



Ginger Rogers does the "Saga of Jenny" number in Paramount's brilliant technicolor triumph, "Lady in the Dark," which is now at the Elsinore theatre. This is the first time in a long time that the vivacious Ginger sings and dances on the screen. The music is the same Kurt Weill composition that delighted theatre audiences on Broadway for three years, plus a new song called "Suddenly It's Spring." Ginger is co-starred with Ray Milland, Warner Baxter and Jon Hall. Companion feature is "Uncensored" with Eric Portman.

'Lady in Dark' Is Film Version Of Moss Hart's Broadway Hit

Whatever you've heard about it is no exaggeration. "Lady in the Dark" is definitely one of the finest pieces of motion picture entertainment ever produced. It has everything imaginable to give film fans the time of their story, breathtaking beautiful technicolor, gay and haunting music, stunning fashions and high comedy. That just about takes in everything in the way of entertainment elements, but that's what audiences at the Elsinore theatre thought.

Co-starring Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland, Warner Baxter and Jon Hall and produced and directed by Mitchell Leisen, "Lady in the Dark" is the picture version of the celebrated Moss Hart play that ran for three years on Broadway and played in countless cities around the country. The play, with Gertrude Lawrence in the title role, was a sensation. The picture goes even further than the play because, naturally, the screen offers wider scope for imaginative technical tricks than the stage, and Leisen has taken advantage of that fact.

The story of "Lady in the Dark" revolves about the mental turmoil of Liza Elliott, successful editor of a swanky fashion magazine. She can't make up her mind to marry Warner Baxter, to whom she's been attached for some time; she can't make up her mind regarding important business matters, and in general she is miserable and unhappy. She is prevailed upon to go to a psycho-analyst. He probes into her past by means of analyzing her dreams and in that way brings her to the realization of where her happiness lies.

This reviewer has no hesitation in going on record to say that he has never seen anything to compare with the dream sequences of "Lady in the Dark." The imagination shown in conceiving and producing them will win praise for producer-director Leisen and everyone concerned with the picture's making. Ginger Rogers sings and dances through all of them and performs as a 12-year-old child and a 17-year-old girl. Her big song-and-dance number, "The Saga of Jenny" which is the high spot of the circus dream sequence, is something you'll be singing and remembering for a long time.

Mischa Auer, Phyllis Brooks, Mary Philips and Edward Fielding are among those who contribute excellent supporting perform-

Power Plant Sales Allowed

Sale of two electric power plants serving Sun Valley in Idaho from the West Coast Power company to the Idaho Power company for a consideration of \$685,000 was authorized in an order issued by Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg here Saturday.

Two lines for serving the needs of Sun Valley points were mentioned in the transaction. One extends from Richfield through Hailey to Ketchum and the other from Cannett to Ketchum.

The West Coast Power company is also concerned in the ownership of the plant which supplies water for the use of the town of Hailey and Flagg said it was understood that the holding company contemplates transferring ownership of the water system to that municipality.

The latter deal has not yet been presented for approval of the Oregon public utilities commissioner.

Columbia Industries Elect Lloyd Riches

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—Lloyd Riches, Salem, is the new vice president and Thomas C. Young, Portland business man, new president of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc.

Emphasis will be placed on greater war production, veteran placement, peacetime production schedules, labor-management relation, legislation and public recognition of the strategic importance of industry in the Pacific northwest.



DOGS ON THE MARCH—War dogs, being trained for the Army by the remount service of the quartermaster corps, go on a practice march with their handlers through the California forest. The dogs are said to enjoy the work.

Story of Army Women Fliers Told in 'Ladies Courageous'

Packing a tremendous emotional punch and telling the thrilling story of America's army women fliers, Walter Wanger's "Ladies Courageous," with an all-star cast headed by Loretta Young and Geraldine Fitzgerald, opened yesterday at the Grand theatre.

The production brings to the public for the first time air force scenes of women fliers in action. Most of the scenes were filmed at a US air force base—said to be one of the busiest airports in the world.

"Ladies Courageous" tells the story of the WAFS—women's auxiliary ferrying squadron—a civilian unit of the US army, which was organized in 1942 with 25 of the nation's foremost young women fliers in the original group. Recently, the WAFS were merged with other army women's units and today are known as the WASPS—Women's Airforce Service Pilots.

With such an authentic background, Screen Writers Norman Reilly Raine and Doris Gilbert were able to write a powerful story, replete with romantic twists, realistic and convincing.

Actually, the personal stories of three beautiful young women caught in the web of war are ingeniously threaded into the well-paced plot of "Ladies Courageous," revealing an intimate picture of the emotional conflicts with which each of the girls finds herself beset.

Miss Young, as executive officer of the WAFS, has a role which calls upon her to play the modern young woman of purpose and common sense, but withal she manages to leave her welcome impression as an exquisitely lovely and wholly feminine personality.

Miss Fitzgerald delivers a truly remarkable performance as Miss Young's emotionally unstable sister, whose selfishness and reckless flying escapades very near result in the dissolution of the WAFS.

Anne Gwynne, Diana Barrymore, Evelyn Ankers, June Vincent, Lois Collier, Phillip Terry and Richard Fraser have the principal supporting roles in an excellent cast, which also includes David Bruce, Frank Jenks, Janet Shaw and Kane Richmond.

John Rawlins directed and cinematography bears the superior label of Hal Mohr, ASC.

Joint Merit Systems Held Unauthorized

Establishment of a joint merit system council by the state welfare commission, state board of health and state unemployment compensation commission, instead of separate merit systems, is not authorized by law, Attorney General George Neuner held here Saturday.

Neuner declared, however, that he could see no legal reason why each of the respective commissions and board should not accept the personnel of such a merit system which could function for the three agencies.

The question was referred to Neuner in connection with a recommendation of an interim committee of the 1943 legislature that the three departments operate in a joint merit system and thereby reduce the operating costs.

The cost of operating the merit systems, under Neuner's suggestion, would be prorated among the three activities.

Water Storage Encouraging

Water storage conditions throughout the state, while not as satisfactory as a year ago, are more encouraging than anticipated earlier in the season, State Engineer C. E. Stricklin declared here Saturday.

Water in 19 storage reservoirs, as of June 1, was fixed by Stricklin at 1,735,347 acre feet. The reservoirs and storage:

- Agency Valley reservoir 48,692 acre feet, Crane Prairie reservoir 37,734 acre feet, Crescent Lake reservoir 48,902 acre feet, Grant Gap reservoir 6277 feet, Fish Lake reservoir 7132 feet, Four-Mile Lake reservoir 17,218 feet, Garber reservoir 46,860 feet, Clear Lake reservoir, 276,300 feet, Klamath Lake reservoir 370,000 feet.
- Hyatt Prairie reservoir 2538 feet, McKay reservoir 55,160 feet, Ochoco reservoir 16,830 feet, Owyhee reservoir 589,430 feet, Unity reservoir 15,300 feet, Wal-lowa reservoir 35,640 feet, Warm Wickup reservoir 17,948 feet, Willow Creek reservoir 10,478 feet, and Thiel Valley reservoir 17,000 feet.

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HOLLYWOOD

In Technicolor
One of the truly human of all times.
Ruddy McDowell in
"My Friend Flicka"

Margaret O'Brien
James Craig in
"The Lost Angel"

Post Ordnance Streamlined At Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., July 15—Post ordnance, the backbone of all combat units at Camp Adair, has successfully taken its place as a supply base for vital ordnance materiel here.

Ordnance, the most highly technical branch in the army, includes all kinds of small arms and artillery, ammunition and all vehicles that the army uses, as well as all the parts to repair them. Every man in ordnance must be a technician along these lines before he becomes of any real value to the organization.

Post ordnance at Camp Adair has seen to the outfitting of four divisions as well as many small outfits that have been on the post from time to time. There was a time when post ordnance contained about 42 EM and over 50 civilians to man three warehouses, but it has all been streamlined now and according to Major H. G. Kautz, ordnance officer, the job is being done just the same.

Post ordnance has had probably one of the hardest working crews of men on the post and even now work details shudder when they hear the name "ordnance" mentioned.

T/Sgt. R. A. Gleissner, chief clerk, as well as many other men and women who have been with the organization a long time, recall many days that the boys worked 16 to 18 hours with only time out for a bite of food, and even days when a deadline called for 24 to 30 hours without sleep. There were nights when the boys were called out at 2 p.m. to issue a million rounds of ammunition and carried on through a full day's work at receiving and issuing to two divisions.

Traffic Death Rate Constant

Oregon's traffic death rate for the first five months of 1944 was eight persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel or exactly the same as for the same period of 1943, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., announced here Saturday.

Travel in Oregon, as shown by gasoline consumption, was slightly higher for the first five months of 1944 when compared with 1943. Mileage this year totaled 961,619,509 miles, an increase of four per cent over the total of 928,005,705 miles for the first five months of 1943.

The death rate for May this year was eight persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel.

Sample Analysis To Fix Hop Ceiling

The price ceiling for hops this year probably will be based on factors of leaf, stem and seed content, to be determined by official samples and analysis, state agricultural department officials declared here Saturday.

In Oregon this will be made by the state agricultural department under a cooperative agreement with the grain products branch, office of distribution, war food administration.

A school for those who will have charge of official sampling and analytical service in the states of Oregon, Washington and California was held at Oregon State college three days last week.

Crescent Family Visits In Jefferson District

JEFFERSON — Mr. and Mrs. Eckles McCaw of Crescent are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCaw and family.

Frank Lillard, former resident of this community, now of Philomath, is visiting at the William Skelton and Gilbert Zimmerman homes for several days.

Now Showing!
GAY COMEDY!

STATE

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ROSALIND RUSSELL BRIAN AHERNE

"WHAT A WOMAN"

Co-Host Thrills with the Circus!
Henry FONDA Dorothy LAMOUR

In Technicolor
"Chad Hanna"

LATE NEWS



As trim and fit as they look are (From L.) June Vincent, Loretta Young, Anne Gwynne, and Evelyn Ankers, appearing in Universal's "Ladies Courageous." Miss Young is starred. Now at the Grand.

Tioga Hall Building Is Gone, But Oldtimers Cherish Memory

By CAREY F. MARTIN

On the old two-story brick building that stood where the First National bank now stands, the sign on the upstairs window facing State street was plainly visible up and down the street and read: "Brown, Wrightman and Myers, Attorneys-at-Law."

The present chain-store block diagonally northeast was "China Town." Brown was a good lawyer and looked after the law business of the firm, while Wrightman and Myers gave more attention to politics and business enterprises.

Our much respected and almost life-long friend, Frank T. Wrightman, had already served as sheriff of Marion county and had a personal acquaintance with almost every man in the county, and Jefferson Myers was a good "miker" with the public. He bought the land and platted J. Myers addition to Salem east of the railway depot.

These three men made a good combination, but neither Wrightman nor Myers liked the law business and the firm dissolved. "Jeff" Myers, as we called him, has recently "passed on" at the ripe age of 80 years, after filling important offices in our national government.

The old brick building once had a private bank downstairs, and a dance hall in the back part upstairs known as "Tioga Hall" where Warner Breyman, ancestor of one branch of that family, promoted the "Old Folks Dancing club" and appointed the writer a member of the club to be official "caller," principally to announce the changes in the Lancers and supervise the Virginia reel, favorite dances of the active old pioneer.

If his descendants could only have a movie reel of the old gentleman skipping over the floor in the Virginia reel it would be a prize possession. He lived in a large house where the Elks temple now stands, and was one of the owners of Salem's principal mercantile store, the old "White Corner" at North Commercial and Court streets.

That old Tioga Hall building brings back memories. For one thing the first bank failed and most of us had money in it. The attorneys' office rooms on the second floor had formerly been the justice court rooms.

When, in the middle nineties, a thief had stolen the writer's new style, low-wheeled bicycle (costing \$107.50) the sheriff of Marion county deputized and furnished a six-shooter to the writer to hunt for the thief. After an all day horseback ride through the hop yards of Polk county, the thief was found, arrested, brought across the county line and delivered into that old justice court. When questioned by the old "J. P." and required to give his correct name, he answered promptly, "Jesse James," and he went to jail bearing that name.

The writer had a queer feeling

GRAND
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Now Playing!

Blazing NEW TRAILS IN THE SKY!

... new loves on the ground!

Ladies Courageous

LORETTA YOUNG
PHILIP TERRY
JUNE VINCENT

Rhythm Co-Hit!

TWILIGHT ON THE PRAIRIE

LEON ERROL DOWNS
JOHN WYMAN
AUSTIN QUILLAN
JIMMIE DODD

CONNIE HAINES
and JACK TEAGARDEN
AND HIS ORCHESTRA

Latest News!

THE HOUSE THAT BUILT ITSELF

LIBERTY

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Now Playing!

FUNNIEST THING IN SHIRTS

Broderick Johnson
Humorous Comedy!

JACK BENNY Charley's AUNT

Co-Feature!

THE THREE MESQUITEERS ON THE TRAITOR TRAIL

"Riders of the Rio Grande"

featuring TOM TYLER
BOB STEELE
JIMMIE DODD

Cartoon - News



BICYCLING IN BRITAIN—Lt. Dick Hills (left), Waltham, Mass., pilot of "Fighting" and Lt. Bill Holman, Auburn, N. Y., on a tandem bicycle at a USAAF base in Britain.