

'Ragtime Band' Is at Grand

Alice Faye, Ameche and Power Stars of Film Based Upon Song

"Alexander's Ragtime Band," the song which Irving Berlin wrote nearly 30 years ago and which has lived long enough in popular fancy to become almost an American folk song, forms the theme of the Darryl F. Zanuck production which bears the song's name.

The film opened yesterday at the Grand theatre, with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche in the starring roles.

While it revolutionized the entire popular concept of dancing and singing in 1911, it is generally admitted to have begun the ragtime vogue which has since passed through the eras of blues and jazz to current "swing." There are a number of interesting facts in connection with the song itself.

Originally written by Irving Berlin as "Alexander and His Clarinet," the song had no words. Revamped and lyricized for a Friars frolic in New York in 1911. First sung in public in 1911 by Emma Carns in Chicago. In 27 years, to date, it has been given 10,000-odd performances.

Tune Sells 2,000,000 Copies
At the peak of its career the song sold 2,000,000 copies of sheet music. Its staggering total over 27 years cannot be learned.

Irving Berlin did not own the copyright to the song until 1925 when he bought it. The author and composer was paid \$25 a week when he wrote "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and he has written 600 songs which have aggregated more than 60,000,000 copies of sheet music.

Although he is considered a genius of melody, Berlin's process of writing always starts with the words. He generally begins by catching a phrase. . . . sometimes an obscure remark heard in a throng.

One Berlin production years ago in New York bore the title "Watch Your Step" which had been the chant of the subway guards until he put it to music.

A friend's chance remark, "My Wife's Gone to the Country" . . . a confused clubmate's plaintive, "What'll I Do?" . . . "All Alone."

The key to his tremendous success as a writer of the nation's songs has been his quick ability for phrases which need but to be brought before your eyes to strike a familiar note on your ear.

Berlin got his first taste for music from his father. The future songwriter was four years old when the family moved to America. Outside of two years of public school, the boy was busy helping out the family by selling newspapers.

He later sang popular songs of the day at a Bowery barroom and composed his own pieces.

It was not long before he wrote his first instantaneous hit, "My Wife's Gone to the Country." . . . But he touched off the spark when he wrote "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

The story is the love of three young people who fight their way together through the Barbary coast to fame, during the years when ragtime changed to swing. Featured are many of the hits that made Irvin Berlin the king of all popular song writers.

Ralph W. Wilburn Funeral Is Today

WOODBURN — Ralph Waldo Wilburn, 75, of Woodburn died at a Salem hospital Thursday. He was born in Barton, Md., May 17, 1863, and moved here several years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Ida M. Wilburn; one son, Ralph Wilburn, three daughters, Gale Belle Wilburn and Vivian Konetta of Portland and Vesta Wilburn Blair of Seattle.

Funeral services were held at the Rizzo chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. with Rev. Ralph G. Kleen in charge. Interment will be in Belle Pass cemetery.

Film Star to Wed Ocean Flier



Toby Wing

Dick Merrill

Numerous romantic rumors linking Toby Wing, movie starlet, and Dick Merrill, transatlantic flyer, were confirmed when they announced that they would marry this fall. Merrill is the only flyer who has made two round trips by air across the Atlantic.

IN CAVALCADE OF RHYTHM



Tyrone Power and Alice Faye furnish the romantic interest in the spectacular film "Alexander's Ragtime Band." (Top) wartime days are recalled by this scene from a doughboy production staged during the early days of our participation in the World War. The jazz age had its beginnings amid lowly surroundings. In this scene from "Alexander's Ragtime Band," Alice Faye sings while Tyrone Power plays the fiddle, Don Ameche the piano, and Jack Haley the traps.

Eddy and Powell Hollywood Stars

"Rosalie" Music-Extravaganza Uses West Point for Its Background

Reproducing the picturesque campus and many of the imposing buildings of America's famous West Point played an important part in the filming of "Rosalie," the super-lavish new musical which brings Nelson Eddy and Eleanor Powell to the Hollywood starting today in a co-starring vehicle.

W. S. Van Dyke II, who directed "Rosalie," is famed for his insistence on accuracy in reproducing famous landmarks.

Settings Extravagant
Many West Point campus scenes were reproduced in fullest detail for the picture. Studio experts made the trek across the country to photograph and measure important settings. Hence, when Eddy and Miss Powell are seen talking to each other at the top of a knoll, it is shown as a faithful copy of the famous Pliration Walk. Other scenes are similarly authentic.

Nine new Cole Porter songs are heard in the production.

National Pension Club now Formed

MONMOUTH — The reorganization of Townsend club activities in Monmouth has brought about formation of the local club of the Townsend National Recovery Plan of Oregon which is functioning as a separate unit from Monmouth Townsend club No. 1. The latter was formed four years ago.

President of the new club is E. M. Ebbert; vice-president, W. J. Graham; secretary, May Whitaker; treasurer, A. J. Whitaker; advisory board: Henry Hewett, Ed Rogers, E. M. DeLapp, Sarah Lamb, and J. L. Murdock. Mrs. Eugenia is chairman of the welfare committee. The club has 48 members.



The dancing of Eleanor Powell and the music of Nelson Eddy blend in the production "Rosalie," lavish musical film at the Hollywood theatre today.

BROADWAY NIGHTS

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By AXEL STORM

NEW YORK—What with summer theaters getting under way, the outdoor opera season shaking the rain out of its hair at Jones beach and Randall's Island and the air-conditioned night clubs offering summer fare even lighter than the usual, the entertainment outlook for New York's summer is a good one.

Two notable openings were chalked up at the beginning of the week—and only one of these was a new play. At the Ridgway theater in White Plains, N. Y., Eugene O'Neill's comedy, "Ah, Wilderness!" started the season, with Thomas Crosby, professor of English at Brown university, in the role created by George M. Cohan.

The really important opening of the week, however, was the premiere of "Honey," a comedy by Ward Greene, at the Cape Playhouse, Dennis, Mass. It was presented by special arrangement with Max Gordon, who plans a Broadway production in the fall. "Honey" deals with a southern family, living in Brooklyn in straitened circumstances, with little left except their southern pride. When the head of the family, who seven years before ran out with a minstrel troupe, unexpectedly turns up, interesting situations develop in the three acts which critics have characterized as amusing and exciting.

Accent Authentic
The confraternity of play players found Miss Mary Brian, who makes her debut as a player on the legitimate stage in "Honey," "attractive, vivacious, and with a charming and authentic southern accent." They report that she was ably supported by Philip Houston as a Broadway racketeer who yearns to skip the gutter and become a southern gentleman-farmer; Margaret Wycherly as the mother; June Walker, Muriel Hutchinson, Mable Page, Otto Hult, Forrest Orr, Wylie Adams and others. The direction was by Arthur Sircorn and the settings by Eugene Fitch.

As to outdoor entertainment, the Gallo opera troupe has begun its annual presentation of the more popular grand operas in the overgrown gondola which holds the stage in Buck's bay, Jones beach, L. I., and the gay and colorful "Show Boat" is currently the attraction in the stadium under the Triboro bridge on Riker's island.

Dancer From Turkey
We weren't speaking of dancers, but if we had been, it might have brought out a remark that almost any kind of a dancer could have been born in Spain. But at Bill Bill Bertolotti's restaurant

down on West Third street in Greenwich Village there's a Spanish dancer who, so help us, was born in Turkey. Her name's Chita, which doesn't sound Spanish to us at all, unless it's a contraction or a diminutive, and she's as authentically Spanish a dancer as if she had been born in the Tri-ana. There's an unmistakable Gitan-Castilian fire and dash and rhythm to her dancing, she's good to look at, and she doesn't do the same old things so many Spanish dancers have done for us. By the way, we took an epicurean friend of ours, a woman physician (and you know how penetrating they can be in their criticisms) to Bill Bertolotti's for dinner. She had a cocktail, some fine wine with the dinner, and when the floor show started she lifted her eyebrows.

"They don't really need a floor show here, do they?" she asked. "Their food is the best I've tasted in New York."

That just goes to show how accurate her diagnosis was. We couldn't vouch for all New York, but the food at this place is superb.

Kebers Are Home From Trip Abroad

Attend Budapest Meeting; Mt. Angel Cannery Is Leased to Clary

MT. ANGEL—Home from a European jaunt are Misses Helen and Elizabeth Keber. They left here in April to attend the eucharistic congress in Budapest, Hungary. They have visited important countries of western Europe and relatives and friends in the eastern and middle western United States.

At Madelia, Minn., the girls met their brother, Alois Keber, and two nieces, Ursula and Madlen Keber. The united party motored home in Alois Keber's newly-purchased car.

Cannery Leased
For the first time in several months, the Mt. Angel cannery will operate.

The building and equipment have been leased to E. J. Clary of Seattle, Wash. The new owner plans to pack prunes, possibly by the first of September.

This is the first time the cannery will be under private management.

The Mt. Angel Order of Flaxarians and the Mt. Angel band invite the general public to their picnic Sunday, August 21. It will be given at Sprauer's grove on Abiqua creek, and will begin at 1 p. m. and last until evening. The public is urged to attend and enjoy horseshoe and other games. Winners will receive prizes.

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Stayton Plans Sports Field

Mayor Weddle Initiates Program; Swimmers Show Today

STAYTON—Mayor W. A. Weddle started plans last week for the construction of a modern athletic field for Stayton.

The present field at the high school is inadequate for football and because of buildings nearby it is not suitable for baseball. An athletic field is needed for the use of high school and grade school teams and also by community organizations.

In the past several years the high school and town teams have leased the field owned by Raymond Minten, who has stated that the field would not be available next year because of other plans for the piece of ground.

Mayor Weddle has been in conference with designers of the Silverton field, who are anxious to assist in the construction of a field here.

The location of the tract and the cost have not as yet been announced.

Swim Show Today
An exhibition will be given by the American Red Cross life saving classes at the Stayton pool today at 2 o'clock. In addition there will be several games for entertainment and the public is invited to bring lunches and picnic in the park.

The object of the exhibition is for the Stayton people to see what has been taught at the swimming pool this summer. There will be a complete demonstration of artificial respiration.

The Junior and Senior life saving classes will give a demonstration on rescue work. This

will consist of showing the spectators the proper method of breaking strangle holds and the different carries used by the American Red Cross. This will be demonstrated by Stayton boys and girls. There will be races for the small boys and girls.

Everyone interested in any type of swimming or life saving classes for children and adults are asked to consult Mr. Jackson or Mr. Moody at the park pool.

Subs for Chandler
SILVERTON — Roma Ramsby is substituting for M. S. Chandler as mail carrier on Star route. Mr. Chandler will retire from the work for at least a year. If his health is not improved by that time he may retire permanently.

William Collins Accident Victim

MONMOUTH — William Collins, 63, native son, died August 15 as result of a fall from a trailer load of hay on his farm north of town. He was born March 25, 1875 at Ballston. All of his life was spent in Polk county and all the later years on his farm here.

He attended schools at Independence and Monmouth including Oregon Normal. Surviving are two brothers, David of Independence and Charles of California, and a foster sister, Hazel Collins, Seattle.

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