Comedy And Drama Films Are On Double Program At Sigma

Weird And Mysterious Picture Holds Interest At Quilna; Crosby Stars In Ohio Feature

The heart-pounding story of two men and a girl who make adventure their business, is the thrilling theme of the Sigma film, "Steel Against the Sky," which opens Wednesday with "Moonlight in Hawaii," starring Jane Frazee, the Merry Macs, Leon Errol and Mischa Auer. Currently showing is "Unfinished Business," starring Irene Dunne, Robert Montgomery and Preston Foster, and "The Gay Falcon," starring George Sanders and Wendy Barrie.

Ida Lupino and Louis Hayward head the cast of the shocking drama, "Ladies in Retirement," weird and mysterious film now at the Quilna theatre. The plot revolves around the brutal scheme of a woman who desires to find a permanent home for her two mentally inefficient sisters. Co-featured is "Tillie the Toiler," starring Kay Harris and William Tracy.

Bing Crosby, Mary Martin and Brian Donlevy are the three-star team heading the cast of "Birth of the Blues," now at the Ohio theatre. A musical story concerning the origin of jazz, the film offers several new song hits a la Crosby and Martin. Carolyn Lee and Rochester, dusky valet of Jack Benny, appear in the supporting cast.

Otto Kruger plays the title role in "The Big Boss," exciting melodrama at the Lyric theatre which also features John Litel and Gloria Dickson. Kruger portrays a ruthless, political big-shot waging a battle with a fearless governor and a wise-cracking girl reporter. Co-featured is "Mail Train" starring Gordan Harker.

Ann Sheridan, Martha Raye, Jack Oakie and Jack Haley are the stars of the State film, "Navy Blues," now showing at the State theatre. Co-featured is "Bullets For O'Hara."

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OHIO

Praised be Paramount for sending us "Birth of the Blues"!

It's been a long time since this department felt it could unpack its special store of superlatives and start showering them over a movie, but this we do gladly and joyfully for "Birth of the Blues," the song-studded, laugh-packed musical which completely captured the audiences which have seen it at the Ohio theatre.

With a cast topped by Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy, Carolyn Lee, Jack Teagarden and Rochester, "Birth of the Blues" is all that you would expect it to be. The music, which consists of fifteen favorites, many of them beloved blues numbers, and one brand new novelty song, is just superb.

The picture takes us back to those colorful days in New Orleans just after the beginning of this century when music was just starting to take on the indigo tint of the levee and plantation rhythms. It was the music that evolved into "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," "St. James Infirmary Blues," "Tiger Rag" and many another hot Dixieland jazz numbers.

In "Birth of the Blues" Bing Crosby is a happy-go-lucky fellow, who forms the first white band to play the blues music. It's a real jubilee of jive!

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SIGMA

Starring Jane Frazee, The Merry Macs, Leon Errol and Mischa Auer, "Moonlight in Hawaii" comes Wednesday to the Sigma theatre.

Several songs, new dances and fast-moving comedy routines are offered by a cast that also includes Johnny Downs, Sunnie O'Dea, Maria Montez, Marjorie Gateson, Elaine Morey and Richard Carle.

Miss Frazee, featured in the sensational comedy hit, "Buck Privates," and Downs, with whom she teamed in "Melody and Moonlight," and "Sing Another Chorus," are the leads. Johnny appears as a radio singer turned tourist guide. Jane as daughter of a pineapple cannery worker. Their romance is highlighted by their efforts to become radio stars.

Errol and Carle are seen as business associates in the pineapple business who become rivals for the hand of a wealthy widow, played by Miss Gatson. Auer appears as an orchestra leader who plays cupid for the widow, and Miss Montez is seen as an alluring, if spurious, Hawaiian charmer.

Judd, Ted and Joel McMichael of The Merry Macs not only team to "sell" song numbers but also team along romantic lines with three beautiful girls—Mary Lou Cook, also of The Merry Macs, and the Misses O'Dea and Morey.

Don Raye and Gene de Paul, song team known as the leading "boogie woogie" exponents, furnish six new tunes.

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QUILNA

Even greater than its Broadway and London stage predecessor, the suspenseful new drama, "Ladies in Retirement," is now at the Quilna theatre. The film, starring Ida Lupino and Louis Hayward, possesses not only a superb cast and matchless story but a breathlessly haunting background of hidden fury, of dark deeds and slumbering desires. "Ladies in Retirement," turbulent and emotional, packs an entertainment wallop!

Appearing in brilliant support of the principals are a carefully-chosen cast of character players. Lovely Evelyn Keyes, who recently zoomed to stardom as a result of her superb romantic performance in Columbia's unusual "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," provides an equally valid characterization as the little country maid with a penchant for amorous mischief and a weakness for handsome strangers. Elsa Lanchester and Edith Barrett, the latter a Broadway star making her screen debut, are superb as Miss Lupino's elder sisters; their vagaries give to "Ladies in Retirement" not only a wealth of humor but a meaning and an intensity greater in effect than even those of the "pixilated sisters" of "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town." As a retired actress, Isobel Elsom re-created her original stage role.

Miss Lupino is seen in "Ladies in Retirement" as the actress' lonely, lovely companion. Her devotion to her sisters, her burning desire to establish them securely, the desperate lengths to which she goes, all contribute to the fascinating narrative. As an unprincipled scoundrel, not averse to embezzlement, not averse to embezzlement, swindling or blackmail, Hayward is equally superb.

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LYRIC

Hailed as "dramatic dynamite," Hollywood's stirring new melodrama of political reform, "The Big Boss," is at the Lyric theatre. Co-featuring Otto Kruger, Gloria Dickson and John Litel, the film tells the story of a fearless governor's gallant battle against chain-gang slavery in his state.

Otto Kruger is seen in the title role, portraying a ruthless politician whose best paying racket is one in which his associates buy up large sections of poor land, which is then greatly improved by convicts at the state's expense. A reform candidate for governor, played by John Litel, wins the election and promptly sets out to break Kruger's corrupt machine and abolish the chain-gangs.

A hard-hitting, wise-cracking newspaper reporter, in the person of blonde Gloria Dickson, is determined to swing along with the governor and offers him all the help she can give. However, Kruger is not to be deterred so easily and continues with his rackets on a larger scale than ever. He finally runs afoul of the law, tho, by murdering one of his henchmen and leaving tell-tale fingerprints.

In a smashing climax, Litel successfully proves that Kruger is really an escaped convict, but in a stunning surprise sequence he also learns that the big boss is really his missing brother. Unwilling to condemn his own brother, Litel is ready to resign from office, when Miss Dickson steps in and, in a thrilling scene, straightens matters out satisfactory and dramatically.

THEFTS REPORTED

W. J. Ketterman, 705 Hazel-av. told police Tuesday that thieves stole two boxes of tools from his garage at 804 E. Second-st. Ira Snyder, Columbus Grove, complained that a sample case was stolen from his car while the vehicle was parked in the 1100 block of W. Wayne-st, Monday.

Theatre Guide

OHIO—"Birth of the Blues."

QUILNA—"Ladies in Retirement" and "Tillie the Toiler"

SIGMA—"Unfinished Business" and "The Gay Falcon"

STATE—"Navy Blues" and "Bullets For O'Hara"

LYRIC—"The Big Boss" and "Mail Train"

COMING UP

OHIO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" commences Saturday

QUILNA—"Down Mexico Way" and "Sailors on Leave" commence Friday preview.

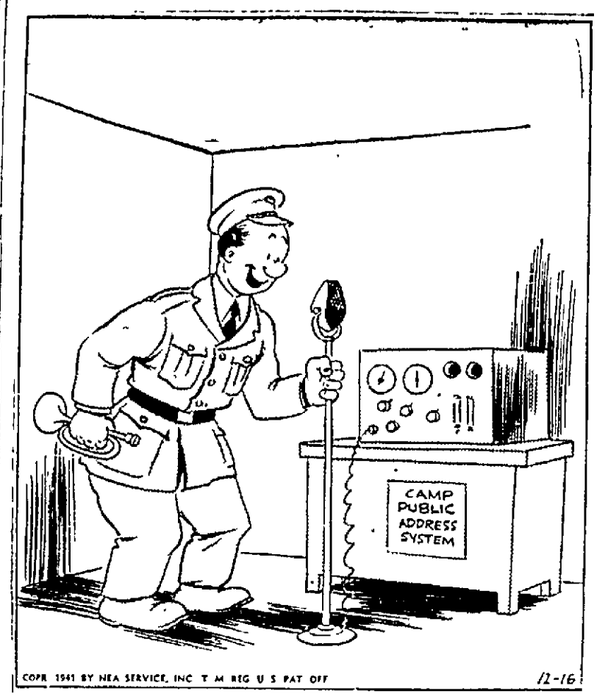
SIGMA—"Moonlight in Hawaii" and "Steel Against the Sky" commence Wednesday.

STATE—"Three Sons O' Guns" and "Down in San Diego" commence Thursday.

LYRIC—"Let's Go Collegiate" and "Jesse James at Bay" commence Friday.

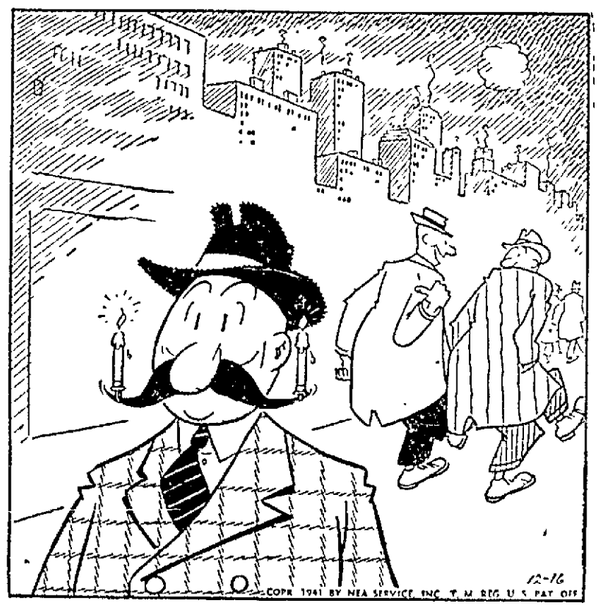
MAJESTIC—"Sunset in Wyoming" and "Las Vegas Nights" commence Thursday.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"Good morning, gentlemen—at the sound of the musical notes it will be exactly 5:15!"

FUNNY BUSINESS



"His wife always makes him wear them during the holiday season!"

Host Of Stars Feature Treasury Hour Program

Franchot Tone Emcees Versatile Cast Which Includes Hattie McDaniel, Bill Robinson And Victor Moore

Handsome Franchot Tone of the silver screen will emcee the "Treasury Hour" program Tuesday, at 8:00 p. m., over WJZ when the cast of stars will include Hildegarde, internationally known chanteuse; Hattie McDaniel, Negro actress and Academy Award winner; Bill Robinson, Negro tap dancer; Marcel Hubert, French 'cellist, and Zorina, Victor Moore and William Gaxton, stars of "Louisiana Purchase."

Four firm believers (male) in the theory that beauty and brains don't mix, will match wits with a team of former Ziegfeld Follies girls on "Battle of the Sexes," Tuesday, 9 p. m.—at which time they don't plan to have their calculations upset—over WEAF.

Because his second concert was shortened on account of the President's talk to the nation, Juan Jose Castro, noted Argentine conductor and composer, has revised his third and final concert with the Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, over WJZ from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Bedlam breaks loose in a post office when Gracie Allen tries to mail an unwieldly Christmas package to her next-door neighbor, Elsie Meyers, during the Burns and Allen broadcast of WEAF Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Screen Star Robert Montgomery from England, Photographer Margaret Bourke-White from Russia, and Correspondent Henry C. Wolfe from the Philippines will relate their experiences on "We, The People" as guests of Eddie Dowling, Tuesday, over the WABC at 9 p. m. Each has just returned to the United States.

Orchestra Leader Billy Mills will salute the nation with the playing of the "National Emblem March" on the Fibber McGee and Molly program Tuesday, 9:30 p. m. via WEAF. Martha Tilton's song, "Thank Your Lucky Stars and Stripes," will also be of patriotic hue. The King's Men will sing "The Funny Old Hills." "Zing, Went the Strings of My Heart," will be the orchestral highlight.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

SOLDIER SLANG

Army slang has been blitzkrieged by the modern generation of soldiers, and the following terms are now heard frequently around camps and maneuver grounds. How many can you translate?

1. Bubble dancing, Blind flying.
2. Armored cow, Chicago atomizer, motorized freckles.
3. Flying boxcar, night bomber, shack man
4. Glamor boy, zombie, gravel agitator are names for soldiers. What types do they identify?
5. Cross-bar hotel, slum burner, windjammer

(Turn To The Classified Pages)

MARION-TP MAN FINED

KENTON, Dec. 16—Harold DeLong, 24, of Marion-tp was fined $25 and costs by Justice of the Peace Roy Haudenschild here when DeLong pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and disturbing the peace. He was committed to the Hardin-co jail when the fine was not paid. The charge was filed by McGuffey Marshal Mason Craig, arresting officer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hour for CST., 2 Hrs. for MT.

(Alterations in program as listed due entirely to changes by networks)

5:45—Escorts & Betty Vocal—nbc-red
The Tom Mix Serial—nbc-blue-east
W. Van Dyne Song—nbc-blue-west
Scattergood Baines Serial Series—cbs
Captain Midnight's Serial—mbs-east
6:00—The Rhythmaires Otc.—nbc-red
Dinning Sisters Song—nbc-blue-east
Stories of Adventure—nbc-blue-west
Two News Broadcasting Periods—cbs
News; Dance Music Orchestra—mbs
6:15—Rhythmaires & News—nbc-red
Rhumba Dance Band—nbc-blue-east
"Secret City" Serial—nbc-blue-west
Dorothy Kilgallen on Broadway—cbs
6:30—Patti Chapin Singing—nbc-red
The Lum and Abner Serial—nbc-blue
Bob Edge Talk, Outdoor Sports—cbs
Jack Armstrong's repeat—mbs-west
6.45—The Three Suns, Trio—nbc-red
Lowell Thomas Talk—nbc-blue-bas.
Tom Mix in repeat—nbc-blue-west
War and World News of Today—cbs
Captain Midnight repeat—mbs-west
7.00—P. Waring's Time—nbc-red-east
Lasy Aces, Drama Serial—nbc-blue
Amos and Andy's Sketch—cbs-basic
Fulton Lewis, Jr. & Comment—mbs
7:15—War News from Europe—nbc-red
Mr. Keen, Dramatic Serial—nbc-blue
Lanny Ross & His Songs—cbs-basic
Here's That Morgan Program—mbs
7.30—G. Burns, Gracie Allen—nbc-red
Vincent Lopez & Orches.—nbc-blue
Second Husband, Helen Menken—cbs
Arthur Hale's News Comment—mbs
7.45—Jack Stevens Sports—nbs-basic
8.00—Johnny Presents Orch.—nbc-red
The Treasury Hr. Variety—nbc-blue
Are You a Missing Heir? Drama—cbs
Jack Starr Hunt on Mexico—mbs
8.15—Comment by Jim Crowley—mbs
8.30—Horace Heidt & Quiz—nbc-red
Bob Burns, Arkansas Traveler—cbs
Ned Jordan, The Secret Agent—mbs
8.55—Elmer Davis and Comment—cbs
9.00—Battle of Sexes & Quiz—nbc-red
The Famous Jury Trials—nbc-blue
We, the People, Guest Programs—cbs
Gabriel Heatter Comment—mbs-bas.
9.15—News of London, Musical—mbs
9.30—Fibber McGee & Molly—nbc-red
NBC Symphony Orchestra—nbc-blue
Weekly Reports to the Nation—cbs
The Songs for Marching Men—mbs
10.00—Bob Hope and Variety—nbc-red
Glenn Miller and His Orchestra—cbs
Raymond Gram Swing Speaks—mbs
10.15—Public Affairs Guest Talks—cbs
Spotlight Bands, Dance Tunes—mbs
10.30—Red Skelton and Co.—nbc-red
News Comment, T. Steele—nbc-blue
Juan Arvizu & His Song Time—cbs
Fulton Lewis, Jr. on Defense—mbs
10.45—Late War News Broadcast—cbs
Grand Rapids Schubert Club—mbs
11.00—News for 15 mins—nbc-red-east
Fred Waring's repeat—nbc-red-west
Dance & News (2 hr.)—nbc-blue-cbs
Parade of News, Dramatical—mbs
11.15—Late Variety & News—nbc-red
11.30—News and Dancing Till 2—mbs

COLUMBUS YOUTH KILLED

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16—(UP)—Relatives received word today of the death of Ray Smith, former West high school athlete, in the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor. Smith was graduated from high school last January at the age of 17 and enlisted in the Navy the same day.

The Eustachian canal is located in the human ear and is a tube leading from the ear to the pharynx.

BROTHERHOOD WILL MEET AT ELIDA TUESDAY

(Special To The Lima News)

ELIDA, Dec. 16—Opening with a dinner at 6:30 p. m., at the local Methodist church, the Allen-co Methodist Brotherhood meeting will be held here Tuesday evening.

Featured on the program following the dinner will be an address by Rev. Donald Timmerman of Bellefontaine. Dr. R. O. McClure, district superintendent of Lima, and Methodist pastors of the county will be in attendance, with ladies also welcome to attend.

A large turnout is expected as the November meeting was cancelled because of the district meeting in Kenton.

TODE TUTTLE

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
THE STATE OF OHIO, ALLEN COUNTY, ss.
Estate of Ethel K. Clemens, deceased.
Madge E. Schaff of 575 W. Grand Ave., Lima, Ohio, has been appointed and qualified executrix of the estate of Ethel K. Clemens, late of Allen County, Ohio, deceased.
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RAYMOND P. SMITH, Probate Judge.
Dec. 16-23-30

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