

Tom's Gang

US : 1927 : dir. Robert De Lacy : Silent : 52 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Frankie Darro](#)
 Tom Tyler; Sharon Lynn; Harry Woods; Frank Rice; Barney Furey; Tom Lingham; Jack Anthony

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"Tyler and Lynn together inherit a ranch, but on condition they will marry. Furey passes himself off as Tom and tries with every means at hand to bring the marriage about. Tom is put in peril of his life by murderer Woods, hired by Furey to polish him off, but then we've not reckoned for Tom's faithful young friend, orphan boy Darro, and his dog Sitting Bull. A fine Western, written Frank Howard Clark and [with] the dependable camerawork of Nick Musuraca. Sitting Bull, incidentally, appeared in the Tyler Westerns for FBO as "Beans". In fact it rarely happened that animals in Westerns had a different name than the one which appeared on the credits: think of Tony, Fritz, Trigger, Champion, Starlight, Koko, White Flash and Duke. **« "

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "Hollywood in the Twenties", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", ""The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "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. Westerns were Darro's speciality, though he also segued into hard-nosed "Dead End Kid" style r"les. He was unusual not only in continuing his film career throughout adolescence and into middle age, but survived the dangerous transition period from silents to talkies, when many a larger studio star crashed from the firmament. Here aged 10, his other earlier titles included "SO BIG" ('24), "THE COWBOY COP" ('26), "LONG PANTS" ('27) and "DEVIL HORSE" ('32).

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