ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Easily the most lavish potpourri of music and mirth, fun and beautiful girls of the current season, "The Big Broadcast of 1938", Paramount's latest laugh musical, makes its bow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21, 22 and 23, at The New Lyceum Theatr,e with a splendid cast starring W. C. Fields and including Martha Raye, Dorothy Lamour, Shirley Ross, Ben Blue, Bob Hope, Lynne Overman, Rufe Davis, Leif Erikson, Grace Bradley and Tito Guizar. And just to make the cast of stellar performers overflow from sheer abundance, the producers have tossed in specialty routines by Mme. Kirsten Flagstad of the Metropolitan Opera and Shep Fields and his Rippling Rhythm Orchestra, currently heading the popularity lists among dance orchestras.



Shep Fields, King of "Rippling Rhythm," who makes his Broadcast of 1938," which comes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21, 22 and 23, to the New Lyceum Theatre. feature film debut in "The Big

Always hilarious, always tuneful, always girl-filled and most of the time more than a trifle mad, "The Big Broadcast of 1938" is the story of a transatlanitc boat race and a handsome radio announcer who can never keep track of the number of ex-wives to whom he is paying alimony.

Bob Hope, radio star who make his screen debut in this film, is the radio announcer, engaged to broadcast details of the transatlantic crossing of the S. S. Gigantic, owned by W. C. Fields, which is out to make a new transatlantic record. To his great surprise, Hope finds that all three of his ex-wives are on board, together with the girl he hopes to make his fourth.

Fields, thinking that he is on a rival ship, devotes his time to trying to slow down the Gigantic, and is delighted when the ship has to stop to pick up his jinx daughter, Martha Raye, and her boy-friend, Lynne Overmann, who have been wrecked and are adrift in the ocean.

The Raye Jinx works; the Gigantic is not only slowed up, but threatened with disastre, and the sailors, who have heard of the jinx, plan to toss Miss Raye overboard. They are however, persuaded to wait for a few hours, until seven years should have elapsed since Miss Raye broke a mirror, when the jinx may be lifted.

The seven years' period expires—and with it, the jinx lifts. The Gigantic goes ahead to a new record; Hope realizes where his true love lies, and the mixed-up amours of everyone else on board are straightened out satisfactory to all concerned, with our old friend W. C. Fields still in as much of a fog as ever.

"The Big Broadcast of 1938" introduces seven new song hits, which have already jumped into the "most-played" class. They are: "You Took the Words Right Out of My Heart," "Mama, That Moon Is Here Again," "Thanks for the Memory," "The Waltz Lives On," "This Little Ripple Had Rhythm," "Don't Tell a Secret to a Rose," and "Sawing a Woman in Half." The first six songs listed are from the fertile pens of Leo Robin and Ralph Rainger, who have made a habit of hits, while Jack Rock is credited with the novelty "Sawing a Woman in Half."

February Mildest In Years

February was the mildest in Maryland and Delaware since 1932. The monthly precipitation, mostly in the form of rain, was somewhat below normal and snowfall was very light. Most rain fell on the 19 and 20th.

In Maryland, 49 stations reporting, the mean temperature was 38.9 degrees, or 5.0 degree above normal. The highest mean was 42.8 degree at Solomons and the lowest 34.7 degrees at Sines. The highest temperature was 76 degrees at Western Port on the 18th and the lowest 5 degrees at Sines on the 1st. The average precipitation, 55 stations reporting, was 2.37 inches, or 0.55 inch below normal. The greatest monthly was 3.67 inches at Easton and the least 0.90 inch at Hancock. The greatest 24-hour amount was 1.78 inches at Bell on the 19 and 20th. The average snowfall was 7.1 inches, or 0.5 inch below normal. The greatest monthly was 11.5 inches at Sines and the least 0.5 inch at a number of stations in southern counties. The greatest 24-hour snowfall was 7.0 inches at Sines on the 27th.

In Delaware, 8 stations reporting, the mean temperature was 39.7 degrees, or 5.8 degrees above normal. The highest mean was 41.6 degrees at Milford and the lowest 36.5 degrees at Wilmington. The highest temperature was 72 degrees at Milford on the 14th and the lowest 15 degree at Bridgeville on the 17th, Wilmington on the 28th, and Millsboro on the 17th. The average precipitation, 9 stations reporting, was 2.60 inches, or 0.54 inch below normal. The greatest monthly was 3.42 inches at Millsboro and the least 1.84 inches at Bridgeville. The greatest 24-hour amount was 1.47 inches at Wilmington on the 19 and 20. The average snowfall was 3.0 inches, which is 3.0 inches below normal. The greatest monthly was 4. inches at Milford and the least 1.0 inch at Delaware Breakwater. The greatest 24-hour amount was 3.0 inches at Wilmington on hte 20th.

John R. Weeks, Meteorologist.
March 7th, 1938.

Patents Issued for Lamps

The earliest of the all-pewter patented lamps is the hanging lamp of William Lawrence. This patent was issued March 23, 1831, but proving unsatisfactory to its inventor, was withdrawn and reissued March 10, 1834, on a new specification. Maltby and Neal received a patent for a lard lamp with a telescoping burner May 4, 1842. Between 1837 and 1845, Samuel Rust was listed in the New York directory as a lampmaker. He was also an inventor and at least fourteen patents were issued to him for inventions relating to lamps.

MILLINGTON

The Ladies Aid of Asbury Church met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carmine of Millsboro, Del., were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carmine and their son, Terry accompanied them home.

Miss Sarah Moore, near town, visited Miss Mary Darrell on Sunday last.

The Home Makers Club of Millington, held an evening of games last week at the Community Hall. There were about eighty present, all took part in Bingo and other games and spent a nice social evening. Refreshments were served, a small charge of 15 cents was made for admission, everybody was pleased and a nice sum was raised which was contributed to the Kent and Queen's Hospital in Chestertown.

Mrs. C. W. Robb and two daughters of Roxanna, Del., were visitors at the M. E. Parsonage on Saturday last.

It is reported that Mrs. William Burris is critically ill at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eunis Walls in Wilmington, Del.

The Queen Esther Circle, of Asbury Church, Millington, met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Warner Porter.

Miss Florence Gale, of Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, spent a few days recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale.

Mrs. Mary E. P. Smith who has been quite sick at her home recently is now much improved.

Mrs. John E. Woodall has returned home after spending the winter at the home of her son, Walter Woodall in New York City.

Mrs. Florence Mowbray and daughter, Miss Sue, of Dover, Del., are spending some time this week with her sister, Mrs. Alice Blair on Cypress street.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Price and Miss Mary Caldwell, of Chestertown, Md., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, also Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Caldwell.

Among those on the sick list, are Mrs. W. D. LeCates, Mrs. John Boyd and Master Allen Mulford.

Mr. Ralph Van Dyke returned home last Sunday after a weeks visit in Miami, Florida.

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

The Philathea Sunday School class held its monthly meeting last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholson.

Miss Genevieve Cochran spent this week with her mother, Mrs. Wilson Cochran who is quite ill in a Philadelphia Hospital at this writing Mrs. Cochran is slightly improved from an illness of pneumonia.

Miss Alice Irving Crawford, of Baltimore, Md., spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Crawford.

Mrs. Raymond Sutton and daughter Kay Heighe Ahern, of Baltimore, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant over the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cochran, of Baltimore, Md., have returned to their home after a visit with her niece, Mrs. William Towler.

Master Lewis Cruikshank entertained a number of his friends at a birthday party last Saturday afternoon.

Master Thomas Steele returned home last Saturday after a week visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Badher, in Glenolden, Pa.

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The Business Side—for 1937

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company presents its report for the year ending December 31, 1937. (In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Government Securities:	$845,465,919.71	**Statutory Policy Reserves:** Amount which, with interest and future premiums, will assure payment of policy claims	$4,141,778,793.00
U. S. Government, $782,172,007.89			
Canadian Government, $63,293,911.82			
Other bonds:	1,655,208,167.35	**Dividends to Policyholders:** Set aside for payment for the year 1938	101,023,188.00
U. S. State and Municipal, $130,036,072.20			
Canadian Provincial and Municipal $108,728,136.17		**Reserve for Future Payments on Supplementary Contracts**	74,737,947.93
Railroad $604,695,039.09			
Public Utilities $479,281,913.46		**Held for Claims:** Including claims awaiting completion of proof and estimated amount of unreported claims	20,479,248.83
Industrial and Miscellaneous $332,467,006.43			
Stocks: All but $38,047.76 are Preferred or Guaranteed	81,482,758.76	**Other Policy Obligations:** Including dividends left with Company, premiums paid in advance, etc.	26,055,985.89
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate:	994,096,712.57	**Miscellaneous Liabilities:** Including reserves for Accident and Health Insurance, accrued taxes payable in 1938, etc.	44,141,003.74
First Liens on Farms $73,652,107.08			
First Liens on other property $920,444,605.49		**Surplus and General Voluntary Reserve:** This serves as a margin of safety—a cushion against contingencies which cannot be foreseen	311,504,659.62
Loans on Policies	513,947,859.36		
Real Estate Owned: Includes real estate held for Company use	383,912,325.74		
Cash	102,584,804.52		
Premiums outstanding and deferred	83,727,136.16		
Interest due and accrued, etc.	59,295,142.84		
TOTAL	$4,719,720,827.01	*TOTAL*	$4,719,720,827.01

Total Life Insurance in Force:		*Payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders:*	
Ordinary	$11,400,690,229	Ordinary	$228,626,251.52
Industrial	7,511,537,957	Industrial	234,266,144.68
Group	3,671,865,512	Group Life, Health, and Annuities	60,451,881.28
Total	$22,584,093,698	Personal Accident and Health	2,531,994.01
Accident and Health Weekly benefits	19,699,024		
Principal sum benefits	1,510,264,310	*Total*	$525,876,271.49

The Metropolitan is a mutual organization. Its assets are held for the benefit of its policyholders, and any divisible surplus is returned to its policyholders in the form of dividends.

The Human Side—for 1937

IF WE WERE to let the figures above describe the Metropolitan's activities last year, the story would be far from complete—for there is a HUMAN side of the ledger, too.

Policyholders and beneficiaries received from Metropolitan in 1937 almost $526,000,000—much of it in an hour of genuine need.



Death claims were paid on 6,107 policies in force less than three months, and on 18,562 policies in force less than one year—dramatic proof of the value of life insurance.

One could scarcely name a catastrophe which took human lives, in the United States or Canada, where funds provided by Metropolitan policies had not helped lighten the burden for afflicted families.



Each day, visiting nurses representing the Metropolitan ministered to persons insured under Industrial, Intermediate, and Group policies who were in need of skilled care. These nurses made 3,766,240 calls during the year.

Every half second during 1937, a Metropolitan booklet, containing useful health information, was placed in somebody's hands.

Each working day throughout the year, new Metropolitan investments went into communities in various parts of the United States and Canada. These investments helped to create a demand for goods, aid realty values, give employment, and serve other modern social and economic needs.



There is more we would like to tell you about our 1937 Report. This is contained in a booklet entitled, "The Human Side of the Ledger," which we shall be glad to send to you upon request.

FREDERICK H. ECKER, *Chairman of the Board*
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