

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

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 Laburnum Grove, B

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THE NEW MOVIES

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(Editor's Note—Listed as Class B—objectionable in part—by the National Legion of Decency, this week, are: "Laburnum Grove"; objection: "Sympathy created for unrepentant wrong-doer." "Lady Is Willing"; objection: "Light treatment of marriage; plot reflects acceptability of divorce.")

Just to keep in step with one another, each of the first-run theaters presented one picture, rated "B" by the Legion of Decency. The entertainment value average was somewhat lower than that. All in all, it was a good week to stay

home from the cinema. None of the pictures which had their first showing were what could be called "distinguished," but worst of them all was the pretentious "Shanghai Gesture."

"Shanghai Gesture"—B

For some reason—probably because the Will Hays Office has been forbidding it all these years—Hollywood has been intent on filming the lurid old stage melodrama, "Shanghai Gesture." Now a version which changes the name and profession of the famous bad woman to "Mother Gin Sling," proprietress of a gambling house, has passed the Hays Office and is on display to any misguided soul who cares to see it.

It's a bad picture. The story is bad. The acting is bad. The direction of Josef von Sternberg is bad even though it is impressive in its study of exotic and colorful backgrounds and crowd scenes. But he is not too interested in developing his story and maybe he has something there never attempting to point drama or build suspense but making it all episodic and jerky or letting it lag by turns.

The story is all about the beautiful young thing who is ruined and disgraced by the machinations of an evil half-caste in revenge for an injury inflicted upon her by the girl's father. Then it turns out that the girl is really the half-caste's daughter all along.

Ona Munson, for all her mask-like makeup is never anyone else but Belle Watling pretending to be Chinese. Walter Huston, Victor Mature, Phyllis Brooks and even Albert Basserman can do little for their vaguely defined roles. And Gene Tierney how can one describe Gene Tierney. There are actresses who are merely adequate. There are actresses who do not attempt to act. Then there is Gene Tierney, whose performance is one of the most gosh-awful exhibitions that the screen has seen for a long time. We like the New Yorker's description of it: "Gene Tierney is less the abandoned rich girl than she is a young woman having a tantrum in Schrafft's over the fudge sauce." The best performance in the picture is contributed by Maria Ouspenskaya. And don't say, "But Ouspenskaya appears only in a few seconds of the film—and then doesn't speak a word." That's what we mean.

"Roxie Hart"—B

Back in the 1920's, one of Broadway's hits was a raucous satire on publicity-hungry murderesses, on the courts that let them off without rebuke, and on the sensation-loving tabloids and public that made heroines out of them. The play, "Chicago," was later made into a movie and now is remade as a vehicle for Ginger Rogers. It's a strange picture—sometimes highly amusing in its original vein of satire, but more often just broad burlesque.

This time the story unfolds via the reminiscence route as a 1942 reporter stands in a bar-room and talks about his cub-reporter days and the vaudeville-like murder trials that used to be. He remembers particularly the trial of Roxie Hart. Dissolve back to 1927 and the story of Roxie, who in this version is not actually a murderess. She has taken blame for her husband's crime in order to gain publicity and a vaudeville contract.

The 1927 sets, costumes and atmosphere are accurate, but too much of the picture is forced and burlesqued. Ginger Rogers is amusing as the gum-chewing

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