

ROMBERG'S HITS IN GAY MUSICAL STARTING TODAY

Craterian Features Favorite
'Desert Song'; Lionel Bar-
rymore in Rialto Picture.

Opening today at the Craterian theater is the much-awaited film version of that perennial stage favorite, "The Desert Song," Warner Bros., the first of the film companies to bring musicals to the screen, has apparently outdone itself in this production.

Filmed in gorgeous Technicolor, this completely modernized version leans heavily on current history for its plot. The vivid story, told against a background of beauty and romance, tells of a young, itinerant musician, Paul Hudson, who, in the guise of El Khobar, makes daring and spectacular efforts to free the downtrodden Riff slave labor from the ruthless oppression of the Nazis.

Interwoven into the plot is the beautiful love story of Paul and the lovely Margot, a French cafe singer who loves him for his courage and unselfishness.

Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning are starred as Paul and Margot, and lend new beauty to the familiar Romberg tunes in their renditions of them. In the featured cast are Bruce Cabot, Gene Lockhart and Faye Emerson.

"Three Men in White," with Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson and Marilyn Maxwell opens today on the Rialto's screen, with "Hi, Good Lookin'," as the companion feature.

CAMP OFFICERS DONATE \$500 TO COUNTY HEALTH

The gift of \$500 from the Camp White Station Hospital officers' party fund to the Jackson County Public Health association was reported last week by Mrs. Elwood Hedberg, association president. The check was forwarded the association by Colonel F. T. Chamberlin, head of the hospital. Mrs. Hedberg told the board in meeting at her home Wednesday.

The gift was accompanied by a note, expressing appreciation of the "kindness and cooperation shown the station hospital by the health association" and the wish that the money would be of use in the splendid work of the organization.

A citation for 25 years of continuous service was presented the health association at the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, Mrs. Hedberg also announced, displaying the award to the board. Jackson county, the first in Oregon to be organized in public health work, completed its 25th year in 1943, but the awards were not made until this summer, Mrs. Hedberg explained.

Another appeal for blood donors in the campaign recently launched by the health association in Jackson county was voiced by Mrs. Hedberg. She stated that 70 people have volunteered to have their blood typed and expressed willingness to give their blood in case of necessary transfusions. The health association hopes to build up a list of at least 200 volunteers. Any person willing to volunteer is asked to call at one of the laboratories at Community hospital, Sacred Heart hospital or the Medford Center building.

Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county public health officer was a special guest at the luncheon session and discussed the county budget with the board.

Plans for a meeting of the board with community group chairmen from all sections of the county were made. The meeting will be in the form of a luncheon at the Girls' Community club in Medford on July 19.

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Charlie McCarthy in New Show



Starting Wednesday at the Craterian, is "Song of the Open Road," with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Jane Powell, W. C. Fields, Bonita Granville and Sammy Kaye and orchestra.

"Follow the Leader" Here Wednesday



A scene from the East Side Kids' latest riot "Follow the Leader," with the Kids, Joan Marsh, Jack LaRue and Amy Gordon, which heads the double bill playing Wednesday for a four-day engagement only, at the Rialto.

"Wyoming Hurricane," featuring Russell Hayden, with Bob Willis and his Texas playboys, complete the bill.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Unity To Meet—Students of Unity and Truth are asked to meet at the center, 319 Medford Center building, Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. for a business meeting.

Fire—The fire department was called Friday evening at 7:52 to the Roxy theater to put out a small fire which had started as the result of an overheated fan. There was no damage to the theater.

Fined \$1—Charged with allowing their dogs to run at large, the following were each fined \$1 in city court the past few days: Dr. A. F. W. Kresse, Ray Frisbie, O. W. Aya and J. A. Giese.

At Great Lakes—Melvin Glen Smith, husband of Mrs. Jean Smith of Star Route, Gold Hill, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., according to a release from there.

Masonic Vacation—Medford Masonic lodge will hold no meetings in July and August, according to Worshipful Master Paul Selby who stated that Entered Apprentice degree Monday and Wednesday nights. Fellowship craft degree Friday night of this week will clear the docket for the vacation.

Pinkham Promoted—Promotion of Capt. Lee D. Pinkham of Central Point to his present grade from that of first lieutenant was announced recently by the Panama Coast Artillery Command. Capt. Pinkham is commanding officer of a harbor defense organization. He has served with the Coast Artillery forces guarding the Panama Canal since Dec. 29, 1942.

To Meet—Disabled American Veterans' will meet in the armory Tuesday, June 27, to transact important business. A report of the recent convention will be heard and it will be decided whether Medford shall accept the 1945 department convention.

Captain Here—Capt. Walt E. Hoppe, head of the oral surgery department of Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., arrived in Medford Thursday night to spend several days with Mrs. Hoppe and their children at the family home, 1806 East Main street.

Building Permits—Art McDonald of 819 Narreagan street applied at the city building inspector's office Friday for a permit to make an addition to his residence at a stated cost of \$200. Barbara J. Nesbick of 527 Putman street applied for a permit to construct a private garage at a stated cost of \$175.

To Nebraska—Lt. Del Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mead Cooley of 648 Palm St., has reported for duty at Lincoln, Nebr., after spending a week's furlough with his parents. Lt. Cooley, who graduated June 10 from the Carlsbad Army Airfield, is an aircraft observer bombardier. He is a 1941 graduate of Medford high school.

On Furlough—Cadet Daniel Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Graham of 108 Cottage St., is home on a week's furlough from West Point in New York. Graham has just completed his first year at the United States Military Academy and reports that it is "tough" but well worth it. He is a 1943 graduate of Medford high school.

CAPACITY CROWD OF BOND BUYERS ENJOYS PREMIERE

A capacity house at the Craterian theater, Friday night, gave thunderous approval to the three-act play "The Call of Freedom," presented by members of the WPRC of Camp White and produced under direction of Cpl. Dean Nelson. With the entire theater filled with bond buyers of Jackson county, the actors played to an audience representing \$247,525 in war bonds.

The opening act, set in a living room in a typical American home, gave an insight into a soldier's ideas on purchasing bonds. Act two, "somewhere in Italy," a few miles back from the front, showed soldiers taking a well-deserved rest from combat duties. That combat duty was not just a thrill was effectively brought out when the resting soldiers were joined by a raw recruit with some typical views on combat duty.

Act three showed a field hospital and emphasized the value of blood plasma. In a dramatic scene, a wounded soldier being saved by the plasma which bond purchasers had made available.

The three acts were dramatically woven together by the narration in the background, which was one of the most forceful and dramatic parts of the show.

Music was furnished by the SCU band of thirty pieces under direction of T/Sgt. John DeAngelus.

A humorous touch was added when at the close of the stage show and beginning of the motion picture part of the program the sound system failed and the audience was given an additional entertainment treat by the

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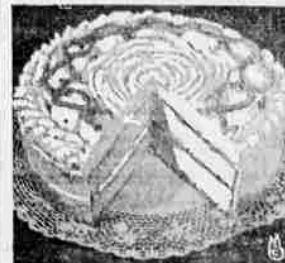
appearance of S/Sgt. Don Safford on the stage and Cpl. Elton Morris at the console of the theater organ. After Safford had sung several numbers, with a few added comedy bits, Corp. Nelson was pressed into service, but right in the middle of his Russian comedy act the sound suddenly came to life and the screen part of the program was on its way with Betty Grable in

the technicolor musical, "Pin Up Girl."

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