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**"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (2C)**

**BUGLER** Charles Winninger and Ludwig Stossel as they appear in "The Sun Shines Bright," John Ford's dramatic and heart-warming picturization of Irvin S. Cobb's famous "Judge Priest" stories for Republic which arrives..... at the..... Theatre.

## Screen's Laziest Comic Starred In New Ford Hit

That sleepy-eyed lackadaisical negro comic, who long ago discarded the weighty name of Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry for Stepin Fetchit, makes a hilarious return to the screen in the new John Ford production for Republic Studios, "The Sun Shines Bright," currently at the..... Theatre, with Charles Winninger, Arleen Whelan and John Russell heading the starring cast.

Stepin Fetchit was born in Key West, Fla., and received his early education at the Douglas School there, later attending Harlem Academy in Tampa, Fla. He received his college education at St. Joseph's College in Montgomery, Ala.

### Lazy Ambition

When he was a youngster, Stepin Fetchit had a desire "to be heard all over the world and be known by everybody without moving from one spot." Stepin says his prayers were answered by the radio and the movies.

The comedian's father, Joseph Perry, sort of passed his talents to his son, since he was a minstrel man. He was also a cigar maker on the side. Stepin, himself, wanted to be an entertainer from the beginning. He started out selling papers and running errands in Tampa, Fla., but he soon matriculated to St. Petersburg, Fla. where he led the cakewalk as a kid dancer, performing for winter tourists. Later he sang in church choirs.

### Schuberts' Find

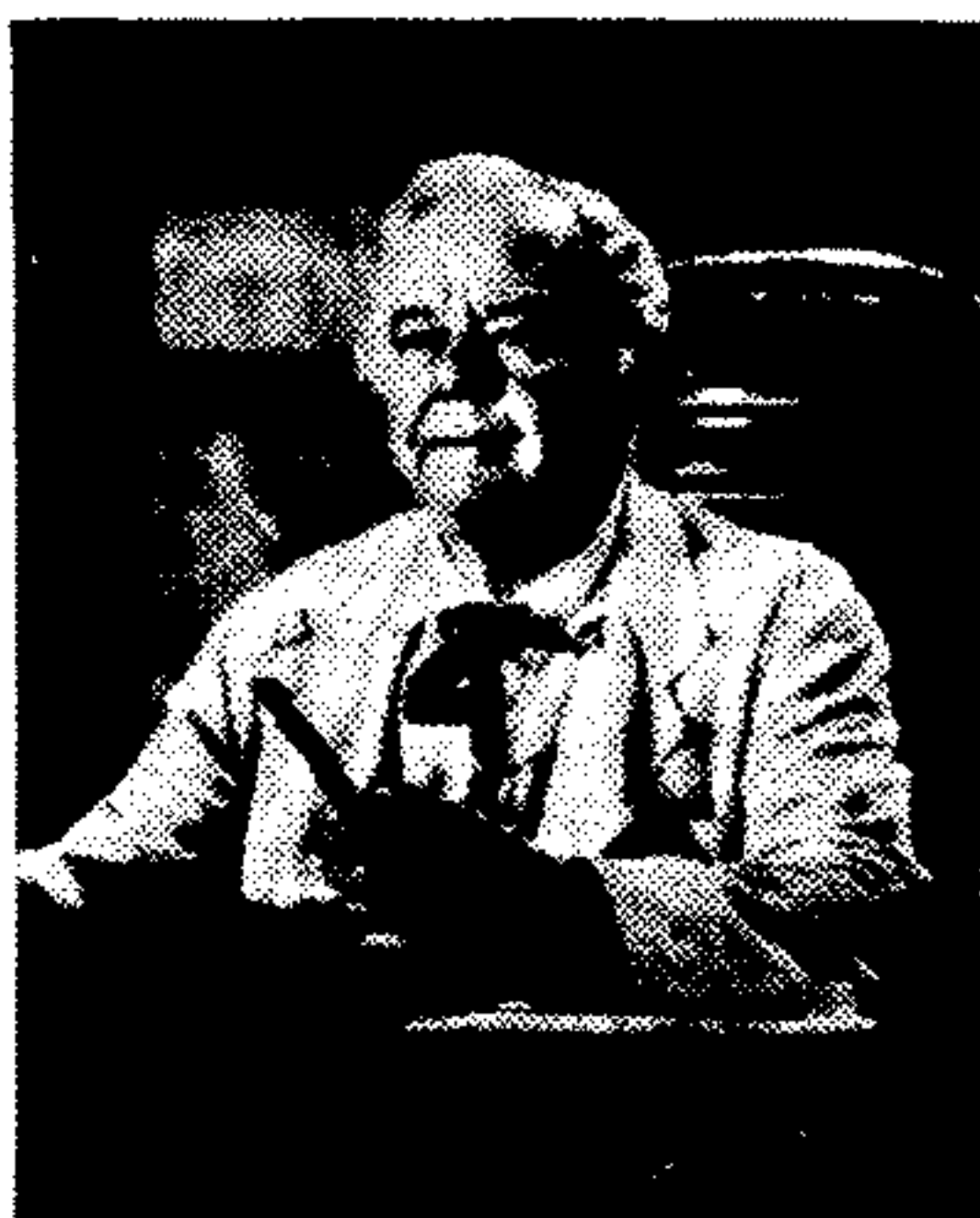
Stepin Fetchit added to his professional repertoire with a minstrel show in Montgomery, Ala. His first stage play was "Three After Three" for the Schuberts in New York.

It was not long before the Hollywood film industry spotted the clever comedian and he began his motion picture career in 1926 with "In Old Kentucky" for MGM. His role came as a result of talent scouts seeing him on the Bert Levy Vaudeville Circuit which was playing the old Hippodrome Theatre in Los Angeles. Between pictures he played with the Fanchon and Marco stage shows.

### Enjoys Life

Stepin Fetchit is very fond of children, elderly people and animals and he says that they all like him. His reading preferences are current periodicals, classic works and the Bible.

The sleepy-eyed comic portrays the faithful, but often tardy servant to Winninger, as Judge Priest, in Republic's "The Sun Shines Bright."



**"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (1H)**

**REAL JUSTICE** is dispensed by Charles Winninger in the role of Judge Priest in Republic's stirring new John Ford drama, "The Sun Shines Bright," current attraction at the..... Theatre.



**"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (1J)**

**"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT,"** Republic's powerful new John Ford drama currently at the..... Theatre, co-stars handsome John Russell and lovely Arleen Whelan in the romantic leads.



**"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (1G)**

**HANDSOME** John Russell is co-starred with Charles Winninger, Arleen Whelan and Stepin Fetchit in John Ford's thrilling new production for Republic, "The Sun Shines Bright," opening..... at the..... Theatre.