

ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATERS

JUDY GARLAND STARRED IN FOR ME AND MY GAL FEATURE BILL OF WEEK

Americans apparently have a weakness for their songs of yesterday. We are told that we soon forget our actors, but judging from the great success of some pictures in recent years, such is not true of our ballads.

Along comes "For Me And My Gal," for the feature presentations at the theatres here next week, opening Sunday at the Peoples, then moving uptown for the customary two-day run at the Imperial. It's a rather obvious little tale but it serves the purpose of bringing forward again such happy tunes as "Beautiful Doll," "You Wore a Tulip," "The Long, Long Trail," "After You've Gone," "Smiles," "Pack Up Your Troubles," "Over There," and a few others.

"For Me And My Gal" tells the story of two youthful vaudeville performers who meet, form a team and tour the tank towns. Always they have their eyes on one goal — to appear on the stage of the Palace Theatre in New York.

Judy Garland is a sweet, good girl and she loves Gene Kelly. While Gene isn't exactly a heel, he's a rather brassy actor who thinks largely of himself and his career. When he is about to get his chance on the Palace stage — the draft stops him. (This story takes in World War No. 1, not No. 2.) So incensed is Gene over Uncle Sam's rudeness in denying him the chance to be a vaudeville star — he does a cowardly thing. But, of course, he reclaims himself on the battlefield.

As you can see "For Me and My Gal" is a formula drama. But it has a certain nostalgic appeal, plus all those fine songs, and it looks to us as if it will be a box-office bell-ringer.

Judy Garland lends her saucy presence, her lusty singing and graceful dancing to the role she portrays. Gene Kelly, a newcomer, is said to show up much better as a dancer than a lover. George Murphy, Ben Blue and others complete an excellent cast.

"Seven Days Leave" has been selected for the Monday-Tuesday piece next week at the Peoples, and according to advance reports, about the only thing the producer did not put into this new film in the way of entertainment is a "buzz saw," and if you look closely enough you might even see one of those.

There are comedians, singers, dancers, two orchestras, the military, romance, programs from the radio studios and, of course, some movie stars.

Let's call the roll: Victor Mature, Lucille Ball are the happy lovers when the tale is done; Mapy Cortes is a Latin American peppermint stick; Ginny Simms offers smiles and songs; Marcy McGuire and Arnold Stang, new faces to this column, come up with some rough-and-ready comedy; Harold Peary, "The Great Gildersleeve" from the radio lanes, plays a principal role; Peter Lind Hayes offers amusing monkey-shines and imitates screen stars.

Furthermore there are two "hot" bands — one presided over by Freddy Martin, the other by Les Brown.

And, oh yes, those two radio programs that have been worked into the script — "Truth or Consequences" and "Court of Missing Heirs."

Hey, buddy, what else do you want for your money!

Well, if you insist on more — there is a story about a doughboy who is bequeathed a large amount of money. He wants the cash so that he can marry Mapy before he sails for the wars. But when he goes to collect his fortune, Johnny discovers that there is a catch. The will provides that he must

marry a girl from a certain family, or is it a certain town? Anyhow, if Johnny wants to get hold of all that money, he's got to let go of Mapy. A dismal prospect — until he learns that the gal he must marry is a luscious peach named Terry. Soon our Johnnie is reaching for gold with one hand — the peach with his other.

There's a large heap of fun, melody, songs and fetching happenings in "Seven Days Leave." Just the sort of happy-go-lucky show for these times.

People who have been asking for more pictures like "Mrs. Miniver" are in for real satisfaction in the showing of "Journey For Margaret," which comes to the Peoples for the Wednesday-Thursday attraction next week.

Robert Young, Laraine Day, Fay Bainter and Nigel Bruce are the top names in this treatment of the war-in-England theme, and they do a bang-up job of it, but two children, Margaret O'Brien and William Severn, give to the picture the tug at the heart strings which sets it apart from other pictures of this kind.

The picture has, in common with "Mrs. Miniver," the power of understatement, the force of reserve.

The scene is mainly London, after the fall of France and the beginning of the bombings. Young plays an American correspondent whose wife, Miss Day, is injured in a bombing in such manner as to preclude possibility of motherhood. She returns to America and he stays on, ultimately to become the idol of two orphans of the blitz whom he finally adopts and brings to this country. That is all there

TOWN TALK

Norman Brake of the U. S. N. visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones returned to their home in Washington, D. C., after spending several days here with friends and relatives.

Grover Edmonds of Baltimore spent the Christmas holidays here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nethercutt and daughter of Wilmington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shell Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Clary and son of Lawrenceville, Va., and Miss Cora Edmonds of Brunswick visited relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Griffin spent the holidays with their parents at Boykins, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Martin and daughter visited relatives at Roxboro during the holidays.

Earl Moore who has been away at school is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore.

Miss Alice Seward of Charlie Hope is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lynch and children, Mrs. P. Y. Lynch and Miss Henrietta Edmonds were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ed-

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Mrs. R. E. L. Wheelless of Warsaw visited her sister, Mrs. W. C. Williams this week.

Frankie Bowen of Brunswick is visiting Ancell and Gerald Lynch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hasty visited their son, R. C. Hasty, Saturday at Norfolk.

T. E. Cox returned to Portsmouth Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Hodgens of Maysville spent the holidays here and in Scotland Neck with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd spent the holidays with their parents at Brunswick, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edmonds and children spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brewer at Charlie Hope, Va.

Miss Vivian Ellis of Raleigh was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ellis.

Miss Almata Pleasant returned to Roxboro Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jones of Warrenton spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cannon.

Miss Nellie Cullom of Richmond spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. T. T. Shell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Tillman and son, Miguleto Valdez, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nichols during the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Goodrich and Joy Bowman are spending the week in Benson.

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Mrs. Burla White of Portsmouth spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Nolie Fulghum.

Mrs. J. P. Pruden of Greenville was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Rook, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker of Chapel Hill and Ahsokie were guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Murphy Saturday.

Eugene Shell of Radford, Virginia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shell this week.

Miss Dorothy Mosely of Norfolk, Va., spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mosely. She was accompanied here by Bob Bantel of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mosely and son, Jerry, spent Christmas with Mrs. Mosely's parents in Jamesville.

Lewis B. Hasty, Petty Officer 1st class, U. S. N. R., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hasty during the Christmas holidays.

Woodie W. Hasty, student of Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., was a guest of his brother, L. R. Hasty, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon and family of Roanoke Rapids; J. M. Cullom of New Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Alex Freuler and daughters, Alice, Katherine and Priscilla of Farmville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pair of near Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Vauban Jordan spent Christmas in Garysburg with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pearson, of Valentine, Va., were the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingram Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pearson, Mary Frances and Jimmy Pearson, of Henrico, were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glover of Red Springs spent the holidays with A. M. Glover and Mr. and Mrs. David Camp.

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PROGRAM WEEK of JANUARY 3, 1943

PEOPLES

SUNDAY

Judy Garland George Murphy
FOR ME AND MY GAL

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Lucille Ball Victor Mature
SEVEN DAYS LEAVE

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Laraine Day Robert Young
JOURNEY FOR MARGARET

FRIDAY

Guy Kibbee Margaret Hayes
SCATTERGOOD SURVIVES A MURDER

SATURDAY

Charles Starrett
PARDON MY GUN

Added: OVERLAND MAIL

IMPERIAL

SUNDAY

Cary Grant Jean Arthur
Ronald Colman
TALK OF THE TOWN

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Judy Garland George Murphy
FOR ME AND MY GAL

WEDNESDAY

Don Barry Jean Parker
THE TRAITOR WITHIN

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Constance Bennett
Broderick Crawford
SIN TOWN

SATURDAY

Johnny Mack Brown
TENTING ON THE OLD CAMP GROUND

Added: KING OF THE MOUNTIES

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Monday through Saturday - 2:30 P.M. - Radio Station WCBT