FIRE CO. REPORT

(By Clark Davis, President)

The report of Mr. Davis for the year ending January 4, 1937 follows:

Another year has passed in the history of this Company, since we have met upon a similar occasion. In a span of twelve months a great deal can happen to any organization along all its "lines" of functioning.

I can say that the Members of this Fire Company have accomplished during this year past the highest mark of accomplishment in the fact that they have been ever ready to risk life or limb to protect our Citizens' lives and property in time of fire. This they have done most efficiently when ever called upon to do so. It seems that one is more likely to offer criticism instead of praise. I am glad to say that it is a compliment to the Members of this Company when I state that I have heard no criticism. But to the contrary I have heard praise for the Company in their prompt response to alarms of fire and as to the fact that as little damage was done to property to extinguish a fire as was absolutely necessary.

I also feel that the fire loss as will be given by Our Chief will also show a high mark of efficiency. I want to thank the Officers and the Members of this Company for their cooperation given me during the year just closing. Each of you has in every instance has shown me, as your President, and to many your Junior, every respect and have been most willing to serve on Committies or in any matter that you have been requested to take a part. For all of this I am very greatful to you. I wish to enumerate some of the accomplishments of the Members of this Company since the last Annual Meeting in January, 1936.

1. Harmony has prevailed among our members at all times. This I feel, should be the aim of each member above all else.
2. As I have mentioned before efficiency, along all lines of duty.
3. We have plans nearly completed to end the Carnival method of maintanance. The County to pay2-3 of the cost and the Town 1-3 of the cost.
4. We have canvassed the rural districts served by this Company and ing in increased membership and also have gained a great many friends in doing so.
5. The Company held a very successful banquet in February, resulting in incresaed membership and good-will from the citizens of our Community.
6. Our Band during the year has attended numerous Carnivals winning cash prizes in nearly every instance, has played during the open air joint Church services in the park last summer and I feel the Band with its capable leader has been an invaluable adjunct to this Organization.
7. To our Ladies Auxiliary, I do not believe that there is a Company on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula that can boast of such an active Body of Ladies banded together with the welfare of this Company their first and only consideration. They have a membership of approximately 200 Ladies each who is willing to make a fireman's work an easier task as he knows the willingness on their part to do anything, day or night whenever called by their President.
8. Another very important factor in the affairs of a Fire Company is good moral conduct. I want to compliment the members on the good example of Citizenship that they have displayed in the meeting room and on alarms of fire.
9. We have increased our stock of hose to some extent, have had no serious break-downs to our equipment and have three pumping engines ready at a moments notice to answer any emergency when needed.
10. The Members of this Company have voted to erect a new fire House, ordered our Attorney to proceed to purchase a site and have the willingness of the Mayor and Council to sponsor same, provided a grant can be procurred through the Works Progress Administration.

There are many more items that I could mention to you which the Members should receive recognition for during the year of 1936, but I will not do so at this time.

We have had, as it requires, considerable expense to operate and maintain this Fire Company and while our operating funds are dwindling we have been able to meet our obligations when due.

In closing my report to you, I again want to express my sincere appreciation to every member and trust that to my successor you will give the support that you have given to me.



COLLEGE HOLIDAY

It's not Gracie Allen, but the two gents in the picture with her, Jack Benny and George Burns, who have their hands full once Gracie gets going in "College Holiday," the all-star comedy which shows on Wednesday, and Thursday, January 20 and 21 at the New Lyceum Theatre.

"AFTER THE THIN MAN" . . . .

With all the entertaining points of its predecessor, and a number of new ones, Dashiell Hammett's mystery story, "After the Thin Man," comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, January 18 and 19, starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. This is a sequel to "The Thin Man" which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios produced in response to public demand.

The same director, W. S. Van Dyke was responsible. Hunt Stromberg produced the film and there was no doubt that the sequel picks up in high where the original opus left off.

An excellent supporting cast includes James Stewart, Elissa Landi, Joseph Calleia, Jessie Ralph and Asta, the intelligent wire-haired terrier which played a clever part in "The Thin Man."

The new story presents the ace detective as he returns from New York to his home in San Francisco determined to abandon sleuthing activities forever. The first thing that slaps him in the face is an A-1 mystery, with a murder and another series of irresistible adventures.

The story carries up into the aris having been stripped of his clothing tocratic heights of Nob Hill in the city of the Golden Gate and descends into the spicy atmosphere of Chinatown, with the solution never in sight until the very end. As a matter of fact, according to M-G-M authorities, the final scenes were filmed secretly and the cast was virtually sworn to keep the plot to themselves.

"After the Thin Man" is a worthy successor to the first sensational picture which became a box office record-breaker.

"COLLEGE HOLIDAY" . . . .

Laughter, gayety and music are mixed in liberal proportions in "College Holiday," Paramount's newest all-star comedy, which shows on Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21, at the New Lyceu mTheatre.

Jack Benny heads the list of radio and screen comics assembled for this latest mirthquake. He is aided by George Burns and Gracie Allen, Mary Boland and Martha Raye while Marsha Hunt, Lief Erikson, Eleanore Whitney, Johnny Downs, Olympe Bradna, Louis DaPron and Ben Blue are on hand to supply the love interest.

"College Holiday" is an original screenplay by J. P. McEvoy which in light-hearted vein tells the story of a group of scatterbrained cultists who take over a hotel to test their theories and scientific mating. Miss Boland and Etienne Girardot, affecting Roman costumes, are the cultists. Fleeing from the hotel in a sheet after by the sheriff, is Benny. He is mistaken for a fellow cultist. When he hears the scheme, he figures he can put the hotel back on its feet by importing a crew of collegians—ostensibly to serve the cult, but actually to rally paying guests.

He brings them—and the fun begins. Matters are intensified by Miss Allen who is chosen by the cultists to pair off the young couples. She does, in typical and traditional Gracie Allen manner, and it all winds up in a blaze of comedy and song.

Music was written for "College Holiday" by the famous teams of Ralph Rainger and Leo Robin, and Bert Lane and Ralph Freed. The songs are "Sweetheart Waltz," "A Rhyme for Love," "So What?", "I Adore You" and "Who's That Knocking at My Heart?"

"THE PLAINSMAN" . . . .

The screen's most famous soldier-of-fortune, handsome Gary Cooper, who has fought in about every army ever filmed, enacts the role of one of the most famous of all soldiers-of-fortune in history, in Cecil B. DeMille's saga of the West, "The Plainsman," which comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23.

The man is J. B. Hickok, law-enforcement agent in the wild West during the early seventies, known to millions by virtue of the manner in which he enforced the law and in the way he handled his six-shooter, as "Wild Bill" Hickok.

It was the life of this man and the heroic efforts of others of his kind which inspired DeMille to turn his genius toward the filming of his first American "epic". Not only does Hickok come to life again, but "Calamity Jane," the girl whom he loved, played by charming Jean Arthur; "Buffalo Bill" Cody, portrayed by James Ellison; General George A. Custer, played by John Miljan; "Broken Nose" Jack McCall, played by Porter Hall, and a host of others who wrote history with blood and gun smoke, live again in the dramatic pageant of the West.

"Wild Bill" was sent into the Indian country shortly after the Civil War to find out who it was that was running guns to the Indians in violation of a strict government order. This gun-running made it possible for the Indians to put up stiff resistence to the westward expansion.

"Wild Bill" met "Calamity Jane" on his way into the Indian country, and the romance began. He also discovered who was responsible for the gun-running and stopped it, the film reveals, but only after Custer and his band of brave men were annihilated at Little Big Horn in 1876, with guns supplied mainly by the gun-runners.

Formation of Coral

Many of the branching formations known as coral were really made, not by animals, but by plants, says a botanist.

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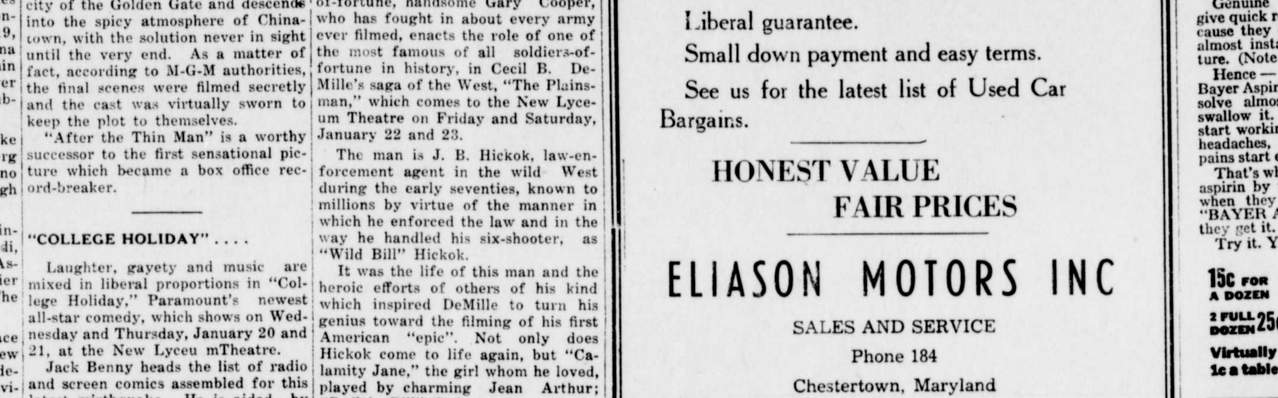


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