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# 'Oomph Girl' Is 'Lady Bountiful' to Kids

By **BETTY PAYSNER**  
Special Writer

Ann Sheridan, famous "oomph girl" movie star and one of America's ten best-dressed women is better known to hundreds of underprivileged kids as "Lady Bountiful."

Although she has no children of her own, the twice married and divorced, 43-year-old actress is deeply interested in helping needy youngsters.

In a Northland Playhouse dressing room after her opening night performance, the glamorous star with the down-to-earth personality spoke about the Mickey Finn Foundation for Underprivileged Boys.

"It was started by a Los Angeles policeman with the incredible name of Mickey Finn. He always has to explain that his name has no connection with the knock-out drink."

"Convinced that many delinquent youth were victims of their environment, Finn set up a rehabilitation center where boys could learn to practice good citizenship."

"THE AMAZING Mr. Finn gained the cooperation of Los Angeles officials. The result is the remarkable Valley Camp near Palm Springs, California," Miss Sheridan explained.

Dressed in a delicate pink nylon

robe which emphasized her striking red hair and white smooth skin, Miss Sheridan's large hazel eyes glowed with the warmth of her words.

"I became involved in the Mickey Finn Foundation about 10 years ago," she said. "I was asked to do a benefit for this organization. The more I learned about it, the more interested I became."

"EVERY AMERICAN city needs a set-up like that foundation. If a parent gets a good feeling, but is watching a son grow up properly, try to imagine the wonderful feeling the sponsors of a movement like ours enjoy at seeing hundreds of youngsters being guided into the right track in their battle to rise above slum environments."

Miss Sheridan knows the value of people believing in you. Her gracious and sagacious smile of confidence reflect the bolstering she herself received as the youngest of five children.

The Ann Sheridan success story was started by her mother and

week at Northland Playhouse starting in the Norman Krassa comedy "Kind Sir."

"I was deeply touched by the Detroit audience," she said after opening night. Indeed, the audience was impressed by Miss Sheridan! Gasps and whistles greeted her stage entrances in eight gorgeous gowns by Travilla who designs her personal wardrobe. Five feet, six inches, 120 pounds, she "dites" by looking heavenly, claiming "I can't live without bread and butter."

What accounts for Ann Sheridan's continual "oomph" and outstanding success? Her "formula," she takes others more seriously than herself.

WITH 250 movie roles establishing her as one of the most popular screen stars, Miss Sheridan is making her first stage appearances this summer. She appeared last

## City to Condemn For Deadend Alley

Because years of negotiations have resulted in no real progress, Birmingham has moved into the courts to acquire the south half of right-of-way needed for a 26-foot deadend alley east from Bates south of Maple.

Maple property owners have opposed their side at the city's appraisal figures, which range from \$5700 to \$6350.

Martin street owners, offered about half these amounts, claim their portions are worth just as much for alley purposes as their neighbors' are.

Commissioners passed a condemnation resolution, first step in getting title through Oakland circuit court.

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## Home Assembly Line Cars Illegal for Boys Under 16

Parents are only asking for "grief" for themselves when they encourage boys under 16 to build and drive little homemade cars, Birmingham Police Lt. Robert Schaul said this week.

Schaul, in charge of the Juvenile division, said city police had impounded four of the miniature homemade cars in recent months because they were driven illegally. He said many parents were unaware of the laws regulating the cars. He emphasized that the laws were made as safety measures to protect young drivers.

"According to state law," Schaul said, "the party driving them must be 16 years of age and must have passed a course in driver training and be licensed. The secretary of state, not as a two-wheeled motor scooter, but as a regular four-wheeled motor vehicle which the law classes them."

"ANYBODY caught driving them illegally on the streets or sidewalks in Birmingham will be dealt with according to the law," Schaul said.

He said there had been criticism of local police for their action in impounding several vehicles, but stressed that "if some boy should be killed or severely injured, then police would be at fault for not having enforced the law."

He said young auto builders under 16 could legally drive their products only on their own property.

"Parents are bringing grief for themselves if they build up a desire in a child that can't be satisfied until he is 16 and can pass driver training. It's going to be hard to ask the kids to forget for a few years," Schaul said.

Impounded cars have been released to parents.

**New Marine**  
SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Richard J. Phillips, son of Mrs. C. W. Eley of 800 Stanley st., Birmingham, completed recruit training July 11 at the Marine corps recruit depot, San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of training new Marines are assigned to a unit for further infantry training, or to one of the many Marine corps schools.

**To Make Allowance For Smaller Lots**  
First amendment to Birmingham's recently revised and modernized zoning ordinance is being prepared by the city attorney.

City commissioners concurred with City Planner Herbert Herzberg's recommendation that the minimum distance between buildings may be reduced by one-half foot for each foot the lot is less than 50 feet in width.

For 50-foot or larger lots, the minimum between-building distance is 14 feet.

This would not presently permit average size homes on lots of less than 50 feet, and the city has an appreciable number of these smaller lots, Herzberg said.

**Soldier Completes Training Course**  
FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Pvt. Allan R. Werthmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Werthmann, 4351 Derry rd., Bloomfield Hills, recently completed the basic Army administration course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Werthmann received training in typing, record keeping and clerical procedures. He entered the Army in March and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood.

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