

BING CROSBY HAS TOP ROLE IN NEW CRATERIAN SHOW

Navy Thriller at Rialto—
"Fighting Seabees" At
Roxy Theatre Today.

Bing Crosby's been on the Road to Morocco, Road to Zanzibar and Road to Singapore—but now he's on the road to fame in the captivating motion picture, "Going My Way," arriving today at the Craterian theater.

Of course, Crosby long ago was included in the charmed circle of the famous, but more for his velvety vocalizing than anything else. From here on, the "groaner" isn't sitting back to let others take laurels in the acting profession—he's put his own oar in the Hollywood waters and has come up with the finest catch of the year. He plays Father "Chuck" O'Malley, and the way he plays him elicits rave notices from reviewers.

There's nothing lacking in "Going My Way," critics say, for the heart-warming story is acted out by one of the most competent casts and has Leo McCarey at the reins to handle direction. Bing's brother-priests are Barry Fitzgerald, the kindly, temperate whimsical Father Fitzgibbon and Frank McHugh, genial and enthusiastic in his role as Father O'Dowd. Then, too, Rise Stevens appears throughout the film as a famous opera singer, (which she is), rendering the "Habanera" aria from "Carmen" while the Robert Mitchell boys' choir captivates audiences, according to reports, when the group joins Bing in several selections.

The simple but eloquent story relates how Bing is sent as "trouble shooter" to Fitzgerald's parish and immediately confronts that conservative priest by instituting innovations which to him are seemingly radical. His first act is to placate Gene Lockhart, bank prexy who holds the mortgage on the parish. The latter's son, played by James Brown, figures in the act, too, for he falls in love with Jean Heather, a young girl set on the right trail after receiving some sound advice from "Father" Crosby. The golf course scene is one of the shining examples of the temper of "Going My Way," it is said, for the laughs and chuckles become howls as Fitzgerald indulgently lets himself be taught the science of the game by Crosby and McHugh.

Starting today at the Roxy starring Susan Hayward is "The Fighting Seabees," a tale of the navy's hard-working, hard-fighting, hard-loving battalion with John Wayne, Dennis O'Keefe.

Coming to the Rialto Wednesday will be "The Navy Way" with Robert Lowery and Jean Parker. The film reads the double feature program starting Wednesday at the Rialto. The added feature will be "The Utah Kid," with Bob Steele and Hoot Gibson in the leading roles of this thrilling saga of the wild west.

Sharyn Moffett, 7-year-old newcomer to the screen, will soon be seen locally in "My Pal Wolf," in which the blue-eyed youngster shares honors with "Grey Shadow," descendant of

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TODAY
3 Thrilling Days!

STORY OF GALLANT,
GAME GUYS WHO
LOVE TO FIGHT AND
FIGHT TO LOVE!

THE
FIGHTING
SEABEES

John WAYNE
Dennis O'KEEFE
Susan HAYWARD



Legion Honors Hero Dead



Homer Myers
The new American Legion post in Central Point, "Myers-Holland Post No. 129," was chosen by the veterans in honor of the first two young men from that community to lose their lives in battle in World War II. Both were well known and loved in their community. (Cuts Courtesy Central Point American).

the famous dog star "Strongheart."

**Panzer General
On West Front
Is Ex-Barkeep**

Paris, Dec. 30—(U.P.)—Col. Gen. Joseph Sepp Dietrich, of the SS elite guard, who commands one of the panzer armies which Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt has thrown into the western front, is a former bartender and nazi gangster who is high on the allies' war criminal list.

Dietrich, the most nazi-minded and probably the least militarily capable of the three generals leading armies in the German drive, is wanted for atrocities committed at Kharkov, Russia.

His panzer army is still undesignated by number but is now known positively to be fighting alongside Lt. Gen. Hasso Eccard Von Manteuffel's 5th panzer army.

MATLACK NAMED JUNIOR CITIZEN

Jack Matlack, formerly with the Hunt theaters here, who has been publicity director for the J. J. Parker theaters in Portland for the past two years, has attained new honors. The Medford man has been acclaimed "Junior First Citizen of Portland for 1944," according to word received here Saturday.

In addition to his theater work, Matlack has served in a number of civic capacities, his latest effort in this line being the direction of publicity for the state in the motion picture participation in the sixth war loan drive.

Matlack is the son of Mrs. L. J. Matlock of the Jacksonville highway.

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C. P. LEGION PLANS NEW JAP PLANES ARE SUPERIOR TO U. S. PROTOTYPES

Central Point, Dec. 30—A turkey dinner, serving to start at 6:30 p. m., will precede the public installation and presentation of charter for the new Myers-Holland Post No. 129, American Legion here on Wednesday. The dinner, for which a nominal charge will be made, will be given in Grange hall and all veterans and their wives are invited.

Large delegations are expected from Medford and Ashland. Those planning to attend from Medford will meet at the Medford hotel at 6 p. m., prepared to leave at once in pooled cars. State and district officers of the Legion will attend the banquet and installation, leaving the Medford hotel with officers from the Central Point post who will escort them to the banquet hall.

Arriving in Central Point the veterans will form a parade at the intersection of Highway 99 and Pine street and will proceed on Pine street to the Grange hall. Central Point high school band will head the procession.

The new Legion post is named in honor of Homer Myers and Vernon Holland, first Central Point young men to lose their lives in World War II.

Corporal Herrin Ends Pacific Stay

Santa Ana, Calif.—Cpl. Frederick L. Herrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Herrin, 509 Hamilton street, Medford, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station of the Santa Ana army air base after having served overseas with the 5th air force as a cook.

Herrin entered the service on January 13, 1942, and went overseas in February, 1943. He has been stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies.

UTAH CULTISTS SEEK REPEAL OF POLYGAMY BAN

Salt Lake City, Dec. 30—(U.P.) Utah's embattled plural marriage cultists today launched a drive they hope will see the repeal of state laws which say a man can have only one wife.

With approximately 40 of their number under sentences, Utah's many-wived cultists appear to be on the short end of the score in their nine-months battle to date in state and federal courts. Some of the members already have lost three trials on as many charges.

But they're still fighting. Today they struck at one source of their troubles—Utah statutes on polygamy and cohabitation, and the Utah constitutional provision against polygamy. In what appears to be a last-ditch fight, leaders of the fundamentalist cult who have been in court almost constantly since a three-state round-up last March, today presented the members of

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the Utah 1945 legislature with an appeal that the people be asked to vote on a constitutional amendment removing the ban on polygamy. The letters, signed by white-haired Joseph White Musser, four-wived leader of the sect, also urged repeal of the state's statutes dealing with polygamy or cohabitation.

TONIGHT!

BEGINNING 8:30 o'clock

ATTENTION EAGLES
And Auxiliary Members
AND HOUSE GUESTS

ANNUAL NEW
YEAR'S PARTY
EAGLES HALL—219 W. MAIN

Program Begins 8:30 P.M.

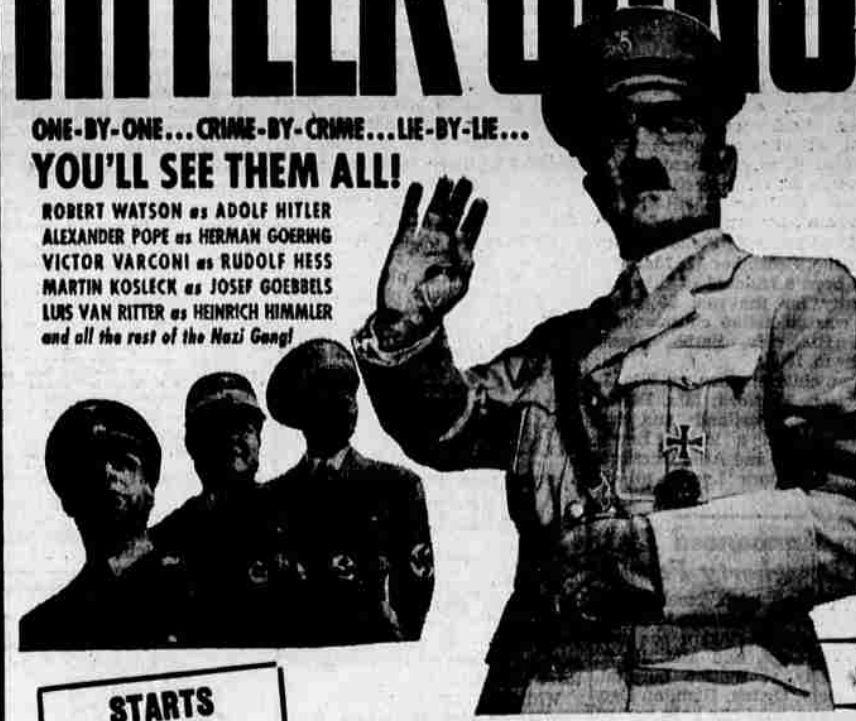
Happy New Year

... And thanks for the splendid support you have given us during the year of '44. And NOW! Wind up the clock! Ready set! Go! We're off for a smash-banging, greater-than-ever New Year, and there'll be some swell shows in the old town right through 1945. So here's "Thanks" for the past and a Promise for the future... keep your eye on the RIALTO!!!

SCOURGE of ALL MANKIND! THE HITLER GANG

ONE-BY-ONE... CRIME-BY-CRIME... LIE-BY-LIE...
YOU'LL SEE THEM ALL!

ROBERT WATSON as ADOLF HITLER
ALEXANDER POPE as HERMAN GOERING
VICTOR VARCONI as RUDOLF HESS
MARTIN KOSLECK as JOSEF GOEBBELS
LURS VAN RITTER as HEINRICH HIMMLER
and all the rest of the Nazi Gang!



STARTS
TODAY!
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BIG
FEATURES!

As Down-to-Earth
as Sunday Fishin'!

—as lovable as a knitted sweater
... and as human as ma's apple
pie! Here's your special picture!

ALSO
LATEST
News Reel
Pictures!

See HISTORY
being made
before your
very eyes!

"THOROUGHBREDS"

WITH
TOM NEAL—ROGER PRYOR

Doors
Open
1:45

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DIAL 4900

Contin-
ous
Shows
Today

STARTS Today

FOR
ONE
WEEK

There's only one voice like Crosby's!
There's only one picture like this!

BING CROSBY
RISE STEVENS

Bing Sings
"The Day After
Forever"
"Going My Way"
"Swinging On A
Star"
and
Others

Going My Way

with
Barry
FITZGERALD

Frank McHUGH • James BROWN • Gene LOCKHART

Stanley Clemens and Jean Heather

LATEST NEWS EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE
MIDNIGHT PREVUE

Meet MISS BOBBY SOCKS
BOB CROSBY
LYNN HEATH
LOUISE ERICKSON



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SHOWS TODAY

DOORS
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1:45
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