

Romance And Comedy Found In New Hits Due At Sigma

Lovely Merle Oberon Has Title Role In "Lydia;" Hilarious Life In Army Is Portrayed In "Swing It Soldier"

"Lydia," the love story of an exciting woman, opens Wednesday at the Sigma with lovely Merle Oberon in the leading role. In her new picture, Miss Oberon has four sweethearts—Joseph Cotten, George Reeves, Hans Yarrow and Alan Marshal. A tuneful comedy, "Swing It Soldier," completes the new bill "Blues in the Night," and "The Mexican Spitfire's Baby," will show thru Tuesday.

At the Ohio is "Shadow of the Thin Man," a picture packed with mystery and comedy and starring William Powell, lovely Myrna Loy and the cut-up dog, Asta. In this picture, Powell who portrays Detective Nick Charles, is confronted with solving several murders which grow out of activities of a gambling ring.

Currently attracting patrons to the Quilna is "Hot Spot," a production packed with action and stars. Hollywood favorites in this feature include lovely Betty Grable, Carole Landis, Victor Mature and Laird Cregar.

Two top-rate productions, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and "Hurry, Charlie, Hurry," are current at the State. In the first hit, packed with thrills, is Spencer Tracy who portrays the dual man. The other picture which is a laugh riot stars Leon Errol and Mildred Cules.

One of the most thrilling newspaper pictures produced in recent months—"Public Enemies"—is showing at the Lyric with Philip Terry, Wendy Barrie and Edgar Kennedy in the leading roles. Completing the program is "Little Tough Guys Hit the Road," a ca mjrT

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Two California collegians, each considered an outstanding "find," have prominent supporting roles in "Shadow of the Thin Man," latest of the popular "Thin Man" comedies, starring William Powell and Myrna Loy, and currently playing at the Ohio theatre.

They are Donna Reed, campus queen of Los Angeles City College, and Stanford University's handsome Barry Nelson. Miss Reed has made only one previous film, "I'll Wait for You," in which she appeared with Robert Sterling. Nelson has no screen experience whatsoever, having attracted the attention of M-G-M talent scouts while appearing in a campus performance of "Macbeth." So excellent was his work in "Shadow of the Thin Man," however, that upon completion of the film he was immediately cast as Robert Taylor's pal in the forthcoming "Johnny Eager."

In "Shadow of the Thin Man" he appears as a newspaper man who becomes a suspect in the murder of a rival reporter. Miss Reed plays his fiancée. Also in the cast are Sam Levene, Alan Baxter, Henry O'Neill and little Dickie Hall, playing the son of Powell and Miss Loy.

SIGMA
Glamorous Merle Oberon, who is starred as an audacious Boston debutante, has four leading men in the new drama, "Lydia," which is slated for its gala premiere at the Sigma theatre on Wednesday. Merle's quartet of handsome heroes includes Joseph Cotten, George Reeves, Hans Yarrow and Alan Marshal. Other big Hollywood names featured in the supporting cast are John Halliday, Sara Allgood and Edna May Oliver.

Merle's costumes in "Lydia" will definitely give the feminine fans something new to talk about, for she wears 32 changes in the picture, most of them designed by the celebrated Vertes, one of the best known of top-ranking fashion creators. The most spectacular set in the picture is known as "Lydia's Dream Ballroom."

The set covered the largest sound stage at the studio and required 8,000 yards of material for the draperies.

Meet the people who own the voices you know so well. This is the inducement offered by "Swing It, Soldier," which also opens Wednesday at the Sigma theatre with a galaxy of radio stars whose voices are known to millions.

Heading the all-celebrity cast are Ken Murray and Frances Langford, the latter in two roles for good measure. Other headliners include Don Wilson, jovial announcer of the Jack Benny

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"I had dreamed of becoming a star overnight when the old Fox company signed me. I had just entered my teens at the time. But all they had me do was dance. And then, after a while, they dropped me."

"After several other picture tries in which I was cast as a perpetual sophomore, I decided something had to be done. The something had to be done. The pearance tour. Then the stage show 'Dulbarry Was a Lady.'"

"When Mr. Zanuck promised to groom me for stardom, I signed the 20th Century-Fox contract. And my tenth anniversary finds me playing just the kind of roles I have always dreamed of playing."

Victor Mature and Carole Landis are also starred in "Hot Spot," which was directed by H. Bruce Humphrestone.

FAILS TO GIVE BOND
OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Leo Henning of Deshler is in Putnam-co jail in default of \$300 bond after pleading not guilty to a statutory charge in a local justice of the peace court. He has been bound to the grand jury on the charge. At the same time, Henning has been named defendant in a civil action based on the same statutory accusations.

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Great Shakespearean Actor Will Be On Treasury Hour

Maurice Evans, Now Starring In "Macbeth," Set As Guest On Broadcast Tuesday Evening

Broadway's greatest Shakespearean actor, Maurice Evans, now starring in "Macbeth," will be one of the topnotchers on "The Treasury Hour" over WJZ Tuesday, at 8 p. m. Others to be heard are Gertrude Niesen, torch singer, and the Golden Gate Quartet. An additional feature will be "Cavalcade of Music" with songs by Rodgers and Hart. Graham McNamee, Berry Wood, the "Treasury Hour" orchestra and chorus will be heard as usual.

After a six-week test, Una Merkel has been returned by the sponsor of "Johnny Presents" to continue indefinitely her stellar role in "Nancy Bacon Reporting" on the WEAF Tuesdays at 8 p. m. This means that Miss Merkel, needing comedienne of the screen, will stay in New York, foregoing camera appearances while on the air.

Fred Waring's orchestra, glee club and featured singers will give a "Listener's Digest" treatment to the Broadway musical hit, "Let's Face It," when the Pennsylvanians devote their WEAF broadcast of Tuesday, at 7 p. m. to the Cole Porter score.

Four men from the Bulova Watch Co. will match wits with a team of women who-are-always-late on "Battle of the Sexes," Tuesday at 9 p. m. over WEAF with Julia Sanderson and Frank Crumit as the referees. Between-the-rounds music will include "Abdul Abulbul Amere" sung by Frank.

Martha Tilton will sing "Kiss the Boys Goodbye" as her featured selection on the Fibber McGee and Molly program Tuesday, 9:30 p. m. via WEAF. The King's Men will feature "Rosie O'Day" and Billy Mills, orchestra will play "Who Cares?" Fibber McGee and Molly will present another sketch in the lives of the McGee family in "Wistful Vista."

Mrs. Mary Connelly, the last missing heir to the \$20,000 estate of Fanny A. Rogers, who died in Albany, New York in 1939 will make a guest appearance on the Are You A Missing Heir program Tuesday, 8 p. m. via WABC to claim her \$2,100 share of the Rogers estate. The Rogers estate was broadcast on the Heils program Oct. 21, after the executors of the Rogers fortune had given up all hope of finding Mrs. Connelly who disappeared from Albany when she married James Kugelman in 1905 and divorced him in 1906.

STUDENT RETURNS HOME
MARION, O., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Richard Sherrer, 19, Ohio State university freshman who disappeared last week, is back home and his father, Harold G. Sherrer, said the youth tried to enlist in the Navy, then hitch-hiked to Florida.

RIVER VETERAN DIES
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Funeral services for Capt. Logan A. Noll, 80, veteran riverman on the Mississippi and Ohio, will be held at Marietta, O., with burial in New Martinsville, W. Va. He died here yesterday.

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NOTE: LAST FEATURE 9:35

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(By The United Press)
Christmas shoppers reflecting the "temper of the times" at crowded gift counters across the nation are boosting holiday sales to the highest level in history.

Merchants from coast to coast reported in a United Press survey that sales volume averaged 20 per cent above the peak for 1923 and 25 per cent higher than last year. The comparison with 1929 did not show all the increase because retail prices still lag 12.5 per cent behind the 1923 level.

A record industrial payroll and booming farm prices reflecting heavy defense spending were regarded as major causes for the buying spree. Fears expressed by some purchasers over shrinking supplies of consumers' goods also appeared to be an important factor.

New York merchants suggested "the temper of the times" as another factor reflecting a belief that 1941 may offer the "last chance for a real Christmas" for many years.

Stores indicated they had expected the holiday shopping boom a year ago and had stocked their inventories. But merchants admitted uncertainty over the outlook for retail sales in 1942.

Some elites reported that fears of shortages coupled with new federal taxes on luxury goods had shifted the emphasis from luxury items to refrigerators, radios, metal equipment and household goods expected to feel the priority pinch.

The survey indicated, however,

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