

Hope, Ball Frolic in "Critic's Choice"

Film Marks 25th Year For Ski-Nosed Comedian

Two of the nation's best-known comics — Bob Hope and Lucille Ball — will team up for their fourth movie together when "Critic's Choice" opens Wednesday at the Fox Theatre in Eugene.

For Hope, the movie marks his 25th anniversary in motion pictures — a career that has spanned the famous "road" series and such films as "Sorrowful Jones," "Fancy Pants," and one called "Thanks for the Memory."

Including "Critic's Choice," Hope has appeared in 44 films. He's currently working on plans for three more.

Miss Ball previously starred with Hope in "Facts of Life," "Fancy Pants" and "Sorrowful Jones." And she's known also, of course, as the heroine of a television series and as president of Desilu Studios.

Both Hope and Miss Ball have had their share of slapstick roles — but not so in "Critic's Choice." This movie depends more on situation comedy and witty lines for its humor.

Hope is cast as a New York City drama critic, who works for one of the city's largest newspapers. Miss Ball, as his wife, comes from a zany family — and after her husband has numerous encounters with would-be playwrights, decides to write a play herself.

Well, she finds a producer — a handsome, lady-killer type, portrayed by Rip Torn — and financial backing. But moral support from her husband? No, his ego's been bruised.

And so his wife heads to Boston for the tryouts and hubby sulks — and covets with former wife Ivy, portrayed by Marilyn Maxwell — until opening night approaches in New York.

Besides the two top stars, Torn and Miss Maxwell, the movie features a veteran cast.

Jessie Royce Landis, is cast as Miss Ball's mother. Jim Backus, many-voiced actor, has another character role, and Ricky Keiman, aged 12, portrays the critic's son. And there's an obvious reason why young Ricky got the part — his "ski-nose" closely resembles Hope's.

Cottage Grove, and an estimated 500 of its residents during the mid-1920s are featured in part of "The Great Chase," now playing at the McDonald Theatre.

"The Great Chase" is composed of excerpts from old silent films — including "The General," featuring comedian Buster Keaton.

Jerry Endicott of 640 Irving Dr., Eugene, said he was a resident of the Emerald Empire at the time the movie was made — about 1926 or 1927, he thinks.

"The General," Endicott said, was one of the first motion pictures to be filmed in Oregon. The film company, he continued, picked a site in the Row River area of Cottage Grove, and hired hundreds of the area residents to serve as extras.

Keaton, he said, was cast as the engineer of "The General," a locomotive. The movie had a Civil War theme, and, naturally, a chase — the Confederate Army pursuing the Union Army.

Endicott, now a film projectionist for the McDonald, said he thought he recognized the area in the film sequences from the "trailer," the short used to advertise the film. He was sure of the location, he said, during the first showing of the film.



This Week at the U of O

SUNDAY
4 p.m., Student Recital: Martha Hill, soprano, auditorium, Music School.
7 & 9:15 p.m., Film Society: "Eve Wants to Sleep," University Theatre.

MONDAY
11 a.m., Business Administration Lecture: R. M. McCreecht, Janzen's Inc., "Two Sides of the Marketing Coin—Domestic and International," 333 Commonwealth Hall.
7:30 p.m., Folk Dance: International Folk Dance Group, Gerlinger Annex.
8 p.m., Assembly: Charles T. Vetter, Jr., USA, "Competing Ideologies: Today's Challenge," ballroom, Erb Memorial Union.
8 p.m., Recital: Senior Woodwind, auditorium, Music School.

TUESDAY
8 p.m., Student Recital: David Farr, organist, auditorium, Music School.
8 p.m., Film-Lecture: "Caribbean Ports of Call," Dwight Nichols, 150 Science.

WEDNESDAY
4 p.m., Lecture: William A. Rusher, publisher of National Review, "A Conservative's Strategy for the Cold War," Erb Memorial Union.
7 & 9 p.m., Educational Movie: "Titanic," 150 Science.
7:30 p.m., Oregon Mothers & Dads: Gerlinger Annex.
7:30 p.m., Duplicate Bridge: Erb Memorial Union.
7:30 p.m., Browsing Rooms Lecture: Ernest Lund, UO Geologist, "Pakistan," Erb MU.

THURSDAY
All Day Conference: Continuing Legal Education, Erb Memorial Union.
6:30 p.m., Chest Night: Erb Memorial Union.
7:30 p.m., Film Classic: "The Red & The Black," 150 Science.
8:00 p.m., Little Concert Series: Bonus Concert — Exins Anderson Bailey, soprano, Everett Anderson, bass baritone, and Neil Wilson, baritone, auditorium, Music School.

Scholarship Won By South Student

Joel Gerstmann, senior at South Eugene High School, has received a four-year \$3,000 scholarship from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. An honor student at South Eugene, Joel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gerstmann, 1155 Madison St., Eugene. He will enter Valparaiso this fall.

EXCITING TO PASS UP R.R.
APRIL 26-27

This Week At Local Theaters

FOX—Ending Tuesday, "The Miracle Worker" and "Birdman of Alcatraz." Starting Wednesday, "Critic's Choice" and "Parrish."
HEILIG—Continuing this week, "To Kill a Mockingbird."
MAYFLOWER—Playing through Tuesday, "Naked Venus" and "Her Bikini Never Got Wet." Starting Wednesday, "Gypsy."
MCDONALD—Continuing this week, "Miracle of the White Stallions" and "The Great Chase."
MCKENZIE (Springfield)—Playing Sunday through Tuesday, "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Premature Burial" and "Tales of Terror." Starting Wednesday, "Twist All Night" and "Follow the Boys."
MOTOR VU DRIVE IN (Springfield)—Ending Sunday, "Lady and the Tramp" and "Almost Angels."
NEW EUGENE DRIVE IN (Glenwood)—Ending Thursday, "Dr. Cadman's Secret" and "Silent Death."
NORTH END DRIVE IN—Ending Tuesday, "Requiem for a Heavyweight" and "Diamond Head." Starting Wednesday, "Gypsy" and "Framble Bush."
VALLEY (Junction City)—Ending Sunday, "Kid Galahad" and "Magic Sword." Starting Friday, "Flower Drum Song" and "Desert Patrol."

Wheat Commission To Meet Monday

THE DALLES—The Oregon Wheat Commission and the executive committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers Assn. will meet Monday at the Dalles. Jim Dyess, Northwest regional representative of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Agency and former executive vice president of the National Assn. of Wheat Growers, will be speaker. His topic will be the so-called two-price aspect of the proposed 1964 wheat program.

Feature Times

SUNDAY
(Features Subject to Change)
FOX—Birdman of Alcatraz, 1, 5:30, 8. The Miracle Worker, 3:30, 6:05, 10:30.
HEILIG—To Kill a Mockingbird, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10.
MAYFLOWER—Her Bikini Never Got Wet, 3, 6, 8:45, Naked Venus, 4:30, 7:30, 10.
MCDONALD—Miracle of the White Stallions, 1:05, 4:45, 8:20. The Great Chase, 3:15, 6:50, 10:30.
MCKENZIE (Springfield)—The Pit and the Pendulum, 1:45, 6:30, 10:45. Tales of Terror, 4:45, 9:15.
MOTOR VU DRIVE IN (Springfield)—Girls, Girls, Girls, 7:20. The Delicate Delinquents, 9:15.
NEW EUGENE DRIVE IN (Glenwood)—Dr. Cadman's Secret, 7:30, 10:25. Silent Death, 9:10.
NORTH END DRIVE IN—Requiem for a Heavyweight, 7:30, 10:30. Diamond Head, 9:05.
VALLEY (Junction City)—Kid Galahad and The Magic Sword, starting at 7:15.

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