

# Picture Version Of Famous Broadway Hit Due At Ohio

## "The Man Who Came To Dinner" Will Open On Saturday; Fine Double Feature Bill Flashing For Quilna's Patrons

"The Man Who Came To Dinner" rocked Broadway with laughter during its solid two-year-run. The screen version of that hit opens Saturday at the Ohio theatre with Bette Davis, Ann Sheridan and Monty Woolley in the starring roles. Other featured performers include Richard Arlen, Jimmy Durante, Billie Burke, Reginald Gardiner and Grant Mitchell. Showing for the last times Friday is "Dr. Kildare's Victory."

Walter Brennan, three time winner of the Academy Award, has another outstanding role as Tom Koefer in the drama, "Swamp Water," which commences with the Friday preview showing at the Quilna theatre. Featured with him are Walter Huston, Anne Baxter and Dana Andrews. Jane Withers steps out in her latest picture, "Small Town Deb," the co-feature. "The Weaver Brothers and Elvira are the stars of the Lyric current film, "Tuxedo Junction" musical, in a rough sense, and very comical. Thurston Hall and Frankie Darro add their talents to the rural musicians to provide the laughs. The co-feature, "Raiders of the Desert," stars Richard Arlen, Andy Devine and Linda Hayes. Gene Tierney and Bruce Cabot are romantically teamed in "Sundown," which commences Saturday at the Sigma theatre. The exotic and colorful Kenya Colony in Central East Africa is the setting of this romantic adventure story. Hugh Herbert and Mischa Auer are the prize winners of the co-feature "Don't Get Personal," with Anne Gwynne and Robert Paige in romantic roles.

A classic love story that involved two generations, "Smilin' Thrn," stars Jeannette MacDonald, Brian Aherne and Gene Raymond at the State theatre. Co-featured is "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break," starring the comical gentlemen of the crimson proboscis, W. C. Fields.

Richard Dix, who has held a ranking position in the esteem of fandom for almost a generation, heads the cast of the current Majestic adventure film, "The Round Up." Also showing is "The Reluctant Dragon," Walt Disney's masterpiece of fantasy.

Quilna "Swamp Water," the unusual story of the foreboding and mysterious swampland that shapes the lives and loves and hates of the people about it, will come Friday evening to the screen of the Quilna theatre. Jean Renoir, famous French director who achieved renown with "Grand Illusion," "Madame Bovary" and other hits, directed "Swamp Water" as his first American production. Walter Brennan as Tom Koefer, Walter Huston as Thursday Ragan, Anne Baxter as Julie and Dana Andrews as Ben have the leading roles.

"Swamp Water" is from the pen of Vetsen Bell, and is one of the most unusual serials the Saturday Evening Post ever published. It is the story of the people who live in the strange country near the awesome Okfenokee Swamp of Georgia. This is a refuge for the hunted, but few of those who go into the swamp to hide ever get out of it alive. Into this dread wilderness goes Ben Ragan's dog Trouble, and Ben follows his pal into the swamp against his father's wishes.

There he not only finds his dog, but also a hunted criminal, Tom Koefer, who is hiding in the swamp. Tom has been able to live, hunt and trap here. But he will not let Ben leave Okfenokee for fear he will turn him in. Ben convinces Tom of his loyalty, and they form a partnership to hunt and trap.

With a star-studded cast, boasting such names as Gene Tierney, Bruce Cabot, George Sanders, Reginald Gardiner and Cedric Hardwicke, "Sundown," will have its local premiere at the Sigma theatre on Saturday. "Sundown" pictures an entirely new background, the hinterlands of Britain's Kenya Colony in Central East Africa.

The picture, which was directed by Henry Hathaway, revolves around a small group of white men who rule over several hundred thousand blacks and are in constant danger of annihilation by semi-savage tribes, especially when the latter are provided fire-arms by enemy agents. Zia, the stellar character, is played by the lovely dark beauty, Gene Tierney. Supposedly the half-caste daughter of a rich Arab trader, the hauntingly beautiful Zia and her mysterious actions provide the story with spirited romance and breath-taking suspense.

To obtain locations duplicating the fantastic terrain of the isolated Kenya borderland, the Wanger company spent many weeks at Acacia Park, New Mexico; at Red Rock Canyon in the heart of the torrid Mojave desert; and at Crater Lake, Oregon. At Acacia, the rocky fortress on which Indians

# Woollcott To Be Guest On "Information Please" Show

Kieran, Taylor, Adams And Fadiman To Have Hands Full; "Gang Busters" Schedule A Spine-Tingler For Friday

A reasonable facsimile of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" for the fourth time on Friday, to insult Master of Ceremonies Clifton Fadiman, Experts John Kieran and Deems Taylor and fellow member of the Thanatopsis Literary and Inside Straight club Franklin P. Adams at 8:30 p. m. over WEAF.

His name is Alexander Woollcott and his good friends Kaufman and Hart made no bones about "The Man Who Came to Dinner" being "an unexpurgated edition" of their hero. Some of his other friends deny this.

The arm of the law can be very long when it brings to justice an international smuggling ring such as the outlaw syndicate whose activities will be heard during "Gang Busters" Friday, at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ.

The music of Carrie Jacobs Bond, whose songs have ranked high in America for more than two-score years, will be featured on "Waltz Time," Friday at 9:00 p. m. over WEAF. Frank Munn will sing "I Love You Truly" and Evelyn MacGregor will join with the chorus in "Just A-Wearyin' for You."

Munn also will be heard in "This Is No Laughing Matter" by Loman-Block and "Will You Love Me," a new popular adaptation by Wise-Harris of the Andante Cantabile movement from Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. Orchestra and Chorus are to present, "Montana Moon" by Beacon, "Artists' Life" by Strauss, Cole Porter's "Everything I Love," and "Anniversary Waltz" by Dublin-Franklin.

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Colonel Conway, Union veteran in command of a district army post, is unaware that his civilian aid, Charles Bentley, and one of his chief officers, Captain Hawks, are robbing the Texas ranches in lieu of levying taxes from them. Both are lining their pockets whereas Conway believes they are merely discharging their just duties.

Leader of the protesting element is one Ken Morgan, a young former physician who is devoting all his energies and his courage to the cause of the so-called "bush whackers." He is friendly with Lullaby and Tucson, both Confederate soldiers, before and during the war, but he cannot reconcile their friendship, now, with Stony Brooke, who was a Union soldier.

Lois Collier portrays the role of Doris Conway, daughter of the Union Colonel. Among the supporting players are Bud Buster, James Bush, Mickey Rentschler, Guy Usher, Roy Barovoff, Hugh Prosser, Stanley Blystone.

## Theatre Guide

**OHIO**—"Dr. Kildare's Victory," **QUILNA**—"Texas" and "Sing For Your Supper."

**SIGMA**—"Lydia" and "Week-end For Three" commence Wednesday.

**STATE**—"Smilin' Thrn" and "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break."

**LYRIC**—"Raiders of the Desert" and "Tuxedo Junction."

**MAJESTIC**—"The Reluctant Dragon" and "The Round-Up" commence Thursday.

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