

## STARRED IN MUSICAL ROMANCE



Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll are starred in Irving Berlin's musical, "On the Avenue," a real-life romance set to music now playing at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.

## 'On the Avenue' Year's Gayest Film Musical

## 'Michael Strogoff' Has Thrilling Scenes



Victim of Tartar Orgy!

Unaware that a beautiful Russian girl is a spy plotting against his life, Anton Walbrook, renowned continental star in the title role of "Michael Strogoff," opening tonight at the Torrance theatre, risks his life to save hers.

This is only one of the many dramatic highlights in the screen version of the famous Jules Verne novel, which has achieved world-wide fame in two foreign language picturizations, dramatizations and translations throughout the world.

Played against a historical background, "Michael Strogoff" deals with the heart-wrenching adventures of its title hero, a courier of the Tsar, who essays a 2,500-mile trek across the perilous steppes of Siberia to Irkutsk, a Russian stronghold, with secret plans to repulse

## Lilting Comedy Opens Sunday At Torrance

Swinging merrily along to the tune of the best songs ever written by the greatest writer of songs in the world, "On the Avenue," opening Sunday at the Torrance theatre, represents Irving Berlin at his melodious best, in a musical that is full of pep and lilting good spirits.

With Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll making a new and romantic twosome of musical comedy, the Twentieth Century-Fox musical presents a real-life romance of New York, in a show that's as big as the town. Alice Faye, The Rita Brothers and George Barbier add both melody and mirth to the production.

Madeleine Carroll, noted hitherto for straight dramatic roles, makes a charming sweetheart for Dick Powell. The beginning of "On the Avenue" finds her, as a wealthy debutante, entering a theatre with her father, George Barbier, and an explorer, Alan Mowbray, at the moment that Dick Powell, Alice Faye and the Rita Brothers are engaged in a hilarious take-off on the home life of "the richest girl in the world."

Madeleine takes her revenge on Dick for public humiliation, but, in a surprising scene, in which the music of Irving Berlin plays a novel part, Dick finds a way to clear up the misunderstanding that have parted them and to bring a thrilling conclusion to the film.

## 'God's Country and the Woman' At Plaza Sunday

"God's Country and the Woman," Warner Bros.' brilliant picturization of the James Oliver Curwood novel of the same name—dealing with a feud between lumber companies in the deep forests of the Great North-West—opens Sunday at the Plaza theatre, with George Brent and Beverly Roberts in the leading roles.

The thrillingly dramatic romance of the story is heightened by the fact that the scenes—almost all of which are in the open—were photographed wholly in natural colors.

Brent and Miss Roberts have an excellent supporting cast including such outstanding favorites as Barton MacLane, Robert Barrat, Allen Hale, El Brendel, Billy Bevan and Joseph King. Hundreds of real lumberjacks appear in the exciting scenes.

There are fights—galore, between the steel-muscle lumbermen of the two camps. There are thrilling scenes of a runaway log-train and the blasting of a log jam—there are glamorous love scenes—stirring action.

## Strolling to Gay Musical Romance



Definitely "On the Avenue" for Irving Berlin's musical of that title are Alice Faye (left), Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll.

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## Public School Week Will Open April 26

Public Schools Week this year will be observed during the week beginning Monday, April 26, according to a proclamation issued this week by Rollie W. Miller, grand master of Masons of California, and addressed to 130,000 members of the order in the state.

The celebration this year marks the eighteenth annual observance of the event, which was originally established to call attention to and aid in correcting a critical condition in the public schools due to a shortage of teaching personnel because of war conditions.

marauding Tartar tribes which threaten to seize the outpost. Some of the most spectacular battle scenes ever filmed, climaxing in an unusual playplot which features Anton Walbrook, Elizabeth Allan, Akim Tamiroff, Margaret Grahame, Fay Bainter and Eric Blore.

## READ OUR WANT ADS

**TORRANCE THEATRE**  
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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 25-26-27

**"MICHAEL STROGOFF"**  
with ANTON WALBROOK, ELIZABETH ALLEN

—and—  
**"WE'RE ON THE JURY"**  
with VICTOR MOORE, HELEN BRODERICK

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, March 28-29-30

**"ON THE AVENUE"**  
with DICK POWELL, RITZ BROS., MADELEINE CARROLL

—and—  
**"WINGS OF THE MORNING"**  
with HENRY FONDA, ANNABELLA

Wednesday, March 31

**"UNDER COVER OF NIGHT"**  
with EDMUND LOWE, FLORENCE RICE

—and—  
**"TRAIL DUST"**  
with BILL BOYD, GWYNNE SHIPMAN

**Surprise Night**

## SPORT SHOTS

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are played there is insufficient time for the teams to take batting and fielding practice before either the first or second game. This is very important to the players. With two games being played the second game ends between 10:30 and 11:00 o'clock. This is too late for the fans and players alike. With one game being played it should end about 9:30. It would be more comfortable for the players and fans as it sometimes gets too cool after that hour to be comfortable.

2. That better umpiring be furnished. (This is a matter for the league officials and the managers to handle and nothing personal is intended.) Believe that umpires experienced in umpiring softball and specializing in that game only would solve the problem.

3. That the city council be asked to furnish additional money for the lighting expense that would be required for single games. The approximate cost of the lighting for the games attended by the 14470 people last year was \$140.00 or less than 1 cent per person. This money was donated by the city council. Don't you think that was a very good investment for city funds?

4. That the game as played last year last year be retained. (That is the length of the bases, size of the ball, etc.) Some fans and a few players would possibly like to see the game changed to 60 foot bases and a 12-inch ball. This game was played the night of the benefit game between a Los Angeles team and a Torrance league all-star team. Contend that the above mentioned game is not softball as it eliminates the bunting which is one of the most exciting and spectacular plays in softball. The 60 foot base game puts a premium on slugging and straightaway hitting and eliminates the player who depends on his ability to bounce or tap the ball in front of the plate and beat the throw to first. Might say that this game is not a Southern California game but was imported from the Middle West under the

## S. C. TITLE AT STAKE

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however. One-half of the crowd at Bell last week was composed of Torrance and Lomita fans, proving that the Merchants enjoy excellent support. The public address system has been repaired at the city park diamond and will be in good working order Sunday. New score cards will also be distributed for this "Little World Series" crucial encounter.

Sunday box score:

G. & S.	AB	R	H
Libbie, rf.	6	1	0
Rodiger, lf.	4	1	0
Harmon, cf.	5	2	2
Ellis, 3b.	5	0	1
Horg, 1b.	4	2	2
Frazier, 2b.	5	2	2
Davis, ss-p.	5	1	0
Webb, c.	3	1	1
Sweeney, p-ss.	4	0	3
Thatcher, c.	2	0	1
Totals	44	10	12

## LOMITA

	AB	R	H
Palica, cf. ....	4	2	3
J. Venable, rf. ....	6	0	1
Hamilton, 2b-p. ....	5	2	3
S. Venable, ss. ....	4	2	1
League, c. ....	6	1	2
B. Markham, 3b. ....	6	0	1
Eppley, lf. ....	6	0	1
Patalano, 1b. ....	3	1	2
Malone, p. ....	5	1	0
Morris, p-2b. ....	0	0	0

sponsorship of an ex-major league professional baseball player. It is neither softball or baseball but a game of its own. The game as played locally is the same as played in the National and American leagues which play the top brand of softball in Southern California. (Don't let the ballpoo of the metropolitan papers fool you in this respect. Players I've known for years who have played in both say that the National league is tops. They should know.)

Yours for the continued success of softball in Torrance.  
Paul Vonderhage.

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VIRGINIA BRUCE in **"WOMEN OF GLAMOUR"**  
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