

SUBJECT INDEX:

ENTERPRISE ~ YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

See also: BOY INVENTORS / BOY SCIENTISTS

The Adventures of Peter Joe	UK matinee serial 1946/47 : Boy (Brian Peck) inherits a removal van and horse, and decides to drive them to the coast, sell them, and buy himself a ship. Not nearly so amusing as it sounds, however.
Child's Play	UK 1954 : Disarming children's romp in which boy boffin discovers a radioactive fragment of Krakatoa and, after initial ideas of joining the nuclear arms race, teams up with pals to manufacture and distribute atomic popcorn, or "bang corn". Dreadfully dated, hence good fun.
The Dollar Bottom	UK 1981 : Comedy short in which a Scottish public schoolboy launches an insurance scheme to compensate classmates who meet an angry cane travelling the opposite direction.
Fortune Lane	UK 1947 : Would-be railway engineer (Douglas Barr) starts his own window-cleaning business to raise the funds to buy himself a one-horsepower motor. An adult firm quickly muscles in on his territory, but the boy still manages to win recognition for his innovative engine design. An "empowerment" children's film before such glib and patronising terms were ever coined.
Get Rich Quick Edgar	US 1920 : From the silent series "The Adventures and Emotions of Edgar Pomeroy", starring Johnny Jones , 12, and specially written for the studio by author Booth Tarkington.
KidCo	
Little Big League	US 1994 : 12-year old Luke Edwards inherits the Minnesota Twins baseball team from his grandfather, and decides to manage the team himself.
Nous les Gosses	France 1941 : "Us Kids". Parisian boy must pay for a school window he's broken playing football, and fearful of telling his parents he and his friends do various holiday jobs to pay for the damage, only to have crooks make off with the proceeds (see further details below).
Stick With Me, Kid	US TV series : Would-be boy detective (Kristopher Milnes), 13, teams up with has-been TV sleuth to solve cases by surrogate. The same smart kid/dumb hero duo was the basis of an earlier time travel series - "Voyagers".

Non-fiction

Our Club Magazine	UK 1940s : Rank Children's Entertainment Films club newsreel
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NOUS LES GOSSES :

"It tells how an accident-prone boy kicks a football through an expensive school window, how his schoolmates raise the replacement money through fantastic commercial and artistic enterprise in the streets, how the money is then stolen by a pair of spivs, and how the kids get it back and bring them to justice. The story ends with a moving speech of congratulation from the

headmaster – after which the same hapless boy propels a football through the brand-new window.

It's a film of lovely gags and lovely performances. Among some rather less honourable money-raising ploys (spraying mud onto the shoes of passing gentlemen to boost the boot-blackening, or posing as the starving children of a fake beggar) is a very thoughtful one: they all agree to donate their "cinema money", but in case the parents ask what they have been to see, just one boy is deputed to go to the cinema and then retail the plot to the rest. Unfortunately he falls asleep in the middle of "**LA DAME AUX CAMÉLIAS**" and wakes up again in the middle of the supporting cowboy film – with predictably charming results when one of his mates has to describe the plot to his elders." – *The Moving Picture Boy*

NAMBLA Bulletin – vol. 13/9 – media note (November 92):

"Industry: With his parents out of money, Joey Antonello, ten, of The Bronx, New York, had a thriving barbering business. He was so good the neighbourhood barbers made him stop... Daryl Bernstein had a book, "Better Than a Lemonade Stand.. Small Business Ideas for Kids", published when he was 15. Now 16, he runs two companies. (The only place I've seen a lemonade stand in years was in Alaska.)... Because of the long newspaper strike in Pittsburgh, all 4,300 paperboys have been dismissed and will be replaced by adults, as part of a new distribution system."

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