

High Movie Salaries Require Good Attendance

Taxes Return Good Share To Public Usage

Two Best Performers Are Among Those Receiving Lowest Salaries

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
HOLLYWOOD, April 15—(UP)—Movie salaries, as reported by the treasury department, are so super-colossal that they dazzle you, particularly when you figure that the average price of a theatre ticket in America is 22 cents.

It took a lot of 22 centers to pay Louis B. Mayer, the mogul of M-G-M, \$1,296,503 for his work during 1937, but then you sheltered out of 22 cents got most of it back in the form of good roads and new school houses and maybe a medium-sized boat for the navy. Mayer had to return more than \$900,000 of his million in state and federal taxes.

Interesting thing to us about the tax report was the fact that Hollywood's two best performers were among its lowest wage slaves. Bette Davis, current holder of the Motion Picture Academy award for being the finest actress here, was paid \$55,199 in 1937, the she is doing better than that now.

Spencer Tracy, who also received a gold-plated "Oscar" for his acting ability, got \$91,750 during the same year.

Greta Garbo drew down \$472,499 for appearing in exactly one picture. It was "Conquest" and it was a good show, too, the half million dollars Miss Garbo received for six weeks of emoting does seem a little steep.

Frederic March, who played in "Nothing Sacred" and "A Star is Born," two of 1937's biggest hits, collected \$334,687.

Then there was the case of Kirsten Flagstad, the opera star. She sang one song in the film, "The Big Broadcast of 1938." If you saw this picture, you'll remember that Miss Flagstad was on the screen about three minutes. Paramount paid her \$20,000.

Then there was the case of Gypsy Rose Lee. Twentieth Century Fox changed her name to Louise Hovick, tried to make the customers forget that she ever undressed on the burlesque stage for a living, and tried to make a movie out of her. These efforts didn't quite jell, but Miss Gypsy nevertheless collected \$34,166 before the studio took up her option.

The boys and girls, who seldom get their names on theatre marquee but who draw down their \$50,000 a year, year in and year out, were numerous. They included Joseph Calleia, Madge Evans, Guy Kibbee, Una Merkel, Sophie Tucker, Reuland Bondi, Nino Martini, Glenda Farrell, Frank McHugh, Claude Rains and many others.

This group, perhaps, was the most fortunate in Hollywood.

Its members may get at least a few wrinkles as the years go by, or a few more inches around their middles, but their \$50,000 annually goes on forever, simply because they all know how to act.

Where all this money comes from provides some interesting statistics. So with a low bow to Martin Quigley's motion picture almanac, we'll proceed:

There are 17,541 movie theatres in this country, with seats totaling 10,924,485. Eighty-eight million people go to the movies every week. Their weekly tickets cost \$10,500,000 and when you multiply that by 52, you've really got something. Fact is, you've got \$1,066,720,000 (B)—and no wonder every other girl in the country wants to be a picture queen.

CLUBMEN TO EAT MICHIGAN FISH

Food will be the main topic confronting members of Lima Rotary when they meet for their regular weekly luncheon Monday noon at the Argonne hotel.

The menu will consist of fried smelts from the Escanaba, Mich., region, with all the trimmings, and the program will consist of a movie story on "Frosted Poems."

It is presented by Robert Thomas.

W. H. Bayly, chairman of the "On-to-Cleveland" committee will give the members further facts about the Rotary International convention at Cleveland in June, and will report on a recent meeting with the district governor at Marion on plans for the convention.

The club's bowling team, which tied with the Lions club team for first place in the service league finals last Thursday evening, will meet the Lions Thursday night to play off the tie.

Approximately 10,700,000 farm family and hired workers in the United States in 1938 produced 25 to 30 per cent more farm products than 12,200,000 workers did in 1929.

Ann Sothern, Charles Boyer To Be On Playhouse Program

"Goodbye Again," Comedy Dealing With Romantic Affairs Of Academic Cent, To Be Broadcast At 9 P. M.

Ann Sothern, youthful screen actress, will be starred with Charles Boyer, the Hollywood Playhouse's leading man, in the Playhouse production of "Goodbye Again," to be broadcast over WJZ Sunday, at 9:00 p. m. The radio play is adapted from the original by Allen Scott and George Haight.

"Goodbye Again" is a comedy dealing with the academic and the romantic affairs of a popular literary gentleman on a Middle Western lecture tour. The detour in the interest of romance brings the play to an amusing climax.

Poor Charlie McCarthy, who was left out in the cold last week when Dorothy Lamour and his latest girl friend, Priscilla Ramsack, fought over him, is all set to be consoled Sunday at 8:00 p. m. The consoling, by no less an expert than Ginger Rogers, will be heard over WEAF.

Ginger also has a more professional task as she appears with Don Ameche in a one-act play.

Ogden Nash, the ad-libbing versifier, has had a week to think up some new rhymes and will come back to the program well primed.

Edgar Bergen will have a part on the program, provided Charlie is willing, as will Donald Dickson, baritone star, Dorothy Lamour and Robert Armstrong's orchestra.

Jack Benny, determined to get a star on his dressing room door if he has to hire Betsy Ross to embroider it, will try to impress his screen director, Mark Sandrich, by playing a scene from his new picture, "Man About Town," during the broadcast over WEAF Sunday, at 7:00 p. m.

Benny and Sandrich, otherwise known on the studio lot as the "Ham-Sandwich" combination, have been trying all week to talk Mary into doubling as Jack's leading lady in the live scene.

Kenneth Baker has chosen for his featured vocal offering the popular ballad, "Little Sir Echo," and Phil Harris and the orchestra will present their torrid arrangement of "Gotta Get Some Shut-Eye."

John Charles Thomas, American baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be guest soloist with the Magic Key Orchestra conducted by Dr. Frank Black, during the Magic Key of RCA program Sunday, from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m., over WJZ.

The full-hour broadcast also will feature Lulu McCumber, author and actress, who will be starred in an original comedy skit, "High-Heeled Walking Shoes," and Bob McGimsey, composer of "Shadrack" and other well-known songs, who will demonstrate his remarkable whistling talent.

Madeleine Carroll, British film beauty, will inject her personality into the Circle at the request of Basil Rathbone and Groucho and Chico Marx, during the broadcast Sunday, at 10:00 p. m., over WEAF. Miss Carroll will take part in dramatic portions of the program and discuss topics of the day.

Rathbone, as president of the club, will attempt to keep the mad Marxes in line, and, during breathing spells, entertain the NBC audience with poetic recitals. The musical bill will feature:

- SUNDAY, APRIL 16**
- Eastern Standard—Abstract, One Hr. for CST, 2 hrs. for MT—P. M.
- Changes in programs as listed due to:
- 12:45—Play, "Back to Methuselah"—WJZ
 - 1:00—Helen Wicker's Play—nbc-waaf Church of the Air—nbc-waaf
 - 1:30—The Lullaby—nbc-waaf
 - 1:45—The Lullaby—nbc-waaf
 - 2:00—The Lullaby—nbc-waaf
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 - 12:00—The Lullaby—nbc-waaf

CASTLE FARM

"The Showplace of Lima"

ALL STAR Floor Show 11:30
1:30

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PLAYERS BOOKED AT LYRIC

Here are two of the players coming to the Lyric Thursday in "Mexicale Rose."

NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

Robert Emmet Dolan and his symphonic-swing orchestra.

The Grouch Club, new variety show with a sour note twist, makes its bow to the coast-to-coast network audience Sunday, at 6:30 p. m. over WEAF, with a repeat broadcast for the west coast at 12:30 midnight, over WABC. Per peeves sent in by listeners are dramatized against a musical background provided by Leon Leonard. Jack Lesconlie is Grouchmaster.

"Best Two Out of Three," a study in character by Ben Lee, will be the fourth production in the Radio Guild series over WJZ Sunday at 7:30 p. m., in place of "Charge It To Experience," originally scheduled for that date.

Lee's play was selected in keeping with the Guild's policy of showing the wide variety of appeal possible in radio drama. Thus, the first production of the revived series was a play in verse, the second a study of the functioning of a military adventurer with dictatorial ambitions and the third a high comedy of British life.

"Illusion," a story of reunion in Hollywood, will be Irene Rich's play during her broadcast from Hollywood Radio City Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:00 p. m., over WJZ.

BEST BETS SUNDAY

- 1:00—Trene Wicker's Play, WEAF.
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- 1:30—Paul Wing's Spelling Bee, WEAF.
- 2:00—Ben Bernie and Lew Lehr, WABC.
- 2:00—Conrad Nagel's Theatre, WABC.
- 2:30—The Hollywood Gateway, WABC.
- 7:00—Jack Benny and Mary, WEAF.
- 7:30—Screen Guild Show, WABC.
- 9:00—Charlie McCarthy, WEAF.
- 9:00—The Hollywood Playhouse, WJZ.
- 10:00—The Circle's Variety, WEAF.
- 10:00—Bob Benchley's Program, WABC.

COLORED CLUBS PLAN TO GIVE PROGRAM HERE

The Arbor Vitae club, the oldest and most popular Negro men's club in the city, is sponsoring an "All Clubs Night" at the Recreation Center, S. Main-st. April 21, at 8:00 p. m.

Nine clubs are participating in this program. Each club is either presenting an act or skit, or sponsoring some event. The program is as follows: Arbor Vitae will present Raymond Beasley, tenor soloist; Walter King and Henry Thomas as end men; Dunbar Alumni, will sponsor "Chick" Wheatley and Ralph Thomas in a wrestling match; The Needle Work club will present Miss Winifred King in popular songs; The Non-Pariel club is sponsoring Patty Ware reading poems and E. Elmer Brown as soloist; The Y-Ettes will present a playlet entitled "Love Finds a Way"; The Aeolian club will present a piano duet, played by Mrs. Alberta Davis and Mrs. Hattie Moss.

LIMA HEALTH WORKER BACK

Mrs. Walter Leonhard, executive secretary of the Allen-od Tuberculosis and Health-ann, returned Saturday from Indianapolis where she attended Dr. Phillip Jacobs' Institute for tuberculosis workers.

Attending the institute were executive secretaries and nurses from Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Alabama.

Purpose of the institute, Mrs. Leonhard said on her return, was to unify the work of executives and nurses, and give each a better understanding of each others problems.

Among speakers who addressed the institute were Dr. P. D. Currim, of Evansville Sanitarium; Dr. J. C. Plack, of Cleveland; Dr. T. B. Rice, Indianapolis; Dr. C. L. Hyde, of Akron Sanitarium; Prof. P. Stempel, of Indiana university, and Holland Hudson, of New York City.

Extremely hot weather is necessary to freeze hailstones. Only in hot weather are the upward rushing air currents powerful enough to sweep raindrops up into the freezing atmosphere.

Book Reviews

Books Reviewed Here May Be Obtained At The Lima Public Library, Main Library

By MARY LATHROP
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, By Herbert Agar. Houghton, Mifflin Company, \$3.00.
Herbert Agar won the Pulitzer Prize in history in 1933 for his book, "The People's Choice." Now he writes a history of the Democratic party from Jeffersonian days to 1929 attempting to show that through its history the party has held democratic ideals. It is an intelligent and honest critic. And also because he can write a lucid and interesting prose, perhaps the best prose written by an American historian since Henry Adams laid down his pen. As a serious effort to state the philosophy of the left wing of the Democratic party it deserves attention.

FROST FLOWER, By Helen Hull. Coward-McCann, Inc. \$2.50.
Helen Hull's latest novel is an unusually good story of family life. The central figure is Phyllis Collins, happily married and mother of two grown children. Twenty years before the story opens Phyllis had had a mild affair with Andy Fulton which only served to show her that the man she really loved was her husband. Andy's recent death had recalled him to her and on the heels of the news came his vindictive widow to stir up trouble. The story is of a long week-end in which Phyllis holds her own as wife, daughter, mother and housewife and saves her family from breaking up.

BOOK CHOICES

The following are the most popular books of the week from Feldman's Circulating Library:

- "The Runaway," Kathleen Norris; "Straws in Amber," Naomi Socol; "My Sister Ellen," Ruth McKimney; "Ordeal," Nevil Shute; "Wickford Point," John P. Marquand; "Ladies," Vivian Parron; "The Midas Touch," Margaret Kennedy; "Blue Water," Warwick Deering; "Elizabeth," Elizabeth Corbett; "Here Comes a Candle," Storm Jameson.

PAY OF OHIO'S WORKERS HELD ABOVE AVERAGE

Ohio workers had much higher average wages than those for the entire nation, taking the 1937 figures of the Social Security board as the basis of comparison.

This statement was made Saturday by William A. Ashbrook, manager of the Social Security board field office in Lima. Commenting on the record of Ohio workers Ashbrook said:

"The Social Security board credited wages to the accounts of more than 30,000,000 workers in 1937. These workers, who were employed on jobs covered under the old age insurance program, had total covered wages of more than \$26,800,000,000 for that calendar year.

"This meant that in 1937 the national average earnings of workers who had covered employment was \$890. In Ohio the average was \$1025. First place went to Michigan with an average of \$1027, Illinois third with \$1029, and Ohio was fourth. Earnings ranged all the way down to the low of \$413 in Mississippi.

68 ARE DISMISSED IN 32 AID FOR AGED OFFICES

Sixty-eight provisional employees from 32 county Aid for the Aged offices were dismissed Saturday by Chief Tom McCar, according to Columbus dispatches. The move was termed in the interest of efficiency.

Those dismissed included: Mrs. Cecile Schaffer, Delphos, Auxiliary sub-division manager; George W. Hardin, Co. George W. Schindewolf, Kenton, investigator; \$1,320 and June DeHaven, Kenton, office assistant, \$960.

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EQUITY'S ASSORTED FRESH
COOKIES 1c
15c DOZ. ANOTHER DOZ. FOR (Lima Stores Only)

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LARGE GLAZED **DONUTS** DOZ. **17c**
FRESH CAKE **DONUTS** DOZ. **18c**
LARGE DANISH **ROLLS** DOZ. **33c**
LARGE SANDWICH **BUNS** DOZ. **13c**
FRESH FROSTED FRUIT **TURNOVERS** EA. **5c**

"Feature of the Week" Brick
PECAN LOG ROLL 27c
Quart vanilla ice cream, brick with orange center, rolled in crushed pecans. ASK FOR IT AS "NUMBER ONE" BRICK

OUR OWN OVEN BAKED **HAM** lb. **57c**
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