

'Best Foot Forward' Musical Comedy In Technicolor, Featured At The Ritz

Hollywood invades the campus of the Winsock Military Academy with hilarious complications when Lucille Ball attends a prom at the invitation of Tommy Dix in M-G-M's Technicolor musical, "Best Foot Forward," which is the Ritz theatre's featured attraction today and Monday.

It's a publicity stunt for Lucille Ball and her press agent, William Gaxton, when they accept Tommy Dix's invitation to the dance, but it's no joke to Tommy when they accept. For Tommy, confident that the glamorous Miss Ball would not appear, has also invited his best girl, Virginia Weidner.

When Lucille arrives Tommy is unhappy, and when Virginia arrives on the scene to nurse him through his "illness" Tommy is more than just unhappy, he's miserable.

Complications set in and the fun flies thick and fast to the tune of melodies supplied by Harry James and his Music Makers. Incidentally, Harry does a dance for the first time on the screen with Nancy Walker, film-dom's freshest young comedienne.

Making their film debuts are many members of the original cast from the smash Broadway hit. The picture introduces Tommy Dix, Nancy Walker, June Allyson and Gloria De Haven,

youngsters you will be seeing frequently in the future, in bigger and better scene roles.

Lucille Ball shines brightly in the role of the movie star with a soft heart. William Gaxton is a natural in his role of the breezy publicity man, and Virginia Weidner makes the transition from pigtails to glamour bob without difficulty. Chill Willis has an exceptionally funny bit as the star reporter for the Winsock Bugle—it comes out every Monday.

Edward Buzzell directed with a deft touch, bringing out all the comedy lines for maximum results. Producer Arthur Freed has spared no expense in preparing a lavish production.

Norwegians' Resistance Dramatized

"Edge Of Darkness," the Warner Bros. film based upon William Wood's popular novel of the same name, is the featured offering at the Queen theatre today and Monday.

Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan head one of the most distinguished casts ever assembled in one motion picture. Featured in the supporting cast are Nancy Coleman, talented young player who performed so notably in "Kings Row," "The Gay Sisters" and others; Walter Huston, whose performance as Jerry Cohen in "Yankee Doodle Dandy" will long be remembered; Judith Anderson and Ruth Gordon, both prominent players of stage and screen.

Other important names in the film include John Beal, Charles Dingle, Morris Carnovsky, Roman Bohnen and Helmut Dantine, who scored in "Mrs. Miniver" and "Casablanca."

Brought to life on the screen is this story of a Norwegian fishing village, its simple, peace-loving people, and of the brutal Nazi boot that stamps out freedom wherever it goes.

Despite acts of brutality upon the villagers, the underground system functions perfectly. News travels fast; plans are made; meetings are held under the very noses of the watchful Nazis. When the villagers are secretly armed by the British, they wait in readiness for the day to strike. The Nazis give them their opportunity in the particularly brutal assault on the aged village schoolmaster, followed by an order for a mass execution of the ring-leaders in the underground movement. The rebellion is touched off and the village rises in mass against its oppressors. The ensuing battle results in the complete destruction of the little town. Not a Nazi is left alive, and the few remaining natives escape to the hills to join in the guerrilla warfare against the invaders.

Colman, Garson Star In 'Random Harvest'

"Random Harvest," adaptation of James Hilton's new novel, brings to the screen an engrossing story of a strange case of suspended memory, which motivates a haunting romance. Teaming Ronald Colman and Greer Garson, in her first picture since "Mrs. Miniver," it is now playing at the State Theatre.

Following the Hilton novel closely in its details, it is told on the screen as a "straight line" story, while in the book it was told in flashbacks.

Colman plays a wealthy Englishman who loses all memory of his past during the first World War. He is sent to an asylum, from which he escapes to be befriended by an actress (Miss Garson), who inspires him to begin life anew. He develops talent as a writer. He and his benefactress

fall in love, are married and have a child. Then an accident jolts his memory back to his past, but leaves a blank of his life from the war on. He goes home, takes possession of his business and becomes a powerful industrialist. The wife locates him, but knowing he has no memory of her, takes a position as his secretary, maintaining silence as regards their marriage. How she succeeds in winning back his memory and his love provides a haunting and appealing climax.

Colman plays his role with convincing force, and Miss Garson is charming and wears some beautiful gowns. Each makes the most of a difficult role. Mervyn LeRoy directed with deft skill. Clever principals include Susan Peters, Phillip Dorn, Reginald Owen and Una O'Connor.



Musical Stars—Lucille Ball and William Gaxton have the top roles in "Best Foot Forward," a Technicolor film presentation based on the favorite Broadway musical of last season. Harry James and his orchestra add to the festivities of an uproarious story of a movie star who visits a prep school. "Best Foot Forward" is at the Ritz today and Monday.

Bombing Olympics To Be Held At Childress

The cream of America's student bombardiers will converge on Childress Sunday when crack teams from bombardier schools of the vast Army Air Forces Training Command get together to compete in the 10th All-American Bombing Olympic at Childress Army Air Field.

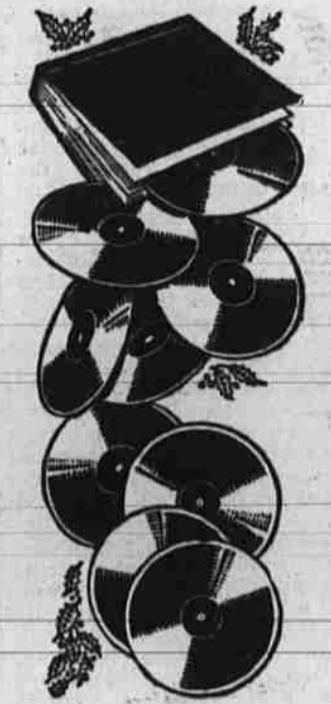
The roster of schools to be represented at the meet includes Big Spring, Childress, Midland and San Angelo—all in Texas—Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Deming and Roswell—all located in New Mexico—and Victorville, Calif., Carlsbad, a new entry, won the last olympics.

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"A Cutie On Duty"



At The Lyric—Jerome Cowan and Marjorie Hoshelle are shown here in a scene from "Find The Blackmailer," a murder mystery which is at the Lyric theatre today and Monday. Faye Emerson and Gene Lockhart are other principals in the cast.

Postal Volume Is Holding Steady

Volume of postal business is steady, and although it is under the corresponding days for last year, it is holding up better than anticipated.

Letter cancellations for the past two days have totaled 67,244, which is well ahead of the 52,532 for the same two days last year. Wednesday produced 31,000 cancellations, the peak for this year. Parcels received Wednesday and Thursday amounted to 906 as

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In Hilton Story—Ronald Colman and Greer Garson merge talents to bring forth a moving drama in "Random Harvest," the picture based on James Hilton's outstanding novel. "Random Harvest" is the State theatre's featured attraction for today and Monday.

Murder Mystery Is Featured At Lyric Theatre

An unusual murder-mystery drama calculated to tingle the spine of the most hardened "who-done-it" fan is the screen fare presented at the Lyric theatre today and Monday. The picture is Warner Bros. "Find the Blackmailer," featuring Jerome Cowan, Faye Emerson and Gene Lockhart.

The plot centers about a talking blackbird, trained by its ex-convict owner to repeat the name of the man he is attempting to blackmail. Choosing the town's leading citizen and candidate for the mayoralty for his victim, he trains the bird to say "Don't kill me, Rhodes," in the event that he is murdered by a fellow gangster. Asking the sum of sixty thousand dollars for the abandonment of these plans, he hopes to make a quick get-away. Before his plan succeeds, however, somebody murders him with an ice-pick.

London Paper May Print Issue In US

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A weekly transatlantic edition of the London Daily Mail will be printed in New York starting soon, it was announced today. The Daily Mail said the edition was planned "as a contribution to the closer understanding of the British and American people."

LYRIC TODAY - MON.

THE PERFECT CRIME... BY A PERFECT LADY!
THE "SHAKEDOWN" MURDERS... clueless, baffling and startling... revealed

FIND THE BLACKMAILER

with **Jerome COWAN**
Faye EMERSON
and **Gene LOCKHART**

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HARRY JAMES
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Aviation Volunteers Sent To Lubbock

Two volunteers for the aviation cadets were sent to Lubbock Saturday to complete enlistment and be transferred to the enlisted reserve, the Selective Service office announced.

Wesley Lee Cummins, a Pearl Harbor father, was transferred to the local board from Red Lodge, Mont. He has qualified for a cadet and Robbie Lyles Potts of Big Spring was the other volunteer for the cadets.

WHY SHOP AROUND? If it's available we have it! More than 25,000 Records in stock. 204 Main St.

No Security Payments On Illness, Disability

The old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act do not provide for payments in case of sickness or disability, according to J. Hasler Strickland, manager of the Big Spring office of the Social Security Board.

Recently a number of persons have contacted this office, seeking information as to whether or not they could receive social security benefits during periods of illness or disability. Strickland said. Monthly benefits are paid to eligible workers who have reached the age of 65 and retired; benefits are also provided for eligible survivors of "insured" workers who die. But under the present law there is no provision for payments on account of sickness or disability. Strickland said the confusion had probably come about as a result of the Social Security Board's recommendation in its seventh annual report that provision be made for disability insurance by amending the law.

JAS. T. BROOKS ATTORNEY Office In Courthouse

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Stupendous, gigantic, colossal! Bah! I hope the publicity department is doing some postwar planning in regard to a new and revolutionary adjective!"

Activity Lowers War Bond Quota

War Bond buying showed a spurt of activity Friday and Saturday at local banks to push the amount sold so far this month to \$74,893 leaving \$35,207 of the goal still to go.

Apparently last minute Christmas shoppers, after waiting until the last week before the holiday, took advantage of the opportunity to buy the gifts that please everybody, young and old. Many of the bonds were of the \$25 denomination while \$50 bonds and \$100 bonds followed in popularity for Christmas gifts to tuck in stockings or put under the tree.

Monday Jury Panel Will Not Be Needed

Judge Cecil Collings announced Saturday that the jury panel which was ordered to report at 10 a. m. Monday would not be needed. All criminal cases have been disposed of, the judge said, and no civil cases requiring a jury are scheduled for the week.

For youngsters, rebuilt pre-war bikes, like new. Thixton's, E. 15th & Virginia.—adv.

Residents Return For Holiday Visit

FORSAN, Dec. 19 — S/Sgt. Jim Earl West of Birmingham, Ala. is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Floyd Griffith is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilmore. Her husband is now at gunnery school in Las Vegas, Nev.

Grand Jury Returns Two Indictments

Grand jurors returned two indictments Friday after reporting back to district court to consider a marijuana charge and an arson charge.

Jose Gomez was indicted for

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Gomez is already under another indictment from last term of court for operating a gambling house, and is serving a five year suspended sentence after being found guilty in 1940 of aiding and abetting prisoners. His bail was set at \$1,000. Abe Jones was indicted by grand jurors for arson and his bail was also set at \$1,000. Ideal gifts! Pre-war bikes (rebuilt). Thixton's, E. 15th & Virginia. Phone 2032.—adv.

Merry Christmas To You THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 411 Scurry Street Rev. J. E. McCoy, Pastor May the love of God rest in your heart and extend to all of God's people everywhere. With such love Christmas can be Christmas and you can enjoy a "peace which passeth all understanding" even amid the turmoil of this troubled world. Everybody Welcome "No Book but the Bible — No Creed but Christ"

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Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 18 (AP) — Cattle 150; calves 75; steady; beef cows 7.75-9.50; fat calves 7.75-11.50 cull calves 6.00-7.00. Hogs 250; unchanged; good and

choice 200-270 pound butcher hogs 13.55; good 170 pound weights downward to 12.35; good 150 pound averages to 10.25; packing sows 11.50-12.00. Heavy stocker pigs 10.00. Sheep 1,000; about steady;

medium grade fat lambs 11.35; common and medium aged wethers 5.75-6.15; cull to medium ewes 3.25-4.00.

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New Pay Zone May Be Opened In Vincent

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 18—Indicated opening by W. S. Guthrie of Corsicana and Cosden Petroleum Corp. of Big Spring of a second pay zone in the one-well Vincent deep Permian lime pool in northeastern Howard county, from porous crystalline dolomite at 5,460-72 feet, believed to be the Wichita of the lower Permian, featured West Texas oil developments, this week.

reils daily. No. 2 Allen and several other tests that have been drilled in the vicinity found the 4,000-foot horizon barren. The Texas Co.'s Andrews county wildcat is No. 1 A. W. Pattillo C SW SW 22-A36-psl, one mile south of Shafter Lake and four miles northwest of Andrews. Drilling 5,900 feet is expected to explore the Holt pay section of the Clear Fork.

Union of California No. 3 J. D. Biles, second producer in the Union pool in northwestern Andrews county quarter mile north of No. 1 Biles, the discovery, was treating with acid under pressure after washing with 3,000 gallons. A total of 12,000 gallons likely was to be used between 6,885 and 7,500 feet, the total depth. Location is the C SW SE 13-A31-psl. Tide Water No. 1 Woodley Petroleum, northwestern Gaines county wildcat southwest of the Wasson field, C SE SE 62-AX-psl, was credited in an unconfirmed report with recovering some oil on a drillstem test from 5,086 to 5,106 feet. It is being drilled "tight." The San Andrea section of the Permian lime was topped at 4,610-foot, 1,002 feet below sea level.

Continental No. 1-A Dr. E. H. Jones, northwestern Gaines county wildcat C SW SE NW 22-A7-psl west of the Russell pool, was running 7-inch casing to the bottom, 11,183 feet in lime and chert. It is scheduled to explore the Ordovician. Humble No. 1 R. A. Cox, west central Gaines wildcat C SW NE 14-A11-psl, had passed 10,388 feet in shale. Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith Foundation in the Monohans field in northeastern Ward county topped the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, lime at 10,331 feet, 7,640 feet below sea level. This, according to one correlation, was 294 feet lower than in No. 1 Sealy Smith, the discovery, about one half mile east and slightly south. Six feet of fractured dolomite bearing a slight oil odor and traces of saturation in fractures in the bottom four feet was recovered from a core from 10,361 to 10,378 feet. Coring continued. No. 1 Sealy-Smith is West Texas' deepest Ordovician discovery and has the thickest pay section, 460 feet.

hood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and its auxiliary will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at the W. O. W. Hall and highlight of the evening will be presentation of 40 year emblems to three members. The emblems signifying continuous membership in the brotherhood for the past 40 years and will be given to L. L. Freeman, W. H. Miller of El Paso and W. R. Martin. W. J. Brown of Fort Worth, general chairman for the brotherhood, will be here to be in charge of the presentation of the emblems. Mrs. F. B. Wilson is chairman of the committee in charge of the program to be presented during the evening.

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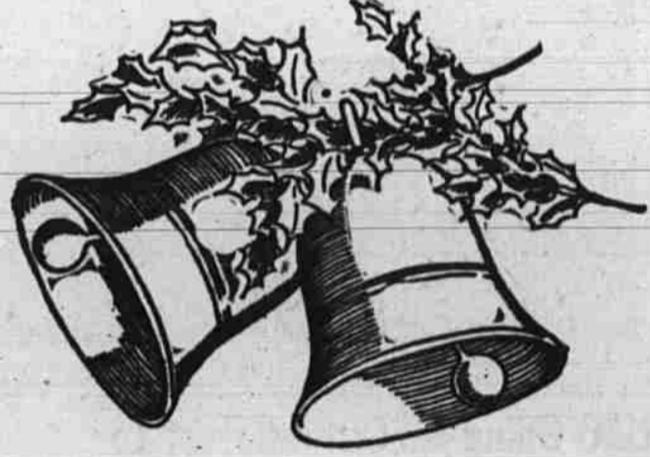
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Editorial - - - Price Increase For Crude?

Oil is the white collar worker among essential ingredients of victory. It hasn't had a raise in price since war began, and it started away below par and remains about 65 per cent below par to this day.

Hollywood - - - The Film Colony Has Difficulties In Production

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD - - There really is a point in bringing it up again, this matter of comparisons between the Hollywood screen and the New York theater.

"Before the war, I used to think the motion picture industry was advancing faster than any other—and a lot faster than some of the sciences.

"The biggest loss is among the writers. A director can give an old story a new twist, and that helps, but you can't go on using old stories forever.

Crossword Puzzle

Table with crossword puzzle clues: ACROSS, DOWN, and numbered squares for letters.

concerns and the president doesn't veto, a price rise can be expected soon. It will take less than a cent a gallon rise in the price the consumer pays for his skinny allowance of gasoline.

It will cost Uncle Sam and his allies more in proportion, of course; but if it is sinful to give the petroleum industry a decent price for its product, what's the difference in that and in spending hundreds of millions of the taxpayers' money to maintain subsidies on other commodities?

Already the industry has been seriously damaged by a price scale below the cost of production. Many small operators have been forced out of business—they have been gobbled up by the big companies which produce only a part of the oil they refine, so

they're interested in a low price for crude. Whether the higher price proposed by the house will save the little fellows from eventual extinction is questionable—it will merely prolong their struggle for existence under conditions which have been getting progressively worse for a long time.

The low price of crude and OPA's steadfast refusal to do anything about it has militated against the little fellow and in favor of the big boys. The little fellow's last hope on earth lay with congress. Now congress has taken a decisive step, but even so it does not seem likely that it may fall afoul of a presidential veto.

It is a fact, you can kill the oil business as traditionally constituted goodbye, and prepare for an era of total monopoly by a few big operators.

FINAL ASSEMBLY By E. H. LEFTWICH

Chapter 24 Pete lost no time in seeing Kitty. 'I've found out things,' he said with a grin.

straggling line of workers on their way to the plant entrance. To their right, the deep red sun hung low in the afternoon sky, over the test-flight ramp.

Washington Daybook - Workers In The FBI Set Record On Long Hours

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON -Your Capital in wartime: Over at F. B. I., in the identification division, they're going in for the longest hours in the government.

force, with the men being used as replacements in the Fifth Army and as task forces in the Mediterranean area.

Conservative Washington observers are positive that one of the most unfortunate things that has happened in this war is the 'Patton episode.'

About The 'Focus Cats' 'Texas Embassy' Headquarters For U.S. Aerial Reconnaissance Pilots

By FRANKLIN BANKER AT A U.S. AIR BASE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 18 -In a picturesque little English farmhouse called the 'Texas Embassy,' a fast-moving, wiry Texan conjures up bold schemes by which the 'Focus Cats' of the Eighth Air Force are helping make life miserable for the Nazis.

Col. Sanders carried on where Col. Hall left off in developing the appointments of the 'Embassy.' But naturally, like Col. Hall, it's his job to inspect the reconnaissance group, and he does that with speed.

The Thrill That Comes Once In A Lifetime



B L O N D I E At that moment Alf Mason hurried up to them. Stopping them, he threw out both arms in a gesture of defeat.

B A R N E Y & S N U F F Y 'VE JOIT! THAT VIGOROUS NAME CALLIN' HAIN'T FOR VE-VE-GMIF-WIT!

O H, STOP TRYING TO SHOOT IT DOWN WITH A MACHINE GUN - HIT IT WITH YOUR HANDS!

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P A T S Y 'I'M LOADING THE RIFLES FAST AS I CAN, ANDREW!!'

WHAT TRAP IS THIS? MY BRAVES ARE FALLING LIKE LEAVES!!

WE'D BETTER GIVE IT UP!! WALKING DOG SAYS THERE ARE FIFTEEN RIFLEMEN IN THAT CABIN!!

WE'VE GONE TOO FAR TO GIVE UP NOW... I HAVE A PLAN TO MAKE 'EM COME OUT AND FIGHT!

A N N I E R O O N E Y WELL-TRAINED DOGS LIKE YOURS MUST BE VERY VALUABLE - EVER HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH DOG THIEVES?

N O P E, M Y D O G S A R E L I K E A F O O T B A L L T E A M . A S A T E A M , T H E Y A R E V A L U A B L E , B U T A S I N D I V I D U A L S T H E Y A R E J U S T D O G S .

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I W A S J U S T T H I N K I N G , Z E R O , I N O U R A C T Y O U D O A L L T H E W O R K A N ' I G E T A L L T H E M O N E Y T H A T ' S N O T R I G H T !

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