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QUEEN THEATRE
CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Roy Rogers, George (Gabby) Hayes in "In Old Cheyenne;" Three Stooges comedy, "Spider Returns" No. 12.
Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy in "Great Guns;" also "Perils of the Jungle," Water Sports.
Tuesday only—"Blondie in Society," with Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, Larry Simms; selected short subjects.
Wednesday-Thursday—"Three Girls About Town," with Joan Blondell, Binnie Barnes, Janet Blair; color comedy, also "American Sea Power."

"Great Guns"
In their first picture in over a year, top comedians Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are starred in "Great Guns," the new 20th Century-Fox comedy to open at the Queen Saturday preview and continuing Sunday matinee and Monday night.

In the past, the Laurel and Hardy comedies have never had a story—instead they worked from day to day, and when the filming commenced, no one could tell how the story would end up. Under their new contract, signed with 20th Century-Fox just prior to the filming of "Great Guns," they have a clause which permits them to O. K. the script before they work on the picture.

According to preview critics, this system has worked out much better for all concerned. There was plenty of room for the comics to improvise—and they did insert several spontaneous gags which hit them on the spot—and brought belly laughs at the preview. But the important point is that "Great Guns," unlike most of the Laurel and Hardy comedies that have gone before, has a definite beginning, middle and ending.

Masters of slapstick, the slow burn and the delayed take, they take over

Lehigh's Skipper



Capt. Vincent P. Arkins, commander of the torpedoed U. S. freighter Lehigh, who gave an account of sinking upon his arrival at Freetown, South Africa.

the army in such a way as to make the navy glad they weren't chosen.

Tough sergeant Edmund MacDonald makes things miserable for them, and though they fall for lovely Sheila Ryan—handsome Dick Nelson already has that situation well in hand. But the pay off is the unusual climax—even for Laurel and Hardy—and the funniest in many a moon.

Monty Banks directed "Great Guns" from the screen play by Lou Breslow. It was produced by Sol M. Wurtzel.

"Blondie in Society"

Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake and Larry Simms, the Bumstead family of cartoon strip, radio and motion picture fame, return to the screen of the Queen theatre Tuesday in their latest happy adventure, Columbia's "Blondie in Society." Others in the cast include Danny Mummert, Jonathan Hale, Edgar Kennedy, William Frawley and Chick Chandler.

Frank R. Strayer, who made the sensationally successful Blondie predecessors, is responsible for the laugh-filled record of Blondie's adventures with the Four Hundred, a series of hilarious incidents which begin with Dagwood almost arrested for writing out a \$50 check without Blondie's knowledge. From that moment, through his hilarious acquisition of an over-sized and exceedingly hungry Great Dane, which terrifies the neighborhood and almost wrecks the Bumsteads' happy marriage, the film is said to move with swift abandon to the hectic free-for-all which wrecks a swank dog show and effectively keeps Blondie out of society. On the other hand, Dagwood gets a bonus and a raise when his dizzy antics result in another million-dollar deal, so Blondie doesn't particularly care.

Penny Singleton, former musical comedy star whose appearances as Blondie have won her a sensational new fame, is said to top in beauty and effectiveness even her previous performances. Lake and Young Larry Simms are equally fine in familiar roles. Kennedy is seen as a veterinarian who takes a beating, both financial and physical from an irate Blondie; Frawley is a millionaire with a penchant for Great Danes.

"Three Girls About Town"

Armed with one of the wittiest scripts of the season, Columbia has produced a rollicking romantic farce, "Three Girls About Town," starring Joan Blondell, Binnie Barnes and Janet Blair, with Robert Benchley and John Howard. The comedy is to be presented at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

It purports to tell the answer to American wifedom's most vexing enigma: what goes on at hubby's out-of-town conventions—after the business sessions. In the process, the audience is taken behind the scene of a strike conference, a morticians' conclave and a "murder" investiga-

Temporary Locations
Courthouse Family
In Jones County

For the benefit of those having business with Jones county officials, County Judge Gilbert Smith has furnished The Mail the following information as to the temporary locations of these offices:

Anson Motor Company building—Sheriff's office, county superintendent, county attorney.

Old State Bank building—Tax assessor-collector, district clerk. Basement of courthouse—County clerk, county treasurer, county surveyor, county agents.

Second floor, First National Bank building—County judge.

Hudson Implement building—Abstract offices.

Enlisted Men Get
First \$10 Extra Pay

Camp Berkeley, Texas, Nov. 6.—Enlisted men of the 45th Infantry division with a year of federal service behind them have received their first full \$10 of extra pay.

The division finance office paid out nearly \$500,000 in wages for October on the first pay day since the men returned from Louisiana maneuvers. Because so many soldiers were away on furloughs, the supplemental payroll Nov. 15 will be nearly that large again.

The wage increase for one-year men was authorized by congress in the draft extension bill. Officers' pay for the month totaled approximately \$300,000.

The fun begins when reporter Tommy Hopkins (John Howard) irked by Hope Banner's (Joan Blondell) rejection of his proposal, sets out to get her fired from her job as hotel hostess, so that she'll be forced to reconsider. Hope learns of his plot and fights back, aided by her sisters, Faith (Binnie Barnes) and Charity (Janet Blair). As the theatre of the lover's war spreads from room to room and floor to floor, it all mounts up to a major headache for the hotel manager, Wilburforce Puddle (Robert Benchley).

"Three Girls About Town" should be one of the significant pictures of the new season for several reasons. First, the film marks the transition of John Howard from heavy romantic leads to his first important comedy role. Second, it serves as the maiden vehicle for Janet Blair, former radio vocalist, who probably will prove to be the feminine screen find of the year. And third, it affords three outstanding fun favorites, Joan Blondell, Binnie Barnes and Robert Benchley, the most uninhibited story of their careers.

Leigh Jason directed from an original screen play by Richard Carroll.

List of Petit Jurors
Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

Earl Mashburn, W. Ross Wheeler, Chester Bond, W. S. J. Brown, Lynn Shelton, R. B. Wells, J. H. Ensminger, W. L. Blackburn, Booth Warren, C. P. Suber, S. F. Smith, Merkel; Hill P. Simmons, J. M. Davenport, C. D. Rogers, Norwood Parramore, H. I. Dean, C. L. Young, Jno. W. Thomas, G. O. LaGrange, M. R. Caton, M. E. Lanford, W. A. Quattlebaum, F. E. Williams, H. M. Henslee, F. L. Adams, T. C. Casey, Fred Breechen, J. L. Machen, C. P. Oliver, J. F. Chambers, D. B. Shifflett, T. A. Russell, B. F. Hobbs, Joe Crump, S. S. Diller, W. R. Allison, John Dres, W. D. Free, Roy Mills, Jas. E. Dowle, Abilene; J. C. Fredrickson, Tye; L. D. Wright; J. H. Norris, J. T. Vernon, Ovalo; C. R. Tittle Trent; Tom Franks, W. T. Holder, J. H. Christian, Wingate; T. J. Lyles, Lawn; W. H. Brown, Tuscola.

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Trent News--Personals

Mrs. Rhoda Owens of Big Spring was a guest for several days recently of her son, Roscoe Owens, and family.

Mesdames Chas. McCurdy and Luther Dudley are visiting Mrs. R. J. Dudley of Linden.

Mrs. Robert Bailey and Miss Louise Bailey of Slaton were passing guests Saturday of Mrs. L. Ben Howell. They were en route to Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams and children, Jerry and Tillie Francis, of Dallas, were guests recently of Mrs. Jackson Bright.

Ira Davis returned Saturday from a business trip of several days to San Angelo.

W. J. Wise of Locksburg, Ark., was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin visited Saturday in the Howell home and Mr. Wise returned with them for a few days' stay.

Mrs. W. A. Eastman of Abilene has recently moved here. She has an apartment in the A. J. English home.

Mrs. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock was the week-end guest of the A. W. Woods family. Mrs. Woods returned home with her to visit a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens had as recent guests: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owens of Chickasha, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wood and baby, Jimmie, of Long Beach, Calif., and E. Owens of Memphis, Texas. All went to Camp Barkeley Sunday and had dinner in the mess hall as guests of Cpl. Geo. P. Johnson, Company H, 142nd infantry.

JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Mrs. Lucile Frazier and Mrs. Roscoe Owens honored their son and daughter, Raydon Frazier and Glenda Owens, on their first birthday with a party Saturday afternoon.

Guests were Bobby and Jamie Owens, Mamie Opal Waldon, Neta Hale, Hilda Lou Hutcheson, Camilla Ann Boyd and Jerry and Tillie Francis McWilliams.

SISTERS MARRY IN DOUBLE CEREMONY.

On last Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. Mr. Moody in Sweetwater, Miss Leona Dobbins and Elmer Whitaker and Miss Kathryn Dobbins and Hubert Watts were married in a double ceremony.

Mrs. Whitaker is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins and has for the past three years been employed at Gus' cafe. The groom is in the medical division at Camp Barkeley, his home being at Roff, Okla. They will make their home here, having taken an apartment in the Leamon hotel.

Mrs. Watts is also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins. The groom's home is in Sweetwater, where he is employed at the Sweetwater Body Works, and it is there they will make their home.

The brides were dressed in blue. Mrs. Watts in heavenly blue and Mrs. Whitaker in soldier blue, with black accessories.

PRUITT-WEST.

On last Saturday evening at the home of Rev. J. B. Stewart in the Mt. Pleasant community, Valree West, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, prominent stock farmer of this section, and Aulton Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pruitt of Abilene, were united in marriage.

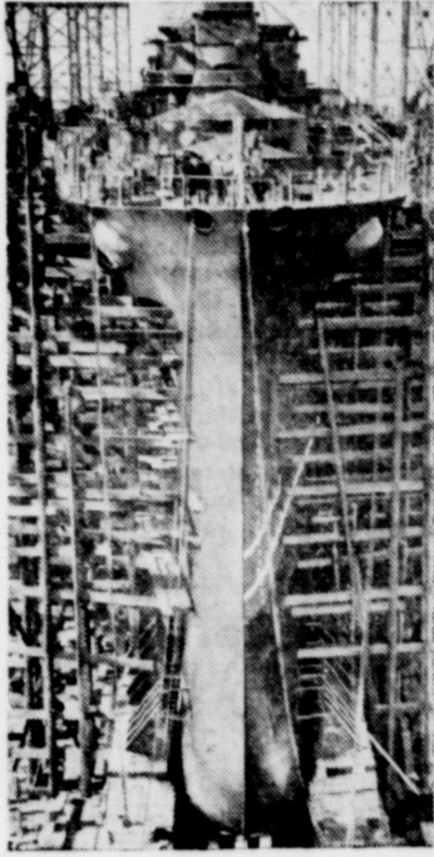
The bride wore a gold colored jersey costume with brown accessories. For something old she wore the diamond dinner ring of her aunt, Mrs. Caz Lansford. She was graduated in the 1939 class of Trent high school.

Mr. Pruitt is a graduate of Abilene high school and is employed by the J. D. Moore Transfer company of Abilene. The couple is at home at 1025 South 15th street.

REGEON-WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Herbertdean, to D. J. Regeon, Jr., on Oct. 18. The bride is the youngest daughter of this pioneer

Growing Fast



Unusual view of the bow of the battleship Indiana, which is rapidly taking shape at Newport News, Va. Construction work on the deck of this 35,000-ton ocean giant is well forward.

A report on the cotton spinning industry for June shows 104,662,016 active spindle hours in the state for the month. The average hours per spindle in Texas was 431—slightly above the national average of 408 hours per spindle.

family and very popular with the younger set. She finished school here with the 1940 class.

The groom, son of D. J. Regeon of Hodges, attended the Abilene schools and is now employed with the West Products company of Abilene, where they will make their home.

CHEEK-ORAND.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Lois, to James Eadmon Cheek of Company M, infantry regiment, Camp Barkeley.

The wedding took place October 26 in a morning ceremony at the home of her brother, Eddy Orand, in Fort Worth. The ring service was read by Rev. E. D. Zund, former pastor of Grapevine Baptist church. The couple is at home at 541 Portland avenue, Abilene.

Badgers

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his way for 16 yards and a first down. Melton made 1, passed incomplete, then made 3 and 12 to put the ball on the Roby 3. Both sides were off-side on the first play. Then Smith charged over right tackle and reached the goal line, but when he was tackled the ball rolled free into the end zone. Butman pounced on the ball for the Badgers' tying score. Melton calmly booted the ball through the uprights to make the score Merkel 7, Roby 6.

Following the kick-off, Roby started passing but had little success. Merkel took over on their own 35 yard line and marched to another score. Smith and Melton alternated at lugging the ball, with Melton going over from the 15 and kicking the extra point.

The stars for the night were plentiful. The Badgers had the pressure on them and they responded like champions. To pick out one or two would be impossible. Cox, Reynolds, Derington, Warren, E. Hickam, Butman and Hickam were stars in the line. That's right, there were seven of them. Cox deserves special mention for his end around plays, making 43 yards in two plays. His first, of 27, set up the first threat of the Badgers and his second on 16 set up the first score. And special mention goes to Butman, too, who covered the ball for the first touchdown. In the backfield Smith and Melton picked their usual steller games. Smith played up some nice yardage on line plunges and his blocking and tackling was never hard-

er. Melton gained most of the yardage and his punting, especially in the last half, was excellent. Two sailed for 45 yards, one going out of bounds on the ten-yard line. Higgins and Clark also played good games.

Yes, sir, we had a real ball game and everybody (from Merkel) was well pleased at the end.

The starting line-ups: Merkel—Cox and Elbert Hickam, ends; Reynolds and Butman, tackles; Euell Hickam and Derington, guards; Warren, center; Melton, quarter; Higgins and Carson, halves; Smith, full.

Roby—Campbell and Ashley, ends; Dell and C. Davis, tackles; McClure and Taylor, guards; Barnes, center; Fagan, quarter; Smith and Wetzel, halves; Clark, full.

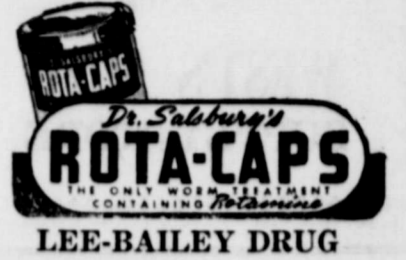
STATISTICS

First downs, Merkel 15; Roby 6. Yards gained, Merkel 292; Roby 186.

Scores, Merkel two touchdowns, Melton and Butman, two extra points by Melton; Roby one touchdown, Clark.

Officials: Referee, Jake Bentley, H-SU; umpire, Curly Hays, Tulsa; headlinesman, Johnny Brookshire, McMurry.

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