

Ed Sullivan's ★ LITTLE OLD ★ NEW YORK

Main Street Items

This week marks the 45th anniversary of commercial flying in this country. Flying home, the other night, a pilot passenger on the plane became alarmed at the flaming exhaust. "Is the plane on fire?" she asked tensely. Airlines figure that, in the 45th year of flying, everyone is familiar with night flights, seems to be that plane stewardesses, instead, should include in their regular announcement the fact that the blue flames are not dangerous, but commonplace. . . . It would save a lot of shredded nerves. . . . Bob Young, who becomes regular St. Louis Brown second baseman, as a result of George Strinivasz trade to Cleveland, is a brilliant felder, favorite of Brown pitchers. . . . Strinivasz never moved off a dime, in Browne's starting seasons. . . . St. Louis Card's big problem is catching. Martin Poff, who will have to use Stan Musial, despite his weak throwing arm (Charlie Diering probably will take over in his innings, for defensive purposes).

Red Granger, first hailed as an all-time star by Warren Brown, later All Hall of Fame, in his first eastern game, against Pennsylvania. Despite a sloppy play, muddy field, he did everything but play in the Illinois field between halves, did a neat blocking back, written, was not a slouch. . . . Chimpnave reacted to TV by hitting Arlene Francis, radio-talkies expressed his criticisms of TV by fangling Chicago curator of reptiles, Max Perkins, no stranger to snake bites. When Perkins worked at the St. Louis Zoo, he lost his hand when an Arabian piper's snake bit him on the hand. Perkins lost consciousness, was saved by blood transfusion and serum. Reported me not to employ chimps or snakes!

Senator Douglas, Democratic dark horse for President, stands off talk on his debate showing against Senator Taft in his first debate on April 21. . . . The debate will be on foreign policy. . . . Douglas is a paper editor. . . . Douglas is a big vote-getter in Illinois, which is his home state.

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Terrace Room Books Young Violinist

Maria Neglia, fiery young violinist who opens at Hotel William Penn's Terrace Room next Monday, once was presence in the United States to an Army sergeant. . . . It was soon after the Army boys began their occupation of Germany that Sgt. Mike Spector walked into an entertainment hall of the army camp at Rosenheim, Germany. One of the attractions of the evening was a young violinist, an Italian girl, Maria Neglia. . . . As the date approaches, it is significant that friends of President Truman have been hinting that he probably will run again. . . . Ketterer attacks on Communist Plans, raising very syndicate, may have football repercussions. It's owned by the McBride family, of Cleveland, which operates the Cleveland Browns. . . . Senator Fulbright believes RFP should be continued; Jesse James always insisted, it should be buried after the World War II emergency. Politicians don't want it scrapped, however, as it's a job creator of passage. . . . Fair . . . based on a semi-annual. . . . So start cutting out paper books. . . . National survey shows TV and news-owners go to movies 35%. . . . TV news rates news-owners reading magazine reading less likely in TV homes, books have dropped markedly. . . . Many towns and cities only have one newspaper. . . . Dayton, Ohio, just got its fourth micro-wave channels to be added next month, between Columbus and Dayton. . . . Gen. Carl Spaatz, who characterizes lost troops in Germany as "a wall of flesh"; where no troops, but fact nations should meet them, even has. . . . Bingo games through the country, which murder movie house business, being outlawed by states, which also declare that bingo employees will not be eligible for unemployment insurance. . . . Cincy Red Plicker, who has been in the news in the N. L., and Dwell Blackwell adds: "I never felt better or had more fun." Says manager Luke Sewall: "One prettier, the Phillies won't beat us 18 games, as they did last season."

Johnny Nees, chief scout for the Phillies, rates Blackwell as the most poisonous pitcher in the league against his second hitters. . . . Ted Williams says that Cincy knuckleballer Ramey is one of the greatest he's ever faced. . . . Eddie Weaver, Public manager, impatient with files at late-season collapse: "I've lost Curt Simmons, Bubba Church and Bob Miller."

Peggy Lee and Dave Barbour, after 7 1/2 months, agreeing to Las Vegas divorce. After that, she'll be back in Fresno. . . . Detroit manager Red Killebrew hoping that other Tiger pitchers can take up the slack created by the Army drafting of Art Houtteman, who won 19 games, last season. Houtteman can't take up that mark, certainly can't top that mark; Houtteman will be tough. . . . Dark-horse pick is right-hander Wayne Madsen, up from Dallas, where he won 21 in 22 starts. . . . Recommended: the lovely Houston courtship, at Pierre Cotillon Room, treat club. . . . See Ed Sullivan's Toast of the Town Monday at 8 p. m. WDTV.

As the girl started playing Sgt. Spector leaped forward at tentatively. A hush settled over the audience. A former theatrical agent, Mike Spector knew good talent when he heard it. . . . The enthusiastic crowd of 600 audience bore him out. The girl was good! After the performance he got together with Maria and promised her that upon his return to civilian life he would make every effort to get her into the United States. . . . Mike Spector never forgot his promise. In November 1948, he succeeded in looking her into the Park Avenue Hotel in Miami. Overnight she became a sensation. . . . From Miami, she moved into the Palmer House in Chicago where she was such a hit that

the management for the first time in its history looked her for an immediate return engagement. . . . Among other top spots she has played are the Plaza in New York, the Radio in Minneapolis and the Coplay Plaza in Boston. On television she had appeared on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town," Arthur Godfrey's " talent Show" and on "Cavalcade of Bands."

Filmed in Color
HOLLYWOOD—"Stranded," drama of the Old West, was filmed in Technicolor, thus capturing the true beauty of the rugged Arizona western country. Alan Ladd, Mona Freeman and Charles Hickford are co-starring.

of the regular symphony series and the farewell appearances of Victor de Sabata for the season.

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