

DEANNA DURBIN'S NEW DRAMA OPENS WITH GENE KELLY

"Christmas Holiday" Tops
Craterian Bill — Gildersleeve
Headliner at Rialto

Deanna Durbin, for several years Hollywood's top singing star, now emerges as one of the screen's top-ranking actresses as well.

Any question which may have been entertained regarding the ability of the lovely songstress to successfully invade the sphere of pure drama is now dispelled. Her new picture, "Christmas Holiday," now at the Craterian theater, proves beyond doubt that Miss Durbin can, effortlessly, hold her own in any company of dramatic artists. Her performance in her first sheerly dramatic role is flawless.

The picture, adapted from W.

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Somerset Maugham's novel of the same title, tells a story within a story and presents Deanna in a dual characterization—a worldly cafe entertainer, and a charming bride whose world collapses about her when her husband of six months commits murder.

The film introduces Deanna singing a torch song in a tawdry New Orleans cafe and reveals her earlier years in flash-backs as she relates the story of her life to a young army lieutenant. Gene Kelly, who co-stars with Miss Durbin, gives one of his finest performances as her husband. Kelly is completely charming and yet thoroughly convincing as a killer moved more by weakness than malice.

"Gildersleeve's Ghost" and "Stars on Parade" are featured today at the Rialto theater.

LOOK PICTURIZES GINGER ON RANCH

Ginger Rogers, Rogue River's Hollywood star, gained considerable publicity in Oct. 17 issue of Look magazine. In the magazine several pages were devoted to pictures of Miss Rogers and her Rogue River valley ranch. Two pages show the star's life history in pictures and other pages reveal the fact that she can "farm, fish and ride as well as act."

She is shown carrying a prize Hereford bull on her 1,082 acre ranch near Medford, feeding her chickens and turkeys, cultivating corn, irrigating an oat field and other pictures of her fishing the famed Rogue and riding horseback, with her secretary on her vast acreage.

Miss Rogers purchased the land in 1942 as a business investment and partly a hideaway, according to the article. Now the ranch is worked on a profit-sharing basis with a partner. Miss Rogers visited the ranch several times during the past summer and participated in a bond rally in Medford during one of her visits here.

The Santa Fe railroad made San Diego its transcontinental terminus in 1885.

"Boss of Boomtown" Booked



Starting Wednesday at the Rialto, the Dead End Kids in their latest picture, "Block Busters." Playing in the companion

USO DIRECTOR TO SAN DIEGO POST

Captain Robert Angel, who has acted as director of Riverside USO since January, 1944, has been transferred to San Diego, effective Oct. 15 and will be director of Salvation Army USO in that city.

A new director for the Riverside USO will be announced in several days, Capt. Angel stated today. He plans to leave Mrs. Angel and children with Mrs. S. J. Goul of Wilmington, Calif., for a short time.

Mrs. Harry Nordwick, formerly with Salvation Army USO in the Masonic building, will continue on the Riverside staff as a staff aide, Capt. Angel stated.

He added that C. W. Reynolds, associate regional executive for USO, Portland, has recommended that the Medford USO building be retained as long as USO has a place in the Medford community. Other officials have added that the club will be continued as long as there is a distinct need for the activity in Medford.

GIRL MADE GOOD
Boston—(U.P.)—Friends scoffed when a schoolmarmish New England girl spent her last \$10 to go from Boston to New York. Twenty years later Gertrude Battles Lane was earning \$52,000 a year as editor-in-chief of the Woman's Home Companion.

HAS TRIPLETS
Rosenau, Minn. (U.P.)—A cow owned by Mrs. Elsie Foley has borne seven calves in two and one-half years. The latest offspring are triplets. All of the seven calves are living and of normal size.

JAPANESE DRIVE ON FOOCHOW AND KWEILIN MENACE

Chungking, Oct. 7.—(U.P.)—The fate of two great Chinese cities hung in the balance tonight as the Japanese smashed nearer the flaming city of Kweilin in southern China and in Fukien province stormed ashore southeast of Foochow in a second threat to that vital port where the Chinese already are fighting a desperate battle against invaders in the northwestern suburbs.

(Japanese imperial headquarters, in a communique broadcast Saturday by the Tokyo radio, claimed that its forces had "completely occupied Foochow" on the morning of Oct. 4, after crushing the enemy 80th division.)

The new threat to Foochow, last major Chinese-held port on the eastern seaboard, was posed by a Japanese force which landed on the south bank of the Min river two days ago and advanced to Dionshoh, 3½ miles southeast of Foochow and near the city's Pagoda landing stage, where the Chinese are fighting to check their progress.

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