

LOVE BLAZES NEW TRAILS



James Oliver Curwood's story of a girl on her own in a wilderness of men, "God's Country and the Woman," with George Brent and Beverly Roberts in the stellar roles opens a three-day run at the Torrance theatre.

Star-Studded Comedy Based on Stage Play

NEWS EVENTS FILMED FOR "BLACK LEGION" PICTURE

While there was plenty of precedent at their own studios for a picture directly from front pages of newspapers, Warner Brothers have never before tackled so immediately current a topic as "Black Legion," opening Sunday at the Torrance theatre.

A few months ago, American newspaper readers were horrified at published accounts of so-called "Black Legion" activities in Michigan. The story broke when a young mechanic was taken out by a group of masked men and cruelly flogged, then shot, because of an allegation that he had beaten his wife.

After his death, it was proved that the unfortunate victim was

a kindly man whose wife denied vehemently he was ever anything but gentle and considerate.

Finally trapped by the police, their cloak of patriotism was stripped away and found to cover nothing more noble than puny jealousies and resentments against their victims on whom they had inflicted horrible punishments.

The dramatic details of this story from real-life form the basis of the film, "Black Legion." The result is said to be a powerful indictment of secret organizations of the kind that undermine Americanism.

The cast is headed by Humphrey Bogart, whose portrayal of Duke Mantee in "Petrified Forest" was so widely acclaimed.

"God's Country and the Woman" Opening Tonight

"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 Northwest—opens tonight at the Torrance 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-muscled 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.

Letter Takes Long Way CLARKSBURG, Cal. (U.P.)—Justice of the Peace J. H. Weber has only praise and wonder for the efficiency of the postal service. He mailed his monthly report to the county seat, only a few miles away, and it arrived there safely several weeks later bearing a Yokohama post mark.

"Mrs. Cheyney" Has Notable Characters

"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," opening Sunday at the Plaza theatre, brings together for the first time the three stars who, singly, have recently contributed to the screen three of the year's most successful and outstanding pictures.

Joan Crawford, direct from "The Gorgeous Hussy"; William Powell, from "After the Thin Man"; Robert Montgomery, whose "Piccadilly Jim" still remains one of the high spots of 1936 screen entertainment.

To this triple-star cast Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer also has added an outstanding supporting cast that includes Frank Morgan, Jessie Ralph, Nigel Bruce, Colleen Clare, Benita Hume, Ralph Forbes, Allen Pringle and Melville Cooper.

Riot of Laughter Lawrence Weingarten, who was at the producer's helm on "Libeled Lady," is the producer of the new picture.

Based upon the famous Frederic Lonsdale play of a few years ago, the film completely modernizes the story to make it an outstanding riot of laughter and complicated situations.

To Miss Crawford falls the title role of the lovely American woman in whose hands glib English socialites become easy victims of a plot to trick them out of a fortune in jewels.

BLACK LEGION HITS AGAIN



(Left to right) Humphrey Bogart, Erin O'Brien-Moore, Dickie Jones, Ann Sheridan, and Dick Foran as victims of a black-hooded band of assassins, in Warner Bros. "Black Legion," opening Sunday at the Torrance theatre.

TEAMED AGAIN IN RAMONA PLAY



PLAY IMMORTAL ROLES FOR FIFTH TIME

Real Fog Aids Studio Filming Mystery Yarn

Nature, which often plays queer tricks on Hollywood shooting schedules, actually came to the aid of a picture during the filming of "Bulldog Drummond Escapes," latest in the popular series of detective stories, which is showing next Wednesday at the Torrance theatre.

The opening scenes of the new film called for the landing of a plane in fog-bound Croydon Field, just outside of London. When the shooting commenced an honest-to-goodness fog settled down over the lot and Director James Hogan ordered everybody into action to take advantage of it. The result is a perfect fog shot which no artificial means could produce.

Ray Milland plays the title role in "Bulldog Drummond Escapes," in which he has eight hours to solve a series of crimes

which break out in London. Heather Angel, Sir Guy Standing, Porter Hall, Reginald Denny and E. E. Clive are also in the cast.

Victor Jory and Jean Inness, celebrated stage and screen players, will be seen in the roles of Alessandro and Ramona, ill-fated lovers of Helen Hunt Jackson's famed romance of Early California, at Ramona bowl near Hemet, April 17-18, 24-25 and May 1 and 2.

Jory recently returned from an 11-month trip to Australia and England where he added new laurels to his screen acting career. Both Miss Inness and Jory are assuming their Ramona roles for the fifth consecutive season. All except the leading parts in the exciting outdoor production are played by residents of the twin cities of Hemet and San Jacinto which offer the play as a non-profit, community enterprise in the valley where much of the story was actually lived.

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Amelia Hester, 14-year-old pianist prodigy, and Gastone Usigli, noted conductor, are shown studying a difficult passage of the Grieg Concerto in A-Minor which Miss Hester played at Los Angeles Music Project's symphony concert last night.

TORRANCE THEATRE

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"God's Country and the Woman"

with GEO. BRENT, BEVERLY ROBERTS

—and—

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FRED MacMURRAY, CLAUDETTE COLBERT

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, April 4-5-6

"BLACK LEGION"

with HUMPHREY BOGART, ANN SHERIDAN

—and—

"CLARENCE"

with ROSCOE KARNS, ELEANOR WHITNEY

Wednesday, April 7

Surprise Night

"Bulldog Drummond Escapes"

with RAY MILLAND, HEATHER ANGEL

—and—

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with DICK FORAN, ANNE NAGEL