Park and Ravinia. There are seven men stationed at headquarters each 24-hour shift, but when not on duty, firemen are subject to call at any time. If they leave the city, the station must be promptly notified of the act.

According to second assistant chief, W. J. Hennig, a veteran of 18 years service, the men arise at 6:30 a.m. and following breakfast are assigned definite tasks to accomplish besides the regular work for the day. Men usually retire about 10:30 p.m. in the dormitory above the station.

On Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, the men clean the downstairs and maintain the trucks. Tuesday's schedule includes the general cleaning of the dormitory while Thursday is the day for window washing and grass cutting. Bed linen and more cleaning of the dormitory is enacted on Friday. Sunday is the day of rest... with no work scheduled... except maybe a few fires.

Meals are cooked by the firemen in a spotless kitchen situated adjacent to the garage. Purchasing their own food, the men estimate that it costs them around four or five dollars weekly. Firemen Joseph Boylan and John Patten are the chefs for the two shifts. Men on the force say Patten and Boylan have become masters of the culinary art.

All fire calls are received via telephone because Highland Park lacks an alarm box system, which is practiced by Chicago and many other cities. Highland Park's fire headquarters answers calls from the Cook County line to the south limits of Lake Forest, while the Ravinia station answers calls reaching from County Line rd. to Beach st. east of the tracks and to Lincoln avenue on the west side of the railroad.

The department inspects business building and schools twice annually. Speeding to a fire, the engines have the right-of-way, while returning firemen abide by all traffic rules.

Explaining some of the technicalities of the station, Assistant Chief Hennig pointed out that Highland Park possesses two fire engines and a city service truck... better known to us as the "hook and ladder." The "ladder" carries tools for forcible entry, clean-up equipment, canvas for salvage work, 450 ft. of hose and 12 ladders totaling 260 ft. in length.

"More damage is rendered by water in most fires than by the fire itself," Hennig commented. "Consequently we have three sizes of hose. One inch hose is used for small fires mainly because the amount of water issued is slight, but possesses a great amount of pressure. This water is pumped from a 100-gallon tank of water stored in truck No. 3," he said. Other hose sizes are 1 1/2 in. and 2 1/2 in., each giving more water and thus being utilized in larger fires.

Equipment on the No. 3 truck includes an inhalator, first aid kit, life net and carbon dioxide gas. This gas is used in electrical and oil fires. "Carbon dioxide gas is used because it is one of the few extinguishing elements that is safe on electrical and oil fires," Hennig related. "It is a non-conductor of electricity and simultaneously cools the burning object beyond the point of combustion," he concluded.

Maps of the Highland Park streets, water hydrants and water distribution facilities are on the

walls of the chief's office. On a large blackboard men record when they leave the station and their destination. Traveling upstairs one notices the station "hose tower." After a fire, all the hoses are scrubbed and washed, then hung in the tower to dry. Subsequently they are removed and rolled to eventually be placed in racks for future use.

If all equipment is being used at a fire, emergency calls are transferred to the police station where they are relayed by radio to the squad car at the scene of the fire.

Definitions of fire department "lingo" are in order. A "still" alarm is an alarm brought to the station by a citizen or over the house phone. Firemen's "bunkers" consist of a pair of water proof pants with wool lining, which are slipped over rubber boots. These are placed at the side of the men's beds. Sleeping in their shirts, the firemen are dressed in a jiffy. Coats are always on the engines.

The present station is 48 years old. "Old timers" such as assistant chief W. J. Cummings with a 25 year service record, maintain that nearly 20 years ago the department had an average of about 60 calls, while currently they experience around 300 calls annually.

Some of the more disastrous fires recalled by the men include the famous toy factory blaze behind the telephone exchange on St. Johns ave. about 16 years ago. Telephone service was partially disrupted and the factory was completely annihilated by the flames. Damage was estimated at \$25,000. In 1930 the Griffith building located across the street from the Alcyon theater, partially burned. Damage amounted to over \$30,000. Last winter the Hawthorn dairy garage was partly consumed by flames with the loss nearing the \$40,000 mark.

Chief Hoskins invites persons in Highland Park to visit the station at any time.

Optimistically looking ahead, the department anticipates moving into the new station, which is to be located on Greenbay rd. in front of the water tower.

## H. P. Women Give \$3,500 To Red Cross War Relief Fund

Mrs. Julius Lackner and Mrs. Robert E. Wood, co-chairmen of the Woman's Division of the American Red Cross, soliciting special gifts for the War Relief Fund, announce an overwhelming response and are deeply encouraged with results.

In a little over a week, this committee has received over \$3,500, which has been forwarded to headquarters, and more is coming in each day. It is not too late for more contributions and it is hoped that those who have not already responded will do so at once. All of this money goes for relief.

## Bellarmine Club Hold Picnic Sunday

Petrifying Springs park will be the site of a "bring your lunch" picnic planned for this Sunday, June 23, by the members of the Bellarmine club and their friends.

A program of races, games, dancing and ball games is in store for those who attend the outing. Some may choose to play golf or explore the park.

The picnickers will leave from a spot near St. James church in Highland at about 10:30 in the morning and travel together to the park, which is near Kenosha. Transportation will be provided for those who lack cars.

## Promote Fordney To Lieut. Colonel

Maj. Chester L. Fordney, Lake Bluff, of the United States Marines, stationed at Great Lakes Naval training station, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Fordney accompanied Lt. Comdr. Settle of the United States Navy on the stratosphere flight from Akron, Ohio, in 1933, when a new world's record of 61,237 feet was established.

Col. Fordney entered the Marine corps in April 1917, and was assigned to the famous 1st regiment. He served in France and Belgium during the World war as a member of the United States naval air forces. Other duties took him to service in the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Haiti and Nicaragua.

In 1932 Col. Fordney was ordered to Chicago as a member of the Navy unit at A Century of Progress. At present he is a member of the staff of Rear Admiral Watts at Great Lakes. He is married and the father of two daughters and two sons. He holds many medals and is a member of the American Mathematical society.

## R.O.T.C. And Reserves At Fort Sheridan

Approximately 500 ROTC students and army reserve officers arrived at Fort Sheridan Tuesday for the opening of the annual summer camp training period.

Nearly 300 were students from seven midwestern universities and colleges who will take a six weeks' training course in coast artillery anti-aircraft defense. These cadets have completed three years of training in colleges and universities. After the summer training period and a fourth year of training in their schools, they will become commissioned officers in the reserve corps.

The students are from Kansas and Michigan State colleges, and the Universities of Cincinnati, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, and Washington (St. Louis).

In addition to these cadets, 200 reserve officers registered at the summer camp yesterday for a two weeks' training period, also in coastal anti-aircraft defense. In this group are men from 20 to 64 years old who are already members of the organized reserve. They are required to attend training camp at least two weeks in every four years. The group will be followed by other reserve units for two week periods throughout the summer.

## Housewives Start Canning Season with Strawberry Preserves

Memories of those sun-cured strawberry preserves that mother used to make and the long shelf filled with home canned strawberries are causing Highland Park housewives to get their canning needs now from grocers.

In the local area strawberry types that are preferred for canning and preserving are the Premier, Dorsett, Fairfax, Blakemore and Catskill—all of them improvements on some of the earlier varieties "old timers" knew in their youth.

Present day strawberry sorts such as are grown in Illinois and Michigan's fruit belt near the Benton Harbor market are superior in many respects to the early day varieties, horse economists declare.

This year's strawberry crop is drawing to a close in Illinois and the harvest of those same popular varieties has begun in Southwestern Michigan where federal reports indicate a crop of 1,690,000 crates.

Whether it be for canning, preserves, jells or those good old-fashioned two layer strawberry short-cakes, there is a strawberry supply now available for the housewife who wishes to secure the first fruits of the 1940 harvest season.

Mr. Harry Clavey attended the Republican State Convention in Springfield the latter part of last week.



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## Senior Board Of Infant Welfare To Meet Monday, June 24

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## Over One Thousand Democrats Attend Dinner At Bon-Air

Over one thousand Democrats turned out enmasse Monday evening at Bon Air Country club to pay tribute to Harry B. Hershey, their nominee for governor.

However, for some unknown reason, Mr. Hershey did not appear, and in his stead Martin A. Brennan of Springfield, former congressman-at-large, was heard. Introduced by Ferguson Harkness, new Democratic county chairman, Brennan spoke briefly expressing his belief that conditions in Europe forecast an encouraging outlook for Democrats in the coming election. He voiced deep appreciation for the splendid turnout at this meeting. As had been promised the evening was more a social event than an evening of boring political speeches.

The vast crowd included post-masters, state and federal employees, party leaders and their wives and daughters. They included: Rep. Thomas A. Bolger of McHenry; Commissioner John Traeger of Cook county; Charles Noll, nominee for state's attorney; Leo Dailey, Joseph P. Daly, Oscar Soderquist, Dr. R. R. Bosworth, Einar Sorenson, Joseph Mull, Frank Kilbane, Fanny Brandtetter, William Jacobs, Herman Christensen, Walter Koziol, Art Stanton, lieutenant of state police; Paul Chase and Frank Kraft.

## N. S. Junior Music Club In Recital

The North Shore Junior Music club will play in recital Friday, June 21, at the Presbyterian Home in Evanston at three-thirty o'clock.

Saturday, June 22, their annual luncheon at the Open House Tea Room on Sheridan road, after which they will play again in Dorcas Home at 3 o'clock.

The club is composed of pupils of Louise McClernan. Interested friends will be welcomed at either or both recitals.

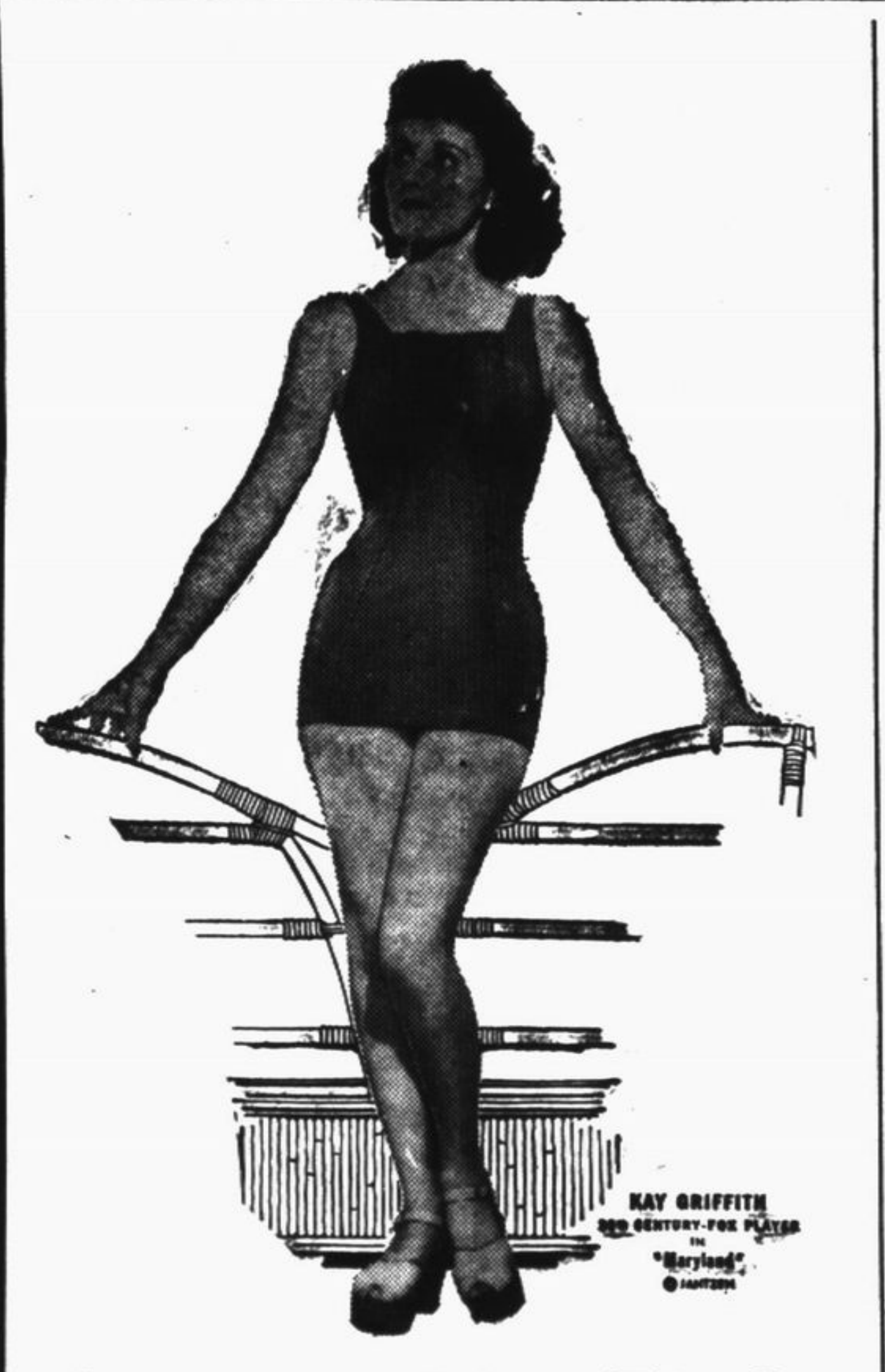
## More Than \$2,000 Is Given in Red Cross War Relief Appeal

More than \$2,000 has been received by Harry F. Kelley, local chairman of the American Red Cross in its appeal for \$10,000,000 for relief in the war stricken countries in Europe. Altho no definite goal was set, Highland Park's allotment through the Community Chest is about \$1,000.

In spite of the fact that Highland Park has doubled its allotment there is still an urgent need for more funds. All subscriptions should be turned in to Mr. Kelley by July first, the deadline for the appeal.

The Deerfield Royal Neighbor Camp are giving a party Thursday evening, June 27, at the Town Hall. There will be prizes for each table and a door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan of Deerfield were guests of the Richard Sullivans in Highland Park last Thursday evening.



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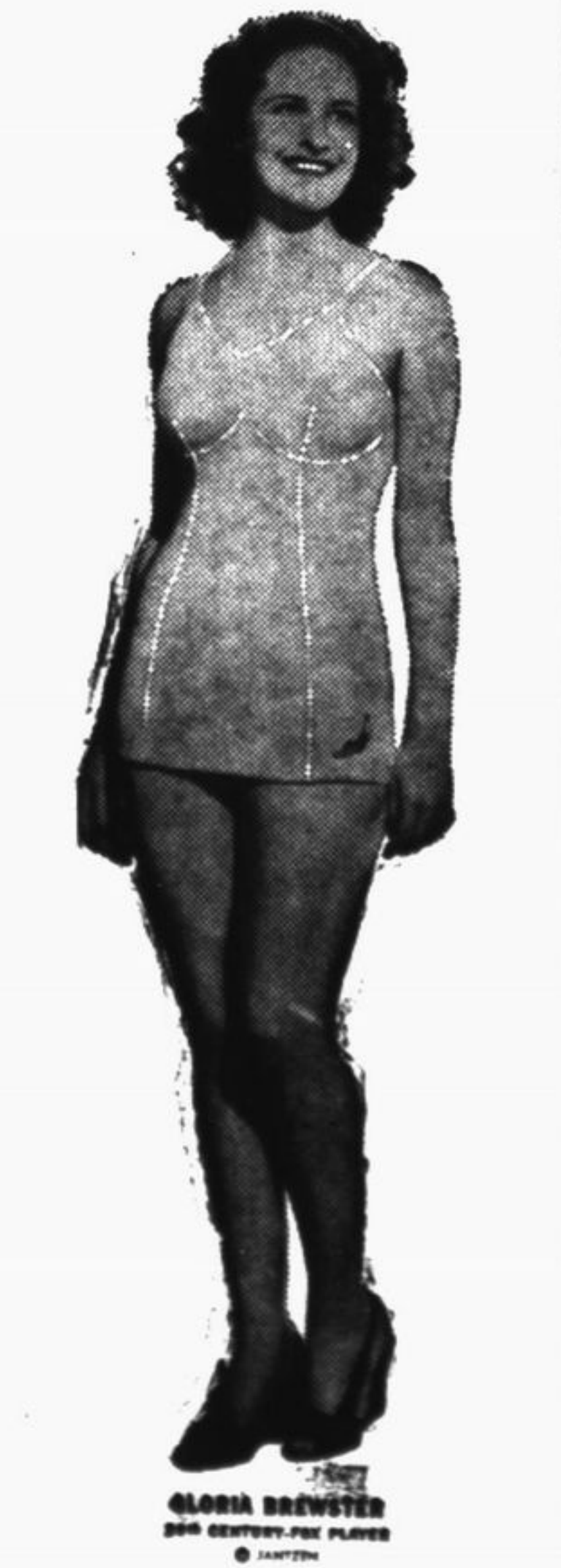
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