

Victor Mature, Lucille Ball Stars of Craterian's Musical Romance

GILDERSLEEVE IN ROLICKING LAUGH HIT NOW SHOWING

One Of New "Filmicals" Crop—Radio Stars Also In Cast.

Co-starring two of the screen's most popular players of the day, Victor Mature and Lucille Ball, "Seven Days' Leave" which opens today at the Craterian theatre, is the newest of the new crop of patriotic filmicals to reach movie audiences.

The plot tells the exploits of an army draftee who is trying to win a fortune and not lose the girl he loves, and it introduces a profusion of noted stage, screen and radio personalities, dance bands and radio programs along with its own gay music and its sizzling rhythms.

Mature is the draftee, one Johnny Gray, while Miss Ball plays the part of a New York society girl, Terry Havelock-Allen. Shortly before he is due to sail overseas with his regiment, Johnny learns through "The Court of Missing Heirs" radio program that he has inherited a hundred thousand dollars.

A brilliant supporting cast aids the two stars in presenting this gay story. In addition to Miss Cortes, they include Harold Peary (Gildersleeve) as the shy lawyer who handles the inheritance.

New Year's Party On Holly Calendar

Of interest to fun lovers who are looking for a place to spend New Year's eve in gala, festive style is the announcement by the Holly theatre of their frolic planned for that night.

The New Year's eve party will take place after the regular show New Year's eve. The doors will be closed at 9:45 and then reopened at 11:00 to the public for the special showing of "Road to Morocco," starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

There will be confetti, balloons, paper hats, horns and noise-makers to get the audience into the proper mood to welcome the new year in with, what is expected to be, the most gala event in Medford theatre history.

ARMY FLIER KILLED
Tampa, Fla., Dec. 25—(U.P.)—First Lt. Ralph E. Morrison, 42, of Helena, Mont., was killed yesterday in the crash of a medium bomber at Avon Park, Fla., the public relations office at MacDill field here reported today.

Monty Woolley In Wednesday Comedy



Monty Woolley, the man who won ten million hearts as "The Pied Piper" returns to the screen in a hilarious new comedy, "Life Begins at 8:30," the hectic story of a broken-down trooper which opens a four-day

Elvira Tops Cast Of Popular Double Feature at Holly

Highlight of the week's promised theatrical attractions is "The Old Homestead," scheduled to open a three-day run today at the Holly theatre with the Weaver brothers and Elvira in the leads.

Elvira Weaver, according to the plot, is mayor of Farmington and Abner is her police chief. The pair are under heavy critical fire because crime runs unabated in their hamlet. Leader of the critics is one Councilman Bell, who is secretly responsible for the crime wave inasmuch as he operates a "protection" service, and if the townspeople do not sign up for his service, his henchmen stage holdups, thefts and other acts of depredation.

Desperate, Elvira travels to the state capitol to attempt to enlist the aid of a prominent investigator, but, finding him unavailable, she conceives the scheme of luring an extremely clever crook to Farmington, and, masquerading as a crook herself, inveigle him into smoking out the local gangsters and

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"China Girl"



Mobs stormed the doors of the Rialto theatre Christmas day to see the gala opening of "China Girl," new action adventure which plays through Thursday with Gene Tierney in the starring role.

Pomona, Carolyn Edwards; Flora, Etta Parker, and musician, Addie Simmons.

Next regular Grange meeting will be January 12 with the new officers in the chairs. H.E.C. met at the hall December 16. The ladies cleaned the hall, enjoyed a covered dish dinner, gift exchange and business session. Next H.E.C. meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Edwards, in Medford, January 20 when the new committee chairman, Gladys Harris, will have charge of the meeting. Pollyannas will be revealed and new ones chosen.

The Grange

Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange held annual installation services Tuesday night, preceded by a covered dish dinner in charge of H.E.C. O. C. Maust was installing officer for the impressive ritual, assisted by Dolly Stevens, Mabel Quackenbush, Susie Maust, Mildred Ward and Enid Caster.

Those installed were master, Ray Ward; overseer, Bill Poling; lecturer, Florence Drake; chaplain, Bertha Inman; secretary, Mildred Ward; treasurer, Lillian Coleman; gate keeper, Earl Simmons; steward, George Drake; assistant steward, Jake Arnold; lady assistant steward, Ruby Arnold; Ceres, Myrtle Hixson;

PARACHUTES TO SAFETY
Hamilton Field, Cal., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—Staff Sgt. Paul H. Wilkins, 20, of Kalispell, Mont., parachuted safely from his army fighter plane today near Calistoga, Cal., after the plane clipped a power-line pole and was severely damaged, army air force officials reported tonight.

USO USES JAP CLUB
San Francisco (U.P.)—The former Japanese YMCA here is now a USO club providing special facilities for Negro men on the armed forces.

"Omaha Trail" Coming To Holly



Adventure cut from the raw courage of America's pioneers is the action of "The Omaha Trail," coming to the Holly theatre Wednesday for a four-day stay. Dean Jagger, James

Craig, Donald Meek and Pamela Blake star.

"Half Way To Shanghai," starring Kent Taylor and Irene Hervey, will be double billed.

MONTANA BOY, 17, ADMITS HE SLEW GIRL, 15, IN HOME

Chinook, Mont., Dec. 26—(U.P.)—A charge of first degree murder was filed in district court here today against Leslie Scifers, 17-year-old Harlem high school youth, who is said to have admitted shooting Elaine Allen, 15, to death in his home Wednesday night.

Leslie's attorney, Harry L. Byrnes, said the boy will plead insanity.

The motive for the slaying still remained a mystery. Byrnes, the only person to whom Leslie said he talked about the shooting, said it was done in an "insane rage" prompted by the boy's unpopularity among the young people of Harlem.

The attorney denied that the boy and girl were sweethearts, claiming Elaine came to the Scifers' home Wednesday night to see "someone else." Leslie was home alone.

Byrnes declined to reveal any of the events which led up to the shooting. While the pretty, blonde schoolgirl held her hands over her eyes, apparently in fear of the gun in Leslie's hands, he shot her three times in the face, Byrnes said. The bullets went through her hands. She then ran down the hallway to his room, leaving a trail

In Tough Role



Billy Hallop plays one of the "Dead End" Kids in "Tough as They Come," which opens today at the Rialto theatre with "Tombstone," starring Richard Dix, as the second action feature.

Women Required to File Legal Name For Social Security Book

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Every woman who has married since she last worked and now is contemplating re-entering employment should have her social security account corrected to show her legal name, according to Clement M. Zimney, manager of the Klamath Falls social security board office.

"You can do this," said Zimney, "by going to the nearest field office of the social security board and filling out an application for a duplicate account number card. The completed application is then sent to Baltimore, Maryland, where social security wage records are kept, and a duplicate account number card, bearing the same number as the original but showing your married name, will be sent to you."

Zimney placed emphasis upon the fact that a woman should keep the same account number throughout her working life, although her change of name should always be reported.

Camp Hospital Unit Hears Prof. Neal In Christmas Address

Camp White—(U.P.)—Soldiers of the general hospital unit enjoyed a fine Christmas dinner and a talk by Prof. Roy McNeal, of Ashland. A special formation was arranged by Lieut. Wheeler, through Lieut. Col. Harold I. Amory, commanding officer, recently of Letterman hospital, San Francisco, in which men of the general hospital unit were linked up on the drill ground and a handsome scroll containing the names of all the company was presented by the office personnel.

Prof. McNeal in his words of hope and encouragement to the soldiers, stressed the point that the great army now being assembled is made up of single parts, all united, cooperating and working as a single force in which every man's effort counts, and must be done in exactly the way and at the time the person in command has figured so as to produce the best results and win the war. He also urged carrying of the friendly Christmas spirit into the relationships of the balance of the year.

Lieut. Col. Amory responded with thanks for the presentation of the decorated personnel scroll.

SELLS HORSE

El Dorado, Ark.—(U.P.)—William Godwin made a real sacrifice, considering that in these days of gasoline rationing a horse represents transportation. He sold his favorite saddle horse to raise money to invest in war bonds.

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