

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — The Three Mesquiteers in "Oklahoma Renegades;" 2-reel Andy Clyde comedy, cartoon, serial and short.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland in "Strawberry Blonde;" latest March of Time.

Tuesday only—"Father's Son," with John Litel and Billy Dawson, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Orrin Tucker and his orchestra in "You're the One," with Bonnie Baker, Jerry Colonna, Edward Everett Horton.

"Strawberry Blonde"

"The Strawberry Blonde," which is scheduled at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, is just the gala fun fest you've all been waiting for to chase the blues away. The jolliest show this side of the naughty nineties, the new Warner Bros. comedy has the warmth and color that made those gay nineties so gay and you won't want to miss it.

There's James Cagney, the guy who put the roar in the "Roaring Twenties" as the bad boy of the nineties. There's Olivia deHavilland deserting her epic screen romances with Errol Flynn to play the kind of girl your mother probably was. There's the screen's new and luscious siren, Rita Hayworth, playing the naughty, but oh, so lovable, Strawberry Blonde. Bluff and gruff Alan Hale plays a likable old bar-fly, whose avocation is street-cleaning. Jack Carson is the city slicker who runs off with the Strawberry Blonde, and George Tobias, whose roster of film roles reads like an assembly call of the League of Nations, plays a philosophical Greek barber.

Stepping out of the tough guy roles that he has been playing recently, Cagney is seen in "The Strawberry Blonde" as a gay blade of the turn of the century days, in a comedy that gives the bird to the gilded age. He's that way about Rita Hayworth, the Strawberry Blonde, but his "pal" Jack Carson, elopes with her, leaving Cagney to console himself with sweet, devoted Olivia deHavilland. In the

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to be filmed—Warner Bros.' "Father's Son," which will come to the Queen theatre Tuesday.

To play the boy, Warners cast Billy Dawson, a handsome, vital, boyish boy who shows much talent. The father's role is carried by the capable actor, John Litel, and the mother is played by the charming British player, Frieda Inescort.

The sympathetic story concerns Billy, a well-intentioned lad who just can't help getting into trouble. His father is also well-intentioned, but his severe handling of the boy puts a barrier between the two. This develops, and eventually Billy runs away from home. When he returns, his father foolishly continues to antagonize the boy, so the lad and his mother leave together. But now Billy realizes how unhappy both parents are, separated, and he gets to work on his ingenious plan that finds all ending happily.

"You're the One"

Hilarious comedy, hit tunes and saucy romance are all mixed in the happy blend making up Paramount's latest screen contribution, "You're the One," to be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, with Bonnie Baker and Orrin Tucker and his orchestra and Jerry Colonna heading a cast of brilliant comedians and entertainers.

This is the picture in which the baby-voiced Bonnie, who has won enormous popularity with her provocative manner of singing, and Orrin Tucker, make their film debuts. Their radio fans for a long time had been clamoring for the pair to appear on the screen. It was Gene Markey, who wrote and produced "You're the One," who induced the popular radio favorites to appear in the picture.

Among the new song hits which the picture introduces are "Strawberry Lane," "I Could Kiss You for That," "Gee, I Wish I'd Listened to My Mother" and "You're the One."

In the picture, Colonna is seen as the proprietor of a weight-reducing sanitarium, which is run in the style of a summer resort or night club, featuring Bonnie Baker, Orrin Tucker and a floor show as part of the entertainment. Lillian Cornell is Dr. Colonna's beautiful nurse-assistant. Dekker is an orchestra leader, who tries to lose weight at Colonna's

Change in Draftee Ages is Considered

Washington, Mar. 13. — Selective service officials Monday were considering plans to limit compulsory military training within a year or two to men between the ages of 21 and 25. The present age range is 21 to 25, inclusive.

Officials said reduction of the age limit would make it possible at some later date to reorganize the present set-up easily under the European system—calling all youths for military service when they reach a specific age, such as 18 to 21 years.

The plan to reduce the age limit soon to 21 to 25 years, it was said, is based on the theory that the United States will remain at peace and that the army's job will be to maintain a backlog of militarily trained youths for use in event of an emergency. Officials explained that even though the United States remains out of the present war, they believe it will be necessary to maintain a large army.

No final decision on the change has been made and, if it is decided to go ahead with such a plan, congressional action will be necessary.

wacky sanitarium, in order to be able to obtain a radio contract. Teddy Hart is the chauffeur, and Edward Everett Horton is Bonnie Baker's theatrical agent.

Produced by Gene Markey, the picture was directed by Ralph Murphy.

Homemaking Class at Divide Shows Aprons

Divide, Mar. 13.—The first year homemaking class of Divide conducted its first class style show Monday, Mar. 3, in the homemaking living room. Fourteen attractive aprons were modeled by the beginners. Snapshots were made of the students following the show.

A vote was taken as to the most attractive aprons made with the honor of first place going to Jey Seward and second place to Jackie Lewis. Various styles were displayed with excellent selections of color and material. The girls show promises of being excellent clothing students.

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Strength of Army Over Million Mark

Washington, Mar. 13. — The strength of the army passed the 1,000,000 mark Monday.

The war department estimated the army strength at 1,003,500 officers and enlisted men as follows: Officers — Regular army, 14,000; National Guard, 16,500; reserve, 38,000; total, 68,500. Enlisted men—Regular army, 467,000; National Guard, 255,000; selective service trainees, 213,000; total, 935,000.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McRee and daughter, Sue, accompanied by Miss Virginia Chloe McRee and H. L. McRee, spent from Friday to Sunday seeing the Fort Worth Stock show and visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell.

J. W. Williamson and his grandson, Tom Williamson III, from Batesville, Ark., were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson. On their return they were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Hubert Beckham and Tom Williamson.

Capt. Wade Stribling of Camp Barkeley was a guest Saturday in the home of his cousin, C. C. Stribling and, while here, he in company with C. C. and Mrs. Stribling, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Stribling, who live on the Newman ranch. Mrs. C. M. Stribling is also a guest at this time of her sons at the ranch.

Mesdames J. A. Brown and Ed Burks were guests Wednesday in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Alice Moody, Sweetwater.

Clarence Duke of Brownfield was a passing guest of relatives and friends here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson from Blair were visiting friends and also shopping some here Saturday night.

Walter Smith of Camp Barkeley was a guest over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Artemus Howell, who is working at Camp Bowie, was home Friday. Returning to his work Saturday, he was accompanied by his wife and son, Donald. The latter returned Sunday while Mrs. Howell remained for a several days' visit.

Mrs. T. B. Adams of Wayside came last Friday for a visit of several days in the home of her sister, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter.

Mrs. Reuben Reeves is recovering from a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Beckham and son, Hubert, had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Trevehan and Mrs. J. M. Bland of Wichita Falls, also Mrs. W. T. Hamor of Winters, who was accompanying them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes and son, Bobbie, were recent guests in the home of Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Everett, of Woodson.

Marshall Thixton of Corsicana was a guest last Tuesday and Wednesday of his aunt, Mrs. Rose Edwards.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper, who has been ill for some time, is improving and is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones.

Mrs. Helen Williams, who is teaching in Abilene, was home for the week-end.

Misses Yvonne Hodge and Virgie Hardy, accompanied by Jack Chapman and Miss Ruth Chapman of Blair, spent Sunday in Brownwood, visiting Miss Hardy's brother, Weldon Hardy, who is in training at Camp Bowie. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Hardy of Clyde and all together enjoyed the day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Burkett of Andrews were recent guests in the home of Mrs. Burkett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum. On their return home they were accompanied by the Mangums who spent several days in their home.

Mrs. J. B. Winn returned home Sunday from a ten days' stay in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, of Sonora. The Taylors are announcing the birth of a

baby girl, named Mary Beth, on Feb. 21.

Karl Bonneaux, Jr., of Hardin-Simmons, spent the week-end with his parents.

John Hamner has gone to Dallas where he has employment.

Bob Howell, who has been in the hospital at Marshall for the past several weeks, has returned and is now back on the job with the T. & P. His run is from Monahans to Abilene.

Miss Thelma Titsworth has gone to Rankin to visit with her brother, L. Z.

Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson, who is attending McMurry, was a recent guest of home folks.

Mrs. Grant Reagan returned Monday to her home near Big Spring after a week's visit with relatives here.

Edgar Lee Mangum, who is working at Camp Barkeley, spent the week-end with home folks.

J. B. Wade and Bud Winter attended the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth Monday. They were accompanied by a group of 4-H club boys, among them being J. B. Winn, Jr., Buddie Winter, the two Wade boys, Paul Ueckert, Odell Swinney, Weldon Rutledge, Billie Hodges and Billie Joe Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogins of Blair have recently moved here. Mr. Scogins has charge of the Gulf station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright have as their guests Mrs. Wright's father, Mr. Powledge, of Van Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds and children attended a birthday dinner Sunday in Abilene for Mrs. Reynolds' mother, Mrs. H. B. Chambliss.

Mrs. A. R. Payne and daughter, Miss Magdalene, were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hodge of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen were guests from Wednesday to Saturday in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Holt, of Waco.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune, accompanied by a number of young people, attended the meeting of the Union of the Lighted Cross at the Merkel M. E. church Monday evening.

W. M. U. MEETS IN HOME OF MRS. BECKHAM.

Ladies of the Baptist church observed the Annie W. Armstrong week of prayer in an all-day program on Friday, Mar. 7, in the home of Mrs. C. T. Beckham. Those having part

on the program were Mesdames W. C. Matthews, C. C. Stribling, Spurgeon Scott, Carl Edwards, Newman Reynolds and Orvin Robinson. Mrs. Thomas A. Roberts of Big Spring gave a very interesting review of the Home Mission Study book, "Trail of the Seed." Others present were Mrs. W. P. Stocker and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Stocker, of Abilene, Mrs. Fred Porter, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour and an offering for home missions was taken.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lu, honored their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. John James, of Fort Worth, and Miss Garnetta Bailey of Slaton on last Saturday evening with a turkey dinner. Other guests invited were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and son, Billie Joe, and Vernon Howe.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Woodmen Circle Grove No. 668 met in regular session Mar. 1, when a very interesting program was given. After the business session, refreshments of cream and cold drinks were served.

The next meeting will be at the W. O. W. hall on Apr. 5, at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. W. M. Carey was honored at her home last Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner. Those present were her sons, O. R. Carey and family, Post; C. S. Carey and family, Stith; Truman Carey and family, Carl Carey and family, Trent; her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton, Trent; her sister, Mrs. Will Austin, Anson; a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Austin, Anson; a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will Roogie, Maryneal; a daugh-

ter, Miss Alice Carey, and her husband, W. M. Carey. Mrs. Carey received many nice gifts.

SCHOOL NEWS.

R. L. Fortune attended the superintendents' meeting in Abilene last Monday night.

The debate team, accompanied by Mrs. T. B. Friend, visited the invitation tournament at Abilene Saturday.

Each Monday night there is a picture show at the high school auditorium.

CHURCHES.

Methodist—Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning sermon 11. Night services at 8. Young people's meeting at 7. Mid-week services Wednesday night at 8. Women's Society of Christian Service Monday at 3 p. m. There is always a welcome. Cecil Tune, Pastor.

Baptist—Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. on the first and third Sundays. Training Union Sunday at 7. Miss Alice Carey, director. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. W. M. U. meets Monday 2:30 p. m. Every one is cordially invited. Fred Porter, Pastor.

Church of Christ—Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30. Bible study 10 a. m. Mid-week services Wednesday evening at 7:30. Gaston Cogdell, Pastor.

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James McNamara Dies. San Quentin Prison, Calif., Mar. 12.—James McNamara, union leader sentenced to life imprisonment for bombing the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, died Saturday in San Quentin prison after a lingering illness.

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