

Salem Drama League Observes National Drama Week



Nan Halperin, the singing comedian, blond and full of personality, who is a head liner at Bligh's Capitol R. K. O. orpheum.



Note the look of determination on Ernest Torrence's face. You may not believe it but he is Irish in "Officer O'Brien" now showing at the Grand.



They are happy even though "The Girl Said No" at the Fox Elsinore today and Monday.



"Cic" or formally "Cicero" Weaver of the Weaver brothers who will entertain R. K. O. orpheum audiences at Bligh's Capitol May 3 and 4.

Unique Music Makers To Appear at Capitol

Weaver Brothers Claim to Hail From Ozark Mountains

Bligh's Capitol will present the Weaver brothers, unique music makers from the Ozark mountains, so they say, and with them a goodly number of their Arkansas cornfield cousins, for the weekend bill of May 3 and 4.

"Ab" and "Cic" are well known in vaudeville where they have drawn music from washboards, rakes and boxes to say nothing of many and various other "farm life" instruments which ordinarily are not associated with the gentle art of music.

With them will be Elviry, imported belle from the Ozark regions, and she leads her own "beauty chorus." This chorus, "Ab," "Cic," Elviry and several odd specimens of the mountain district will "strut their stuff" for Bligh's Capitol audiences May 3 and 4.

On the screen during these two days will be Mae Murray in her reputed "Peacock Alley." Following the R. K. O. orpheum this weekend will be Dolores Costello in "Second Choice," beginning with Monday and running through until Wednesday night.

AUTHOR APPROVES 'MURDER' PICTURE

S. S. Van Dine, mysterious author of best-selling mystery stories, has placed his stamp of approval on the talking filmization of "The Benson Murder Case," according to a telegram just received at the Paramount studios in Hollywood.

"I saw 'The Benson Murder Case' yesterday in New York and am thrilled," the wire said. "In several ways, it is even better than 'The Greene Murder Case.' My appreciation and a thousand thanks." Van Dine praised the work of William Powell as Philo Vance, Eugene Pallette, as Sergeant Heath, and expressed gratitude to Frank Tuttle, director, and Bartlett Cormack, author of the screen play.

Gloria Swanson Is Through With Latest Romance

The lid seems to have blown clear off the marriage of Gloria Swanson and her marquis. The explosion happened, according to report, when Constance Bennett reached New York after her stay abroad, where she divorced her millionaire husband, Philip Plant. Within a week, it was reported, Constance spent \$500 phoning Hearst, the marquis in Paris, that she had arrived safely and so on. The long separation of Gloria and the marquis adds weight to the story that all is over but the decree.

HAINES COWBOY
William Haines, who has been in pictures some years and has done everything in them from football to golf, is playing his first cowboy role. He is engaged in "Easy Going," a comedy romance of the west, under Fred Niblo's direction at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

Ernest Torrence Seen As Real Irishman Now

The Grand will offer "Officer O'Brien" as its Sunday, Monday and Tuesday bill. Ernest Torrence appears in this as a real Irishman. Can you imagine how he conquered his Scotch burr? William Boyd, star, appears for the seventh time in a part that requires a uniform. He is a police lieutenant in this picture. Dorothy Sebastian offers the romance element.

Tuesday night the Salem Drama League will present "A Sunny Morning," a lovely one act period play of early Spanish days in which will appear Miss Margaret Burroughs, Miss Mary Katoory, J. M. Barr and Ivan White. The play is one of a series of four to be sponsored by the Drama League this month in compliment to National Drama week celebrations.

The first play was given at Bligh's Capitol the past week. Mrs. Otto K. Paulus is directing "A Sunny Morning." This play will be given in supplement to the screen play "Officer O'Brien."

Wednesday the Grand will present a mystery thriller, "House of Horror." There is enough comedy in the play, so it is said, because in it Louise Fazenda and Chester Conklin take a big part in promoting the picture. Where ever Louise Fazenda is there is fun and that is that. It is not hard to imagine Louise registering fright. If you have ever heard her scream you will have little trouble in imagining her in a mystery thriller.

"Courtin' Wildcats" with Hoot Gibson will show at the Grand Friday and Saturday. A man hater, a pretty girl with plenty of "spunk," a wild west show, and then a love affair are the ingredients for this play with the "straight shooting" man of action, Hoot Gibson playing the famer of a wildcat.

Two Real Attractions To Be Seen at Elsinore

"Benson Murder Case" and "The Girl Said No" Here

Two pictures concerning which there has been much talk will be at the Fox Elsinore this week, and each of them presents among the most popular folk in the film world—William Powell in his famous role of "Philo Vance," and Eugene Pallette, his "raining mate" in "The Benson Murder Case," and William Haines and Lella Hyams in "The Girl Said No."

"The Girl Said No" is with the Fanchon and Marco weekend presentation of the "Coral" idea, a picturesque study of South Sea life with real South Sea folk to do the instructing.

The story of "The Girl Said No" is one of youth and it is directed by Sam Wood, who has made a name for himself in the directing of pictures of youth and college.

Marie Dressler helps along the half serious, mostly comical play, which Haines makes a big laugh. William Powell, who has so molded himself into the part of Philo Vance that he has almost lost his own identity on the screen, will make the thrilling story of the solving of the Benson murder an evening's entertainment to be remembered.

S. S. Van Dine has outdone the plot of both the "Casey Murders Case" and "The Greene Murder Case," according to reports of those who have seen the picture. Those who were fortunate enough to see these two pictures will not want to miss the third in the cycle.

STARS ATTEND FIGHTS
Lon Chaney and Cliff Edwards are unlike enough on the screen, but both are ardent fight fans, and invariably attend the fights at the Hollywood Legion stadium together.



Petite Marie, an economic wonder, for she can make "both ends meet." She is shown here in a spectacular stunt which she is performing in the grand finale of Fanchon and Marco this weekend at the Fox Elsinore.

FLORENCE (AP)—North America seats 28,538 visitors to this center of Italian art in the last six months of 1929 for an average stay of four days each.

'EL SINORE

Tuesday

The BENSON MURDER CASE

WILLIAM POWELL
EUGENE PALLETTE
MARIE DRESSLER

Crashing through to a thundering climax—
The most thrilling of all Van Dine stories!! With the one and only Philo Vance.

Action and plenty of it in "The Fighting Legion" a Ken Maynard production at the Hollywood today.

The Call Board.

By OLIVE M. DOAK

- HOLLYWOOD**
Today—"The Fighting Legion" with Ken Maynard.
Wednesday—"The Thirteenth Chair" and Highland school operetta, cast of 70 children.
Thursday—"The Thirteenth Chair" and Highland school operetta.
Friday—"Sailors Holiday."

- GRAND**
Today—"Officer O'Brien" with William Boyd.
Tuesday—"Sunny Morning Span" Salem drama league, between shows of "Officer O'Brien."
Wednesday—"House of Horror."
Friday—"Courtin' Wildcats," with Hoot Gibson.

- BLIGH'S CAPITOL**
Today—"Playing Around" with Alice White, and R.K.O. Orpheum.
Monday—"Second Choice," Dolores Costello.
FOX EL SINORE
Today—"The Girl Said No" with William Haines, and Fanchon and Marco.
Monday—"The Girl Said No."
Thursday—"The Benson Murder Case" with William Powell.

The stage offerings this week are good. The reviewer saw them and was not bored at any time. At both show houses showing stage performances there is variety of humor, beauty, musical harmony, and the unusual. Fanchon and Marco take the laurels for the most unusual. There is a group of nine men and one woman from the South Sea Islands who do native dances, and give a native sword drill—(South Sea Island map of arms is what it might be called)—who are fun to watch and really attractive. The girl is pretty and does a dance that is pure, sinewy grace.

The cameo idea with the Sun-kists making the cameos is dainty and artistic and the routine they do following this posing is really lovely. There is some comedy tumbling and an acrobatic act that completes a bill which in my opinion you will like.

R. K. O. orpheum at Bligh's Capitol has a little lady as a headliner, Nan Halperin, who is fairly bubbling with personality, pep, and merriment. She also has an interesting voice and half sings, half talks her way into the heart of her audience.

There is also an Apache dance number that very nearly caused several cases of hysterics in the Capitol audience Saturday.

In addition to this there is some good harmony singing and tight rope walking which barring a bit of filth here and there all told makes up an excellent bill.

Ken Maynard Shows Here in First Run Picture
"The Fighting Legion" Coming To Hollywood This Week

Salem's Only Vaudeville

Orpheum Shows At 4:00 7:00 9:30

Adults Sat. Mat. 50c Sun. and Evns 60c Kids 15c

THE BEST SHOWS SALEM HAS EVER HAD!

NOW PLAYING

Orpheum

The Loveliest American Comedienne
NAN HALPERIN
In Selections from Her Repertoire of Exclusive Songs...

FRANKIE'S
A Petite Star on a Thrill of Steel with Margie Noey and Cherie Sisters

BURNS AND ALLEN
with "Lamb Chop" Choice cuts of comedy

MAYNIE KING AND HIS MERRYMAKERS
"A picturesque show of 'Sobriety' full of color and rollicking fun"

On The Screen
ALICE WHITE AND CHESTER MORRIS
and a great cast in "PLAYING AROUND"

Viola Yerler-Hoffman and Her Capitol Orchestra

Coming Next Week
(THE WEAVER BROS.)
The Greatest Act in Vaudeville

Here's Movie Star Who Isn't Seen in Picture

He's only a voice, is John Bond!

A year ago the lad, from the legitimate stage, went west to act in the talkies. He's been in five—and never yet has his face ap-

CAPITOL

MON. - TUES. - WED.

Your First Choice For Great Entertainment!

WALTER DOUG present
Dolores Costello
SECOND CHOICE

Chester Morris
Jack Halliday
Edna Murphy

Marriage Without Love? Or Love Without Marriage?

HOLLYWOOD

Home of 25c Talks
TODAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY
CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE SUNDAY 2 TO 11 P. M.
FIRST SHOWING IN SALEM

ALL - TALKING SEE AND HEAR

KEN MAYNARD in **The FIGHTING LEGION**

The bark of six-shooters and talk and song of the cowboy.

A hurricane in the saddle — a thunderbolt in a fight — a whirlwind in love. That's Ken Maynard in this rip snoring thriller at the Old West.

GRAND THEATRE

"WHERE SOUND IS BEST"
Any 25c Any Seat Time
TODAY - MON. - TUES.
ALL MUSIC-ALL SOUND-ALL DIALOG

WILLIAM BOYD in OFFICER O'BRIEN

Romantic story of love and tragedy in a big city—Don't miss it.

His Father a Thief,

he was ready to sacrifice his own career to save his sire—Here's as fine a picture as you've ever seen.

VIVID MELODRAMA! THRILLING SITUATIONS
IT'S "BIG BILL'S" BEST!

Patho Sound News
All Talking Comedy
And Other Short Subjects of Interest

2 Days

WILLIAM HAINES
The Girl Said No

To-day
Fanchon and Marco "CORAL"

IDEA
5 - Big Features - 5
ROYAL SAMOANS
South Sea Shores and Tropics
Beauty... "Hula"

Four Stage Shows
12 Sun-kist Bonnies 12

LEILA LYAMS
POLLY MORAN
MARIE DRESSLER
All Talking

SCAP
IS
LIBRE!

HOME OF FANCHON & MARCO'S "IDEAS"
EL SINORE
Continues 2 to 11 P. M.

A LAUGH RIOT
HABIT OF PATRICK HAINES
AT HIS BEST!