

THEATRES

Carolina

At the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, "Snake Pit," with Olivia de Havilland and Mark Stevens is being held over for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at 8:15 p. m. with a Saturday matinee at 3:00.

Audiences are surely in for a good time as they relax and laugh over the trouble Ronald Reagan whips up for himself with Patricia Neal, his romantic opposite in "John Loves Mary," coming to the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, Sunday through Wednesday (4 days) Feb. 20th to 23rd, at 8:15 p. m. with the regular Tuesday matinee at 3:00.

This is the screen version of Norman Krasna's stage play which made such a hit and had such a long run on Broadway.

The tender passion which John has for Mary will prove to be virulently infectious, and is sure to spread to audiences who see the lightning-paced comedy and will love them both, as well as every member of the excellent cast who help them in their love-making, to the tune of some of the most hilarious situations and dialogue to find their way into celluloid in many months.

In superb support are Jack Carson, Wayne Morris, Edward Arnold, Virginia Field and Katharine Alexander.

Alan Ladd, who has garnered more thrills, excitement and romance from various parts of the globe than a half-dozen stars, goes West in good old U. S. A. for the first time in his screen career. As "Whispering Smith," soft spoken hero of Paramount's Technicolor Western, based on the famous novel by Frank H. Spearman, he is coming to the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24-26 at 8:15 p. m. with a Saturday matinee at 3:00. Co-starring Robert Preston, Brenda Marshall and Donald Crisp and featuring William Demarest, Fay Holden and Frank Faylen, they bring to the screen a thrilling creation of the old West in the days when the pioneering railroads were plagued by lawless elements intent on wrecking, looting and murdering.

Sunrise

With the crew and passenger list of M-G-M's new Technicolor musical, "Luxury Liner," containing such illustrious names as George Brent, Jane Powell, Lauritz Melchior, Frances Gifford, Marina Koshetz and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra, you can be sure of a colorful cargo of romance, laughter and song. The romance is chiefly in the hands of the ship's captain, George Brent, and his most beautiful passenger, Frances Gifford, although teenage also comes into its own in the person of M-G-M's young thrush, Jane Powell. It is Miss Powell, playing the captain's daughter, and a stowaway on the cruise to Rio, who plays Cupid to her father's romance, contrives to get a few kisses of her own from a junior officer and in a jubilant climax, achieves her ambition to sing with famed operatic star Lauritz Melchior.

Although there is romantic suspense and considerable laughter in this briefly outlined plot, the story of "Luxury Liner," which is being shown at the Sunrise Theatre, Thursday and Friday, February 24, 25, is focused chiefly on the large talents of its principals and there is hardly a moment without a delightful musical interlude. There is a wide variety of songs, with young Miss Powell singing a range which includes the well-known French-Canadian ditty, "Alouette," "The Peanut Vendor," the "Gavotte" from the opera "Manon," and a comic novelty

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number titled "I Wuv a Wabbit." Melchior joins her in "Spring Came Back to Vienna," and solos in "Come Back to Sorrento" and the Danish drinking song, "Helan Gar."

A spectacular production number has Melchior and Marina Koshetz singing a duet from the opera, "Aida," and Miss Koshetz also offers the popular Cole Porter love song, "I've Got You Under My Skin."

Sandhills Veterans See Good Response

In the first week after the start of their "mail-a-dollar" campaign for a nurse training scholarship for a Moore county girl, the Sandhills Veterans association had received back approximately half of the letters they had sent out, containing total contributions of \$517. If this ratio is maintained, said

Maxwell Forrest, president, the \$1,000 they have set as goal will be achieved. He expressed gratitude to all those who answered so readily.

However, the veterans realize, he says, that in the remaining half are the slow or non-returners, and they are requesting that each who received a Sandhills Veterans dollar in the mail return it as soon as possible with a companion dollar or dollars for their fund.

The \$1,000 will be used to see a young lady, to be selected from this year's senior classes in high schools of the county, through her three years of training as a nurse, to return to Moore after graduation for the practice of her profession.

NO CLASSES SATURDAY

There will be no classes at the Martha Aden Dance studio tomorrow (Saturday) as Mrs. Aden is

out of town this week. She will return next week, however, and classes will proceed as usual Saturday, February 26.

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