

**ABBOTT, COSTELLO
IN HAREM COMEDY
CRATERIAN TODAY**

**Marilyn Maxwell Support-
ing Star - 'Carolina Blues'
Tops Bill At Rialto**

A weird soothsayer gazes into a crystal ball, which comes closer and closer to the spectator, enlarging until it fills the screen. Then the spectator seems to pass into the transparent sphere to find himself in a strange city of towers and minarets, somewhere in the mystic east.

This is the illusion devised by studio technicians to introduce Abbott and Costello in their newest M-G-M musical, "Lost in a Harem," opening today at the Craterian theater. The illusion marks one of the most unusual camera feats ever attempted on the screen.

A combination of moving camera, special lens assemblies and a new system of "dissolve" accomplished so quickly that the eye cannot detect it went into the development of the illusion, executed by technicians under John Arnold, studio camera chief. The "Crystal Ball" introduction to the picture is followed by diverting adventures of the comedians in a tribe of natives that is "crazy over blondes."

Other "magic" camera effects introduce Jimmy Dorsey and his band and cause appearance and disappearance of elaborate dancing and musical ensembles. "Caroline Blues" and the "Unwritten Code" comprise the twin-bill at the Rialto theater.

**SGT. JOHN EADS
WOUNDED AGAIN
IN LEYTE FIGHT**

Sgt. John W. Eads of Medford has been awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster to his purple heart medal for being wounded in action the second time according to headquarters of an engineer's special brigade serving in the Philippine Islands. The cluster was awarded for wounds received at Red Beach, Palo, Leyte on Oct. 21, the order reads.

Sgt. Eads has now recovered and has returned to duty with the brigade, his mother, Mrs. Susan Eads, 29 Kenwood avenue stated today. The sergeant, who went overseas in January of 1943, suffered his first wound during the battle of Finschaven on New Guinea on Sept. 25 of that year.

The sergeant has alternated between regular duty with the engineers and special duty as an entertainer and to plan entertainments. Before entering the service he enjoyed a wide reputation in the valley for his ability as a magician and made many appearances. At present he is on special entertainers' duty.

Sgt. Eads' wife and small daughter reside at 719 West Second street. The daughter, about 18 months old, was born after the sergeant left for South Pacific duty and has never seen her father.

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"Story of Dr. Wassel" Coming Wednesday



Starting at the Craterian for a four-day showing is "The Story of Dr. Wassel," starring Gary Cooper with Laraine Day, Signe Hasso, Dennis O'Keefe and Carol Thurston. This dramatic story (in beautiful technicolor) of love and heroism relates Commander Wassel's experiences in the rescuing of nine wounded sailors on Java.

"Dark Mountain" Booked Here



Coming Wednesday to the Rialto for four days is "Dark Mountain," a new kind of thriller, with Robert Lowery, Ellen Drew, Regis Toomey, Eddie Quillan. Completing the Rialto's twin bill program, Wild Bill Elliott stars in "Mojave Firebrand," with George "Gabby" Hayes.

Shop Closed - The Medford Center Barber shop will be closed until about April 1 while Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes, the proprietors, take a rest on their ranch on Savage creek.

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Smiley Burnett at Dance Here



Smiley Burnett, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry's screen pal is coming to Medford in person Thursday, Jan. 25. The famous screen comedian, with stars of the National Barn Dance and Grand Ole Opry, will appear at Merrick's Ballroom under the sponsorship of Ray Schumacher. The entertainment includes a sparkling show and a dance, with music by Jimmy Dean and his Trail Riders.

and Sam Steinbaugh, Grants Pass, the new potentate, told of the temple's plans for the coming year.

Sacramento, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren and his fiscal advisers today turned over to the state printing office the final pages of the 1945-47 California budget and said the document will be ready for the legislature Monday.

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Bomber Crash Near Muroc Field Probed

Muroc, Calif., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—A board of officers tonight investigated the crash of a heavy army bomber two miles east of Muroc army air field as it was returning from a combat training mission.

The number of dead was not disclosed immediately in the announcement by Col. W. A. Maxwell, commanding officer, re-

vealing the accident had occurred this morning. Names of casualties are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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