

Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd On Craterian's New Year's Program

DETECTIVE ROLE FOR CHARLIE IN NEWEST PICTURE

It was every man for himself—and the devil take the dim-wits! Which means that Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen got back into movie make-up to star in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective", which opens the New Year's program today at the Craterian Theatre where it will play for three days.

Those that suffered most under the barrage of Charlie's splintery wit were Mortimer Snerd, Robert Cummings, Constance Moore, John Sutton, Samuel S. Hinds, Edgar Kennedy and Warren Hymer, all of whom are featured in the picture. The director, it might be added, came in for his share of the drubbing, too.

"Charlie McCarthy, Detective" is the first picture in which Charlie has had the title role all to himself. In "Goldwyn Follies" his efforts were confined to specialties and bits. He advanced a step in "Letter of Introduction", and played a supporting role to the stars, while in "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man" he shared top honors with his mortal enemy, W. C. Fields. But in "Charlie McCarthy, Detective", he not only has the title role, he's the big star. Only fly in his honey is the presence in the cast of Mortimer Snerd, Bergen's other boy friend, who has lately come to the fore through radio and screen work, and whom Charlie refers to as "an uncouth person, a hick from the sticks."

The story is all about a society murder which Charlie solves just as the going gets tough for his friend, the hero. But, in betwixt and between his "Sherlock Holmes-ing", Charlie finds his most delight in neglecting the clues for the cuties, with which the picture abounds. An ideal, tailor-made part, "Charlie McCarthy, Detective" will undoubtedly win more friends than ever for Bergen's "whispering pine".

FIRST LADY WILL NOT HEAD GUILD

Denver, Dec. 30.—(P)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt advised the Denver newspaper guild today she could not accept a nomination to succeed the late Heywood Brown as president of the American Newspaper Guild.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the nation's president and a newspaper columnist, was nominated for the guild position yesterday by the Denver guild's executive board.

Dick Henry, Denver guild president, received a telegram from Mrs. Roosevelt which said: "Absolutely impossible for me to take full-time job so could not even consider the position you suggested."

Joan Bennett Coming Wednesday



Meet "The Housekeeper's Daughter"—Joan Bennett—who turns hearts topsy-turvy in the racy, rollicking comedy-romance coming to the Craterian Theatre Wednesday for a four day showing.

As "The Housekeeper's Daughter", she is dizzy but adorable, pretty but deplorable, tantalizing, scandalizing, charming and alarming. It's a character made to order for the witty, winsome, acting of beautiful Joan Bennett, with Adolphe Menjou, William Gargan, John Hubbard and the rest of the boys being driven delightfully nuts by her seductive carryings-on.

STANARD CHOSEN OREGON ALUMNI 1940 PRESIDENT

Eugene, Dec. 30.—(P)—Dr. Delbert C. Stanard, Eugene, has been elected president of the University of Oregon Alumni association for 1940, it was revealed here today. Dr. Stanard led his nearest competitor by a four to one margin in the first mail election ever held by the association. Hollis M. Johnston, Portland architect, was named vice-president. Nominations were made on the campus homecoming weekend, November 11.

Dr. Stanard graduated from the university in 1914 and entered the Oregon medical school after graduation. After service in the navy during the World War, Dr. Stanard completed his medical school course and was awarded his M.D. degree in 1921. Dr. Stanard is a major in the Oregon national guard and is the commanding officer of the medical detachment of the 188th. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Elks, Masons, and the Lions.

Johnston, the new vice-president, is a prominent architect and during the early stages of the Bonneville project was chief architect for the United States engineers and designed the town of Bonneville. At present he is vice-president of the Portland Duck club, booster of Oregon athletics.

The election board consisted of Claire Kneeland, Carroll P. Williams and Del Monte, all of Eugene.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Jack Holt Coming In Rialto Drama



Based upon the dangerous consequences of mistaken identity, "Fugitive at Large", with Jack Holt playing a dual stellar role promises to reveal an ingenious and absorbing melodrama when it opens at the New Rialto Theatre for Tuesday and Wednesday. Holt plays both a crooked and an innocent engineer who is jailed on charges made against the dishonest man who so closely resembles him. Holt

Bumsteads Back In Rollicking Comedy Juveniles In Film

Once a Bumstead—always in trouble! Blondie and her family proved it in "Blondie", in "Blondie Meets the Boss" and in "Blondie Takes A Vacation". Opening for today and tomorrow at the New Rialto Theatre is the latest in the hilarious series of the popular Chic Young comic strip character comedies, "Blondie Brings Up Baby". This new Blondie film has been hailed as the funniest of the hectic adventures to date. If advance accounts of the story are to be considered, and fond memories of the previous performances recalled, there can be little doubt as to the intrinsic merit of the preview comments.

The action of "Blondie Brings Up Baby" begins with Blondie's purchase of a twelve-volume encyclopedia on child training. To the consternation of Dagwood, Baby Dumpling, Daisy and their erudite little neighbor, Alvin, she proceeds to regulate Baby Dumpling's life in accordance with the dictates of the books. Complications mount with amaz-

ing rapidity and reach the peak of hilarity with a kidnap scene. Hailed as the merriest medley of misadventure the Bumsteads have yet encountered, "Blondie Brings Up Baby", once more enlists the services of that brilliant quartet featured in the previous films. Again Penny Singleton is the enthusiastic and well-meaning Blondie; Arthur Lake, the harassed and bewildered Dagwood; Larry Simms, that little rugged individualist, Baby Dumpling; and Daisy is still the cute Bumstead pup. "Two Thoroughbreds", starring two new screen juveniles—Jimmie Lydon and Joan Brodel, plays as the companion feature with "Blondie Brings Up Baby". The dramatic story of a boy's love for a girl and a horse, "Two Thoroughbreds" also feature J. M. Kerrigan and Arthur Holt in a strong supporting cast.

Check Gas Pumps Salem, Dec. 30.—(P)—The state department of agriculture will begin Tuesday checking on the 13,000 gasoline pumps in Oregon to ascertain if license tags for 1940 have been affixed. A. W. Metzger, chief of the weights and measure division, warned today.

"Jeepers Creepers"



As a special attraction for New Year's Eve, the Craterian Theatre will present a "Midnight Prevue" made especially for laughs—The Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Jeepers Creepers".

Those attending the last regular show at the Craterian Theatre tonight ("Charlie McCarthy, Detective") are invited to remain for the "prevue" at no extra charge. This will be "one on the house".

Holiday Schedules At Local Theatres For New Year Fans

Holiday schedules will be in effect at all Medford theatres today and Monday (New Year's Day).

Two complete shows in the afternoon—at 1:45 and 3:15, and two full evening shows—at 8:45 and 9:00 at the Craterian and Roxy Theatres, and 6:45 and 9:20 at the New Rialto—will afford everyone a chance to see their favorite screen entertainment.

On Roxy Screen



Her flair for delightful comedy gives vivacious Ginger Rogers to her public again in a hilariously conceived romantic-comedy drama, "Bachelor Mother", which plays today and tomorrow only at the Roxy Theatre. She plays a department store girl whose supposed parentage of a foundling baby causes her to be embarrassingly hounded with the sympathetic attentions of the firm's handsome junior partner, David Niven, who co-stars opposite Ginger Rogers.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rutledge of Route 2 a boy weighing nine pounds, eight and a half ounces in the Osteopathic hospital early yesterday morning, Saturday, December 30. This is the fourth son for Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge. There are no girls in the family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Satterlee of 202 Elm street December 30 in the Community hospital, a girl weighing five pounds, 1 1/2 ounces. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

ARMSTRONG FREE, QUICKLY REWEDS

Reno, Nev., Dec. 30.—(P)—Robert Armstrong, movie actor, was granted a divorce here today from Gladys Dubois Armstrong of Los Angeles, on grounds of cruelty and desertion. The couple was married in Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 11, 1936.

Tomorrow Armstrong plans to marry Claire Louise Armstrong, of Reno and New York City, who was granted a divorce here today from John Scott (Rolf) Armstrong, of the movies. Claire Louise Armstrong was granted a divorce on grounds of desertion. The couple was married in Long Island, New York, October 3, 1919.

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

As I was sitting

In my tub, Making my abolutions, My mind dwell, Among other things, On New Year's resolutions. And I resolved That I would try My customers to satisfy, And make my friends Both near and far, Glad they purchased A Humphrey car.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Humphrey Motors
33 S. Riverside, Phone 454
DE SOTO PLYMOUTH

DOCK PEACE PLAN RUNS INTO SNAG

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—(P) A peace plan which would have opened San Francisco's long strike-bound harbor next Tuesday morning struck what appeared to be a temporary snag today.

Negotiators for the striking CIO Ship Clerks association declined to sign a tentative memorandum agreement for a reopening based on a formula devised by Governor Culbert L. Olson's five-man fact-finding committee, but arranged another meeting with employers on Tuesday.

Employer spokesmen said they believed the union representatives were unwilling to accept responsibility for agreeing on a return to work without first consulting the union membership.

Never Before Such Screen Fun!

The comedy sensation of the season... Ginger as a shopgirl foster-mother... and David as the boss' son!...

ROXY

Today and MONDAY

Best Wishes To Our Patrons In The New Year

with CHARLES COBURN FRANK ALBERTSON

Mats 1:45-3:20 • Evns 6:45-9:00

Baby Goes to School... and You Go Into Stitches!.. It's Their Newest!

Blondie finds out Baby's a genius... and if YOU have any sense at all, you'll rush to see

Based on the famous comic strip created by CHIC YOUNG

with THE BUMSTEADS PENNY SINGLETON as Blondie ARTHUR LAKE in Dagwood LARRY SIMMS as Baby Dumpling

TODAY and MONDAY

You'll be young all over again... when you see the love of this youth for a girl... and a horse!

TWO THOROUGHBREDS

JIMMIE LYDON - JOAN BRODEL
J. M. KERRIGAN
Marjorie Main

"Blondie's Baby" today at 2:00-4:45 8:15-10:50

Second Feature at 3:45 7:15-9:50

Mattrees 3:45 - 8:15 Adults 25c - Loges 30c Kiddies 10c Anytime

RIALTO

Evenings 6:45 - 9:15 Adults 35c - Loges 40c Kiddies 10c Anytime

"Quick, Bergen, the Needle!"

"I want to sew a button on Snerd's trap—he's interfering with my cutie—er—clue huntin'..."

STARTS TODAY • 3 DAYS ONLY

Edgar BERGEN-McCARTHY MORTIMER SNERD

CHARLIE McCARTHY DETECTIVE

with ROBERT CUMMINGS CONSTANCE MOORE

John Sutton - Louis Calhern
Edgar Kennedy - Warren Hymer
Samuel S. Hinds - Harold Huber

Celebrate NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNITE PREVUE

Attend the last regular show and then remain as our guests at no extra charge!

JOIN THE FUN WITH WEAVER BROS. and ELVIRY at their wackiest best...in

JEEPERS CREEPERS

Roll out the barrel... we're going to have a barrel of fun!

I hope you'll now 'em down in 1940 just like I do in this picture—and that's no soft soap!

Happy New Year to all you folks!

CRATERIAN

Mats-30c Evns-40c Kiddies-10c
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Complete Shows at 1:45-3:15-6:45-9