

# Best Films of Year and Popular Stars at Theatres Today

## 'Kidnapped' Is Colorful Film

Stevenson Classic Given Fine Screen Setting; Now on at Grand

From the world's great stories come the greatest motion pictures and "Kidnapped," which Robert Louis Stevenson considered his best, proved this axiom to the hilt yesterday at the Grand theatre.

Warner Baxter portrays in all his swashbuckling, vigorous best, the never-to-be forgotten Alan Breck, fugitive clansman of the highlands. And Freddie Bartholomew, a size or two larger than when he last appeared so brilliantly on the screen, gives a fine performance to the role of David Balfour, the boy hero of the piece.

Script Changed Little The movie takes liberty with the original script in introducing a "heart interest" to the life of Alan Breck. But this reviewer is willing to concede that even Robert Louis Stevenson might have rewritten his story had he known Arleen Whelan. This bright-eyed, mischievous Irish lass brings a freshness and beauty to the story that makes "Kidnapped" a treat for eyes jaded with glamor girl after glamor girl.

The story concerns Alan Breck's leading the clans in revolt against the union of the North Country with George III's domain. David Balfour is the lad with the unscrupulous uncle who tries to keep the boy's rightful estate by having him kidnapped and shipped to America. The lives of Alan Breck and David Balfour cross at the point where the girl, fiancée of a lesser rebel, falls in love with Breck.

An impressive cast headed by C. Aubrey Smith, Reginald Owen, John Carradine, Nigel Bruce, Miles Mander, Ralph Forbes and H. B. Warner appears in the film, which was directed by Alfred Werker. Kenneth Macgowan served as associate producer, with the screen play authored by Sonya Levien, Eleanor Harris, Ernest Pascal and Edwin Blum.

## Great Heroes in "Kidnapped"



Warner Baxter and Freddie Bartholomew encounter exciting adventure in the 20th Century-Fox production of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped" in which they play the leading roles and now showing at the Grand theatre.



This is not a candid camera shot of a corn-eating contest, but a scene from "Vivacious Lady" in which Ginger Rogers and James Stewart are thus engaged and the featured picture at the Elsinore theatre today.

## Ginger Rogers Elsinore Star

Night-Club Entertainer, Professor Romance in "Vivacious Lady"

Co-starring two of the screen's leading favorites, Ginger Rogers and James Stewart, "Vivacious Lady" offers a brilliant and up-to-date romance to film-goers which is opening today at the Elsinore theatre.

The stormy love affair of a night-club entertainer and a studious young professor is the theme of this story, the action of which takes place in a sleepy little college town, in whose dignified atmosphere the heroine is astonished to find herself.

Stewart, as the young pedagogue, marries Miss Rogers, the entertainer, after a brief whirlwind courtship in New York City and takes her back to Old Sharon. Fearing the stern tongue of his Puritanical father, who is also the president of the college, the boy hesitates to tell his family of the marriage.

Complication Hits Romance Only Stewart's cousin, played by James Ellison, knows the truth and he loyally tries to help out the couple. A series of complications, fostered by the determination of Stewart's boyhood sweetheart to marry the young man, and by Miss Rogers' growing impatience with her husband's lack of decision, make up the interlocking crises of the story, with many hilarious situations piling high the entertainment values of the picture.

Roles Are Colorful The two stars have strongly colorful roles that give them notable opportunities to display their abilities, and they are given grand support by a hand-picked cast. Ellison is featured as Stewart's playboy cousin, and Charles Coburn and Beulah Bondi as Stewart's parents, Frances Mercer as the "other woman," Phyllis Kennedy as a bored housemaid and Grady Sutton as Stewart's laboratory assistant, all fill prominent roles.

The settings range from the glitter of a Broadway night club to the ivy-clad walls and sedate classrooms of the small-town college. A sparkling modern ballad, "You'll Be Reminded of Me," is sung by Miss Rogers in the nightclub sequence.

## Buddies in War Film



Henry Fonda and Leo Carrillo as buddies in Spain's civil war, which forms the background of "Blockade," a romantic drama opening Wednesday at the Elsinore theatre on a double bill program with "Who Killed Gail Preston" starring Rita Hayworth.



Shirley Ross's unwise love for the wrong sort of man, Lloyd Nolan, lands her in a backward and brutal camp in "Prison Farm," the new drama which comes to the Capitol theatre today.

## Star-Studded Cast In "Radio Revels"

Screenland Favorites Are Given Roles in Film Now at Hollywood

Revolving about one of the most ingenious themes ever brought to the screen, RKO Radio's new musical comedy hit, "Radio City Revels," has been lavishly produced with a star-studded cast headed by Bob Burns, Jack Oakie, Kenny Baker and Ann Miller and opens today at the Hollywood theatre with a melange of lyrics and laughter and dancing among its entertainment features.

The theme of the film is based on what psychologists call "automatic writing," the peculiar faculty of being able to write in their sleep or in a subconscious state. Bob Burns is an Arkansas hill billy who yearns to become a song-composer, although his efforts while awake are hopelessly amateurish. When he is asleep, however, he can—and does—write sparkling songs, and on this odd phenomenon the whole plot of the picture hinges.

Triangular Romance A triangular romance develops among Jack Oakie, Baker, and Ann Miller, sensational dancing ingenue. Victor Moore as the Radio City producer, Milton Berle, as Oakie's pianist and Helen Broderick as Ann Miller's acid-tongued sister, are also heavily involved in the comedy and romantic phases of the picture, as are Buster West and Melissa Mason, the novelty dancing pair of "White Horse Inn" fame.

Many catchy songs are featured. Written by Herb Magidson and Allie Wrubel, these include the romantic ballads, "Speak Your Heart" and "Good Night Angel," three modern numbers: "I'm Taking a Shine to You," "Take a Tip from the Tulp" and "There's a New Moon Over the Old Mill," and the novelty song, "Swingin' in the Corn."

## The Call Board

CAPITOL Today—Double bill, "Prison Farm" with Shirley Ross and Lloyd Nolan and the Three Mesquiteers in "Riders of the Black Hills." Wednesday—Double bill, Bobby Breen and Ned Sparks in "Hawaii Calls" and "The Lady in the Morgue" with Preston Foster.

HOLLYWOOD Today—"Radio City Revels" with Bob Burns, Jack Oakie, Kenny Baker and Ann Miller. Wednesday—Family night, Double bill, "She Married an Artist" with John Holes and Lull Deste and Richard Arlen and Fay Wray in "Murder in Greenwick Village."

Friday—Double bill, "My Dear Miss Aldrich" with Edna May Oliver, Maureen O'Sullivan and Walter Fitzgerald and Charles Sturgeon in "Cattle Raiders."

GRAND Today—Warner Baxter, Freddie Bartholomew in Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped."

Wednesday—June Lang and Dick Baldwin in "One Wild Night."

Saturday—Don Ameche, Simone Simon and Robert Young in "Josette."

Today—Double bill, Ginger Rogers and James Stewart in "Vivacious Lady," and "When Were You Born?" with Margaret Lindsay and Ann May Wong.

Wednesday—Double bill, "Blockade" with Henry Fonda and Madeline Carroll and "Who Killed Gail Preston" with Rita Hayworth.

class in Americanization starting at the old high school, room 3-K, next Monday night at 7:30.

Any person desiring to prepare for citizenship is urged to attend this class, taught by an experienced instructor who is able to give the kind of help needed. This course is part of a program sponsored by the Salem public schools and the state department of education, with no charge for tuition.

## Terror of Prison Camp Is Revealed

Shirley Ross, Newcomer to Films, Is Star of Capitol Bill

The experience of a beautiful young girl who undergoes all the terrors of a brutal prison camp rather than desert the man she loves forms the unusual plot of Paramount's new drama, "Prison Farm," which opens today at the Capitol theatre. With a group of noted young players turning in moving performances, the film uncovers the shocking conditions existing in certain American penal institutions and shows what their effect can be on an innocent young girl who is exposed to them.

Heading the cast in a new kind of role is Shirley Ross, the vivacious blonde who was hailed so enthusiastically when she sang "Thanks for the Memory" in the recent "Big Broadcast of 1933." She is now seen as a romantic young girl who throws up her home, her job and her friends for the love of a man who does not deserve it, and even follows him into a brutal prison camp.

Director Makes Study Under the painstaking direction of Louis King, who has made an exhaustive study of his subject, "Prison Farm" reveals the tragedy of the innocent girl, who is exposed to one terror after another, climaxing with a live steam barage when she and a group of her fellow-inmates strike for better treatment.

Lloyd Nolan, as Miss Ross's gunman-sweetheart, and John Howard, as the crusading prison doctor, have the other leading roles in the picture. As Howard shows the girl what the love of the right sort of man can accomplish, she gradually draws away from Nolan and in the end links her future with his.

## Ross Visions Net Of Utility Areas

SPOKANE, June 18 (AP)—Fulfilling the demands for immediate power is his greatest concern, J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, told the Washington association of public utility district commissioners today in an address in which he envisioned a net work of utility districts covering the entire northwest.

Already he said, he has made application to Washington, D.C., for \$21,000,000 for the construction of a power line from Bonneville to Grand Coulee, through Pasca and Yakima.

"It is going to tax the resources of Bonneville to care for the demands now being made for power," he said.

"I am advocating the construction of a big dam in Idaho and another on the Columbia, probably at Umatilla. But, it takes years to build a dam and my greatest concern now is to save off a power shortage. Our power



That's what Bazooka Bob Burns would like to know to cure the insomnia which prevents his writing song unconsciously in his sleep which Milton Berle and Jack Oakie pilfer 'mid the gay musicomic festivities in "Radio City Revels" playing today at the Hollywood theatre.

is far from the white elephant our opponents would have you believe."

## New Biographies Added to Library

A collection of unusually interesting and timely biographies have been added to the Salem public library. "Savage Symphonies" by Lips is an account of the effect of the Hitler regime upon the young Aryan director of the anthropological museum of Cologne and his wife, who tells the story. "On My Own" by Mary Knight is the autobiography of a foreign correspondent. "Helen Mearns' Journal, 1928-1927," Mearns' "Fifty Years a Country Doctor," Arnim's "All the Dogs of My Life" and Kracauer's "Orpheus in Paris" are other new titles in this group.

Two more books about contemporary Germany are "The House that Hitler Built" by Roberts and "The German Octopus" by Wolfe.

Among the new novels are "The Great American Novel" by Davis, "American Years" by Sinclair, "Towers in the Mist" by Goudge, "I See a Wondrous Land" by Kamban, "Free Land" by Lane and "The Strongest Son" by Stevens.

## Award Contract For Orville Job

The state highway commission yesterday awarded the \$13,805 contract for oil-surfacing of the south river road from Roberts 3.3 miles to Orville on which bids were received June 2. The successful bidders were McNutt Brothers of Eugene.

The commission also awarded Saxton, Looney and Risley, Oak Grove, a contract to grade, surface and oil 1.73 miles on the Washington county line—Skyline section of the northwest Thompson county road to Willistonah county.

Both contracts will be started within a few days.

## Independence to Hold School Vote

INDEPENDENCE—So far as is known there is no one seeking the school board post being vacated by Dr. George C. Knott, whose term expires Monday, the day for the annual school election. Dr. Knott has declined to stand for reelection, stating that his practice does not allow time.

The meeting, which will be at 8 o'clock Monday in the training school auditorium, will have as other business the election of a clerk and hearing of the annual clerk's report.

Possibility that the \$18,000 federal grant for improvement of the high school may still come through was seen Thursday when E. W. Hoffman, acting regional director of Public Work Administration, Portland, said the independence project is still alive and stands a good chance of being provided for by the adjourning congress. This \$18,000 would be added to a \$22,000 bond issue to make \$40,000 available for the improvement.

## Rain Saves Clatsop Pea Crop From Destruction

ASTORIA, Ore., June 18 (AP)—Two days of rain broke the drought in Clatsop county and saved hundreds of acres of peas from destruction today.

Several acres in the sandy area at Clatsop Plains were lost but the bulk of the crop was well dampened in the bottom lands.

The rain also improved drying pastures.

## Gen. White Snaps Down Guard Line

Inspection Tour Covers 10 Miles of Stiff Uneasy Privates

ASTORIA, June 18 (AP)—Major General George A. White, chief of the 41st division, set a snappy four-mile-an-hour pace today inspecting 3000 national guardsmen at the Camp Clatsop parade grounds.

The general's tour covered about 10 miles. He observed two regiments of infantry, one of field artillery, a signal unit and a medical corps. Each outfit disassembled its equipment for the inspection.

Occasionally the general, stepping briskly along the route, paused to ask a national guardman about the condition of his rifle, the technique of the weapon and even "how do you like the coffee." He peered into open packs to see that all was in order, glanced into shelter tents and carefully went through the 42 mess kitchens.

To Repel Invaders The coast artillery, 249th regiment, will bivouac at Fort Stevens Monday for night drill with searchlights to pick up an "invading" force of coast guard boats. Service ammunition will be fired from two Fort Stevens batteries and one at Fort Canby, Wash., on Wednesday.

The 82nd brigade will bivouac in the Lewis and Clark area several miles east of Camp Clatsop in tactical maneuver against invaders landing on the coast and breaking Fort Stevens. The brig-

gade will move against Seaside early in the morning to contact the enemy.

## Oregon Borrowers Repay HOLC Loan

Oregon ranks high in performance on the records of the Home Owners' Loan corporation, according to figures revealed by Frank B. Upshaw, state manager. He stated that "Oregon borrowers have paid back \$3,322,454 or 17.8 per cent of their principal indebtedness, and 377 loans, amounting to \$581,927, have been paid in full.

There were 9,410 loans, amounting to \$18,554,279, granted in the state. On April 30, 7,440 accounts were entirely current or less than three months in arrears, while 602 other borrowers were meeting all current bills and making regular monthly payments on their arrearages. There are 381 other borrowers who are making some kind of payments and whose homes the corporation hopes to save."

Mr. Upshaw also released some national figures showing borrowers of the HOLC have paid back \$408,124,521, or about 12 per cent of their entire principal indebtedness, and \$1,926, amounting to \$73,128,446, have been paid in full.

## Gevurtz Quarters Will Be Enlarged

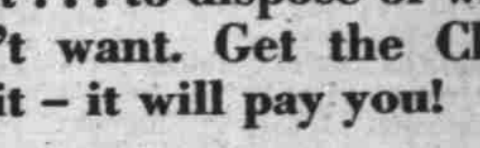
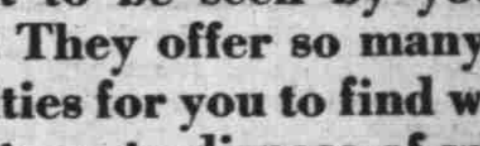
William D. Gwyn, manager, announced yesterday the Gevurtz Furniture company had arranged to take over the present location of Busick's Liberty street market, adjoining the furniture store, shortly after July 1 as additional display space. That part of the building will be remodeled and connected with the firm's present floor space to the north.

The Gevurtz company entered the Salem field last August. Manager Gwyn hopes to have the enlarged store ready for opening in connection with a celebration of its first anniversary here.

## Americanization Class Is to Start

A number of members of the WPA adult education class in Americanization were among those who came up for their citizenship examinations last Friday.

Others who were not yet ready for their examination may prepare for the one which comes in September by joining the new



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