

MOTION PICTURE GUIDE

By Bill Lindley, Motion Picture Editor, The Emerald

Hollywood Reporter



Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan are shown in a scene from their latest laugh hit, "GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE," which comes to the McDonald theatre Saturday.

'Seven Days Leave' Stars Victor Mature

Blending a wealth of entertaining elements into a fast-paced story, RKO's "Seven Days Leave," with Victor Mature and Lucille Ball in starring roles, promises a score of surprises and catchy tunes for patrons of the Heilig theater Sunday.

Miss Ball plays an aristocratic young lady engaged to a wealthy New York broker, while Mature is cast as a trumpeter with Les Brown's band. He is drafted and goes through his preliminary training while his girl friend Mapy Cortez sits under the apple tree. Given seven days' leave before going overseas, Mature is informed by his attorney, Harold (Guildersleeve) Pearv. that he has fallen heir to \$100,000 which he can collect only if he marries Miss Ball.

His hilarious courtship crowded into seven days forms the basis for a story which also includes the "Court of Missing Heirs" and the "Truth or Consequences" radio programs. Six new tunes, including "A Touch of Texas," "Can't Get Out of This Mood," and "I Get the Neck of the Chicken" highlight the musical score.

Veronica Lake slated to play "Three Martini," a Javanese girl, in "The Story of Dr. Wassell."

When you sit at the desk day after day and press releases from distant, mystic Hollywood move past you as if on a conveyor chair, and you have to read most of them, there comes a time when you must stop and cuss somebody—somebody in Hollywood.

An article in a fan magazine made us angry the other day because of its presentation of the story of Hollywood on the war. Featuring a big picture of Carole Lombard, the lead story gave a long and nauseatingly sentimental account of dear, dear Carole, "Hollywood's first war casualty."

Now Miss L. may have been OK, we don't know about that. All we remember is a picture of dear, dear Miss L. standing before a bond rally in a strapless evening gown which must have cost plenty and patriotically mangling our national anthem. Thousands of soldiers have died in air crashes (15 in her plane) since the war began, many of them in the United States, but it remained for blatant Hollywood to list one of these victims as a war hero.

The same mag ran pictures of Hollywood men who have gone to war. In order to fill out three pages, it was necessary to use pictures of extras whom the average moviegoer cannot remember from one picture to the next. Hollywood may be doing its part in the war, but it isn't (as some would have us think) doing one-hundredth of what our boys on the fighting fronts are doing, and we refuse to be duped into believing such trash.

"Girl Crazy" is now before the Metro cameras with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland teaming for the eighth time... Tommy Dorsey and his bandmen and the memorable music of George Gershwin will be other elements featured in this adaptation of the Broadway musical comedy... "Slightly Dangerous" is the final title of Lana Turner's newest starring vehicle. The pic was earlier titled "Nothing Ventured."

With all Hollywood keyed up for the Academy award dinner which looms on the not-too-distant horizon, press agents begin sending out stories by the bale presenting reason after reason why so-and-so should win the Academy Award.

We could sit here all night and not finish our arguments, but it seems that MGM has a sure thing in Greer Garson. Her performance in "Mrs. Miniver" has already been rated by the motion picture critics of the newspapers of America as the best of the year, and the only possible con-



Lee Bowman and Virginia Grey support Marjorie Main in "TISH," which starts tomorrow at the McDonald Theatre.

tender for the award would be Greer Garson for her performance in "Random Harvest."

As to the award for the best actor of the year, we have a different matter on our hands. Here the field is uncertain, and approximately ten different stars seem to have a good chance.

Gary Cooper seems to have a slight edge on the others for his magnificent performance in "Pride of the Yankees." Cooper took the award last year, you remember, for his performance in "Sergeant York."

James Cagney is also under consideration in view of his excellent work in "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

And then Walter Pidgeon for his work in "Mrs. Miniver" is also a potential Academy Award winner. Personally we won't even hazard a guess as to who will be elected best actor of the year, there are just too many good men competing for the title.

'Washington Slept Here' Stars Benny, Sheridan

One of the year's top comedies, "George Washington Slept Here," brings Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan to the McDonald theater Saturday for four hilarious days of entertainment.

The story, adapted from the famous stage play, begins when Ann Sheridan buys an ancient farm house because the real estate agent has told her George Washington once slept there. Her husband (Jack Benny) is frantic when he sees the old house, which looks as if it is about to collapse at any moment.

Just as they are getting the house in order, Ann's impish nephew arrives, and begins annoying the neighbors with all sorts of childish fiendish pranks. One of the neighbors, however, turns out to be the local banker, who has ammortgage, and the banker refuses to give them an extension because of the nephew. Just as they are about to surrender, Ronnie the dog comes to the rescue, bringing the film to an hilarious end.

The picture was adapted from the Kaufman and Hart stage success of the same name by Everett Freeman.



Victor Mature and Lucille Ball head an all-star cast in RKO's "SEVEN DAYS' LEAVE," which starts Sunday at the Heilig theatre.

Heilig Bills 'Highway' Thriller and Western

Two actions hits continue the regular policy of the Heilig theater Thursday through Saturday. One is a thrilling melodrama, "Highways at Night." The second feature on the bill is a western, "Shadows on the Sage."

It has been the policy of the Heilig to feature two actions on its weekend bill, and to supplement them with a newsreel, a cartoon, and a serial. This week the last chapter of the Universal serial, "Junior G Men of the Air" will be shown.

Tired But Happy

(Continued from page four) having tanked thirty nine points in four games, to maintain an average of almost ten points per contest.

Hobson will welcome the appearance of Hec Edmundson's

Husky five here. Hec, always popular in northern division cage circles, has assembled a fivesome potent enough to be tabbed Washington's outstanding quintet in the past five years. If this statement is correct, the Ducks will be in for a double-header of heavy cage action.

ADPis Pledge One

Betty Lee Humphreys, freshman in liberal arts, has been pledged by Alpha Delta Pi, according to releases from the office of the dean of women.

Between the Lines

(Continued from page two)

This account is outlined with all respect to the swell bunch of girls from over on Hilyard street. Their part in this affair was none but political, and just what isn't a little shady when it comes to Oregon politics? Name fifteen. Please pass the Kleenex.

Now Playing

McDONALD

Thursday and Friday
Silver Queen
Tish
Saturday through Tuesday
Geo. Washington Slept Here
Undying Monster
Starting Wednesday
Whistling in Dixie
Eyes in the Night

HEILIG

Wednesday only
Who Done It?
Thursday through Saturday
Highways by Night
Shadows on the Sage
Sunday through Wednesday
Seven Days' Leave

MAYFLOWER

Thursday through Monday
Who Done It?
Monday through Wednesday
Theater closed

REX

Thursday through Saturday
Tales of Manhattan
Stardust on the Sage
Sunday and Monday
Somewhere I'll Find You
World at War
Tuesday and Wednesday
Vivacious Lady
Five Came Back

McDONALD
Double Feature!
"The Silver Queen"
GEORGE BRENT
PRISCILLA LANE
and
"TISH"
MARJORIE MAIN
ZASU PITTS

REX Theatre
Now Playing!
"Stardust on the Sage"
with
GENE AUTRY
also
"Tales of Manhattan"
RITA HAYWORTH
CHARLES BOYER

HEILIG
GUESS WHO?
BUD ABBOTT
and
LOU COSTELLO
in
"WHO DONE IT?"

MAYFLOWER
ELEVENTH AT ALGER
Opens Thursday

THE TASTE TEST PROVES OUR FOOD BEST

QUICK LUNCHES
HOME MADE CHILI
FOUNTAIN SERVICE

Be sure to stop in when you're down town.

Blue Bell
Sandwich Shop
956 Oak