ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

'Yankee Doodle Dandy' Stars James Cagney

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," which will show at the New Lyceum Theatre on Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs., Feb. 8-9-10-and 11 brings to the screen another Warner Bros. life story in film. It is the outstanding story of the career of George M. Cohan and one of the most thrilling films ever made. It is thrilling for many reasons buts its timely patriotism is the most important one of all.

James Cagney portrays the role of George M. Cohan and it is by far his finest work. His impersonation of Cohan is wonderful because he doesn't allow himself to become a stickler for detail. He looks like Cagney, but talks sings and acts like George M. Cohan himself.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," is a great film from many angles. The production numbers are done to perfection. The singing and dancing are typical of a Broadway revue and the backstage sequences are the most authentic ever seen in a motion picture.

The picture begins in Providence Rhode Island, on July 4, 1878. Jerry Cohan, played by Walter Huston, dashes from the stage of a theatre where he is doing a turn, to his wife who has just given birth to a baby boy. The Doctor suggests that they name him George Washington because of the holiday, but Nellie Cohan, portrayed by Rosemary DeCamp, says it will be too long for the billboards and they compromise on the Irish middlle name of Michael.

After George came Josie, and it isn't long before they are known throughout the vaudeville world as The Four Cohans, playing every town in the United States that boasted of a theatre. When he was about thirteen George made a hit in the title role of "Peck's Bad Boy," to which his offstage character was suited perfectly.

Later on when George is a young man and the Cohans are doing a stretch in Buffalo, a young girl called Mary, excellently played by Joan Leslie, comes backstage to ask his advice about seeking a stage career on Broad way. He takes an interest and agrees to help her. Sometime later he decides her career should consist of being Mrs. George M. Cohan, and she agrees with him.

The film builds carefully and interestingly showing the ups and downs of The Four Cohans and the difficulty George had in getting anyone to buy his songs and scripts which he has been writing at a great rate. He meets another discouraged man of the theatre, Sam H. Harris, played by Richard Whorf. They manage to get an angel for one of Cohan's plays and the first of many Cohan-Harris hits makes its Broadway debut.

It is "Little Johnny Jones," whose score consists of "The Yankee Doodle Boy," "Hurry Up" and "Give My Regards to Broadway." All three numbers are presented splendidly in the picture.

The film hits the high spots of Cohan's theatrical career for it would be impossible to present all the shows he wrote or appeared in. Through the presentation of his most memorable musical plays and a very effective montage treatment to cover the intervening years we get not only the story of George M. Cohan, but a cavalcade of show business.

Gradually the Four Cohans diminish to one. Jerry and Nellie retire to a farm. Josie gets married. George and his wife themselves start a little farm but later he returns to show business at a request to play the part of President Roosevelt in "I'd Rather Be Right."

He is called to Washington by the President and learns to his surprise that he has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for having written "You're A Grand Old Flag" and "Over There."

Robert Buckner and Edmund Buckner wrote the scenario. which is a happy blending of song and story. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is the best picture that Michael Curtiz has ever handled, and he gets a top performance from everyone.

The excellent supporting cast is made up of George Tobias, Frances Langford, S. Z. Sakall, Eddie Foy, Jr., Walter Catlett and many more. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is a miracle of entertainment, dedicated to America's Number One Entertainer—George M. Cohan.

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The Maryland State Nurseymen's Association will hold its annual meeting in Baltimore on January 13. E. Sam Hemming of Easton is president.

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Caught Mountain Lion

Three hunters caught a live mountain lion near Three Rivers, Calif., trussed it on a pole, and carried it seven miles to their automobile.

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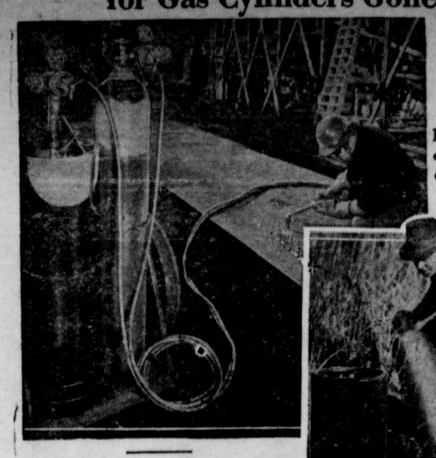
Gun Targets Ordered

The war department recently ordered gun targets which will require more than 2,500 tons of paper stock.

U. S. Requests Patriotic Search for Gas Cylinders Gone A.W.O.L.



Above — Acetylene and oxygen cylinders at work in shipyard. They supply flame with which workers cut heavy metal as easily as housewife slices butter

Below—Discarded cylinders being recovered from vacant lot

Some of the "fightingest" metal in the United States—stuff so vital to the war that its continued absence will directly affect production of guns, planes, ships, and tanks—has gone A.W.O.L.

This much-wanted metal is hiding out in all sorts of places. Some of it isn't even hiding; it is standing boldly in folks' back yards. Wherever it is, its war value is so great that Washington is issuing a nationwide appeal for its round-up.

In line with the War Production Board policy that any object that can be used in war production should not be scrapped, all persons are urged to be on the lookout for metal cylinders such as those shown above. It is by means of these cylinders, loaded with oxygen or acetylene gases, that oxy-acetylene welding and cutting in war plants throughout the nation is being done. Without them high-speed fabrication of fighting equipment would be slowed up, and their manufacturers cannot get steel to replace the thousands of containers now missing.

Cylinders such as these have been used for years by industries and businesses — machine shops, auto service stations, and the like. Businesses change hands, and often the new owners have had no use for this type of equipment. The result is that the cylinders have been thrown aside, stacked up in cellars, left on construction jobs, hauled off to town dumps. Some of them are now in use as fences or gate posts. Some form borders for flower beds. Some are in the town scrap piles.

"Compressed gases are a vital part of the war production program," says Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board. "This serious shortage of cylinders will become more acute as the war effort increases."

To get the cylinders back into circulation everyone is urged to be on the alert for them and, the moment one is spotted, to turn it over to the nearest welding shop or manufacturing plant. The man in the shop or plant will know what to do with it. In the event that no welding shop or plant is handy, finders are patriotically urged to write to the Compressed Gas Manufacturers' Association, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., giving the number and location of the containers. The Association will do the rest.

Not Until Fifth Year

Full co-ordination of the muscles of the eyes generally is not attained in children until their fifth year.

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35 Tons

A copper nugget found last year weighed 35 tons.

Nazi Propagandists Busy Again

The Boy Scouts are the latest target for the venom of the Nazi propagandists. The Berlin press screamed: "The scout movement is an unscrupulous instrument of British imperialism which prepared the British youth for war."

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24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood.

If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly.

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