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New Hill Theatre's Gala Opening Planned Christmas Day

Foelker Named Manager for Show House

Hillsboro's new "Hill" theatre will open its doors to the public for the first time at 6:30 p. m. Christmas day (Saturday) with the presentation of the feature film "The Firefly."

Adolph Foelker of Hillsboro was announced this week as manager of the new deluxe showhouse by Orange Phelps, theatre executive, who, with Harry C. Hill of Seattle, also operates the Venetian theatre here.

Construction work on the new building will be brought to a close late Friday in plenty of time for the opening, according to Phelps. Begun nearly three months ago, the building work has been closely timed for the Saturday opening hour, and work has been pushed at top speed during the past several weeks. Installation of theatre decorations, seats and hangings is scheduled to take place today, with special crews from theatre equipment houses taking over the building for final preparations.

A new type of "easy-chair" theatre seat, finished in rust-colored plush, will be used throughout in the new theatre, matched by an all-velvet, modernistically-patterned carpet and "Princess rust" drapes. Latest developments in sound motion picture equipment will be incorporated in the projection room apparatus. Laying of the mulberry-colored Hermosa clay on the facade of the building was completed early this week as workers turned their attention to finishing up of detail work in the new building.

Former Resident of County Dies

Word was received, by relatives last Thursday morning from Tacoma, of the death there of Grace Brown Hubbard.

Among her friends here she will be remembered as Grace Brown, eldest daughter of Floyd Brown. She was born and reared in this county, but had lived in Tacoma the last three years. Survivors include a son, Robert of Tacoma, her father, Floyd Brown of Aloha, and four sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Stacey of St. Helens, Mrs. Ora Lindberg of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Cora Oppenlander of Forest Grove, and Mrs. Ruth Schliess of Aloha.

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Theatre Partner



Harry C. Hill of Seattle, former Hillsboro resident, who is Orange Phelps' partner in local theatre business, and for whom the new Hill theatre has been named.

Aloha Resident Many Years Dies

AIOHA—Following an illness of one year, Mrs. Agnes Caroline Schrader, 68, died December 15. Funeral services were conducted at Moreland Funeral Home, Portland and interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

She was born at McDonald Corners, Canada, May 17, 1869. She had been a resident of this community since 1903. Surviving are her husband, William Schrader, three children, Roy Sprout of Teresebonne, Mrs. Edna McDowell of Los Angeles and Norman Sprout of Portland; eleven grandchildren; a brother, George Cameron of Vancouver, B. C., and a sister, Mrs. Annie McCullough of Penitentiary, B. C.

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Orange Phelps Preparing for Seventh Hillsboro Theatre

(By Ed F. O'Meara)

Orange Phelps, Hillsboro theatre owner and operator, has been a hard man to contact for the past month or so, but was located yesterday long enough to answer a few questions in connection with himself and his new Hill theatre. He is now preparing to open his seventh theatre here, with the deluxe new Hill's formal opening set for Christmas day, in supervision of construction work has occupied most of his time recently.

"Myself?" he said, "Oh, let's talk about the theatre. And he can, too, for he seems to know the place for every brick and board which has gone into its construction.

"Is it your Christmas present to the Hillsboro people?" he was asked.

"Well, in a way, but it is also a present from Hillsboro to me," the theatre executive said. "Support of the theatre business in Hillsboro has developed to such a point that a second theatre is necessary to assure patrons of an opportunity to see all the best shows. There are so many wonderful pictures being produced that it is impossible to show them all in one theatre. People of Hillsboro and surrounding country deserve the best we can give them in entertainment, and the Hill is intended to do just that."

Venetian Policy Continues

The Venetian will continue the same policy always observed, he said, showing the same high-class pictures as before. The Hill theatre will present longer-run shows, with two program changes a week set as the maximum. Some of the programs there will probably be single-bills, according to the length of the feature picture.

Since the fall of 1908, Phelps, theatres and Hillsboro have been inseparable. Beginning with the Arcade, a nickelodeon theatre, that year, he has either opened or operated six theatres in Hillsboro, including the Crescent, Grand Liberty, Majestic and the present Venetian, which was opened in 1924. In fact, he has found time to serve three terms as Hillsboro's mayor, and several terms as a councilman, and previous to that had earned considerable reputation as an athlete and baseball catcher.

"Some have asked why we are rushing to complete the job on the new Hill by Christmas," Phelps said. "If it were not opened until later, a large number of the very best shows of the winter season would be passed over. The 'Firefly,' a Jeanette MacDonald picture, will be on the opening program Christmas day, followed by 'The Awful Truth,' 'Lost Torsons,' 'Stella Dallas' and 'Ali Baba Goes to Town.'"

The outlook for the 1938 movie season is the best in theatre history, he said, with finer pictures

being produced in every studio in response to increased support of the last year.

First Feature Recalled

And Orange Phelps should know a poor picture from a good one, with more than a quarter-century's experience showing pictures, dating from the infancy of motion pictures to the present day. "The first one which could have been termed a 'feature,'" Phelps said, "was 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' shown at the Crescent the second theatre here. Shortly after that came the first 'feature-length' picture, 'Queen Elizabeth,' starring the famed Sarah Bernhardt."

For showing the Bernhardt picture, Phelps received a medal from Hollywood, which he still has among his varied assortment of mementos. "Birth of a Nation," the best known of early pictures and regarded as marking the starting point for big movie history, was shown in one of his theatres, accompanied by a huge orchestra which half-filled the theatre. "Broadway Melody" was the first sound picture presented here soon after the introduction of the "talkies" here in 1929.

Waking Hours Busy Ones

For the past three months, Phelps has been busy literally night and day in his theatres—supervising most of the construction work on the new one in the daytime and running the Venetian at nights. His partner in the theatre business is H. C. Hill, former Hillsboro man now living in Seattle, from whom the new theatre takes its name, which is also appropriate in view of the name of the city.

Harry Hill lived in Hillsboro for several years before being transferred to Seattle, where he is at present in charge of the fresh milk division of the Carnation company. He was sent here in 1924, and when he first arrived found Hillsboro so crowded that he was forced to find living quarters in Forest Grove for a short while. For a number of years he was district superintendent for the Carnation company of the California, Idaho and Oregon area. During his last two years he was in charge of the local condensery, it was revealed.

Hill Prominent Here

Hill served as chairman of school district number seven, and as president of the local Rotary club and movie chairman. Together with Phelps, he sponsored the first Boy Scout troop organized here. With the advent of talking pictures, Hill became associated with Phelps in the local theatre business as a partner and has remained in that capacity ever since. This year in Seattle he celebrated his 31st year with the Carnation company.

The Hill will be Hillsboro's "dress-up" centre, in a manner of speaking. "New red plush seats, comparable to overstuffed chairs, are coming next week," Phelps said. "New drapes and carpets in the rust shade will be used, and—just then—a truck with more materials drew up and Phelps was dashing over to investigate.

The interview, we saw, was over.

FOR UNTO YOU—

The stars shine bright,
Hushed is the night,
The folds their flocks confining,
On Mary's arm
Secure from harm,
A golden Babe's reclining.
God's angels sing!
Their anthems ring
A melody of joy,
The troubled earth,
Glad, hails the birth
Of Mary's Godlike Boy.
Roused shepherds seek
The mother meek
And Babe in Bethlehem.
The heavenly Boy,
The angels' joy
Thrills and mazes them.
Lo! Magi from
The Orient come
With treasures, gold and myrrh—
Encrusted she
That God should be
A living Hope through her.
—C. E. BARKER.

Seventh Time



When the new Hill theatre opens on Christmas day, Orange Phelps (above), will begin operation of his seventh theatre in Hillsboro in a little less than a 30-year interval.

Theatre Manager



A. J. Foelker, active Legionnaire, named manager of new Hill theatre, which will be opened to the public Saturday.

Reedville

Mrs. Susie Isaacson and family enjoyed a visit with her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jake Strieck, of Sunnyside, Wash., who were here on their honeymoon. A sister, Miss Gladys Strieck, of Outlook, Wash., also visited her. Mrs. William Handy and two children left Thursday morning for Index, Wash., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zales.

Builds Nut Shed

Leo Pearson is having a nut shed and drier with shop built at his farm east of the school house.

Joseph Tubbs has had six pickers busy picking turkeys for the Christmas market. Beside selling them from the house, they rent a stall at the people's market in Portland, where they have little trouble disposing of their flock.

Mrs. C. E. Chaney and family of Oswego, visited during the week, with her sister, Mrs. Susie Isaacson, and family.

Stiff Builds Barn

Glenn Stiff is building a barn on his place. It was near a year ago that the large barn on his place collapsed under the weight of the heavy snow storm.

Isaac Roth spent several days the past week visiting friends at Newberg. He also visited friends at Scholls before returning.

Mrs. Lingman entertained her Sunday school class Saturday afternoon at her home with a party. Arthur Shrader's step-mother died Thursday in a Portland hospital following a stroke.

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