

ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATERS

MICKEY ROONEY IS STAR OF "THE HUMAN COMEDY" SOLID WEEK AT PEOPLES

Is Entirely New Type Film For Him; Frank Morgan In Support

Any film that exalts the human mon man, and the searches for deeper meanings in the drama of life and death is worthy of a spirit, that dignifies the compeoples whole-hearted devotion. "The Human Comedy," which will have a solid week's run at the Peoples starting next Sunday, based on the novel of the same title, is said to be just such a film. Mickey Rooney has the featured role, supported by Frank Morgan and an excellent cast.

Despite its deviation from the tried-and-true formulas on which film audiences have been nurtured and its demands upon the mental processes for full enjoyment of heavy and sympathetic response once its merits have been demonstrated. The average person cannot miss the point that in the characters that fill the story he sees himself depicted. Their lives are so much his own that he cannot help but fell for them and understand the problems that beset them.

The book, "The Human Comedy," represents William Saroyan's initial venture in the field of the novel. In his preoccupation with the humanities Saroyan has created a canvas as warm with the breath of life as it is broad. Saroyan restates his philosophy refreshingly, sincerely and inspiringly, if not always with crystal clearness. That he is trumpeting a message of faith and love and kindness, is unmistakable. Even the simplest soul should be able to gather that. Nor should it be possible to miss the ring of genuineness in all of "The Human Comedy."

The story is not the thing in this film. In fact, there isn't any plot in the real sense of the word. Nor is there much action to speak of. The film is just about people and the plain things of life. It gains its interest and holds it through the interplay of character and the effort the persons whose destinies are at stake have on one another's welfare. All this, of course makes for a lot of conversation, with much expounding on matters of spiritual significance, as is to be expected.

Author Saroyan makes his points primarily by showing us life as it affects a youthful character whose role is enacted by Mickey Rooney. As a Postal Union messenger in a California town the lad is made acutely aware of the foribles of humanity and of the conflicting emotions that comprise every-day living. His picture of the world is quite confused until the death of his soldier brother in defense of the nobler things of life floods his mind with light.

Mickey Rooney is said to be a revelation as the boy, playing the role with an understanding and earnestness that should gain attitude of Rooney is entirely film, that "chip-on-the-shoulder" him new honors. In his newest gone.

The chief characters who enter his life in "The Human Hunt, Fay Bainter, Van Johnson, Comedy" are played by Frank Morgan, James Craig, Marsha Donna Reed and Jack Jenkins, a new-comer to the screen who it is said comes near to "stealing the show" in this picture.

The featurette, "President Roosevelt's Dog, Fala," completes the program for the week.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Beam announce the birth of a son, David Glenn, June 8th.

Changed Liquor List Announced

State ABC Chairman Carl Williamson recently announced a new liquor list effective July 1 in ABC stores of the State's 25 wet counties.

The change mostly is elimination of brands no longer available, the chairman said.

However, cuts of five cents on the quart, and pint are established on one blended whiskey and on one malt whiskey. One brandy is lowered 10 cents on the four-fifths of a quart.

The only raise in prices is on rum, one imported gin, and imported cordials and liquors. These boosts were made because of increased cost, Williams said. They vary from as much as 75 cents per four-fifths to as little as 10 cents on the pint.

Prices of some rums are unchanged, however, and nine new brands of rum are on the list.

Prices of Scotch, Irish, bourbon, rye, corn and blended whiskeys and of brandy remain the same.

Stafford - Braswell

An announcement of much interest to a wide circle of friends here is that of the marriage of Miss Lucille Rebecca Braswell, daughter of Mrs. Mamie Braswell to Lloyd Stafford, Tuesday, June

Floyd Ennis Is Aviation Cadet, Maxwell Field

Maxwell Field, Ala., June 24—Aviation Cadet Floyd L. Ennis, son of Mrs. E. Lynch, of 307 Monroe St., is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning their actual flight instruction at one of the many Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center.

Cadet Ennis attended Roanoke Rapids High School, 1936-40, and the University of Tennessee. He received 10 hours of dual flight instructions at the College training Detachment pre-flight school, as part of his flight training before coming to Maxwell Field.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reynolds of Baltimore, Md. announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, May 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are formerly of this city.

8th in Emporia, Va.

After the wedding the couple left for a short trip to points in Eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. Stafford is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and has been employed by a local jewelry firm since graduating.

The couple will make their home in the city.

Kronke - Valentine

New York City.—Miss Jeannette Valentine of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Valentine of Colerain became the bride of Dr. Frederick Kroncke

of Roanoke Rapids, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kroncke of Milwaukee, Wis., in a ceremony solemnized June 4, at the Church of Transfiguration in New York City. Doctor Randolph Ray, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was played by the church organist.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Melton E. Valentine of Raleigh. She wore a two-piece dress of light blue crepe, with accessories of almond summer suede. She wore a corsage of white orchids.

Mrs. William Follows of Long Island, N. Y., sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip for unannounced points.

The bride was graduated from Chowan College and the School of Nursing, Medical College of Virginia. For the past two years she was employed by the American Air Lines as Stewardess.

The bridegroom was a graduate from the University of Wisconsin, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree. He served his internship at the Medical College of Virginia. He is now affiliated with the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Kroncke have returned to the city, and will be at home at the Patterson Apartments in a few days.

Mrs. Elsie H. Langford is spending a few weeks in Wynona, Miss. visiting her husband, Pvt. E. C. Langford who is stationed at Camp McCain, Miss.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY MEETS

On Wednesday night, June 9th at 8:30 the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ebenezer Church held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Hilliard Hux. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. G. Arrington, who also led the devotional with prayer. The remainder of the program then was under the direction of Mrs. Howard Hux. Following this the roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting was read by Mrs. Hilliard Hux, the secretary. The newly purchased "Honor Roll" for the service men was presented to the Society and given to Miss Nora Crawley, vice-president, for completion. This is the second "Honor Roll" presented the Church by the Society this year. At the close of the meeting, the hostess, assisted by Misses Mary Elizabeth and Annie Laura Hux served refreshments to the following guests: Mrs. C. C. Arrington, Mrs. Maude Hale, Mrs. J. W. Dickens, Mrs. Forrest Dickens, Mrs. Silas Rowland, Mrs. Howard Hux, Mrs. Hugh Crawley, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. Madie Melvin, Mrs. Hilliard Hux and Miss Nora Crawley. The following new members were added to the list, Mrs. Leonard Hux, Mrs. Louis Hux and Miss Ann Laura Hux. Immediately following the close of the meeting, Mrs. Silas Rowland, chairman of the "Spiritual Life" Committee presented a short program.

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PROGRAM WEEK OF JUNE 27, 1943

PEOPLES

ENTIRE WEEK STARTING SUNDAY

Mickey Rooney - Frank Morgan

THE HUMAN COMEDY

Added: Featurette—President Roosevelt's dog, "Fala"

Admission

Matinee .11 and .30c Incl. Tax

Night .11 and .40c Incl. Tax

IMPERIAL

SUMMER OPERATING POLICY
Admission - Matinee and Night Entire Week
.11 and 22c

SUNDAY

Tom Conway - Harriet Hilliard
THE FALCON STRIKES BACK

Added: Selected Short Subjects

MONDAY - TUESDAY

John Sutton - Gene Tierney
THUNDER BIRDS

In Technicolor

Added: Latest News

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

Brenda Joyce - Richard Fraser
THUMBS UP

Added: Selected Short Subjects

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Buster Crabbe
WESTERN CYCLONE

Added: Daredevils of the West
and
Valley of Vanishing Men

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