Crowds Expected To Throng Theatres New Year's Eve

State Fans Will See Fibber And Molly McGee, Bergen And His Charlie, And Veronica Lake In Twin Bill

Managers of Lima theatres are looking forward to huge crowds on New Year's Eve.

The dizzy exploits of a moth-pursuing scientist and a vacation hunting business man are blended in "Here We Go Again," showing at the State. Fibber McGee and Molly and Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy provide plenty of laughs. "The Glass Key," a new mystery hit starring the exciting Veronica Lake, completes the State bill.

One of the best pictures of the year—"Yankee Doodle Dandy"—shows at the Ohio theatre on New Year's eve. Lima movie fans who viewed the production when it was here a few weeks ago claim that it is sensational and they will see it again. James Cagney portrays the great song writer, George M. Cohan. The lovely Joan Leslie again adds to her laurels in this hit.

The Lyric will have a great musical, "Youth on Parade," at its New Year's eve show. It deals with a psychology professor who believes he can regiment the jiving, woo-pitching, rug-cutting students of a small college. John Hubbard and Ruth Terry are the leading stars. "Traitor Within" also will be on the bill.

Nearing the close of its run at the Quilna is "You Were Never Lovelier," packed with music, laughs and dancing. Xavier Cugat and his famous orchestra play many top tunes of the day in the hit and Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth are the lovers.

The Sigma is showing "Reunion in France," featuring three favorite Hollywood stars—Joan Crawford, John Wayne and Philip Dorn. Second picture is "Street of Chance," with Burgess Meredith and Claire Trevor.

Showing at the Majestic are "Pierre of the Plains," and "Tarzan's New York Adventure."

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OHIO

The year's most spectacular film is on its way to the Ohio theatre. Yet, spectacular, in its true sense, does not describe "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The picture has and does several things which make it a fine film, but the warmth of its story makes it great!

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" opening Thursday night tells the life story of America's greatest showman—George M. Cohan. And it tells that story in the grandest way possible—thru the songs and plays that he wrote—his vaudeville and legitimate stage career and thru the inspiration he gave to others. It is the life story of a man, but it is also the life story of show business from the 1880's until today.

James Cagney plays the role of George M. Cohan, and advance reports say that he fits it in every detail. His hoofing is perfect and his talking of songs rather than really singing them, which was always Cohan's way of putting over a number, makes the characterization perfect.

The cast is made up of a fine group of performers. Joan Leslie is cast as Mary, a naive girl who wants to get on the stage. She meets George M. Cohan and he gives her a chance to do a song and dance act. However, he decides she'd make a better wife than a vaudevillian, and she becomes Mrs. George M. Cohan. The Four Cohans, which in the Gay Nineties was famous in every town that was large enough to have a theatre, was made up of Jerry Cohan, played by Walter Huston; Nellie, his wife, played by Rosemary DeCamp; Josie, George's sister, portrayed by Jeanne Cagney, and George himself. Sam Harris, the theatrical producer who played a very important part in Cohan's life, is portrayed by Richard Whorf. Fay Templeton, who was the country's heart-throb at the turn of the century, is played by alluring Irene Manning, whose charming soprano voice does full justice to Cohan's lovely tune, "Mary's A Grand Old Name."

All George M. Cohan's unforgettable melodies are played, including "The Yankee Doodle Boy," "Give My Regards to Broadway," and "Over There."

One of the picture's biggest thrills and what must have been one of the most important days in George M. Cohan's life, was the Congressional Medal of Honor given him by President Roosevelt in recognition of having written "Over There" and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

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QUILNA

With their starring role in "Springtime in the Rockies," the Technicolor musical coming Thursday night to the Quilna theatre, Harry James and His Music Makers complete their conquest of the entertainment field.

Altho the famous trumpeter's band is a relatively new band, having been organized less than five years ago, they already lay claim to top popularity in recordings, juke boxes, theatre appearances and radio. James took his reputation, made as a leading member of Benny Goodman's band, with him, and among his outfit's very first jobs were extended stands at New York's most celebrated hotels.

The studio beckoned to James last year, after he had played havoc with box-office records at a broadway theatre. But previous commitments delayed his arrival in Hollywood. Helen Forrest, a stage and recording star in her own right, brings her sultry chanting to the cinema, too, as a member of Harry James' aggregation.

James and his boys comprise one of the most unusual bands that has ever been heard — he has long been noted for his ability to handle the trumpet—but in addition, the band boasts some of the best arrangements yet created. In addition, James added a French Horn to his ensemble just prior to the filming of the picture, and is said to be most satisfied with the results of his experiment.

One of the reasons previewers are naming James' triumph in "Springtime in the Rockies" is the new tunes which were written especially for the film by those expert tunesmiths, Mack Gordon and Harry Warren. Among the numbers, which are headed for the hit parade, are such tunes as "I Had the Craziest Dream," "Pan Americana Jubilee," "Run, Little Raindrop, Run" and "A Poem Set to Music." When a band the calibre of James is given such an outstanding collection of tunes, there can be little wonder that all who have seen the film are hailing it as one of the season's best. The arrangements of the tunes, together with the scoring has been called "out of this world" and jitterbugs the country over will have the opportunity to applaud anew their favorite, Harry James.

Starred with James in "Springtime in the Rockies" are Betty Grable, John Payne, Carmen Miranda and Cesar Romero. The gay musical features Charlotte Greenwood and Edward Everett Horton. Irving Cummings directed and William LeBaron produced. The screen play, adapted by Jacques Thery, was by Walter Bullock.

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LYRIC

With none of the chief players beyond that glorious, giddy age of carefree youth "Youth On Parade," strictly collegiate, strictly for fun purposes, set appropriately among campus greens, school auds and back-school-stage, was a natural in these macabre days of reality.

The fast-paced filmusical opens at the Lyric theatre Thursday night. Magnificently acted, it has all the ear-marks of the season's premier fun riots.

The story has to do with a psychology professor (John Hubbard) who believes he can regiment the jiving, woo-pitching, rug-cutting students of Cotchatootamee college.

But the sororities and fraternities kicked over the traces, kicked the professor's obnoxious "numbers-instead-of-names" system out the window and converted the professor himself into a first class campus Romeo.

John Hubbard's poker-faced playing in the early scenes was a startling, but happy, departure from his more ebullient comedy roles of the past. He demonstrates that he can take stardom when it comes.

Ruth Terry as the giddy little minx who turns a college upside down with jive-patter, hip-slinging and hilarious Broadway double-talk, adds abundant laurels to her fair brow—as does Martha O'Driscoll, the more romantic of the feminine duo.

Then there were Tom Brown, Richard Beavers, Charles Smith, Lynn Merrick, Nana Bryant, Ivan Simpson and two-score or more chorus cuties and dancing dandies, all tremendously helpful to the picture produced by Albert Cohen and directed by Al Rogell.

The film boasts six new song hits by Jule Styne and Sam Cahn. "Traitor Within" also shows.

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OHIO—"Yankee Doodle Dandy."

QUILNA—"You Were Never Lovelier."

LYRIC—"A Close Call for Ellery Queen" and "Lawless Plainsman."

STATE—"The Glass Key" and "Here We Go Again."

SIGMA—"Reunion in France" and "Streets of Chance."

MAJESTIC — "Tarzan's New York Adventure" and "Pierre of the Plains."

COMING UP

OHIO—"White Cargo" begins Jan. 8.

LYRIC—"Traitor Within" and "Youth on Parade" begin Thursday midnight.

STATE — "Wake Island" and "There's One Born Every Minute" start Sunday.

MAJESTIC—"My Gal Sal" and "Parachute Nurse" start Sunday.

QUILNA—"Springtime In the Rockies" starts Thursday night.

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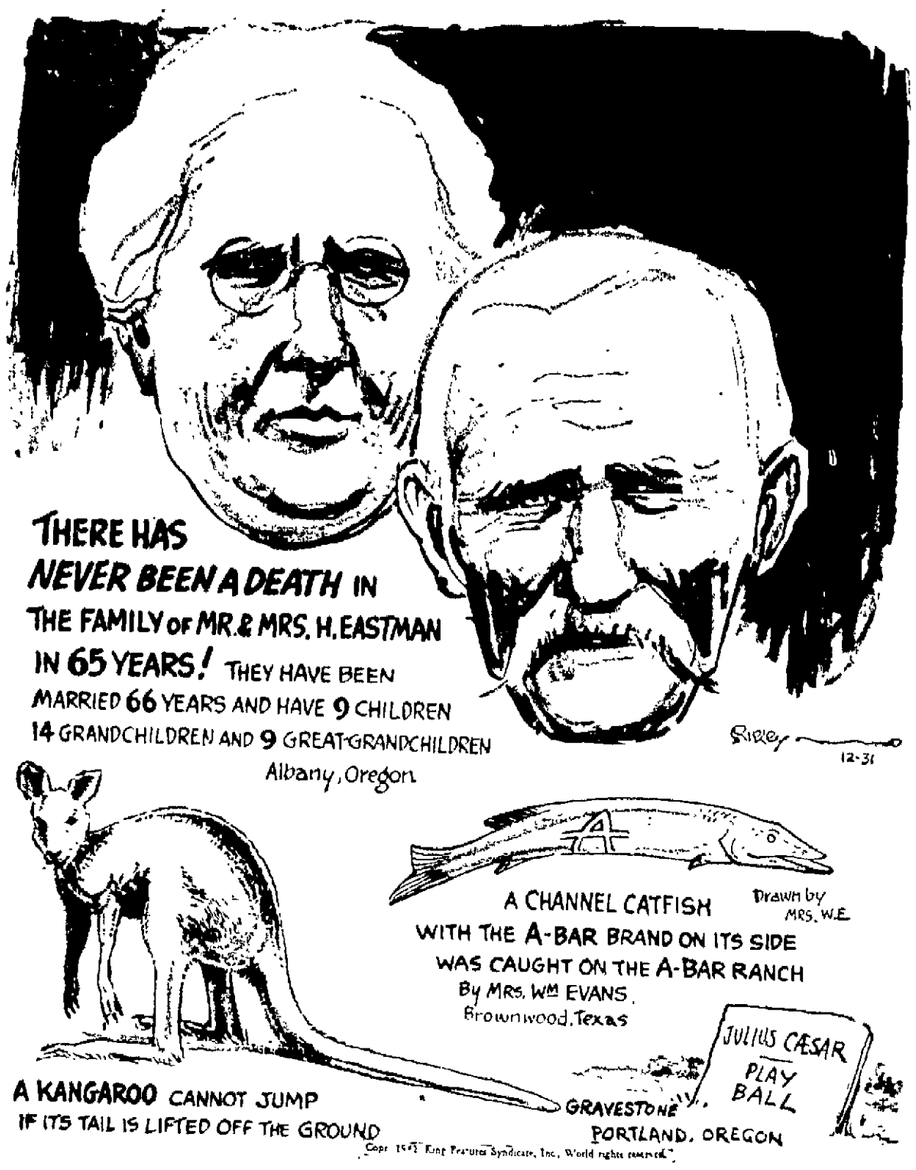

INCOME TAX MEETS ARE ARRANGED IN PUTNAM-CO

(Lima News Bureau)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31 — A series of meetings is being planned for Putnam-co communities to acquaint farmers with the provisions of the 1943 income tax law to educate them regarding farm accounts.

L. H. Barnes, farm account specialist of Ohio State university, will be at the office of County Agent L. C. Holtkamp Jan. 6, from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. to assist farmers who have kept accounts during 1942 to summarize the records.

Barnes will address a beginner school the same night in Ottawa when farmers of Ottawa-tp are invited to attend and learn the details of the new income tax law. A second meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 18 at Pandora while additional meeting dates will be announced in a short time, Holtkamp stated.

IN NORTH AFRICA

COLUMBUS GROVE, Dec. 31—Mrs. LeRoy Fett of Columbus Grove Route 2 has received news from her brother, Edwin N. Rice, that he now is in North Africa with the U. S. Army. It was the first time she had heard from him since October.

PUTNAM TOPS VICTORY BOND DRIVE QUOTA

(Lima News Bureau)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31 — With a few reports still outstanding, an incomplete total of $813,825 was reported invested today in Victory bonds by Putnam-co interests.

C. P. Palmer of Continental, general chairman of the bond drive in Putnam-co, said that a few districts began their drive late and would not be finished until Wednesday night. These reports probably will boost the total a few hundred dollars.

The total reported so far is $3,825 over the county's quota of $810,000, however, the chairman pointed out. He said that the Continental, Columbus Grove and Ottawa banking areas exceeded their quotas while the others fell below their goals.

As far as Palmer could learn today, all counties in the fifth district which includes Putnam-co surpassed their quotas in this drive for investments in the special issues of federal bonds. The nation-wide goal for this program is $11,000,000,000.

Fabric surfacing is still used on many parts of modern war planes.

Thursday Radio Programs Feature Coming Of 1943

Charles Laughton Will Vie With Comedians Abbot And Costello In Highlight Show Over WEAF

Charles Laughton will vie with comedians Abbott and Costello for the program's laughs on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. via WEAF. Other highlights of the show include Walter Wanger, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, presenting the comedy team a plaque from the Motion Picture Daily in recognition of the comics winning the No. 1 box office position in the motion picture exhibitor's poll.

Every phase of show business will be tapped for the Stage Door Canteen's special gala New Year's Eve broadcast, Thursday, 9:30 p. m. via WABC, when Irene Rich, Ella Logan of the Broadway hit, "Show Time," comedian Jack Pearl and Arthur Treacher, the film's imperturbable butler guest on the half hour stanza.

Moving up her matinee day, Stella Unger, "Your Hollywood News Girl", will entertain Dorothy Sarnoff, singing star of Broadway's "Rosalinda", on the day before New Years, Thursday, at 2:45 p. m., over WJZ.

Beautiful Janet Blair of the films, comedian Richard Haydn, songstress Betty Hutton and composer-actor Johnny Mercer will make up the guest panel for the Music hall airing of Thursday at 9 p. m. over WEAF. On hand with Bing Crosby to welcome the guests for the New Year's Eve airing will be the Charioteers, the Music Maids and Hal, John Scott Trotter and Ken Carpenter.

Henry Aldrich has learned about women again. The chubby little New Year bears no resemblance to Dan Cupid, thinks Hank, who starts 1943 as a confirmed misognist in "The Aldrich Family," over WEAF on Thursday, at 8:30 p. m.

With Baby Snooks (Fanny Brice) all set for a festive evening, "Daddy" Hanley Stafford discovers that an apparently innocent New Years celebration can develop into a major catastrophe on Thursday, (WEAF-8 p. m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Eastern War Time P.M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT., 2 Hrs. for MWT.

(Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.)

6:30—Just Plain Bill, Dramatic—nbc
The Jack Armstrong Serial—blu-east
Chicago's Singing Strings—blu-west
Landt Trio Sings Along—cbs-basic
Serial Series for the Kiddies—mbs
6:45—Front Page Farrell Serial—nbc
Captain Midnight's Serial — blu-east
The Ben Bernie Musical Show—cbs
John Sturgess Baritone Solos—mbs
6:00—Indiana Indigo, Var.; News—nbc
Don Winslow of the Navy—blu-east
Frazier Hunt News Spot—cbs-basic
Troubadours from Chicago—cbs-west
Prayer; Comment on the War—mbs
6:15—Chicago Dance Music Orc—blu
John Sebastian, His Harmonica—cbs
Rhythm Ensemble of St. Louis—mbs
6:30—Neighborhood Call by OPA—nbc
The Korn Kobblers Band—blu-east
Jack Armstrong's repeat — blu-west
Leon Henderson Answering You—cbs
The War Overseas, Dance Orc—mbs
6:45—Bill Stern and Sports Spot—nbc
Lowell Thomas on News—blu-basic
Captain Midnight's repeat—blu-west
World and War News of Today—cbs
7:00—Fred Waring's Time — nbc-east
Col. Stoopnagle; Army vs Navy—blu
Amos 'n' Andy Serial Skit—cbs-basic
Fulton Lewis, Jr. and Comment—mbs
7:15—World War vis Broadcast—nbc
Harry James & His Orchestra—cbs
The Johnson Family, a Serial—mbs
7:30—Abbott and Costello — nbc-east
Jayne Cozzens and Songs—nbc-west
The Metropolitan Opera, U S A.—blu
"Easy Aces," Drama Serial—cbs-basic
Dancing Music Orchestra—cbs-west
Arthur Hale's News Comment—mbs
7:45—Kaltenborn Comment—nbc-west
Mr. Keen, Lost Persons Tracer—cbs
Dance Orches from Cincinnati—mbs
8:00—Fanny Brice and F. Morgan—nbc
Earl Godwin's War Broadcast—blu
Reflections with Frank Sinatra—cbs
Alfred Wallenstein Sinfonietta—mbs
8:15—Lum and Abner Serial Skit—blu
8:30—The Henry Aldrich Family—nbc
America's Town Meeting Forum—blu
Death Valley Days Play—cbs-basic
The Jamboree of Dixie — cbs-Dixie
Dark Destiny, Eerie Drama — mbs
8:55—Five-Minute News Period—cbs
9:00—The Crosby Music Hall Hr—nbc
Major Bowes Amateurs' Show—cbs
Gabriel Heatter Speaking—mbs-basic
9:15—Dancing Music Orchestra—nbc
9:30—Stage Door Canteen, Guests—cbs
Spotlight Bands, Guest Orchest—blu
To Be Announced (30 mins.) — mbs
9:55—Gracie Fields and Comedy—blu
10.00—Rudy Vallee's Show—nbc-basic
Abbott & Costello repeat—nbc-west
Raymond G. Swing's Comment—blu
First Line, U S Navy Prog. — cbs
Raymond Clapper in Comment—mbs
10:15—Wings to Victory, Air Corps—blu
Dance Orchestra for 15 minutes—mbs
10:30—March of Time in Review—nbc
Fifteen Minute Talks Broadcast—cbs
Paul Schubert's War Analysis—mbs
10:45—Talk on Your Income Tax—blu
To Be Announced (15 mins.)—cbs
Dance Music Orchestra Tunes—mbs
11:00—News for 15 minutes—nbc-east
The Fred Waring repeat—nbc-west
News & Dance Variety (1½ hrs.)—blu
Hour of News & Dance Variety—cbs
Comment; Dancing to 4 a.m. — mbs
11.15—Late Variety With News—nbc
11:30—Watch Night Serv. in N. Y.—blu
12:03—Dancing Music to Sign-off—blu
12:05—American Scene 1943 — cbs

BLANCHARD-TP PASSES LEVY ON 2ND ATTEMPT

(Lima News Bureau)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31 — A two-mill special tax levy outside the 10-mill limitation was voted for Blanchard-tp centralized school district Tuesday by a margin of 335 for and 115 against.

The levy will be in effect for three years beginning Jan. 1, 1943. It will raise more than $3,000 per year for the school district, according to C. L. Bard, superintendent of the school district.

Defeated at the Nov. 4 election, this levy which was approved Tuesday will enable the township school board to hire additional teachers to instruct pupils in courses that had to be dropped at the start of the 1942-43 term because of a lack of finances, Bard explained.

British farmers have increased their production of foodstuffs by more than 6,000,000 tons annually.

OTTAWA SOLONS SET UP RULES FOR BLACKOUTS

Ordinance Enacted Gives Mayor Authorization To Enforce Regulations

(Lima News Bureau)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31—Regulations for blackouts and air raids in Ottawa were announced following a special meeting of the Ottawa council during which an ordinance governing such emergencies was passed.

The ordinance provides that the mayor of the municipality—Thomas F. McElroy at present—is authorized and directed to carry out blackouts and air raid protection measures in Ottawa anytime such emergencies are authorized by the Army and Navy.

Various regulations are established in the ordinance and the violation of any of these is declared a misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of such violations is punishable by a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both.

The ordinance provides that the mayor may appoint as many special police, without compensation, from among the residents of the community as may be deemed advisable for service in connection with a blackout or air raid. These special police must wear specified identification and will have the duties and powers of policemen of the village during such emergencies.

Such acts as simulating a blackout signal or air raid warning or the termination of either by operating a siren or other device; displaying lights contrary to order during a blackout, or violating any other orders of the mayor for such emergencies are declared misdemeanors.

FOUR STARTING NAVAL TRAINING

Four more Lima men have reported to the U. S. Naval Training station at Great Lakes, Ill., for training to prepare them for duty aboard a warship or at a shore station. Two who are training as petty officers are James C. McCoy, 29, Waldo hotel, musician, second class; and William R. Hickey, 27, of 520 Prospect-av, shipfitter, third class.

Two others who are starting basic training are Frederick William Zwick, son of Mrs. William Zwick, 420 N. Pierce-st; and Walter Grandison Hill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hill, Sr., 710 Albert-st.

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