

Tommy (“Butch”) Bond

Titles: 50 Sources: 1 Stills: 13

Born: Dallas, Texas; September 16th 1927



A formidable little bruiser

Source: indeterminate website



Our Gang's "Butch" (shudder)

Source: indeterminate website

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"It was strange that such a chubby, good-natured creature should have first won fame as a menacing heavy: but so it was with Tommy Bond, the bully "Butch" in "Our Gang" comedies between 1932 and 1940. In fact, after a two-year lay-off, he didn't become "Butch" until "GLOVE TAPS" (February 1937), in which he's a tough kid who moves into the gang's neighbourhood, accompanied by a baleful-looking henchman called "The Woim" (Sidney Kibrick). For the next three years he remained an oppressor, extortionist and general pain.

Outside the Gang, Tommy – first featured as a warbling tot on radio – was much in demand in the comedy shorts of Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chase, Andy Clyde and Thelma Todd. He could scowl and rage like the best of brats, but he could also be the jolly, companionable friend-and-buddy. In 1939-40 he was one of the "FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS" in the film series.

After 1941 Tommy Bond acted for a further decade, in films like "THIS LAND IS MINE" (43), "THE MAN FROM FRISCO" (44) and "THE BEAUTIFUL CHEAT" (45). With "Alfalfa" Switzer he was in the GAS HOUSE KIDS movies (47), and he played Jimmy Olsen in the second "SUPERMAN" serial (48) and in the next one, "ATOM MAN vs SUPER-MAN" (50). In 1951 he ended with "BEDTIME FOR BONZO" and "CALL ME MISTER".



Eek!

Source: indeterminate website

That year he graduated in theatre arts at Los Angeles State College, and went to work as property master at KTTV, and later as stage manager at Channel 30 in Fresno."



But surely his mother must love him...

Source (above & below): indeterminate websites





Above and below, toe-to-toe with "Alfalfa" Switzer in Our Gang's **"GLOVE TAPS"** Source: indeterminate website





2nd left, with **Our Gang**'ers Matthew "Stymie" Beard, Wally Albright and Leonard Kibrick in 1934

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FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
32	5	- - Our Gang (x1) - -	
33	6	BEAUTY AND THE BUS	
33		- - Our Gang (x5) - -	
34	7	THE CRACKED ICEMAN	
		with Matthew "Stymie" Beard, Spanky McFarland	
34		I'LL TAKE VANILLA	
34		KID MILLIONS	
		with Wally Albright, Matthew "Stymie" Beard, Tommy Bupp, Bobby Jordan, Leonard Kibrick, Mickey Rentschler	
34		- - Our Gang (x6) - -	
34		YOU SAID A HATFUL	
35	8	ALIMONY ACHES	
36	9	LIBELED LADY	
		with Mickey Kuhn, Silas "Buster" Phelps, Gene Reynolds	
37	10	GLOVE TAPS	as "Butch"
		with Our Gang , Jerry Tucker, Bobby Winkler	
37		HIDEAWAY	
37		KNEE ACTION	
37		MARRIED BEFORE BREAKFAST	
37		- - Our Gang (x3) - -	
37		ROSALIE	
38	11	BLOCKHEADS	
38		CITY STREETS	
38		- - Our Gang (x5) - -	
39	12	CAREER	
		with George Billings	
39		FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AND HOW THEY GREW	
		with Edith Fellows, Ronald Sinclair, Charles Peck, Jimmy Leake	
39		NOW IT CAN BE SOLD	
39		- - Our Gang (x5) - -	



In more chivalrous mode – age 13 with Gloria Jean in “A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN”

Source: The Moving Picture Boy

40	13	FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AT HOME	with Charles Peck, Ronald Sinclair, Bobby Larson
40		FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AT SCHOOL	/ FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS IN TROUBLE
			with Charles Peck, Ronald Sinclair, Bobby Larson, Freddie Mercer
40		A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN	with Gloria Jean, Kenneth “Buddy” Brown, Bill “Butch” Lenhart
40		- - Our Gang (x1) - -	
40		OUT WEST WITH THE PEPPERS	with Ronald Sinclair, Bobby Larson
41	14	ADVENTURE IN WASHINGTON	with Dickie Jones, Billy Dawson
41		NEW YORK TOWN	
43	16	THIS LAND IS MINE	
44	17	THE MAN FROM FRISCO	
45	18	THE BEAUTIFUL CHEAT	
47	20	- - The Gas House Kids - -	
48	21	SUPERMAN	? x serial, as Jimmy Olsen
50	23	ATOM MAN vs SUPERMAN	? x serial, as Jimmy Olsen



*"Butch" and "Alfalfa" – arch-pugilists of **"GLOVE TAPS"** Source: indeterminate website*



*"My pa'll soon fix you, mister! Won't ya pa? Pa..?" - **"BLOCKHEADS"***

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*Below: Not so much a small boy, more an ogre in miniature, in "**MUSH 'N MILK**"*

Left: Another little job for dad's razor strop, no doubt. Film unidentified, as is the boy to his right.

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