'Blackbirds' Star in Recital

GRETCHEN BRANCHE, coloratura soprano, is shown with Alexander Alexay, her accompanist, and Frank Versaci, flutist, immediately following her recital Friday at Witherspoon Hall, Philadelphia. Miss Branche, from nearby Camden, once sang a leading part in an edition of Lew Leslie's "Blackbirds." (Peace Photo)

Pre-Christmas Dinner to Be Served at USO

A pre-Christmas dinner for all service men will be held at the Gold Street USO Club, Sunday, immediately after the 5 p.m. vesper services.

Senior hostesses are sponsoring the event and expect to serve at least 60 men. All of the food is being donated by local citizens. Mrs. Bernice Buckner is president of the group and William Payne, USO director.

NAACP SELLS $15 IN SEALS TO STATE PENAL FARM

The Rev. Mrs. Helen Brown of the NAACP penal committee recently reported $15 for sales of NAACP Christmas seals to inmates of the Maryland Penal Farm.

"Invalid" Dancer Entertains Vets

RICHMOND—Jesse James, 34-year-old veteran actor, who has never walked in his life, danced, cut somersaults and performed other feats for entertainment of McGuire General Hospital veterans here Monday.

James, who has been dancing on the stage for 14 years, has been serving with USO Camp Shows for the past 11 months. He came to Richmond with the Sun Tan Revue, Hospital Unit 3, engaged exclusively in the entertainment of veterans.

The dancer, also rated one of the best whistlers in the country, told the AFRO he had a fall when he was 8 months old, fracturing his hip and spine, and that he has never walked without the aid of crutches.

Asked how he happened to become a dancer, the Birmingham-born actor said he had always tried "not to be a cripple" and sought to master anything he saw other boys do. Seeing them dance, he said, he began trying, became fascinated and kept it up.

He was "discovered" by Irving C. Miller, he said and later toured the country with Miller's Brown Skin Models, his first break in the show business, remained 5 years, and worked with other vaudeville troupes before joining the USO unit.

James said he took up USO work in order to boost morale among wounded vets, many of whom have lost limbs in the war, adding that he enjoyed working with veterans more than with civilians. On leaving many of the wards, he notes that some of the vets try to imitate him, he said.

SAPPHIRE ART was entertained by Miss Bertha Smallwood, 1033 N. Eutaw St. Mrs. Rosa Cannu was guest. Mrs. Mattie Pittman, president.

A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A UNITED THEATRE

LENOX

Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Dec. 23-24-25-26

M·G·M

Announces the Triumphant Return to the Screen of ROBERT MONTGOMERY

THEY WERE EXPENDABLE

THE PICTURE OF THE YEAR

STARRING ROBERT MONTGOMERY · JOHN WAYNE with DONNA REED · DIRECTED BY JOHN FORD CAPT., U.S.N.R.

COMING SOON!

RIO

MONUMENT ST. AT CAROLINE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 1945

Open Week Days 10:30 A.M. — Sundays 1:30 P.M.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO PATRONS AND FRIENDS

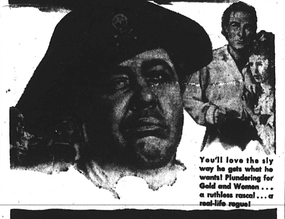
SUN.-MON. GEORGE SANDERS · ELLA RAINES in "STRANGE AFFAIR OF UNCLE HARRY" COMEDY — CARTOON — NEWS DEC. 23-24

TUES.—XMAS DAY SPECIAL TWO WESTERNS DEC. 25 CHARLES STARRETT in "WEST OF TOMBSTONE" WM. BOYD as HOPALONG CASSIDY in "WIDE OPEN TOWN" COMEDY — NEWS

WED.-THURS. DOUBLE FEATURE DEC. 26-27 NINA FOCH · OTTO KRUGER in "ESCAPE IN THE FOG" NANCY KELLY · WILLIAM GARGAN in "SONG OF THE SARONG" COMEDY — NEWS

FRI.-SAT. DOUBLE FEATURE DEC. 28-29 JOHNNY MACK BROWN in "RAIDERS OF THE WEST" ALL STAR CAST in "GUNS FOR HIRE" "THE MONSTER AND THE APE"—Chapter 14 ALL-COLORED NEWS

The Slyest Rascal In Adventure History!



You'll love the sly way he gets what he wants! Plundering for Gold and Women . . . a ruthless rascal . . . a real-life rogue!

RADIO

East Baltimore's Leading Colored Playhouse

629 N. EDEN ST. WOLFE 9714

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1945

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

SUNDAY-MONDAY TWO DAYS ONLY DECEMBER 23-24

A Western with Plenty Action! "NEVADA"

COMEDY AND NEWS

TUESDAY ONE DAY ONLY DECEMBER 25

A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPECIAL—2 Big Westerns

No. 1—WILD BILL ELLIOTT in "HIDDEN VALLEY OUTLAW"

No. 2—TEX O'BRIEN in "TRAIL OF TERROR"

COMEDY AND NEWS

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY DOUBLE FEATURE DECEMBER 26-27

No. 1—PHILIP TERRY in "PAN AMERICAN"

No. 2—LEON ERROL in "WHAT A BLONDE"

COMEDY AND NEWS

FRIDAY—ONE DAY ONLY DOUBLE FEATURE DECEMBER 28

No. 1—Dennis MORGAN in "THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU"

No. 2—GENE TIERNEY in "SUNDOWN"

COMEDY AND NEWS

SATURDAY TWO BIG WESTERNS DECEMBER 29

No. 1—BOB STEELE in "EL DIABLO"

No. 2—Smiley BURNETTE in "FIREBRANDS OF ARIZONA"

COMEDY AND NEWS

CAREY • LAFAYETTE

WEEK OF DEC. 23, 1945 A MERRY XMAS TO ALL

SUN.-MON. DEC. 23-24 JOHN HALL-FRANCES FARMER VICTOR McLAGLEN in "SOUTH OF PAGO PAGO" 10 Acts. CHARLES STARRETT-DUB TAYLOR-SPADE COOLEY in "OUTLAW of the ROCKIES" Sun.: "JUNGLE RAIDERS" Chap. 4 Monday: COMEDY

TUES.-WED. DEC. 25-26 TURHAN BEY-MARIA MONTEZ JON HALL in "ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES" DUNCAN RENALDO CECELIA CAJELLO in "CISCO KID IN OLD MEXICO" 6 Acts "BLACK ARROW"—Chap. 5 and COLOR CARTOON

THURS.-FRI. DEC. 27-28 BIG BOY WILLIAMS BOB MITCHUM in "NEVADA" 6 Acts EDMUND GWEN-RENBY DANIELS-PHYLLIS THAXTER in "BEWITCHED" 7 Acts "SECRET AGENT NO. 99" Chap. 8 FLI: "PURPLE MONSTER" Last Part — CARTOON

SATURDAY DEC. 29 WILD BILL ELLIOTT ALICE FLEMING in "SHERIFF OF LAS VEGAS" 8 Acts TIM HOLT-JOAN BARCLAY CLIFF EDWARDS in "SAGEBRUSH LAW" 6 Acts "PUTTING ON THE DOG" "SPEAKING OF WEATHER" Cartoon and Musical "JUNGLE RAIDER"—Chap. 5 "PURPLE MONSTER"—Last Part

COMING— "BLOOD ON THE SUN" "TARZAN AND THE AMAZONS" "INCENDIARY BLONDE"

WEEK OF DEC. 23, 1945 A MERRY XMAS TO ALL

SUN.-MON. DEC. 23-24 JON HALL-MARIA MONTEZ TURHAN BEY in "ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES" SUNSET CARSON SMILEY BURNETTE in "CODE OF THE PRAIRIE" 8 Acts CARTOON and COMEDY

TUES.-WED. DEC. 25-26 JAMES CAGNEY • SYLVIA SIDNEY in "BLOOD ON THE SUN" 9 Acts Wed.: "MONSTER AND APE" Chap. 13 and COLOR CARTOON

THURS.-FRI. DEC. 27-28 JIMMY WAKELY LEE "LASSIE" WHITE in "SADDLE SERENADE" 6 Acts CHESTER MORRIS-NINA FOCH STEVE COCHRAN in "BOSTON BLACKIE'S RENDEZVOUS" Thurs.: "MONSTER AND APE" 7 Acts FRI.: "BATMAN" Chap. 9 "PURPLE MONSTER" Chap. 10 CARTOON

SATURDAY DEC. 29 SUNSET CARSON SMILEY BURNETTE in "RAIDERS OF SUNSET PASS" ROD CAMERON-EDDIE DEW JENNIFER HOLT in "BEYOND THE PECOS" 6 Acts "WAGON WHEELS"—Musical "AT THE ZOO" and "MOUSE IN MANHATTAN"—Cartoons "THE BATMAN"—Chap. 8 "PURPLE MONSTER STRIKES" Chap. 10

COMING— "TALL IN THE SADDLE" "MARSHAL OF LAREDO" "WOMAN IN GREEN"

DELUXE LINCOLN

DOORS OPEN 10:30 DAILY

DOUBLE FEATURES

★ Merry Xmas to All ★

WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

FIRST RUN BALTIMORE

SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23-26

BENEDICT BOGEAUS

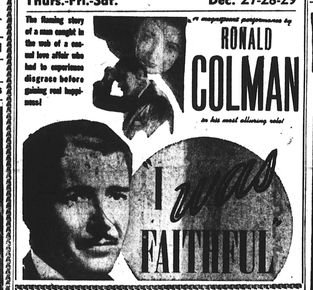
CAPTAIN KIDD

CHARLES LAUGHTON RANDOLPH SCOTT

BARBARA BRITTON REGINALD OWEN

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. Dec. 27-28-29

The flaming story of a man sought in the ends of a cosmed love affair who had to experience disgraces before gaining real happiness!



"A megaphone programme by RONALD COLMAN in his most alluring role!"

I Love FAITHFUL

FOR RENT

Bookings Now Accepted for Exclusive Affairs at the

MUS-ART STUDIO AUDITORIUM

FOR DANCES, PARTIES, SMOKERS, MEETINGS, REHEARSALS, Etc. 2nd FLOOR, STUDIO BUILDING.

1854-56 Pennsylvania Ave. MA. 6327

THE ONLY AIR-CONDITIONED COLORED THEATRE

PARK

BROADWAY and GAY STREETS

OPEN 11:45 A.M. DAILY — SUNDAY 1:30 P.M.

Baltimore's Newest, Most Modern Theatre

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1945

SEASON'S GREETING TO ALL

SUNDAY-MONDAY DECEMBER 23-24 EDWARD G. ROBINSON · JOAN BENNETT in "WOMAN IN THE WINDOW"

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY BIG HOLIDAY SHOW DECEMBER 25-26

No. 1—WILD BILL ELLIOTT in "LONE STAR VIGILANTES"

No. 2—Chester Morris-Russell Hayden in "GAMBLER'S CHOICE"

Wednesday: "THE PHANTOM"—Chapter 4

THURSDAY ONE DAY ONLY DECEMBER 27

No. 1—PRESTON FOSTER in "THUNDER BIRDS"

No. 2—TIM HOLT in "DUDE GOWBOY"

FRIDAY-SATURDAY DECEMBER 28-29

1—Buster Crabbe-"Fuzzy" St. John in "STAGECOACH OUTLAWS"

2—DONALD BARRY in "MY BUDDY"

Also: "MANHUNT OF MYSTERY ISLAND"—Chapter 6

DELUXE ROOSEVELT

DOORS OPEN 10:30 DAILY

DOUBLE FEATURES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1945

YULETIDE GREETING TO ALL

SUN.-MON.-TUES. DEC. 23-24-25 "ZOMBIES ON BROADWAY" with BELA LUGOSI "BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST" with LEE TRACEY

WEDNESDAY DEC. 26 "NIGHT OF ADVENTURE" with ALL STAR CAST "RIDERS OF THE ROCKIES" with TEX RITTER

THURS.-FRI.-SAT. DEC. 27-28-29 "HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN" WITH 100 STARS (IN TECHNICOLOR) "NIGHT OF ADVENTURE" with ALL STAR CAST "MYSTERY OF THE RIVER BOAT"—Chap. 12

COLORADO PIONEERS with WILD BILL ELLIOTT RED RYDER

No. 2 "MIDNIGHT MANHUNT" with LEO GORCEY

Tues.-Wed. "JUNGLE RAIDERS"—Ch. 6

THURS. DEC. 27 1 Day Only "THE SOUTHERNER" with ZACHARY SCOTT

No. 2 "RIDERS OF THE ROCKIES" with TEX RITTER

FRIDAY-SATURDAY DECEMBER 28-29

"BULLDOG COURAGE" with TIM McCOY

"THE SOUTHERNER" with ZACHARY SCOTT

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.—"THE PHANTOM RIDES"—Chap. 3

CLOSED FOR ALTERATIONS

GRAND RE-OPENING TUESDAY DEC. 25 [CHRISTMAS DAY]

BIG HOLIDAY STAGE & SCREEN SHOW

SEE ADV. ON PAGE 19

NEW ALBERT

1230 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

SUN.-MON., DEC. 23-24: ERROL FLYNN "OBJECTIVE BURMA" (Running Time: 2 Hours, 21 Minutes) TREES AND HOMES · CARTOON · UNIVERSAL NEWS

TUES.-WED., DEC. 25-26: SMASH HOLIDAY SHOW!!! Turhan BEY · Susanna FOSTER "FRISCO SAL" 2nd BIG HOLIDAY FEATURE WILD BILL ELLIOTT "Prairie Gun Smoke" CARTOON · MOVIETONE NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27: ONE DAY ONLY! Joel McCrea · Barbara Stanwyck "Banjo On My Knee" 2nd ONE-DAY FEATURE LEE TRACY "I'll Tell The World" SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

FRI.-SAT., DEC. 28-29: BELA LUGOSI · JEAN PARKER "One Body Too Many" 2nd ★★★★ FEATURE JOHNNY MACK BROWN "The Navajo Trail" "JUNGLE RAIDERS"—Chapter 4 · CARTOON · PARAMOUNT NEWS

Life of Miss Anderson

A half-hour dramatization of the life of Marian Anderson will be broadcast over Station WFIL, Sunday morning, beginning 11 a.m.

Miss Anderson's life in Philadelphia and her subsequent experiences as a great artist in the musical world will be recounted in the original play written by Henry Klein.

The broadcast, one of the weekly series entitled "Within Our Gates" is being presented by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, in conjunction with the NAACP.

GREETINGS SEASON'S

RADIOS

CARTER'S RADIO SERVICE

ALL MAKES OF RADIOS REPAIRED

2300 DRUID HILL AVENUE MADISON 8386-J

BALTIMORE'S FIRST FULTON THE Family Theatre

BANKER AT FULTON

Reduced Price Policy: Matinee Admissions: Adults, 1 P.M. - 6 P.M. Formerly 50c, now 15c. Sun. & Holidays excepted.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY DECEMBER 23-24

CHARLES STARRETT "COWBOY in the CLOUDS"

— 2nd HIT —

SIMONE SIMON ★ JAMES ELLISON "Johnny Doesn't Live Here Anymore"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25-26

JUDY GARLAND ★ MARGARET O'BRIEN "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

— 2nd HIT —

BELA LUGOSI "VOODOO MAN"

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 27-28

Vera Hruba Ralston ★ Erich Von Stroheim 'The Lady and the Monster'

— 2nd HIT —

JACK LONDON'S "ALASKA"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29

RUSSELL HAYDEN "Riders of the Northwest Mounted"

— 2nd HIT —

JIMMY WAKELY "RIDERS OF THE DAWN"

SEASON'S GREETING TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

A UNITED THEATRE

HARLEM

SUN. - MON. - TUES. - WED. DEC. 23 - 24 - 25 - 26

Listen for the love song—"Honey"

flirtatious princess (She liked the American way of romancing)

handsome bellboy (He got the Royal command to love!)

HEDY LAMARR · ROBERT WALKER · JUNE ALLYSON

"Her Highness and the Bellboy"

with CARL ESMOND · AGNES MOOREHEAD · "RAGS" RAGLAND

ONE BIG WEEK STARTING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th

IT'S THAT Salome GAL AGAIN . . . LOVIN' LIKE A DESPERADO!

YVONNE Salome DE CARLO · ROD CAMERON

FRONTIER GAL IN TECHNICOLOR

A FESSIER-PAGANO PRODUCTION

BUY WAR BONDS

like he loves it . . . and a dame who loves like a desperado!

The Movie Whirl

CAREY—Sunday, Monday, "SOUTH OF PAGO PAGO." Jon Hall, Frances Farmer and Victor McLaglen are the stars. The couplet, "OUTLAW OF THE ROCKIES," is a thrill-packed western with Charles Starrett heading the all-star cast.

DIANE—Now showing, "CRIME, INC." "HENEDES" OF SAO GRANDE." Sunday through Tuesday, "CALL OF THE WILD." Clark Gable is back! He's co-starred with Loretta Young in this Jack London thriller. Also on the same program, holiday bill, Virginia Grey and Donald Cook in "BLONDE RANSOM."

FREMONT—Sunday — Monday, "BACK TO BATAAN," John Wayne is the star. The 25th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bill, Tuesday and Wednesday, will present "PRISON BAIT," an all-colored cast film and "BOSTON BLACKIE'S RENDEZVOUS" starring Chester Morris.

FULTON — Sunday-Monday, "COWBOY IN THE CLOUDS." This is a Charles Starrett starrer along with Simone Simon and James Allison in "JOHNNY DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE." For Tuesday and Wednesday, "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS" and Bela Lugosi in "VOODOO MAN."

HARLEM—Now showing, "CAPTAIN EDDIE." Sunday through Wednesday, "HER HIGHNESS AND THE BELL BOY." It's the heart-glowing story of a bell boy who inadvertently falls in love with royalty. Sweetness and strength, a series of highly humorous circumstances imagines she's in love with him. Robert Walker, Hedy Lamarr and June Allyson are co-starred.

Home From Pacific

SGT. WILLIAM TAYLOR, former chairman of the Maryland-D.C. Commission party, who returned to the States recently after 19 months in New Guinea and the Philippines with the 51st Engineers. Sergeant Taylor, who was honorably discharged this week, has served in the Army three years. He wears the Pacific Ribbon with one battle star and the Presidential Unit Citation.

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A UNITED THEATRE

DIANE

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday December 23-24-25

CLARK GABLE in "CALL OF THE WILD"

2nd Hit—"BLONDE RANSOM"

Wednesday-Thursday December 26-27

GLORIA JEAN in "RIVER GANG"

2nd Hit—"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS"

Friday-Saturday Dec. 28-29

LENA HORNE — CAB CALLOWAY ALL COLORED CAST in "STORMY WEATHER"

2nd Hit—Johnny Mack Brown in "Ghost Guns"

ROYAL

1 WEEK BEG. TUESDAY, DEC. 25th

DOUBLE STAGE ATTRACTION

ANDY KIRK and his Sensational Orchestra

GOLDEN GATE QUARTET

SLEEPY WILLIAMS & DAD . . . TOPS & WILDA

BEVERLY WHITE . . . FLOYD SMITH

ON SCREEN

The kind of heart-tugging drama everyone will love!

The kind of love everyone will share!

The love of a boy for his dog . . . The love of a man for a woman . . . The love of every man, woman and child for red-blooded action and tender romance!

ADVENTURES of RUSTY

A COLUMBIA PICTURE with TED DONALDSON · MARGARET LINDSAY · CONRAD NAGEL · GLORIA HOLDEN · ROBERT WILLIAMS and ACE, the Wonder Dog

BIG MIDNITE SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE

FREMONT

DOORS OPEN 15 MIN. AFTER WEEK DAYS. 30 MIN. FOR SUNDAYS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 1945

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

SUNDAY-MONDAY DEC. 23-24 JOHN WAYNE in "BACK TO BATAAN" Plus: Chapter 1 of the New Sensational Serial "JUNGLE RAIDERS" AND A CARTOON

TUES.-WED. BIG DOUBLE HOLIDAY SHOW! DEC. 25-26

Feature No. 1—ALL COLORED CAST in "PRISON BAIT" Feature No. 2—CHARLES BOYER, CHESTER MORRIS "BOSTON BLACKIE'S RENDEZVOUS" Plus: 2 Sweeps Comedy, "BOOBY DUPES"

THURS.—ONE DAY ONLY Big Double Horror Show DEC. 27

Horror Hit No. 1—JOHN ABBOTT in "THE VAMPIRE'S GHOST" Horror Hit No. 2—BARBARA HELEN in "THE PHANTOM SPEAKS" Plus: Last Chapter of "THE GREAT ALASKAN MYSTERY"

FRI.-SAT. 2 BIG WESTERN HITS DEC. 28-29

Hit No. 1—FRED MacMURRAY in "RANGERS OF FORTUNE" Hit No. 2—THE CISCO KID in "OLD NEVADA" Hit No. 3—"THE PHANTOM RIDER" Be sure to see Chap. 1 of this new serial

Here was the Deadliest Of the Seven Deadly Sins!

DARRYL F. ZANUCK presents Leave Her to Heaven

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

20th Century-Fox TECHNICOLOR

Starring GENE TIERNEY · CORNEL WILDE · JEANNE CRAIN · VINCENT PRICE

Directed by JOHN M. STAHL · Produced by WILLIAM A. BACHER

SEASON'S GREETING TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

A UNITED THEATRE

REGENT

Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Dec. 23-24-25-26

SHOCKING DRAMA · ELECTRIC SUSPENSE · SENSATIONAL THRILLS

. . . in a pulsating story of jealousy and hate behind prison bars!

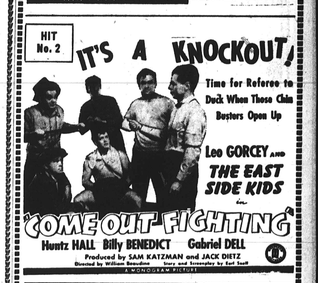
GIRLS OF THE BIG HOUSE

LYNNE ROBERTS and VIRGINIA CHRISTINE

with MARIAN MARTIN · ADELE MARA · RICHARD POWERS and GERALDINE WALL · TALA BIRELL · NORMA VARDEN · STUPIDO DARCIA

A REPUBLIC PICTURE

HIT No. 2



IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Time for Referee to Duck When Those Chin Busters Open Up

Leo GORCEY AND THE EAST SIDE KIDS in

COME OUT FIGHTING

Huntz HALL · Billy BENEDICT · Gabriel DELL

Produced by SAM KATZMAN and JACK DIETZ

Directed by William NIGH · Screen Play and Adaptation by Earl Snell

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. Dec. 27?28?29

HE WAS A LOVER OF BEAUTY ...AND A MASTER OF CRIME!

SCOTLAND YARD INVESTIGATOR

starring SIR AUBREY SMITH · ERICH VON STROHEIM

— HIT No. 2 —

BONITA GRANVILLE · NOAH BEERY, Jr. · IRENE RYAN

The Beautiful Cheat

starring SIR AUBREY SMITH · ERICH VON STROHEIM