ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

This romantic scene, involving Victor Mature and Gene Tierney, colors the tense drama of Arnold Pressburger's "The Shanghai Gesture," which is the current attraction at the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 13, 14, and 15, thru United Artists release.

"The Shanghai Gesture," which as a play rocked New Yorkers and the hinterlands, has finally been transferred to the screen as a stirring and highly entertaining motion picture by Arnold Pressburger. Headed by a distinguished stellar cast, including Gene Tierney, Victor Mature, Ona Munson, Walter Huston, Phyllis Brooks, Albert Basserman, Marie Ouspenskaya, and Eric Blore. "The Shanghai Gesture" comes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13, 14 and 15 to the New Lyceum Theatre as a United Artists release.

First laurels concerning "The Shanghai Gesture" must be awarded to Mr. Pressburger for his lavish, exciting and magnificent production and to Director Josef von Sternberg, whose brilliant handling of the megaphone has made "The Shanghai Gesture" one of the most thrilling and most unforgettable motion pictures to come out of Hollywood in many a moon. If you are eager for entertainment that has everything —top-notch acting, crisp dialogue, smart direction, gorgeous settings and gorgeous gowns and a story that is packed with drama and color—"The Shanghai Gesture" is your dish.

One cannot say that this picture depicts the life of the average person because it is placed in a world remote from most of us. One cannot, however, forget its tremendous impact. One cannot easily find a phrase to fit the story it tells. Yet to everyone who sees it, there will be answers to strange questions—questions asked in every time and in every part of the world. For "The Shanghai Gesture" is a daring motion picture and every one of its characters is alive with drama and excitement.

Discussing his latest film production, "To Be Or Not To Be," slated for its first showing at the New Lyceum on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 16, 17 and 18, Ernest Lubitsch pointed out that it was actually a comedy spy melodrama about the reactions and doings of a group of "ham" actors who became all mixed up with the Gestapo after Warsaw had been invaded.

Before the invasion started the group of actors had been rehearsing an anti-Nazi play, which they never were allowed to present. But, as a result of the rehearsals they had some storm troopers' uniforms which came in very handy when the plot turned to melodrama and the members of the theatre stock company pretend, for spy purposes, to be part of the Polish Gestapo.

From there on the actors match wits in one situation after another with the real Gestapo. Jack Benny, in the male stellar role, is seen in the roles of a phony Gestapo officer and a spy. The late Carole Lombard is seen as a participator in the underground movement.

Supporting Benny and Miss Lombard are Robert Stack, Felix Bressart Lionel Atwell, Stanley Ridges, Sig Ruman, Charles Halton and Tom Dugan. Alexander Korda is presenting this Ernst Lubitsch production for release by United Artists.

NEWS GATHERED ON PENINSULA

The Board of Managers of Union hospital, Elkton, on Thursday, opened bids for the proposed new hospital. The lowest bidder was J. C. Dove, of Annapolis, his bid being $222,500. Two other bids were received. Mr. Dove was awarded the contract.

It is understood work will be started on the new building in about ten days. On account of the Defense program now in vogue, several things in the plans had to be eliminated, and they will be added after the duration. The total cost for the new institution wil lbe about $258,500.

Senator Millard T. Tydings on Thursday sent the following telegram to President Robert M. Vandiver, which now assures the prompt erection of the new hospital for Havre de Grace:

"War Production Board just approved Havre de Grace Hospital Project with A-6 rating. Now goes to Federal Works Agency for release.—Millard E. Tydings."

The bids will be opened on Tuesday of next week and it is expected ground will be broken immediately and the building rushed to completion.

After a 3200 mile journey, three young Whiteford delinquents, the Sheriff of Harford County and a State Trooper arrived in Bel Air on Tuesday morning.

The trip was necessitated when George Klein, George Day, and Marshall Jones, near sixteen-year-olders, drove off in Mr. Gus Reamer's $500 Chevrolet delivery vehicle Tuesday of last week and ended up in Houston, Texas. But that was not until they had first collected $85 as agents for Mr. Reamer and later wired the munificent offer that they would return from Texas if Mr. Reamer would forward $30 additional.

The following carefully approximated facts give you an idea what the Del-Mar-Va Broiler Industry means to other parts of the United States:

14,612,000 baby chicks.
63,545,000 hatching eggs.
89,350 tons of coal.
11,000 brooder stoves.
2,500,000 bushels of corn.
355,400 tons of feed.
25,700 tons dry milk.
17,750 tons alfalfa.

In one of the most disastrous fires Stevensville has had in many years the Stevensville Opera House was completely destroyed last Saturday afternoon shortly before the evening show was to begin. Fire companies from Queenstown and Centreville battled the blaze and succeeded in confining it to the theatre.

The building, which formerly was a Methodist Church, was purchased and remodeled into a theatre several years ago. It had been operated as the Stevensville Opera House by F. P. Klein, who also operates the Church Hill Theatre.

Maryland farmers wishing to hire paroled convicts to work on farms should apply to the Department of Correction's supervisor of employment at the Penitentiary, Thomas P. MacCarthy, parole and probation supervisor, said this week.

Outlining the new system by which parole prisoners will be available for farm work, Mr. MacCarthy said no convict would be paroled to work on a farm unless he was offered a "bona fide job" and was paid the prevailing wage for the section in which he is to be employed. Maryland will not tolerate exploitation of prisoners released to work on farms or in defense industries.

He added that farmers would not exercise any parole supervision over convicts. This will be done by regular State parole officers.

The Postoffice Department has announced an order would be sent today to all postmasters directing them to accept, without postage, letters and postcards written by members of the armed forces.

The order, effective on receipt, does not apply to air-mail service or to packages and parcels.

Letters should bear the word "free" in the upper right-hand corner of the envelope, the department said, and the name of the sender, together with his rank and branch of the service to which he belongs, should be written in the upper left corner. The letters will be accepted free any place where the United States mail service is in operation and may be deposited in any mail box in the United States.

The Board of Education, of Harford County met in regular session with Messrs. Baker, Day and Scarff present.

The Superintendent reported that a communication was received since the last meeting to the effect that $161,600 has been allotted by the Federal Government for new school buildings at Aberdeen and Edgewood, these buildings to be entirely in charge of Federal authorities as to procurement of sites and construction.

Nathaniel Williams, Negro, accused of participation in the knife saying of James Bowen nearly three years ago, was a free man today.

A circuit court jury of Worcester County acquitted Williams late yesterday on his contention that the state already had tried and convicted Walter Mills, Negro, of the crime. Mills was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary after his conviction in March, 1940.

The state had argued that both men were implicated.

The levy the County Commissioners, of Talbot County, made last week was four cents less on the $100 than the year before. Because of the additional expense the county would have of $6,500.00 for elections, and $3,000.00 for new registration, the rate could have been made some cents less. The new rate will be $1.11 per hundred dollars.

The Board of County Commissioners, of Wicomico County, passed the incoming fiscal year budget at their meeting on Tuesday. The budget for a total appropriation of $544,313,613 as against $482,648.72 of last year, or an increase of $61,667.36. This made the tax rate $1.38 on the $100.00 assessment.

Tome School, at Port Deposit, was acquired by the Navy Department through condemnation proceedings for use as a "major naval training station."

The school, which closed its doors last June after it had been in existence for forty-one years, has already been taken over by the Navy Department and converted to use.

According to the petition for condemnation filed Monday in the Federal Court, Baltimore, the navy will make use of every article of equipment in the school buildings, even down to linens, silverware and dishes.

The school grounds condemned cover an area of about 330 acres. The school buildings are on a tract of 180 acres which comprised the campus. There is another tract, comprising the remaining acres, on which a private water supply with reservoir is located.

Although the Navy Department did not state its estimate of the school property in the condemnation papers, one of the Government attorneys said the condemned acreage would probably cost about $1,000,000.

MANY VISITORS IN AND AROUND MILLINGTON

Miss Margaret Bowers, of Elkton High School Faculty spent the Easter holiday with her father, Mr. D. Lambert Bowers on Sassafras Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duling, of Wilmington, Del., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olan C. Duling, last Monday.

Mr. Fred T. Lee and Mr. Emory Everett are both quite sick at their homes on South Crane Street.

James B. Higman, of Western Md., College, Westminister, Md., and sister, Miss Marjorie Higman, of St. Mary's Seminary, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Higman.

Miss Martha Pennington, of Nevasink, N. J., spent the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. Listen Pennington.

Ringgold Comegys, of Baltimore, was a guest over the week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comegys.

Miss Mollie Higman and Mrs. Belle Higman visited relatives in Philadelphia during the Easter holidays and attended the marriage of Mrs. Higman's son, Norman Cox, to Miss Virginia Catherine Rickerson on Saturday evening, April 4th, at eight o'clock in St. James P. E. Church, Kingsessing at 68th and Woodland Ave., West Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, Rev. James C. Gilbert, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives. The young couple will live in West Philadelphia.

Hitler After Death

Even from his grave, Hitler expects to rule Germany, according to an article in a Texas newspaper. The article states that Hitler has made recordings of orders he expects to be carried out by broadcast, after his death.

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