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MOTION PICTURE GUIDE By Bill Lindley, Motion Picture Editor, The Emerald

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'Morocco' Laugh Hit Due for McDonald



Third in the hilarious "Road" series, "Road to Morocco," opens Thursday at the McDonald theatre. Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour are pictured in a scene from the film.

Walt Disney's 'Bambi' Due for Long Holdover

In his constantly improving inimitable style, Walt Disney has made his latest full length production, "Bambi," a picture to be cherished by the theatre going public of America until the war is won and he can again return to making films for

amusement purposes. All the knowledge of color and

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animation which Disney has at his command was used in the production of the film, which was four years in the making. Further perfection of the multiplane technicolor process is evident in this, his sixth full-length film.

"Bambi," adapted from the story by Felix Salten, is the story of a deer, tracing his life from pirth until the time he becomes king of the forest. In his amazing knowledge of animal actions, Disney has constructed a film which is entirely believable. Even the way in which the animals speak in ordinary English is almost believable.

Bambi's life is filled with the simple pleasures common to childhood and the fears and dangers

When "Road to Morocco" opens Thursday at the McDonald theater, students will have a chance to see Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour cooperating for the third time in the most hilarious comedy of this series.

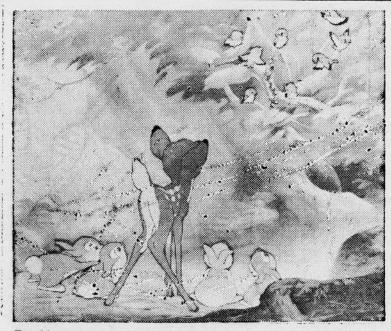
The laughs begin when Hope and Crosby are seen as castaways on a desert island. They meet a camel named Mabel who takes them to a large city on the island. At a loss for food, Crosby sells Hope as a slave-to Princess Dorothy Lamour. When Crosby finds out what a grand time Hope is having at the palace, he tries to take Hope's place, but both are foiled when a shiek carries them away into the desert. Their escape brings the film to a hilarious climax.

The trio shares many laughs, and Mabel, the talking camel, gets extra chuckles.

Bing Crosby has a chance to sing several songs, including "Moonlight Becomes You," "Constantly," "Ain't Got a Dime to My Name," and "The Road to Morocco." The latter is a duet with Hope while riding on Mable's back.

Spencer Tracy will soon go before the cameras for "A Guy Named Joe."

Lana Turner has joined the cast of "DuBarry Was a Lady."



During the first term Down Front appeared in the Emerald, a number of persons criticized the column for always concluding that the picture being reviewed was good entertainment. This is true, and there is a reason for

Since only one column was run each week, it was thought best to evaluate a good picture. Not that there were no poor pictures playing here during the term, but because to write an entire column about a poor picture is a complete waste of space. But to prove that not every picture met our approval today's column is devoted to selecting the ten worst pictures of the year. These pictures have earned a distinct reputation. a reputation which is hard for the actors and actresses who made them to live down, and a reputation which lowers the prestige of the studio at which they were produced. Here they are (not necessarily in order of offensiveness):

Broadway (George Raft, Janet Blair). Raft, although once a big time dancer, fell through in this film. The story was partly responsible, but Raft was given a poor supporting cast which didn't help him out very much, and certainly didn't add to the picture's drawing power. A bad job in more respects than one.

Bahama Passage (Madeleine Carroll, Stirling Hayden): Stirling Hayden quit motion pictures after completing this one, and that was an intelligent move for him to make. Paramount was probably ready to quit him. He has no acting ability, an ambling walk which photographs poorly, and a monotonous tone of voice. The depressing story was no help. Miss Carroll was given little opportunity to display her abilities. A waste of valuable color film.

Crossroads (Hedy Lamaar, William Powell): A story based on psychology, and poorly written at that, made Hedy Lamaar and William Powell seem like stars of a Monogram "B" picture. What the picture needed was reality, but it didn't have that or much of anything else to offer.

The Great Man's Lady (Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea): Two excellent players were wasted on a drama which seemed to drag endlessly. Both are excellent in comedy roles, and under the guise of entertainment Paramount wasted valuable talents



Dramatic Bette Davis has the feminine lead in "Now, Voyagcr," which finishes its run at the McDonald theatre tonight.

es where they should have stayed in the first place.

Masie Gets Her Man (Ann Sothern, Red Skelton): It's difficult to tell why this one fell through, but there is no question about the fact that it did. Skelton deserved a better break than this, and should have had a bet. ter opportunity to display his talents. He is strictly a comedian, and any attempt to make an actor out of him will be a failure. Miss Sothern has been slipping slightly, and will need a good vehicle soon if she expects to save her career.

Springtime in the Rockies: (Betty Grable, John Payne): This was probably the worst big budget musical of the year. Payne seems to be giving his parts nothing but a passing interest, and Betty Grable wasn't given a chance to do her best in this one. Carmen Miranda and Harry James and his orchestra saved this one from being a complete failure.

Well that's all for the flops of the year; next time we'll pass out the orchids.

Autry Film Booked

"Bells of Capistrano," stirring drama depicting a fight between two great rodeo shows and starring America's number one cowboy actor, is due to open at the Heilig theater Thursday for a three-day run. It's Autry's 52nd Republic picture.

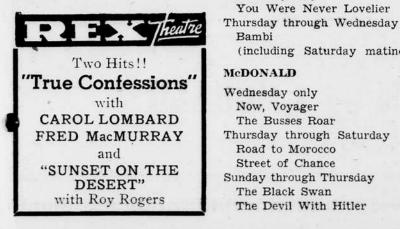


which man, the dreaded enemy, brings to the forest.

Disney's workmanship is as unbelievably fascinating as ever, and as this is to be his last picture for the duration, fans should take the opportunity to see him at his best. The picture will play at the Heilig theater Wednesday, and then move to the Mayflower for a tentatively scheduled run f one full week, with a special Saturday matinee.

United Artists schedules "The Crystal Ball," with Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland.

Nunally Johnson is adapting "The Moon Is Down" for 20th Century-Fox.



Bambi and his forest friends are shown in a scene from Walt Disney's fantasy in technicolor "Bambi."

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Thursday through Saturday

The Bells of Capistrano

Sunday through Wednesday

The Navy Comes Through

You Were Never Lovelier

(including Saturday matinee)

The Falcon's Brother

Heilig

Wednesday only

MAYFLOWER

Bambi

Wednesday only

Now, Voyager

The Busses Roar

Road to Morocco

Street of Chance

The Black Swan

The Devil With Hitler

Bambi

Wednesday only True Confession Sunset on the Desert Thursday through Saturday Orchestra Wives A-Haunting We Will Go Sunday and Monday The Yanks Are Coming Secrets of a Coed Tuesday and Wednesday Buck Benny Rides Again Boogie Man Will Get You



and valuable raw film.

Her Cardboard Lover (Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor): In this picture and another failure, "We Were Dancing," Norma Shearer has lost most of her rapidly dwindling fans. Clearly Miss Shearer has little to offer as an actress, and Taylor (who goes all right in this type of story) could be used to greater advantage with practically any other MGM actress. Goodbye, Miss S., forever, we hope.

I Married an Angel (Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy): Recently MGM has been mistreating their best stars by giving them stories which cannot possibly be successful as completed films, and this is probably the worst of the year. Miss MacDonald is definitely not suited to this type of music, and Nelson Eddy seems destined to lose all his screen popularity if not given a good picture soon.

Lure of the Islands (Margie Hart): This film is a failure because some companies seem to have the idea that strip queens have acting ability. Whereas curiosity will provide a good audience for their first pictures, they soon lose popularity, and are cast back to the strip and grind hous-