

Johnny Nelson comes out for his first fight in the rough tough world of professional boxing!

SLAVE OF THE RING

Johnny Nelson's greedy stepfather, Frank Kline, forged the boy's birth certificate to make Johnny seem eighteen on his next birthday although he was really only seventeen. Kline was determined to make a fortune from the boy's boxing skills. Now in Jake Jones' gym, Johnny was sparring with his pal, Charlie Endels.

THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO CHANGE THE BOY'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, KLINE. YOU CAN'T BECOME A PRO UNTIL YOU'RE EIGHTEEN.

I'VE SEEN THE BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL AND JOHNNY TURNS PROFESSIONAL NEXT WEEK, JAKE.



YOU FIGHT GEORGE BLAKE ON YOUR BIRTHDAY, BOY. HE'S ONLY HAD ONE PROFESSIONAL FIGHT SO YOU SHOULD TAKE HIM EASILY.



IT WILL ONLY BE A FOUR-ROUND PRELIMINARY BOUT, BUT YOU'LL SOON BE EARNING BETTER MONEY.

On the night of the fight—

GOSH, I'M NERVOUS! I'VE NEVER FOUGHT IN FRONT OF SUCH A BIG CROWD.

JUST GO IN AND WIN, BOY, OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME.



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE YOUNG FOOL? HE TELEGRAPHED THAT HOOK!



IT'S ONLY NERVES. GIVE HIM TIME TO SETTLE.

Johnny soon improved and thirty seconds from the end of the round—

