

'Ben-Hur' To Come Here Soon in Talking Picture

Screen spectacle which passed out with the coming of the talkies may be seen in all its glory with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's return showing of "Ben-Hur," conceded to be the most spectacular film in the world. The picture, in which Ramon Novarro plays his greatest role, is now augmented with sound effects and will be shown Monday and Tuesday nights at the Macon theatre, with a matinee Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.



RAMON NOVARRO in a scene from 'BEN-HUR'

"Ben-Hur" was directed by Fred Niblo, and the history of its three years in the making both in Italy and California, at a cost of four million dollars, is a real-life odyssey of enterprise and adventuring, culminating with the completion of the gigantic Antioch circus and race course and the filming of the great chariot race between the Jew, Ben-Hur and the Roman, Messala. The addition of sound makes the spectacular nature of these gigantic scenes even more vivid and impressive for in the chariot scenes the audience is now able to hear the thrilling cheers of the spectators. The effect of sound is again made apparent in the terrific sea battle in which the shouts of the fighters and the groans of the wounded make for an amazing realism. General Lew Wallace wrote: "Ben-Hur" half a century ago and its success as a novel was followed in 1899 by its dramatization. The stage spectacle has since become known as the most widely produced offering in the world and the fact that no year goes by without a production of the spectacular Wallace drama in some country or

the other has given it the title of the world's most immortal story. In picturizing the work, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer enjoyed the immense advantages of the screen in making the most of picturesque outdoor scenes and a plot characterized by the splendor and pomp of Graeco-Roman milieu in the time of Christ. Among scenes which current talkies cannot duplicate are those of the Wise Men and the Star of Bethlehem, Jerusalem under Roman occupation, the amazing sea battle between Greeks and Romans, the brilliant chariot race, the hero's assembling of his Galilean legions, the finding of his mother and sister in the valley of the lepers and the miraculous healing wrought by the Divine power. Many of the scenes are done in color.

Relatives of Franklin People Hurt in Wreck

Mrs. W. H. Eller and son, Mr. Effner Eller, Mr. W. H. Church and daughter, Mrs. Annie McCabe, of North Wilkesboro, spent the week-end here with the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene R. Eller, son of Mrs. W. H. Eller; and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Joines, daughter of Mr. Church. On their return home they were in a car wreck and Mrs. Eller and Mrs. McCabe were considerably bruised and are still confined to their beds.

Shookville

Mrs. T. B. Crunkleton and little granddaughter, Mildred Crunkleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Howard, of Highlands, have recently been visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wood and family, of Three Oak, Mich., have moved back here. Rev. L. F. Lance, Rev. J. B. Chiles and Miss Bell and Miss Marie Cathey of South Carolina were visiting friends here Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Jake Franks, Miss Frances Barnes and Mr. Earl Wood and Bennett Barnes were visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Holland, of Nantahala, part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Barnes and children, of Kentucky, are visiting relatives here. Miss Fannie Stiwinter and Mr. Claud Tilson gave their many friends a surprise by getting mar-

Oak Dale

Mr. Grady Bryant, of Franklin, was a visitor at Oak Dale Sunday. We are glad to see Miss Vida Ray out again after a serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Roper were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bateman Sunday. Mr. Ed Mason, of Burnington, was a visitor at Oak Dale Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant Sunday. Mr. Harley Crawford is erecting a new barn. The farmers are busy making preparations for corn planting. Misses Ola and Geneva Bryant were visiting friends on Iotla Monday.

After 40

Constipation may very easily become chronic after forty. And any continued constipation at that time of life may bring attacks of piles and a host of other unpleasant disorders. Watch your bowels at any age. Guard them with particular care after forty. Whenever they need any help, remember a doctor knows best. "Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin" is a doctor's prescription for the bowels. Tested by 47 years' practice, it has been found thoroughly effective in relieving constipation and its ills for men, women and children of all ages. It has proven perfectly safe even for babies. Made from fresh laxative herbs, pure pepsin and other harmless ingredients, it cannot gripe; will not sicken you or weaken you; can be used without harm as often as your breath is bad, or when your tongue is coated; whenever a headache, bilious, gassy condition warns of constipation.

WEST TO HEAD COUNTY G. O. P.

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It is not conducive to good government. Office holders should be made to realize that offices are no longer to be passed out upon a ring-manufactured silver platter or on an absentee ballot tray. It is time for this county's government to be taken from the hands of the self-perpetuating few and restored to the people. We again say that the absentee ballot is a stench in the nostrils of all decent people and should be repealed without delay. We also demand a uniform secret ballot with enforced, honest registrations and count. The county tax rate for 1931 is higher than the State Act reduced taxes. We stand for the reduction of taxation and debt as fast as possible. The Republicans oppose bureaucracy and the multiplication of offices and office holders. Unblushingly the last Democratic Legislature created \$102,000 worth of extra bureaus and commissions at the expense of the burdened taxpayer. This sort of legislation is in the interest of the few and not for the benefit of the masses. We demand a revival of the spirit of local self-government, without which free institutions cannot be preserved. The great burden of taxation in Macon county today is the principal and interest on outstanding bonds. A great part of this has been brought about by what accountants call Budget Accounts (a copy of one in the local papers this week). Budget account is equal to the entire tax levy and the expenditures are made according to it and not according to collections; and when collections fall short the officials borrow money to balance the budget in anticipation of the collections of taxes that are impossible to collect. Consequently the county's indebtedness has been heaped upon the taxpayer in such measure that it is about intolerable. Thousands of dollars of Macon county taxpayer's money have been paid to accountants for setting up and working on these Budget Accounts that have helped to get us in debt, and now the present commissioners have set aside \$2,420 for a "Certified Accountant," of which \$1,109 has been paid. This appropriation would pay two all-time men \$100 a month, whereas this accountant makes his figures and tells what fine financial condition the county is in in a few days. We, therefore, unreservedly condemn this extravagance and demand that these expenditures of the taxpayers' money cease. We stand for the revaluation of real estate and demand that it be placed upon the books at its true value. We hereby endorse the Hon. A. S. Solesbee for State Senatorial nomination in this district. We also endorse the Hon. McKinley Edwards of Bryson City for the office of U. S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. We stand for the strict enforcement of all laws. Recommended that all the foregoing resolutions be adopted by this convention. (Signed) T. G. Harbison, chairman on committee of resolutions. W. R. Higdon, W. L. Higdon, M. S. Burnett, W. J. West.

PLANS TO OPEN TOURIST RANCH

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hitherto been only slightly explored by tourists. Surrounded by Forest The Nantahala National forest, which surrounds the ranch, has many miles of marked trails which are immediately accessible to the hiker or horseback rider. These trails scale some of the loftiest peaks of the Nantahala range. Standing Indian, one of the tallest of these peaks, is visible from the ranch, and is easily reached by a well marked trail. On its summit the purple rhododendron and flaming azalea bloom in astonishing profusion in a natural garden a mile long and more than 100 feet wide. Buck creek and other smaller streams on the ranch are well stocked with speckled trout from Mr. Latham's own rearing pool, in which he now has over 3,000 small trout. The Nantahala river, widely known as a trout stream, is only a few miles from the ranch. The ranch has for many years been a sanctuary for game and other birds. Pheasants are present in abundance and a rich variety of wild life is to be seen everywhere about the ranch.—CLAY COUNTY NEWS. Officers: W. J. West, county chairman; Miss Lolita Dean, vice chairman; and R. H. Rogers, secretary. The following delegates were appointed to the state Republican convention at Charlotte on April 14, 1932: S. L. Franks, H. G. Robertson, A. S. Solesbee, W. L. Higdon, J. West, R. D. Sisk, J. E. Rickman and T. G. Harbison. The following were appointed to attend the Republican congressional convention at Canton on the 20th day of April, 1932: A. S. Solesbee, James Corbin, W. H. Green, A. R. Higdon, S. L. Franks, J. C. Ferguson, J. E. Rickman, W. L. Higdon, W. R. Higdon, W. J. West, H. G. Robertson, R. D. Sisk and T. G. Harbison. A resolution was duly adopted authorizing and empowering the chairman and secretary of the convention to appoint the delegates to the state senatorial convention to be held at a later date. A resolution was also duly adopted instructing the said delegates to cast their vote at said senatorial convention for the Hon. A. S. Solesbee for the nomination, said Solesbee having been duly endorsed by said county convention. After a rousing speech by County Chairman West the convention was adjourned. (Signed) T. G. HARBISON, Secretary.

Several Rural Schools To End Sessions Soon

Several of the eight months schools of Macon county will come to a close this week or next. The schools are: Slagle school, closing April 11; Pine Grove school, closing April 7; Union school, closing April 8; and Iotla school, closing April 11. The Franklin graded school will run the full nine months, and will close in May.

Clark's Chapel League Elects New Officers

The Epworth league of Clark's Chapel met Sunday night and elected new officers to serve the remainder of this year. Mary Straine was chosen president, Mont Sutton, vice president; Hazel Keener, secretary and treasurer; Eleanor Cabe, Era agent; Marie Vanhook, high league counselor.

Quarterly Conference To Meet at Snow Hill

The second quarterly conference this year of the Franklin circuit will convene Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Snow Hill Methodist church. All the officials of the charge will please take note and be present. Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will be present and conduct the services. The Rev. H. C. Freeman is pastor of the circuit.

TRIMMED LAMBS IN DEMAND

Letters now being sent to the trade by livestock commission merchants indicate that the packers are demanding trimmed lambs. These dealers have always shown a preference for lambs handled in this way and now it appears they are in a position to make this a demand or prices will be less. "From the standpoint of the slaughterers, this would seem to be an ideal time for carrying out their intentions," says L. I. Case, livestock expert at State college. "There are liberal supplies of lambs on the market and it is getting to be more of a problem to absorb the supply than to get enough for their needs. It will, therefore, be to the advantage of producers to trim and dock their lambs where they will reach the market about June 10." Trimming the lambs is not the only desirable thing in producing them for market. Mr. Case says top lambs must be properly bred. A good purebred mutton type of ram should be used in the flock and while it is too late to do anything about this for the present season, plans should be made now for next season. The lambs also ought to be in good flesh. A fat lamb is one that is getting plenty of milk which means that the ewe

COMING! DR. N. D. WELLS

Registered Optometrist Eye-Strain Specialist At FRANKLIN MONDAY and TUESDAY, April 18 and 19 At Scott Griffin Hotel OUR SPECIALTIES: Positive relief of eye strain and all consequent headaches. Eyes examined scientifically without the aid of drugs or loss of time from work. Glasses that are becoming as well as comfortable. ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION GUARANTEED BY 24 YEARS SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE. BRING US ALL YOUR EYE TROUBLES

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Good Tools Will Make Finer Gardens and Lighten the Work Hoes, rakes, spades, weeders, wheelbarrows—whatever you need to plant or work a garden—we have it. The Best Made Tools at Prices That Are Reasonable LEACH BROS. Hardware

Now Is the Time to Start SAVING

New Series of Building & Loan Stock Now Open

THE Macon County Building and Loan Association opened its 29th Series of installment stock on April 1, 1932. This stock may be bought on three different plans:

- 1.—By paying 12½ cents each week you can accumulate \$100 in about eleven years.
- 2.—By paying 25 cents each week you can accumulate \$100 in six years and four months.
- 3.—By paying 50 cents each week you can accumulate \$100 in three years and six months.

The Building and Loan plan is the easiest way to save money. You have absolute safety and earn a fair rate of interest.

Investment Opportunity

THE Macon County Building and Loan Association now has a few thousand dollars of paid-up stock which it is in position to sell. This stock is non-taxable and pays 5 per cent interest. There is only a limited amount of this stock available at this time—so, if you wish to buy, put in your application now.

Macon County Building & Loan Association

Office over Bank of Franklin

Save Money by Using A Hoosier Corn Planter

This year you will see cornfields in your own section with but a 70 or 80 per cent stand. The reason? Usually poor seed or an inaccurate planter. The HOOSIER—a McCormick-Deering planter—will plant with very close to 100 per cent accuracy, resulting in a better stand. And that's where you get your profit!

Macon County Supply Co.
Hardware and Farm Implements

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FOR SALE

WANTED:—Few bushels smooth No. 1 Irish potatoes; also all kinds of soy beans and a few clay peas. Market prices paid.—FARMERS SUPPLY CO. A7-2tc-A14

WANTED:—10 bushels Clay Peas. Will pay 75c cash.—REID ROGERS. 1tp

FOR RENT:—Large modern store room on public square. Formerly occupied by Callahan's 5 and 10 Cent Store. For particulars, see MRS. C. C. CUNNINGHAM. A7-1tc

FOR SALE—Stutz vertical eight Victoria coupe, excellent condition, \$400 cash. Will consider Bank of Franklin certificates.—REID ROGERS. A7-1tp

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I AM NOW living at the Rainbow Service Station. Prepared to give service at any time. Handle gasoline, oil and groceries. Also have good corn mill and crusher. Free air and greasing. Call and see me.—J. G. FLEMING, ROUTE 2, FRANKLIN, N. C.—PHONE 1508. A7-2tp-A14

FOR SALE—Several milk cows; 3 bushels mung beans, 10c per lb.—1 bushel will drill 6 to 8 acres.—E. N. KEENER, OTTO, N. C. M31-2tp-A7

BABY CHICKS

Those fine State Bloodtested Bunch Chicks now only \$10.50 per hundred, delivered; less quantities 11c. White and Barred Rocks Rhode Island Reds White Wyandottes Fine Breeding Stock. Excellent Layers. High Producing White Leghorns \$8.50. Don't get discouraged in these times of depression. Stay with it and reap the profits that are sure to come! BUNCH POULTRY FARM & HATCHERY, Statesville, N. C.

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