

New Gene Autry Picture To Open At Quilna On Friday

"Down Mexico Way" Scheduled For Preview Showing; Second Film On Bill To Be "Sailors On Leave"

Gene Autry's latest screen adventure, "Down Mexico Way," scheduled to open Friday evening at the Quilna theatre, finds the singing cowboy on the trail of two phony motion picture producers. The treat will be offered with "Sailors on Leave," starring William Lundigan. Showing for the last time Friday are "Ladies in Retirement," starring Ida Lupino and Louis Hayward, and "Tillie the Toiler."

Currently at the Ohio theatre is "Birth of the Blues," starring Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy and Carolyn Lee. Song after song, laugh after laugh, is presented with hardly a let-up throughout the picture in this cavalcade of blues depicting the beginning of the era of modern music.

The Lyric theatre will present another Roy Rogers western commencing Friday when "Jesse James at Bay" commences a two-day run. Rogers in the title role is cast in a Robin Hood type character, whose intention is to protect the interests of his friends. George "Gabby" Hayes is cast as the sheriff. Also showing will be "Let's Go Collegiate."

At the State theatre a group of Hollywood favorites are the stars of "Down in San Diego," which is being shown with "Three Sons O' Guns," a comical adventure of three boys and the draft. In the former picture are Bonita Granville, Dan Dailey, Jr., Henry O'Neill and Leo Gorcey.

Lloyd Nolan, Alexis Smith and Craig Stevens have the leading roles of the dynamic film, "Steel Against the Sky," now at the Sigma theatre. A musical interlude is provided in "Moonlight in Hawaii," the co-feature, with such entertainers in the cast as Jane Frazee, the Merry Maes, Leon Errol and Mischa Auer.

Currently at the Majestic theatre is "Sunset in Wyoming," a western thriller now showing with "Las Vegas Nights."

It was about two generations ago that blues music broke thru the limits of the southern levees and plantations, where it was born among the darkies, to quickly become the new rhythmic rage all over the country.

The first white bands to play blues music because of the resistance to it among the more conservative white folk. But these bands stored up the torrid blue notes in their saxophones, clarinets, trumpets, and everywhere they traveled they served them up piping hot, with an insistence that could not be denied. Blues could no more be held back than the ocean waves.

That is the story told jubilantly, joyfully, in "Birth of the Blues" at the Ohio theatre, with Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy, Carolyn Lee, Jack Tagger, the orchestra leader, and Rochester, leading a cast which is nothing short of wonderful.

With a record-breaking number of songs, 15, "Birth of the Blues" is a musical festival of the likes of which the screen has never presented before.

The story is used, as it should be, merely to set that music going, which it does, often and gloriously, and to get Bing Crosby and Mary Martin to sing in Dividend jazz style, Jack Tagger to play his torrid trombone, Brian Donlevy to "send" with his trumpet, and the whole cast to "get in the groove" and stay there.

"Birth of the Blues" is definitely a milestone in picture-making, a grand, glorious triumph in screen entertainment.

Alluring Hawaii is the colorful setting in which youthful romantic song stars and reliable comedy favorites go thru their fast-stepping paces in "Moonlight in Hawaii," which is at the Sigma theatre.

Surprise follows surprise in the rollicking story which presents a steno-narrator who takes a widow and her three beautiful nieces to Honolulu. There he meets the girl who urges him to renew his efforts to become a radio star.

Climax of the whirlwind story comes at a gala Hawaiian luau where boy, girl and their beautiful pals are assured of a stellar radio career.

Jane Frazee stars in the picture as the girl. The Merry Maes, Leon Errol and Mischa Auer are also starred, while Johnny Downs is featured as the radio singer in the story.

The Merry Maes, composed of Judd, Ted and Joe McMichael, three typical American youths with ingratiating personalities, and Mary Lou Cook, their "blend girl," play their first starring roles.

Leon Errol and Richard Carle, as business associates who become romantic rivals, add hilarious com-

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Theatre Guide

OHIO—"Birth of the Blues."
QUILNA—"Ladies in Retirement" and "Tillie the Toiler."
SIGMA—"Moonlight in Hawaii" and "Steel Against the Sky."
STATE—"Down in San Diego" and "Three Sons O' Guns."
LYRIC—"The Big Boss" and "Mail Train."
MAJESTIC—"Sunset in Wyoming" and "Las Vegas Nights."

COMING UP

OHIO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" commences Saturday.
QUILNA—"Down Mexico Way" and "Sailors on Leave" commence Friday preview.
SIGMA—"Mob Town" and "Target For Tonight" commence Saturday.
STATE—"Whistling in the Dark" and "Parachute Battalion" commence Sunday.
LYRIC—"Let's Go Collegiate" and "Jesse James at Bay" commence Friday.
MAJESTIC—"One Night in Lisbon" and "Desperate Trails" commence Sunday.

edy as they pursue the wealthy widow of the piece, the latter played in excellent comedy style by Marjorie Gatenben. Mischa Auer is his highly amusing self as an orchestra director. Maria Montez adds an exotic note as an alluring Hawaiian, and Sunnie O'Dea and Elaine Morey are effective in romantic roles.

Besides playing one of her first straight roles, Miss O'Dea teams with Downs in an impressive modern Hawaiian dance number.

OHIO

A lot of excitement, a maximum of laughs, and pulse-quickening hit-times which are perfect for westerners, follow in the wake of Gene Autry's latest ride across the screen of the Quilna theatre in "Down Mexico Way," which commences Friday evening.

With an instance of friendly Pan-American cooperation as its theme, "Down Mexico Way" opens with Gene Journeying to Mexico in search of Gibson and Gerard, two phony motion picture producers. When he finds that they are about to swindle the prominent Don Alvarado and his charming daughter, Maria Elena, he sets about exposing them for the schemers they are.

Autry's friendly personality has always pleased, and his performance in "Down Mexico Way" has winning endorsement. Smiley Burnette of course plays the "Frog Millhouse" character again, and his clowning brought acclaim from the entire audience throughout the whole picture—especially in his tiffs with Harold Huber, who does a surprisingly good job as a comedian, in contrast to his usual screen menace character.

Burnette's charming Fay McKenzie makes an auspicious debut as a leading lady, for her delineation of Maria Elena is beautifully done. Miss McKenzie's singing and dancing ability promise to take her a long way up the Hollywood ladder of fame.

LYRIC

Hollywood delves again into fascinating phases of our national history for its most recent Roy Rogers starring film, "Jesse James at Bay," which opens Friday at the Lyric.

The persistent legend that Jesse James was a "Robin Hood" sort of character rather than the blood-thirsty villain that history has recorded him is developed in the plot of "Jesse James at Bay," with Rogers being cast as the bandit whose banditry was designed to help his neighbors and friends who had been victimized by "big business" in the form of a railway which had attempted to cheat them out of their hold-ins.

George "Gabby" Hayes, who always shares in the Roy Rogers spotlight, contributes his usual

excellent comedy portrayal as the local sheriff, formerly a friend of Jesse James, now obliged—with tongue in cheek—to enforce the law against him.

Gale Storm, a young woman of exceptional charm and talent, plays the leading feminine role opposite Rogers, and Sally Payne, the boy-mish red-head, appears in a comedy spot which gives her an opportunity to demonstrate her unique flair for comedy.

Pierre Watkin is a convincing villain, sharing black-and-red honors with Hal Tahaferro. Among the other supporting players are Ivan Miller, Hank Bell, Fred Burns and Fern Emmett.

SALEM

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Miss Barbara Traylor and Virginia Stalter entertained in the latter's home Tuesday evening for Laura and Letticia Troyer, Aline Weaver, Rossella Good, Irene Swartz, Mildred Good, Blanche Brenneman, Bertha and Betty Jane Swartz, and Florence Brenneman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Swartz received word that a daughter has been born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swartz, of Palfurris, Texas. They have chosen the name Liana Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yoder and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delphos Kauffman and baby of West Liberty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brenneeman and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Irvin Good entertained at a quilting on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Don Joseph of Elida were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brenneman.

INDIAN OAK 500 YEARS OLD HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—(UP)—The "sacred oak" of the Delaware Indians is the grandfather of Pennsylvania's forests. Located in the Oley valley, the Indian tree, a chestnut oak, is 500 years old, has a circumference of 18 feet, and contains about 20 cords of wood.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE, Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Buckingham of Bellefontaine called Sunday on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bowsher and son were Bellefontaine callers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Geyer of Dayton, Mrs. Addie Peffle and daughters of Waynesfield and Mr. and Mrs. James Coledge of Lima spent Sunday with Mrs. Mimie Sance and Mrs. Sarah E. Coledge.

Earl Hey of Terre Haute, Ind., was a Monday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Gray.

Misses Nellie and Bessie Lieb of Columbus spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Lisle.

Mrs. Guy Pence of Waynesfield called Wednesday evening on Mrs. Robert Shamer and son.

Mrs. Brooks Hartman was a business caller Wednesday in Wapakoneta.

Mrs. Mattie Moore of Bellefontaine called Wednesday on friends in this village.

Henry Aldrich Turns Santa With Coal Truck As Sleigh

No. 1 Problem Child Will Be Heard Thursday Night Via WEAf; Frank Morgan To Reveal "Secret Weapons"

Henry Aldrich converts a coal truck into a Santa Claus sleigh and doubles for St. Nicholas in "The Aldrich Family," starring Ezra Stone, over WEAf at 8:30 p. m.

Affirming that his lies and bluster have a prolonged hang-over effect on his private life after his regular Thursday night broadcast, "Honest" Frank Morgan will reveal a number of secret weapons he's been hiding up his sleeve, as emcee John Conte laughs up his sleeve Thursday at 8 p. m. over WEAf.

Dr. Music Hall fans who have registered by telegrams and letters to Bing Crosby their great enthusiasm for the crooner's latest "find," Danish-born comedian Victor Borge, will be glad to learn that Borge has been signed for a series of regular appearances in the Hall beginning Thursday at 9 p. m. over WEAf.

John Barrymore, under doctor's orders to remain in a Hollywood hospital through December, has staged a rally and announced that he will return to his WEAf program with Rudy Vallee for the broadcast of Thursday at 10 p. m.

ELIDA

ELIDA, Dec. 18.—The W. C. T. U. met last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ollie Long.

Mrs. Amanda Pettit of Convoys visited last week at the homes of Mrs. Cora Glass and Mrs. Thomas Whittington.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Stemen have sold their property to Mr. and Mrs. Amundus Brubaker. The Stemens have purchased the Joe Huber farm.

The Allen-co United Brethren Brotherhood met Tuesday evening in the U. B. church parlors. At the close of the program, a box supper was held. On next Tuesday evening the Allen-co Brotherhood will be held in the local church. The ladies of the church fill serve dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ernt and daughter of Wauseon visited last Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ernt's sister, Mrs. Beryl Crites and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay John have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook and will move there in the near future. The Cooks' will move to Alliance soon to make their future home. Walter Cook is home at present convalescing from a severe attack of flu.

MISSION 50 YEARS OLD CROW AGENCY, MONT.—(UP)

The mission on the Crow Indian reservation here has started on its 51st year following ceremonies held here to celebrate a half century of service. The mission was established in 1893 by the Rev. James Burgess and his wife, teachers of the Congregational faith.

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MONTICELLO

MONTICELLO, Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Vigil Schwartz and sons were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole.

Mrs. Anna Green and daughters spent the week-end in Columbus with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Armentrout and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roush and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ora H. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miller.

Fourteen members and two guests of the New Salem Ladies Aid enjoyed the annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. J. R. Becker, Mrs. Nora Freewalt was assistant hostess.

Martha Wood spent the week-end with Miss Dorothy Baer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Baker and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowersock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Baer and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pohlman.

The Monticello W. M. A. met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ella Clay with Mrs. Neva Walters as assistant hostess. A Christmas exchange was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Baer and son, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, Orley and Martha Green were evening callers of O. H. Baker the past week.

DOG OWNERS WARNED WAPAKONETA, Dec. 18

More than 3,000 Auglaize-co dog owners have but one month remaining in which to secure their 1942 licenses. Auditor H. O. Katterhenry warned today. He advised owners of a penalty after Jan. 20. Only 47 licenses have been sold to date.

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