

"State Fair" and "Sign of Cross" Vie for Theatre Fans Attention

SPECTACLE OF ROME AT ELSINORE TODAY

"Sign of the Cross" Brings Salem Another DeMille Screen Masterpiece

Spectacle upon spectacle, magnificence upon itself, is what they say of Cecil B. DeMille's "The Sign of the Cross" which opens an engagement at the Elsinore theatre today.

Here is unfolded the whole pageant of Rome in the time of Nero—at once the most dissolute and the most colorful period in Roman history. Here is the dramatic contrast between the palace of the patrician Romans and the humble, hidden abodes of the early Christians—on the one hand the wicked Empress Poppaea in her luxurious bath of asses' milk; on the other, the Christian girl, Mercia, ministering to the tortured and hunted among the people of her faith.

And here, as a climax to the whole spectacle, is the Circus Maximus with its gladiatorial combats, its wrestling matches between black men and bears or crocodiles, its battles between Amazons and dwarfs, its chariot races, and its featured event—the feeding of the Christians to the lions.

Scenes are notable. Once more, as in the days of "The Ten Commandments" and "King of Kings," enormous crowds mill before the camera, and once more, DeMille proves himself the undoubted master of crowd effects. The street scenes and the scenes laid in the Circus Maximus are masterpieces of mob excitement.

In its cast, too, "The Sign of the Cross" merits praise. It is difficult to imagine a more perfect Nero than Charles Laughton's. The manner in which this young Englishman portrays the cruelty, the low madness of Nero and yet maintains an absolute semblance to reality, is little short of miraculous.

As the cruel sensualist, Poppaea, Claudette Colbert is also responsible for a performance of unusual brilliance. Elissa Landi rises to new and unexpected heights of emotional acting as the Christian, Mercia, and Fredric March surpasses anything he has ever done for the screen as the favorite of Nero's court, Marcus Superbus, whose love for the Christian girl proves stronger than tradition, wealth, position or even life.

MOTHER GOOSE TEA PLANNED, TURNER

TURNER, March 4—The child-welfare department of the W. C. T. U. will sponsor a "Mother Goose Tea" Wednesday afternoon, March 8, at 3 o'clock, at the M. E. church. A program of special interest to mothers of small children is being prepared.

There will also be a story hour for the children. Mrs. J. R. Cox and Mrs. E. C. Bear are the committee in charge.

There will be an all day pre-school clinic March 30, at the school building. Mothers desiring an appointment please notify Mrs. E. C. Bear.

'Night in Russia' My Normal Choir Much Applauded

MONMOUTH, March 4—A large appreciative audience greeted "A Night in Russia," produced in costume last night at the Oregon Normal school by the school choir. Character impersonations were exceedingly well done.

Staff directors were: choir director, Mrs. Margaret Maaske; art director, Katherine Larson; stage director, Alexander Hays; costume, Florence McClays; dance, Alexander Hays; accompanist, Norman Reynolds; double violin quartette directed by Grace Maurice Mitchell. Russian solo dances by Frances Koryznovitch and Hays were especially well received.

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Elissa Landi, as the Christian maid, spurns the love of Nero's captain, played by Fredric March, at this wild gathering in "The Sign of the Cross," which opens at the Elsinore today for a three-day engagement.

HOLLYWOOD RETURNS CHARMING ROMANCE

"Smilin' Through" Starting Today With Shearer and Frederic March

With Norma Shearer as its star, and one of the most brilliant supporting casts yet assembled for the speaking screen, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lavish production of "Smilin' Through" will open today at the Hollywood.

Miss Shearer in the feminine lead follows in the footsteps of Jane Cowl, who achieved one of her greatest successes in the record-breaking New York stage run of the play from which the screen production was adapted. Opposite her is Fredric March, borrowed from Paramount to play the dual role of Jeremy Wayne in the mid-Victorian sequences of the story and Kenneth Wayne, his son, in the modern scenes.

Archery Champs Parents of Twin Boys Born Here

MONMOUTH, March 4—The twin sons born February 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Partlow of Monmouth at a Salem hospital, have been named David and Ronald. They are the fifth children in a family of five, four sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Partlow holds the national women's championship title for flight shot in archery won at the national tournament last July in Seattle, when she defeated Mrs. Homer Croudy of Portland, former national title holder. Mrs. Partlow's shot was 288 yards, five inches.

Mr. Partlow is a city mail carrier in Monmouth. He is also



Joan Blondell and Chester Morris in "Blondie Johnson," as they will appear Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Capitol.

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

- GRAND Today—Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor in "State Fair," Friday—Buck Jones in "McKenna of the Mounted."
- WARNER BROS. CAPITOL Today—Miss Clarke in "As the Devil Commands"; request, "Big Stampede"; Monday—Gwill Andre in "Secrets of the French Police"; Wednesday—Chester Morris in "Miss Public Enemy No. 1";
- WARNER BROS. ELSINORE Today—Elissa Landi in "The Sign of the Cross"; Wednesday—Irene Dunne in "No Other Woman"; Friday—Barbara Stanwyck in "The Bitter Tea of General Yen";
- THE HOLLYWOOD Today—Norma Shearer in "Smilin' Through"; Wednesday—"Once in a Lifetime"; Friday—"Mask of Dr. Fu Manchu";

holder of several local archery championships.

GRAND'S NEW FILM DEPICTS STATE FAIR

Eight Stars Include Janet Gaynor, Will Rogers, Ayres and Eilers

More than 100,000 people, among them eight of the screen's leading stars, appear in Fox Film's "State Fair," coming today to the Grand theatre.

The stars of the mammoth production are Janet Gaynor, Will Rogers, Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers, Norman Foster, Louise Dresser, Frank Craven and Victor Jory. Miss Gaynor, Rogers, Foster and Miss Dresser are seen as members of a midwest farm family enjoying their annual outing at the state fair. Ayres plays a newspaper reporter who covers the fair for his paper, Miss Eilers portrays a carnival trapeze performer, Craven characterizes a country storekeeper and Jory appears as a barber.

Henry King, who directed "State Fair," asserts that every man, woman and child who sees the picture will recognize a friend in it.

"The characters of 'State Fair' are the most human I've ever seen in a picture," declared King. "And that goes without reservation. They are the sort of people you meet and talk with every day."

"Furthermore, there is at least one in the group that every person will understand particularly well. It may be the pretty farm girl played by Janet Gaynor, the farmer portrayed by Will Rogers or the carnival girl that Sally Eilers characterizes. Or perhaps it will be the newspaper reporter Lew Ayres plays, the matron played by Louise Dresser, or the country storekeeper portrayed by Frank Craven. Somewhere along the line, every person who sees the picture will recognize an especially kindred spirit."

"It is characterization of this type," continued the director, "that makes a story an ideal screen vehicle."

The story of "State Fair" concerns the loves and adventures of a farm family at a big exposition. Double romance and comedy are its outstanding features. The romance involves two new star teams in Janet Gaynor and Lew Ayres, and Sally Eilers and Norman Foster. Will Rogers, Frank Craven, Louise Dresser and Victor Jory supply the comedy.

NON-COOPERATION RUMOR IS SPIKED

STAYTON, March 4—The board of directors of the Stayton chamber of commerce went on record as offering their concerted support to any move made by the West Stayton community in putting over their 1933 harvest festival. This action was taken to counteract some unfounded rumors that West Stayton would not get any support from Stayton at the festival.

The president appointed the following committees: Banking, George Keech, chairman; H. J. Rows and Edward J. Bell; industries, Chris E. Neitling, chairman.

REHEARSALS BEGUN UPON NEW COMEDY

"Lift Up Your Eyes," to be Chemeketa Players' Next Offering

"Lift Up Your Eyes," an original three-act romantic comedy-drama, written by Perry Prescott Reigelman, dramatic director for Chemeketa Players, will be the next offering of Salem's play-producing group. Rehearsal of this play began last week but was interrupted by the production which closed Saturday night. Intensive rehearsals will be resumed Monday night.

Cast in this fast-moving play of action, romance, and mystery are Maxine Pettyjohn, who will create the character of Eugenia Warren, charming daughter of a southern newspaper editor, which part will be played by Johnny Nathan, Vernon Stahl, who has won a large group of admirers in Salem for his work, will portray the leading male role, that of Dave Stuart, young New York attorney who is on a puzzling mission.

The anamorphic roles will be portrayed by Nellie Rowland Green, as Mrs. Van De Maarten, and "Pat" Peterson, her ambitious daughter, Gwynn Van De Maarten. Complications are brought in by Frank L. Torgerson in the character of Randolph Macaulay, Dave's employer, head of a New York law-firm; and Arnold Taylor in the character of Lord Cecil Winterbottom. Mystery is added in the quaint character of Uncle Henry, which will be played by Ervin Potter.

Special scenic properties will be built to stage the play, the locale of which is the living-room of an old ruined stone house somewhere on the south Atlantic coast. While the time of the play is the present, special costumes will be required for a sequence in which a Union officer of the

CLUB IS CHARTERED

SWEGLA, March 4—The 4-H Cooking club received their charter this week.

Civil War and a southern bell will be re-created. Members of the cast are enthusiastic concerning the roles they are to play, and persons who have read the script assert that it is the best production Chemeketa Players have so far attempted. Salem lovers of the drama will be given a real "first night," such as is afforded in Los Angeles, Chicago or New York when the curtains are drawn on this production.

VISITORS DEPART

SWEGLA, March 4—Mr. and Mrs. D. Elkins and children have returned to McCloud, Calif., after spending three weeks with Mrs. Elkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoffman.

This Woman Lost 35 lbs. Of Fat

Miss M. Katner of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "Have used Kruschen for the past 4 months and have not only lost 35 pounds but feel so much better in every way. Even for people who don't care to reduce, Kruschen is wonderful to keep the system healthy. I being a nurse should know for I've tried so many things but only Kruschen answered all purposes." (May 12, 1932)

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MISSIONARY CONFAB SLATED FOR DALLAS

DALLAS, March 4—A missionary convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance here March 6, 7, and 8. Rev. John R. Trumbull, missionary field evangelist, will give several interesting talks on his experiences in Arabia. His lectures will be illustrated by slides of pictures taken by him on his trip.

Speakers for the meetings will be Rev. Trumbull, Miss Affia Smoots, missionary from Congo, Africa; Rev. C. T. Carlson, missionary from Ecuador; Rev. W. I. McCarvey, district superintendent of the Pacific Northwest district. The order of service will be a song service, missionary message, and evangelistic message.

Some of the subjects for the lectures will be: Across the Desert into Arabia, In Wild Arabia, Jerusalem to the Waters of Galilee, Palestine, the Pivot of Prophecy, In the Garden of the Gulf.

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World's Famous Mentalist!
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