

MOVIE CHATTER

—Adele Tuttle

"Undercurrent" flowed among the "Three Wise Fools" on "King's Row" while "Deception" caused "The Killers" to begin "The Chase" to "California" after seeing "Humoresque." No, this isn't the beginning of a mystery story, but it's Movie Chatter.

"Undercurrent," M.G.M.'s newest thriller, is playing at the Auditorium Theatre Monday and Tuesday, March 3 and 4. Bringing back Robert Taylor in his first screen appearance since his release from the Navy, "Undercurrent" also brings back Kathryn Hepburn to the public. Besides these two fine stars, Robert Mitchum also helps make this one of the most surprising pictures ever filmed. This is definitely a picture that should be seen from the beginning to understand it. Miss Hepburn plays a terrified bride who marries a man with a Jekyll-Hyde personality (Taylor). Mitchum plays Robert Taylor's brother; Edmund Gwenn is Miss Hepburn's father, and Marjorie Main is a sharp-tongued housekeeper. It's really a very different picture!

Cute and charming little Margaret O'Brien returns to the screen Wednesday, March 5, in "Three Wise Fools," who are ably played by Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold, and Lewis Stone. Margaret plays a little Irish girl who believes in fairies, and she tries to convince the wise fools that there really are fairies. Thomas Mitchell and Cyd Chaisse are also cast in this chart-warming story from M.G.M.

A Warner Brothers' re-release is playing Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7. If you ever once saw "King's Row" you won't forget it! Ann Sheridan, Ronald Regan, Robert Cummings, and Betty Fields give their roles as Claude Rains, Karen Morley, Douglas Craft, and Charles Coburn. This picture is based on a novel by Henry Bellaman, and it tells of the lives of four people in a small town. Cummings plays a doctor who loves the ill-fated Betty Fields. Regan plays a gay young man on which tragedy falls, and Miss Sheridan plays a girl from the wrong side of the tracks. You can spend an evening of good entertainment by seeing "King's Row."

"Humoresque" is playing Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11. It stars Joan Crawford, John Garfield, and Oscar Levant. It is produced by Warner Brothers.

"Deception", the new Bette Davis movie, is playing Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14. The other stars in this Warner Brothers' picture are Paul Henreid and Claude Rains. This is definitely a woman's picture, and you may not be the woman who will like it. Miss Davis plays a pianist who deceives her husband (Henreid) by telling him lies about her relationship with Rains. Mr. Henreid is given little opportunity to display his acting talent, while Mr. Rains really gets his share. In fact, if it were not for Mr. Rains' and Miss Davis' acting, this over-dramatized tale could not exist.

All the glory of sunny California will be seen in Paramount's big production of "California." It stars academy award winner Ray Milland, beautiful Barbara Stanwyck, and versatile Barry Fitzgerald. Milland plays a deserted army man who teams up with Barry, who is on his way to California to grow grapes. On the way Barry picks up Barbara, a dance hall queen, who has been run out of town. From then on things start happening, but quick. You will enjoy this lusty tale about old California. Others in the cast are George Coulouris and Albert Dekker.

"The Chase is back." Yes, this time Wednesday, March 19, you will finally get to see that guy with the mean looking eyes, Steve Cochran, and murderous Peter Lorre. The picture is about an amnesia victim (Robert Cummings) who runs off with his benefactor's wife (Michele Morgan). This psychological drama has the usual dream sequence which gets you so mixed up you think that you're seeing a double feature. So see it if you want a hair-raising good time. United Artists chased it out for the movie-going public.

Undoubtedly you have heard about Universal's new picture, "The Killers," and its star, Burt Lancaster. If you haven't, then you must see it either Monday or Tuesday, March 24 and 25. Built around the famous short story by Ernest Hemingway, this is one of the best films of the year. It is a story about murder, hate, human greed, love, ruthlessness, and sorrow. The girl opposite Lancaster is a Carolina lass, Ava Gardner. Besides Miss Gardner, there is Edmond O'Brien, Albert Dekker, and Sam Levine, who all turn in superb performances. Yet this picture is really Burt Lancaster's monopoly, who does a brilliant job as the pug fighter who turns into a murderer.

And that's Movie Chatter for March!

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"Humoresque"

Joan Crawford and John Garfield

Thurs.-Fri., March 20-21

"Sister Kenny"

Starring Rosiland Russell

Sat. Late Show
Mon.-Tues., March 17-18

"California"

with Ray Milland and
Barbara Stanwyck

Sat. Late Show
Mon.-Tues., March 24-25

"The Killers"

Bert Lancaster
Ava Garner