

'Here Comes The Groom' Is Ace Crosby Laugh Bonanza

In "Here Comes The Groom," which opens Sunday at the Stewart Theatre, Paramount has provided Bing Crosby with a big, bountiful comedy that dispenses top-notch entertainment with a race and generous abandon. There's a star-studded cast, a score of bright tunes and a hilarious story served up in a buoyant, spontaneous show that will afford you two of the happiest hours you've ever known in the theatre.

Here is Crosby at his very best, and he romps through his role with all the easy assurance and simple charm that have made him America's most likeable film performer. Co-romping with Der Bingle are Jane Wyman, Alexis Smith, Franchot Tone and James Barton. In addition, the film marks the American screen debut of Anna Maria Alberg, a fifteen-year-old soprano with a truly magnificent voice.

The story, which famed producer-director Frank Capra has guided with an unerring sense of comedy, picks up reporter Crosby as he brings home a ready-made family of two French orphans to bride-to-be Wyman. But this fiery miss has tired of waiting for the far-wandering reporter, and is now about to merge with a young man from the plushy end of town.

In cahoots with his editor and the girl's fisherman father, Bing sets out to lasso his bride before the knot is tied. Strategems, serenades and crafty appeals avail him nothing until he maneuvers a beautiful bluebird into the fourth corner of a romantic rectangle. Then the marital mix-up soars to a hilarious climax involving irate immigration officials, a bogus G-man and a score of incredibly funny characters.

All of this wonderful make-believe is enthusiastically performed by a cast that knows its way around a comedy script. Two very appealing youngsters, Jack Gemel and Beverly Washburn, give heart-warming performances as the imported moppets, and Miss Alberg's singing is a sure bet to leave a lump in your throat.

As the bride wavers between two grooms, Jane Wyman is pert and peppery, while Alexis Smith and Franchot Tone extract the maximum laughter from their roles of anguished aristocrats caught in a marrying muddle. As for Bing, when you've said that his performance is the greatest he's ever given, you've told the story.

Ace melody men Jay Livingston and Ray Evans have provided the Crooning One with several powerful rounds of musical ammunition, and Johnny Mercer and Hoagy Carmichael have contributed their infectious "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening" to the score.

Warner Bros. Film Traces Career Of Sports Hero

Another great film biography comes to the local screen on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday when "Jim Thorpe—All American" starring Burt Lancaster in the title role, opens at the Dunn Theatre. A tender love story, a thrilling sportsman's saga, a story of an American Indian who became one of the most widely acclaimed heroes of his day, the real life story of Jim Thorpe packs more interest and drama than half a dozen fic-



BING CROSBY takes over a Paris orphanage with riotous consequences in Paramount's "Here Comes The Groom." The Frank Capra production plays Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Stewart Theatre, co-stars Jane Wyman, Alexis Smith, Franchot Tone and James Barton in a bright and tuneful romantic comedy.



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Alexakos-Saunders Vows Are Spoken In Angier

Miss Ruby Inez Saunders, daughter of Mrs. Paul V. Saunders, of Angier became the bride of Louis Alexakos Jr., son of Mrs. Alexakos of Hamlet recently. The marriage took place on the lawn of the bride's home in Angier.

The Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Angier Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony. The Rev. Max Richardson of Rockingham concluded the service with prayer. The wedding music was presented by Miss Eleanor Clark pianist, and Miss Jeanette Saunders, sister of the bride, soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Eriel Saunders. She wore a white satin gown with sweetheart neckline and bead trim. Her fingertip veil of illusion was attached to a halo of beads. She carried a bouquet of tuberose centered with an orchid. Mrs. Josephine Young, sister of

the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore an orchid satin and net dress with matching mitts. Her nosegay was of gladiolus roses and orchid chrysanthemums and she wore matching flowers in her hair.

Miss Linda Saunders, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a yellow organza dress.

Charles Kemos of Lowell, Mass., was best man. Ushers included the Rev. Max Richardson of Rockingham and Wilton Fish of Angier, cousin of the bride.

A reception was given by the bride's mother following the ceremony. For traveling the bride changed to a silver gray taffeta suit with black accessories and an orchid.

At the beginning of play, the hostess served coca colas and potato chips. Later the guests enjoyed lemon ice box dessert, served with iced tea.

High scores for the evening was won by Mrs. Alsy Johnson, while the award for compiling the second highest score went to Mrs. James Sures. Mrs. Lewis Godwin held the traveling prize at the end of play.

Members playing included Mrs. Alsy Johnson, Mrs. James Sures, Mrs. Mickey Rouse, Mrs. Hoover Adams, Mrs. Gerald Mann, and Mrs. J. W. Thornton Jr.

Stedman Slaughterer Closed Down By OPS

RALEIGH. — (AP) — One Cumberland County slaughterer was out of business today and another faced the prospect of being cited for contempt of court if he violates regulations of the Office of Price Stabilization.

Federal Judge Don Gilliam signed a permanent injunction yesterday against J. Harvey Hubbard of Stedman, who consented to the action preventing him from any

hired about the refreshment table which was overlaid with a white linen cloth and centered with a decorated birthday cake on which rested sixteen lighted candles. Astors and a variety of summer flowers grace of the table and were used elsewhere in the room.

Ice cream, individual cakes decorated in white, nuts, and lime punch were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dwight Johnson and Mrs. Lee Bailey.

The honoree received a shower of miscellaneous gifts.

Gregorys are hosts

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Guests were greeted by the hosts and received informally by the honoree. Dancing, card games, and competitive question and answer games were enjoyed. Miss Kay Ryals was recipient of the prize, a box of mints, for highest score in correct answers. Recorded music was provided for dancing. Mrs. Lee Bailey directed entertainment.

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Politicians Are Watching The Congressional Race

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—While keeping in mind that the races for governor and lieutenant governor next year will be most important on statewide basis, many politically minded observers are keeping eyes and ears cocked for developments in several congressional districts.

Immediate attention is focused on the twelfth district, comprising ten mountain counties, where the only certain contest is brewing. Monroe Redden, who has ably represented this district since 1946, has stated he will not run again. Already announced for the position are Richard Queen of Waynesville and Irvin Crawford of Bunncombe. Queen is a former secretary to U. S. Senators J. M. Broughton and Frank Graham; Crawford is a law partner of former Senator Robert R. Reynolds. That situation draws a pretty clear line between two potent factors; in the district, but leaves a large segment of the Democratic party without an acceptable candidate. Frank Parker, Asheville lawyer and former state senator, is expected to supply that lack and his announcement is expected any time. There may be others, but majority opinion gathered from casual survey of the district is that the race will be among these three with present odds favoring nomination of Parker.

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as commercial slaughterers and had frequently secured farmers' signatures on non-commercial slaughtering certificates.

The court permitted Myron G. Bunce to continue operations with a warning he would be charged with contempt if he violated any OPS regulations in the future. The OPS said both were classed

DOUGHTON MAY RETIRE

Next point of interest is the ninth district, where the venerable Robert L. Doughton has been on the job since the memory of most voters runneth no to the contrary. He is winding up forty years of continuous service. He will be 89 years old the week of the general election next year, and although still physically and mentally more alert than most men twenty years younger, there is growing belief he may not seek re-election. His retirement will precipitate a scramble among a dozen or more candidates. George Ussell, long time legislator of Rowan county, is practically certain to be a candidate with powerful support. Hugh Alexander of Cabarrus, former legislator and immediate past commander of the American Legion in North Carolina, is a likely prospect. The rest of the list includes most lawyers between 30 and 50 years of age in the nine counties making up the district.

Rumors persist that Hamilton Jones in the tenth district will have opposition, probably furnished by Robert Lassiter, Jr., Charlotte lawyer-business man and Mecklenburg legislator. It is also heard that opposition is being groomed for Erel Carlyle in the seventh, although it is not shaping up very fast. Same thing goes for Harold Cooley in the fourth, with Wayne Albright of Raleigh most frequently suggested as a candidate. The situation in the sixth district will depend largely upon the health of the popular incumbent, Carl Durham. There may develop contests in other districts, but capitol square hasn't heard much about them.

GOP IS THREAT

There is another factor to be considered in connection with the congressional races in the eighth, ninth and tenth districts. That is the possibility of Republican ma-

will have the driving power of most campaigns. Many observers doubt it. In the ninth district, Bob Doughton had 17,000 margin out of a total of 77,000 votes cast. Whether another candidate could or will overcome heavy Republican votes in some counties is doubted. In 1946 the margin of C. B. Deas in the eighth district over his Republican opponent was less than five thousand. Last year the margin was 13,000 out of a total vote of 68,000.

These margins are reasonably safe for the Democratic candidates, but are close enough to indicate need for continued vigilance to maintain the lead, particularly when new names appear on the ticket.

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