

# Miss Lombard's Last Film Opens At Ohio On Saturday

## "To Be Or Not To Be" Has Jack Benny As Co-Star; Stage Attraction Being Offered At House On Friday

Suspense, romance, melodrama and comedy are the elements of entertainment in the forthcoming film at the Ohio, "To Be Or Not To Be," which commences Saturday and stars Jack Benny with the late Carole Lombard. It is the story of Polish "ham" actors who win a battle of wits with the Nazis. Showing Friday is the stage attraction, "Midnight in Manhattan."

Racketeers enter the art business and circulate among the cultured genera of the finer things in the Quilna film, "A Gentleman at Heart," which stars Cesar Romero, Carole Landis and Milton Berle. The other half of the double bill is "The Perfect Snob," starring Charlie Ruggles and Charlotte Greenwood in a story of a rich girl and her poor boy friend. These two films commence with the Friday preview showing, which also features the final appearance of "Son of Fury," starring Tyrone Power and Gene Tierney.

All roads meet in Shanghai where Mother Gin Sling rules its glittering underworld from a lavish gambling casino, in "The Shanghai Gesture," at the Sigma, which stars Gene Tierney, Walter Huston, Victor Mature and Ona Munson. The manager's book reveals that "Miss Polly," starring Zasu Pitts and Slim Summerville, will also be shown Saturday. Friday's concluding films are "A Yank on the Burma Road" and "New Wine."

Oodles of rough stuff with the hero winning against all odds is contained in the Lyric film, "Down Mexico Way," starring Gene Autry, who tosses off a couple songs and a few villains. The co-feature, "Riot Squad," an exciting story of gangsterism, stars Richard Cromwell, Rita Quigley, John Miljan and Mary Ruth.

Romance is a Boyer is the feature point of the current State film, "Hold Back the Dawn," which stars the popular Charles with Olivia de Havilland and Paulette Goddard. The other half of the bill, "Kathleen," stars Shirley Temple, recent graduate of dimpled roles, now having a try at more mature dramas.

The Marx Brothers rip up the hangin' corners of a department store in the Majestic offering, "The Big Store," which is co-featured with "Pot O' Gold," starring James Stewart and Paulette Goddard.

Melodrama and comedy are skillfully blended in Ernest Lubitsch's newest film production, "To Be Or Not To Be," which will have its local premiere at the Ohio theatre on Saturday. "To Be Or Not To Be," which Jack Benny and the late Carole Lombard in the top stellar roles. This Lubitsch picture was Miss Lombard's last Hollywood-made film before her untimely death.

The setting of "To Be Or Not To Be" is Warsaw at the time of the German invasion, and the chief characters are a bunch of "ham" actors of the Teatr Polski, who are forced to give up their theatrical roles for real life ones that are far more exciting than any they have ever played in the theatre.

One of the principal public squares in Warsaw was erected on a huge stage and more than three hundred extras were hired to appear as Polish citizens. In the most prominent spot and jutting out into the square is seen the big Teatr Polski in which the city's favorite stock company held forth. Lining the streets are beauty salons, haberdashery shops, millinery establishments,

"The Shanghai Gesture." One of the most spectacular is the casino operated by Mother Gin Sling. This casino is the ultra den of Shanghai, meeting place for demented and slumber—just the sort of place that has made Shanghai one of the most colorful spots on earth. The walls of Mother Gin Sling's dining room, where she gives an elaborate dinner during the Chinese New Year, are 3,000 square feet of mirror on which the noted Chinese artist, Keye Luke, painted more than 750 Chinese figures.

Another colorful set consists of a street scene in Shanghai during the Chinese New Year—a set which is a maze of alleyways festooned with bunting and alive with street parades, grotesque masks and fireworks displays.

Mother Gin Sling, a fascinating, glamorous woman bent on divine vengeance, is portrayed by Ona Munson; Gene Tierney plays Poppy, a girl who rushes headlong into disaster; Walter Huston is the smoothie, Mr. Guy Charteris; and Phyllis Brooks appears as Dixie, a vivid blonde who doesn't know all the answers.

The Quilna film "A Gentleman at Heart," provides satisfying entertainment in this sparkling romantic comedy with a topnotch cast headed by that frolicsome trio, Cesar Romero, Carole Landis and Milton Berle.

Imagine, if you can, handsome Romero as a rackerack "bookie" finding culture in an art gallery! Or, beautiful Miss Landis giving Romero lessons in the art of love! Or, screwball Berle playing with "genius" for a hobby! All this, and romance too, are merriily told in "A Gentleman at Heart."

The fun starts when Milton Berle can't pay off his gambling debt to Cesar Romero. But just as Milt learns of his impending doom, he inherits an art gallery operated by Carole Landis and two assistants. Romero can't see any "dough" in art, but he can see lovely Carole. When Cesar is made to realize that art can be a "racket" as well as racketrack bookmaking, "tall, dark and handsome" takes over, which carries the film to a climax of unsurpassed hilarity.

Cesar Romero has his best role ever and proves once again that he is one of Hollywood's most capable performers. No actress has come along so fast as Carole Landis, and in "A Gentleman at Heart" she demonstrates all the talent and beauty which have justly made her famous. And Milton Berle, with his funniest and most important part to date, plays his role to the hilt, assuring the stardom of this popular comedian.

In lesser roles, J. Carol Naish, Richard Deni, Rose Hobart, Jerome Cowan, Elisha Cook, Jr. and Francis Pierlot are excellent.

It has been said of Charlie Chaplin that he wears at least once in each picture the famous old shoes he was wearing at the time of his movie debut, but Smiley Burnette goes him one better. The rotund western comedian will not make a single scene without at least one article of the clothing which is his trademark.

Smiley's usual getup consists of two battered shoes, a pair of extensively-patched denim trousers, a long checkered shirt, and an old felt hat with an enormous floppy brim. Until recently there was no instance in which he was dressed otherwise. But in "Sunset in Wyoming," one sequence called for a full-dress suit, which Smiley consented to wear only when he was allowed to retain

### Theatre Guide

**OHIO**—"Midnight in Manhattan" on stage; "Sing Your Worries Away" on screen.  
**QUILNA**—"Son of Fury."  
**SIGMA**—"A Yank on the Burma Road" and "New Wine."  
**STATE**—"Hold Back the Dawn" and "Kathleen."  
**LYRIC**—"Down Mexico Way" and "Riot Squad."  
**MAJESTIC**—"Big Store" and "Pot O' Gold."  
**COMING UP**  
**OHIO**—"To Be Or Not To Be" commences Saturday.  
**QUILNA**—"A Gentleman at Heart" and "The Perfect Snob" commence Friday preview.  
**SIGMA**—"Shanghai Gesture" and "Miss Polly" commence Saturday.  
**STATE**—"They Died With Their Boots On" and "Nagara Falls" commence Sunday.  
**LYRIC**—"Two Latins From Manhattan" and "Freddie Comes Home" commence Saturday midnight.  
**MAJESTIC**—"Young Dynamite" and "Prisoner of Zenda" commence Sunday.

florist shops, shoe stores, and office buildings. Dashing down the street are horse-drawn cabs, automobiles and bread peddlers on three-wheeled cycles.

Months of research preceded the designing of the sets. Thousands of photographs, magazines and books were carefully studied, and preliminary drawings and sketches were prepared. These were followed by models built to scale. Then came the actual construction work.

The story of "To Be Or Not To Be" reaches a high point of dramatic action when the "ham" actors—Jack Benny, Carole Lombard, Lionel Atwill, Felix Halton and George Lynn—become involved with the invaders and find themselves impersonating every important Nazi figure from Hitler on down. After a series of startling complications, the members of the troupe are delivered out of Poland into England, snatched from the very jaws of the Gestapo.

"The Shanghai Gesture," opening at the Sigma theatre on Saturday has a remarkable stellar cast headed by Gene Tierney, Walter Huston, Victor Mature, Ona Munson, Phyllis Brooks, Albert Basserman, Marie Ouspenskaya, Eric Blore, and a supporting cast of 60 others.

As is to be expected from a Von Sternberg-directed picture, lavish sets provide the background for

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**  
Eastern War Time P. M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT, 2 Hrs. for MW.  
(Directions in programs listed are entirely to changes by networks)  
6:00—It's Strictly from Dixie—abc-est  
Caden's Quartet in Song—blue-est  
Stardust News Adventure—blue-est  
John C. Hill's Comment—blue-est  
Chicago Dance Orchestra—blue-est  
Frank Eaton Comment—mbs  
6:10—Five Minutes of News—abc-est  
6:15—Radio Show—blue-est  
Dancing Music Orchestra—blue-est  
"Secret City" Dramatic—blue-est  
Helen Jordan—blue-est  
The South in Serenade—cha-Dixie  
6:30—Red Skelton Studio Club—abc  
Laurie R. King—blue-est  
Frank Taylor's Program—blue-est  
Southern Serenade—blue-est  
Jack Armstrong—blue-est  
6:45—Bill Stern Sport Spot—abc-est  
Loveday Thomas on News—blue-est  
Tom Mix Serial repeat—blue-est  
7:00—If You're Thinking of Leaving—blue-est  
Captain Midnight repeat—mbs-est  
7:05—World War News—blue-est  
Jean Cavall Comedy Program—blue  
7:10—Grand Central Station—blue-est  
Herald Exton—blue-est  
7:15—World War Broadcast—blue-est  
7:20—Radio Show—blue-est  
Lanny Ross and His Song—blue-est  
Broadwaying the World War—mbs  
7:25—Dancing Music Orchestra—blue  
7:30—Dancing Music Orchestra—blue  
7:35—The Howl and Howl—blue-est  
7:40—Dancing Music Orchestra—blue  
7:45—Laurie Manners, Orch.—blue-est  
7:50—The Howl and Howl—blue-est  
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# Two Guest Experts To Be On "Information Please"

## Julian Huxley, Scientist, And Jan Struther, Author, To Match Wits With Fadiman Along With Kieran And Adams

"Information Please" will present a 50-50 British-American front against Clifton Fadiman's blast of questions in the broadcast session of Friday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAF. Julian Huxley, eminent scientist, and Jan Struther, author of the best-selling "Mrs. Miniver" and other books, will be the guest experts, serving with the American-born regulars, John Kieran and Franklin P. Adams. It will be Miss Struther's eighth turn on the experts' panel.

Musical variety will be the keynote of the concert Friday, at 8 p. m. over WEAF, when the cast presents selections ranging from Handel's "Largo" to "Give a Little Whistle" from "Pinochio."

Lucille Manners is to sing Dvorak's "Songs My Mother Taught Me" as well as the Handel aria; Baritone Ross Graham will offer "Song of the Vagabonds" by Friml, and the orchestra will play "Green Eyes" by Menendez. The ensemble opens the program with the "Pinochio" number and concludes with Harling's "Beyond the Blue Horizon."

There'll be plenty of action on the "Captain Flagg and Sergeant Quirt" program Friday, at 10 p. m. over WEAF, when the two Marines are sent out to guard a dam against sabotage.

At the dam they meet a girl spy and you know what happens when a female wanders into the immediate vicinity of the two swash-buckling leathernecks.

Kate Smith will present that distinguished stage and screen star, Claude Rains, as her special guest, and as an additional treat will introduce for the first time the song, "I'll Take a Kiss to the Ocean," written by Irving Berlin, composer of "God Bless America," during

his "regular" shoes. And in his most recent "Down Mexico Way" now at the Lyric theatre, he appears in a vaquero costume—but at the same time sports his own hat.

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