

# Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon Stars of Craterian Romance Today

## EDNA GLADNEY IS INSPIRATION FOR BRILLIANT DRAMA

Marsha Hunt In Cast—  
Picture Is Filmed In Technicolor.

Inspired by the life of Edna Gladney, a woman who has placed more than 2,000 babies in happy homes, "Blossoms in the Dust," opening today at the Craterian theatre, co-stars Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon for the first time.

Besides departing from the usual Hollywood formula for drama, the film, photographed in Technicolor, shies away from the ordinary brilliant tones formerly used and for the first time uses color as a means of furthering the plot rather than catching the eye. Only delicate, pastel tones are used, but they serve to accentuate the brilliant titian coloring of Miss Garson. Miss Garson and Pidgeon have an opportunity as Edna and Sam Gladney to depict one of the screen's tenderest romances, and their work in establishing a home for unwanted youngsters brings the problems and struggles of the pioneer workers in the field of child welfare to the screen for the first time. Today Mrs. Gladney is superintendent of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society at Fort Worth.

Featured in the supporting cast are Marsha Hunt, Felix Bressart, Fay Holden, and more than 800 children, ranging from a 17-day-old infant to youngsters of seven and eight.

The story traces the life of a beautiful and vibrant girl from the time of her meeting with an impetuous Texan to their marriage. Mellowed by the life which sees her through the loss of both her husband and child, she devotes the remaining years to finding homes and a proper environment for thousands of homeless waifs.

## Tillie The Toiler Steps From Comics To Rialto's Screen

"Tillie the Toiler," honey of the funny page, makes her

## "Dive Bomber" Here Wednesday



That Medford is rapidly becoming prominent in the aviation world is emphatically proved in "Dive Bomber," the spectacular all-Technicolor air thriller coming to the Craterian Theatre Wednesday. During the action of the picture Medford is given its due consideration as the pilots talk about their various flights.

Errol Flynn, as a flight sur-

geon, and Fred MacMurray as a test pilot for the U. S. navy, are co-starred and the top scene shows the preparation for one of the tests with (lower) the actual test in operation. Others in the cast include Ralph Bellamy, Robert Armstrong, Regis Toomey, Allen Jenkins and a sensational newcomer to make male hearts beat faster—Alexis Smith.

million fans, "Tillie the Toiler" comes to life as a likable young woman, attractive, neither too intelligent nor too dumb, concerned with dates and clothes even during the eight hours she devotes to business, but still, absorbed in her job, both to the delight and delirium of her boss. Tillie is the stenographer in the dress house of Simpkins and Company, where she has several

## "Washington Melodrama" Coming



Ann Rutherford plays Frank Morgan's daughter, and Kent Taylor a newspaper editor who helps her to extricate Morgan from a blackmail mystery taking place in the world's most dramatic city—the capitol of the

devoted admirers. Mr. Simpkins is not one of them, because she practically wrecks his business and his temper before she rescues the first and restores the second.

Tillie's admirers include Mac, the diminutive, callow youngster whose admiration of Tillie is sincere and wholehearted; Wally Whipple, whose admiration of Tillie rarely transcends his admiration of himself, and Ted Williams, a handsome "smoothie" who hands the poor little working girl a line so deftly that she becomes as starry-eyed in his presence as Mac is in hers.

Kay Harris was chosen by Penny (Blondie) Singleton to play the title role of "Tillie the Toiler," and according to advance reports, she is a splitting image of the Russ Westover character. William Tracy plays "Mac," George Watts is seen as Mr. Simpkins, Jack Arnold has the role of "Whipple" and Marjorie Reynolds portrays "Bubbles." Others in the cast are Ernest Truex and Franklin Pangborn.

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Chilean police investigating activities harmful to domestic security brought to 22 last night the number of German

## New Demonstration Agent Leads Unit Rally Meetings

With a series of rally meetings already under way, home extension units of Jackson county are opening a full year's program under leadership of Miss Marian Farrell, county home demonstration agent, who assumed her new duties the first of the month.

Miss Farrell, coming here from Portland late in July, graduated from Oregon state college in 1939, and for two years taught home economics in the Lebanon high school. She succeeds Mrs. Jacqueline B. Jones, who resigned last month after



Miss Marian Farrell

serving one year as home demonstration agent. Mrs. Jones is accompanying her husband on a business trip to Arizona at the present, after which they will continue to make their home in Medford.

A number of new projects are being offered by the Oregon State college extension service this year, including health emergencies in the home, citizenship, outlook on life after forty, and women in business and law. Other projects rounding out the year's work program are line, design and color in clothing; meals from the pantry shelf; and cooking of meat or frozen foods.

A general discussion of these projects is being given by Miss Farrell when she meets with each unit at rally meetings dur-

ing September. Unit rally meetings scheduled are: Ashland, Sept. 16; Medford, Sept. 17; Evans Valley, Sept. 18; Phoenix, Sept. 19; Prospect, Sept. 22; Riverside, Sept. 29 (tentative); Sams Valley, Sept. 26; Oak Grove, Sept. 30; Howard, Oct. 2.

Six other units already have held their rally meetings. Miss Farrell will be assisted throughout the year by members of the county executive committee, and will be accompanied to the rally meetings by a committee member. The committee is comprised of the following: Mrs. Bernice Dixon, Rogue River, chairman; Mrs. Violet Hamilton, Sam Valley, vice chairman; Mrs. Dolly Stevens, Phoenix, secretary; Mrs. Mary Hash, Bellview, treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Ager, Ashland; Mrs. Eula Middlebush, Prospect; and Mrs. Nora Strauss of Central Point.

## COMMANDERY TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Malta commandery No. 4, of Ashland, will hold annual installation of officers Wednesday evening, September 17. The public is invited. The ceremony will be held in the Masonic temple in Ashland and Knights Templars from Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Yreka have been invited.

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## ANN MUELLER

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Preceding installation a covered dish dinner will be served in the banquet room at the temple at 6:45 p. m. The temple will furnish hot chicken pie, coffee, cream, rolls and ice cream. Members have been solicited to furnish salads, cakes, etc.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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