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FROM THE PREXY

Hello all:

Our club paper is a little late this time but as you will soon see—it has also changed a great deal. We hope you like this revised edition. Won't you write our new club secretary Terry Hope and let her know which issue you liked best. This issue or the last.

We have too new staff members to welcome into the club this time. Terry Hope who has taken over Anne's place as club secretary and Marijane Hardin—new club chapter head. I want you members to give those two girls all the co-operation you can. They have been chosen because of their interest in the club. Welcome them by a post card won't you. I know they would love to get acquainted with you as soon as possible.

Something new has been added—In order to get your club papers out to you more quickly we are going to have the club divided into 49 sections—one for each state and Canada. We are sure that this plan will work far better than any other we have tried. Naturally we want each member to have a chance at becoming one of these branch presidents. Therefore we want anyone who is interested to write us no later than two weeks after receiving this issue. Your name will be drawn out of a box by the club secretary and myself. Your duty will be to send out club papers to the members in your state. All materials needed will be sent by me including addresses.

Also you are to notify the members in your state as their dues expire. Materials again will be sent to me.

I see my time is almost up so I will sign off for now.

Please acknowledge this issue of Sinatra-ly yours. AND PLEASE NOTICE MY NEW ADDRESS. 844 TAYLOR AVENUE.

Sinatra-ly

Marion.

P. S.—We still have copies of issues 2, 3, 4, 5, available to those who want them. Cost 15 cents. Send orders to club president.

ed as to changes of address. Keep sending in your swell stories about Frank.

Thanks members and please let me hear from you and send in your columns on Frank as soon as possible. I know it will be fun working with you.

Terry Hope.

218 Burchell,
Highwood, Illinois.

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AMERICA

Frankie steps from a stage door into an alley where a gang of ten youngsters are about to beat up another boy, Danny. They are typical neighborhood boys—dark, fair, pug-nosed, scrawny, fat, well dressed and poor. Danny has a bloody welt on his cheek.

The conversation goes something like this:

Sinatra: "Well, somebody's in for a licking."

Scoop: "You bet. We're gonna smear him. We're gonna run him out of the neighborhood. We don't like his religion."

Sinatra (sharply): "Wait a minute. I got it. You're those Nazi werewolves I been reading about?"

The Gang: "Mista, are you screwy?"

Sinatra: "Not me. I'm an

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello, members:

I guess I'm supposed to say a lot of nice things, but really that would just be wasting time and what I really want to say is thanks to our wonderful president, Marion, who has given me the opportunity to be in the SSFC. I know I will never fill the place left by the former Anne Cassiani. I know Anne has done a wonderful job and I only hope I can live up to the standards that she has set forth in her former position.

I hope you members will help me get a good start because I really need it. You can help me by sending in your columns as soon as they are ready and I will assure you the paper will be done as best as my standards are permitted. Please keep me post-

AMERICA

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American."

The Gang (belligerently):

"What do you think we are?"

Sinatra: "Nazis?"

Red (the ringleader): "Don't call me a Nazi. My father's a sarge in the army. He's been wounded even. He was wounded so bad they had to give him blood plasma three times."

Sinatra (turning to Danny, their victim): "Son, anybody in your family ever go to the blood bank?"

Danny: "Sure. My father and mother."

Sinatra turns back to Red: "Uh-uh, you know what? Maybe Danny's father's blood kept your father alive. That's bad, isn't it?"

Red (uneasily): "What's bad about it?"

Sinatra: "Don't you see? His father doesn't go to the same church as your father. That's awful. You think maybe if your father knew about it in time he would've wanted to die instead of taking blood from a man who had a different religion?"

"Don't you get what I'm telling you, son? Religion doesn't make any real difference, except to a Nazi or a dope. People all over the world worship God in different ways. But God created everybody. God didn't create one people better than another. Your blood is the same as mine, and mine is the same as his." Frank points to Danny.

"Fellas, listen to me," Frankie continues. "You know what this country is? It's made up of a hundred different kinds of people, and a hundred different ways of talking, and a hundred different ways of going to church. And they combed their hair different they're all American ways. If we started hating people because from us, wouldn't it be crazy? Wouldn't we be first-class dopes? We certainly would."

"My father came from Italy. But I'm an American. And should I hate your father, Tommy, because maybe he came from Ireland or France or Holland? Wouldn't I be a fathead?"

"Fellas, do you remember Pearl Harbor? The Japs socked us and it didn't look like we could do anything about it. But then something happened a couple of days later. Let me tell you about it."

"There was a Jap battleship, the Haruna. And one of our planes spotted it. You know what it takes to bomb a battleship? It takes courage and the know-how and team work. And our boys sure needed plenty, because the Jap was throwing enough flak to walk on. But the pilot had only one thing on his mind. To get over that ship. Then the bombardier pushed the button and a five-hundred pound tomato smacked that Jap battleship right in the middle."

"They sank it and every American threw his head back and felt better."

"The pilot of that ship was named Coling Kelly. An American and a Presbyterian. You know who dropped the bombs? Meyer Levin. An American and a Jew. You think maybe they should've called the bombing off because they were of different religions. Think about it, will you, fellas? Use your good American heads. Don't let anybody make suckers out of you."

This is Frankie's message!

Sure, the kids gather to hear Frankie sing, but they'll also listen to what Frankie has to say, and the money they spend to see him in "The House I Live In" will help them and their fellow citizens to be better Americans.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM FRANK'S SECRETARY

Frank gets loads of foreign mail, not only from service men but from regular fans. It is the fans I'm talking about now. I

checked my files and find that Frank has received fan mail from 33 countries. They are mostly from England and the next biggest is Australia, where they are wild about Frank. Frank never gets a chance to write letters and my hands are full with an enormous U. S. correspondence, yet these overseas admirers are left out in the cold—they can't see him at broadcasts and shows and they don't get the information they want. So I formed the AA FFA which means the "Adopt a Foreign Fan Association" and is composed of club presidents in this country. There are now 21 members.

To each club president I give as many foreign names as there are members in the club and she gives just ONE name to each member. This foreign fan is then "adopted" by the girl who draws her name. The member writes, asking her to be a penpal and offering to tell her all about Frank. Some of them are offering to send snaps. This gets around the idea of making them regular members as the club can't afford to send the paper and the matter of dues is too awkward. Some put the announcement in the club paper and they work out various schemes to distribute the names to the members.

The club members are delighted with the idea. One club is taking Scotland only—200 members in that club. Others want their pals in mixed countries, but I'd mostly like to see the English girls get panpals.

If you would like to adopt a foreign pen pal, get in touch with Marion Thomas, 2818 E. 128th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who in turn will send you an address for a penny postcard. Thanks.

FAN CLUBS

If there is a certain fan club that you would like to join, why

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not write to Caroline Sprouse, 906 Nelson, Staunton, Virginia, and she will do her best to supply you with full information about it in return for a self-addressed stamped envelope. New clubs added to our preferred list this month are:

BETTY DAVIS — JOHN GARFIELD — JOAN LESSLIE — HELMUT RENTINE — DEANNA DURBIN — ERROL FLYNN — RISE STEPHENS — BING CROSBY.

More clubs will be added to our next issue. Thank you.

Club of the Month: Eileen Bar-tan; Gilda Suris, president, 2822 West 19th Street, Brooklyn, 24, New York.

PERSONALS

KEIKO OKDA, glad you like

the club paper. Nice having you with us for another year. JEAN SHUTZ, Yes! we give servicemen and women free membership in our club. FRED STEVENS, Frank's newest picture "Bar of Music" was to go into production the end of March but was cancelled because of his overseas trip. DICK CARELE, a book based on Frank's life has been released and is called "Frank Sinatra's Life Story. It is a 50 page book published by William H. Wise and Co., 50 West 47th Street New York City, N. Y. Copies of this book are being sold on newstands. If you can not locate a copy, I suggest you write

to the publishers and see if they will send you a copy. JEANNIE DAVIES, Our club is not in any way connected with any other club. When and if it is, you and each club member will be notified. If you have donated for gifts or paid dues—believing you were joining this club to any other person other than myself and at my own address, I am indeed sorry but I can not do anything about it except report it to Frank. Many clubs are trying to cash in on this club because of its huge success. Watch for these people. PVT. CARL LENDENSON, I'm glad you and the rest of the fellows in your outfit like Frank so much. I'll be very happy and proud to enter your names in our membership list. Many thanks for your combined letter Carl, it was very interesting. Write again soon. BARBARA SCOOT, Frank's latest records are now released. Soon you will be able to buy all of the latest tunes. His songs will never die out. Frank's records have outsold most of those on the stands. If it hadn't been for the recently lifted ban on recording, there would have been wrong more. Club member. VIRGINIA VICKORY, Box 713, Hingham, Mass., has recently formed the official Danny Kaye Fan Club. A swell gal with a swell club.

MEET AXEL STORDALH

One of Frank Sinatra's best friends is Axel Stordahl, his favorite orchestra leader. The friendship dates back a long time. Axel has been as interested in Frankie's spectacular career as has Frank himself. And Frank would be one of the first to admit that the conductor has given him no end of help and encouragement.

Before rehearsing any song with the full complement of the band, Axel and Frank carefully go over all arrangements together and work out the kinks. And

then Stordahl's men, who adore him, play it over gently once. After that Frank takes over and pulls the mike close. Everyone works in perfect harmony.

Frank has, of course, worked with almost every big name orchestra in the business. He knows only too well how hard it is for

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OUR PIN UP BOY

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You guys can pin up Turner,
And Legs and Hayworth, too,
But we'll pin up Sinatra,
To beautify the view.

For us, there is only one,
Who brightens up the room,
And makes it seem just like,
A garden all in bloom.

His presence is like magic,
He fills the air with song,
If your imagination
Is just a little strong.

He's dreamy eyed and handsome,
He's all that we desire,
His flame is growing brighter,
He has the world on fire.

The fire is burning deeper
Into the hearts of we,
Who like to pin up "Frankie,"
Wherever we may be.

Pyt. John Martin.

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the singer and the music makers to get on, sometimes.

Frank himself has frequently taken over the baton and led the orchestra. In spite of a lack of formal education in the fields of music, he has shown an amazing aptitude for the technique of that art. He is what has frequently been referred to as a "musician's musician."

FLASH BRIEFS

Frank would enlist crooners Dick Haymes, Andy Russell and Curt Massey in the campaign he started to combat juvenile delinquency. They can prove big by pitching in without thought that they might be considered the tail to Sinatra's kite.

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Frank will start tour of European war zones next month under USO-Camp Show auspices. Joey Faye, comic, and one singer will accompany the Voice on the trip.

Sinatra will leave his radio show one week early and will return after 13 weeks. He will pass most of layoff period entertaining abroad at front and in hospitals.

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Rights to film the life of Honey Boy Evans have been cleared with the late minstrel man's widow, but latter, Mrs. Minnie Evans, 77, whose home is now Chicago, said last week she never

would have sanctioned it if she'd known The Voice was going to play the part of her husband.

"Frank can't sing half as well as Honey Boy," she said, "and besides, he's too skinny." Added she'd rather have Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly or even Mickey Rooney play the part—"but not Sinatra!"

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Frank did some fast switching last Wednesday (21) night when he carried three chores in one evening. From 9 to 9:30 he worked his own Max Factor show over CBS, and from 10:30 to 11 he guested for Mileon Berle over the same web on "Let Yourself Go." He closed that show at 10:59 (with a powerful piece of interpolation for "America the Beautiful," specially written by Jay Franklin Jones) and was on the air again exactly 14 minutes later from Carnegie Hall, N. Y., eight blocks from the CBS studios. In latter stint, Sinatra went out over the New York indie WNEW with a speech against racial intolerance which he delivered at Carnegie Hall before the World Youth Rally session.

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On and off the record: Columbia Records has cut a special 12 inch platter, featuring Frank singing "Ole Man River," backed up with "Stormy Weather," slated for release this month. Only other Columbia artist ever to make a 12 inch White Label Disc, is Benny Goodman.

JEAN PORTER, HOLLY-

WOOD SCARLET TAKES

PART IN WAR EFFORT

Hey, about our Hollywood Canteen! That's really a swell

place. When I haven't been away on camp and hospital tours I have been working there, when I say "working." I'm using the Wrong Word, cause it isn't work—it's having a lot of fun and at the same time giving some G.I. Joe some pleasure which he certainly deserves. At first I did shows at the Canteen, then I decided to get behind the snack bar and from that view I could not stand watching the dancing without getting into it, so I casually dropped my apron and there I was on the dance floor learning all about New Jersey and next North Dakota, and by now I can tell you most anything you want to know about most any place. And honest to Gosh, every single guy has his own "personal way of dancing, what fun, and how surprising! Never a dull moment! So, now I start out at the Snack Bar for an hour or so and then to the dance floor for one night, then do a show there another night. It's really swell fun and the fellows are really appreciative. Thanks to all the people who are behind our Hollywood Canteen. We're really proud of it!

Thanks go to the Jean Porter Fan Club.

Frank will star in a short film for RKO, the theme of which is racial and religious tolerance, called "The House I Live In." Directed by Mervyn LeRoy and produced by Frank Ross, the film will devote all proceeds to a charity leading in juvenile activity. Sinatra, whose last broadcast was made this Wednesday, May 16th (CBS—9:00 to 9:30 P. M.), will begin filming the movie this week and complete it in time to leave on an overseas entertainment tour.

Now in Hollywood, following the completion of his latest film,

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FRANK WILL STAR IN FILM

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"Anchors Aweigh" which is shortly to be released, Frank has been comparing notes with a musician in a rival field of music—the long hair artist, Jose Iturbi who appears in "Anchors Aweigh" with him, and who is now featuring the short bobbed idiom in the form of boogie-woogie, at his concerts. Iturbi, who is besieged by bobby-sock fans at his recitals, decided to get some first hand information from an old hand with bobby sockers and said to Sinatra, "What do you do when they scream?" "Keep on singing," said Sinatra. "What do you do when they tear buttons off your coat," and Sinatra replied, "Have new ones sewn on."

"And what do you do when they untie your shoe laces, and take your handkerchiefs out of your pocket, and, and," Iturbi sputtered, "when they take the cigars out of your mouth."

"Give 'em a light," grinned Sinatra, "and look for the nearest exit."

HOBBIES

Dear members:

I want to thank all you swell people again for responding the way you did. Keep sending me your hobbies. There isn't enough space allowed for all your hobbies in this issue. I am putting them in as I receive them.

KATHLEEN LOEN of 3249 South 118th, Seattle 88, Washington, hobby is fan clubs. She belongs to seventy of them. She also collects movie photos, and writes to many pen pals.

MARY VALERI of 10402 Prince Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is a member of the club about a year now. Mary collects pictures

and records of Frankie. She also collects song sheets with his pictures in them. Whenever Mary sees any article in the paper about Frank, she cuts it out.

MARION EAST of 725 Iowa Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, saves miniature vases all kinds and colors. She has them from all parts of the United States. Marion also collects Frank's pictures. She has several snap shots she took of him herself. Marion, if you have the negatives of these pictures, maybe some of the members would be interested in buying them from you. Let us know, won't you.

ROSEMARY HARTMAN of Mt. Carroll, Illinois has several hobbies. They are collecting pictures of Frank Sinatra, writing to pen pals, and collecting all records.

LORRAINE SPENDER of 5228 South Massasoit Avenue, Chicago 38, Illinois, hobby is the same as any other Sinatra fan, because she collects his pictures. So far, she has 406 pictures of Frankie. Her ambition is to have 1,000 pictures of him.

ESTELLE DROPE of 411 Limestone, Akron 7, Ohio, collects pictures of her pen pals. She has a scrapbook of Frank Sinatra pictures, and also collects his records.

MARY MERCURI of 25 Parkland Road, Needham Heights, 94, Massachusetts, collects movie star pictures, photos and snaps direct from Hollywood. She sends in to advertisements through movie magazines for these pictures. Mary also collects articles, pictures, and photos of Frank Sinatra. She has a scrapbook on him about ninety pages which are eight by ten inches in length and width.

This is all for this time friends. If any of you can help any members above, please get in touch with them. They will be glad to hear from you. I hope the rest of you who have hobbies send them in to me as soon as possible. Until the next issue, I remain,

Sinatra-ly yours,

Jean Bonadies,
2035 Mifflin Street,
Philadelphia, 45, Pa.

CLUB PINS

Club pins for Sinatra fans can still be had by writing to Evangeline Young, Box 41, Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi. These pins are like campaign buttons and besides having a picture of Frank on the face, have the words, My Hero Frank Sinatra across the top. We are selling these pins at 25c each plus a three-cent stamp. Order yours now.

FRANKIE

By Helen Branan

Who is this guy with the hollow cheeks,
With the laughing, twinkling eyes?

The fellow who makes swooners of

All us girls and guys.

He's got curly hair, his face is fair

His eyes are a shining blue.
He's not too short he's not too tall

His cheeks have a rosy hue.

You sway and swing as you hear him sing,

And it's not very long 'til you forget old Bing.

By this time you've guessed
This guy whose possessed
With a voice to worship—Hurrah
It's our own Frank Sinatra.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

April 28, 1945.

Dear Marion:

I want to thank you so very
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much for choosing my letter as the letter of the month for the last issue of Sinatra-ly Yours. I felt in my own way that I done something for Frank. Thanks again, I was very pleased.

I also have very many new pen pals that have written very nice letters which were forwarded to me.

As I stated in my letter I was expecting to enter the service soon. Well, I did just that. I was inducted December 21st into the infantry. I took my basic training at Camp Fanning, Texas, and at present I am home on a ten day delay enroute. I am headed for Ft. Meade which is to be my embarkation point.

About Frank: I think his recording of "I BEGGED HER" is just super. He's back on the right track of moody ballads with "WHAT MAKES THE SUNSET." I do hope to see "Anchors Aweigh" if possible. I recorded his "CANDY" and "LONELY LOVE" Wednesday night from his program.

I do want to thank all the Sinatra fans for their lovely letters and I'm trying my best to answer all of them as soon as possible.

Well, I guess that is all for now. Thanks again.

Sinatra-ly Yours,

Raymond Dahlka.

Pfc. Raymond Dahlka, 36929564
A.G.I. Replacement Depot No. 1,
Ft. George G. Meads, Maryland.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Be listening for Atchison, Topenka, and Santa Fe, which Judy Garland sings in The Harvy Girl. It has all the hit possibilities of The Trolley Song....Cow-

boy star Roy Rogers has passed his Army physical, but won't be inducted until June 4 because of a previously scheduled tour of military hospitals—Eddie Bracken is the next prominent actor scheduled to swap mufti for khaki.

John Payne gave Gloria DeHaven diamond earrings to celebrate their second month of marriage. She may get the matching brooch on their first anniversary.

As we announced here a long time ago, Frankie Sinatra has taken on a lecture schedule in an effort to assist in decreasing juvenile delinquency. He has delayed his next movie to make the tour. What Bobby-Socker wouldn't listen to Frankie! Well, he's started, and was enthusiastically received at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Bing Crosby is another candidate for the role of Will Rogers. At least Bing was, then his studio stepped in and spoiled everything. He even went so far as to have a mask made of the famous humorist. The voice and mannerisms he learned to perfection. Bing really created an amazing illusion that would have made Will Rogers live again. Too bad Paramount wouldn't okay it. Now Bing only has the mask and the memory.

famous Negro star guarded her secret. Come fall, Hattie and her husband, James Lloyd Crawford will welcome the stork.

Ann Southern and Bob Sterling gave Baby Patricia Ann a christening party, and took pictures for her baby book, so's when she's older she'll remember.

Bill Eythe made no secret of the fact that he was taking two gorgeous sapphire earrings back with him for his home town visit in Pennsylvania. "Who's the girl?" everyone at Fox queried. Bill showed the earrings, but he wouldn't say who they were for. In fact, he was so secretive that everyone speculated on "who" was Bill Eythe's secret romance. He was in the east but five days, and had dates lined up five weeks in advance, when his studio called him home for two shows. As for the earrings, they were for his Mom, he reports.

Bob Hope, again emceeding the Award affair, turned in one of the top performances of his career. His running commentary livened up the ponderous occasion no end. When his pal, Bing won the Oscar, Bob was more excited than Bing. It was five minutes later that he thought of the quip: "Crosby winning is as big a surprise as Sam Goldwyn lecturing at Oxford."

HERE'S TO SINATRA

Sinatra is tops
He surely can sing,
From "Ave Maria"
To rug cutting Swing.

When he softly sings
The song "Night and Day,"
I get a queer feeling,
Like swooning away.

Those big blue eyes!
And the lock of hair.
None in this world
Has his dreamy eyes stare.

So here's to Frankie
The "King of the Crooners,"
You can bet your life
I'm one of his "Swooners."

—By Opdyke Twins

A REMINDER

Your local picture theatre has a War Bond booth in the lobby; you can't miss it because it's as big as life. Don't miss it because it was put there so that all movie-goers can buy their 7th War Loan Bonds right in the lobby. War Bonds mean security; they mean the more you buy the sooner this horrible war will be over and our boys back where they belong—at home with their loved ones.

Every once in a while during the making of "Janie," Hattie McDaniel turned a little "pale" and sort of looked strange. No one suspected anything and the

ANCHORS AWEIGH HIS LATEST HIT

Aboard an aircraft carrier anchored off San Diego, Jose Iturbi conducts the Navy Band, as part of a citation ceremony. Among the men being decorated are Joe Brady (Gene Kelly) and Clarence Doolittle (Frank Sinatra), who then get a four-day shore leave.

Joe, considered the "wolf" of all his shipmates, is idolized by shy and timid Clarence, and the two spend their leave together.

During their escapades they chance to meet Susan Abbott (Kathryn Grayson), a beautiful Hollywood extra, who hopes to become a great singer. Through dubious methods they try to arrange an audition for her with Jose Iturbi, but at first are not successful. To complicate matters they both fall for Susan, Joe emerges victor, and Clarence becomes pacified with a girl from Brooklyn.

A happy ending is evolved when Iturbi finally grants Susan an audition, and a new star is born.

CHAPTERS

May 20, 1945.

Hello, kids:

This is your new Club Chapter Head talking to you and I know we're going to get along swell. I've got lots to live up to from the columns your previous Heads have turned in—but with your cooperation it shouldn't keep me awake nights.

To begin with, Marijane is my name and it's pronounced "Mary Jane"—so don't get gray worrying about it. I live in California and I expect oodles and oodles of letters and lots of cooperation from each and every one of you. If we're going to get this club in the Modern Screen Fan Club Association's top five league we will have to work for those ever-lovin' points. So sharpen your pencils and let's go.

First thing I want to receive

in my little ivy covered mailbox (honest) is a letter from each Club Chapter prexy, listing the names and addresses of all her members. Without that I'm like Frank without Nancy, so please help me. Make it soon too, huh?

The requirements for points given in the MSFCA are for the following:

1. Fan-Fun Contest (best article or poem)
2. Most worthwhile club activity
3. Candid-Camera Contest
4. Contribution to war effort
5. Most active correspondent
6. Best journal
7. Cooperation with MSFCA
8. Greatest increase in members

From that you can readily see how easy it is to make points if we really try. So I'll be waiting to hear from all the prexys—and then we'll really make Frank proud of us.

Bye all,

Marijane Hardin

217 East Belmont

Bellflower, California

P.S. If you don't already belong to a club chapter please get in touch with me and we will form one.

VITAL STATISTICS ON

FRANK SINATRA:

Born December 12, 1917, at 415 Monroe Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. . . Parents are Martin and Natalie (nee Garaventi) Sinatra. . . both born in Hoboken. . . Father boxed under the name of Marty O'Brien, bantamweight. . . Last fight in 1926, retired from boxing because of broken wrists. . . The elder Sinatra is a member of the Hoboken ber!

Fire Department and daily crowds of Frank's fans jam into the Firehouse to ask questions about his famous son. . . He always keeps a supply of pictures for them. . .

Frank's parents are very proud of him, although his mother didn't approve of his joining the Major Bowes' units, as she didn't think it right for a young boy to go off on the road alone.

According to his parents, Frank was a normal kid, full of the devil, always getting in and out of

some childish prank. . . Once, his dad relates, Frank decided to play "Cowboy" on a carousel and got his head caught in the roof. Little Frank had to have most of his hair shaved off and the carousel roof had to be pried open. Frank's dad got the bill for it and Frank got a licking.

FRANK SINATRA

June 26, 1945

Miss Marion Tead
810 Grandview Ave.
Highland Park, Ill.
Dear Marion:

I received the new cards and thanks so much. We have run into trouble about photos. Due to the paper shortage we are still unable to get more pictures and hope the situation will clear up in time. You see we send out thousands of photos and they are packed into mail bags. Well, a large quantity of envelopes were addressed and waiting for pictures—which just didn't come. So I am not sure whether your members are in this group or not. If the other members did receive them, it is because they got into the bag before we heard the photos weren't forthcoming. I know their envelopes were all addressed.

Now as for the last cards, just received, I'll have to put them aside for awhile with other lists that have been sent. If you like, I'll send you a bunch of membership cards so that they could at least have these. Or else I'll wait and put them in with the photos when they come. I shall keep the new cards separate so we'll see where we stand.

I'm preparing a new bulletin for the AAFFA and shall have to mention the photos in this. To make things a little more complicated, I have a stock of photos on thinner paper which will be used—while they last—but they take cardboards, and the cardboards haven't come. If I don't use a packing they'll crinkle. It will take some explaining to the members—but think of all the explaining I've got to do, with all the clubs!

Sincerely,

Mariorie.

Secretary to Frank Sinatra.
Your club paper is awfully nice.