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"THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE"

Walt Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase," produced on location in Cinemascope, with Fess Parker and Jeffrey Hunter in the top starring role, is basically a spy thriller dramatized from a Civil War episode that might have changed history had it succeeded. It developed as a result of a daring scheme blueprinted by a Union raiding party to cut the Confederacy in two by crippling the vital railroad artery between the big supply base at Atlanta and the central front at Chattanooga.

This high-speed tale of espionage, pictured authentically in "The Great Locomotive Chase," is known as the famous Andrews Raid of 1862. It involved two locomotives, the "General," stolen by James J. Andrews, and the "Texas," grabbed by Confederate train conductor William A. Fuller to frustrate the plot. In the Disney production, Andrews is portrayed by Fess Parker and Fuller is characterized by Jeffrey Hunter.

Andrews and his party pose as Kentuckians when they board the "General," with its two passenger and three freight cars, at Marietta. At Big Shanty, the next stop, Fuller, with his passengers and crew, leave the train to have breakfast at the nearby Lacy Hotel. Andrews craftily uncouples the two passenger cars and starts racing the "General." When the surprised Fuller sees the forepart of his train disappearing around a bend, he gives chase for eight wild hours.

"The Great Locomotive Chase" was filmed near Dillard, Georgia. It will be shown at the Galax Theatre on Saturday, August 24.

Mrs. Ralph H. Wetmore, Sr., has joined her husband at their home on Sequoyah Lake for some time.

Mrs. Kathryn Brown, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. McJunkin. Also visiting the McJunkin's is Mrs. Ernest Miller, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Jan Burnette spent the week-end in Asheville visiting with her college roommate, Miss Sue Cooke.

Mrs. W.T. Crawford and Mrs. J.D. Burnette are visiting in Haines City, Fla.

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Mr. John Schiffli who is a student at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Regina Schiffli.

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