

She has her cake...and eats it too

LIKE every other girl in Hollywood, Barbara knew the hazards of being a career wife. She had seen too many broken marriages and was determined not to let hers be one of them. So when little Christopher was due to be born, she very bravely announced to husband Jeff Hunter: "I've had a fling in pictures. I'll be satisfied to stay at home." And Jeff hit the ceiling. She'd do no such thing, he told her. "You're just getting started, Barby. You've got to keep at it until you get your big chance—just the same as me." Jeff knew how hard Barbara had worked for her profession and how much it meant to her. He knew she was a fine actress. "Some day," he said proudly of his wife, "Barby will be known as the *best* actress." He also knew that feelings of self-sacrifice can kill a marriage too. His faith has been completely justified. Barbara has managed baby, home and career with as much ease as if she were twins. Barbara's mother, who lives with the Hunters, takes care of little Chris during the day, but Barbara always manages to be home for important events like supper and bedtime. In her joy

at having her cake and eating it too, Barbara has blossomed into as fine an actress as Jeff could wish. Her sensitive portrayal of the young girl in U-I's *Magnificent Obsession* won her the lead in *Captain Lightfoot* opposite Rock Hudson. It would be hard to say who was happier when that announcement was made—Barbara or Jeff. The only problem was that the picture was to be made on location in Ireland, and Barbara's joy was somewhat dampened by the prospect of having to leave her family, who couldn't go along. Right now, Barbara seems to have outpaced Jeff somewhat in the career department. Although his contract at 20th Century-Fox was renewed, he hasn't made too many pictures lately. Barbara, on the other hand, walked in on the ground floor of Universal's star-building project. But just as Jeff knew Barbara's big chance would come, she knows that it is only a matter of time before his career will start rolling again. Maybe *White Feather* will do it. And if the Hunters could only make a picture together, life would be absolutely perfect!

