IN CHARMING SCREEN ROMANCE



Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in "Broadway Bill"
A Columbia Picture

The amazing Frank Capra, director of 'Lady For a Day' and 'It Happened One Night,' has undoubtedly surpassed all his former glories in his newest Columbia comedy sensation, 'Broadway Bill,' which comes to the New Lyceum on Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12.

With uncanny genius, the inimitable Mr. Capra has produced a beautifully human and appealing screen romance that is sheer delght. Based on a story by Mark Hellinger and written for the screen by the same Robert Riskin who collaborated with Capra on his two previous successes, 'Broadway Bill' sets a standard in screen entertainment that will not easily be reached.

Performances Splendid

No little of the film's superb qualities can be attributed to the splendid performances registered by Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in the two starring roles. Baxter's 'Dan Brooks' is his finest screen characterization since the Cisco Kid in 'In Old Arizona.' Myrna Loy is a delighful revelation, a new and greater screen personality. Together as a remantic team, both Baxter and Loy are near perfect.

The story is that of Dan Brooks, who is a nomad at heart, but by circumstance the son in law of J. L. Higgins (Walter Connolly), who controls everyone and everything in Higginsville. His word is law, that is, to everyone exceptng Dan, who doesn't give a hoot for busness. Although he is married to one of Higgins' three daughters and is general manager of the Higgins Paper Box Factory, which assures a rosy financial future, he stll doesn't like it. He likes horses, freedom, everything that is the antithesis of hidebound Higginsville. The entire Higgins clan sneer at him all except Alice, the young unmarried sister in law.

Boasts Drama and Comedy

In spite of sneers, Dan kicks over the financial applecart and goes his way. With him goes his horse 'Broadway Bill,' and the horse' colored groom, Whitey, played by Clarence Muse. Unknown to Dan there goes with him also the devotion and sympathy of Alice, his young sister in law.

The developments that follow are filled with drama, pathos and comedy. It will tug at your heartstrings one moment and make you laugh through your tears the next.

One of the thrilling sequences of the story is a horse race which, it may be honesty said, has not been equalled on the screen.

Baxter and Miss Loy, as said before, are excellent. Other fine performances are turned in by Connolly as the father, Helen Vinson as the selfish wife, Clarence Muse as Whitey, Raymond Walbzurn as a conniving bogus 'Colonel,' Lynne Overman as 'Happy' and Margaret Hamilton as Edna, a boarding housekeepr, familiarly known as 'Vinegar Puss.' Others seen in the picture, all of whom acquit themselves.

Cary Grant, who was one of the stars of 'The Eagle and The Hawk', returns again to a role in an aviaton film, Paramount's 'Wings in the Dark.' The picture, starring Grant with Myrna Loy, comes on Wednesday and Thursday, February 13 and 14 to the New Lyceum Theatre.

Although 'The Eagle and The Hawk' was a picture of war aviation, 'Wings in the Dark' is devoted to depicting the thrills and romance in the development of peace-time aviation.

Grant plays the role of a scientific explorer of the air, a man who strives to make aviation safe by perfecting blind-flying.

When he is blinded in an accident, Myrna Loy, the girl who loves him, helps him to carry on his work with money she earns in spectacular stunt flying.

Grant learns how she has been helping hm; he leaves her rather than accept charity. But fate intervenes, and Grant, in a gripping dramatic climax, goes on a flight that saves Miss Loy's life and unites the lovers.

Directed by James Flood, the picture features Roscoe Karns, Hobart Cavanaugh and Dean Jagger in the principal featured roles.

Columbia's 'The Best Man Wins,' a spectacular, rollicking film starring Edmund Lowe and Jark Holt with Bela Lugosi and Florence Rice in support, will head the program at the New Lyceum on Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16. Based on a story by Ben G. Kohn, adapted to the screen by E—thel Hill and Bruce Manning, 'The Best Man Wins' tells the exciting tale of two deep-sea divers and their adventurous careers on opposite sides of the law. One becomes a diver for a smuggling ring, the other an officer of the waterfront police. Their meeting under water in the final sequence is said to be one of the most breath-taking scenes in recent pictures.

Interpolated in the dramatic theme is the romantic rivalry between Lowe and Holt for Miss Rice's favor. Miss Rice, daughter of sports writer Grantland Rice, has been in pictures for only a brief spell, but has progressed remarkably since her debut.

Others in the cast of 'The Best Man Wins' are J. Farrel MacDonald, Bradley Page, Forrester Harvey, Frank Sheridan and Mitchell Lewis.

Districts In Church Group To Be Reduced

Middletown Area To Be Consolidated With Others

When the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference convenes for its annual session at St. John's M. E. Church, Seaford, Del., on March 27, it will mark the last time that the Middletown district, of which Kent churches are members, will be represented as such. In accordance with the request of the conference held at Newark last year Bishop Hughes will re-district the conference, reducing the four districts to three.

Larger sub-divisions will be created by the change, which will eliminate the Middletown district as such. It is understood that the names of the districts under the new alignment will be the Wilmington, Dover and Salisbury districts, or possibly new titles of geographical location; namely, Northern, Central and the Southern districts.

The reduction of the number of districts in the Wilmington M. E. Conference had been urged for a number of years, but always something arose to delay action in actually putting the plan through, until last Conference session. The object of the reduction of the number of districts was principally to achieve economy and to some extent greater efficiency in administration. Under the change the Middletown District probably will be absorbed largely into the Dover District, although some of it may be incorporated into the Wilmington District.

Terms of service of three District Superintendents also expire at the approaching annual Conference. They are: The Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, D. D., of the Wilmington District; the Rev. W. E. Habbart, of the Dover District, and the Rev. Leonard T. White, D. D., of the Salisbury District. The status of Rev. E. C. Hallman, superintendent of the Middletown District, will have to be determined.

College Assembly Speakers Named

Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, Chairman of the Assembly Program Committee, has recently released a list of assembly speakers engaged for the next month. The assembly of February 21 is to be the annual convocation, and the program of March 7 is to be sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. The list of speakers for this month includes:

February 7—Miss Anna D. Ward, General Secretary, Family Welfare Association, Baltimore, Md.

February 14—Dr. Samuel E. Burr, Superintendent of Schools, New Castle, Delaware. This is the annual Honor Society Assembly.

February 21—Dr. George F. Zook, Director of the American Council on Education, Washington, D. C., at a formal convocation.

February 28—Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., Chief of Bureau of Chemistry, State Department of Health, Baltimore, Md.

March 7—Peace Conference sponsored by the YMCA of Washington College—Dr. A. C. Goddard, Wilmington, Delaware; Dr. J. H. Bishop, Dover, Delaware.

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