# Musical Comedy, Thrills and Love Scenes Booked at Theatres

## "Top of Town" Elsinore Show

Doris Nolan and G. Murphy Take Leads in Music Film; Opens Today

Echoes of sprightly music, mad-cap fun and lively laughter have reverberated by way of movie scouts, all the way from Holly-wood to this city, where the Uni-versal filmusical, "Top of the Town," crystallizes these desirable qualities on the Elsinore

theatre screen now. The breezy story concerns s millionairess with a lot of batty ideas that have three strikes on them. The energetic damsel, por-trayed by Doris Nolan, has plenty of curves in the right places. Her charms, as well as her ideas, keep a handsome young orchestra leader swinging. Appropriately, he is a swing band leader. This role is played by the dancing wizard of Broadway stage hits and of the screen, George Murphy. In the picture, George is about to open a modern swanky night club for Doris Nolan's uncles, when Doris coaxes her uncles to let her man-

age the showplace. She drives George frantic with her ideas. The Moonbeam Room opens at last and Doris springs a mixture of high hat monkeyshines on an unsuspecting audi-

The performers include Gertrude Niesen, exotic star of the Ziegfeld Follies, recently popular on the radio; Ella Logan, another national radio favorite; ten comedians of note, Hugh Herbert, Gregory Ratoff, Henry Armetta, Mischa Auer, the Three Sailors, Jason Robson and Blue, Ray Mayer, Richard Carle and Jack Smart The 12-year-old dancing discovery, Peggy Ryan, is also featured. There are 200 beautiful dancing girls and two choral groups numbering more than 150 singers who chant the seven song hits in the picture. Ralph Murphy directed

#### The Call Board

· Today-"Seventh Heaven," with Simone Simon and James Stewart. Wednesday—"Midnight
Taxi," with Brian Donlevy. \* Saturday-Don Ameche and Ann Sothern in "Fifty

Roads to Town." HOLLYWOOD

Today-"Tarzan Escapes," and Maureen O'Sullivan. Wednesday-Double bill, Car ole Lombard and Fred MacMurray in 'Hands Across the Table" and "Man Who Lived Again," Boris Karloff and

Friday-Double bill, "Devil on Horseback," with Lilt Damita and Fred Keating and "The Mighty Treve," with Noah Beery, jr., and

Today-Double bill, "Girl From Scotland Yard," with Karen Morley and "Guns in the Dark," with John

Mack Brown. \* Tuesday-Double bill, Fredric March in "Anthony Ad-

Friday only-On the stage, original stars of KNX, and on the screen, "Too Many Wives.

Saturday-Double bill, "We Have Our Moments," with Sally Eilers and "Hills of Old Wyoming," with Bill .

ELSINORE -"Top of the Town" . with 50 stars and "March \*

Thursday-Double bill, "You Only Live Once," with Sylvia Sidney and Charles \* Laughton in "Private Life of Henry the VIII." Sunday-"The Plainsman,"

with Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur. ednesday-Double bill, "Along Came Love," plus Without Orders."

Friday-Eastern vaudeville, headlining Sunny LaMont, plus first showing of Cary Grant and Mary Brian in Romance and Riches."



They're on Top of the World



Doris Nolan and George Murphy swing to silver tinkling tunes while jingling dancing beauties tread the golden stairs of rhythm in the "Top of the Town" now playing at the Elsinore theatre.



Robert Baldwin and Karen Morley provide some thrilling scenes in "The Girl from Scotland Yard" showing at the Capitol theatre today, along with "Guns in the Dark" with John Mack Brown.



John Buckler, Benita Hume, Johnny Weissmuller, William Henry, Maureen O'Sullivan in "Tarzan Escapes" now on at the Hollywood

### BROADWAY NIGHTS

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By Clark Kinnaird

Americans have bought about \$19,000,000 worth of tickets, and have won back about \$11,500,000. Since the majority of purchasers are of the poorest classes, the law of averages dicpersons to whom \$100 usually is

The nation is thus provided annually with scores of examples of the effects of sudden wealth.

Even a freshman in sociology in Jerkwater college could dredge up more of interest from the case histories of sweepstakes winners than the dramatists who have lately tackled the subject. In "Bet Your Life," a one time Chicago dramatic critic, Fritz Blocki, and a comedian, Willie Howard, use a family of lucky ticket holders as their protagonists, with such results as to cause members of the professional critical fraternity to agree for once on something: They picked it as the worst play of the season.

Not Wrong This Time A unanimous vote of the critics can be wrong, as shown by the famous instance of "Abie's Irish Rose," but not by any possibility in the case of "Bet Your Life." Brock Pemberton has refused to accept the critical verdict on "Now You've Done It," by Mary Coyle Chase of Denver, and is continuing it, confident that word-of-mouth praise of audi-ences will build it into a success, and Broadway managers are watching the result with deep interest. Changes have been made in the production presented at the premiere, which in turn was a considerable revision of the original form of the play, which made its debut in a Denver WPA theater as "Me Third." It concerns a candidate for congress (Walter Greaza) who got his politics mixed with a girl (Marsaret Perry) paroled from a house of correction, who had ormerly worked in a harlot's house. Her recognition of cus-

NEW YORK, April 17 .- In the | If such plays are immoral, it is last four Irish sweepstakes gam- because they usually convey the erroneous idea that there are persons as lovely as Margaret est hit tune by Arthur Johnston Perry to be found in dens of iniquity. "Behind Red Lights," by Beth Brown and the late Samuel tates that most of the \$100,000 Shipman, which is now current. and lesser prizes shall fall to purports to be an indictment of Orgon Leads All States organized vice. Actually, due to the attractiveness of the women in the cast, it is a glorification

Too charming, too, to be the adaption of a German play by Bruno Frank, made by Miss Cummings' husband, Ben W. Levy. But neither of the writers succeeded in making a play of their theme. It succeeds only in being an exhibition in dramatic repertoire by Miss Cummings. As such it probably will have a limited appeal to the matinee trade.

"Red Harvest," by Walter Charles Roberts, third of the plays Brock Pemberton, in a sudden burst of energy, brought to Broadway within two weeks, seems to have no better chances than his "Chalked Out," which expired within a week. "Red Harvest" is another anti-war preachment, sub-titled "Pages From a Red Cross Diary," which unfor-tunately makes the audience suffer almost as much as the char-





### "Seventh Heaven" Playing at Grand

Simone Simon and Stewart Featured; Early War Period Recalled

The honors in "Seventh Heaven"—and there are plenty of them for all concerned—are di-vided primarily between the tre-mendously moving picturization of this, the tenderest romance of our time, and the fact that in it emerges fully an actress destined to be known as the greatest star on the screen—Simone Simon, co-starred with James Stewart in the Twentieth Century-Fox production which opened yesterday at the Grand theatre.

For the background of "Seventh Heaven," Twentieth Century-Fox hs re-created a vivid and picturesque Montmartre, set in the turbulent days of 1914. In the huge, subterranean Paris sewer, Chico spends his working days, scornful of the Providence that failed, first, to make him a street washer, and, second, to bring him a fine, intelligent wife.

Chico saves the waif, Diane, from a beating, and also from gendarmes who would arrest her for throwing wine in the face of a cafe customer who annoyed her. To do this, he has to pose as Diane's husband, and the gen-darmes announce that they will check up on him.

Forced to live up to his story, Chico takes Diane to his garret, where the vista of the stars at night makes him forget the daylong toil in the dank sewer. When war breaks out and Chico is called to the army, he realizes that he is in love with the waif he befriended, and pledges to return to her in spirit at 11 o'clock every

Despite news of Chico's death, Diane continues to keep her tryst, a faith that leads to one of the screen's great emotional moments in a powerful conclusion to the tenderest love story of our time.

#### **Fast-Moving Play** Comes to Capitol

Girl from Scotland Yard" Cast Headed By Karen Morley, R. Baldwin

Action, international intrigue and romance in generous portions teep "The Girl from Scotland Yard." which opens today at the Capitol theatre, moving at a of thrills and chills, some excell- \$3, former resident of Broad- Hubbard cemetery. ent comedy, and a flavoring of

The story presents Karen Mor-ley in the title role as an agent who uses her beauty and wit to trap the inventor of a death ray who threatens to destroy England's air force with his invention. Since the ray is operated at a distance and is invisible, it is not an easy job that confronts

Miss Morley is assisted in tracking down the inventor by Robert Baldwin, an American newspaper man who gets involved in the intrigue when he falls in love with the beautiful secret agent. He and Miss Morley succeed in trapping the inventor, but not before the latter wrecks several bombing planes in a thrilling aerial battle high over London.

Baldwin is a newcomer to films. He appeared in only one picture before, "Mind Your Own Business," the wise guy newspaper columnist. Another newcomer in "The Girl from Scotland Yard" is Milli Monti, the beautiful Italian songstress, who makes her American film debut in this picture. Miss Monti sings "We Haven't a Moment to Lose," latand John Burke, the team that wrote "Pennies from Heaven."

## On Bankers' Honor Rolls

Oregon has been on the honor roll of the agricultural commisype, is Constance Cummings, the sion of the American Bankers' asead in another new play con- sociation more times than any cerning a woman of easy virtue, other state in the union, accord-"Young Mme. Conti," and her ing to the current bulletin of the trial for shooting a lover. It's an commission. States are rated according to the extent to which the bankers of the state cooperate with farmers in placing agriculture on a more businesslike, modern and efficient basis. Oregon has been on the honor roll for eight years, and Georgia next with seven.

> Library Has New Sign MONMOUTH, April 17 .- The city library of Monmouth is displaying a new sign, made and presented to the library by the manual arts department of Monmouth high school. The lettering was done by Miss Ellen Lentz, high school senior.



Simone in Tender Romance



Lovers who lift your heart to the stars, Simone Simon and James Stewart are starred in "Seventh Heaven" the Twentieth Century-Fox production of the tenderest romance of our time featured at the Grand theatre.



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MARCH OF TIME

CARTOON - NEWS EVENTS

Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur appear at the State theatre Sunday in Cecil B. DeMille's epic of the west, "The Plainsman." acres, who died in Nevada April 12, will be held at the Ringo To Be Observed Today chapel in Woodburn Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. WOODBURN, April 17 .- Fun- John L. Green of Hubbard offiswift pace. The picture has plenty eral services for Jesse Johnson, clating. Interment will be in the

## "Tarzan Escapes" Is at Hollywood

Weissmuller Has to Learn Swahili to Make This Jungle Thriller

Tarzan has gone native! Johnny Weissmuller had to put in a week studying the native Swahili language, to play his famous character in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest adventure thriller of the jungles, "Tarzan Escapes," which comes today to the Hollywood theatre, with Weissmuller and Maureer O'Sullivan reunited in another series of thrills.

In the new picture Weissmuller converses with natives. The services of Dr. Ernest Wilson, negro physician, were enlisted. Dr. Wilson was born in Africa, near Victoria Falls, as a youth was taken to England and later to New York, where he studied medicine. He practiced in Harlem, then traveled west. Speaking the native tongue perfectly, he coached Weissmuller and others who had to learn the extremely intricate

The new story, based on the famous Edgar Rice Burroughs character, deals with the attempt of a white hunter to capture Tarzan for exhibition purposes.

The terrific battle between a herd of stampeding elephants and hostile natives, the perilous escape from a quicksand quagmire, the attack of the giant vampire bats, Targan's escape from an animal cage—these are but a few of the thrilling episodes in the story of the life of the ape-man and his mate who dwell in the jungle in a treetop bungalow with apes for servants and elephants for allies.

Richard Thorpe directed the new picture, the cast including John Buckler, Benita Hume, William Henry and hundreds of na-



#### Capitol Friday



'Sheriff" Loyal Underwood heads the troupe of "original stars of KNX" the clever stage group of famous radio stars which comes to the Capitol for one day only on Friday, April 23. There will be one show at the matinee and two in the evening.

tives. Several hundred wild animals of all kinds, including lions, elephants, leopards, panthers, hyenas, zebras, crocodiles, hippos and other species were used 'm filming the astounding story.



## VAN-TAGE CLEARED OUT GAS, BLOAT! WAISTLINE NOW REDUCED 5 INCHES!

Mr. Walls, Widely-Known Portland Man, Was Almost Afraid to Eat Due to Awful Gas and Bloating-Felt Like Stomach Would Burst With Presture - Bowels Sluggish and Constipated For Days at a Time - Now Van-Tage Has Relieved Him and He Says: "I Bless the Day I Found This Medicine!"

Mr. G. H. Walls, of 2437 N. W Savier, Portland, is still another Widely-Known Oregon Resident who is publicly endorsing the 'Amazing Mixture of Nature's Roots and Herbs and Other Splendid Medicinal Agents," known as VAN-TAGE, which is now being introduced to crowds daily here in Salem by a Special Van-Tage Representative, known as The VAN-TAGE Man, at 170 N. Liberty Street. Mr. Walls is 67 years of age and has lived in Portland for 35 years. He has been a Street Car Motorman there for the past 30 years and has friends not only in Portland but here in Salem as well. Read every word of his Amazing Testimonial!

Wore Belt Around Waist to Ease Gas Bloating "I had suffered terribly with badly upset stomach and consti-

pated bowels," said Mr. Walls. My stomach finally got so bad that everything turned into awful gas and bloat inside of me, and awful enemas any more. I have caused so much suffering that I was almost AFRAID TO EAT. I did have and just FEEL LIKE The gas in my stomach and intestines caused terrible pains that Van-Tage for the Great Relief it BENT ME DOUBLE, in fact I bloated up so tight around my waist line that I felt as if I were going to burst! It seemed like the only thing that would ease this awful feeling was something pressed real tight around my waist, so I nearly always wore a special heavy belt which eased my suffering a little. Constipa-tion probably had a lot to do with were in terrible shape. I guess they were practically paralyzed for not even strong physics did me any good and I would go 4 or 5 days at a time without any action at all. About the only thing that would relieve this condition was water enemas and I took so many of these that they made my back and sides terribly weak and sore. I finally got so I didn't have any pep or energy left in my body and was hardly able to get around

Van-Tage Clears Gas and Bloat From Stomach trying to get some relief from my



MR. G. H. WALLS, Prominent Portland Street Car Motorman, Who Says: "VAN-TAGE Has Made Me Feel Like a New Man! I Bless the Day I Found This Great Medicine!"

suffering, but nothing helped me. Finally I heard about Van-Tage and started taking it, and I simply BLESS THE DAY I FOUND THIS MEDICINE! It cleared so much old gas and bloating out of my stomach and intestines that ily as I do now, and my meals agree with me and I have no pain or suffering afterward at all. It also cleaned my sluggish bowels and they are more normal than they have been for years. And Thank Heaven I don't need those brought me and if anybody wants to ask me about this medicine will be glad to talk to them and

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