

"Top Of The Town" With Music and Dancing On Craterian Bill Today

GEORGE MURPHY AND DORIS NOLAN STARS OF BRILLIANT SHOW

A theater program that has had much advance publicity opens a three-day run today at the New Craterian theater.

For the feature, the program has the widely-heralded "Top of the Town," a new departure in film-making, filmed on a lavish scale and boasting some of the best known names in the entertainment field—stage, screen and radio.

Supporting the feature is the ninth issue of the "March of Time," the issue that raised a furore in the middle west when it was censured to eliminate Senator Wheeler's remarks about reorganizing the supreme court.

Heading the cast of "Top of the Town" are George Murphy, who comes back to the screen in a dancing role; Doris Nolan, promising blonde favorite; Gertrude Niesen, a singing star of the Ziegfeld Follies; Ella Logan, heard on the air program, whose appearance in this—her second screen role—has already marked her as a musical comedy player worth watching; little 12-year-old Peggy Ryan, diminutive dance star; funnyman Hugh Herbert, Mischa Auer, Henry Armetta and Gregory Ratoff; the Three Sailors—Jason, Robson and Blue, the original California Collegians—Swing Band and numerous others.

Swing, or as it is more commonly called these days—"jam"—is the predominant feature of the picture. And "spreading the jam" brings forth seven new hit tunes, all of which are rapidly becoming popular over the air waves. "Jamming" it is forcibly brought to the fore in the climactic "Jamboree" number in which the dancers begin wearing in swing rhythm; the audience joins in the dance; the song becoming more and more hypnotic, singers, dancers and musicians answer its spell, away-coming and singing, rising and falling in waves of motion and sound—"spreading the jam" in a veritable cloud-burst of rhythmic splendor.

Townsend Lands Dam SPOKANE, Wash., May 8.—(AP)—Before leaving today for Pendleton, Dr. Francis E. Townsend, father of the \$200-a-month revolving pension plan, lauded Grand Coulee dam as a constructive project of the type "which should be encouraged."

Closing time for Too Late to Clarity Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Bing Crosby Hit Here Thursday



A real entertainment treat is promised Medford theatre-goers when "Waikiki Wedding" opens its local engagement at the New Craterian theatre Thursday. With Bing Crosby, Bob Burns, Martha Raye and Shirley Ross topping the cast, with comedy running rampant and romance and new song hits vying for honors, "Waikiki Wedding" has been setting boxoffice records everywhere.

The story deals with the romance of a contest winner who wins a trip to Waikiki—where she meets the pros agent who conceived the contest and demands he furnish the romance and glamour the contest promised. Its winner. Thereby hangs the tale, the fun and the entertainment, which even takes in a newcomer to the screen, "Wafford," a coal-black piglet of unusual charm.

Gripping Drama of Coast Guard Opens Run Rialto Screen

Riding the swirling waves of adventure and romance, Academy Award Winner Victor McLaglen as a Chief Bosun's Mate in the U. S. Coast Guard and Preston Foster as his rival, score in what is said to be a bull's-eye in stellar entertainment in the stirring drama, "Sea Devils," opening a three day run at the Rialto theatre today.

Sharing spotlight honors with McLaglen and Foster in this thrilling vignette of an unsung but heroic branch of the government service is Ida Lupino with Donald Woods heading the supporting cast.

Seaman Foster, a globe-girdling adventurer, no sooner joins the crew of McLaglen's ship, than trouble starts between the two. Boasting of his prowess with the weaker sex, Foster

begins courting McLaglen's daughter, Ida Lupino. Foster is about the last man in the service McLaglen would choose as a son-in-law, but it happens that his daughter has a mind of her own, so McLaglen initiates a bitter feud with the sailor.

Terrific combats between this pair of Titans vie with thrilling rescues from storm-battered ships as dramatic highlights of the action-cramped photoplay. Incidentally one of the four fights between McLaglen and Foster is said to have put the latter in a Los Angeles hospital for repairs, making it a brawl only equaled by that of the famous fight in "The Spoilers" of many years ago.

Bob Livingston, June Travis and Donald Cook featured in "Circus Girl," a fast-moving romance based on life under the Big Top, plays as the added feature with "Sea Devils."

The Bible has been translated, in whole or in part, into 991 languages and dialects.

Anne Shirley Coming to Rialto



A hilarious comedy with romantic complications bring Anne Shirley, together with John Morley and Barbara Pepper, to the screen of the Rialto theatre for Wednesday and Thursday only in "Too Many Wives." Anne plays the part of a rebellious heiress who strikes up an acquaintance with a resourceful young man employed as a "dog-walker" and the

two fall in love to reach their marital goal only after riotous fun in a newspaper office and her father's home. Gene Lockhart heads the supporting cast which introduces John Morley as a newcomer to pictures. Jean Muir, Warren Hull and Beverly Roberts featured in "Her Husband's Secretary," plays as the companion bill with "Too Many Wives."

FARMERS BATTLE HOPPER MENACE

CHICAGO, May 8.—(AP)—Destruction of millions of tiny grasshoppers as rapidly as they hatch and before they have a chance to feed on crops

was begun by midwest grain farmers today. Hungry hoppers, the department of agriculture estimated, destroyed crops valued at \$99,131,000 last year. Farmers want those dollars this year and have organized to exterminate the pest by scattering poison "bait" over the young grasshoppers' feeding grounds.

When the U. S. army, in 1906, called for bids for its first airplane, the amounts asked ranged from \$850 to \$10,000,000.

Coming Soon



Revealing the "inside story" of the slot machine racket, "King of Gamblers" comes to the New Craterian theatre for Wednesday only, a smashing drama of life behind the scenes with the racketeers who wax fat on the country's desire to gamble on a petty scale.

Lloyd Nolan plays the part of a reporter who has felt the might of Alvin Karpis' power, the king of the gamblers, while Claire Trevor is the night club singer whom both men want for their own.

Also featured are Larry Crabbe, Porter Hall, Helen Burgess, Harvey Stephens and Evelyn Brent.

On Roxy Bill



"Mummy's Boys" Wheeler and Woolley's newest laugh opus is at the Roxy theatre for today and tomorrow only. The film presents the comical archaeologists in search of hidden treasure and thrills in "darkest Egypt." Barbara Pepper, Moroni Olsen and Willie Best are in support.

107.5 a week ago and compared with 88.4 in the same period last year.

Automobile and electric power production, cotton manufacturing activity and residential building did better than would normally be expected at this time of year, while steel mill operations and freight loadings lagged.

The composite index is 22 per cent above the same 1936 figure.

Congressman Pierce Gains WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP) Representative Walter M. Pierce, La Grande, Ore., continued today, physicians said, to make a rapid recovery from the effects of appendicitis operation performed Thursday.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—Katharyn D. Penn of Portland, Ore., has been admitted to practice before the supreme court.

HIGH WIND HITS ASTORIA FISHMEN

ASTORIA, May 8.—(AP)—A stiff southerly gale struck the lower Columbia river yesterday, menacing the lives of hundreds of astir fishermen operating on the estuary.

The coast guard life saving boat added many to haul in their nets from the rough water and then escorted them to quieter sections of the river.

Point Adams fishermen rescued a crab boat off the mouth of the river. As a result of the sudden storm, canneries reported few fish this morning.

Unatilla Judge Assigned

SALIM, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Calvin S. Sweek of Unatilla county will assist in hearing cases in Multnomah county beginning May 17. His assignment was announced today by Chief Justice Henry J. Bean.

Spies Shot

MOSCOW, May 8.—(AP)—A dispatch from Kiev today said three suspected spies had been shot to death on the Polish-Soviet border.

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