

"Courtship of Andy Hardy", Latest Hardy Family Hit, Opening Today

MICKEY ROONEY, LEWIS STONE IN NEW HARDY SHOW

Claimed Best Of Popular Family Series—Cecilia Parker In Cast.

Andy Hardy finds a new romance and successfully gets out of it to become a free man again in "The Courtship of Andy Hardy," latest picture in the popular family series, which opens today at the Craterian theatre.

Not only does Andy meet a new girl, but he also rescues his sister from a dramatic "scrape," gets into trouble with the police, and barely escapes the clutches of Polly Benedict, who returns to further complicate his young life.

The picture introduces an attractive newcomer to the series in Donna Reed.

The story centers around Andy's efforts to show Miss Reed, as Melodie Nesbit, a good time, on request of his father, Judge Hardy has taken pity on the girl, after trying the case of her separated parents in his court. Realizing that she has led a hopelessly sheltered life, with no opportunity for fun, the judge calls on Andy for help.

When Andy takes her to her first dance, she proves to be the "wallflower" he had anticipated, but he bears up boldly under it. Experiencing a severe crush on him and realizing her own shortcomings, she learns how to make herself attractive before asking Andy to the next dance, and then becomes the sensation of the evening.

Frank Morgan Tops Brilliant Cast In Rialto Show Today

One of the most humanly warm and down-to-earth stories ever to come out of Hollywood is "The Vanishing Virginian," which opens a three-day run today at the Rialto theatre with

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Carole Lombard's Latest Film Coming



Carole Lombard's last picture.

"To Be or Not to Be," in which Jack Benny shares starring honors, will come to the Craterian theatre Wednesday, one of the most eagerly awaited motion pictures of recent years.

Skilled blending of melodrama and riotous comedy has been used in this story of a group

of actors stranded in Warsaw when invasion came. High spot of the picture is the sequence wherein the group uses the storm trooper uniforms that were supposed to be used in an anti-Nazi play to pretend they are Polish Gestapo.

Included in the supporting cast are Robert Stack and Felix Bressart.

Frank Morgan in the title role as Captain Bob Yancey.

The picture tells the amazing real-life story of Yancey, for many years the state's attorney for the city of Lynchburg, and his remarkable family. The love of life and home and lofty ideals fixed by him are said to light the picture as they did the best-selling book by his daughter, Rebecca Yancey Williams.

Morgan plays Cap'n Bob to the life, blustering and lovable at the same time. Spring Byington is completely endearing as his absent-minded but jealous wife, and Kathryn Grayson scores an outstanding success as Rebecca Yancey, the daughter who wants to be a musician but who is forced to study painting because of family tradition.

Other excellent portrayals are offered by Natalie Thompson as the daughter who wants to become a woman lawyer, Douglass Newland and Mark Daniels as the respective swains of the two grown-up daughters, and by Juanita Quigley, Scotty Beckett and Dickie Jones as the youngsters in the family.

"Unseen Enemy," featuring Andy Devine and Leo Carrillo, plays as the companion feature.

See Mail Tribune want ads.

ARMY POLICY ON GATHERINGS TOLD

Fort Lewis, April 18.—(P)—Applications for permission to hold large public gatherings in Oregon and Washington should be addressed to the governor of the state concerned, military officials explained today in clarifying the army's policy on fairs, festivals, parades, conventions and other large meetings.

Applications should be accompanied by plans outlining proposed methods for control of traffic to avoid congestion. For gatherings less than 5,000 east of the Cascade, plans need accompany only those applications for assemblies which are located on arterial highways.

It was further explained that authority for assembly cannot be granted more than three months in advance.

The Papuans, residents of Manus island, until recently cannibalistic, now cultivate coconuts and pearl fishing.

"Paris Calling" Coming to Rialto



Randolph Scott, Elizabeth Bergner and Basil Rathbone have starring roles in "Paris Calling," daring story of the underground battlefront who defy Nazi invasion, coming to the Rialto theatre for Wednesday and Thursday. Others in the cast are Gale Sondergaard and Edward Cinnelli.

"Canal Zone," starring Chester Morris and John Hubbard in a story of bombers over Panama, will play as the added action feature.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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confess by inactivity that our fondest hopes are correct.

THERE was some talk about General MacArthur coming back here for a meeting with the Pacific war council. It would have been a sensational visit, but they delayed it temporarily.

THE newspaper in which General Johnson's column is published in Washington did not consider his death of sufficient interest to place it on the front page.

Thus passes quietly from the national debate, which is the essence of democracy, a voice which was sometimes shrill, sometimes too harsh for many people, but always forceful, picturesque, honest.

I guess that was what he was after. I did not know him except as a reader, but you get to think you know people rather intimately from their writings. Writers put themselves out on paper.

He did not try to make friends in his work. He just put his

views out there every day, speaking his pieces as if to say: "I don't want anyone to misunderstand me and to hell with you if you don't like it. This is what I think."

But this was not what made Johnson interesting and important to me. I thought he was a great technician. He was a swell writer—the best in the business. He had the imaginative turn of mind which grasped words and lined them up into phrases with barbs on them. He got into you.

And when you look into him that way, you will find a great spirit, out of which he always spoke. It was the spirit of a soldier, a tough-talking guy who told it with the pointedness of a top sergeant.

Because this style made so many enemies and inspired passive resistance, I don't think the literal greatness that was in him was ever appreciated.

He was a poor administrator, an impractical executive, a blundering politico, a belligerent and gallant spirit and a truly great writer. I don't care what he stood for. He stood there, openly, challengingly.

I tip my hand against my forehead to the general who said what he had to say better than anyone else I know. Let those writers who have neglected to mourn his passing say their pieces half as well.

Old Ford motors are used for power production in laboratories in China, and in the absence of gasoline, gas from heated charcoal serves as fuel.

In "Great Guns"



Laurel and Hardy, those daffy nitwits of the silver screen, have co-starring roles in "Great Guns," a screwy comedy of life in the army which plays today and tomorrow only at the Roxy theatre.

"Singapore Woman," featuring Brenda Marshall, plays as the added feature with the Laurel and Hardy comedy.

AGED MAN KILLED IN REDDING FIRE

Redding, Calif., April 18.—(P)—A 60-year-old construction worker died of suffocation and another guest was seriously injured in a three-story jump late last night as fire swept through the upper floor of the Western hotel.

Firemen found Eric Solbert, construction worker on a Pacific Gas and Electric powerhouse job, dead under debris on the top floor of the 40-year-old structure. They said he apparently died of suffocation.

Thomas Lester Abbott received lacerations of the leg and arm in his leap from the third floor. He also was badly burned about the face and hands.

L. L. Cord, operator of the hotel, said the building was valued at about \$25,000.

FINISH CANAL ROAD

Panama, Panama, April 18.—(AP)—Spurred by wartime need, a one-lane all-concrete roadway across the isthmus from ocean to ocean was completed today adding a third all-weather route to the canal and rail line which previously had been the only links from shore to shore.

LINDBERGH'S PAY

Detroit, April 18.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, as a technical adviser at the Ford Motor company's bomber plant, is being paid \$3,500 a year plus allowances.

ST. MARYS ANNUAL PLAY THIS WEEK

High school students of St. Mary's Academy will give their annual play in the school auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings at 8:15 o'clock. The performance will include three lively one-act comedies entitled: "Too Much Bobbie," "The First Shave," "The Lost Elevator." Rehearsals have been in progress for several weeks and the work being accomplished by the cast gives promise of a very interesting and highly entertaining program.

An enthusiastic ticket selling campaign was launched last week by Neil Iven, president of the Booster Club.

Those carrying roles in the various plays are mostly members of the Senior class, assisted by students from the other classes of the high school.

SURVEYING CLASS OPENING MONDAY

Night classes in surveying are open for young men at the senior high school tomorrow according to Principal Leonard Mayfield.

Classes will be taught by Captain Lin Shields, U. S. engineer, and training will be both theoretical and practical. Enrollment free, sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Purpose is to prepare young men for surveying and other engineering jobs.

Movie Star's Mate Visits McLeod Farm

Arriving in Medford yesterday noon by United Mainliner was Mrs. George Murphy of Hollywood, Cal. This is her first visit to Medford since October and she journeyed north to look into improvements being made on the Murphy property at McLeod on the Crater Lake highway. Mrs. Murphy plans to return south in several days, depending on the condition of her son, Dennis Michael, age three and a half, who is ill in California.

Her actor husband, George Murphy was unable to accompany her to Medford as he is being filmed in a motion picture at present with Judy Garland. Mrs. Murphy stated, however,

that both plan to come to Medford in the near future. She motored to the Murphy ranch for a short inspection trip yesterday afternoon.

Civilian Defense Activities

There will be a joint meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the armory of the Lions and Active clubs with the War Stamp and Bond committee, W. A. Gates, Glenn Jackson and Major Carl Tengwald. This is a brief but important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Members may call the Chamber of Commerce if they desire any further information.

Lectures Draw Crowd

An interested crowd attended the lectures on Civil Defense Thursday and Friday evenings at Jackson school gym. G. W. Kellington and Guy Davis were main speakers. Ed Mann gave a short talk on combating poison gases and incendiary bombs.

John Gribble spoke on the air raid warden set-up and great need of the awakening and full cooperation of the public. Vital points were explained regarding protection of lives and homes in case of raids. At the final meeting Monday evening a reel of very fine first aid motion pictures will be shown, and arrangements made to start another first aid class. The public is invited to attend Monday's meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Gas Allocation Talked

Representatives of gasoline companies in Medford and Ashland met at the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening with H. E. Britzman of the petroleum control and discussed the matter of a larger allocation of gasoline for Jackson county. A committee was appointed to meet Monday and prepare statistical material to support the request.

Any young person interested in joining the messenger corps of the defense control center, please call at the Chamber of Commerce and register.

Age requirements are between 15 and 20 years.

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3:00-5:00-11:00 Inc. Tax
Even Today 6:45-9:35
4:00-5:00-11:00 Inc. Tax

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Sleepy-time gal
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"Enemy" at 3:50-6:50-9:45

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FEATURE at 1:55
3:45-5:35
7:30-9:35

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