Weekend dances to open new Baltimore ballroom

There's a new ballroom opening this weekend at 745 W. Baltimore St. one that promises to furnish quite a haven of entertainment.

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THE "MELODY BALLROOM" starts its "swingining and swaying' with a wtnhdn-coigtaefa ing" with a two night dance affair this week featuring Alfonso Brown and his Tune Toppers.

Also on the show bill are the Twilighters, a popular vocal group. They will be augumented by Chuck Richard, famous radio personality and Billy Barnhill, Vocalist and M.C.

The affair is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, and continuing every Friday and Saturday with different entertainment each week.

In addition to the large Melody Ballroom, there are also available for rent three large banquet halls each complete with full kitchen facilities.

This venture is handled by Mr. Samuel Peckelis, who has been in business in Baltimore for over 11 years.

Prays for solons

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (ANP)—For the first time in the history of the Maryland State Senate, a colored minister, **The Rev. Levi B. Miller Jr.**, executive secretary of Christian education in the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church, last week offered prayer before that body.

KISSING AT GUNPOINT, one of the many exciting scenes in "Champion" co-featured with "Home Of The Brave." These two all-time hits are now playing at the Met Theatre.

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'First Run' Films of The Week in Review

SPENCER TRACY STARS IN NEW ALBERT SHOW

Every now and then a motion picture comes along so permeated with suspense and emotional impact as to make the spectator sit tense in his seat from opening scene to final fadeout.

Such a picture is now playing at the New Albert Theatre M-G-M's "Bad Day at Black Rock," filmed in CinemaScope and color with Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan at the head of a distinguished cast co-starring Anne Francis, Dean Jagger, Walter Brennan, John Ericson, Ernest Borgnine, Lee Marvin and Russell Collins.

"Bad Day at Black Rock" tells the story of the suspicion, contempt and hatred facing a single man by an entire town, of the attempt of its hoodlum leaders to at first frighten him off from his mission, then to liquidate him.

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THE MAN is John J. Macreedy, who has come to the isolated Western town of Black Rock to deliver a medal to Joe Komako, whose son had saved Macreedy's life during the war.

His quest for the Japanese farmers meets with evasions and lies from the townspeople, all of whom are in deadly fear of a man named Reno Smith.

When Smith tells Macreedy that Komako had been shipped to a relocation center, the former is unimpressed.

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AND IT does not take him long to discover that the Japanese farmer had been made the victim of Smith and others.

And now it is to be Macreedy's turn to die. But he doesn't.

He outwits and outmaneuvers each of his enemies in turn, some at the point of a gun, some with his bare knuckles, some with his brain—and one with his heart.

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AT THE END of twenty-four hours, when John Macreedy again boards the streamliner, making its second stop at Black Rock in four years, he has avenged a murder, has rounded up the criminals for trial, and has left behind him a community freed of one-man rule.

'COUNTRY GIRL' NOW AT REGENT

A powerful and absorbing motion picture, a superb film rich in human drama opened at the Regent Theatre Thursday.

It is Paramount's "The Country Girl," based on the Broadway stage hit, and it played to an overwhelmingly enthusiastic audience.

All the praise that critics have already heaped on it is abundantly due this production—and more!

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LOOK MAGAZINE called it "the dramatic thunderbolt of the year" and no wonder!

Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and William Holden, the film's stars, are nothing short of sensational in this truly outstanding picture.

Bing as a has been, guilt-ridden actor reaches new heights as a dramatic star to rank with the greatest.

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HIS PERFORMANCE has been the talk of the country and will be the talk of the town.

Grace Kelly, the beautiful and talented newcomer whom every body loves and who has thrilled fans in picture after picture, surpasses everything she has yet done.

And so does William Holden as the director who gives Bing his big chance at a comeback, although he realizes the tremendous difficulties he will have to help the man make the grade.

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HOLDEN IS led to believe by Bing himself that it is Bing's wife — the country girl (played by Miss Kelly) — who is responsible for his failings.

Inevitably Holden and Miss Kelly clash as each in his own way tries to help the faltering Bing, and in thei clashing realize their great attraction for each other.

How the problem of these three very human people is resolved makes "The Country Girl" the superb drama it is.

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IN THE film Bing sings several songs which are an integral part of the story.

He does an unusual night club number in duet with songstress Jacqueline Fontaine that is a real show-stopper, and an audition song that will send any audience.

To sum it up, "The Country Girl," which has been garnering all kinds of accolades and awards since its first showing, is one of the top motion pictures of this or any other year. By all means, see it... at least once.

"6 BRIDGES TO CROSS" FEATURED AT HARLEM

George Nader, the hometown Southern California boy who had to circle the globe in order to make good in Hollywood, reaches stardom with his second American - made picture, Universal - International's "Six Bridges To Cross," now at the Harlem Theatre.

In this behind - the - headlines drama of the great $2,500,000 Boston robbery that startled the nation, Nader shares starring honors with Tony Curtis and Julie Adams.

The young Pasadena Community Playhouse graduate came to the movies from television.

Scenes from a test TV film with Celeste Holm won for him the co-starring role with Ursula Thiess in "Monsoon" produced in India.

His next two screen roles took him to Sweden for "Memory Of Love" and to Germany for "Carnival Story."

Returning again to the U.S. Nader won Hollywood attention with appearances on the Loretta Young TV show and a U-I contract led to a starring role in "Four Guns To The Border."

"Six Bridges To Cross" was based on the Collier's magazine story and the best selling novel, "The Anatomy Of A Crime."

TWIN THRILLERS PLAY THE MET THEATRE

"CHAMPION" and "HOME OF THE BRAVE" are numbered among the classics of the screen.

Tensely emotional and cruelly realistic, "Champion" tells the story of Midge Kelly, (Kirk Douglas) handsome and ruthless a king among fighters and a wrecker of other peoples' lives, in his unrelenting drive to the top.

The three women in his life and the men who pluck him virtually from the gutter are left for ever with sordid bruises caused by contact with this idol of millions.

WHILE THE story of the "Champion" is set on the home front "Home of the Brave" takes you to the South Pacific battlefront of World War II and presents one of the most daring themes ever projected on the screen.

This gripping adventure of five men — one a colored — who volunteer for a dangerous mission on a Jap-held island has won unanimous acclaim the world over.

Stanley Kramer's greatest hits "Champion" and "Home of the Brave" are now playing at the Met Theatre through United Artists Release.

PAINTINGS ON EXHIBIT

CONWAY, Ark. (ANP)—Paintings of Claude Clark, head of the humanities department at Talladega College, were on exhibit at Hendrix College here.

Mr. Clark's works have been displayed in the Library of Congress, Brooklyn Museum and San Francisco Art Museum.

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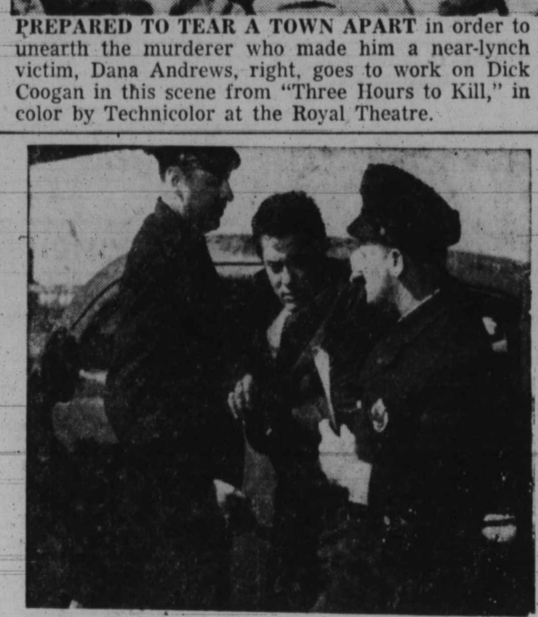
PREPARED TO TEAR A TOWN APART in order to unearth the murderer who made him a near-lynch victim, Dana Andrews, right, goes to work on Dick Coogan in this scene from "Three Hours to Kill," in color by Technicolor at the Royal Theatre.



TONY CURTIS portrays a slum-born crook in Universal-International's "Six Bridges To Cross," the story of the great $2,500,000 Boston robbery, which also stars Julie Adams and George Nader. Here Tony is being picked up under suspicious circumstances, following a horse-betting stick-up. Jay C. Flippen and Sal Mineo are featured. Now playing at the Harlem Theatre.

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HARLEM Now playing, Tony Curtis in "SIX BRIDGES TO CROSS."

LENOX Fri., Sat., Gary Cooper in "THE WESTERNER," also Johnny Weismuller in "JUNGLE MANEATER." Sun., Mon., Tues., James Stewart in "THE FAR COUNTRY," also Broderick Crawford in "DOWN THREE DARK STREETS."

LINCOLN Fri., Sat., Dick Powell in "STATIONS WEST," also Amanda Blake in "MISS ROBINSON CRUSOE." Sun., Mon., Tues. Audie Murphy in "Destry," also Johnny Sheffield in "KILLER LEOPARD."

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NEW ALBERT Now playing, Spencer Tracy in "BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK."

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Dave Brubeck group in concert tonight

Dave Brubeck is coming to town tonight (Friday) and at long last, Baltimoreans will be able to settle for themselves the big argument as to whether the Brubeck group plays "real" jazz.

The controversy arose from a column in Downbeat magazine recently in which jazz critic Leonard Feather wrote a scathing article denouncing the Brubeck as jazz instrumentalists.

In a rebuttal by Nat Hentoff, Nat claimed that Brubeck was one artist which could not be overlooked, but that Paul Desmond was the real jazz artist af the quartet.

But, as the saying goes, "Fifty million music lovers can't be wrong," and audiences from coast to coast have acclaimed the Brubeck group as the hottest thing on records today.

Whether or not the quartet plays real jazz or pseudo-classics, it makes for excellent listening, as you can discover for yourself at the Hilltop-Parkway Theatre tonight when Brubeck comes to town for two concerts.

There will be two sessions, one at 8:30, and one at 11 p.m.

Call it what you will, listening to the pyrotechnics of Dave's piano artistry in person is an experience never to be forgotten.

Star-studded show to open new ballroom

A star-studded cast of entertainers will be on hand tonight (Friday) and tomorrow for the gala opening of the city's newest ballroom.

Alfonso Brown and his Tune Topper orchestra will be highlighted as the unique Melody Ballroom formally throws open its doors at 745 W. Baltimore St.

Dancing to the Tune Topper beat will be enlivened by the vocals of Billy Barnhill. Barnhill will also serve as master of ceremonies for a bill that will also offer the Twilighters singing group.

The Melody Ballroom management plans dancing every Friday and Saturday night, with special ticket prices for advance purchasers.

Watermargin hears Killens

ITHACA, N.Y.—John Killens, author of the best-selling novel, "Youngblood," spoke to students at Cornell University recently on Brotherhood and the need for all groups in America to learn about and appreciate the culture and history of all other groups.

He talked about Crispus Attucks, Phyllis Wheatley, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Booker T. Washington.

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WATERMARGIN, the organization that sponsored Mr. Killens on the campus, was founded upon the principle that all men are brothers and that fraternities and sororities should be open to membership regardless of race, color, creed or religion.

He praised the NAACP for the leadership it is giving the entire nation in its fight for democracy for all Americans—its goal of complete freedom by 1963. Mr. Killens had recently returned from a successful speaking tour on the West Coast.

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