

# Priscilla Lane in "Million Dollar Baby" on Craterian Screen Today

## JEFFREY LYNN IN ROMANTIC COMEDY WITH MAY ROBSON

Ronald Reagan, Walter Catlett Have Roles—Picture Shows Through Tuesday

"Million Dollar Baby," starring Priscilla Lane, Jeffrey Lynn and Ronald Reagan, makes its local debut today at the Craterian Theatre, where it will remain through Tuesday night. In the featured supporting cast are May Robson, Lee Patrick, Helen Westley, George Barbier, Nan Wynn, John Qualen, Walter Catlett and many other well-known players.

The new film is a delightful romantic comedy dealing with the adventures of a shopgirl who inherits a million dollars. Pretty Priscilla Lane is, of course, the "Million Dollar Baby" and Jeffrey Lynn is the young lawyer who brings her news of her inheritance, then stays to sue for her hand. Ronald Reagan, popular young star whose popularity is growing in leaps and bounds, is cast as the cynical young composer who is in love with Priscilla too, but prejudiced against her money. Veteran May Robson plays the eccentric, wealthy old woman who gives Priscilla the million dollars for reasons of her own which she refuses to divulge. The resulting complications make the picture bright film fare.

## DUDS-BUYING SLUMP MAKES NO DENT IN RETAIL SALE CLIMB

New York, July 27.—(P)—Apparel buying slackened a bit in some stores this week, but retail sales averaged 20 to 24 per cent above last year for the country as a whole, Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

"Retailers' reports indicated a more uneven day-to-day movement of trade as the first signs of a summer lull appeared in apparel lines," the credit agency said.

"Sales volume, however, was said to be continuing heavy when judged by normal seasonal standards. Few retailers felt the buying spree had spent itself, although there were some who were inclined to believe that the exceptionally heavy buying in May and June had partly borrowed from July business."

"Strength in prices was apparent not only in smaller reductions on clearance merchandise, but also in moderate increases on new-season goods," the agency continued. "Only in scattered instances was any resistance to price advances noted."

## 4 PLANE MISHAPS 24 HOURS, PUZZLE

Dayton, Ohio, July 26.—(P)—Col. M. G. Estabrook, Jr., commandant at Patterson field, asserted today that four army plane mishaps in Ohio within 24 hours was "a series of remarkable coincidences."

"They were all accidents, different in nature," Estabrook said, "and there is not the slightest indication of sabotage."

Two U. S. army officers died in the crash of a Britain-bound twin-motored Hudson bomber that crashed at Mt. Gilead late Thursday; another Hudson bomber ground-looped and burned at Patterson field yesterday; a B-18 bomber carrying mail from Wright field to Washington pancaked in a wheat field near Newark yesterday, and a large transport caught fire but landed safely at Patterson field Thursday.

**Tragic Stumble**  
Roseburg, July 26.—(P)—Walter N. Storey, Jr., 21, Looking-glass, Ore., stumbled at the Foltz lumber mill yesterday and was killed instantly by a whirling saw. He had worked there three days.

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## Abbott and Costello In Navy Comedy



Abbott and Costello, the comedy team that has become the sensation of the nation following their appearance in "Buck Privates," are reunited with the hot-singing Andrews Sisters in "In the Navy," coming to the Craterian Theatre Wednesday for a four-day showing.

## Communications

To the Editor: The United States made a very commendable deal with England to obtain bases in strategic points in the Atlantic.

Is there any reason why we should not make the same kind of a "horse trade" with Russia? Russia wishes to keep her Pacific coast free of "monkey-men" and we too, of a certainty, must deal with them and use the "mallet-fist" in doing so.

The Japanese have accused us of trying to "ring-in" Japan and we never will have a better chance to do this than to trade action-with-Japan, (which must come anyway), for a half dozen bases on the Chuketski Pen, Kamchatka, Sakhalin Is., and the Sikhota Alin.

The very life of Russia depends on keeping her Pacific ports open and this she cannot do without English or American aid.

The effect on Japan of a 99-year lease from Russia on bases at strategic points might make her think twice if it could be done before she turns loose her "dogs of war" on England and

the United States. Then too, the post-war settlements which may develop into a ticklish situation could be handled with a great deal more confidence in event Russia is defeated by Germany or we have a victorious and overbearing Russia to deal with.

I would say that such a deal certainly has its good points, which I believe, far outweigh those to be enumerated against it.

H. WHEELER HUNT  
Medford, Oregon.

**How About It?**  
To the editor: From reports and statistics it is said that the United States must spend \$40,000,000,000 yearly on arms production in a program of worldwide human slaughter in order to beat the Nazi aggressors, and to date there has been no statistician or tax expert calling this program financially unsound.

In the past several years Dr. Francis E. Townsend has advocated that America invest \$6,000,000,000 annually in a pay-as-you-go program of retirement pensions for all citizens over sixty years of age, so that every American may enjoy security and national prosperity, and create a Christian example of peace and abundance which all

## Dick Powell In Tuesday Rialto Hit



Dick Powell steps out of his real-life role of husband of Joan Blondell to co-star with her in "Model Wife," hilarious comedy which comes to the Rialto Theatre for Tuesday and Wednesday. The story is that of a man and wife working together in

the same store where marriage is taboo—and with a little "blessed event" coming along things get mighty complicated. Others in the cast are Lee Bowman, Charlie Ruggles, Lucille Watson, Ruth Donnelly and Billy Gilbert.

mankind might accept. Dr. Townsend was branded a "crackpot" by our nation's wisecracks, who called his plan fantastically unsound and impossible; that it would cause complete economic collapse.

C. M. MEDCALF,  
Phoenix, Ore.

## New "Dr. Kildare" Picture Today On Screen At Rialto

A daring operation and a malpractice suit form the pivot of the dramatic story in "The People vs. Dr. Kildare," latest of the medical-defective romances of young Dr. Jimmy Kildare, which plays today and tomorrow only at the Rialto Theatre. Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day and Alma Kruger again have the same roles in this newest adventure.

A new guest star appears with the Kildare "family" in the person of pretty Bonita Granville, who as an injured ice skating star gives Kildare the tough-

## On Roxy Screen



Errol Flynn plays Jeb Stuart, commander of the Union army sent west to Kansas to capture fiery John Brown, rebel leader of the abolitionist party, and return him to Washington for trial in "Santa Fe Trail," which opens a three-day run today at the Roxy Theatre.

Olivia de Havilland plays opposite Flynn and others in the cast include Ronald Reagan as General Custer and Raymond Massey as Brown. Alan Hale, William Lundigan and Henry O'Neill play such important Americans as Robert E. Lee, U. S. Grant and Stonewall Jackson.

meal is forgotten and today (Friday) she is talking of Thailand (former Siam, independent—if any small nation can be said in these days to be independent.)

Indo-China, with its great naval base at Camranh bay, commands the sea route to the straits of Singapore. Thailand offers a land route to the Malay peninsula, and the Malay peninsula leads down to Singapore.

Singapore is the key to the Dutch East Indies, with their oil and rubber.

JAPAN is toweringly ambitious. If she thinks she can get away with it, she will move on from Indo-China and Thailand to Singapore and the rich Dutch islands.

The limiting factor is what she thinks she can get away with.

Otherwise the sky is the limit.

WHAT Japan can get away with will depend on the United States. Britain is too busy elsewhere to spare the strength necessary for positive defense of Singapore.

If Japan is limited, this country will have to do the limiting.

YESTERDAY (Thursday) the government of the United States branded Japan's step into Indo-China as a threat to American security and Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, "indicated" that American efforts at conciliation in the Pacific are at an end.

(Implying, although carefully not SAYING, that shooting will come next.)

Today President Roosevelt says that TOMORROW (Saturday) the U. S. will retaliate with specific action for Japan's seizure of Indo-China.

What form the retaliation will take is not specified. Among the Washington experts freeing of Japanese credits and assets here is generally expected.

There the situation rests as these words are written.

IN the background (with everything to gain and nothing to lose) is Hitler, prodding the Japs into action that will embroil them in war with the United States.

The Japanese must be cyn-

ically smart enough to know that if it suited his purposes to do so Hitler would cut their throats as unhesitatingly as he cut the throat of his pal, Stalin.

Each side knows exactly how far it can go and GOES NO FARTHER, if good fortune attends the playing and every card falls just right, this tremendous poker game with its unbelievably high stakes may end up without shooting—for the present, at least.

If not—

Well, you know the answer to that as well as anybody.

ON the Russian front it's all a question of whom you want to believe. The Germans say they're proceeding according to plan. The Russians say they're holding.

What is happening on the Russian front will concern us sooner or later. What is happening to the southward from Japan concerns us RIGHT NOW.

That is the difference.

ON the home front, Dun & Bradstreet, reporting average retail sales for this week 20 to 24 per cent above the corresponding figure for a year ago, adds:

"A tendency on the part of consumers to PURCHASE AHEAD on many requirements continued to be observed."

When you think you can't get it, you WANT IT NOW.

Human nature is human nature, in war as at other times.

Burlesque shows date back as far as 300 B. C. when "strip-tease" acts were introduced to the Greeks.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU may think, ladies and gentlemen, you have seen poker games in your time.

This writer ventures the opinion you have never so much as DREAMED of a poker game comparable to that in which the United States and Japan are now rattling chips.

WITHIN a matter of days, Japan has swallowed Indo-China (French.) Already that

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