

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

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"BUD QUILS SCHOOL"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace  
Bernard.....Stephen Chase  
Secretary.....Adrienne Marden

### SYNOPSIS

On the day Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) is nominated for President of the Sophomore class, Bud's (Billy Gray) English teacher assigns him to interview Herman W. Bernard (Stephen Chase), president of the Springfield Truck Lines. Bernard, a selfmade man, tells Bud that he never went to high school and now, owns not only a fleet of trucks but two freighters running to the South Seas. Bud asks his father's consent to quit school, and Jim (Robert Young) tells him he must make up his own mind.

Bud heads for Bernard's office to get a job on one of the freights. Mr. Bernard's secretary (Adrienne Marden), tells Bud that her employer, whose one regret is that he did not complete his education, would not employ a non-high school grad. Feeling a complete fool, Bud forces himself to go home. Betty, who has lost the election, also returns in low spirits. But Dad points out that, although they have lost the day's battle, there are more opportunities for success ahead.

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Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Paul West

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"A MATTER OF PRIDE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Joyce.....Lynn Alden  
Ray.....Henry Blair  
Carol.....Anne Helm

### SYNOPSIS

Chosen "The Most Popular Boy" in his class, Bud (Billy Gray) must make his acceptance speech at the annual picnic. Bud decides a pair of white buck shoes will assure his success at the affair. Although the only pair available is several sizes too small for him, Bud buys the shoes. After a painful walk to the park, "The Most Popular Boy" is forced to participate in all the games and dances. Unable to bear the agony any longer, Bud staggers to a seat and removes his shoes.

When the time finally arrives for Bud to make his speech, he struggles desperately to put his shoes on, but is unable to do so. Jim (Robert Young) realizing the importance of this appearance to Bud, sends his own shoes to his son. At ease at last in Jim's shoes, Bud makes an acceptance speech, in every sense worthy of "The Most Popular Boy" in his class.

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"BETTY FINDS A CAUSE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mrs. Duggan.....Charity Grace  
Ralph.....Robert Chapman  
Mr. Emery.....Basil Ruysdael

### SYNOPSIS

Betty (Elinor Donahue) returns from school inspired with the desire to devote her life to a cause. Unfortunately, there seems to be a shortage of worthwhile causes in Springfield. However, one does appear at the corner of Fourth and Maple where recluse Rufus Emery (Basil Ruysdael) keeps a high hedge around his property. This causes a blind intersection for automobiles and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

Betty calls upon Emery to remove the hedge, but succeeds only in losing her temper. She makes daily visits to Emery, to no avail, and finally gives up the fight. When Betty fails to appear, he goes to her. She confesses that she lost faith in her dream. Emery answers that rather than see her lose her dream, he will cut down his hedge.

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"VINE COVERED COTTAGE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Ralph.....Robert Chapman  
Ralph's mother.....June de Roche

### SYNOPSIS

Ralph, Betty Anderson's constant date, asks Jim Anderson for his daughter's hand in marriage. When Betty comes home, she is in her usual state of confusion and Ralph finds it impossible to pop the all important question. Ralph leaves the house heartbroken. Ralph's mother calls the Andersons and tells them that her son is leaving home. Betty dashes off to the railroad station, and accepts Ralph's proposal.

While the two sweethearts are looking at a future home, Ralph stops to kiss Betty, and they realize something important is missing in their relationship. So, the two decide to go to the old malt shop and find some old friends, ending with this philosophic note - "We almost ruined a perfectly good friendship by getting married."

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### "BE KIND TO BUD WEEK"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....	Robert Young
Margaret Anderson.....	Jane Wyatt
Betty.....	Elinor Donahue
Bud.....	Billy Gray
Kathy.....	Lauren Chapin
Judy.....	Beverly Long
Dr. Runeberg.....	Wendell Holmes
Max.....	Henry Kulky
Eddie.....	Gregg Barton

#### SYNOPSIS

Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue), assigned to write a theme on devoted brothers and sisters in literary history, is impressed by the relationship of William Wordsworth to his sister. She determines to make her relationship with Bud a more friendly one. Bud (Billy Gray) suspects that Betty must have an ulterior motive. After agreeing to baby-sit for a neighbor, Betty is invited to a scholarship interview at the University.

She asks Bud to baby-sit in her place. Bud doesn't show up, and Betty is forced to miss the interview. When Bud learns the truth, he desperately manages to arrange another interview.

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Written by:	Roswell Rogers

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"KATHY'S ROMANCE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Miss Thomas.....Sarah Selby  
Mrs. Vale.....Lenore Kingston

and

Richard Eyer as Burgess Vale

### SYNOPSIS

Kathy believes that her new boy friend, Burgess, comes to visit only to talk with her father. She decides to arrange a birthday party for Burgess, but on an evening when Jim will be home late. On the afternoon of the party, Jim is at the office, busily trying to catch up on his work. He is visited by Burgess who persists in his habit of asking many questions, most of them personal. Finally, the boy makes such a nuisance of himself, that Jim is compelled to ask him to leave.

After the boy goes, his mother comes looking for him. She tells Jim that her son worships him. His own father travels a great deal and has little time to spend with the boy. Jim return home, guilty at his failure to understand the youngster. When Burgess telephones to say he will not attend the party, Jim goes to his home and makes amends. The party is a success and Kathy is convinced that Burgess is really interested in her.

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"VOICE FROM THE PAST"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Ray.....Henry Blair  
Lady.....Carol Hill

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) is elected Decoration Committee Chairman for Home-coming Week. Jim (Robert Young) overhears him tell a friend that his theme is going to be "The Space Age," and that he proposes to have the home-coming queen appear in a brief bikini and space helmet on the platform of John R. Bremington's statue. Aghast, Jim tells Bud that history hails Bremington as a great American educator; to use his statue for such a purpose would be sacrilege.

Margaret tells Bud to look through some of the old school books for suggestions. In an old year book, Bud discovers that Jim Anderson, his own father, invented a "Most Kissable Lips" contest. Bud feels this gives him carte blanche to go ahead with his plan. At the last minute, he realizes that Bremington's statue is not a fitting place for an unorthodox scheme. In the end, he comes up with a "Jet Propelled Homecoming Dance." When Bud is unable to remove his own space helmet, Jim is forced to deliver the welcoming speech.

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Written by: Dorothy Cooper



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"FRONK'S FAMILY TREE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
George.....Clarke Alexander  
Fronk.....Natividad Vacio

### SYNOPSIS

When Fronk (Natividad Vacio) the Andersons' kind hearted gardener, arrives to fix the yard, Betty, (Elinor Donahue), Bud (Billy Gray), and Kathy (Lauren Chapin) ask him about his family. Fronk admits he has none. This upsets Kathy so much that Fronk changes his mind. He really has relatives, and he brings Kathy an old newspaper clipping to prove it. The Andersons discover it's really a picture of three famous Spanish entertainers.

Jim Anderson (Robert Young) is in charge of entertainment at an important convention. When the magician he's hired gets the flu, Jim desperately asks Fronk if his family will help out. Fronk sadly admits he lied, that the Spanish entertainers are not his family.

At the convention, Jim is about to apologize for failing to supply the entertainment, when Fronk, playing the guitar and singing a gay Spanish song, followed by Bud, Betty, and Kathy, in Spanish attire, comes on stage and the entertainment is on. Fronk has acquired a new "family" -- the Andersons.

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Written by: Roswell Rogers

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"ALWAYS PLAN AHEAD"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Gogie Madison.....Wendy Winkleman

### SYNOPSIS

Jim Anderson (Robert Young) suddenly realizes that the children lack the ability to plan ahead and decides to teach them a lesson. Picking a Saturday on which he knows Betty (Elinor Donahue), Bud (Billy Gray) and Kathy (Lauren Chapin) are tied up with their affairs, he announces that the whole family is going to the state fair in Winchester. The children cleverly get out of their respective dates and announce they are ready to leave. Jim, having bungled the affair, admits that he has forgotten to make hotel arrangements.

Betty phones a girl friend in Winchester and arranges for the family to stay at her house. Trapped, Jim realizes that there is no way out. Then it starts to rain, and the children dejectedly feel this will keep them from going to the fair. Jim says he is sure the rain will blow over. A later radio announcement confirms this statement, and Jim once again regains his exalted position as the infallible head of the household.

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"SECOND WEDDING"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace  
Dotty.....Yvonne Lime

### SYNOPSIS

Jim (Robert Young) and Margaret (Jane Wyatt) Anderson are approaching another wedding anniversary. Betty (Elinor Donahue) learning that her parents were not married in church, and that her mother did not wear a wedding gown, comes up with a bright idea - a second wedding - this time in church.

With only a few days left, plans are made for the big event. Margaret's mother's wedding dress is taken out of the attic, Jim's tux is cleaned, the wedding cake and food ordered, friends and relatives are invited and Kathy (Lauren Chapin) buys five pounds of rice. The great day arrives and Margaret and Jim are pronounced man and wife for the second time. But this time, Betty is maid-of-honor, Kathy is the flower-girl and Bud (Billy Gray) is the best man.

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Written by: Paul West

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"BUD, THE CARETAKER"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace  
Girl.....Alice Lunsford  
Mr. Whitcomb.....John McIntire

### SYNOPSIS

Finicky Mr. Whitcomb (John McIntire) hires Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) to care for his automobile while he is away on a trip. Mr. Whitcomb tells Bud to keep the car in condition by running it, but only in the driveway. While sitting in the car, Bud sees a beautiful girl (Alice Lunsford), but can't seem to strike up an acquaintance with her. Finally his friend Kippy (Paul Wallace) persuades Bud to take her shopping in Mr. Whitcomb's car.

Later Bud discovers a dent in the car, and is sure he put it there. He persuades his father (Robert Young) to advance the money for repairs but while the auto is being fixed Bud learns Mr. Whitcomb is on his way home. Margaret (Jane Wyatt), Betty (Elinor Donahue), and even Jim do everything possible to keep Mr. Whitcomb occupied until Bud can get the car back to the garage. To his amazement Bud learns the dent was there long before Mr. Whitcomb went on his trip.

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Written by: Roswell Rogers

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### "BETTY, THE PIONEER WOMAN"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Jennings.....William Schallert  
Announcer.....Dave Cameron

#### SYNOPSIS

Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) is chosen to take charge of Springfield's Founder's Day celebration. Jonas Wentworth, the founder of Springfield, and his wife Agatha had pulled all their worldly goods on a cart for twelve grueling miles into the town. Betty decides to re-enact this historic event, with young Tom Wentworth (Dick York), a direct descendent of the founder, playing his famous ancestor. Tom doubts that Betty will be able to find any girl strong and noble enough to play Agatha, and Betty is crushed when all the girls turn down the chance to haul the cart for twelve miles.

Betty decides that she, herself, will pull the cart with him. On Founder's Day, they start the long trek. For most of the distance -- over rough terrain -- Tom mocks Betty's ability to keep up. Just as Tom gives Betty his grudging admiration, he falls and sprains his ankle. Betty -- the pioneer woman -- crosses the finish line pulling Tom in the cart behind her.

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Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Ben Gershman

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"FAIR EXCHANGE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin

Guest Star

RITA MORENO as Chanthini

### SYNOPSIS

Betty (Elinor Donahue) brings Chanthini Rajkumari (Rita Moreno), a young girl from India - who is an exchange student at the college - home for the weekend. After Chanthini arrives, Bud (Billy Gray) and Kathy (Lauren Chapin) get off on the wrong foot. Kathy dresses up as an American Indian; Bud asks the visiting girl to show them the Indian rope trick. Somehow Chanthini feels she, herself, is making a bad impression. Jim (Robert Young), after much effort, purchases tickets for a big football game. Then he learns that Chanthini has seen a football game which she describes as a major form of mayhem.

The Indian girl realizes she has dampened the Andersons plans to entertain her, and asks Bud to take her for a drive in his car. Jim and Margaret (Jane Wyatt) drive after Bud. They find him teaching Chanthini - who is eager to understand American ways - to play football. Now that she understands the game, she explains, she enjoys it.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

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### FATHER KNOWS BEST

#### "BUD, THE SNOB"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Virginia.....Joyce Coates

#### SYNOPSIS

When Bud (Billy Gray) telephones a girl to ask for a date, Jim (Robert Young) thinks he is rude and suggests an apology. Bud objects, for he believes his brand of "psychology" is the best tactics. Margaret (Jane Wyatt) reminds Bud of the lesson he learned from his father's psychology in the following episode.

Because he becomes completely flustered in the presence of girls, Bud shuns them, earning him the epithet, "snob". When sister Betty (Elinor Donahue) persuades her girlfriend, Virginia (Joyce Coates), to phone Bud, he is so embarrassed that he hangs up the phone. As he does so, a female classmate comes to the door and bashful Bud dashes into a closet. When father accidentally opens the closet door, he finds Bud wearing a Halloween mask.

In this disguise, Bud becomes an extrovert, overwhelming the girls with his "hep" conversation, and decides that a masquerade party is the answer to his problem, planning one for the following night. While dressing, however, Bud discovers his mask is missing, and goes into a panic, but Jim persuades Bud to allow him to use Betty's cosmetics as a disguise, but keeps Bud from viewing the finished job in the mirror. Again, confident, Bud soon entralls his guests with his wit, and when he sees himself in a mirror, finding his father did nothing to his face, his shyness at long last is overcome.

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Directed by:	William D. Russell
Screenplay by:	Roswell Rogers
Original Story by:	Paul West and Roswell Rogers

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"MARGARET WINS A CAR"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Griffin.....George Mitchell  
Mr. Hodges.....Howard Wright  
Joey.....Dennis Holmes  
Linda.....Barbara Beard

### SYNOPSIS

Margaret (Jane Wyatt) wins a car in a raffle held by the local orphanage, and the Andersons plan a long drive into the country.

Meanwhile the orphaned children are supposed to go on a picnic, but their old station wagon breaks down. So Margaret postpones the family drive and instead takes the orphans on their picnic.

Returning home, Margaret is chastised by her children for changing her plans. But when Mr. Hodges (Howard Holmes), the orphanage driver, comes to the house to return Margaret's purse, he tells the children about the wonderful thing their mother did. Feeling justly ashamed, the three young Andersons apologize and suggest that the new car be traded in for two station wagons -- one for them and one for the orphanage.

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Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: John Elliotte



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### "THE GREAT EXPERIMENT"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
D. Melton.....Philip Bourneuf  
Man.....Vladimir Sokoloff  
Mr. Paulson.....Thomas Jordan  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace

#### SYNOPSIS

Inspired by a speech on the wonders of modern living, Jim Anderson (Robert Young) decides that his family should meet the challenge and discover all there is to know about the modern world. However, his plan -- that each one do something different on Saturday afternoons -- is met with little enthusiasm by the rest of the Anderson clan.

Visiting Bud's (Billy Gray) mathematics teacher, Mr. Paulson (Thomas Jordan), Jim gets an idea on how to get his plan started. Paulson is doing research in astronomy, and in this Jim sees a way to stir young people's interest in mathematics. He talks Bud into going on a treasure hunt, which takes him to the college observatory. There Bud is surprised to find Mr. Paulson. Looking through the telescope Bud becomes entranced.

Jim then persuades Betty to attend the rehearsal of a symphony concert where she discovers the miracle of music. Only Kathy (Lauren Chapin) feels she is a failure -- until she saves a robin's eggs that had fallen from a tree. All in all, Jim feels the Andersons are meeting the challenge of modern living.

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Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper

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"CHRISTMAS STORY"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Les Turner.....William Traylor  
Nick.....Wallace Ford

### SYNOPSIS

The Andersons recall a Christmas they spent together four years ago when Jim (Robert Young), amazed by his family's "accent-on-the-gifts" attitude, takes his brood into the country to cut a Christmas tree on Christmas eve. Their car gets stuck in a snowdrift, and they are forced to take shelter in a country store boarded up for the winter, and illegally inhabited by Nick, a little old hermit. The children tell him of their disappointment in having their holiday spoiled, but Nick is overjoyed at having this family for his Christmas. Kathy, touched by his happiness, gives him her Teddy bear, and Nick happily starts to give the Andersons Christmas presents from the wellstocked store shelves, signing IOU's which he will never be able to pay.

Les, a young Forest Ranger, then arrives, revealing to Jim that Nick does not own the store and he must arrest the hermit for taking the goods. Jim persuades Les to let him pay the IOU's without telling Nick, to which Les agrees, and all have a Christmas Eve dinner in the store, presided over by Nick. When they finally reach home, the Andersons agree this has been their finest Christmas.

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Directed by: William D. Russell  
Screenplay by: Roswell Rogers  
Story by: Paul West and Roswell Rogers

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"THE BASKETBALL COACH"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Ray.....Bart Batton

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) is overjoyed when the Crystal Paint and Glass Company agrees to sponsor his basketball team. His happiness is made complete when Giff Barnes, a former big time star agrees to coach the team. Then Giff's company transfers him out of town.

Jim Anderson (Robert Young), who had played the game at school is persuaded to coach the team. Jim enters upon his assignment with great enthusiasm and soon becomes a zealous student of modern basketball. Then Giff returns to town and the boys on the team assign Bud the difficult task of informing Jim that he is no longer wanted.

While Jim is trying to help Bud out of his predicament, the Crystal Paint and Glass Company decides not to back the team. Jim with a flash of brilliance tells Bud that his company will back the team, while he acts as assistant coach to the great Giff.

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"KATHY, GIRL EXECUTIVE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace

### SYNOPSIS

Bud (Billy Gray) decides that with a power lawn mower he could make more money, and persuades the family to invest in this venture. For their protection, the Andersons form a corporation, and little Kathy (Lauren Chapin) is elected president. Each day Bud gives his earnings to Kathy, and she gives him just enough money for gasoline.

The first stockholders meeting is called and they note that almost all of the money is gone. Kathy tells them she has spent the money on a toy boat for her boyfriend, Burgess. Bud accuses her of embezzling company funds. Burgess saves the day when he explains that his father would not allow him to accept such an expensive gift, and that Kathy should return it.

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"THE GOOD SAMARITAN"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Kippy.....Paul Wallace  
Painter.....Forrest Taylor, Sr.  
Mr. Brown.....John Harmon

### SYNOPSIS

For his English Literature homework, Bud (Billy Gray) must perform a good deed for a stranger. All of Bud's efforts at being a good samaritan end in failure. Feeling nothing but animosity for his fellow man, Bud gives up.

Kippy (Paul Wallace), Bud's friend, finds out that Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their seven daughters are in desperate need of assistance. Mr. Brown (John Harmon), a very proud man, refuses help from the boys. His anger increases when the boys unwittingly assist a thief who steals the Brown's furniture.

Bud saves a painter from a nasty fall and the painter (Forrest Taylor, Sr.) in turn, helps get Mr. Brown a job. Mr. Brown refuses the position. Losing faith in humanity again, Bud goes home dejected. Mr. Brown calls at the Anderson home to say that his wife has given birth to another girl and that he will accept the job.

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"THE IDEAL FATHER"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Charlie.....Parker Fennelly  
Milkman.....Tom Vize  
Eggman.....Leake Babil

### SYNOPSIS

Uncle Charlie Hatch (Parker Fennelly) continuously criticizes Jim Anderson because he feels that Jim is spoiling his children. Charlie points out that although Jim always buys presents for his children, they never seem to give him anything in return. On Jim's birthday, Charlie again underscores his favorite theme by pointing out that although all the tradesmen give Jim presents, not one of the Anderson children remember Dad as they rush about getting ready for a good time.

Margaret (Jane Wyatt), of course, remembers Jim with a suitable gift and they both prepare to go out for the evening. However, when Jim approaches Betty (Elinor Donahue) and Bud (Billy Gray) to stay home with Kathy (Lauren Chapin) each proves to have a date. Both press Jim into running errands for them. Just as it appears that Jim and Margaret will have to spend the evening with Kathy, Betty discovers that it is Jim's birthday. The three children go to such extremes to show repentance that Charlie tells Jim he is sure the children would do anything for their father.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Paul West

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BIG SHOT BUD"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) decides to show his appreciation for Margaret's (Jane Wyatt) kindness by buying her an expensive bottle of perfume. Feeling sure that he will be able to collect the money Mr. Clark owes him for mowing his lawn, Bud spends money he is holding for his Sunday School's collection for needy children. Unfortunately, on going to Mr. Clark's home, Bud finds that his employer has left town for the weekend.

Bud is horrified at the thought of asking his father for the money. He tries every possible method to earn the sum he needs for his Sunday School class, but returns home disheartened by his failure. He finds that his sister Betty has told Jim (Robert Young) of his predicament and that Jim has put the necessary sum of money in an envelope, claiming that Mr. Clark had given it to him before leaving town.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Ben Gershman

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"HARD LUCK LEO"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Leonard.....Arthur O'Connell

### SYNOPSIS

Jim Anderson's (Robert Young) cousin, Leonard (Arthur O'Connell) comes to Springfield to get a fresh start in life. Jim feels that Leonard, who is about his own age, has great talent but somehow has never gotten a break. Invited to stay with the Andersons for a few days, he has nothing but harsh words for both his past employer and fellow employees. He turns down all job leads, claiming they are not suitable to his talents. However, he strikes up a friendship with little Kathy (Lauren Chapin) and promises to buy her a pair of skates.

Margaret (Jane Wyatt) finally blows up at the misfit Leonard and he packs to leave. The family can't find him until Bud (Billy Gray) sees him working at a ditch-digging job. When Leonard returns to the Anderson home with the skates he promised Kathy, he admits that he finally has learned to accept work.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers



# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "BUD, THE CAMPUS ROMEO"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Janet Mason.....Pamela Lincoln  
Mrs. Perkins.....Stephen Ellsworth  
Carol Fleming.....Virginia Aldridge  
Nancy Collins.....Lynn Alden  
Doris.....Carla Hoffman

#### SYNOPSIS

When Bud (Billy Gray) overhears Carol (Virginia Aldridge), Nancy (Lynn Alden) and Doris (Carla Hoffman) discussing wonder boy Anderson, his ego is greatly inflated. The girls telephone to invite him to Sue Hammond's party and Bud brushes them off one-by-one. Enraged at his Big Man On Campus attitude, the girls start an anti-Bud campaign.

Janet Mason (Pamela Lincoln), who would like to ask Bud to the party, is cautioned to find someone else or she will be turned down for the Pom Poms, a school club. Time is quickly running out for Bud. Bud corners Janet outside of school to ask her to the party, but she says she is expecting a date to come from out of town.

Janet and Bud walk into Sue's party midst the surprised gazes of all the girls. Janet is taken aside and told that her chances of being a Pom Pom are slim. Bud overhears this and gallantly comes to the aid of his by admitting he practically got down on his knees and begged her to come to the party.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: John Elliotte

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"CRISIS OVER A KISS"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Joyce Kendall.....Jymme Shore  
Mr. Kendall.....Robert Brubaker  
Jerry Preston.....Ron Ely

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson gets a crush on a new girl and moves in with all the force of the Marines landing on a beachhead. At the same time, sister Betty is dating -- and ducking passes from -- Jerry Preston, a college football hero.

One evening, Bud drags his girl to "Prospect Point", Springfield's version of lovers' lane. In a nearby car are Betty and Jerry, engaged in a somewhat less than theoretical argument on the ethics of kissing on a first date. Bud comes to his sister's rescue -- although she isn't sure she wants to be rescued -- and threatens to punch Jerry in the nose.

When Jerry calls to apologize to Betty, Bud demands that she refuse to have anything to do with the 'cad.' But Bud realizes he's on thin ice when the family asks him -- 'and what were you doing at Lover's Lane!'

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: John Ellicotte

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"KATHY GROWS UP"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Mrs. Yeager.....Sylvia Stone  
Frank Yeager.....Maurice Wells

### SYNOPSIS

Kathy (Lauren Chapin) adds new problems to the Anderson household when she decides that she should be treated as an adult. Casting aside her friends, Kathy charges forth, into the world of grownups. All efforts to explain to Kathy that she will stick out like a sore thumb in adult company, end in failure.

Margaret (Jane Wyatt), feeling that Kathy could use a boost, asks Jim (Robert Young) to take Kathy instead of her to the country club dance. At the dance Kathy hears that her best friend Patty, is giving a party. Kathy, feeling a bit uncomfortable in the company of so many adults, begs her father to take her home and bring Margaret back to the dance. When Margaret questions Kathy's behavior, Jim can only answer, "she is going back to her own age."

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"A MAN OF MERIT"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Miss Thomas.....Sarah Selby  
Mr. Kramer.....Oliver McGowan  
Young Man.....Don Pethley

### SYNOPSIS

Every year the Springfield Chamber of Commerce chooses its Hall of Merit man - the outstanding citizen in community affairs. Jim Anderson (Robert Young), inadvertently, learns that the candidates have narrowed down to two, Judge Pettigrew and himself. Jim, of course, keeps the secret from his family and tries to act nonchalant about the honor which might come his way. Meanwhile, Margaret (Jane Wyatt) and the children also learn that Jim is in the finals and they promise to keep the secret until the winner is chosen.

On the night the winner is to be announced, each member of the Anderson household tries to act as though nothing unusual is happening. Time passes, and late in the night Jim, sure he is not going to receive the coveted award, goes to bed followed shortly by the other members of his family. A neighbor rings the Anderson's bell. He tells Jim that the telegram announcing Jim's selection was delivered to his home by mistake. The members of the Anderson household proudly congratulate Jim.

Produced by:  
Directed by:  
Written by:

Eugene B. Rodney  
Peter Tewksbury  
Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BETTY MAKES A CHOICE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Esther Van Heath.....Sandra Wirth  
Dotty.....Yvonne Lime  
Mr. Gillespie.....Dave Thurdby  
Miss Harris.....Miriam Nelson

### SYNOPSIS

Although Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) seems assured of winning the leading role in the college musical try-outs, she insists on practicing her dance steps at every moment. Esther Van Heath (Sandra Wirth), a freshman at college, shows remarkable dancing ability at a prom, although she claims she never practices. Overhearing a group of girls discussing her in what seems to be a disparaging manner, Esther believes Betty has instigated it and becomes determined to make Betty look foolish. When Esther, the first contestant at the try-out, gives a remarkable dancing exhibition, Betty runs away.

Jim (Robert Young) follows and persuades Betty that it is wrong to run away no matter what the outcome may be. Betty returns but Esther wins the competition. Then Betty learns that Esther has been practicing day and night in secret. She is about to face Esther with this fact, when she comes to the realization that Esther, a very unhappy girl, has found her one outlet in her dancing. Betty decides to let Esther keep the secret.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Peter Tewksbury  
Dances by: Miriam Nelson

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"IT'S A SMALL WORLD"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Marta Evans.....Kristine Miller  
Tony.....Ernest Sarracino  
Manager.....Philip Tonge  
Clerk.....William Swan  
Mrs. Stockdale.....Louise Lorimer

### SYNOPSIS

Margaret (Jane Wyatt) is chosen to provide food for the annual Springfield Woman's Club. Shortly before the day of the luncheon, Jim (Robert Young) asks Margaret to accompany him to a company convention in New York, which will cover the day of the luncheon. Margaret, feeling her duty is with her club members, unhappily refuses. In New York, Jim is registered in a room next to a man named Joe Anderson. Joe's sister-in-law, Marta Evans (Kristine Miller), an attractive girl, makes a play for Jim, but he refuses to join her at a party.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Stockdale, (Louise Lorimer) president of the Woman's Club, arranges for another member to take over Margaret's duties, so Margaret can join Jim in the big city. Margaret, unable to contact Jim on arrival, gets mixed up with the Anderson family registered in the room next to Jim. After a chaotic scene, Jim and Margaret finally meet for a very happy holiday in the big city.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"TWO LOVES HAS BUD"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Sandra.....Jenny Maxwell  
Joyce.....Jymme Shore  
Mrs. Elgar.....Ruth Brady

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson's (Billy Gray) girl friend, Joyce, refuses to date him and returns all his presents. The Elgar's family moves next door to the Andersons. The Elgar's have a beautiful teen-age daughter named Sandra (Jenny Maxwell). Bud, who has been on the verge of leaving home because of the break-up with Joyce, finds a new romantic interest in Sandra. Later, Joyce tells Bud that she has made a mistake and feels it would be good for both of them if they dated again. Bud, unable to choose between the girls, decides to go steady with both of them.

Sandra and Joyce learn of his duplicity. They insist he decide which of them he is to take to the Senior Prom, or lose the friendship of both. Bud is saved from his predicament by Margaret (Jane Wyatt) who persuades Jim to take Bud on a hunting trip on the day of the dance. Sandra is furious. When Bud sees how happy Joyce is that his unfortunate position has been resolved, he tells Jim (Robert Young) that she reminds him of Margaret.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Stewardess.....Sandra White  
Dr. Brown.....Constance Ford

### SYNOPSIS

Jim Anderson (Robert Young) is pleasantly surprised on receiving "African Challenge", a book written by Dr. Mary Louise Brown, a doctor who has spent years in the African jungle. Dr. Brown had been a student in college with Jim and Margaret. Neither Jim nor Margaret knows that the famous woman doctor is coming to spend a few hours in Springfield. Margaret (Jane Wyatt), in the middle of her housework, is completely bowled over when Jim brings Dr. Brown (Constance Ford) home as a guest.

Margaret invites Dr. Brown to freshen up upstairs. Margaret expresses admiration for the career carved out by Dr. Brown. The famous woman confesses that she envied Margaret's ability in school to play each game not for the winning but for the game itself. She finally tells Margaret a secret and makes her promise never to tell Jim that she always loved him and took up medicine when Jim and Margaret married.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper



# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"ART OF ROMANCE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Judy.....Joan Freeman  
Marge.....Nancy Kilgas  
Librarian.....Elizabeth Harrower

### SYNOPSIS

Betty (Elinor Donahue) and Jim (Robert Young) start to give Bud (Billy Gray) advice on the best method of handling his romance. Margaret (Jane Wyatt) cautions Bud against their advice and recounts this former similar experience.

Jim learns that Bud has been in a wordless flirtation with pretty Judy Corbett (Joan Freeman) at the local library, but has not been able to work up enough courage to ask her to the high school prom. Jim decides his son needs some lessons in the art of romance. Betty overhears Jim advising Bud on how to make Judy fall for him. Feeling the girl is about to be victimized by a male conspiracy, she decides to give Judy some advice on how to get Bud under her thumb.

Jim's crowning bit of strategy, in which he counsels Bud to stand Judy up on their first date, backfires. Both Bud and Judy are miserable at the outcome of the deception. The maneuvering of the romantic coaches soon make it impossible for the pair to go to the prom. Margaret, realizing that her husband and daughter are going too far, steps in and arranges for Bud to accidentally meet Judy at the public library. Finally, alone among the bookshelves at last, Bud finds Judy and she agrees to go to the prom with him.

Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Paul West

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"FORMULA FOR HAPPINESS"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Miss Thomas.....Sarah Selby  
U.N. Diplomat.....Abraham Sofaer  
Intruder.....Jonathan Harris  
Charles Barter.....Alexander Lockwood  
Dr. Daley.....E. Leslie Thomas

### SYNOPSIS

When Jim Anderson (Robert Young) talks in his sleep, Margaret (Jane Wyatt) wakens him. Jim tells her that he dreamed he saw himself addressing a nation wide TV audience on the 'Formula For Happiness' which he was about to reveal. Before he could do so, a man named Charles Barter (Alexander Lockwood) came and stole the formula. Jim becomes particularly disturbed when certain incidents in the dream really happen. After meeting a man named Charles Barter, Jim goes to see Dr. Daley (E. Leslie Thomas) for an explanation or treatment.

Jim continues to be puzzled even after Dr. Daley tells him that the mind stores millions of details which come to the surface at unusual times. Then Jim discovers that Kathy (Lauren Chapin) is writing a slogan to send in to a 'Formula For Happiness' contest run by a Mr. Charles Barter. He also finds that he had brushed Kathy aside when she tried to tell him about this while he was listening to a United Nations broadcast. Realizing this was where his mind collected the subject matter for his dream, he is greatly relieved.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "BUD AND THE DEBUTANTE"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Molly Quinn.....Adrienne Hayes  
Janice.....Janelle Richards  
Earl.....David Whorf  
Mrs. Quinn.....Barbara Wooddell  
Waiter.....Robert Nash

#### SYNOPSIS

The Anderson family is stunned when it is learned that Bud (Billy Gray) has been seen driving around in an expensive foreign car with Molly Quinn (Adrienne Hayes), daughter of Springfield's wealthiest citizen. When Molly calls Bud for dates, both Jim (Robert Young) and Margaret (Jane Wyatt) become disturbed. Bud tries to explain that since Molly pays all the checks, he is no position to call her himself.

Bud is finally persuaded by his parents to take Molly to a place where he can pay the checks. On the way they meet two of Molly's friends. Bud, trying to show that he is not a cheapskate, takes them all to a very expensive restaurant. Molly slips Bud some bills to cover the tab. Bud feels that he has made a complete fool of himself. However, that weekend he mounts enough courage to ask Molly out again and finds she is very happy to join him at his favorite soda and sandwich joint.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Paul West

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"THE PROMISED PLAYHOUSE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Ed Davis.....Robert Foulk  
Myrtle Davis.....Vivi Janiss

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) interrupts his father, Jim (Robert Young), who is fixing the sink. He wants Jim to promise to accompany him to a local carnival. Jim insists he's not making any more promises, not since the day a few years before that he promised little Kathy (Lauren Chapin) he would build her a playhouse.

Kathy was sick at the time and, to get her to take her medicine, he agreed not only to build the backyard playhouse but to eat and sleep in it for a day. Later, when he tried to talk Kathy out of the deal, she stayed in the playhouse, refusing to join the family.

At the end of the day, Jim brought her back asleep only to discover that Betty's (Elinor Donahue) friends were staying overnight. With no place to sleep, he and Margaret (Jane Wyatt) wound up occupying Kathy's playhouse for an evening -- and thus kept the promise.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: William D. Russell  
Screenplay by: Roswell Rogers  
Story by: Paul West

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"THE MEANEST PROFESSOR"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Professor Stark.....Jack Raine  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Freddy.....Bart Patton  
Man.....Hugh Sanders  
Landlady.....Charity Grace  
Janitor.....Charles Thompson  
Office Girl.....Sue England  
Gogie.....Wendy Winkleman

### SYNOPSIS

After being appointed feature editor of his class year-book, Bud (Billy Gray) is outraged to learn that the school principal is dedicating the book to Professor Olin Stark (Jack Raine), a stern and, therefore, unpopular teacher. Bud writes a gag tribute about Stark for circulation among his friends, but Jim (Robert Young) persuades him not to pass it around. Following Jim's advice, Bud interviews Stark's associates and former pupils to get a more objective viewpoint of the man. He discovers that all of them feel Stark has been a positive factor in their successful lives.

Meanwhile, Margaret (Jane Wyatt), hoping to help Bud, invites Stark to dinner. Stark inadvertently picks up Bud's gag tribute before dinner, and leaves. The Andersons' frantic attempts to locate the Professor are unsuccessful. When Bud is called to his office the following day, he fears the worst. However, Stark compliments Bud on his humorous article. Then, having learned that Bud's opinion has completely changed, he asks him to leave some of the humorous material in his final article.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"LIVE MY OWN LIFE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jack E. Stewart  
Mr. Engel.....Harry Tyler

### SYNOPSIS

Kathy Anderson (Lauren Chapin) decides she has been pushed around too much at home and announces she wants to leave. Jim (Robert Young) dissuades her by describing what happened years before when Bud (Billy Gray) elected to leave home.

When Bud said he was departing, Jim called his bluff and even helped him pack and take a room at the feed store downtown. The room was a horror and Bud's first attempt to cook his own dinner a fiasco. He wanted to return home, but his pride wouldn't let him.

Jim then busted a radio and called Bud to ask his help in fixing it. Bud ran all the way home and after one of his mother's good meals, admitted the feed store was not the place to live.

Kathy, hearing this story, decides it's better to have to 'put up' with parents at home than to run away.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: William D. Russell  
Screenplay by: Roswell Rogers  
Story by: Paul West and Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BUD HAS A PROBLEM"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Freddy.....Bart Patton  
Graham.....James Douglas  
Armstead.....Sam Flint

### SYNOPSIS

Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) feels that his physics teacher, young Douglas Graham (James Douglas), dislikes him and is doing everything possible to make him flunk the course. In reality, Bud has just completely slackened off studying the subject. When Douglas calls Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) for a date, Bud pleads with his sister to persuade the teacher to help him pass the course. Bud, feeling that his difficulties are over, tells his close friends the reason why he believes he will pass.

When Graham learns that he is being referred to by his students as Bud's brother-in-law, he tells Betty that now he will really have to bear down on Bud. Bud is called to the principal's office and told that if he doesn't pass physics, he will not graduate. He asks to be removed from the class.

Graham, learning of this, goes to the Anderson home. He tells Bud that he is going to camp at his side every night, working with him on physics. Inspired by this personal interest, Bud sets down to really study the subject.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Teleplay by: Roswell Rogers  
Story by: John Elliotte

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"THE GREAT ANDERSON MYSTERY"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mrs. Carter.....Hillary Brooke  
Inspector.....Peter Forster  
Mr. Dawkins.....Arthur Gould-Porter  
Emma.....Molly Glessing

### SYNOPSIS

Although Kathy (Lauren Chapin) demands that various members of the Anderson family play games with her on a rainy day, they are too engrossed in a TV murder mystery. Suddenly, the set breaks down and the Andersons feel they will never learn the solution to the mystery. Jim Anderson (Robert Young) has often remarked that he can solve any of these mysteries in a short time. Margaret (Jane Wyatt), Betty (Elinor Donahue) and Bud (Billy Gray) decide to enact a murder story, and Jim, as detective, is given 25 minutes to solve the crime. He takes Kathy as his assistant.

Using a series of devious questions, Jim feels he is going to solve the case. Suddenly, Margaret's clothes dummy, which is being used to represent the victim, disappears. The Andersons feel that there is someone else in the house besides them. When the excitement reaches its peak, Kathy confesses that she removed the dummy to convince the family that she would not be taken for granted. As a final touch, Kathy divulges the name of the killer in the TV mystery the Andersons had been watching, which she tells her family she saw three weeks before.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers



# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"MARGARET GOES DANCING"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Myrtle Davis.....Vivi Janiss  
Ed Davis.....Robert Foulk

### SYNOPSIS

When Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) makes plans for a moonlight boat ride without consulting her date, Margaret (Jane Wyatt) cautions her against such impulsiveness.

Margaret recalls when she decided to take dancing lessons, on the advice of a friend, without checking first with him. He refused to join her and instead decided to spend more time at his club.

Although both Andersons found these nights away from each other impossibly dull, neither would give in. It took a little improvising from the Anderson children, including a session of banjo playing, to make Jim (Robert Young) and Margaret admit that the most fun was being right at home.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: William D. Russell  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"THE GOLD TURNIP"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Freddy.....Bart Patton  
Mr. Messner.....Ed Prentiss  
Mr. Duncan.....John Newton  
Girl.....Carla Hoffman

### SYNOPSIS

As Bud's (Billy Gray) graduation from high school draws near, the senior starts to feel the muscles of manhood. Wanting to "break out of the shell" called "tradition", Bud tries to change the school's policy regarding the senior tea and the wearing of gowns at the graduation.

Things get darker for Bud when he finds out that Jim (Robert Young) intends to give him an old gold watch that has been in the family for generations. Holding on to his principles, Bud still refuses to go to graduation.

Noticing his family's concern, Bud agrees to go to the graduation ceremony. Before the Andersons leave the house, Jim presents Bud with the family watch. Realizing the meaning of the time piece, Bud accepts it like a true Anderson. To top off his "coming of age", Bud also receives a brand new second hand car.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"A DAY IN THE COUNTRY"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Ed.....Olin Howlin  
Mrs. Laveer.....Claire Du Brey

### SYNOPSIS

Jim (Robert Young) and the Anderson children are not overjoyed at the idea of attending the annual reunion of Margaret's (Jane Wyatt) family. However, they all try to hide their feelings. Jim gets the bright idea of taking a shortcut to Lemon Falls. The Anderson car breaks down. Jim finds that it will take hours before a garage truck can bring them help.

After all of his efforts to cheer Margaret fail, Jim suddenly spots a car coming along the road. The driver, Mrs. Laveer (Claire Du Brey), who is on her way to Lemon Falls, offers to give Margaret and the children a lift, so they won't miss the family reunion. Jim decides to wait for the garage truck.

Later as Jim stands dejectedly alone, Margaret and the children return, having decided that it wouldn't be much of a reunion without Jim. Shortly thereafter happiness descends on the whole family when the garage truck arrives in time to get them to the reunion.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BUD BRANCHES OUT"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Claude.....Jimmy Bates  
Joyce.....Roberta Shore  
Miss Luvois.....Roxanne Berard

### SYNOPSIS

After registering for college on the opening day of the term, Bud Anderson (Billy Gray) enters a French class by mistake. A few words from beautiful Miss Louvois, (Roxanne Berard) the French teacher, persuades Bud that this romantic language was created purposely for him. By the time class is over, Bud, not only feels he is madly in love with Miss Luvois, but has also come to the conclusion that she has more than a teacher's affection for him. Because of this situation, Bud becomes estranged from his girlfriend, Joyce (Roberta Shore).

Joyce, hoping to find out what is bothering Bud, sends a note to him through Miss Louvois, inviting him to dinner. Bud misinterprets the message, feeling that it is an invitation from Miss Louvois herself. Arriving at Miss Louvois' home, Bud is shocked to see her with another man. His return to reality becomes complete when Miss Louvois explains that the invitation came from Joyce. Bud dines with Joyce. The next day Bud transfers from French to a trigonometry class, his original choice.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "THE GARDENER'S BIG DAY"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mayor.....Ned Wever  
Governor.....Owen Cunningham  
Secretary.....Betty Hanna

#### SYNOPSIS

The State Governor agrees to attend the dedication of a new park in Springfield. A committee headed by Charlie Garrett (David White) meets to choose a representative citizen to greet him. Jim Anderson (Robert Young) meets his old gardener, Frank 'Fronk' Smith (Natividad Vacio) who has lost his way to City Hall where he is applying for a job as city gardener. Jim gives Fronk his business card on which he writes 'Frank Smith' to help him get to the proper office. Later, Charlie Garrett tells Jim that the committee is demoralized since Fronk has been chosen to represent the city.

Jim discovers this happened because Fronk dropped Jim's card into the box for candidates to greet the governor. However, he insists that Fronk should make the presentation. Garrett pleads with Jim to get Fronk to withdraw. Fronk overhears him and runs away. Just before the ceremonies start, Bud (Billy Gray), Betty (Elinor Donahue) and Kathy (Lauren Chapin), arrive with Fronk. Fronk wins everyone's heart with a speech in which he explains that people should emulate trees, who, no matter what variety, have all learned to grow together in harmony.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"THE IMPOSTER"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Miss Thomas.....Sarah Selby  
Mr. Cameron.....Robert Reed  
Mr. Ebert.....John Daly

### SYNOPSIS

Young lawyer Tom Cameron (Robert Reed), son of one of Jim's (Robert Young) oldest friends, decides to practice in Springfield where he will be on his own. Jim, in response to a letter from Tom's father, helps the boy get an office in his building. Tom goes to a radio store where Betty Anderson (Elinor Donahue) is accusing a salesman of selling her a defective radio. Angered, Betty leaves. Tom, overwhelmed by Betty - who of course he doesn't know - purchases a radio and delivers it to the Anderson home, just to see Betty again.

Betty, who has not been introduced to Tom, thinks he is the owner of the radio shop. Tom, afraid that any effort to change Betty's impression will result in his losing all contact with her, doesn't tell her his real name. Later, Betty learns that Cameron doesn't own the radio store. After accusing Tom of being a cheat, she refuses to see him. Jim learns of Tom's predicament. He brings Tom home for dinner and Betty forgives the young lawyer.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BUD PLAYS IT SAFE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Sally Harper.....Ann Benton  
Steve.....Don Britton  
Eileen.....Della Sharman

### SYNOPSIS

Although Bud (Billy Gray) and his friend Steve (Don Britton) attend football practice regularly, they feel that Coach Harper is ignoring their efforts. Determined to get on the team, Bud decides to make a play for Coach Harper's daughter, Sally (Ann Benton), in order to win the coach's favor. Bud starts dating Sally regularly, but since he really likes the girl, his conscience troubles him. When Coach Harper announces his choices for the team, Bud finds he has made the squad.

Bud feels the increasing weight of a mocking conscience. Following the advice of his father, Bud goes to the Harper home to confess to Sally the ungallant reasons for dating her. Coach Harper overhears the conversation between Bud and Sally. He tells Bud to go home and get some sleep so that he will be ready for the big game. Bud's happiness is complete as he knows Sally will be there to cheer him on.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: John Elliotte

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BICYCLE TRIP FOR TWO"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Joyce.....Roberta Shore  
Termite Man.....Bob Jellison

### SYNOPSIS

Jim Anderson's (Robert Young) plan to spend a quiet Saturday is rudely interrupted by Bud (Billy Gray) and Kathy (Lauren Chapin). Bud demands that Jim suggest a new place to take Joyce (Roberta Shore), his girl friend, that afternoon. Kathy, a junior fire marshall, insists Jim clean up the attic which she says is a fire hazard. Margaret and Jim finally go to the attic. Among the souvenirs of the past, Jim gets the idea of repeating the bicycle trip to Oak Grove he and Margaret made when they first met. Jim finds Betty (Elinor Donahue) and Bud's bicycles badly in need of repairs and starts patching the tires and fixing the chains.

As the day wears on with all its interruptions, Jim grows more and more irritable as he sees his plan to recreate an old memory fading. Bud arrives with Joyce. Jim suggests they take a bicycle trip to Oak Grove. As Bud and Joyce happily pedal away, Jim tells Margaret that it is foolish to live in the past and that their present life is all two people in love could ask for.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers



# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"FIRST DISILLUSIONMENT"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mr. Stagg.....Hal Staggart  
Eddie Wardlow.....Peter Miles  
Joe Phillips.....Peter Heisser

### SYNOPSIS

Jim Anderson's (Robert Young) daughter, Kathy (Lauren Chapin) gets her brother, Bud (Billy Gray) to relate a story so that she can illustrate a proverb for her homework assignment. Bud tells her that some time ago he didn't get a part time job because another boy faked his employment record. Bud says that he was a firm believer that dishonesty was the best policy until the other boy was fired for the very dishonest act that won him the job.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: William D. Russell

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"MARGARET'S OLD FLAME"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mr. Thorne.....Lester Vail  
Radio Announcer.....Bob Shield

### SYNOPSIS

Margaret Anderson (Jane Wyatt) is caught up in the nostalgia evoked by the Springfield College annual homecoming. The reaction is different with old grad Jim Anderson (Robert Young), who decides to sit out the annual dance by staying home. However, when they get to talking about the girls Jim danced with at their last college dance, he suddenly becomes quite enthusiastic about the affair and asks Margaret to attend the celebration with him.

Of course, all their old classmates are in town; when Margaret receives a bouquet of roses, a corsage, and an old record with a note signed "an old flame", asking for the first waltz, she is sure the sender is one of her old beaux.

On the night of the dance, Margaret waits for the old flame to claim the waltz. Jim approaches and confesses he sent the presents and signed himself "An old flame". Margaret replies that she knew this all the while, but does it in such a manner as to leave a doubt in Jim's mind.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "KATHY BECOMES A GIRL"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Errol.....Rickey Murray  
Patty.....Reba Waters  
Barbara.....Gay Goodwin  
Richard.....Mike Montgomery

#### SYNOPSIS

Playing football with boys - especially her friend Errol (Rickey Murray) seems more important to Kathy (Lauren Chapin) than playing with her girl friends, until she finds herself rejected by them. Kathy becomes downcast when Errol is attracted to her friend, Patty (Reba Waters). Realizing that Kathy is not happy, the Andersons get together to help her. Jim (Robert Young) phones a group of boys, including Errol, to come to a cake-and-ice cream party at the Anderson home. Before the boys arrive, Jim lectures Kathy on the idea that boys like girls to feel dependent upon them.

As Kathy comes down the stairs in a frilly dress and high heels, she trips and falls. The boys rush to help her, feeling that she has sprained her ankle, an impression Kathy doesn't try to change. Kathy's evening is a smashing success. Jim realizes that Kathy has done more than take his advice when his daughter, after the boys left, gets up from the chair in which she has been lolling all evening to help wash the dishes.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: John Elliotte

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BUD, THE WILLING WORKER"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Bill Sheppard.....James Franciscus

### SYNOPSIS

Bud's (Billy Gray) efforts to find a part-time job in order to buy a boat are unsuccessful. Betty (Elinor Donahue) tells him she can get him a job at the service station, owned by Bill Sheppard (James Franciscus) a young man she likes very much. Jim (Robert Young) makes Bud a proposition that he will match every dollar Bud earns, if he gets the job without revealing he is Betty's brother. Jim suggests Bud go to Bill's station, start working on his own, and make himself indispensable. Bud adopts this plan and soon becomes a hard working, if unpaid, employee.

Betty is forced to turn down all Bill's dates in order to hide Bud's identity. Bud works harder each day, but Bill gives no intimation that a permanent job is in view. Finally, the Andersons feel Bill is taking advantage of Bud. Jim, Margaret (Jane Wyatt) and Betty drive to the station to bring Bud home and are introduced to Bill's new Assistant Manager, Bud, who has earned the position on his own.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Paul West

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "TURN THE OTHER CHEEK"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Bart Holden.....John Armstrong

#### SYNOPSIS

Kathy (Lauren Chapin) goes to a box lunch party, confident that her friend, Burgess, will buy the sandwiches she has prepared. She returns vowing revenge against her friend, Patty, who has tricked Burgess into buying her own lunch basket. Jim (Robert Young) tells Kathy (Lauren Chapin) that the best thing to do is to pretend it didn't happen. Meanwhile, Jim, instructing insurance trainee Bart Holden (John Armstrong), has outlined the methods he is using to sell a policy to wealthy Bryant Page. Later, Jim learns that Holden has called on Page to sell him a policy.

Questioned as to the ethics involved, Bart tells Jim that this is the practical approach. Page phones Jim for information about Holden. Although Jim has been hurt, he tells Page that Holden is a very competent young man. Kathy, following Jim's advice, foregoes a chance to even the score with Patty. When Pages phones Jim to write up a policy for him, and Patty apologizes for her behavior, both Jim and Kathy's belief in the use of ethics in every day living is confirmed.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"GOOD JOKE ON MOM"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Myrtle Davis.....Vivi Janiss  
Carlson.....Howard Petrie  
Ginnie Sloan.....Karen Green  
Boy.....Ronny Anton

### SYNOPSIS

Margaret Anderson (Jane Wyatt) is invited to be chairman of the Children's Clinic building program. When her family kids her ability to handle the assignment, Margaret accepts. Margaret feels let down when her friend, Myrtle Davis (Vivi Janiss), tells her the position is an honorary one. However, Myrtle suggests that she phone Margaret every day, pretending to be the Mayor or some other important person associated with the project. The Anderson family is impressed by the phone calls. Then, Jim (Robert Young) meets the contractor who tells him he doesn't know Margaret.

Jim tells the Anderson children of his discovery; they agree to play along with Margaret. However, a composition Kathy (Lauren Chapin) writes in school, detailing the importance of her mother's position, is greeted with skepticism by her classmates. While explaining the situation to Kathy's friends, Margaret becomes aware that Jim, Bud (Billy Gray) and Betty (Elinor Donahue) are in on her secret. When Margaret confesses to being a fraud, her family tells her she is the most important woman to them.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Roswell Rogers  
Based on characters  
created by: Ed James

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

FATHER KNOWS BEST

"BETTY'S DOUBLE"

### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Donna Stuart.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Bill Joyce.....William Joyce

### SYNOPSIS

Margaret Anderson (Jane Wyatt), realizing how much her daughter, Betty (Elinor Donahue), resembles Donna Stuart (Elinor Donahue), a young screen star, secretly enters her picture in a Donna Stuart twin contest. Betty wins the contest which entitles her to a weekend in Hollywood with her mother as chaperone. Betty and Margaret receive a big welcome in Hollywood, visiting the studios and meeting the stars. Betty gets a thrill from being mistaken for Donna Stuart.

Betty is scheduled to make a personal appearance on television. Before this, she goes to a night club with Bill Joyce (William Joyce), Donna's leading man. There, an inebriated man, claiming Betty is trying to pass herself off as a star, accuses her of being a phoney. Humiliated, Betty wants to rush home. However, a phone conversation with her father (Robert Young) convinces her that nothing can go wrong as long as she is herself. Betty appears on the TV show and receives an ovation as Betty Anderson of Springfield.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: Peter Tewksbury  
Written by: Dorothy Cooper  
Based on characters  
created by: Ed James

# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "FATHER, THE NATURALIST"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Mrs. Davies.....Anne Loos

#### SYNOPSIS

When Jim (Robert Young) tells Kathy (Lauren Chapin) that he can't help her with her homework because he has to finish some chores around the house, she tells Margaret (Jane Wyatt) that Jim is always too busy to help her. Margaret then takes issue with Kathy recalling an incident when she was frantic because she needed five wild plants to complete her nature folder in order to become a Tribal Princess in the Little Squaws. Since Kathy had to finish her test by the following morning, Jim, although tired after a hard day at the office, drove Kathy to the woods to complete her assignment. Jim found more than enough plants for Kathy, but on returning home, discovered that her folder had been left in the woods.

Both Kathy and Jim had spent a sleepless night and the next morning, despite a threatening rainstorm, Jim drove to the woods and recovered Kathy's folder. Recalling Jim's unselfish action, Kathy asks Jim if she can help him wax the car.

Produced by: Eugene B. Rodney  
Directed by: William D. Russell  
Teleplay by: Roswell Rogers



# Storylines

## Screen Gems

### FATHER KNOWS BEST

### "BUD HIDES BEHIND A SKIRT"

#### CAST

Jim Anderson.....Robert Young  
Margaret Anderson.....Jane Wyatt  
Betty.....Elinor Donahue  
Bud.....Billy Gray  
Kathy.....Lauren Chapin  
Judge.....Larry Gates

#### SYNOPSIS

Betty is a most enthusiastic supporter of the safe drivers campaign which is being sponsored by the student council. One afternoon she and Bud are driving home from school when Bud decides to give a demonstration of what turns out to be reckless driving. As they turn into their driveway, the sound of an approaching motorcycle policeman brings Bud back to earth. Bud has been the recipient of quite a few other tickets and one more will mean the suspension of his license. He asks Betty to pretend she was driving and by fast talking succeeds in having Betty take the ticket in his stead.

Complications arise when the student council unanimously elect Betty as the chairman of the Safe Driver's Campaign...and upon learning of her ticket ask for her resignation. After finally confessing to Jim and Margaret what had really happened, Bud goes to see a judge about clearing Betty and righting the situation. The judge calls Bud, Betty, Jim and Margaret to his chambers. After fining Betty for abetting a reckless driver, the judge turns the decision as to Bud's punishment over to the Student Council in hopes that his example will help promote the Safe Driver's Campaign.