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ELEANORE WHITNEY Has Become a Favorite Because she is the girl you saw in Millions In The Air and Three Cheers For Love. . . . You are not alone in wanting to know more about her. . . . She has been in Hollywood a little more than six months and her fan mail is already bigger than some top-notch stars . . . proof enough that other people are interested! But there's more than just six months residence in Hollywood behind Eleanore.

. . . It didn't just happen over night. . . . Eleanore has a thousand dance-step-minutes to her credit for every minute she has appeared on the screen. . . . Minutes that were spent in constant practice, dancing on the stage and dancing before people who were trying to pave the way for her . . . they were people who liked her, personally, and who knew that she had a great future as an actress and a dancer. . . . Among those who helped along her career were Bill Robinson, Rae Samuels and that fine showman, Rudy Vallée. . . . Robinson saw her when she was just ten years old (she's just eighteen, now).... It took Bill exactly one hour to teach her the routine of every step he knew . . . after that, dancing for Bill meant only practice in front of a master of the dance. . . . Rae Samuels, who's husband was Bill's manager, naturally was interested in the little girl and gave her a start on the stage. . . . Miss Samuels invited Eleanore to appear with her one night. . . . Eleanore was standing in the wings of the theatre and didn't suspect that Miss Samuels was going to call her out . . . her act that night was entirely impromptu, but it brought the whole house down in applause. . . . Miss Samuels saw then how things were going and invited Eleanore to appear with her every night going on the road. . . . Eleanore and her mother took a tutor with them and she never missed a day of class work. . . . Her tapping speed is phenomenal. . . . Eleanore dances at the rate of fifteen taps per second. . . . "The only way I can account for her ability to dance at such a pace is that her dancing becomes reflex action after she gets up to and over five taps a second" said a famous doctor. . . . That is faster than the new high-speed machine guns. . . . Men in her life? We happen to know that she has a date with Rudy Vallée when he comes out to California to appear at the Cocoanut Grove. . . Don't get excited, it's not romance on the part of either. . . . It's just sheer admiration on the part of Vallée . . . he wants her to appear at the Grove with him. . . . She is the first dancer that Rudy has ever allowed to appear with him.

