

The Little Orphans

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[Harold Goodwin; Violet Wilkey](#)
 Edward Warren

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At the turn of the last century, children used to pay their parents pocket money...

Source: The Bad Guys

Still caption from **The Bad Guys - a Pictorial History of the Movie Villain**:

"A tyrannical stepfather was an ever-reliable heavy in the early days. Here Edward Warren plays the role, with Violet Wilkey and Harold Goodwin (to grow up into a movie villain himself) as his victims in the 1916 **"THE LITTLE ORPHANS"**."

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Goodwin:

"Lean, manly Harold Goodwin - not to be confused with the later British character actor - was in movies from the age of seven, but got his

best parts from twelve onwards¹. He had the title role in **"MIKE'S ELOPEMENT"**, and rode alongside W.S. Hart in **"THE SILENT MAN"**. Goodwin's career lasted for several decades, but his heyday was the Twenties, when he was a popular young leading man, with star roles in **"OLIVER TWIST, Jr"** (21), **"BURNING WORDS"** (23) and many other films. He was in **"ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT"** (31), **"HALLELUJAH I'M A BUM"** (33), **"HOLLYWOOD PARADE"** (39), and so on."

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "Hollywood in the Twenties", "A

¹ We call that "puberty" my dear..

Pictorial History of the Silent Screen",
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Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Evidently, the "cycle of abuse" theory works even for film roles - the bullied child growing up to play adult bullies. Gosh. Harold Goodwin was 13, his long-forgotten performances including "**HEART O' THE HILLS**" (1910), "**DAD'S OUTLAWS**" (16) and "**THE SAWDUST RING**" (17). He died in 1987. Nothing further is known of Violet Wilkey.

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