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THEN AND NOW -- When the Ben Hecht-Charles MacArthur stage hit "The Front Page" was first filmed by Hollywood in 1930, the stars were Pat O'Brien, left, as the Chicago Examiner's fast-talking reporter Hildy Johnson, Adolphe Menjou in the role of crusty managing editor Walter Burns, and Dick Alexander, center, as arresting Officer Jacobi. In the new screen version of the newspaper drama, right, Jack Lemmon is Hildy, Walter Matthau is Burns, and Cliff Osmond is the policeman who puts handcuffs on them.

Billy Wilder's film of "The Front Page", starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Carol Burnett, was produced by Paul Monash and directed by Billy Wilder, with Jennings Lang as executive producer. The screenplay by Billy Wilder and I. A. L. Diamond is based on the play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, and was filmed in Technicolor and Panavision. The Universal Picture about newspapermen in Chicago in 1929 co-stars Vincent Gardenia, Susan Sarandon, Allen Garfield, David Wayne, Charles Durning, and Austin Pendleton.

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