

TOP RANKING STARS APPEARING ON LIMA THEATRE SCREENS

THEATRES GO "ALL OUT" FOR EASTER ENTERTAINMENT

Local theatres are all-out for entertainment for the Easter holiday with many top-ranking films and stars appearing on the screens this Saturday and Sunday.

Opening Sunday at the State theatre will be "Desert Song" in technicolor with "Moonlight in Vermont" as a second attraction.

Current at the Ohio is "Passage to Marseille," the sequel to Casablanca. Humphrey Bogart again has the starring role with Michele Morgan as his leading lady.

The story behind the tragedy that rocked the nation is portrayed in "The Sullivans" which is now featured at the Quilna.

Laughs are awaiting theatregoers at the Sigma where Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main are co-starring in "Rationing" with "Amazing Mr. Forest" as a co-feature.

Opening Saturday midnight at the Lyric will be "Seventh Victim" and "Robinhood of the Range" while "Return of the Rangers" and "Hoosier Holiday" close with the late billing.

The Majestic now offers "Petit-

Theatre Guide

OHIO—"Passage to Marseille" QUILNA—"The Sullivans" SIGMA—"Rationing" and Amazing Mr. Forest" STATE—"Flight Command" and "Love Crazy."

COMING UP

OHIO—"Standing Room Only" opens Friday. QUILNA—"Cover Girl" coming Friday preview. STATE—"Desert Song" and "Moonlight in Vermont" commence Sunday.

LYRIC—"Seventh Victim" and "Robinhood of the Range" start Saturday midnight.

coat Larceny" and "Keeper of the Flame" as a co-billing.



FAMILY AFFAIR—When one Sullivan falls in love, all the Sullivans follow suit in the production of "The Sullivans," the heart-warming story of the lives of the five famous brothers whose loyalty to each other and their country stirred the nation.



ERIE THREESOME—Kim Hunter, Jean Brooks and Tom Conway, have thrilling adventures with a cult of Devil Worshipers in "The Seventh Victim," psychological horror film opening Saturday midnight at the Lyric.

"THE SULLIVANS" OFFERS STORY OF FAMILY LIFE

"They don't make them any bigger!" "They don't make them any better!" "They don't make them any greater!" That's the world that's been coming from Hollywood on the great and heart-warming production of "The Sullivans," which is featured at the Quilna theatre.

Out of the dramatic headlines of World War II have come the most stirring pictures of the year. But while most of these films were based on the battlefield

struggles of Guadalcanal, Bataan and Wake Island, it remained for "The Sullivans" to reach what preview critics are hailing as the true heart and spirit of Americans in the world conflict—without being a story of conflict, itself. For "The Sullivans" typifies the American family in this war in a human, heart-warming story of family life.

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Eleanor Steber And Jan Peerce Are Guest Stars

Eleanor Steber, soprano, who this April completes her fourth successful season with the Metropolitan Opera, and Jan Peerce, one of America's foremost tenors, will be the visiting guest stars on "The Music America Loves Best," Saturday at 6:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ.

Beautiful Lynn Bari of the films will be Groucho Marx's guest when he takes his "Blue Ribbon Town" to the Marine Air Base at Miramar, Calif., on Saturday at 7 p. m., over Station WABC.

Gov. Forrest C. Donnell, of Missouri, will be guest of honor on "Your America" when that state is saluted Saturday (WEAF, 4 p. m., EST. Narrator Virgil Sharpe will take listeners on a verbal tour of the "Show Me" state.

"The Flying Chaplain," a story of the work of the Army Corps of Chaplains, will be broadcast in an encore performance, on Saturday, at 9:15 p. m., over Station WJZ, on "The Army Service Forces Present." Originally performed

DELEGATES ARE NAMED TO STATE K. C. CONCLAVE

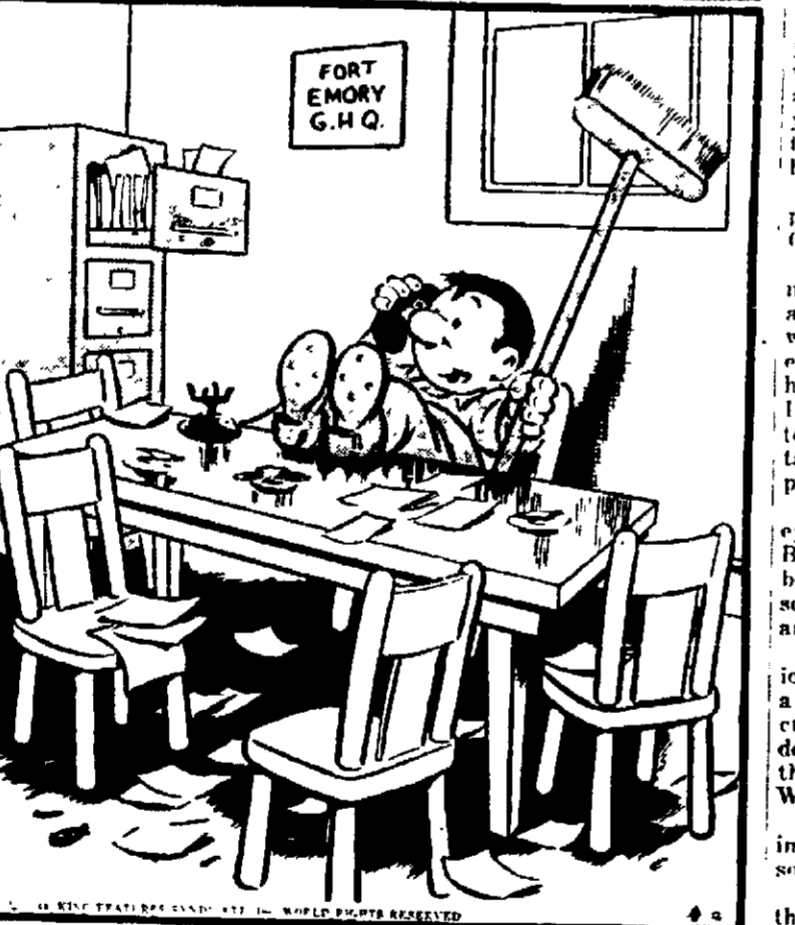
Loyalty Council, K. of C. elected Grand Knight Walter Malley and Harry Wedgen, financial secretary, as delegates to the state convention to be held May 13-14 in Columbus. The alternates will be Clifford Law and Richard Gladen.

An open meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 11 in the clubrooms and final plans made for the post-Lenten dance on Saturday, April 15 in the Paramount ballroom. Proceeds will be used for the service men's fund.

Wednesday, April 12 the council will entertain the K. of C. basketball team and officers at a dinner at 6:30 p. m. at the club. A short program will follow.

During the past week the name of Robert Lampert was added to the council honor roll of service men.

PRIVATE BUCK



"Every time they hold a staff meeting, Evo, they have to call me in to straighten things out!"

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- Eastern War Time 8:30—Subtract One Hour for CWT—2 hrs. for MWV. Changes in programs as noted due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate. 8:00—Ray Shield and Company—nbc Of Men & Books. Prof. Frederick—nbc The Metropolitan Opera (2 hrs.)—b1u Comment: Dance Music—nbc 8:10—Grantland Rice and Sports—nbc Calling Fan-America in Concert—nbc The Story of Daniel Boone—nbc 8:15—Chicago Symphony Orchest.—nbc Victory F.O.B. Variety Show—nbc The Story of the American People—nbc 8:20—Philadelphia Orchest.—nbc The Army-Navy House Party—nbc The Story of the American People—nbc 8:25—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:30—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:35—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:40—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:45—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:50—The Story of the American People—nbc 8:55—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:00—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:05—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:10—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:15—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:20—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:25—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:30—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:35—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:40—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:45—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:50—The Story of the American People—nbc 9:55—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:00—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:05—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:10—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:15—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:20—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:25—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:30—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:35—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:40—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:45—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:50—The Story of the American People—nbc 10:55—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:00—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:05—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:10—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:15—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:20—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:25—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:30—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:35—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:40—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:45—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:50—The Story of the American People—nbc 11:55—The Story of the American People—nbc 12:00—The Story of the American People—nbc

PRESIDENT'S COUGH IS DISAPPEARING

WASHINGTON, April 8—(AP)—The hoarseness and cough which were noticeable at President Roosevelt's last press conference ten days ago had disappeared Friday and the chief executive, the still pale, looked much better.

The President has been fighting a head cold and bronchitis for several weeks, but his physician described his condition earlier in the week as satisfactory. This report was based on a thorough physical examination.

U. S. production of synthetic rubber is expected to reach a rate of 5,000 tons by the end of 1944.

SURE Your Evening Will Be A Success at the

Advertisement for Rathskeller at Hotel Waldo, featuring the text 'Your Evening Will Be A Success at the Rathskeller' and 'HOTEL WALDO Rathskeller'.

Roving Reporter

"We Regret To Inform You" Brings Hundreds Of Letters

By NED NORDNESS WASHINGTON, April 8—The letter was from an elderly farmer. "Today," it read, "I received the Purple Heart decoration awarded to my son, who was killed in action. Myself and family are grateful for this distinction to my dear boy."

But then—and you could picture him here at the kitchen table in his farm home, a stubby pencil grasped in his big, labor-crooked fingers he wrote, simply, painfully of the end of living for him.

"It is very hard for an old man to lose his only son. I am a farmer and have been looking forward for my dear boy to carry on in his rightful place here. Now my farm is for sale and my career is ended."

"I am a broken-hearted father. . . . Hundreds of letters like this are received by the U. S. Army Casualty Branch. From the Casualty office go those telegrams which state tersely: "We regret to inform you. . . . And from this same office are sent follow-up letters that inform those at home as gently as possible the conditions under which a soldier met his death. That the office does a wonderful job is attested to by the number of grateful replies."

"We try to personalize as much as possible these letters which convey such tragic news," says Col. George E. Herbert, head of the Casualty Branch. "We do not write 'form' letters here. It is difficult at best to accept news of the death of a dear one. The information is relayed humanely and gently."

Coupled with the letters from relatives at home are those bravely written notes which assert that if "he had to go, we are glad he gave his life for his country." A Bradlock, Pa., wife of a soldier killed in action penned: "When your beautiful letter reached me words cannot describe how I felt. Yes, I was crushed by the death of my dear husband. But when I learned he won the Purple Heart I took his picture in my hands and said, 'You thought that stripes would make me love you more, but I always told you I knew you were doing your best—and that is what counted.'"

A pastor from Rockford, Ill., wrote: "We earnestly thank you for your kind letters in connection with the death of our son. We are deeply touched by the way you personalize your messages to these tragic days when you must be under terrific pressure. . . . Similar sentiments were expressed by a wife in Oklahoma City."

"By now the shock of news of my husband's death has worn away to where I can think somewhat more clearly. You have been extremely kind and tactful in handling a very ticklish situation. I had no idea anything as cold and technical as the government could take time to be personal and sympathetic."

Such letters bring tears to the eyes of those in the Casualty Branch, and even Colonel Herbert, an Army man of the old school, sometimes speaks gruffly and must clear his throat. "Wonderful letters; real American people," he says. "But we get a few that aren't so nice. Some criticize us for not giving in more detail the conditions under which their boy died. We can't help that. We do what we can."

"Yes, and a few cold-hearted individuals write us to ask 'How soon do we get the insurance?' " "Thank God, there are few of them."

DIMAGGIO SIGNS PITTSBURGH APRIL 8—(INS)

—Outfielder Vince DiMaggio today signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates for the 1944 season.

"DiMaggio signed at the club's terms," President Bill Benswanger wired from Muncie, Ind., where the players are training, "and had his first workout with the Buccaneers."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . . . . BY RIPLEY

A large illustration of a woman in a black bandage and a man in a military uniform. Text includes: 'ROSE WITHIN A ROSE WITHIN A ROSE', 'SIGNATURE OF CAL HEISLER', 'Sgt. GEORGE GRIFFIN', 'A STAR OF WINGED VICTORY WAS BORN ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY', 'HIS FATHER WAS BORN ON DECEMBER DAY', 'HIS MOTHER ON JULY 4 TH', 'HIS GRAND-FATHER ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY AND HIS SISTER WAS BORN ON ROBERT LEE'S BIRTHDAY', 'THE ACHING WIDOWS OF THE SANGRO RIVER, ITALY', 'WHEN HER HUSBAND DIES THE WIDOW PRETENDS TO HAVE A TOOTHACHE AND FOR 3 YEARS AFTER SHE WEARS A HEAVY BLACK BANDAGE ABOUT HER FACE.'

SENSATIONAL NEW ACTRESS APPEARS IN LYRIC PICTURE

Mystery and suspense pervade the screen's newest shiver-picture, "The Seventh Victim," opening Saturday midnight at the Lyric, which presents Tom Conway, Jean Brooks and the sensational new actress, Kim Hunter, in a stirring tale of demonism in New York City.

GROCERYMAN TO ORGANIZE FOR STUDY OF OPA

All grocerymen interested in organizing an independent association for Lima grocerymen and meat dealers have been urged to attend a meeting to be held on Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Ohio Power Co. building.

CELINA YOUTH TOPS PUPILS IN SCHOLARSHIP

(Special To The Lima News) CELINA, April 8—Urban Henders, pupil of Immaculate Conception high school here, scored 224 out of a possible 300 to place 621 Mercer co. pupils in the senior scholarship test staged here March 10. Announcement was made by D. S. Spangler, county school superintendent.

Prepaid sales tax receipts in Allegheny during the last week totaled \$16,325.58 to boost the total for 1944 to \$166,922.15, the weekly report of the treasurer of state showed Saturday.

"ELECTROCUTED" CINCINNATI, April 8—(AP)—Lineman John Smith, 49, touched a high voltage wire atop a utility pole yesterday and was killed.

Advertisement for 'MIDNITE LYRIC' featuring 'ROBIN HOOD OF THE RANGE' by Charles Starrett.

Advertisement for 'NIGHTS OF TERROR ... DAYS OF DREAD!' featuring 'The 7th VICTIM' by Tom Conway.

Advertisement for 'THE HEATS ON' and 'THE KANSAN' featuring Charles Starrett.

Advertisement for 'THE BATMAN' featuring Edward Horton in 'THE AMAZING MR. FORREST'.

Advertisement for 'STATE' featuring 'LAST TIMES TODAY!' with 'ROBY TAYLOR' and 'FLORY COMENALE'.

Advertisement for 'OHIO' featuring Humphrey Bogart in 'PASSAGE TO MARSEILLE'.

Advertisement for 'SIGMA' featuring 'TOGETHER AGAIN'.

Advertisement for 'M.G.M.' featuring 'RATIONING BEERY' with Marjorie Main and Dorothy Morris.

Advertisement for 'THE AMAZING MR. FORREST' featuring Edward Horton.

Advertisement for 'STATE' featuring 'LAST TIMES TODAY!'.

Advertisement for 'SUNDAY' featuring 'Desert Song' in Technicolor.

Advertisement for 'CO-FEATURE' featuring Gloria Jean and Ray Lynn in 'Moonlight in Vermont'.