

The Courier Covers

THE NEW MOVIES

By John Springer

(Editor's Note: Listed as Class B, objectionable in part, by the National Legion of Decency, this week, are: "Dr. Renault's Secret", objection: "Excessive gruesomeness. The subject material and treatment reflect some acceptance of the possibility of changing an ape into a human being." "Mummy's Tomb, The", objection: "Excessive gruesomeness," and "Traitor Within, The", objection: "Buttress in plot solution.")

Through the medium of this column, Auditorium theater publicity work and radio programs at WILLAM and WSAI, I have come into contact with several people who were just names and shadows on the screen to me before. I'd say nothing about the occasional Erich von Stroheim and Katharine Hepburn I have encountered, but the majority of them have been very cooperative and very good eggs. Such great ladies of the screen and theater as Helen Hayes, Katharine Corbell, Irene Dunne, Jeanette MacDonald, Flora Robson, Judith Anderson and Cornelia Otis Skinner have proved to be charming ladies outside the screen and theater. Mary Carroll, Sylvia Sydney Betty Field have always been three of my off-screen favorites. They're three of my off-screen favorites, too. Alexander Woolcott and Monty Woolley are exactly as you'd expect them to be in real life—tart of tongue, witty and very entertaining people with whom to be. I'll remember them and many others—Ed Wynn, who used his normal voice for the first time in radio as a guest on my program.

The Army calls—and the Courier's Current Cinema Comments folds... at least for the duration. It seems funny to think that I won't be sitting through the usual six pictures a week and leaving the theater to write about them, but for the time to come, I expect there will be other things to occupy me. I think I've wanted to write about the screen and theater as long as I can remember. In Aquinas, at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto and at Marquette, I managed to get the positions of movie and theater reporter. Out of college, I carried on as critic on a paper called the "Owl," now happily defunct. Tom O'Connor, news editor of the CATHOLIC COURIER gave me a chance to transform "The Owl's Opinion" into "The Courier Comments" and they've been going on ever since.

Francis Lederer who sat in the living room of Howard Hoerner's apartment with us until long after the milkman came, while we discussed this and that and things and stuff... Fay Wray, who arrived at the studio for a broadcast with me, flanked by a motorcycle escort, just a split second before we were to go on the air... Maurice Evans, who gave me a lesson in jive—a Shakespearean star brooding "Blues in the Night"...

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Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

- The Avengers, A-1
American Empire, A-1
Heart of the Golden West, A-1
Outlaw of Pine Ridge, A-1
Wrecking Crew, A-2
Dr. Renault's Secret, B
Mummy's Tomb, B

AT THE THEATRES

- PALACE
Once Upon a Honeymoon, B
Lucky Legs, A-2
LOEW'S ROCHESTER
For Me and My Gal, A-1
Boston Blackie, A-1
CENTURY
Manila Calling, A-2
Girl Trouble, A-2
TEMPLE
Eyes of the Underworld, A-2
Yanks Are Coming, A-1
REGENT
Navy Comes Through, A-1
Moonlight in Havana, A-2
LITTLE
Top Hat (Not classified)

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And it's been a good year at least for me I've covered a lot of pictures which might be impolitely referred to as "B" pictures but there have also been plenty of the kind you want to remember. The first COURIER column was written on Nov. 1939. The pictures I covered that week were "The Roaring Twenties," a good Cagney melodrama, "The Real Glory," a Gary Cooper picture "What a Life," the high school comedy and three pretty dreadful items entitled "Rio," "The Hidden Power" and "Everything's On Ice." Since then there have been many more. The ones I'll remember best not rated in order of excellence are "Natchka," "We Are Not Alone," "Shop Around the Corner," "Of Mice and Men," "Gone With the Wind," "His Girl Friday," "Grapes of Wrath," "Pinocchio," "Rebecca," "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," "The Mortal Storm," "Pride and Prejudice," "Our Town," "Foreign Correspondent," "The Great Dictator," "Angels Over Broadway," "They Knew What They Wanted," "The Long Voyage Home," "The Lady Eve," "Night Train," "Tom, Dick and Harry," "The Stars Look Down," "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," "Citizen Kane," "Major Barbara," "The Little Foxes," "The Maltese Falcon," "Sergeant York," "Suspicion," and many others, including several of this current year, covered later in this column. With a lot of pictures like that you don't rep memories of the bad ones very long.

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FIRST AID CLASSES OPEN

First Aid Class will be held this week on Friday, Nov. 27, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Next week, and every week thereafter, classes will be held as usual on Thursday evenings.

MISSION LISTED

A parish mission will open in St. Andrew's on Sunday, Nov. 29, and will be conducted by the Paulist Fathers. Announcements regarding the time of Masses and Mission Services will be made at all the Masses on next Sunday. The people are once again asked to pray for the success of the Mission.

PATRONAL FEAST

Sunday, Nov. 29, is the feast of St. Andrew, the patron of our Church. It also marks the 28th anniversary of Father Eckl's appointment as pastor of St. Andrew's. May God's blessing be upon him and may He keep him with us for many more years to come.

NOVENA SERVICES

Novena services in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are held every Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. These services have been held for the past few years, and at the present time special prayers are added for men and women of St. Andrew's who are now in the service of their country, many of whom are overseas. The number of these men and women now totals more than 300 and consequently the church should be well filled every Tuesday evening.

LETTER FROM SERVICEMAN

The following letter was received by one of the men in St. Andrew's Parish from his son in the service, and it speaks very eloquently of the fine Catholic spirit of our boys:

Dear Daddy:
Just thought I'd drop you a line to thank you for all your prayers and sacrifices, and to let you know that I appreciate all you've done very much.
I thought you might like to know that I'm feeling fine and as to how I'm looking, well, take a look at the picture I sent last week to Mom.
I also wanted to tell you that whenever you think of me that I'd like you to think of me, not as a smartly dressed soldier in a neatly cut uniform—that's alright, I guess, but I rather have you think of me as a Catholic boy in the service. They say religion is for women and children, and our Lord said, Unless you be like little children, you cannot enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Think of me then as I was when I made my first Holy Communion.
I'd also like to have you know that every day I'm trying harder and harder to be the Catholic man my father is.
Thanks for everything
Your devoted son,
Hubert