

Douglas Likes Mystery Films

Star Finds He Can Learn Things in Whodunit Melodramas

"There's one thing about mystery films," Melvyn Douglas commented during production of Columbia's "The Amazing Mr. Williams," in which he plays the title role at the Grand theatre with Joan Blondell as his co-star. "You can always learn something about something."

Mr. Douglas, whose Hollywood career has seen him play both detective and crook in a long and distinguished list of mystery-comedies, was referring to his present role. As a blithe super-sleuth, he is required to solve five mysterious crimes, one of them twice! It was in reference to the latter solution, in which an innocent man is freed and the guilty one found, that "The Amazing Mr. Williams" unearthed a nugget of information known only to a few. "And yet," Douglas declared, "nearly everybody has handled a bottle of liquor at some time or other. I might," he chuckled, "go so far as to say that some people have never handled anything else! But, seriously, did you know that every bottle of liquor has a registered number? That it can be traced from the distributor to the retailer, and from there to the customer, perhaps? I never did."

The traceability of a bottle of liquor helps solve a murder in "The Amazing Mr. Williams," a murder for which another man had been convicted. If motion pictures continue to give away the secrets by which crimes are uncovered and criminals brought to justice, how long will crime continue? I remember, in Columbia's "Blind Alley," the astonishingly simple exposition of psycho-analysis and of dream symbolism; in "Let Us Live," the use of circumstantial evidence and its dangers to innocents; in another picture, a complete account of how fingerprints may be transferred. That sort of thing.

"Frankly," he continued, "I don't know just what can be done with this wealth of casual information. An actor acquires just enough to whet his appetite for more. I know typewriters are traceable, for example—one particularly horrible murder was solved that way. Automobiles are traceable, and guns. They all possess registered numbers. Some day, I'm going to investigate further. It seems to me an interesting field for study."

In "The Amazing Mr. Williams," Douglas and Miss Blondell are starred with a supporting cast which includes Ruth Donnelly, Edward Brophy, Clarence Kolb, Donald MacBride, Luis Alberni, John Wray, Don Beddoe and others.

Band's Boosters Set Meeting Day

LEBANON—The Lebanon band boosters club, recently organized, will meet the first Tuesday in each month, the next meeting to be February 6. L. C. Skinner is president, and Mrs. C. B. Post is secretary for the organization.

The organization of a Pro-America group in Lebanon is planned for Monday afternoon at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. John Gill. The state president, Mrs. Roy T. Bishop of Portland, will be present to discuss the work. All women interested are invited to attend. Mrs. Gill was named the county organizer at the recent board meeting in Portland.

The Woman's Relief corps initiated a new candidate, Mrs. Mary Richards, at the afternoon meeting Friday. Plans were made for a colonial tea to be held February 16 at the home of Mrs. F. A. Sikes. The tea will be open to the public, with a program carrying out the colonial idea. Mrs. Emma Bellinger is chairman for the event. A patriotic program is planned for the regular meeting on Feb. 21, following a short business meeting.

At a meeting of the Lebanon Odd Fellows Thursday night, H. Emery was elected janitor, and T. W. Munyan was elected to the board of trustees.

Continuous Today 2 to 11
ELSINORE
Today - Monday - Tuesday
1940's THRILL OF THRILLS!
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MAUREEN O'HARA
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Plus
March of Time
"Crisis in the Pacific"

Capitol
Today - Monday - Tuesday
SUCK PACKAGE OF LAUGHS!
A LAUGH SENSATION!
LUPE VELEZ
MEXICAN SPITFIRE
Plus
LEON ERROL
Plus
SANTA FE MARSHAL
Plus
ROYD



CHARLES LAUGHTON and Maureen O'Hara in "Hunchback of Notre Dame" at the Elsinore theatre.



LEON ERROL and Lupe Velez in "Mexican Spitfire" at the Capitol theatre.

Victor Point PTA Sees Scenic Film

VICTOR POINT—Tommy Hoxie showed several reels of health and scenic films sponsored by the Marion county department of health at the regular Parent-Teachers association meeting held here Friday night.

During the short business session before the program these committees were appointed for the February meeting: program, HH boys and girls of the district; visiting, Mrs. George Morris, Miss Millie Krenz, Paul Jaquet; lunch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mulkey, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Krenz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by Mrs. Bertha Darby, Mrs. Annie Miller and Mrs. W. L. Perkins.

Grangers News

FOX VALLEY—Members of the Santiam Valley Grange met at the Wilson Stevens home Wednesday evening to decide on the matter of building a grange hall on the property purchased on the Mehama road. A building site was purchased sometime ago but arrangements are not yet completed as to constructing the new hall. It was decided to start digging a well Saturday.

TURNER—Mrs. A. H. Bradford entertained at her home Thursday for the grange Home Economic club. Sewing occupied the time. Dinner was served to Mrs. Hester Crum, Mrs. Alice Edwards, Mrs. Birdie Denyer, Mrs. Bernice Roberts, Mrs. Rose Webb, Mrs. Eleanor Titus, Mrs. Lucille McKinney, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell, Mrs. Frances Coleman, Mrs. Lillian Bradford, Misses Alice Titus and Mabel Walker; also Fred Mitchell, Raymond Titus and A. H. Bradford.

ST. LOUIS—The Fairfield Farmers union local met at the Fairfield community hall Friday night, January 19.

S. B. Hall, state secretary and manager of the state warehouse, gave a talk on the work of the state warehouse.

Jean Marks and Buddy Rush were presented prizes in the rodent control contest.

Committees appointed for the
Hollywood 15
Today
Mon. - Tues.
Continuous Today - 1 to 11 P. M.
A LAUGH SENSATION!
PENNER
"THE DAY THE BOOKIES WEEP"
Plus
And Second Feature
CLAUDETTE COLBERT
JAMES STEWART
"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD"
Also News and Western Comedy
"PRairie PAPAS"

'Hunchback' is Dramatic Film

Laughton Characterization of Love and Sacrifice History Making

How the love of a grotesque cripple for a dazzling beauty who plied him leads him to save her life at the cost of his own is the powerful, dramatic theme of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Charles Laughton in the stellar title role. The picture opens today at the Elsinore.

This filmization of the Victor Hugo classic comes as one of the outstanding screen events of the decade, abundant in the eye-dazzling splendor and breath-taking scenes, in addition to the 100 stage and screen principals who support Laughton prominently, 3,500 players appear in the spectacle scenes.

The plot deals with the loyalty and sacrifice of a hunchback bell-ringer in the great cathedral of Notre Dame. Here a beautiful gypsy girl takes refuge from a powerful noble who admires but persecutes her.

Because the girl befriended him, the deformed bell-ringer rescues her from an execution for a crime of which the noble is guilty. The gripping climax—wherein a mob storms the great cathedral to rescue the girl, and the noble attempts to carry her off—offers some of the most impressive moments in screen annals.

Maureen O'Hara, a newcomer uncovered by Laughton, depicts the gypsy, while Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell, Edmund O'Brien, Alan Marshall, Walter Hampden and Katharine Alexander have other featured roles. William Dieterle directed for RKO Radio.

Cabbies Winners In Penner Show

"Day the Bookies Wept" Heads Double Bill at Hollywood House

Hilariously depicting the experiences of a group of New York taxi-drivers who evolve a unique scheme to beat the racetrack bookmakers, "The Day the Bookies Wept," presents comedian Joe Penner in the stellar role at the Hollywood theatre.

Forming a pool, the cabmen purchase a race horse, electing Penner, also a hackman, to buy the steed at a Kentucky auction. But Penner unwittingly buys a nag which is addicted to alcohol. The hectic adventures the cabbies have with their eccentric pony, and the manner in which they eventually realize their ambition to make "the bookies weep," are said to afford excruciatingly funny moments.

Betty Grable plays the romantic lead opposite the noted radio and screen comic in this RKO Radio feature.

Lyons Rebekahs Elect Trustee

LYONS—Faith Rebekah lodge met at a good attendance Wednesday night with the election of Eva Bressler as elected trustee to fill the place of John Caldwell who resigned. At the social hour a farewell party was held honoring the Caldors who are moving to Sweet Home the first of February. The committee, Mrs. Alta Bodeker, Mrs. Maude Wise and Mrs. Anna Hubbard served refreshments.

Mrs. Alva Wise and Mrs. Frank Kinsman were hostesses to the Wednesday afternoon card club held at the Wise home. Prizes went to Mrs. Earl Miller and Mrs. George Huffman. A dessert luncheon was served to Mrs. Orville Downing, Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Walter Bevelre, Mrs. John Kunkle, Mrs. Everett Crabtree, Mrs. Percy Hiatt, Mrs. Floyd Bassett, Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. Roy Huber, Mrs. Charlie Peterson, Mrs. Hugo Hall, Mrs. Pat Lyons, Mrs. Lyle Miller, Mrs. Henry Kruse, Mrs. Jack Cornforth, Mrs. Albert Ring and the hostess, Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Kinsman.

The Sunday school of the Lyons Methodist church held a supper at the community club house Tuesday night. At the social hour bible games and contests were enjoyed by those present.

Services are held
For W. Grabenhurst

PLEASANTDALE—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for W. J. Grabenhurst, 69, who died at the home of his son, William E. Grabenhurst, in the Pleasantdale district. He has been with his son since a paralytic stroke several months ago.

Surviving are his widow, two sons and four daughters.

Have Bridge Party

HUBBARD—The contract bridge club enjoyed cards at the home of Mrs. George Grimes on Friday night. Those present included Mrs. Hugh Wells, Mrs. Mose Garren, Mrs. Charles Fiddes, Mrs. Herbert Berkholz, Miss Frances Weaver, Miss Ruby Crittenden, Miss Lenore Scholl and the hostess, Mrs. George Grimes. Mrs. Hugh Wells won the honor prize and Mrs. Mose Garren was second.

STATE THEATRE
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"Babes in Arms"
and
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MELVYN DOUGLAS and Joan Blondell in "The Amazing Mr. Williams" at the Grand theatre.



JAMES STEWART and Claudette Colbert in "It's a Wonderful World," now playing at the Hollywood theatre.

Jefferson Women Hear Glass Talk

Collections of Antique, Amber Glass Shown at Club Meeting

JEFFERSON—An outstanding meeting for the Jefferson Woman's club was that of Wednesday afternoon held in the library room of the city hall.

Mrs. R. E. Kleinsorge of Silverton was guest speaker, speaking on antique and old glass and displaying part of her collection. She explained the difference between antique and old glass, stating that antique glass was made before 1890. Mrs. Kleinsorge described various pressed glass and outlined the history of American glass making. She was appreciative of the possessions cherished by pioneer women and told of the things they were obliged to leave behind when they journeyed westward. Mrs. Charles Hoyt, also of Silverton, displayed some of her collection of amber glass.

Others taking part in the program were Mrs. V. Looney, who read the scripture reading, and Mrs. C. M. Smith gave a poem, "Heirlooms."

During the business meeting, a contribution was made to the infantile paralysis fund. Guests of the club were Dr. Mary Staples of San Francisco, a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Wiley; Mrs. R. E. Kleinsorge and Mrs. Charles Hoyt of Silverton; Mrs. V. D. Looney, Mrs. Karl Steiwer, Mrs. Ernest Freeman, Mrs. W. O. Looney and Miss Adeline Libby.

At the tea hour, the hostesses, Mrs. Hal Wiley and Miss Margaret Looney served refreshments. Miss Jean Wiley assisted the hostesses in serving.

Mrs. Oldenburg's 85th Birthday is Party Inspiration

KEIZER—Honoring the 85th birthday anniversary of Mrs. William Oldenburg, a 6:30 o'clock dinner was given Thursday at the home in Keizer where she has resided since 1911.

Hyacinths graced the center of the table where were laid place cards for 24 guests. Mrs. D. B. Kleihege gave vocal selections. Present were the honor guest, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gaiser, Gerald and Muriel Gaiser, Ella Noble, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Phillips, Arthur Oldenburg, Louis Oldenburg, Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kleihege, Bernice Seif and Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Durdle of Mapleton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kleihege.

Bend Players, Coach Honored at Dance

WOODBURN—Woodburn high school student body presented a dance after a basketball game between Bend and Woodburn Saturday night in the Woodburn high school gymnasium in honor of Coach Eldon Cone and his Bend ball players.

The committee was: Elsie Yoder, Bob Renn, Burt Willeford and Floyd Mattson.

Plan Red Letter Day

GATES—The Woman's Improvement club of Gates are sponsoring a red letter day for the scholarship loan fund at the home of Mrs. Al Millsp Wednesday afternoon, January 31. A silver offering will be accepted and all interested are invited to attend.

All Star Comedy Cast In Spitfire

Lupe Velez Heads Listing Of Slapstickers In Capitol Comedy

Every single member of RKO Radio's "Mexican Spitfire" company—with the exception of Linda Hayes, RKO's entrant in the glamour field—has had wide and lengthy experience in the comedy field, on both stage and screen, a fact which Director Les Goodwins found vastly helpful when he decided to take full advantage of the recent trend toward slapstick and make his current picture one of the wildest, craziest comedies of recent years. It is playing today at the Capitol.

The antics and situations provided by the script seemed like a return to old times for Lupe Velez.

es, Leon Errol, Elisabeth Risdon, Donald Woods and Cecil Kella-way. Errol has been one of the country's leading feminine funsters since 1911; Lupe started her motion picture career in 1935 in two-reel comedies; and Woods, Miss Risdon and the others have all included comedy in their past wide experience.

To Linda, however, it was all new. But under such experienced guidance and assisted by a natural love for practical joking, she learned fast. And when the time came for the cake and pie throwing episodes she proved that youthful enthusiasm and a husky throwing arm were adequate substitutes for the experience she lacked.

Sewing Club Progressing

KEIZER—The Keizer 4H sewing club composed of eight girls under the leadership of Mrs. David Saucy has completed the darning work and the making of tea-towels.

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