ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Spencer Tracy

Playing the greatest adventure role of his triumph-studded career, Spencer Tracy currently stars on the New Lyceum screen as Major Rogers, the fearless, fascinating and indomitable Indian fighter of Kenneth Roberts' volutionary pioneers who wrested an spectacular best-seller, "Northwest Passage." Epic tale of the pre-Re-empire from the Indians and the wilderness, the new action drama comes to the screen in Technicolor as one of the outstanding pictures of all time.

Filmed entirely in Technicolor during the most hazardous and arduous location trip ever attempted by a motion picture company, "Northwest Passage" comes to the New Lyceum on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1, 2 and 3.

Spencer Tracy, star of the picture, Robert Young, Walter Brennan and several hundred other Hollywood actors spent six weeks in the wilds of Idaho to obtain the colorful backgrounds which figure prominently in Kenneth Roberts' best-selling novel. With the exception of a few early sequences of the story, the entire production was made in the outdoors during this location.

Epic of Adventure

The picture is heralded as the most vivid story of an adventure ever filmed and is believed to furnish both Spencer Tracy and Walter Brennan, two-time Academy Award winners for best performances of the year, roles which outdistance any of their previous characterizations. Robert Young receives the greatest opportunity of his career and Hollywood is predicting immediate stardom for the young player as the result of his work.

The story, chonicling physical fortitude never before surpassed as screen fare, is of a band of Rogers' Rangers who set out to wipe out a village of marauding Indians. En route they elude enemies, carry huge whaleboats over a mountain top, crash their way through hundreds of miles of swamps, cross a river torrent by forming a human chain, and then crush the Indians in an amazing surprise attack.

The remainder of the story involves the s truggles of the courageous men to make their way, without food and despite Indian attacks, to safety and shelter. By the time this is achieved, the men are half-starved, battered and torn and the ranks badly depleted.

Highly emotional drama and honest-to-goodnes sthrills are in store for filmgoers when they witness Walter Wanger's new film production, "The House Across the Bay," which comes on Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5 to the New Lyceum Theatre, with George Raft and Joan Bennett heading an imposing cast of Hollywood topnotchers. This new picture not only introduces a new romantic team composed of Raft and Miss Bennett, but it brings the beautiful Miss Bennett forward in one of her most varied and exciting roles to date.

Others who contribute stirring and unforgetable portrayals in "The House Across the Bay" are Gladys George, Walter Pidgeon, June Knight and Lloyd Nolan. Gladys George, as a worldly-wise wife whose husband is serving a prison sentence, does an impressive piece of down-to-earth acting, while Walter Pidgeon as the second male lead is a romantic hero who hasn't been typed at the studios.

"The House Across the Bay" marks the first time the spotlight has been turned upon the story of these women. When Brenda Bentley travels to San Francisco and rents an apartment overlooking San Francisco Bay so that she can be near her husband, serving a term in a Federal Prison, she is acting a real-life episode torn from actual sourt records. For Brenda Bentley is a fictitious character only in that she is not an individual but represents a composite of a gruop.

MARYLAND CRAB CATCH IN 1939 SHOWED INCREASE

Figures released recently by the State Conservation Commission showed the harvest had jumped from 116,403 barrels of hard crabs caught in 1934 to 246,967 barrels packed last year.

Edwin S. Warfield, chairman of the State Conservation Commission, credited the increase to the cooperative action of fishermen in observing the laws against catching sponge crabs and in enforcing their own rules against undersized crabs.

He also reported a growing out-of-State demand for Maryland crab meat and the succulent soft crabs.

The soft crab crop also showed an increase in the past several years. The soft crab crop was 9,607,346 crabs and peelers in 1935, went up to 10,743,615 in 1936, dropped back to 10,064,940 in 1937, a poor year, and increased in both 1938 and 1939 when production was 11,527,036 and 12,924,376 respectively.

Year to year increase in hard crabs was particularly noticeable in the past three years. Maryland fishermen caught 13,712,400 pounds in 1937, boosted the total to 19,750,573 pounds in 1938 and wound up 1939 with a whopping 25,161,977 pounds.

The Conservation Commission said conditions indicated a healthy crab crop during 1940, and predicted demand would be best in history. Perfection of a new method for canning Chesapeake crabs was expected to provide an important new market.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. George Porter and family, of Dover, Del., were Easter visitors of his mother, Mrs. Eva W. Porter.

Mrs. Emma Airey, of Catonsville, Md., returned home on Monday after spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Miss Margaret Moore, of town and George Duling, of Wilmington were guetss on Monday of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Duling in Oxford, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Romie King, of Turners' Creek were visitors of his aunt, Mrs. James D. Moore on Saturday last.

Mrs. Kate Garton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Taylor at Sassafros, Md.

Mr .and Mrs. Harry R. Rasin and daughter, Jane, were visitors in Wilmington, Del., on Thursday.

Jimmie Pippin, of McDonough School near Baltimore, visited his brother, William Pippin and family for the Easter vacation.

Miss Clara H. Bryan who has been quite ill of the neuritis recently is much improved at this writing.

Milss Martha Pennnigton, of Navisink, N. J., was a visitor of friends in town on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kline, of Rutherford, N. J., were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Phillips.

Mrs. John T. Slaughter has returned home after spending a few weeks with her sons and daughter in law in Elkton, Md.

Miss Margaret Bowers was a guest of her father, Lambert T. Bowers for the Easter holidays.

John W. Hilyard has been suffering from a deep cold for a few days but is now much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons and mother, Mrs. Annie Lyons, of Wilmington, Del., were visitor of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore on Saturday last.

Mrs. Ollie Gayton, Mrs. Lillie Guest and Miss Marie Vansant, of Philadelphia, were visitors in town on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Durham have taken appartments with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voshell in the Gayton property.

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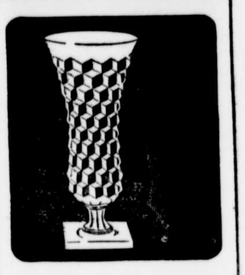

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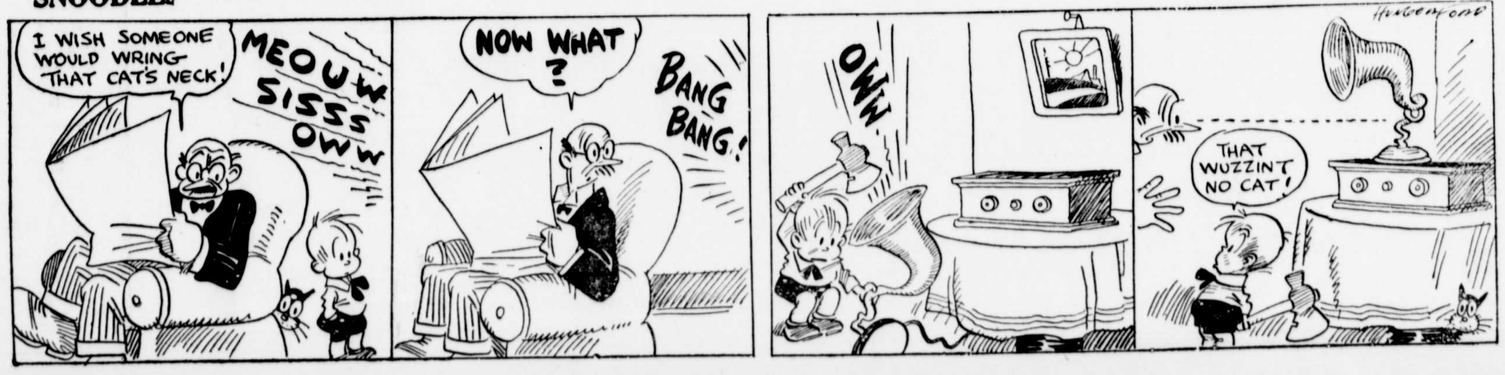
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