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Vivacious **Debbie Allen**, (above), this past year's nominee for a Tony Award for her portrayal of the animated Anita in "West Side Story," is rarely seen without "Miss Adelaide," a Chow Chow named for Debbie's role in "Guys and Dolls." When Miss Allen starred in "Ain't Misbehavin'" she stopped traffic nightly when she arrived at the theatre with her red furry bear. The Chow was a gift from her dance teacher, Richard Thomas, father of another famous Richard Thomas, a fine young actor who immortalized the role of "John-Boy" in the long-running series, "The Waltons."

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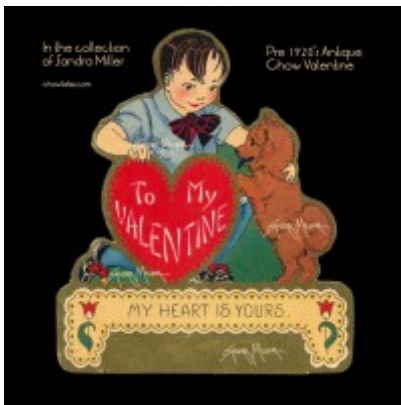
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