

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



A London blackout of today, one of the most amazing and thrilling scenes ever put on celluloid, is the spectacular opening of "Waterloo Bridge" dramatic new picture starring Vivien Leigh and Robert Taylor and opening Friday at the Redford Theater.

The famous Robert E. Sherwood stage play, written before the present conflict, is not a war drama, strictly speaking. It is a romance played against the existing background of London, as it was during the war year of 1917. But by opening the film on London of today and then shifting the scene back to 1917, the picture gains added vitality, timeliness and realism.

From the first title, the eerie psychological effect of a blackout is impressed on the audience. The credits appear on a murky screen, not flat black, but a blackness that has depth to it, like fog. The film in from the titles is onto an empty screen and a brief period of silence follows, unbroken by music or voice. For a moment audiences are conscious only of the impenetrable gloom that fills the screen, rolled like thick dust or mist. Then faintly back of this is heard the voice of a radio announcer. Suddenly the voice swells louder as if

someone had twisted the volume control.

The quiet impersonality of the speaker's tone makes the somber significance of his words even more impressive as he speaks of the fateful Sunday, September 13, when war was declared.

As Mist Dissolves
As the mist dissolves, it can dimly be seen that the voice is coming from a loudspeaker over a shop door. Around it are huddled a group of people listening with strained faces to the voice which drones on with information regarding blackout precautions.

The effect is twilight, which deepens as the camera moves down the street picturing the somber details, children with gas masks dangling from their belts, shepherded by teachers, a stray cat, an air raid warden knocking at a door where a forbidden ray of light shows from a window, and shadowy figures bumping in the dark. Those who see this opening will have experienced every emotion that the Londoner of today knows so well.

Joseph Ruttenberg, Academy Award winner for his photography of "The Great Waltz," was director of photography on "Waterloo

Bridge." He took particular pride in the blackout sequence because it demanded the lowest key lighting ever seen on the screen, made possible by a new and more sensitive film than has ever before been available.

"With this film," he said, "we get effects never before possible, giving the camera greater scope and attaining a measure of realism that technically is the closest approach yet to perfection."

Also to be shown is "Blind Cross," by latest picture, "If I Had My Way," in which Crosby co-stars with Gloria Jean.

WEST POINT PARK

Leo Woods and family, near Inkster, and Edwin Johnson and family, breakfasted together at State Park Sunday morning in honor of Mrs. Johnson's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Minx, and daughter Joyce, returned home Saturday from their vacation, where they were visiting relatives and friends of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss A. M. Jewell of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who has been visiting at the home of Earl Redding, left the few weeks, returned home Saturday.

Edwin Johnson is spending a few days at the Boy Scout Camp near Brighton.

Joyce Minx is visiting her paternal grandmother this week in Toledo.

Mrs. William H. Zwahlen and daughter Shirley, of West Point Park, Mrs. Albert Grinwade, of Farmington, Mrs. John Jurkovich and daughter Helen, and Miss Ardyth Bueck of Detroit, were dinner guests Thursday evening of Miss Olive Grinwade, at the Grace Hospital Nurses' Vacation Home on Ellis Island.

The home is a lovely furnished, kept up and deeded to the nurses of Grace Hospital by Mrs. Henry D. Joy of Detroit. Misses Helen Jurkovich, Ardith Bueck and Olive Grinwade are nurses from Grace Hospital.

The Sunshine Bible School, which meets at 3:45 p. m. Sundays in and around the cottage of Mrs. J. W. Ault is progressing satisfactorily. Rev. Gordon Cameron, the minister, is away on a vacation but able substitute took his place Sunday. Music is provided by an organ presided over by Mrs. Gordon Vance. Rev. Cameron will

be back next Sunday. Men, women, boys and girls are all cordially invited to attend this Bible school, it demanded the lowest key lighting ever seen on the screen, made possible by a new and more sensitive film than has ever before been available.

The West Point Bible church, having a good summer attendance, and the children of the community are enjoying their summer program. Immediately, Consecration service for all newly-appointed local workers will be held next Sunday morning. This Friday at one o'clock, the ladies of the church and those of the community who wish to join them will have a Missionary meeting. All ladies of the community are invited. It will be a pot luck luncheon, so come, bring your lunch, plates, and silver and join the rest of the folks so we may make plans for the fall work in the missionary department. This church belongs to the community and not to a denomination, therefore it is your church regardless of your denomination, you may enjoy the friendship of others and unite with the effort we plan for this department of the church.

Mrs. Marvin Addis, with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Guard Parks of Detroit, accompanied Howard Nevin, who was "where on business," to San Diego, California, and will spend the next three weeks with their sister, Mrs. Stanley Campan of Englewood, California.

Lora Anne Ault, of Jackson, Mississippi, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Edwin Johnson, is spending a week with her uncle, Robert Borland, near Redford.

Phyllis and Helen Rult Ault returned Sunday from a two weeks' outing spent at the Girls' Camp maintained by the Chrysler Girls' Association, near Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, son Donald, of Detroit, were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Little Eddie Johnson was quite ill for a few days this week.

Miss Freda Ault visited Mrs. Gordon Cameron in Detroit, Tuesday.

Mrs. Gerald Pease spent Wednesday visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. Kenneth Lanstrom and Mrs. Everett Peterson of Redford, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar, son Harold, and Marilyn Addis visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Pangel, Saturday evening, in their new home, in Detroit.

The Wonder Book Club was highly honored, Tuesday evening by having Mr. Carl Thomas, who is filling the pulpit at Central Presbyterian church during the absence of Rev. Aldrich, conduct a service for them. Mr. Thomas gave a very impressive talk and the response was most gratifying. About thirty-five persons, including a sprinkling of adults, were in attendance. Mr. Thomas is speaking again on Tuesday night of this week.

Thursday evening the Sunshine Sisters of Folker's subdivision arrived at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ault and showered congratulations upon "Grandma Ault" in honor of her 74th birthday. About twenty persons were present. Rev. Gordon Cameron was in attendance and an hour was given over to a hymn and bible service. During the evening notice was taken of the fact that Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and Mrs. Edwin Johnson both had birthdays in the same week as did the hostess. At the close ice cream and cake were served by members of the family. Mrs. Ault received a number of lovely gifts.

EYE IN BIRDSEYE MAPLE TO BE INVESTIGATED

What makes the eye in birdseye maple has become the object of a study at Michigan State College following receipt of an anonymous gift of \$550 for such a study.

The gift was accepted recently by the State Board of Agriculture, governing body at the college, from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous and whose only interest is curiosity, according to P. A. Herbert, head of the college forestry department.

No one seems to know now why a hard maple takes on the peculiar growth that turns out birdseye grain in the wood. Woodsmen do know that a good log around two feet in diameter can be worth around \$700 and that such logs usually occur at the rate of but one or two in an acre of virgin sugar maple forest.

Alan Marra, graduate student from Syracuse University in New York, has been appointed by Professor Herbert to help conduct the study.

Marra is to aid in the two-fold attack on the problem. Each phase is somewhat technical. One involves an anatomical study. Marra is obtaining living tissue from certain trees in the college owned woods at Dunbar near Sault Ste. Marie. These are to be studied under the microscope.

The other phase involves an attempt to graft twigs from birdseye maple trees on other maple stock at East Lansing. Staff members in the horticulture department are assisting in these grafting operations.

So, what makes the eye in birdseye maple? Perhaps the anonymous donor and the public will discover through these experiments, says Professor Herbert, the secret of this high priced wood used in furniture.

CHIMNEY IN HAY STACK AMONG NEW FARM IDEAS

Some queer looking contraptions which prove that farming may be the oldest profession in the world but still has some wrinkles to iron out, are to be viewed by thousands who attend Farmers' Day at Michigan State College on Friday, July 26.

How about a chimney in a hay stack?

It's an attempt by S. T. Dexter in the farm crops department to cure out exceptionally green hay without having it "spoil" or get caught out in the field in a rain. Two identical stacks of green material were placed recently out on the farm for the test, with one

World's Fair Honors Farmers



FREE "open house" entertainment by major exhibitors, and daily fireworks, dances, band concerts, hilarious outdoor shows and other special events will be part of the program for Farm Week at the 1940 World's Fair in New York. In this picture, Clifford Smith, director of the Firestone Exhibit and chairman of the Farm Week Committee, is discussing plans with Grange Lecturer J. C. Farmer (seated), of the Farm Week Committee, and Fred L. Black, director of the Ford Exposition.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers and their families will be here guests during Farm Week, which begins August 12. For those who wish to leave their automobiles behind, railroads and bus companies plan special low round trip fares. The Fair itself will issue a Farm Week extra coupon book, entitling its holder to greatly reduced admission prices both to the Fair itself and to various attractions in the Amusement Area.

Major LaGuardia's housing committee is arranging to make available any number of clear and comfortable rooms, in private homes close to the 1,200-acre Fair, at a price of \$1 a night. For full information about these low-priced homelike accommodations, farmers are invited to write the Mayor, Official World's Fair Rooming Bureau, Chalmers Building, New York City.

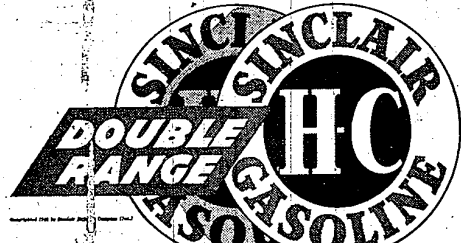
Food prices on the Fairgrounds have been carefully regulated. One huge restaurant, for example, serves an entire meal for thirty cents. Sandwich stands, where a dime buys either a generous ham burger or a cup of coffee, are scattered throughout the grounds, where children are served at five cents. There is a big supervised Fair playground where children may be parked for ten cents while their parents see the sights.

Monday, August 12, will be designated as Farm Press Day. One of its principal events will be a dinner given by the Ford Motor Company, in the Ford Exposition, for editors and publishers of all farm publications, together with their families.

Michigan's share of the Great Lakes area is nearly twice the area belonging to the seven other states that border these lakes, and is more than is controlled by the Province of Ontario.

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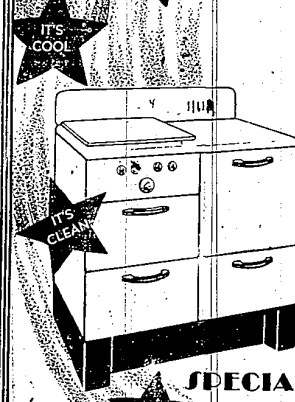


Baseball is king among the boys of Michigan this summer, thanks to the National Youth Administration and its junior baseball program operating in so at 30 counties of the state. These pictures show several of the 20+ and more teams in action. Upper left is a photo taken at a game between Marion and East Lansing in the Ingham county league. Upper right is a game being played at Calvin Center in Clatsop county. Lower left shows John Koba, coach of baseball at Michigan State college, East Lansing, instructing a boy in the art of catching at one of several baseball schools

conducted by the NYA in connection with the program. Lower left shows a second baseman in action at Calvin Center. Lower right shows a group of junior players at Pinckney in the Livingston county league grouped around a huge baseball trophy of the program, before which is grouped the numerous trophies to be given winners in the program at the close of the season. The trophies have been donated by national figures in baseball in America.

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