AT THE MOVIES NEXT WEEK

Fernand Gravet finds Joan Blondell is "a very dainty dish to set before a king" in "The King and the Chorus Girl," the Mervyn LeRoy production for Warner Bros. which comes soon to the New Lyceum Theatre.

"A FAMILY AFFAIR" . . . .

Practically the entire cast of "Ah Wilderness!" that compelling drama of home life, are reunited in the new M-G-M story of a typical American family, "A Family Affair," which comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6.

Lionel Barrymore, seen as the father in the earlier hit, again plays a typical head-of-the-house in the new picture, and Eric Linden and Cecilia Parker once again represent romance in its adolescent phases. Others featured in the cast are Mickey Rooney, Charley Grapewin, Spring Byington, Julie Haydon, Sara Haden, Allen Vincent, Margaret Marquis, Selmer Jackson and Harlan Briggs.

"A Family Affair" was adapted to the screen by Kay Van Riper from the play by Aurania Rouveyrol and was directed by George Seitz, veteran director of many smash film hits, including "The Last of the Mohicans."

The story is that of a District Judge revered by the citizens of a small Idaho city until, by fulfilling the dictates of the law, he balks the building of a great aqueduct that will link the small community to a mighty city.

Rather than transport the entire company to Idaho for the exterior scenes, a typical town was constructed on two acres of M-G-M's spacious grounds. It consists of two streets of two-story residences, two business streets flanked by banks, grocery stores, hardware stores, cafes, furniture and feed stores, a newspaper building, and a three-story courthouse surrounded by the town square. Other impressive sets include the interior of a huge convention hall, a great engineering project and interior of the courthouse.

"THE CRIME NOBODY SAW" . . . .

One of the most successful Ellery Queen and Lowell Brentano mystery stories, "The Crime Nobody Saw," comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, with Lew Ayres, Ruth Coleman, Benny Baker and Eugene Pallette in the leading roles.

"The Crime Nobody Saw" is a mystery which is solved by three authors in search of a plot. The murder occurs in their own living room only a few minutes after a theatrical producer from whom they had received large advances, gives them the alternative of writing a play or facing charges of receiving money from him under false pretenses.

They trick a half dozen suspects into coming to the apartment and, posing as police officers, question them. The situation becomes complicated when several of the suspects confess to the crime and the body is stolen. It is also revealed that the slain person is not the one who the three writers thought him to be.

Despite the complications, threatened prosecution for impersonating police officers and the pressure put on them by the theatrical producer, the three solve the mystery and discover they have a first class plot for a murder mystery.

The love interest is supplied by pretty Ruth Coleman, who is one of the suspects, and Ayres. Vivienne Osborne, Colin Tapley, Howard C. Hickman and Ferdinand Gottschalk are also in the cast.

"MID-NIGHT COURT" . . . .

There have been many movies with action taking place in courtrooms but as far as records show, there never have been one about that comparatively recent institution, the Night Court. And so there is much novelty to the new Warner Bros. melodrama "Midnight Court," which features Ann Dvorak with the new film convert from Broadway, John Litel, as leading man. It has been booked by the New Lyceum Theatre, and will show as part of a double feature show on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10.

"Midnight Court," the producers explain, while valuable in expediting the trials of petty offenders is a place that sometimes works for the plans of hardened criminals, who there pick up new recruits to their ranks from among the discouraged young men who form the bulk of the prisoners.

In this story, new members are drafted for an automobile stealing gang which has been getting away with hundreds of new cars, disguising them and shipping them elsewhere to be sold.

Miss Dvorak, in "Midnight Court," is an official stenographer. Before the bar appears Litel, once her husband and a brilliant attorney, but now an unkempt and drunken vagabond.

The theme of the picture is Litel's rehabilitation, with Ann's aid, and his brilliant work in breaking up and convicting the auto thieves' gang.

Those who have seen the previews pronounce the picture to be speedy and thrilling, and say it gives Miss Dvorak some of her greatest screen opportunities. It marks Ann's return to the films after a rather lengthy absence.

"Midnight Court" was written by Don Ryan, Los Angeles columnist who reports the doings at the regular night court in that city, and Kenneth Gamet. It was directed by Frank McDonald, who has made several recent notable Warner pictures.

Included in the cast are Carlyle Moore, Jr., William Davidson, Gordon Elliott, Gordon Hart, Joseph Crehan, Lyle Moraine and Joan Woodbury.

GALENA

Misses Bernice Horsey, Blanche Fogwell, student nurses at Homeopathic Hospital, Wilmington, Del., visited their parents, here last week.

Mr. Jack McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his father, Mr. John Alvin McCauley.

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Barlow attended the monthly meeting of Wilmington District Preachers Association in Trinity M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., last week.

Mrs. Bessie Hurtt and Mrs. James Quinn who have been on the sick list are much improvde.

Miss Calra Virginia Davis entertained her Sunday Class at her home last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Frank Newnam, Miss Marian Newnam, Miss Marjorie Haley spent last Sunday as guests of the formers son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rhoades near Middletown, Delaware.

Mrs. Mabel Justis, Miss Bertrude Justis, Louis Justis, Feliee Farcaier, Jr., and Arthur Gray of Philadelphia, were recent guests of the formers mother, Mrs. Walter Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stevens, of Baltimore, Md., Miss Dorothy Jarman were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarman.

Mrs. Terry Mitchell and son, Terry, Jr., of Waynesboro, Pa., were week end visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton Quinn and daughter, Virginia, spent the week end with relatives near Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Coxe and daughter, Etta, of near Earleville, were Sunday guests of his father, Mr. Heston Coxe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krueser, Miss Mary McCauley, Mr. William McCarthy, of Philadelphia, Pa., were week end guests of Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Miss Margaret Mulford spent last Saturday and part of Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Burgess Schrieber in Chestertown, Md.

Miss Hazel Bolton, Miss Helen Davis, of State Normal School, Salisbury, Md., spent the Easter holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. Maddox and Mrs. Spear, of Glenburnie, Md., were visitors in town last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson entertained over the weke end their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Cole and family, of Chevy Chase, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran and family.

Miss Elizabeth Dill, of Wilmington, Del., spent the Easter Holidays with her parents, Mr. nad Mrs. Carl Dill.

Mrs. Edward Scott returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. Holt Woodall, Sr., in Georgetown, Md., after spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. GG. W. Zeiders in Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. GGrace Burns and Mrs. Spry of Wilmington, Del., visited the latters sister, Mrs. Jmaes Skinner in town last Monday.

Mr. Emory Wood and daughter, BBetty, of Wilmington, Del., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wood.

Misses Kitty and Sara Hyland, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end wtih their father, Mr. Wm. A. Hyland.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnston and family, of near town spent Easter Sunday with the formers brother, Mr. Arthur Johnston, near Chesapeake City, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie and daughter, Ruth, of Ocean View, Del., spent the Easter holidays with her father, Mr. Frank Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Wilmington, Del., spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Among those on the sick list are Mr. Heston Coxe and Mr. James Skinner.

Algeria, Africa . . . Telephone developments in this section of Africa will be improved by the installation of cable replacing open wire lines and by the construction of new lines. The posts and telegraph authorities are now asking for bids on 62 miles of cable.

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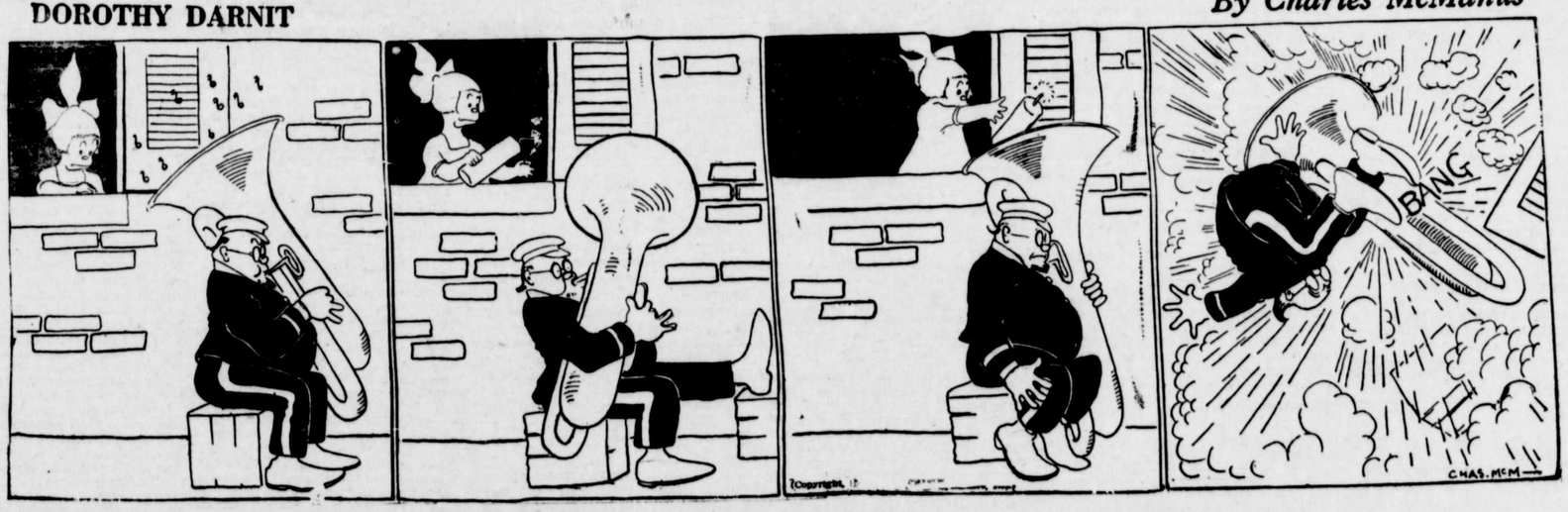

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