

# Langley reviews bad movies

There is not one single movie in town this week that is really worthy of your attention. The bookers must quit looking at this town as if it were the average North Carolina hick town.

At one theatre we have "Ryan's Daughter," another giant marshmallow from David Lean, drowned in Maurice Jarre music and super-beautiful Super-Panavision photography. Buried in

the gook are some excellent things, such as John Mill's touching performance, but it's almost entirely for the over-forty crowd. "Wild Rovers" will follow, directed by Blake Edwards, whose movies usually seem very tired. This one is no exception.

At another theatre we have The Thomas Crown Affair, in which Norman Jewison tries to show how mod he can be with split screens, etc. He fails, but the striking sophistication of Faye Dunaway does linger in the memory. Paired with it is the Cincinnati Kid, in which an excellent cast struggle with a just fair script. This pair will be followed by "Hello, Dolly!" in which Barbara Streisand is miscast, the musical numbers are often poor and under-rehearsed, the supporting players act outrageously, and what is basically just a piece of fluff has been given a gargantuan over-production. It's still a fairly pleasant way to waste your time, but it's much inferior to the stage production.

Finally there are "Bunny O'Hare," in which American-International has Bette Davis and Ernest Borgnine play hippies, and "Fool's Parade," a western which even Variety disliked.

It's better to head out of town. In

Raleigh, there is "Sweet Sweetback," a very interesting black oriented film. The movie is based on gimmicks, many of which work quite well, and the whole has a remarkable rhythm, in the editing and the background music.

In Greensboro, there's "Summer of '42," a wonderful truly romantic movie. Much of the script is obviously artificial, but the film is splendidly acted, beautifully photographed, well-directed, and includes a scene of sexual awakening so beautiful and discreetly done, that it becomes one of the romantic highlights of many years. Highly recommended.

The free flicks include: tonight, "The Blue Angel," Von Sternberg's remarkable study of raw sex versus intellect, distinguished by superb performances and stunning, moody photography, a must-see; Sunday, "A Big Hand for the Little Lady," a comedy-western that is a bit strained and cute, but well-acted and fairly amusing; Monday, "Some Came Running," one of Vincent Minelli's garish dramas which are very entertaining if you leave your brain at home; Tuesday, "Born Free," one of the best of all animal stories; and Wednesday, "The Guns of Navarone," one of the few adventure movies that really offer some excitement.

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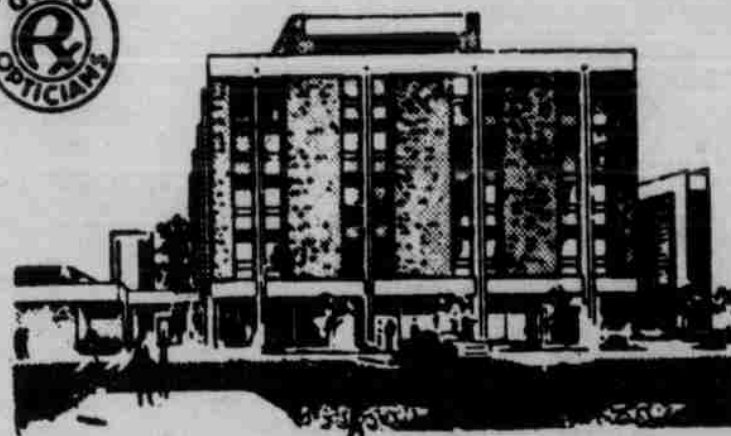


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