

Here's how it happened!



All in one day, Jeff Hunter fell for Barbara Rush and signed up for movies

Jeffrey Hunter says  
his movie break  
was plain luck.  
The Lady sure helped but—

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It's a wooden pedal car for Debra Paget and Jeff Hunter in *Belles on Their Toes*

The tall young man in the faded terry-cloth bathrobe was wiping make-up industriously from his face in the stuffy confines of the college auditorium dressing room when it happened.

With the informality of youth, one of his fellow players threw open the door, casually announced, "A couple of folks here to see you, Hank," and as quickly departed, leaving Hank face to face with his future.

The "couple of folks" were talent scouts from 20th Century-Fox and Paramount who had just caught the opening night of the Arthur Miller drama, *All My Sons*, as presented by the students of the University of California at Los Angeles, and the actor who caught their fancy was one Henry H. McKinnies, Jr.—soon to become Jeffrey Hunter.

"I honestly thought it was some kind of a gag at first," Jeff laughs as he talks about it now. "After all *two* talent scouts was a little too much to take seriously. And I'd read all the stories about the kids—really talented kids—who come [*Please turn to page 74*]



