

Mystery Thriller, Light Romance and Comedy Booked at Theatres

Music Comedy Is at Elsinore

"College Holiday" Brings Notable Stars; Jack Benny Featured

A half-dozen of the screen's outstanding comedians, aided by a cast of Hollywood's most charming young players, contrive to make of "College Holiday," which opened at the Elsinore theatre last night, one of the funniest, gayest and most hilarious comedies with music to reach the screen this season.

With a madcap story from the pen of J. P. McEvoy to work upon, Jack Benny, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Mary Boland and Martha Raye go through their paces in one continuous howl of laughter. Marsha Hunt, Eleanor Whitney, Lief Erikson, Johnny Downs, Olympe Bradna, Louis Da Fros, Ben Blue and Edith Girdard, are in charge of the romance and gaiety.

"College Holiday" deals with a bankrupt hotel and the efforts of Benny, its press agent, to save it. When he runs into Miss Boland and Girdard, a couple of movie brains who believe in scientific matrimony, his troubles are solved. He gets them to take it over, ostensibly to try out their theories. Benny brings a number of college boys and girls to the place and the fun begins. Gracie Allen, as Girdard's daughter, who is ever more scatter-brained than her Pop, has a way telling who will make the ideal mate for whom, and she proceeds to put her notions into practice.

Martha Raye, as one of the college girls upon whom the experiment is tried, outdoes herself with the type of comedy which has made her famous. George Burns is there as the usual "fall guy" for Gracie's inanities.

Marie Prevost Is Discovered Dead

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Marie Prevost, 32, who graduated from the famous Mac Senett bathing beauties to become a leading actress of the screen, was found dead in her apartment today.

Detective Lieutenants LeRoy Sanderson and Joseph Wilke said death apparently was due to natural causes.

Discovery of the body was made when attention was attracted by the mournful howls of a dog which was shut in the room with Miss Prevost's body. She had been dead for two or three days, the officers said.

Miss Prevost, the former wife of Kenneth Harlan, film actor, recently had been ill. Shortly after signing a Warner Brothers' contract she suffered a breakdown. She had been dieting, her friends said, in an effort to reduce her weight.

She was born in Sarnia, Canada. Miss Prevost gained her greatest recognition in the silent days of the films, but had important roles in talking pictures.

The Call Board

- EL SINORE**
 - Today—Jack Benny and Martha Raye in "College Holiday" and "March of Time."
 - Wednesday—"Dangerous Number" with Robert Young and Ann Sothern.
 - Thursday—"Tarzan Escapes" with Johnny Weismuller.
- GRAND**
 - Today—Warner Oland and Boris Karloff in "Charlie Chan at the Opera."
 - Wednesday—Jack Holt in "North of Nome."
 - Saturday—Special return engagement, Will Rogers in "Doctor Bull."
- HOLLYWOOD**
 - Today—Victor McLaglen in "The Magnificent Brute" with Binnie Barnes. On the stage, NBD radio stars "The Hollywood Hill Billies."
 - Wednesday—Double bill, John Wayne in "The Sea Spoilers" and "Abdul the Damned" with Nils Asther and Adrienne Ames.
 - Friday—Two features, Johnny Mack Brown in "Under Cover Man" and "Sitting on the Moon" with Roger Pryor and Grace Bradley.
- CAPITOL**
 - Today—Double bill, Donald Wood in "Once a Doctor" and "She's Dangerous" with all star cast.
 - Tuesday—Double bill, Robert Taylor in "His Brother's Wife" and Myrna Loy in "Petticoat Fever."
 - Thursday—Double bill, "Who Are About to Die" with Preston Foster and Gene Autry in "Round Up Time in Texas."
- STATE**
 - Today—William Powell in "Man of the World" and Charles Hughes in "Wives Never Know."
 - Wednesday—Double bill, Claudette Colbert in "The Sign of the Cross" and Wheeler and Woolsey in "Mummy's Boys."
 - Friday—On stage, Eastern Circuit vaudeville and Jane Withers in "Can This Be Dixie?"

Appear in All Star Comedy



It's not Gracie Allen, but the two gents in the picture with her, Jack Benny and George Burns appearing in "College Holiday," the all-star comedy which is now playing at the Elsinore theatre.



Henry Kolker, Leslie Howard and Norma Shearer in "Romeo and Juliet," road show Shakespeare play coming to the Elsinore screen one day only, Thursday, February 11.



Because of his own danger, risking his life to save that of the man who ruined him, Donald Woods (in the breeches-buoy) braves the terror of the sea in "Once a Doctor" featured at the Capitol theatre on a double bill.

Broken Ribs From Horse Kick Mend

TURNER, Jan. 23.—S. A. Riches is recovering from broken ribs received a few days ago when kicked in the chest by one of his horses.

Men have been at work for some time on the Salem-Stayton pipe line, which crosses the hill north of town. At present part of the crew and equipment have been transferred to Stayton.

Neal Dow, former garage man, has organized a WPA Diesel engineering class. L. W. Robertson has a full WPA class in instrumental music.

Miss Helen Peetz has been substituting at the Aumsville postoffice during the week.

Vernon Wilcox on Play Cast at Brigham Young U.; Majors in Speech

Vernon D. Wilcox of Salem has been selected for the cast of "The Admirable Crichton," to be presented in College hall, Brigham Young university at Provo, Utah, February 11 and 12.

Selection for the cast of this play brings also the opportunity to compete for the gold watch offered annually by Edmunds Evans, graduate of the speech department, for the best sustained character in the annual competitive play.

Mr. Wilcox is a sophomore, majoring in speech. He is a member of Theta Alpha Phi, the Mask club and the Viking social unit.

Pendleton Won't Seek Share of Gasoline Tax
PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Pendleton city council, with only one dissenting vote, rescinded its previous action favoring the League of Oregon Cities' proposal to divert up to 7 1/2 per cent of the gasoline tax revenue of the state highway department.

Home Ec. Bulletins Are Now Available

A complete supply of home economics extension service bulletins and circulars published by Oregon State college, is now available at the county agent's office on the second floor of the postoffice building, according to County Agent Harry Riches.

Valuable menu and recipe booklets, diet charts, and guides for marketing may be had there upon request. One bulletin found to be particularly useful at this time of the year is Extension Bulletin 492 entitled "The School Lunch," by Lucy A. Case, extension specialist in foods and nutrition. This bulletin stresses the importance of an adequate school lunch to the health and well-being of every child, and gives suggestions for serving, and various recipes for hot school-lunch dishes.

Elkhorn's School Finally Reopened

The little Elkhorn school, above Mehama on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river, has reopened after being closed because of snow conditions prevented pupils' attending classes, Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, reported yesterday. The school has been in session only four days since Christmas. It has eight pupils.

Both the Hult and Crooked Finger schools were closed on account of snow last week. The latter may be opened this week since County Engineer Hubbs said late yesterday he hoped to have the Crooked Finger road opened its entire length by Monday night. The Eldridge school has been closed because of influenza.

Receives Hand Injury
AURORA, Jan. 23.—Fred Dentel's hand was seriously injured in a corn sheller machine. He is having medical care, every day and his physician reports he is doing well.

'Charlie Chan' Play at Grand

At Opera This Time; Boris Karloff Has Central Role of Mystery

How are your nerves? If they can stand thrills occurring with staccato speed, excitement that rises like a tidal wave, and suspense that will have your spine a-tingle you'll like "Charlie Chan at the Opera," the Twentieth Century-Fox picture that opened yesterday at the Grand theatre.

With Warner Oland as Charlie Chan, the arch-enemy of crime, coming face to face with Boris Karloff, the king of terror, the picture is the highspot of the wily Chinese sleuth's career.

The film, which features Kaye Luke, Charlotte Henry, Thomas Beck and Margaret Irving in the supporting cast, opens with the murder of an insane asylum guard by Karloff, an inmate, whose warped mind recognizes a picture of his wife in a newspaper.

Bent on vengeance, Karloff completes his escape and goes to the theatre where his wife is appearing in "Faust." Attacking the baritone, Karloff dons his Mephistopheles costume and usurps his role on the stage, disguised by the costume and mask.

Charlie Chan, hot on the trail, appears backstage at the opera, but is unable to prevent two more murders. When the madman's reign of terror strikes at two young lovers, Chan craftily apprehends him and, in a surprise denouement, unmask the real killer.

McLaglen Stars, Hollywood Show

"The Magnificent Brute" Offered; Steel Mill Is Background

"The Magnificent Brute," starring Victor McLaglen, Academy award winner, introduces the age of steel to the cinema at the Hollywood theatre. This is the first time that the awe inspiring background of a steel mill has been used for a feature screen production. Fantastic flame effects, the glow of molten metal, the bursting showers of steel sparks and grotesque shadows are shown in marvelous photographic treatment, which heightens the drama enacted by the interesting characters in the tale of primitive men and prime beauties.

Victor McLaglen in the title role is cast as a modern swash-buckler with a roving eye. The central figure is a Bretonese giant of a fellow who towers above most men and is torn between two blondes. Binnie Barnes gives a splendid characterization as a girl who delights in causing men to fight over her. She is attractive enough to make the fighting worth while. William Hall, a tall, well-built newcomer to the screen, gives glorious battle to Victor McLaglen in a titanic conflict that is a classic.

Interesting as the struggle is between the men, there is striving for conquest between Binnie Barnes and Jean Dixon which reveals new highlights in feminine nature.

Registration High For Winter Term

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 23.—Total registration at Oregon State college for the winter term has reached the high point of 3721 students, according to the most recent report issued by Registrar E. E. Lemmon. This figure is 19 per cent above the 1935-36 winter term enrollment, is only 24 below the record attendance of last term.

The sophomores now boast the largest class enrollment, having 1375 students on their roster. They are closely followed by the freshmen with 1397 registered students. Juniors rank third with 459 while only 392 students are in the senior class. There are 141 signed up in the graduate school. New students, attending O.S.C. for the first time this term, totaled 110.

Engineering tops the schools with 745 enrolled, agriculture is second with 578, home economics third with 522 and forestry fourth with 494.

Snow Heavy at Gates But School Is Open

GATES, Jan. 23.—The ground which has been covered with snow since January 4 was found to be under four inches more snow by residents here when they awakened Friday morning. Warm sunshine during the day was thawing snow and ice.

Although bus drivers have been having plenty of difficulties the school has kept up with good attendance excepting in the primary room which has been affected by the whooping cough epidemic since before Christmas.

THAT MEANS HIS MATCH

Warner Oland
Boris Karloff
in
'CHARLIE CHAN AT THE OPERA'

GRAND

In New Chan Thriller



You'll chill with fright and thrill with excitement as Boris Karloff appears in "Charlie Chan" at the Grand theatre today.



Victor McLaglen, star of Universal's "The Magnificent Brute," is strongly attracted to the blonde widow, portrayed by Jean Dixon now playing at the Hollywood theatre.

Broadway Nights

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NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—There have been "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "As You Like It" and "Romeo and Juliet" on its screens and two "Hamlets" and an "Othello" upon its stages, and still Broadway's Shakespeare season is not done. Verily, it is again the heyday of the Bard. For come February 1, and Maurice Evans, who was so recently Napoleon in Mr. Max Gordon's "St. Helena," will be reliving the life of an equally frustrated ruler, in "Richard III."

In making the announcement, Mr. Richard Maney, who writes better than most of the playwrights whose shows he exploits, remarked to the Broadway reporter:

"You will recall, I hope, that in that tragedy a young English king, garrulous, indecisive and procrastinating, banishes one of his nobles, Bolingbroke, seizes the revenues of his deceased father that he may carry on a foray into Ireland, and on his return finds the exile entrenched in England, most of his own followers deserted. Bolingbroke delivers the ultimatum that unless his banishment is revoked and his estates restored he shall seize the crown. The two meetings, Richard temporizes, equivocates, strikes penitent attitudes and sprays his opponent with rhetoric. In the end friendless, alone—in his wife has been forced to take refuge in France—he gives up the crown (abdication is the word, I believe) to the resolute Bolingbroke, concluding in this fashion: "God save King Harry, unking'd Richard says, And send him many years of sunshine days."

"Why it seems only yesterday that something similar was boiling in Britain."

Aherne's Iago Excellent
Mr. Maney promises that Messrs. Eddie Dowling and Robinson Smith, the producers, will do right handsomely by the bard, and they must, if they are to support him in the style to which Shakespearean fans have become accustomed this season.

It is difficult to visualize a more satisfactory production of "Othello," than that provided by Professor Gordon, assisted by Dr. Robert Edmond Jones, with Mr. Walter Huston as the Moor and Mr. Brian Aherne as Iago. It is likely that the Aherne Iago will become to be recognized as a standard for future Iagos, such as Mr. John Gielgud's Dane is some time.

What the season lacked, a great dramatic spectacle comparable to Prof. Max Reinhardt's production of "The Miracle," has been supplied by Prof. Reinhardt's production of "The Eternal Road," which came to the reconstructed Manhattan opera house after a year of delay and an investment of \$500,000. It represents the highest achievement in stagecraft that Broadway has to offer, a masterpiece of mechanics and effects for which Norman Bel Geddes obviously deserves equal credit with Herr Dr. Reinhardt.

Visitor Is Ill

SILVERTON HILLS, Jan. 23.—Charles Nelson of Chicago is reported as quite ill at the home of his brothers, Ed and Frank Nelson here. The visitor arrived some time ago to spend some time with his brothers.

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Romeo and Juliet At Elsinore Soon

One Day Only in February; Ancient Instruments Play Old Music

Medieval music and instruments stilled by the weight of centuries have been given voice again in the musical score for "Romeo and Juliet," which comes to the Elsinore theatre for one day only, February 11. Melodies seldom heard by modern ear are reproduced on such venerable instruments as the virginal, the viola da gamba, the lute, the serpent and the lyre and bells.

Herbert Stothart, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer composer and conductor, carried out the ambitious undertaking. It was another step in assuring an authentic framework for the production of the Shakespearean classic, which stars Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard.

"This meant," Stothart said, "a wide search for these instruments, only a few of which have been preserved, and distinctive music of the early centuries has been made the subject of deep study and great research by Arnold Dolmetsch and his family in England. Each year, the Dolmetsch stage a festival of medieval and renaissance music, which was a great assistance."

"For the most part a standard orchestration was appropriate, but for the balcony scene, the Capulet ball, the tomb scene and other passages of inspiring poetic beauty, the instruments of the period best expressed the mood."

For the ballroom scene, Stothart assembled an entire orchestra of fifteenth century instruments.

In the supporting cast of "Romeo and Juliet" are John Barrymore, Edna May Oliver, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Denny, Violet Kemble Cooper, Henry Kolker, Maurice Murphy, C. Aubrey Smith, Ralph Forbes, Ian Wolfe, Andy Devine, Conway Tearle and Katherine DeMille.

Blocked Road to Be Reopened Soon

The Crooked Finger road, now snow-blocked, will be opened to travel throughout its length by Monday if plans laid yesterday by County Engineer N. C. Hubbs materialize.

After driving to within a mile of the Crooked Finger school on an inspection trip, Hubbs announced he had directed William King, road patrolman, to move to that road today with his crawler grader and push the snow off the right of way sufficiently to make resumption of motor traffic possible. He had a tractor and grader at work there yesterday.

Mall has been delivered in the Crooked Finger district by horseback since the heavy snow fell. Hubbs found the snow to be around 30 inches deep.

Social Club Meets

KINGWOOD, Jan. 23.—Despite inclement weather and a small attendance, matrons of the Laurel Social Four club enjoyed a pleasant social afternoon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Eugene Krebs. A pleasing program of games, readings and music was given.

Mrs. J. M. Six will be hostess February 1.

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"Once a Doctor" Capitol Feature

Jean Muir, Donald Woods Play Leads; Tangled Plot Is Unfolded

"Once a Doctor," a First National picture, featuring Jean Muir and Donald Woods is scheduled to open at the Capitol theatre today.

Woods plays a young physician who is the adopted son of Joseph King, a middle-aged practitioner of considerable fame. King has another son who is a doctor—a ne'er-do-well, portrayed by Gordon Oliver.

This lad is engaged to Jean Muir who is the daughter of still another physician—a great brain surgeon, Dr. Nordland, played by Henry Kolker. This not only seems like a lot of physicians—it is. As a matter of fact, nine doctors are portrayed in the piece.

Donald Woods worships Jean but doesn't let her know it. The great Dr. Nordland, whose brain surgery Woods has been studying, gets a parole for him and sends him to Cuba to work in a dispensary. He sets forth on a freighter.

During the height of a great storm, wireless word comes to the freighter that Dr. Bruce, his benefactor, has suffered a brain fracture on his yacht. Courageously, Woods transfers from the freighter to the yacht across raging seas, and on the tossing boat performs the operation he has learned from Nordland. He saves Dr. Bruce's life—of course winning the love of Miss Muir, who by this time has learned that her fiance, Oliver, is a rascal.

Assistance Funds Increase Granted

At few-dollar increase in Marion county's fund for old age assistance has been granted by the state relief committee, according to information received here yesterday. A total federal, state and county expenditure of \$19,928.64 has been approved for the current month as against \$19,708.74 of the new allotment. \$492.16 each will be contributed by the county and the state and twice this sum by the federal government.

December expenditures for the pensions included \$938.51 administrative costs. The county's bill for assistance to the blind in January is \$168.52.

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Martha Raye
and
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