

"Public Enemy" (1931), 8:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, running time 84 minutes; "Walte Heat" (1949), 7:20 and 9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, running time 14 minutes; "The Rouring Twenties" (1939), 7:20 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 22, running time 108 minutes. Alleat the Washington Theater, 426 S. Washington, Royal Oak, phone 541-0082, 82:50 adults, \$1:50 children under 14.

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James Cagney fans won't want to miss three films that amount to a retrospective of Cagney's first 20 years in films. "Vanke Doodle Dondy" is missing, but "Public Enemy," "White Heat" and "The Roaring Twenties" — all gangater films — show Cagney at his best at ages 30, 49 and 39, respectively.

"Public Enemy" is a raw, dynamic, straight-forward acount of the life and death of a gangater. It makes few excuses for its portrayal of a common rumer turned public enemy, and Carnoy is powerful as the misguided, ill-fated Tom Powers.

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Jean Harlow, Joan Blondell and Mac Clarke, who gets the grape-froit in the face, co-star.

Rating: \$3.

"The Roaring Twenties." made well after a censorable board called the Hays Office cracked down no unseamly movie plots and character types, offers plenty of excuses for the motivation of its central figure, a World War I veteran with readjustment problems who's cornered into a life of crime. Director Raoul Walls still packs a lot of punch into an otherwise-outdated plot. Humphrey Bogart, Priscilla Lane and Frank McHugh co-star.

Rating: \$2.90.

"White Heat," the best film of the bunch and also directed by Raoul Waish, has Cogney as a psychotic killer enervated by a menacing Oedipus complex. That may sound far-fetched but Cagney is perfectly convincing as the deranged Cody Jarrett. Edmond OBrien also stars, with Margaret Wycherly and Virginia Mayo. The climactic scene, with Cagney "on top of the world," is classic. Rating: \$3.20.

"The African Queen" (1951), 2 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 9. Originally 105 minutes. TV time slot: 120

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If you're upset because "Silkwood" didn't garner a best picture Academy Award nomination this year, consider that "The African Queen," one of the most endearing films to come out of Hollywood, was in the same boat, so to speak, 32 years ago. Humphrey Bogart did win an Oscar for the film, however, and also nominated were Katharine Hepburn and John Huston (both for direction and screenjus). "The African Queen," of course, is a magical film, pitting two unlikely co-stars yet never failing for a moment to entertain and inspire. Rating: \$3.15





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