

ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATERS

Ray Milland, Betty Field, Star * * * * * ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY? * * * * *

For Feature Film Of Week Here

"Are Husbands Necessary?" has been selected as the feature film of next week's entertainment program at Roanoke Rapids Theatres, and it will be shown at the Peoples on Sunday—then will move uptown to the Imperial for a two-day run as the Imperial reverts to its customary schedule. The film co-stars Ray Milland and Betty Field.

Ray and Betty who own their own home, piano and car in conjunction with the finance company, live a gay and irresponsible life until the beautiful but dumb wife starts meddling with her husband's business. The untimely return of Milland's college pals and his old girl, Patricia Morison, add to the disruption of their casual existence. Betty Field takes upon herself the duty of calling on the president of the bank in which her husband works (Charles Dingle) and along with a few other wacky schemes she dreams up practically ruins his career. At the same time, Milland goes out on a prolonged bender with Pat Morison, Leif Erickson, Richard Haydn and Phil Terry, leaving his little wife in an emotional state. Between these two situations the pic rolls along alternating between amusing scenes and flat amateurish ones.

Miss Field is top-notch, beautiful and well worth watching in this opus. Ray Milland's fans will be pleased as punch to watch him go through his acts. The supporting cast is more than adequate, with special commendation going to Leif Erickson, Richard Haydn, Eugene Pallette, Patricia Morison, Charles Dingle, Elizabeth Risdon.

"The Magnificent Dope" will be the Monday-Tuesday bill on next week's Peoples program. It has an emphasis on comedy, with undertones of romantic drama, and according to advance reports stacks up as excellent entertainment, with Henry Fonda, Don Ameche and Lyn Bari in leading roles.

Henry Fonda is most excellent as the "magnificent dope", chosen in a contest as the most complete failure in the country, as promotion stunt for Don Ameche's "success institute." The institute, which is gasping for breath and students, launches the stunt in desperation the product of the fertile brain of Lyn Bari, Ameche's advertising assistant and fiancée. Edward Everett Horton is the success teacher's not-too-able assistant.

Fonda comes down from his Vermont home and a completely happy philosophy of life, falls in love with Miss Bari, a fact of which she is not aware, and decides to take the course. To make the stunt really pay dividends, they work on Fonda's love for the girl he describes, "back home". When Fonda discovers the man, Miss Bari loves is Ameche, he believes she had a share in the romantic deception practiced on him by Ameche and Horton, but that matter is straightened out. As Fonda's formula for relaxation wins him a big insurance contract. Miss Bari goes home with him, and Ameche switches to "relaxation" as the secret of success.

"Calling Dr. Gillespie", which will be shown Wednesday-Thursday of next week at the Peoples is newsworthy as a film because it is the one Lew Ayres was at work on when he left pictures to enter a conscientious objectors' camp. The absence of Ayres from the cast line-up does not mean the end of the Kildare pictures, for this character has merely been

*changed to a refugee doctor from Rotterdam, whose part is enacted by Philip Dorn.

The yarn has to do with the efforts of Dr. Gillespie (Lionel Barrymore) and his new assistant to get at the mental quirk which causes a wealthy lad (Phil Brown) to commit acts of violence. It seems that every time the fellow hears a train whistle the devils in his brain wake up and prod him into a rampage. His deeds become progressively serious, with murder as the grand finale. What adds to the sadness of the situation is the bust-up of a romance between Brown and Donna Reed.

There is some good acting by Lionel Barrymore, Dorn, Miss Reed, Brown, Nat Pendleton, Alma Kruger, Walter Kingsford and a couple of others.

John Carroll and Ruth Hussey are the co-stars of "Pierre of the Plains", which will be shown at the Peoples for the Friday-only "bargain day" picture next week.

Next week's Peoples program includes the showing of "West of the Law", a western, out-door drama for the Saturday presentation.

An Italian domestic radiocast recently boasted of the "high morale" of the Italian people and then went on to admit that "here and there a little grumbling is heard in the corners of the alleys and stairways, the halls and the sidewalks."

TOWN TALK

Miss Marie Seymour has returned from Birmingham, Ala., after visiting her sister, Mrs. Guy Bruce.

Miss Ruth Woodruff of Erwin is spending this week with Miss Verdell Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bealor Langston, Murphey Langston, and daughter of Hartsville, S. C., were called here last week because of the death of Sam Kidd.

Corporal Edward B. Davis of Army Air Base, Hattiesburg, Miss., has been promoted to Sergeant, it was learned here this week. Sergeant Davis has been in the Army for one year, and before entering the service was employed by Rosemary Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Annie Myrick spent last week in Dunn and Erwin.

Miss Merle Singletery spent the week-end in Oak City with friends.

Pvt. Richard J. Whitby of Foster Field, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Humphrey last week.

Pvt. Danny Duke of Camp Lee, Va., spent last week-end here.

Clyde Clements of Norfolk, Va. is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. L. Clements.

Misses Mary Williams, Doris Brown, and Gurney Brown are spending this week in Wilmington, Del.

Pete Myrick of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Braxton Cooper, Mrs. C. B. Sledge and Emmett Stainback spent last week in Winston-Salem with relatives.

Mrs. Vernon Lee and Mrs. Bernard Hux and son, Donald, spent Sunday in Seaboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carter and son, Joel, were called to Dallas last week because of the illness of Mrs. Carters father, J. F.

Campo. J. J. Wilkins spent Friday in Clayton with his sister, Mrs. Mary Benson.

Cecil R. Crofts of Norfolk, Va. is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Madie Crofts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennemur of Norfolk, Va. spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker and daughters, Ann and Cynthia, of Robersonville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reynolds of Baltimore, Md., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reynolds.

Mrs. C. C. Rawls of Bethel is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Mary Alice Thortis and Miss Kathleen Mayton spent the week-end in Boykins, Va.

Mrs. Scott Lassiter of Franklin, Va. was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. Henry Peede and son of Rich Square spent last week with Mrs. Clifton Davis.

Jimmy Thomason of Norfolk, Va. visited Miss Dorothy Rice last week-end.

Mrs. Bessie Hines and Clayton Earl of Sedley, Va., and Mrs. Lucy Glover and Carolyn Glover of Durham were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Camp.

Vernon Lee and Bernard Hux spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Oakley Vaughan spent the week-end in Charleston, S. C., visiting her husband, who is a patient in the hospital.

Bill Peede of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end here.

Mrs. J. W. Pierce and Mrs. Florence Jordan are spending this week in Mobile, Ala.

Francis Taylor of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Sally Taylor.

Mrs. Ruby Mincher and Mrs. Roger Hatchell spent the week-end in Goldsboro.

Charles Williams of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williams.

Miss Ann Akers of Newport

News, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers.

Little Miss Sybil Jean Lee has returned home after visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Lee, in Seaboard.

Ed Gray is visiting his son, Howard Gray, in Fredericksburg, Va., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Blankenship and two sons of Richmond, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shell of Fayetteville are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Minnie Johnson returned Sunday from Dillon, S. C.

HONORS SISTER AT CLUB

Mrs. Hugh Sherrod entertained the members of the Thursday Bridge Club, and a few additional friends Friday morning at a luncheon in her home on "Sherrod Heights" in Enfield and at the same time honored her sister, Mrs. W. H. Spence, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Those present were Mrs. W. H. Spence, of Jacksonville, Florida; Miss Carrie Myrick, of Littleton; Mrs. Fred Wiggins of Rocky Mount, Mrs. W. N. Sherrod, Mrs. R. T. Beal, Mrs. J. F. White, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Mrs. J. B. Britt, Mrs. Ivey Watson, Mrs. A. S. Harrison, Mrs. John M. Sherrod, Mrs. John Newton, Miss Nellie Bryan Newton, Mrs. E. L. Petway, Mrs. Paul Condrey, Mrs. R. F. Shaw, Mrs. D. Mac Johnson, Mrs. S. W. Dickens, Mrs. H. L. Kendall, and Miss Annie Mae Sherrod.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Mrs. P. V. Brown honored her granddaughter, Miss Shirley Brown Surles, with a luncheon in celebration of her birthday on Tuesday in Enfield. Covers were laid for the following: Misses Ann Norman, LaVerne Fleming, Emma Ruth Herman, Mary Spooner Harrison, Joyce McPhail, Emily Weeks, Margaret Adams, and the honoree Shirley Brown Surles. Miss Surles was presented a birthday gift from those present.

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PROGRAM WEEK of AUGUST 30, 1942

PEOPLES IMPERIAL

SUNDAY
Ray Milland Betty Field
ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY?

MONDAY-TUESDAY
Henry Fonda - Don Ameche
Lynn Bari
THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
Lionel Barrymore Philip Dorn
CALLING DR. GILLESPIE

FRIDAY
John Carroll Ruth Hussey
PIERRE OF THE PLAINS

SATURDAY
WEST OF THE LAW
Added: PERILS OF NYOKA

SUNDAY
ABBOTT and COSTELLO
RIO RITA

MONDAY-TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Richard Travis Brenda Joyce
THE POSTMAN DIDN'T RING

THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Wallace Beery Marjorie Main
JACKASS MAIL

SATURDAY
Andy Devine Leo Carrillo
UNSEEN ENEMY
Added: Gang Busters No. 1

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Monday through Friday - 3:00 P. M. - Radio Station WCBT