



Peace, it's wonderful but these people never heard of it! They're too busily involved in Paramount's screamingly funny picture, "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," co-starring Eddie Bracken and Betty Hutton now showing at the Elsinore theatre. In supporting roles are Diana Lynn, William Demarest and Porter Hall. The tug of war shown above has Demarest and Diana on one side, Betty and Bracken on the other. Better put your money on Blonde Betty! Companion feature "Nine Girls" stars Ann Harding and eight young Hollywood celebrities.

"Miracle of Morgan's Creek" Draws Laughs at Elsinore

It is no miracle that Paramount's comedy "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek," which opened last night at the Elsinore theatre, is one of the funniest Hollywood has produced in a long time. The elements that have gone into it to make it so, couldn't have resulted in anything less than that.

The story stems from the pen of Preston Sturges which, to those in the film know, should be enough to guarantee its originality of plot. The cast does a job that will bring each and every one of the players into a brand new kind of limelight. The co-stars, Eddie Bracken and Betty Hutton, were given roles that are a complete departure from anything either one has ever done before, roles that combine pure drama with their inimitable comedy. They rise to the occasion in a way that will make you love them forever.

"The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" tells what seems like a simple story, on the surface. It concerns the dilemma of a small-town girl who, in a frenzy of patriotism, marries an unknown soldier at a dance, neither one giving the right name. A most interesting dilemma occurs when it becomes necessary for her to find her husband. Her civilian boy friend, Bracken, is involved to the point where he must come up with some mighty good ideas. What he does and what the "miracle" is, no reviewer with a conscience would reveal. See it for yourself; we guarantee you'll laugh your head off.

Others in the taffrail are Diana Lynn in another witty, kid sister role; William Demarest as Betty's stern policeman father; Porter Hall, and the surprise appearance of Brian Donley and Akim Tamiroff in the roles they created in "The Great McGinty"—"McGinty" and "The Boss."

"You're invited to the house of beauties where love and hate and jealousy walk hand in hand with murder."

That's the way the Elsinore theatre announced the arrival of the companion feature, murder mystery, "Nine Girls."

Well, yesterday we took them up and went to see "Nine Girls." We say, "Thanks for the invitation."

"Nine Girls" is one of the most gripping as well as amusing murder-comedies that has come to town in many a day. That perhaps is to be expected since it was adapted for the screen from a successful Broadway play of the same title. However, the transformation from one medium to the other has caused the play to suffer nothing, and, as a matter of fact, we suspect that it has gained in intensity, and certainly in scope.

Besides its tight and suspenseful plot, "Nine Girls" has a cast lush with blonde, not to mention brunette beauty. Ann Harding leads a cast of younger players including Evelyn Keyes, Jinx Falkenburg, Anita Louise, Lynn Merrick, Nina Foch, Leslie Brooks, Jeff Donnell, Marcia Mae Jones and Shirley Mills.

All nine girls are members of the same sorority and Ann Harding is their chaperone. It's because of their primitive emotions of hate and love and jealousy that the murder occurs.



Lovely girls are a part of the troupe which Kay Kyser heads on his pilgrimage to far-flung army camps in RKO Radio's "Around the World," film musical directed by Alan Dwan. Pictured surrounding the O' Professor are only a part of this battalion of beauty with which he captures the soldiers' plaudits. Left to right, bottom row, are: Margie Stewart, Rosemary LaPlanche, Kayser, Barbara Hale and Joan Barclay. In the same order at top are: Shirley O'Hara, Mary Halsey and Duan Kennedy. In addition Kyser's band and its specialists, Mischa Auer, Joan Davis, Macey McGuire are among the featured entertainers now showing at the Grand.

Kyser Musical Heads Grand Sunday Bill

Taking his singers, instrumentalists and a clever cast of entertainers on a world-circling trip to amuse America's fighting men at their far-flung bases in foreign lands is the device in his latest musical, in which Kay Kyser scores a solid hit. This new RKO Radio vehicle is entitled "Around the World," now playing at the Grand.

Mischa Auer, Joan Davis and Macey McGuire are featured, along with Georgia Carroll, Harry Babbitt, Ish Kabibble, Sully Mason and the rest of the famous Kyser aggregation. The swift-paced tuneful boasts Jimmy McHugh-Harold Adamson melodies. The plot opens in Australia, where Kay and his gang are preparing to board the plane for China after entertaining at various American bases in the down-under country. Mary McGuire, an American girl who has been stranded in Australia when her father joined the army, stows away on the plane, and Kay and Mischa decide to become her guardians.

In Chungking they put on another show and Mischa, an avid souvenir hunter, has a hectic time avoiding a duel when he obtains a mysterious scarab ring, which, unknown to him, contains an important message for axis agents in Sairo, the troupe's next stop.

The agents intercept the message when the Kyser group arrives, and Kay and the gang go on to Tunisia, where in a riotous desert mix-up Kay and Mischa are captured by German flyers bearing the message to Rommel, and then recaptured, along with the Germans, by French troops. Other shows in Turin itself and at Monrovia carry on the musical and novelty features of the picture and bring it to a gay conclusion.

"Around the World" is said to offer some of the most unusual dance numbers and spectacles the screen has presented in recent months. Along with the Australian song hit, "Waltzing Matilda," the film features nine catchy new tunes by McHugh and Adamson: "Roodle-De-De-De," "Candlelight and Wine," "A Moke From Shamokin," "Pin-Up Girl," "Apple Tree," "He's Got a Secret Weapon," "Don't Believe Everything

You Dream, "Seasick Sailor" and "Great News."

Allan Dwan produced and directed the picture from Ralph Spence's screenplay. In addition to those named, the cast includes Wally Brown, Alan Carney, Julie Conway, Diane Pendleton, Barbara Hale, Margie Stewart, Rosemary LaPlanche, Shirley O'Hara, Joan Barclay, Ivan Lebedoff, Joan Valerie, Barbara Coleman, Mary Halsey and Duan Kennedy. Companion feature is "Ghost Ship" with Richard Dix.

Detroit Couple Visit Stayton

DETROIT—Mr. and Mrs. Don Goodman, Vanport City, visited his mother, Mrs. Cora Goodman, on Mother's day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Phillips, Daraleen and Irene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Phillips' mother, Mrs. Nettie Downing in Stayton.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company is erecting a house for the Dickie family. He has been the car inspector in Detroit for three years.

Arthur Clesler, who is employed in Dallas and Mary Lack, also of that place, visited a few days at the Charles Clesler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howland and two children are visiting in Portland.

Waconda Family Party Held on Mother's Day

WACONDA — Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stafford entertained on Mother's day for her mother, Mrs. C. M. Hall, Waconda, for his mother, Mrs. Gene Manning, Salem and Gordon Tuve, Waconda.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lemery entertained Mother's day at a family dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Felton and Larry of this community; Miss Velle Felton of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Wen Henderson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemery and family of Lebanon.

Capitol Shows Horror Film Plus Bill Boyd

Sixth in RKO Radio's exciting series of horror-films, "The Curse of the Cat People" features Simone Simon, Kent Smith, Jane Randolph and little Ann Carter in a compelling story of a child's experiences with the supernatural.

A sequel to "Cat People," in which an old Serbian legend of women who turn into black leopards was made the basis of a stirring modern thriller, the new offering brings three of the principal characters back again in an equally memorable and suspense-laden picture.

Haunted by the memory of his first wife, Irena, who came to her tragic death because of her belief in the old legend, Oliver Reed is disturbed when he finds that his six-year-old daughter, Amy, indulges in superstitious fancies and prefers playing in her dream-world to associating with other children.

Amy, lonely for companionship, meets two strange women in an eerie old house and is given a wishing ring by one of them. She wishes for a friend and Irena appears. Her father reprimands Amy and the frightened girl runs away from home. How Irena saves her from an untimely fate comprises the thrill-packed climax of the film.

Simone Simon, who portrayed Irena in "Cat People," again plays the part of the Serbian girl, and Smith and Miss Randolph also recreate their original roles, with little Ann Carter as the imaginative Amy. Elizabeth Russell and Julia Dean as the two strange women, Eve March as Amy's sympathetic teacher, and Sir Lancelot as the Reeds' colored servant, have the principal supporting roles.

Showing on the same program, Bill Boyd has a brand new starring vehicle in "Lumberjack," a story of rugged adventure and thrills released through United Artists.

Martin Erickson To Vacation Here

MONMOUTH—Mrs. Marie Ring Erickson has written to friends here that she and her husband, Dr. Martin Erickson will come west from Evanston, Ill., for a summer visit in Oregon before going to their new location at Baton Rouge, La., where he has accepted a professorship in Latin America studies at Louisiana state university.

Mrs. Erickson was a member of the OCE art department's teaching staff until October, 1942, when she joined the faculty of the art department at Oregon State college. Last summer, Dr. and Mrs. Erickson spent their time in research in the Central American countries, returning in the fall to Evanston, where he is professor of Spanish at Northwestern university. He formerly was an English instructor at OCE.

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Advertisement for Capitol Theatre showing "The Curse of the Cat People" and "Hoppy Struts His Stuff!" with Bill Boyd.

Family Meet Is Held May 14

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, route 1, Jefferson, May 14. The occasion was observance of Mother's day and the last reunion of the family, before the youngest son, Gregg, leaves for army induction.

The day was spent visiting and with music and singing. Gregg Thomas played the electrical guitar, with loud speaker attachment and Irvin Clemens played the piano accordion.

Mrs. Ralph Thomas and Mrs. Gregg Thomas sang several duets. A picnic dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. Allie Thomas, Colfax, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Thomas and family, Deer Island; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas and family, Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thomas and Nancy, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas, Salem; Bruce Thomas, Eugene; Owen Thomas, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clemens and Donna Jean, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Clemens and family, Silverton. One daughter, Mrs. V. J. Pendergast of Maricopa, Calif. was unable to attend.

Use May Baskets To Select Partner

GERVAIS — The May day effect was carried out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steger Wednesday night, when the Fidelis class of the Presbyterian Sunday school held its monthly social night. The men brought May baskets which the women bought, choosing their supper partners in this way, and paying for them by giving stunts.

Mrs. Robert Harper was chosen class leader to succeed Mrs. James Aiken Smith, who has moved to Portland. A gift was presented Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Folker, who are leaving soon for their new home at the coast. Mrs. Edna Hoves assisted Mrs. Steger in serving.

Liberty 4-H Sewing Club Girls Entertain at Tea

LIBERTY — The 4-H Sewing club girls entertained at tea for 18 mothers of the seventh and eighth grade pupils.

Frances Phillips and Donna Datsch presided at the tea table. Assisting with serving were Doris Lane, Doris Clark, Marilyn Wyan, Jacqueline Van Loh and Mary Lou Mahaney.

The hostesses presented a style revue, modeling their own dresses made as part of the club work. The program included songs by the group; recitations by Eileen Hewitt and Betty Trout; solos and accompaniments on the accordion, by Jacqueline Van Loh.

Hooker Nominated For Polk Sheriff; Count Is Complete

DALLAS, May 20—Polk county's 34 precincts complete give the following:

Republican—US senator (short term)—McBride, 56; Sprague 1397; Black, 103; Cordon, 1183. (Long term)—Holman, 1423; Morse, 1074; Fischer, 183.

Congressman—Mott, 1581; Harmon, 1082.

Attorney general — Neuner, 1899; Lomax, 523.

Rep. 10th district — Rogers, 142; Thomas, 1966; Hamilton, 609.

District attorney — Wiest, 968; Kreason, 1580.

Sheriff — Kersey, 771; Hooker, 1984.

Democratic — US senator (long term) — Smith, 624; Whitbeck, 374.

Mill City Will Graduate 12

MILL CITY — Dr. Robert T. Lantz, professor of education at Willamette university, will give the commencement address at Mill City next Friday. Frank W. Smith, high school principal, will announce the awards. Rev. C. F. Trimble of Turner will give the invocation and Dr. Aaron Wolfe will give the benediction. Musical selections will be given by the boys' chorus and a mixed group from the upper grades.

Members of the 1944 graduating classes are Phyllis Beatty, Fern Clarke, Elaine Cliftell, Jane Davis, Jack Duggan, Clyde Hathaway, Cleone Kaplinger, Lila Mae Needham, Norman Peters, Kathleen Poole, Lois Stevens and Albert Toman.

Carl Hogg to Speak At Silverton Meeting

SILVERTON — Silverton's chamber of commerce will meet May 24 with John W. Jordan, president. Carl Hogg, president of the Salem chamber of commerce will be guest speaker and a delegation of Salem members will accompany him to Silverton as guests of the Silverton group. Plans will also be made for D day observance at Silverton, according to Mr. Jordan.

Light Vote Is Cast In Middle Grove

MIDDLE GROVE — In this district, which is a portion of Fairgrounds precinct, 143 republican and 64 democratic ballots were cast. Acting on the first board were judges, Frank Johnson and Della Bayne and clerks, Florence Wright, Lydia C. Scharf and Rose Andresen.

On the counting board were Anna Wulfmeier, Minnie Goode, Gladys Cage, Venita Perrine and Lillian Griffin.



Hoppy's in action again, this time in a story set in the tall timber of the great north. "Lumberjack" starring Bill Boyd as "Hopalong Cassidy" with Andy Clyde and Ellen Hall. This new release is showing now at the Capitol theatre with another first run picture, "The Curse of the Cat People," (thrilling sequel to "Cat People" starring Simone Simon).

Rainbow Girls Elect Officers

WOODBURN — Evergreen assembly of Rainbow Girls, met Wednesday at the Masonic Temple chapter room for installation of the newly elected officers.

Beverly Hughes, retiring worthy advisor, acted as installing officer. She was assisted by Caroline Evenden, recorder; Nina Ringo, musician; Marjorie Seely, chaplain; and Margaret Yates, grand drill leader.

The new officers are: worthy advisor, Donna Dean; associate advisor, Virginia Olson; charity, Edna Hermanson; hope, Dorothy Hughes; faith, Juanita Sebern; chaplain, Arlene Odenberg; drill leader, Jean Cornwall.

The color stations of the bow were: red, Phyllis Anderson; orange, Mary Heisel; yellow, Donna Gilliam; green, Jeanne Butterfield; blue, Eleanor Moen; indigo, Hazel Engle; violet, Elsa Alden; confidential observer, Anita Miller; outer observer, Shirley Rockafellow.

The ceremonial candles were lighted by Mrs. August Moeding, a former mother advisor of the

assembly; the crown was placed by Mrs. L. S. Mochel.

A piano solo, "The Organ in the Woods," by Patricia Withers, piano duets by Merry and Janie McGrath, vocal numbers by Hazel Hermanson were presented.

Mother's Day Tea Given by 4-H Girls

MIDDLE GROVE — A Mother's day tea was given by 4-H sewing clubs I and II, at the home of the leader, Mrs. Paul Bassett, last week. Corsages were presented to these mothers: Mrs. Raymond Satter, Mrs. William Kaufman, Mrs. Albert Fabrey, Mrs. Theodora Kuenzi, Mrs. Russell Threudt and Mrs. August Otjen, and to the special guests, Grayce Dunagan and Sadie Roth.

Members present were Iris Prouditt, Restha Flowers, Joyce Kuezd, Magdalena Stahl, Joan Fabrey, Betty Satter and Carol Lee Kaufman. Other members are Leona Curtis and Shirley Page.

Advertisement for State Theatre showing "She's Scintil-Skating!" and "Holly Matrimony!"

Advertisement for Liberty Theatre showing "Bataan" and "Guns of the Pecos" with Dick Foran.

Large advertisement for Grand Theatre showing "Around the World" and "Ghost Ship" with Richard Dix.

Large advertisement for Elsinore Theatre showing "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" and "Nine Girls" with Eddie Bracken and Betty Hutton.