

# JUDY GARLAND WILL STAR IN "THE HARVEY GIRLS" HERE

A swell rousing romantic musical that will provide excellent entertainment will be "The Harvey Girls", a production all dressed up in technicolor and star-studded with Judy Garland in the lead and John Hodiak as her leading man.

This gusty musical one that goes in heavily for action, is a salute to the waitresses who helped to push the Harvey chain westward with the expansion of the nation and its railroad empire.

Judy Garland, Ohio gal stranded in a New Mexico town when a letter-pursued romance with Chill Wills turns out to be a gag, becomes one of their number with the establishment of a new restaurant in an atmosphere of fire and brimstone common to the west of the 1890's. She gets herself embroiled in the battle that ensues between the Harvey gentlemen and the saloon dames in a joint operated by John Hodiak, faced for the first time in his life with real competition. The floosies and their boss are defeated in their efforts to dislodge the Harvey crowd but not before a hell-roaring time has been had by all. Consider it no surprise that our Ohio baby and the dancehall hardrock fall in love.

## PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK AT THE IMPERIAL

Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien will play Sunday at the Imperial in a return picture, "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes."

Monday and Tuesday the Imperial offers an entertaining movie "Meet Me on Broadway" with Marjorie Reynolds and Fred Brady in the leading roles. The story concerns a temperamental producer in love with a night-club singer.

He is fired from the show he is producing, and takes on the management of a country club, planning to put on a show there, using amateur talent. He quarrels with the night club singer, who

has met a society playboy. To heal his pride, the producer is attentive to a society girl and plans to star her in the amateur show. After a particularly violent quarrel with the singer, however, he walks out on the show, and the singer tries to put it on alone. At the last moment the producer comes back. He and the singer are reconciled the show goes on, and is a great success.

Wednesday: "Idea Girl" is a light hearted, song and comedy offering that gives free rein to gags.

Jess Barker, Julia Bishop and Alan Mowbray manage the principal acting assignments pleasantly, while Charles Barnett and his orchestra are on hand to serve the swing set with some catchy numbers, the best of which is "I Can't Get You Out of My Mind."

Mowbray, wolfish song-publishing partner of serious - mined Barker, can't resist employing attractive Miss Bishop as a "song plugger." Her particular method of getting songs publicized, however, involves the sacrifice of company stock owned by the partners, and each time this happens Barker goes into an epileptic rage only to calm down temporarily upon finding that Miss Bishop's publicity actually pays off. One of her ideas is a song contest, but when the winner cannot be found it looks like jail for Barker and Mowbray. All ends well, however, with a nick of time finding of the lucky one and the discovery by Miss Bishop and Barker that they are in love—past differences notwithstanding.

Thursday and Friday: Kay Francis and Paul Kelly are the

## DEATHS

### MRS. GRACE R. WHITAKER

Funeral services for Mrs. Grace Reynolds Whitaker, 89, widow of Dr. Whitaker of Nash County, who died at the home of her brother, Nelson Reynolds, Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock after a long illness, were held from the home of her brother Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Edmund Berkeley of Roanoke Rapids, rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, was in charge of the services. Burial followed in the McTier Church cemetery.

Mrs. Whitaker was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary E. Reynolds, of Warrenton, where she was born and reared. She had lived in Nash County about 50 years before going to Littleton to make her home. Surviving are one brother, Nelson G. Reynolds of Littleton; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Wendell Smith of Charlotte; and one stepson, Edward Whitaker of Newport News, Va. stars in "Allotment Wives, Inc."

Kay, owner of a beauty shop and sponsor of a canteen, heads a crime ring that employs girls to marry servicemen for their allotments and as their insurance beneficiaries. Gertrude Michael, who met Kay in a reform school, decides to blackmail her after the latter turns her over to the police as a bigamist preying on soldiers.

Gertrude beats the charge, and with Bernard Nedell, kidnaps Kays daughter, Teala Loring. Paul Kelly an investigator for the Office of Dependent Benefits gains the evidence against Kay, and when her bullet misses Paul, Paul's assistant, Anthony Warde, shoots Kay. Of course, Gertrude and Nedell are also brought to justice.

Saturday Gene Autry will play in "Rancho Grande."

Let no man boast of his courage who has always had a safely invested fortune to protect him from want. It is easy to be brave when you are safe.

The unlearned consult an authority; the learned go further and consult other authorities who dispute what the first one said.

Fiji men—6 foot 200 pounders—go almost naked and look modest. You see, they have no crooked legs or pot bellies to be ashamed of.

A soldier on furlough gets long telegrams, costing \$4.50 to \$8, sent collect, giving him instructions or information. Is that Army method or petty graft?

**McPHERSON BROS. BEVERAGE COMPANY**  
—Presents—  
**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY**  
—Featuring—  
**ALBERT WALLACE**  
—Concert Orchestra

Selections to be rendered:  
PROMETHEUS OVERTURE  
SERENADE  
CLAIRE DE LUNE  
MEDLEY OF IRISH FOLK SONGS  
MINUET  
DEEP RIVER  
MALAGUENA  
LOVE ME FOR A WHILE  
ONE MORE HOUR OF LOVE

**WCBT**  
ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.  
4 to 4:30  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

# ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATRES

PROGRAM WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 1946

## PEOPLES

ENTIRE WEEK

Starting Sunday

JUDY GARLAND - JOHN HODIAK

## THE HARVEY GIRLS

(In Technicolor)

Added: LATEST NEWS

## IMPERIAL

Sunday

E. G. ROBINSON - MARGARET O'BRIEN  
**OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES**

Mon. - Tues.

MARJORIE REYNOLDS - FRED BRADY  
**MEET ME ON BROADWAY**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

Wednesday

JESS BARKER - JULIE BISHOP  
**IDEA GIRL**  
Added: Selected Short Subjects

Thurs. - Fri.

KAY FRANCIS - PAUL KELLY  
**ALLOTMENT WIVES, INC.**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

Saturday

GENE AUTRY  
**RANCHO GRANDE**  
Added: ROYAL MOUNTED RIDES AGAIN

Roanoke Rapids Theatres on the Air, Mon. through Sat., 11:30 A.M., Radio Station WCBT

## THE ROYAL THEATRE

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.  
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SUNDAY

Mary Beth Hughes  
**THE LADY CONFESSES**

Added: Selected Short Subjects

MONDAY

Doris Merrick - Eddie Quillan  
**SENSATION HUNTERS**

Added: The Master Key  
On The Stage:  
**LOST JOHN AND HIS ALLIED KENTUCKIANS**

FRIDAY

Basil Rathbone - Nigel Bruce  
**TERROR BY NIGHT**

Added: Selected Short Subjects

SATURDAY

Jimmy Wakely—  
Lee "Lasses" White  
**SADDLE SERENADE**

Added: Purple Monster