

**NEXT WEEK**

**WAKE ISLAND BACK AT THE IMPERIAL SUN.**

The ingenuity, resourcefulness and bravery with which American Marines met the attacks of the Japs by land, sea and air is reenacted with compelling realism in "Wake Island," the film dramatization of the Leathernecks' inspiring stand against the enemy for fourteen days, which provides the Imperial's Sunday-only film.

The clever ruses used to outwit the Japs and stave off invasion for two weeks form part of the story told in "Wake Island," with Brian Donlevy, Robert Preston, MacDonald Carey, Albert Dekker, Walter Abel, Barbara Britton and William Bendix in the leading roles. Full credit is given to the Marines for this picture for the credit line reads "Original Story by the United States Marines."

"The Immortal Sergeant" will move to the Imperial theatre Monday and Tuesday for a two-day showing. A synopsis of this film is carried on the opposite page.

The story of the hothouse lad of wealth who sets out to prove that he can make his way in the world on his own has been revived in "Highways by Night," a fairly entertaining melodrama crowded with action and excitement, which finds time for a laugh or a smile here and there, will come to the Imperial Wednesday for a one-day showing next week.

Richard Carlson plays the rich lad who comes out of his cotton to find out about life at first-hand when he can no longer support the taunts of his uncle (Ray Collins). The lad learns more about life than he bargained for. In no time at all he finds himself mixed up in a melodramatic situation that draws out all the manhood in him. Gangsters headed by Barton MacLane, are trying to wreck a rival outfit being run by Jane Randolph, her brother (Gordon Jones) and her grandma (Jane Darwell). Carlson accepts a job with Miss

Randolph's company, hoping to learn who is at the bottom of the villany. After risking his hide he unmasks the villains and returns to uncle as a full-fledged man. Carlson employs breathing spells in the melodramatic action to carry on a romance with Miss Randolph, to whom he becomes engaged in the end, after breaking off his betrothal to a society snob (Renee Haal).

"Young and Willing" has sprung from "Out of the Frying Pan" (its stage parent) right into the fire—that is as far as the audiences will be particularly concerned, when it comes to the Imperial Thursday-Friday. The treatment is so juvenile that the appeal of the picture version is primarily for young people, who may get excited over the mad cavortings of a bunch of thespic incompetents angling for a stage break.

The yarn has to do with the attempts of the young hopefuls to interest a producer (Robert Benchley) who lived in the apartment below theirs in his lean days. Their hopes arise when the producer moves back into the apartment for sentimental reasons. They try every ruse to get the fellow to give them a break. As a last resort they stage a murder play for him in their apartment. Their performances are so bad that the producer is inspired to put their play on as a burlesque.

The cast has in it William Holden, Susan Hayward, Eddie Bracken, Robert Benchley and Martha O'Driscoll.

Johnny Mack Brown is starred next Saturday at the Imperial in "The Old Chisholm Trail."

Miss Marie Merritt of Richmond visited her mother here Sunday.

Mrs. N. D. Cox spent last week end in Norfolk with Mrs. T. E. Cox.

Mrs. F. R. Kendrick visited her son, Walter, in Norfolk last Saturday and Sunday.

**Clifton M. Cutler Finishes At Army Technical School**

Keesler Field, Miss., March 4 — Trained as an expert airplane mechanic, and qualified to service and maintain the United Nations' huge B-24 Liberator bombers, Pvt. Clifton M. Cutler, son of Mrs. Rosa Cutler, 213 Madison St., was graduated today from Keesler Field's Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School.

Now ready for the important job of keeping Allied planes in good flying condition, Private Cutler and other members of the graduating class soon will be assigned to tactical units for active duty "on the line." In school they were trained in B-24 maintenance, structures, hydraulic systems, fuel systems, engines, electrical systems, instruments, propellers and inspection.

The last phase of the 17-week course is an eight-day training period under simulated combat conditions. The students must know how to service and repair their planes under mock attack, camouflage the ships, and even provide their own shelter against attack, as no buildings stand in the training area.

The B-24's, which these men will maintain, are the largest-combat bombers used today by the Army Air Forces.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wallace Stallings of Henderson announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Kaye, on Sunday, Feb. 21st, at Maria Paraham Hospital. Mrs. Stallings is the former Miss Kathareen Overby of Norlina. Mr. Stallings is former Roanoke Rapids routeman for Jewel Tea Co.

Mrs. Dora Hawkins and Mrs. Lucille Cherry were visitors in Newport News Sunday.

**Masonic Meeting To Be Conducted Thursday, Mar. 11**

Announcement is made this week that Widow's Son Lodge No. 519, A. F. & A. M., the local Masonic lodge, will hold its annual Past-Master Masons Night on March 11th, to which all Masons in good standing are cordially invited.

Local Masons in charge of the meeting say they have secured a good speaker for the evening, and refreshments will be served. The meeting is scheduled to start promptly at 7:45 p. m. next Thursday, March 11th.

**County Woman Died Feb. 26th Near Littleton**

Mrs. Elizabeth DeBelle Young, of Enfield, 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Y. Crawley, near Littleton, Friday morning, February 26th, at 6:30 o'clock. Interment was at Fairfax, Va., Sunday.

Survivors are the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Young Brubaker of Lebanon, Pa., Mrs. Virginia Y. Crawley of near Littleton, and Aubrey D. Young of Shaffertown, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. J. Edwin Tietjen, and Mrs. Annie Gantt, both of Newmandstown, Pa.; two brothers, John T. DeBelle of Clifton Station, Va., and Dr. A. W. DeBelle of Malden, W. Va..

Mrs. J. B. Barrett returned home Monday after spending the week in Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Atkinson of Rocky Mount were visitors here Saturday.

Miss Mildred Lee Moore spent last Monday in Richmond.

**Robert C. Brown Is Patient In Naval Hospital**

Mrs. Ida Brown, received a telegram Saturday informing her that her son, Robert C. Brown, was a patient in the United States Naval Hospital in Charleston, S. C. He was injured aboard his ship.

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