

HOPPY FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

1	What was the name of Hoppy's horse?	Topper
2	How did Topper get his name?	In 1937, William Boyd married Grace Bradley...at the same time he acquired a new white stallion. He asked his new wife to name the horse. Grace was reading a series of books by Thorne Smith at the time...the series was called "Topper." Thus, Grace asked Bill to name the horse after her favorite book...and that's how Topper got his name!
3	How many Hoppy movies are there?	66 – features 52 – ½ hours for television
4	When was the first picture made and the title?	1935 – Hopalong Cassidy Enters
5	Was William Boyd married?	Yes – Grace Bradley Boyd (1937)
6	Did "Mrs. Hopalong Cassidy" (Grace Bradley Boyd) have a horse? What was her horse's name?	Yes – Turnabout
7	When did William Boyd die?	1972
8	Where was the first Hoppy movie shown on television?	KTLA-TV Los Angeles
9	How many side-kicks did Hoppy Have?	Eleven
10	Who played the side-kicks?	Jimmy Ellison as Johnny Nelson George "Gabby" Hayes –Windy Halliday Russell Hayden as Lucky Jenkins Britt Wood as Speedy McGinnis Andy Clyde as California Carlson Brad King as Johnny Nelson Jay Kirby as Johnny Travers George Reeves as Lin Bradley Jimmy Rogers as Jimmy Rogers (Trivia Note: Jimmy Rogers was Will Rogers' son.) Rand Brooks as Lucky Jenkins Edgar Buchanan as Red Connors (1/2 hr. series for TV)
11	How many products were endorsed by Hoppy?	2,400

12	What's the most valuable collectable?	Probably the Hopalong Cassidy bicycle. It sold originally for \$65.00 and collectors are asking \$6,000-\$11,000, depending on condition.
13	Is there a Hoppy fan club?	YES! The name of the fan club is <i>The Friends of Hopalong Cassidy</i> . For fan club information, click here . Or, you can write to: Laura Bates HOPALONG CASSIDY FAN CLUB, INTERNATIONAL 6310 Friendship Drive New Concord, OH 43762-9708
14	I heard that Robert Mitchum got his start in Hoppy movies. How many pictures was he in?	Seven (7) - they were: 1942 - Leather Burners 1942 - Hoppy Serves A Writ 1943 - Border Patrol 1943 - Colt Comrades 1943 - Bar 20 1943 - False Colors 1943 - Riders Of The Deadline
15	Did William Boyd and Grace Boyd Have any children?	No
16	Where were most of the films shot?	50% of the films were shot in Lone Pine, California.
17	Where was the Bar 20 located?	The location of the Bar 20 ranch was in Northwestern Texas. A description is made on pages 1 thru 7 of the Mulford novel, "Bar-20." The town in the novel is called Buckskin. Population of one hundred inhabitants, located in the valley of the Rio Pecos fifty miles south of the Texas-New Mexico line. The town was described as follows: "The town lay sprawled over half a square mile of alkali plain, its main street depressing in its width, for those who were responsible for its inception had worked with a generosity born of the knowledge that they had at their immediate and unchallenged disposal the broad lands of Texas and New Mexico on which to assemble a grand total of twenty buildings, four of which were of wood. As this material was scarce and had to be brought from where the waters of the Gulf lapped against the flat coast, the last-mentioned buildings were a matter of locale pride, indicating the progressiveness of their owners. These creations of hammer and saw were of one story, crude and unpainted; their cheap weather sheathing, warped and shrunken by the pitiless sun, curled back on itself and allowed unrestricted entrance to alkali

	dust and air. The other shacks were of adobe, and reposed in that magnificent squalor dear to their owners, Indians and "Greasers." "Perry's Bend, twenty miles up the river..." "Buckskin was surrounded by two ranches, the Bar 20 and the Three Triangle. Perry's Bend was the common point for the C 80 and the Double Arrow. Each of the two ranch contingents accepted the feud as a matter of course, and as a matter of course took sides with their respective towns." "Bar-20's northern line was C 80's southern one, and..."
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