

**"CHAINED" STARS
CRAWFORD, GABLE
MONDAY, TUESDAY**

With "Chained", the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture to be shown at the Murphy Theatre, Joan Crawford and Clark Gable win new laurels for their already glistening crowns. For "Chained" is an excellent picture, expertly mounted, directed and acted.

Clarence Brown—who gave us "Sadie McKee", Joan's last—is also responsible for the splendid direction and pace of the new picture.

As Diane, modern Manhattan miss, Joan Crawford brings a new and vivid characterization to the screen. Clark Gable holds up his end with more than sufficient skill and charm as Mike, likeable young rancher in South America.

The supporting cast is equally fine, with Otto Kruger as Mr. Field, the "other man" in the case; Stuart Erwin in the role of Johnnie, wisecracking friend; Una O'Connor as the sympathetic companion, and Marjorie Gatenon in the role of Mrs. Field.

Chief Honors to Stars

But excellent as all other phases of the production are, chief honors go to the co-stars who, brilliantly cast, turn in performances that compare well with the finest screen characterizations of the year.

George Folsey outdoes himself with the photography, and the same thing can well be said of the striking Adrain gowns, which are much in prominence.

(The story was written especially for the screen by Edgar Selwyn and was adapted by John Lee Mahin.)

Healthiest Boy



LANE, S. Da. . . . Leland Monas-Smith (above), 18, of this place, in national competition in the worst drought year this state has known, won the National 4-H Club health championship. He is 5 ft., 9 in. tall and weighs 156 pounds.

Mrs. Paul Dean



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. . . . Above is Mrs. Paul Dean, the former Dorothy Sandusky of Russellville, Ark., and local beauty show winner, whose recent marriage to the St. Louis pitcher caused a stir in baseball circles.

Through CAPITAL KEYHOLES

CAPITAL MANAGER?—It's being kept pretty quiet but there is an under-cover movement to have the Legislature change the government of Raleigh from the commission form to a city manager form with a Board of Councilmen, according to the Capital City grapevine. The present Raleigh City Commissioners have been from one row to another almost since the day of election and even the man on the street can sense sentiment for a change in government. None of the Wake county members of the General Assembly have expressed themselves publicly on the subject but pressure for the change in your Capital City is about as sure as death and taxes.

COST OF TALKING—The order of the State Utilities Commission reducing Southern Bell telephone rates in 58 North Carolina communities has received a delay by order of Superior Court Judge W. C. Harris. The court injunction halts the proposed reductions in rates until the company's appeal is heard in Superior Court which may be in January or several months later. The Utilities Commission, aided by the office of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, is ready to fight for the last ditch for the approximately 12 per cent cut and reliable, although non-quotable, sources are of the opinion that lower phone rates are just around the corner.

FERTILIZER—Governor Ehringhaus and Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham are going to bat for fertilizer prices in North Carolina. The Governor writes that he is unable to understand the upping of fertilizer prices in 1934 over those of the year previous and wants Mr. Graham to assemble data and attend a conference on the subject to be held in the nation's capital in the near future. Fertilizer and gasoline prices have been worrying the Governor almost as much as the increase in tobacco prices has pleased him.

BUDGET MESSAGE—What's in the report of the Advisory Budget Commission to the General Assembly is a closely-guarded secret and newsmen snooping around the offices of printers for the State haven't been able to learn much about the budget recommendations. You can put one thing in your pipe and smoke it, however, that is, that the budget proposal will contain a suggestion for reenactment of the sales tax with some revisions. It may be liberal enough to suggest that the sales tax can go by the board if the legislators can find the money elsewhere. The Budget Commission is friendly to the administration and Governor Ehringhaus has publicly stated the "emergency" for which the sales tax

was enacted has not passed—you get what that means. The message also may contain suggestions for higher teacher-pay.

DIVERSION—Don't be surprised if anti-sales tax leaders urge that four or five million dollars from the taxes paid by motorists and truckers for building roads be diverted to replace the sales measure. Farmers living on the secondary road system may not object to this but they want the holes filled up and the bridges repaired before their gasoline and license taxes go for some other purposes. Most of them wouldn't object to lower automobile taxes but that is only a dream half the folks after a slice of highway-fund pie get it.

NOT WORRIED—At one stage of the game it looked like the State Revenue Department might be in for a good drubbing at the hands of the Legislature. It is still highly probable that attack will be made on the State's collecting agency but the record on increased revenues will stand Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and his Executive Assistant Dr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr., in good stead when they are called on the carpet before committees that will themselves be harassed by need of money to fill appropriations promises. Money makes the mare go in the General Assembly as well as in the colleges and public schools.

SITTING PRETTY?—Friends of Governor Ehringhaus have spent weeks checking over names of members of the General Assembly and are wearing big smiles these days. Administration stalwarts avow that His Excellency is sitting on top of the world with a good majority of friends in the Senate and are confident that no anti-administration bloc of dangerous proportions can be organized in the House. But with all that some Raleigh political writers profess to hear rumblings of trouble coming for the Governor on the eve of the Legislature.

MARRIED LIFE—Watch for a movement in the Legislature to pass a law against married women serving as public school teachers. Alexander B. Andrews, of Raleigh, has compiled some figures which show that approximately 4,000 married white women are teaching school in North Carolina. Some States have rules against employment of married women in the schools where single ones are available and sentiment for such a law in North Carolina has been cropping out in spots recently.

GETTING TAUT—Political lines are drawing tighter in the Capital City these days and you need not be a political wise man to sense the forming of groups behind the favorite candidates for Governor and the Eastern Senate seat in the classic of 1936. Probably the most pronounced single groups are those behind Governor Ehringhaus and Senator Josiah W. Bailey and there's no longer any doubt many people want the Governor to oppose Mr. Bailey. Other blocs are forming in behalf of Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; Congressman R. L. Doughton and Lieutenant Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham for Governor. Doughton and Hoey may make some announcement shortly but Governor Graham is expected to hold his peace until the end of the legislative session.

LIQUOR—Several months ago it was a generally accepted opinion that this General Assembly would shy away from any efforts to change North Carolina's dry laws but as the time for convening draws nearer the prohibition question has stepped boldly into the spotlight of speculation. From all indications the Drys still have the situation well in hand but a lot of folks can't figure out just what is happening to bring out an apparent change of sentiment in some quarters. You can find plenty of officers of the law suffering headaches since Virginia legalized liquor and Tar Heels began week-end excursions into the Old Dominion. Some of these same arms of the law privately express the hope that something will be done to liberalize the State's liquor laws at the coming session.

RIDING A WAVE—Unless some dark-horse steps out into the light Thad Eure and LeRoy Martin will be unopposed for reelection as principal clerks of the House and Senate respectively. The speakership race is still an uncertain quantity but here's the line-up of candidates in the order that most of Capitol Hill wise ones place them according to strength—Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender, first with Laurie McEachern, of Hoke, running a close second and Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Franklin running third. How accurate this estimate of strength is will be determined in the Democratic caucus on the night of January 8.

OBITUARY

In the passing of Mrs. G. W. Penland, of Hayesville, North Carolina, on January 4, 1935, Mt. Pleasant Baptist church and community lost a most loyal and faithful member. She reared a useful family and leaves to mourn her loss four children and a number of grandchildren.

Grandma Penland as she was called by all who knew her, lived to be eighty-two years and eight months old. Her life was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was truly God's servant and witness, letting her light shine for the Master wherever she went.

I would urge her loved ones not to grieve as those having no hope, for some glad day we will clasp her hand again and gaze upon her smiling face over on the other side where she resides with Jesus.

"The thought of your sweet smile will always brighten the lives of those left behind you are transplanted, just across the way, and we will meet you smiling there some day".

LOCAL & PERSONAL

Mr. Simons of Lahn's Dept. Store left Wednesday for a week's vacation in Chicago.

The many friends of Madge and Aline Leatherwood will regret to hear that they have the flu.

Mrs. S. S. Christopher, and daughter Frances who have been visiting Mrs. Christopher's mother, Mrs. L. E. Mauney, has returned to her home in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Wade Massey has gone to La Follete, Tenn., to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Quay Ketner have moved to the apartment recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop. The Bishop's moved to the Lahn house.

Have you a monument in the cemetery that needs re-setting, or cleaning? Consult Gennett, 200 Tenn. St., Phone 2.

Miss Ruby Reister and Mr. R. W. Gray from the Murphy Relief Office spent several days in Raleigh last week attending a meeting called by Mrs. O'Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox were recent visitors in Gainesville.

Mr. J. B. Gray was in Waynesville Monday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Blagg and children have returned from Kansas City where they spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Osborne and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Erskine spent New Year's day in Chattanooga.

Miss Margaret LeMay, Miss Lois Latham and Miss Ruby Reister left

Monday for Asheville where they will take a week's course relative to their work. Other case workers in Western North Carolina are meeting there also.

FOR SALE: Mule Cheap. See Fred Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gray and son spent Saturday in Murphy. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Long.

Mrs. H. P. Cooper, Mrs. W. W. Hyde and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield were guests of Mrs. Giles Cover Monday for luncheon and contract bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rogers have returned from a visit to South Ga.

Have you a grave that is unmarked? Call Gennett for an appointment, Phone 2.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beckman, of Chattanooga and Mr. James Howell of Ducktown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Erskine recently.

Miss Norma Lynn Adams and brother Maurice visited Mrs. Thelma Dickey last week-end.

Mrs. Lillian Lahn and daughters, Muriel and Dorothy have returned from a trip Washington and Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Erskine are spending the week in Asheville. Mr. Erskine is there on business.

Mr. Robert McCombs has returned to Nashville after spending a week here.

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