

The Hoosier Schoolmaster

US : 1924 : dir. : Producers Distributing Corp. Silent : ? min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Tom Brown](#) [d]
 Adult cast unknown

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"Who me? A comb? Ah nix!"
 Source: *A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen*

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Brown:

"The parents of this square-jawed, blue-eyed child, Harry Brown and Marie Francis, were both theatre actors, and Thomas Edward Brown first faced the footlights as a babe in his mother's arms. At two he became a national face advertising Arrow Collars, and later was "The Buick Boy". In 1924, after training at the Professional Children's School, he landed his first film role as the pathetic urchin Shocky in "**THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER**". The following year Tom appeared on the New York stage in the Gleason comedy "Is Zat So?", and in "Neighbours" (26). He was already quite a veteran of radio.

In 1929, aged 16, he had a good role in "**THE LADY LIES**", and his tough but innocent looks soon made him a popular teenage star in films like "**FAST COMPANIONS**" (role-model to Mickey Rooney), "**HELL'S HIGHWAY**" and "**TOM BROWN OF CULVER**" (all 1932, and the title of the last one merely a happy coincidence). He went on to be Tyrone Power's brother "**IN OLD CHICAGO**" (38) and Wallace Beery's son in "**SERGEANT MADDEN**" (39). Brown remained in such parts till World War Two and even after it, latterly essaying a less angelic image in "**THE PAY-OFF**" (42), "**THE HOUSE ON 92ND STREET**" (45) and "**RINGSIDE**" (49).

He was recalled to the U.S. Army for service in Korea, rising to lieutenant-colonel, and when that was over resumed his acting career, though now mainly on TV. He had leading roles in the "**Gunsmoke**" and "**General Hospital**" series."

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "Hollywood in the Twenties", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 1996", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. [Tom Brown](#) was 11 in this his debut film, and in the next two years made **"THE WRONGDOERS"**, **"SONS OF THE LEGION"** and **"THAT OLD GANG OF MINE"**. He died of cancer in 1990. Monogram remade this story in 1935 with Tommy Bupp, and two years later starred Mickey Rooney in **"HOOSIER SCHOOLBOY"**, possibly from the same source novel.

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