

VERSATILE BETTY LEADING LADY IN THE GREAT GABBO

Maybe it was just a coincidence in booking attractions, or it may have been planned, but the fact remains that the inaugural week of S. G. Mendelhall as the new manager of the Fox Craterian and Rialto theaters certainly opened in a blaze of local movie picture glory.



Betty Compson, film, "The Great Gabbo," which began a three days' engagement at the Rialto yesterday, and like "Rio Rita," at the Craterian last week, and now with another big outstanding screen sound comedy, "Rio Rita," at the Craterian in a week's time, each widely different from the other, makes the local picture fans feel like affectionately calling Mr. Mendelhall by his surname of Sterling, and hope that he will keep up this gait. But this is humanly impossible, because such attractions as these two are few and far between, but "Mendy" has others exceptionally good booked which will be seen from time to time, interspersed with the ordinary good ones.

It is hardly possible for an ordinary reviewer to set forth the superb entertaining qualities of "The Great Gabbo" without using at least a few superlatives, for it is a big dramatic sound picture with musical and back-stage accompaniment, differing from the average run of large screen entertainments in its originality of theme and treatment.

It is an all-dialogue, singing and has other exceptionally good book-dancing spectacular production with good music synchronization by a large chorus.

Its popular heart appeal is perhaps not so great as in the romantic "Rio Rita," but at that it has dramatic pathos that strongly tugs at the heart. It also has gorgeous and massive technicolor sequences among other striking features.

Eric Von Stroheim, that excellent moving picture actor and director whom we all hated so in the silent films seen after the World war, in which he so often played the role of a brutal and inhuman German officer, is the star of "The Great Gabbo," directing the part in his characteristic, artistic manner, of an ultra-competent and egotistical ventriloquist, who at last wins your sympathy by going insane through unrequited love.

Pretty, capable and versatile Betty Compson is the leading lady, and her voice shines conspicuously both in talking and singing. Don Douglas, well known light opera singer, and Marguerite (Babe) Kane, of vaudeville circuits fame, enact other principal roles.

Then, too, there is little Otto, the ventriloquist's lovable dummy—a very vital part of this production, as through the dummy Von Stroheim portrays a dual personality, by always being kind and human to Otto and speaking his innermost thoughts through him, but otherwise is always the superlatively conceited and arrogant ventriloquist.

The entertainment program is rounded out with a Fox News Review and a short singing act.

—R. A. K.

WITHROW AND FERGES LEASE TALENT RANCH

TALENT, Ore., Dec. 29.—(Sp.) The 15-acre farm owned by Mrs. Iva Wells in Talent and for the past three years has been truck gardened by the Estes brothers, has been leased for the coming year by Earl Withrow and H. A. Ferges. Mr. Withrow will have charge of the fruit and hay and Mr. Ferges will continue the truck gardening and will endeavor to supply the many customers who are in the habit of getting their supplies from this garden.

"On the Air"

Monday, December 30. 6 to 6:30 p.m.—Edison program (transcontinental). NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 6:30 to 7 p.m.—General Motors Family Party (transcontinental). NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 7 to 7:30 p.m.—Stramberg-Carlson program. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 7:30 to 8 p.m.—"Empire Builders" (transcontinental). NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 8 to 9 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Shell Symphonists. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.—The Jolly Rovers. NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KSL, KOA. 9:30 to 10 p.m.—"The Cigarette Band." NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KFI. 10 to 11 p.m.—Slumber Hour. NBC service to KGO, KECA, KSL, KOA. 11 to 12 p.m.—Lauchner-Harris Hotel St. Francis Dance Orchestra. NBC service to KGO.

Radio Program KMED

Mall Tribune-Virgin Station. 22.5 Meters—1510 Key. Monday, December 30. P. M.— 6 to 6:15—Scherer Motor Co. 6:15 to 6:30—News and market reports, Mall Tribune. 6:30—Educational feature. 6:30 to 7—KMED. 7 to 7:30—Edna Transfer. 7:30 to 8—KMED. 8 to 9—Moto-Motor Oil Co. Tuesday, December 31. A. M.— 8 to 8:30—Children's Gold Hour Radio Half Hour. 8:30 to 9:15—Parker's Potato Chips. 9:15 to 9:30—Eckstein Radio Shop. 9:30 to 9:45—Popular recordings. 9:45 to 10—Lawrence, Jewellers. 10 to 10:30—Southern Oregon Electric. 10:30—Market News Service. 10:30 to 11—Domestic Laundry. 11 to 11:30—M. M. Department Store. 11:30 to 12—Salem's Gift Shop. 12 to 12:30—Texaco Service Station. 12:30—News flashes by Mall Tribune. 12:30 to 1—Monarch Seed & Feed Store. 1 to 1:30—Issue, Ashland. 1:30 to 2—Model Clothing Co. 2 to 2:30—Peoples Electric Store. 2 to 3—Popular recordings. 3 to 4—Scherer Motor Co. 4 to 5:15—News and market reports, Mall Tribune. 5:15 to 6:30—Educational feature. 6:30 to 7—Brake Shop. 7 to 8:30—Pic Tail Market. 8:30 to 9—Popular recordings. 9 to 10—California Oregon Power Co.

BIG DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT CENTRAL POINT

Preparations for the first New Year's Eve dancing party held in Central Point for years were reported today by A. W. Walker to be progressing rapidly. The dancing party will take place in Mr. Walker's new pavilion, recently remodelled and in which only a few dances have been given. The music will be furnished by the Ramblers, composed of Medford musicians and southern Oregon's newest musical organization.

YULE PARTIES AT EAGLE POINT ARE ENJOYED BY MANY

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Dec. 29.—(Special)—A turkey dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Caster Christmas day. Those present included Mrs. Mary E. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Medley and sons, John and Buster of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burleson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Caster of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caster and children and Miss Sybil Caster; and Miss Elva Caster of Eagle Point.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown Christmas day when a beautiful turkey dinner was served. Those present were Mrs. Louise Van Seely and sons, Harold and Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Morrill Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Brown, Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stoner and son, Jack, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and family in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman T. Newport and daughter Lucille of Astoria on Christmas day, when a beautiful turkey dinner was served. Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Alred Howies of Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. Harriet Allen and Grandma Stewart of Medford; Grandma Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettigrew and son, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Barnes and daughter, Francis, Mr. Karpman, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Young, Mr. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Childreth, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Haley, Art Smith of Central Point, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, Mrs. S. E. Howlett, Mattie Howlett, Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Hankins, Mrs. Robert Barnish, Otto Caster and daughter, Sybil, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bitterling and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman and family, Mrs. Sam Coy and sons, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hank, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stowell, C. F. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. George Stowell, Edith Weidman and son, Rudy.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Duff, whose marriage was an event of the month of November, are expected to arrive here tomorrow from Reno, where they are now located, to spend New Year's with their local relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb White returned yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. White of Portland, and Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Craig of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. English, well known local residents, will leave January 2 for Los Angeles to spend the remainder of the winter. They will visit friends not only in Los Angeles, but in a number of the surrounding towns and resorts.

Mrs. Marie Calkins and Miss Louella Shelby left for their homes in Portland today after spending the holidays with their father, C. M. Shelby, of this city.

Daily Meteorological Report

Dec. 30, 1929. Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Unsettled with rain tonight; Tuesday fair; not much change in temperature. Oregon: Unsettled tonight with rain in west and north portions. Cooler in northwest and warmer northeast portion tonight. Tuesday generally fair.

Table with columns: Local Data, Temperature (degrees), Highest (last 12 hours), Lowest (last 12 hours), Rel. humidity (per cent), Precipitation (inches), State of weather, Foggy, Foggy, Lowest temperature this morning, Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1928, Temperature a year ago today, Highest 53; lowest 23, Sunset today, Sunrise Tuesday, Sunset Tuesday, Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120th Meridian Time, City, Wind, Clouds, Precip., High Temp., Low Temp., Snow.

W. J. HUTCHISON, Meteorologist.

NEW YEARS BALL BY LEGION ON WEDNESDAY

Medford Post, No. 15 of the American Legion will hold its annual New Year's ball next Wednesday night, January 1, at the Oriental Gardens. Robert E. Strasz, chairman of the committee in charge, announced that Don Provo and his orchestra had been secured for the party. As this orchestra is very popular in southern Oregon, the Legion expects to have the biggest ball ever held on this anniversary. Suitable decorations are being installed and special entertainment features are being arranged. Private Trips for Genl. PARIS.—(UP)—The Hamburg-American steamship line has opened an advertising campaign in the American language newspapers of Europe, announcing the possibility of booking private air-trips over continental Europe by the Graf Zeppelin.

Society

James Stevens Presents Outstanding Student Recital. An outstanding musical event, and one which proved by the far reaching and persistent response to be notably successful from an entertainment standpoint, was the studio program presented by James Stevens, local vocal instructor over KMED, the Mail-Tribune Virtualion Friday evening from eight to nine o'clock for the event.

The local well known singer introduced a group of 12 of his most advanced students from both Medford and Ashland, whose voices and selections provided a delightful amount of color and variety. The recital served a dual purpose, both as a contribution to the musical demand of Medford, and a farewell hearing for Miss Elbow Mac Wilson, who will leave after New Year's for Seattle, where she will enter the University of Washington.

Among those whose voices were heard Friday night are the following: Mrs. Alex Sparrow, Paul Scherer, La Verne Sutherland, Merland Tolffson, Elbow Mac Wilson and George Peckham from Medford; Mrs. Edna Smith, Irwanda Bateman, Vera Landing, Regina Johnson, Dorothy and Lucille Crews from Ashland.

While Medford is alive with holiday entertaining, and a majority of the people are going places and visiting folk, a substantial number are "at home" to a most unwelcome guest, the flu. Among these are the entire C. L. Reynolds family, who have taken turns during the past week remaining absent to ward off any serious developments.

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FORD ANNOUNCES PLANT DEVELOPMENT OF \$30,000,000

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—Confidence that the Ford Motor company's business will in 1930 see a continuing expansion was expressed by E. B. Ford today when he announced expenditures during next year of more than \$20,000,000 for plant development. This announcement came on the heels of news of the introduction of new body designs for Ford cars that are to be shown tomorrow, the recent general reduction in car prices, and wage increases.

In the plans of the Ford company for expansion of production facilities, more than \$20,000,000 will be spent next year for new buildings and plant additions, and in excess of \$10,000,000 for plant equipment.

Several of the expansion programs will affect plants on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. This is in line with the Ford policy of developing and utilizing water transportation wherever feasible and economical. Mr. Ford said that the highest state of development in the history of the Ford Motor company was reached during 1929. He added, however, that still further developments were contemplated during 1930, and that he anticipated this would justify, in part, the recent increase in wages which will result in additional payments of \$29,000,000 annually to Ford employees.

During the first eleven months of 1929 the Ford company produced 1,314,842 cars and trucks. Plans of the Ford company for development during 1930 are a continuation of a general expansion that has been under way throughout the world during the year. A new self-contained plant, modeled after the River Rouge plant at Detroit, was being started in England. This plant will manufacture cars complete, from basic materials to finished product.

During this year, plants throughout Europe have become more closely identified with the countries in which they are situated through substantial stock ownership in those countries. These include plants in France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain, Sweden and Finland.

The same year that has seen these world-wide developments has also witnessed reduction, in the United States, in the price of the three major Ford products—trucks, cars and heavy trucks. Lincoln and Ford automobiles. Now comes the announcement of the Ford company that tomorrow there will be presented bodies that will represent new refinements in line, color and interior comforts and appointments to the Model A car.

Brownsville, Wash. and Mill corporation's newly organized store opened for business.

COUNTY COURT TO WIND UP YEAR AT TUESDAY MEETING

The regular meeting day being New Year's Day, and a legal holiday, the final meeting of the year of the county court will be held tomorrow. Signing of the pay vouchers for the month and the formal adoption of the county budget and presentation of the same to the assessor, for extension of levies on the tax roll, will be the principal business. The county budget was adopted a week ago.

In accordance with the recently adopted policy of the county court, the county clerk has sent out notices to merchants and all others for presentation of monthly bills as soon as possible after the first of the month, and the first of the month thereafter. The December bills will be paid at the first January meeting but will be carried as December accounts. This method will eliminate future overlapping of accounts and simplify the handling of the various county funds. The system was recommended by E. M. Wilson, public accountant, who will commence the annual audit of the county books about January 15.

The assessor's office will start within the week preparing the county levies for the year. Some delay in filing school levies, due to changes in forms used, has been occasioned but it is expected that all the school levies will be in by the end of the week. The levies for the year will be completed by February 1.

"Girl Shy" Draws Many Fans to Isis

Probably the greatest, fastest and most exciting legitimate chase ever seen on any screen is woven into the story and action of Harold Lloyd's latest feature Pathé-comedy, "Girl Shy," which is now playing at the Isis theater. Thrills and dramatic tension, as well as

Mrs. Warren Smith of Miami, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker, at Central Point, will leave the last of the week. Mrs. Walker will accompany her daughter, Mr. Smith is pilot on a passenger plane between Miami and Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. W. E. Campbell will entertain members of the Dixie club at her home, 804 East Main street, New Year's eve, when the annual watch party observed, by this organization, will be held.

The Building Bridge club of the Sacred Heart church will be entertained by Mrs. P. I. Brown at her home, 147 Holly street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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