

ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATERS

"WAKE ISLAND" A STIRRING EPIC OF FIGHTING FORCES; THEATRES HERE NEXT WEEK

"Wake Island" may be well described as Paramount Studios to "awaken America." It will be the feature attraction of Roanoke Rapids Theatres here next week, playing the People on Sunday and the Imperial on Monday-Tuesday. The producers, evidently feeling that the time is here for the country to go psychologically (and just plain logically) all-out if victory is to be achieved, offers in this rousing, action-packed feature what is described as the first full-blow epic depicting with realism, and without pulling punches, the story of our fighting forces under fire, — in this cast the U. S. Marines, which branch of the service co-operated in the film's making.

How the handful of American "leathernecks" stood up day after day in the face of repeated attacks against Wake by overwhelming Japanese strength is the core of the story. Through the pattern of fact is woven a keen human interest thread spelling fine entertainment values for every picture-goer. Brian Donlevy is the central figure, the Isle's commanding officer, superbly efficient as a leader and inspirational force. His performance parallels the ideal of the Marine Corps and the nation. Macdonald Carey, as the lone flier operating at the crack of Wake's doom, turns in a fine performance, as do Robert Preston and William Bendix whose firm friendship, studded with volcanic fisticuffs, supplies rich humor against the stark action. Albert Dekker and Walter Abel are prominent in the proceedings and play with zest and conviction.

The story, as a whole, needs no recounting in this review. It's history ranking with the most glowing and glorious feats performed by our arms. The scenes of actual combat on land, sea and in the air, are thrilling. But to this reviewer the transcending sequences in the picture are those which deal with the human values, — the family ties of the men, and the gallant relationships among the men themselves. Yes, it is grim and stark. If the Marines could "take" the real thing as they did, we certainly can "take" the reenactment.

The saboteurs are at it again in "Nightmare" which will be shown Monday-Tuesday at the Peoples. Brian Donlevy, this time portraying an American gambler in London who has been bombed out of business by a Nazi air blitz, tangles with a German spy and sabotage ring when he aids a British girl (Diana Barrymore) to dispose of the body of her estranged husband, found murdered in her home. It isn't learned until later that the husband, a member of British Intelligence, was killed by the Nazi villains because he had the goods on them.

It takes Donlevy some time to convince himself Miss Barrymore had nothing to do with the murder, but when he does, he goes "all-out" for her aid. They meet up with a series of harrowing experiences dodging Nazi agents; Donlevy himself becomes accused of murder before the end of the yarn but everything works out

very satisfactorily, and the result is a very highly entertaining movie.

"Flying Tigers," coming to the Peoples Wednesday-Thursday next week, purports to show the fighting of the American flyers over China before Pearl Harbor, but it turns out to be the same story about a smart-aleck guy who snaps his fingers at discipline, causes the death of a comrade, but redeems himself in the end with a brave and sacrificial act.

The film is full of whiz-whiz and amazing deeds in the aid, and should bring happiness to those who like adventure drama, bold and broad. John Wayne is a squadron leader and John Carroll is one of his men. The latter is a smarty who manages to make everybody hate him, what with his attitude towards girl, money and his general carefree behavior. But Carroll is a dare-devil flier and when the time comes he shows that he is brimming over with the right kind of courage.

"Flying Tigers," has a foreword by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. There's a bit of romance in the tale with John Wayne casting I-love-you glances at Anna Lee, a Red Cross worker.

"Get Hep To Love," which will be featured on next Friday's program at the Peoples, is a pleasant little family picture, dealing with young people, which should provide good, light entertainment — especially for the younger element. It co-stars Jane Frazee with Robert Paige, and a cast full of talented youngsters.

Miss Cox County Chairman Womens Div. War Savings

Miss Florence Cox, new Halifax County Home Demonstration Agent, was recently appointed chairman of the Woman's Division of the War Savings Staff of Halifax County. In commenting on activities planned, Miss Cox said, "My appointment came through too late to get the county completely organized for Women at War Week November 23 - 28. In lieu of the organization and until such time as one may be formed, I am calling on each woman in Halifax County to make herself a committee of one to put Halifax County over the top in the sale of War Bonds and the pledging of 10 per cent income to War Savings. Pledging 10 per cent of the income the regular purchase of War Saving stamps and bonds is more important than the occasional purchase of a bond but either is important to the success of our War Effort."

Miss Cox also urged that the presidents of all women's organizations in the county push War Bonds and Savings in the territory affected by their organizations as well as in their own membership. "This is not a time for reserve and desire for honor or credit but for working together to push this drive so that our American Expeditionary Forces in Africa, in the Pacific and elsewhere may not lack for either food or supplies," she continued, and further pointed out that getting the women of the county to pledge the regular purchase of War Stamps or Bonds is one more way in which women and their organizations may serve their country in time of war.

Tim Holt stars in "Pirates of the Prairie" for the Saturday-only film on next week's Peoples program.

Francis Outland Is Made Yeoman At Puerto Rica

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 26, 1942 — Francis O. Outland of 905 Franklin St., Roanoke Rapids, the son of Mr. George L. Outland of Murfreesboro, has recently been promoted to the rate of yeoman second class, the Navy announced here. Outland, who has been on duty here almost ever since he was enlisted in January of this year, likes the Navy so well that his ambition is to go through a Navy technical school which will equip him for Annapolis and an eventual commission.

Outland's recent promotion followed completion of a Navy training course for yeomen.

Willey - Baird

Miss Evelyn Irene Baird became the bride of Marvin Dale Willey on Sunday morning, November 22 at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Gordon L. Price, pastor of the church officiated using the double ring ceremony, in the presence of members of the families and a few friends.

The nuptial music was rendered by Mrs. Lee Williams preceding the ceremony and Miss Dorothy Rice sang "At Dawning" and "Because."

The bride and bridegroom entered the church unattended. The bride wore a salute blue dress with pearl necklace and matching hat with navy blue accessories. Her corsage was of white rose buds.

Mrs. Willey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Baird of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Willey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Willey of Watts, Oklahoma, and is in the U. S. Navy reserve and stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip to northern points.

Wilson To Attend Important Meeting Highway Officials

Carroll L. Wilson, First Division State Highway Commissioner, has been appointed one of the delegates from North Carolina to the American Association of State Highway Officials which meets in St. Louis December 6 - 10.

Army and Navy engineers will be present to acquaint highway officials with the military needs for the coming year in the matter of military access roads and bridges, emergency flight strips which will parallel highways and other war problems.

The highway officials will also face such non-military problems as present deficiencies in the strategic network and essential non-military roads and allocation of priorities to correct these deficiencies, especially as to weak bridges; necessities maintain highway service; necessity of adequate funds and effects of tire and gasoline rationing on these funds.



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PROGRAM WEEK of NOVEMBER 29, 1942

PEOPLES

SUNDAY

Brian Donlevy Robert Preston
WAKE ISLAND

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Diana Barrymore Brian Donlevy
NIGHTMARE

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Anna Lee - John Wayne - John Carrol
FLYING TIGERS

FRIDAY

Jane Frazee Robert Paige
GET HEP TO LOVE

SATURDAY

Tim Holt
PIRATES OF THE PRAIRIE

ADDED: Jr. G. Men of the Air

IMPERIAL

SUNDAY

Bette Davis Olivia De Havilland
George Brent

IN THIS OUR LIFE

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Brian Donlevy Robert Preston
WAKE ISLAND

WEDNESDAY

Virginia Gilmore James Ellison
THAT OTHER WOMAN

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

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