ON THE SCREEN

by Movie-Goer

SINGING MARINE IN LOVE



Dick Powell as a leathernec who can sing, is the star in "The Singing Marine," Warner Bros.' latest musical coming to the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday-Tuesday, August 2-3. His new leading lady is Doris Weston who got her first break on Major Bowes' radio program.

"THE SINGING MARINE" . . . .

Just what the title indicates is the story of "The Singing Marine," which, with Dick Powell as its star, will have its local premiere at the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, August 2 and 3.

Dick is a Marine—a modest buck private at the San Diego base—and he can sing. So his comrades get up a purse to send him to New York to have a try at "Major Bowes" amateur hour.

At the same time, on her own, Dick's sweetheart essays to enter her voice into the competition. This is Doris Weston, a lovely and talented newcomer to movies.

She doesn't get by. The Major's famous gong stops her. But Dick becomes a tremendous success.

That was just too bad! It goes to Dick's head. Spoiled by the adulation of innumerable women, and the fawning of chiselers who surround him, the young Marine forgets his comrades out on the Pacific Coast.

But after all he's only on a leave of absence from the Marines, and when, at the end of his furlough he's shipped with the rest of his company to China, he has a chance to redeem himself with a splendid bit of heroism, which restores him to everyone's good graces.

A splendid cast surrounds Dick Powell in the gay song and dance fest, including Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins, Doc Rockwell from vaudeville, Jane Wyman and Veda Ann Borg.

"PUBLIC WEDDING" . . . .

The carnival show was flopping. "Moloch, the Mighty Mastodon of the Deep" (a stuffed whale) wasn't bringing people in under the tent. In fact the carnival performers were getting just about hungry enough to eat Moloch's stuffing, when somebody got a bright idea.

Why not have a "Public Wedding?" Why not have a young couple married right inside the gaping mouth of the mighty Moloch? Would that bring in enough cash customers to straighten out the carnival folks' finances—and especially to get them a few square meals?

That's what this lively Warner Bros. farce-comedy, "Public Wedding," which comes on Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5 to the New Lyceum Theatre, is all about. The young people who marry in the whale's mouth think it's merely a fake marriage—a rather novel publicity stunt. But it turns out that this isn't the case at all. They're really married. And in the end they come to enjoy the fact that they are.

The leading man—making his first movie appearance—is the 6-foot-3 son of the late De Wolf Hopper. William by name. His leading lady is Jane Wyman, a vivaciouss young brunette who has just come up from the ranks of little theatre players and is doing very well.

Others in the picture, which was directed by Nick Grinde from a screen play by Roy Chanslor and Houston Branch, include Dick Purcell, Berton Churchill, Raymond Hatton, Veda Ann Borg and Carlyle Moore, Jr.

"MELODY TRAIL" . . . .

Gene Autry breaks away from the tried-and-blue western formula in his latest outdoor feature, "Melody Trail," which comes on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7 to the New Lyceum Theatre as part of a double feature show, and the result is a picture that completely satisfies not only lovers of westerns, but the general movie fan as well. Autrey's new production includes in its roster of players that remarkable canine star, "Buck," who won the hearts of movie fans with his performance in "Call of the Wild." He's here in the happy role of a four-legged rascal whose penchant is taking anything not nailed down.

Seven songs are introduced in the picture, delivered in the inimitable style that has made Autrey a popular figure both on the radio and screen. Aided by "Smiley" Burnette, Anne Rutherofrd and a bevy of charming "cowgirls," these tuneful numbers make the picture unique.

Those who look for hard and fast riding, gut play and fist-to-fist encounters will not be disappointed in "Melody Trail," for Autrey is just as much at home in the saddle on "Champion" as he is strumming away on his guitar. All the elements that go to make a bang-up western are present, with added angles that make for genuine entertainment.

STILL POND

Rev. Raymond Hallman and Mr. Harry T. Bidwell attended the Baby Chick Convention in Baltimore on Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Norris who has been on the sick list is much improved.

Mr. Robert Bowers visited in Baltimore a few days last week.

Miss Anna Walters, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. William Ford of near town. Miss Ann Dudley Ford returned with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Crew and family, who have just returned from a trip to Bermuda visited with his sister, Mrs. Myra Roseberry and other relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Burk and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacy and daughters, Charlotte and Doris, Mrs. Davis and daughter, Janet and Mr. Wilson Heron, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston and family.

Mrs. William Medders left for New York last week to be with her daughter, Clara, who has been very sick. We are glad to hear that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eliason and granddaughter, of New Castle, visited with her brother, Mr. Walter Davis on Sunday.

Mr. B. R. Fellows and family visited in Philadelphia last Friday. Miss Lucille Fellows who is a student nurse at the Philadelphia General Hospital returned home with them for a three weeks vacation.

Mr. Percy Jewell, of Chester, Pa., is spending sometime with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldey Warren, of Baltimore, were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Annie Warren.

Dr. Charles Medders, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. William Medders.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and family, of Granogue, Del., returned home Monday after spending two weeks at their home her near town.

Mrs. Blanch Carrack and daughter, Kathryn, of Buffalo, and Miss Elma Deakyne, of Wilmington, visited with Miss Lily Parrott on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Hackett, of Baltimore, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett.

Mrs. Alice Meeks, of Baltimore, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks a few days this week.

Mr. Jewell Thompson and Mr. Clarence Thompson, of Rock Hall, visited their mother, Mrs. Emma Thompson on Sunday.

Mr. Kennard Jones and daughter, Hope Marie visited with relatives in Baltimore on Sunday. Mrs. Jones and son returned home with them after a weeks visit.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Dudley, of Baltimore, a well known former resident of this town are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Comegys.

Mrs. W. M. Parker, wife of the pastor of Asbury Church this town, returned on Wednesday to her home much improved after about two weeks spent at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena, Md., is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell and little daughter, Jane, were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Florence Bell in Denton, Md.

Mrs. Dora Truitt and daughter, Bessie, of Wilmington, Del., and Mr. Thomas Argo, of Philadelphia, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robinson.

Mrs. George J. Smith and Mrs. James D. Moore were visitors of the latters brother, Mr. Morgan King and family, of near Middletown, Del., on Sunday and Monday of last week. Their husbands called for them on Monday evening to return home.

Misses Fanny and Bessie Stewart of Chestertown, visited their cousin, Mrs. Mary E. P. Smith on day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hollins are spending the past week in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. J. A. Woolleyhand, of Kenton Del., and Mrs. Homer R. Downes, of Smyrna, Del., were visitors of Mrs. James D. Moore on Tuesday.

Mrs. Hurlock Gale visited friends in Philadelphia the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waterman, of Westville, N. J., Mrs. Ella Abele, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and baby son, Charles and Mrs. Elizbaeth Smith, flof Cheltenham, Pa., spent the week end with Mrs. John E. Woodall.

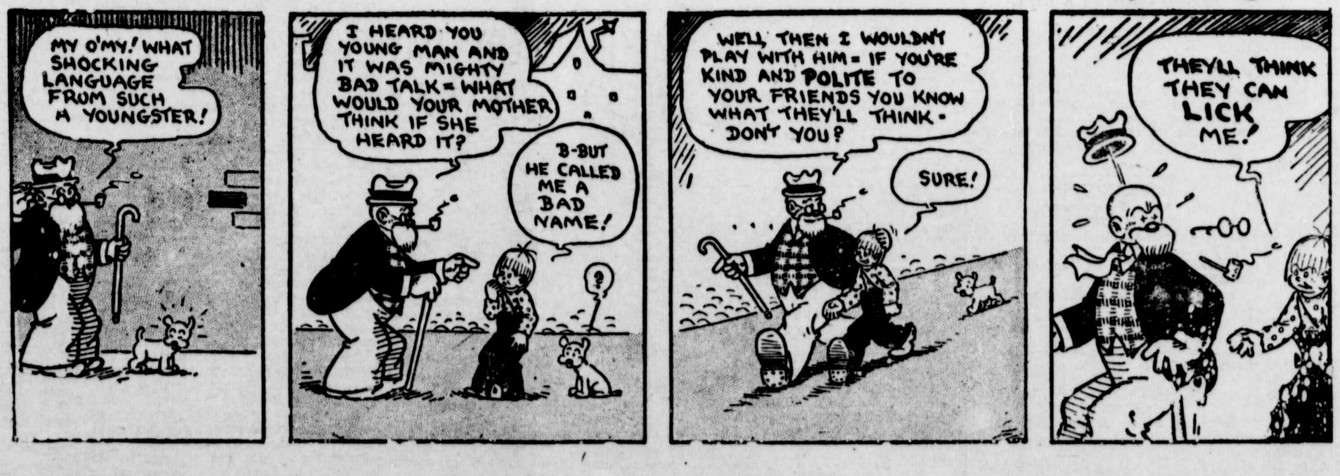
Dr. J. E. Aner, wife and son, Bruce, of Baltimore, were week end guests at the home of Mr. Hurlock Gale.



DOROTHY DARNIT — *By Charles McManus*



"MICKY" AND HIS GANG — *By Sam Iger*



SNOODLES — *By Cy Hungerford*

