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In the Supper Room of the Town Hall, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown, 7.30pm, last Wednesday of the month.

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Teacher's Pet

Newspaper editor Jim Gannon (Clark Gable) doesn't have much respect for college journalism programs, so he's irate when his boss sends him to speak at a night-school class. Despite clashing with instructor Erica Stone (Doris Day), Jim falls for the attractive teacher. He decides to join the class under an assumed identity, and the two begin a flirtatious relationship. When Jim's girlfriend, Peggy DeFore (Mamie Van Doren), catches wind of the situation, however, she's none too pleased. Edna's impossibly perfect psychiatrist boyfriend (Gig Young, nominated for an Academy Award for his performance) provides another obstacle and Nick Adams as the high school dropout copyboy who idolises the editor gives a standout scene.

The film is also buoyed by a few nice plot turns, plenty of solid writing—the original screenplay by the husband-and-wife writing team of Fay and Michael Kanin was nominated for an Academy Award—and engaging performances.

Day and Gable have genuine chemistry with one another, despite the fact that Gable is old enough to be Day's father. It was actually one of his last films. He is in top form here as the hard-bitten autodidact, contemptuous of any but practical experience. Day gives us her usual bright, bubbly ingenue but is also allowed to be intelligent and capable. By the way, she was correct - that poem is Kipling, not Emerson. Gig Young, playing Erica's comedically perfect boyfriend (he's won the Nobel Prize, can dance professionally, *and plays a mean bongo*), *steals every scene he's in, against Gable's expectedly charismatic, hilariously deadpan performance.*

Filmed in black and white, it gives a nostalgic and accurate look at an old-time newspaper. The studio replicated the actual newsroom of the New York World Telegram and Sun, hired its editor as consultant and actual reporters to people it.

Running time: 120 mins

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Starbox Results

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Paddington 2	32	8	1	0	0	4.8