Watching The Screen

Bewitched, Bewildered, And Boring

By RAY SMITH

"BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE" comes to the Paramount Theater this week as a romantic fantasy developed from the late John Van Druten's gentle comedy.

James Stewart and Kim Novak are the top names on the bill and this team will attract ADULTS to this adults ONLY picture.

Kim starts the farce as a young woman who sells primitive African art. You wonder how she makes a living as I can remember only seeing a few customers increasing their collections of head-hunting equipment.

O well, that's business. Back to our tea-leaves.

She is really a witch who has designs on Jim Stewart and casts him under a spell. If you think it sounds nuts up to now, keep reading.

Elsa Lanchester, as Kim's aunt, is a minor witch who uses her limited talent irresponsibly, opening locked doors and hexing telephones. Jack Lemmon, bongo player at the Zodiac club, adds a little boyish fun messing traffic lights and setting horns in parked cars to blowing.

Ernie Kovacs, as the author of unknown tales in witchcraft, gave this reviewer a few good laughs. He plays the free-loader who is ready to interrupt anything to have a drink. Maybe he hit the audience so well because all of us have one or two friends of whom he was the caricature.

The biggest laugh was that of Jimmie Stewart's expressions when he is made to drink some bug-a-boo joy juice in an attempt to escape the witch's spell. To say the least, it doesn't look too delicious. UGH!

As you might suspect, just before this 103 minute film comes to a happy ending, Kim blushes and weeps (two things witches can't do) and Jimmie takes her in his arms happy she is a human being.

Although the above may seem hilarious funny, the movie left me cool. Or in plain English, it was boring. Maybe it's just I can't see this slow type of humor. The few laughs don't equal the advertisements of this comedy. So concerning BBC, I rest my case. ADULTS of the jury, what do you think!

"PARTY GIRL" brings two of MGM'S top stars to the Loew's Theater in a film which doesn't offer too much as good entertainment.

Robert Taylor plays the successful courtroom mouthpiece for Lee J. Cobb, an underworld ruler of Chicago in the roaring '30s. Cyd Charisse, as a night-club showgirl, feels sorry for Taylor when she hears the story of his crippled leg and his selfish estranged wife. With this tear-seeking combination (Where's my towel?), they fall in love. This theme, joined with a few dance specialties by Miss Charisse, makes this gangster-speak-easy-ridden film OBJECTIONABLE FOR ALL.

The acting of some deserve mention, especially of Lee J. Cobb. Sentimental and sinister, he keeps up suspense with his moody orders for personal mayhem or wholesale murder. John Ireland and Corey Allen are perfectly cast as vicious gunmen.

As 99 minutes comes to an end, the story finishes with the traditional ganster melodramatic style in a machine-gunning, acid-throwing climax.

The Palace Theater holds for another smash week the hilarious "AUNTIE MAME." The crowds of ADULTS are still walking from the theater crying with laughter.

Theatre Guide

Downtown Rochester

CINEMA
The Horse's Mouth (Unobjectionable for adults) A-3

PARAMOUNT
Bell, Book and Candle A-3

PALACE
Auntie Mame A-3

LOEW'S
Party Girl (Objectionable) B
The Decks Ran Red A-3

CURRENT PLAYS

Blithe Spirit—rated partly objectionable by Sign magazine.

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs—Poignant drama of an irascible married pair, painfully groping toward mutual understanding. Includes some quite candid discussion of marital intimacies. (New York Catholic News)

My Fair Lady — Recommended for adults by Sign Magazine.

Two Rochester theaters, the Little and the Capitol, have on more than one occasion during the past year shown movies rated as Class C (Condemned) by the Legion of Decency. Catholics are reminded of the Legion pledge by which they promise to stay away from theaters showing condemned films as a matter of policy.

Hornell Radio Lists Rosary

Live Rosary broadcasts are being carried on WWHG, 1320 on the dial in Hornell, during Lent. The broadcasts replace the Sacred Heart Program Monday through Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the Holy Name Society of St. Ann and St. Ignatius Loyola churches and Council 243, Knights of Columbus will handle the broadcasts.

The Sacred Heart Program will resume March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

WWHG also carries the Hour of St. Francis each Sunday at 5:15 p.m.

Marian Theater Tells Story Of Korean Action

Father Patrick Peyton's Marian Theater will present "Action Was Limited," over the Mutual Network from 10-10:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15.

The program is carried on WMBO, 1340 on the dial in Auburn.

"Action Was Limited" is the story of an exciting and tragic episode in the lives of a small group of American soldiers on patrol duty in Korea. As the stateside news reporters broadcast their daily news announcements, stating that things were slow on the Korean front, and that "action was limited today," we go behind the scenes and follow the small patrol through an experience of unlimited action.

'On The Downbeat. Let's Go'

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — Wilbert Frisch, assistant concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, leads the 60 nuns of the new Diocesan Teachers Symphony Orchestra here. The first of its kind in this area, and one of six in the entire country, the group was organized to encourage some 124,000 children in 274 elementary and secondary Catholic schools to take an active interest in music. Whether it's the pounding beat of modern jazz or the familiar classics of Beethoven and Schubert, the nuns play with tremendous enthusiasm and joy.

Watch Those TV Tubes

Need a new TV tube? The Better Business Bureau of Rochester urges readers to choose wisely when replacing worn picture tubes.

A rash of recent advertisements in the daily papers have been offering "First Quality," "Brand New," tubes at cut-rate prices, "Installed Free." The Bureau states that much of the advertising is false and misleading and that the tubes described have physical imperfections.

Readers are urged to consult only reputable dealers for tube replacement.

Water Shortage Threatens Cathedral

Venice — (NC) — The great, golden Basilica of St. Mark's which is literally surrounded by the sea has the experts worried because there is not an adequate water supply in case of fire.

Although like everything else in Venice St. Mark's stands on an island crisscrossed by canals, new water pipes are being laid in the square. The church and most of the nearby historic buildings are of stone but there is still enough wood in various parts of the structures to make the threat of fire serious.

At the same time the many-domed Byzantine church is undergoing extensive repairs both inside and out. Many of the 11th century mosaics near the sanctuary of the church have been removed and then replaced piece by piece after the underwall had been reinforced and strengthened.

These restorations are still in progress and probably will be so for more than a year.

Investigation has proved the foundations of the church to be sound. First built in the 9th century then added to and modified in the following centuries, the church rests on pilings sunk into the sea and filled with earth, as do almost all the buildings of the city.

Restorers have found serious cracks in some of the columns of the atrium or front porch. Future reinforcement is indicated for the vaults, pillars and arches of the church.

Legion of Decency Listings

CLASS A, Section 1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage

Andy Hardy Comes Home
Apaches Territory
Around the World in 80 Days
Attack Of The Puppet People
Barbarian and the Geisha
Bridge on the River Kwai
Buccaneer
Buchanan Rides Alone
Captain Panama Kosenplick
Cinerama South Sea Adventure
Desperate Exile
Divorce
Desert Hell
Dunkirk
Elizabeth Taylor
Escapade in Japan
Flaming Frontier
Fort Massacre
From Hell to Texas
Giant From the Unknown
Gideon of Scotland Yard
Girl Most Likely
Gift of Love
Ghost of Tom Chisk Bok
Golden Age of Comedy
Good Day for a Hanging
Handle With Care
Hell's Five Hours
High Flight
Hong Kong Affair
In Between Age
Inn of the Sixth Happiness
It, The Terror From Beyond Space
Jamboree Boy
Jungle Death Story
Joe Dakota
Johnny Rocco
Last of the Fast Guns
Let's Rock
Littlest Hobo
Light In the Forest
Lost Missile
Lourdes and Its Miracles
Manhunt in the Jungle
Marcelino
Mark of The Hawk
Matchmaker
Money, Women and Guns
My Uncle
Night to Remember
Nine Lives
No Time for Sergeants
Octet
One That Got Away
Old Man & The Sea
Father Panchali
Paris Holiday
Plunder Road
Proud Rebel
Pursuit Of The Graf Spee
Quantrill's Raiders
Rawhide Trail
Rock-a-bye-Baby
Hooney
Return to Warbow
Ride Out For Revenge
Run Silent, Run Deep
Sash of Henry Brown
Sierra Baron
Silent Enemy
Shamrock
Smiley Gets A Gun
Snowfire
Space Children
Spy in the Sky
St. Louis Blues
Story of Mankind
Story of Vicki
Tale of Two Cities
Tarzan's Fight For Life
Tank Force
Thundering Jets
Time Lock
Ten Days to Tulark
Tom Thumb
Tonka
Torpedo Run
Toughest Gun in Tombstone
Underwater Warrior
Up In Smoke
White Huntress
White Wilderness
Wild Heritage
Windjammer
Young Land
Wolf Dog

CLASS B, Section 1—Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents

Ambushing Six Monster
Attila
Awakening
Acturus
Appointment With A Shadow
Bitter Victory
Black Tide
Blonde Blackmailer
Blood Arrow
Brain Eaters
Bravados
Bullwhip
Camp on Blood Island
Case Against Brooklyn
Cattle Empire
Cross-Up
Colossus of New York
Copper Sky
Cosmic Monster
Count Five and Die
Crystal Eye
Cry Baby Killer
Cry of Fear
Curse of the Faceless Man
Date With Disaster
Dangerous Youth
Datelina Tokyo
Day of the Bad Man
Demoniaque
Enchanted Island
Flame Barrier
Flood Tide
Fly
Forty Guns
Fort Dobbs
Frontier Gun
Geisha Boys
Gunfire At Indian Gap
Guns Don't Argue
Gunimoke in Tuicon
Houseboat
Hard Man
Hear Me Good
Hell on Devil's Island
Hell Squad
Hot Angel
Hunchback of Notre Dame
Hunters, The
Imitation General
I Married a Woman
In the Money
Joy Ride
Let Her Gently
Kings Go Forth
Last Blitzkrieg
Last Bridge
Last Hurrah, The
Law and Jake Wade
Legion of the Doomed
Line Up, The
Lisa
Macabre
Man or Gun
Man Who Died Twice
Naked & The Dead
Naked in the Sun
Mardi Gras
New Orleans After Dark
Nice Little Bank That Should Be Robbed
Once Upon a Horse
Nowhere To Go
Oregon Passage
Party Crashers
Premier May
Quiet American
Raintree County
Reluctant Debutante
Return of Dracula
Revenge of Frankenstein
Revolt of the Big Horse
Ride the Crooked Trail
Robbery Under Arms
Rodan
Saddle The Wind
Safecracker
Scotland Yard Dragnet
She Demons
Sheriff of Fractured Jaw
Showdown at Boothill
Senior Prom
Snorkel
Space Master X
Step Down to Terror
Suicide Battalion
Tall Stranger
Tarawa Beachhead
Teenage Caveman
Teenage Bad Girl
Terror in a Texas Town
Thing That Couldn't Die
Thunder Road
Terror From the Year Five Thousand
Time to Love and A Time to Die
True Story of Lynn Stuart
Two-Headed Spy
Villa
Vertigo
Voice in The Mirror
War of the Satellites
War of the Colossal Beast
When Hell Broke Loose
Whole Truth
Windom's Way
Your Past is Showing

CLASS A, Section 2—Unobjectionable for Adults

Adultress
Another Time, Another Place
As Young As We Are
Age of Infidelity
Aquila Marree
Bonjour Tristesse
Brothers Karamazov
Cabiria
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
China Doll
Cool And The Crazy
Crime and Punishment
Cry Terror
Damn Yankees
Darby's Rangers
Defiant Ones
Desire Under the Elms
Doctor's Dilemma
Fiend Without A Face
Eighth Wise Calf
Frankenstein — 1970
Fräulein
Girl
Going Steady
Gates of Paris
Gervaise
Gun Runners
Girl In The Woods
Goddess
Gunman's Walk
Haunted Strangler
Harry Black and the Tiger
He Who Must Die
High Cost of Loving
High School Hellcats
Horror's Mouth
Horror of Dracula
Hot Spell
Indiscreet
In Love and War
Inspector Maigret
I Want To Live
Kathy-O
Key, The
Lady Takes a Flyer
Life Begins at 17
Lonely Hearts
Long, Hot Summer
Machete
Man Inside
Maracaibo
Marjorie Morningstar
Me and the Colonel
Monster on the Campus
Muggers
Murder by Contract
Naked Earth
Never Love a Stranger
Notorious Mr. Monks
Ordet
Outcasts of the City
Paxant
Paratroop Command
Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker
Roots of Heaven
Rouge Et Noir
Rx Murder
Separate Tables
Seven Guns to Mesa
She Gods of Shark Reef
South Pacific
Stage Struck
Strange Case of Dr. Manning
Ten North Frederick
This Happy Feeling
Time Without Pity
Too Much, Too Soon
Touch of Evil
Twilight For The Gods
Undersea Girl
Unwed Mother
Vikings
Violent Road
Wild Is the Wind
Witches of Salem
Wolf Larsen
Young Lions

Separate Classification

Adam and Eve — Film acceptable, advertising objectionable.
Cask of Dr. Laurent — Film acceptable for adults and older adolescent viewing when shown for educational rather than entertainment purposes.

CLASS B—Objectionable in part for all

Attack of the 50 Foot Woman
Back From The Dead
Black Patch
Blood of Dracula
Blonde in Bondage
Bonnie Parker Story
Bride and The Beast
Bride Is Much Too Beautiful
Cat Girl
Confessions of Felix Krull
Cop Hater
Decision at Sundown
Devil's General
Devil's Hairpin
Domino Kid
Dragstrip Girl
Dragstrip Riot
13 & Anxious
Escape From San Quentin
Every Second Counts
Farewell To Arms
Female Animal
Fiend Who Walked the West
Flesh and the Spur
Going Steady
Girl In The Bikini
Girls On The Loose
God's Little Acre
Gunbattle at Monterey
Hell Bound
Hell Drivers
High Hell
High School Confidential
Home Before Dark
Hot Car Girl
Invasion of the Saucer Men
I Was A Teenage Frankenstein
I Was A Teenage Werewolf
Island Woman
Jailhouse Rock
Jet Attack
Joker Is Wild
Juvenile Jungle
King Creole
Last Paradise
Lafayette Escadrille
Left Handed Gun
Les Girls
Live Fast, Die Young
Long Haul
Last Lagoon
Love in the Afternoon
Love Slaves of the Amazon
Machine Gun Kelly
Mam'zelle Pigalle
Man of the West
Man In the Shadow
Man of a Thousand Faces
Man On The Prowl
Minter Rock and Roll
Naked Paradise
Naked Africa
Night of the Blood Beast
No Sun in Venice
Onionhead
Panic in The Parlor
Perfect Furlough
Persiennes
Poor But Beautiful
Portland Expose
Portrait of An Unknown Woman
Pride and the Passion
Queen of Outer Space
Rally Round the Flag, Boys
Reform School Girl
Screaming Mimi
Some Came Running
Sorority Girl
Tunnel of Love
Teenage Wolf Pack
This Angry Age
Three Faces of Eve
Valerie
What Price Murder
Young and Wild

CLASS C—Condemned

Elvira
Light Across the Street
Violated
And God Created Woman
The Night Heaven Fell
One Summer of Happiness

AMONG WOMEN

Our Second Mothers

By Mary Lennon Snyder

Of the many statements attributed to Abraham Lincoln, few strike a more responsive chord than his generous "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my Angel Mother." As children, we thrilled to the quotation because it clothed in words our lamentably inarticulate feelings; as adults, hearing those words, we wonder if we have ever adequately expressed to our parents the loving gratitude we acknowledge we owe them.

Mrs. Snyder

For many of us death has taken the opportunity of thanking our parents, of expressing even in little material ways, our grateful love; however, we remember them in our prayers and they are always in our hearts.

THERE ARE, however, women living among us who are in a sense, "Other Mothers" or second mothers to us. Under the customs of our society they took us in our early years and patiently worked to shape our minds and hearts into those of good Catholic men and women.

I refer, of course, to the teaching Sisters who instructed us in our wilful youth. In a day when grade classes were so heterogeneously grouped that almost any classroom was a conglomeration in instructional problems, they worked patiently to bring out the best in each of us.

Each of us would gladly make any sacrifice no matter how great to make more comfortable the remaining earthly life of our own mothers.

In the same line of reasoning, we should be willing to help, each in her own way and according to her own conscience, to help in the building of the infirmary for the aged and sick nuns, our second mothers, who once gave of their youth and strength to start us on our life's way.

TAKE ANY one parish and consider the number of boys and girls who have come under the instruction of the Sisters. Think of the wonderful teaching given in that school.

Pick out several young people who by extra help and encouragement and supervision have been assisted to go on to higher schools of learning to win scholarships and financial assistance because of their good educational background.

To provide facilities for care of such dedicated teachers is a debt of justice. We all owe that debt.

Those who are in circumstances to be generous should be so; practically everyone can make some sort of gift; and those who are unable to contribute financially should pray for the success of the drive.

IT IS A rare student who does not look back kindly on his school days. Not every day was shot through with golden memories, it is true, but there are many that glow in retrospect.

Instead of becoming weakly sentimental over the "dear dead days beyond recall" let's be practical and let's tangibly thank our former teachers with a gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary Fund.

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