Star Dust
STAGE SCREEN RADIO

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By VIRGINIA VALE.

ALL through the year we hear tales about how popular this or that movie star is—then along comes news of who brought in the most money at the box office. The national poll of motion picture exhibitors taken annually by Showmen's Trade Review shows that Greer Garson and Van Johnson topped the 1944-45 list. Bing Crosby (first last year) was second, followed by Spencer Tracy, Gary Cooper and Roy Rogers. The actresses ran Judy Garland, Betty Grable (who led the list the last three years) Betty Hutton and Margaret O'Brien. And the picture that topped all the others was "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," with "National Velvet" in second place.

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Bob Hawk can keep a secret. For three years the idea for his current Monday night series, the CBS "Bob Hawk Show," was locked in a safe, pending the end of the war. His "Thanks to the Yanks" was splendid

BOB HAWK

for wartime, but now he's the big five-and-five man, with contestants answering five questions for their first prize and one question with five parts for the second half.

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It's being told around that little Margaret O'Brien is getting awfully tired of plaintive little girls she has to play—especially since Jimmy Durante taught her to sing "I Want to Be Happy" in his own special style. But the poor child's typed—at her age!

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Louis Hayward's postwar screen career leaped forward when he was signed for one of the top roles opposite Hedy Lamarr in "The Strange Woman"; that came as a result of the sneak preview of Hunt Stromberg's "Young Widow," in which he's co-starred with Jane Russell. He put in three years with the marine corps; as captain of a photographic unit, he filmed the battle of Tarawa.

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Sheik, the Palomino Ray Milland rides in "California," had to have two stand-ins—one for rearing, one for falling. It's a technicolor picture so they had to be dyed to match Sheik. But as they were both dark horses, they had to be bleached first!

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That MBS science series, "Exploring the Unknown," is receiving new honors. Selected by the armed service forces as one of the most popular transcription programs for G.I.s overseas, the Sunday series is being distributed by the New York university film library to schools throughout the country, and the American Cancer society is using one of the broadcasts in its educational work.

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One hundred thousand people have persuaded Kate Smith to broadcast before a studio audience again; they all asked for tickets. So she's now doing her Friday night "Kate Smith Sings" program from CBS's Playhouse 4, it's largest, seating 1,100. The repeat broadcast for the West coast will take care of another 1,100, so in about 45 weeks Kate will have caught up with the accumulated requests.

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On his "Dave Elman's Radio Auction," Wednesday nights on Mutual, Elman has auctioned everything from Hitler's personal dice to Marie Antoinette's pillow slips — with proof before they were sold that the articles were authentic. The Radio Writers association voted it the most novel show on the air. He's just sent eight people off to scour the world for a year for historical relics to be auctioned later.

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ODDS AND ENDS—Drew Allen of Monogram's "The Gay Cavalier," says the last words of his year-old son Stephen were "On stage"—so he's registered the boy with Central Casting. . . . Geoffrey Jones, host and narrator of NBC's "Mystery Theater," is frequently seen at the police line-up at New York police headquarters; says it's a good source of material for his show. . . . Dick Jones, the third Henry" on "The Aldrich Family," entered the army last spring, and is now stationed in Alaska. . . . Robert Young's new picture, Paramount's "The Searching Wind," is his diamond jubilee film; he's made 75 pictures in the 15 years he's been in Hollywood.

With Its War Problems Licked, 4-H Turns To New Program for a Better America

By W. J. DRYDEN
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THE development of 4-H clubs in America to a membership of 1,700,000 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 21 cannot be credited to the achievements of any one individual or institution. It represents the accumulated experiences of a number of rural communities spread over America that followed a succession of pioneer leaders.

From a membership of 125,000 in 1914, it has grown into one of the largest and most effective educational groups in the world.

Four-H club members work on such varied activities as owning and managing farm animals according to the latest scientific method, planning for efficient use of rural electric facilities, mapping their own and their neighbors' farms as to soil types and soil erosion, planning and preparing nutritious meals, cultivating a garden to supply those meals and surplus vegetables for the market, introducing new seed varieties, landscaping the family home or the schoolhouse or church, developing parks, baseball diamonds, or organizing recreational activities for the community, organizing discussion groups on the problems of international peace or current economic problems. In fact, they can be found working on almost any activity important to the home or the community.

Contests of All Sorts.

Many civic and commercial organizations sponsor contests and enterprises such are a part of every 4-H club congress. Shown on this page are some of these enterprise winners at the recent congress held in Chicago.

For the past four years, 4-H clubs have concentrated most of their energies on growing "food to feed a fighter." Now the war is over, 4-H, with training and some direction, can play an important part in meeting the knotty problems of peace.

Future program of the organization will emphasize the developing of talents for greater usefulness; joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship; learning to live in a changing world; choosing a way to earn a living; producing food and fiber for home and market; creating better homes for better living; conserving nature's resources for security and happiness; building health for a strong America; sharing responsibilities for community improvement and serving as citizens in maintaining world peace. In short, the same objectives will be pursued as in the past.

Almost Universal.

Four-H clubs are now organized in every state in the Union; in the territories of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska. Some 20 foreign countries have adopted its principles. Approximately one million dollars in prize money is provided annually by private citizens and corporations to encourage the movement.

The clubs are a part of the national system of extension work in agriculture and home economics conducted by the department of agriculture, the state colleges of agriculture, and the counties co-operating. Four-H club work is a specialized educational enterprise for rural young people, who may become members of organized clubs under the supervision of county extension agents and local volunteer leaders.

The big event of the year for the members is the annual 4-H club congress. In Chicago last December these American farm youths won the hearts of thousands who saw their accomplishments and learned to know the fine-type girls and boys who carry on 4-H club work.

Winners in the soil conservation contest each received a $200 college scholarship and an all-expense trip to the congress from Firestone Tire and Rubber company. Top row, left to right, Jack Baird, 16, Arkansas City, Kan.; William C. Walker, 18, Coldwater, Miss.; Marvin A. Glover Jr., 17, Pamplin, Va.; Kenneth Fitzgerald, 20, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Louis E. Kelley, 19, Whiteford, Md.; and David S. Geisler, 16, Watervliet, Mich. Bottom, Tim Kauffman, 16, Delmont, S. D.; P. W. Pierson, 17, Hockessin, Del. Russell Firestone, representing the Firestone company, presented the awards.

The six "Champion Cooks" selected by 4-H from all sections of the country each received a $200 college scholarship for their culinary ability, from Servel, Inc. They are, from left to right, Raecille Parker, Columbus, Ga.; Jan Nelson, Bloomington, Ind.; Rosie L. Garrett, Weleetka, Okla.; Cora Jean Van Dyke, Helena, Mont.; Lois Keller, Middletown, Md., and Virginia Chesborough, Henning, Minn.

Helen Frances Lehmann, 19, Pleasant Plains, Ill. (seated) and Margaret Rice, 19, of Itta Bena, Miss., were two of the state winners in the 1945 4-H Frozen Foods contest. These two girls, together with 23 other state winners, each won a $50 Victory Bond for their achievements in this contest. International Harvester company was donor of these prizes.

These alert young people were sectional 4-H winners in the farm safety contest. Of these 16 sectional winners, 12 were picked as national winners and were awarded $200 college scholarships provided by General Motors corporation.

Sitting, left to right: Harold Cory, Tiverton, R. I.; Ray Dankenbring, Waterloo, Iowa; Eugene Karnis, Jackson county, Minnesota; Donald Puckett, Bono, Ark.; Billy McKenzie, Savannah, Ga.

Standing, left to right: Alice Foss, South Wales, N. Y.; Patsy Woods, Appleton, Wis.; Barbara Jean Austin, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Joyce Abadie, Edgard, La.; Vivian Eifert, Waukomis, Okla.; Maxine Pinegar, Spanish Forks, Utah; Charlotte Holland, Greenville, Tenn.; Ann Shuppert, Monkton, Md.; Doris Williams, Wolf Creek, Mont.; Esther Page, Silver Lake, Kan.; and Mary Rehagen, Freeburg, Mo.

DAIRY WINNERS

National dairy contest winners were (left to right, bottom) Richard A. Riggs, 19, Evansville, Ind.; Earl Edwards, 16, Floydada, Texas; and Billy Van Cleve, 16, Chapel Hill, Tenn. Top, John M. Keith, 17, Astoria, Ore.; James M. Galbreath, 18, Street, Md.; and Ernest Young, 18, Cortland, N. Y. Each received a $200 scholarship from the Kraftt Food company and an all-expense trip to the congress. Awards were based on production per cow, butterfat content and other factors.

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Household Hints

Popcorn balls made on sucker sticks are a nice treat for the children when simple refreshments are in order.

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If you lose a garter button from one of your hose supporters, put a regular small-sized button underneath the top of your hose, hold it in place, and slip the garter loop over it. It'll hold!

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A tiny hole drilled in the pipe just above the cylinder lets the water drip out after one is through pumping so there is no need to thaw out the pump in freezing weather.

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A small new paint brush is handy to have for cleaning the crumbs out of your toaster.

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Never press a wool garment completely dry. Place it on a hanger after pressing and pat seams out with the hands. Allow to finish drying on the hanger.

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