

Theatre 'Chase' Is Highlight of Film

One of the most complex sequences ever done for a motion picture was completed for "Stage Fright," which opens at the Viccar Theatre on Thursday. This is the new Warner Bros. film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Jane Wyman, Marlene Dietrich, Michael Wilding and Richard Todd. It is the sequence which contains that staple of traditional Hitchcock excitement—the "chase"—and it was filmed in its entirety within the walls of the famous Scala Theatre in London. Miss Wyman has just discovered that the boy friend she has been shielding from the police, is falling into a police trap. Todd, who is the man being chased, has come to the theatre where Miss Dietrich has been holding forth on the stage. Wilding, Scotland Yard detective, is leading the chase for the suspect. The Scala stage is darkened

as the stage hands are busily packing the equipment away for the night. Marlene Dietrich has donned her street ensemble, the orchestra pit is empty and the last patron has long since gone. And suddenly, into this atmosphere of stillness and quiet, there comes a report—the fugitive has been seen! He's hiding out in the cavernous cellars where the props of past spectacles are stored.

Quickly the Scotland Yard men close in and the "chase" is on. A shouted warning, a yell that resounds eerily through the great amphitheatre, and the fugitive leads the detectives in the climactic pursuit through passageways, backstage dressing rooms, orchestra pit and finally the stage itself where the chase ends in a spectacular action.

When the film is released it is believed this scene will take its place among the most thrilling of the famed Hitchcock "chase" scenes. And that takes in those of "39 Steps," "Shadow of a Doubt" and "Foreign Correspondent."

Examinations Are Made By Clinics

Twenty-one persons were examined in the Cancer Detection Diagnostic Clinics at Rocky Mount last week, the clinics were held for the 17th time at the local Board of Health.

The 21 persons examined consisted of: 5 white men, 15 white women, 1 negro woman, but no negro men. None of the examinees were referred to the clinic by a physician. Persons examined represented Rocky Mount and outlying areas, Tarboro, Weldon, Robertsonville, Louisburg, Spring Hope, Nashville, Elm City, Warren Plains, Scotland Neck, Roanoke Rapids and Wilson.

In order that those who live at a distance may be sure of an examination when they come to the clinic and thus not make a trip in vain, priorities will be issued on request to anyone living twenty miles or more from Rocky Mount. Requests for these priorities should be addressed to: Cancer Control Center, Municipal Building, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

These clinics are operated by the Edgecombe-Nash Medical Society, in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. They are to serve the northeastern section of North Carolina.

The best "catgut" comes from the intestines of lean, ill-fed sheep, horses or mules.



DONALD CRISP, GARY COOPER and PATRICIA NEAL in a scene from Warner Bros. heralded romantic drama, "Bright Leaf." Lauren Bacall and Jack Carson also star in the film which opens June 4 at the Viccar Theatre.

Interesting Bits Of Business in U. S.

This motorized age is worrying the nation's bicycle makers. Three out of every four American boys between the ages of seven and 15 are bike buyers, a recent

survey reveals. More than half of the vehicles in current use were bought within the last four years. An idea of what's been taking place in the economy during the last 10 years may be gained from a glance at shoe workers' wages then and now. In January 1941 the average weekly paycheck in the industry was \$19.58. In January 1950 it was \$40.69—a 108 per

cent boost. The cost-of-living increase for the same period: 66 percent. . . . Employment prospects, which haven't looked too promising for the past few months, are brightening up again. According to the Bureau of Employment Security, civilian employment will probably equal or exceed 60,000,000 at the year's high, expected this summer.

Prices of well-finished cattle are expected to begin a moderate rise in midsummer and to reach a peak in late summer or early fall. Lower grades of cattle are expected to decline seasonally in coming months.

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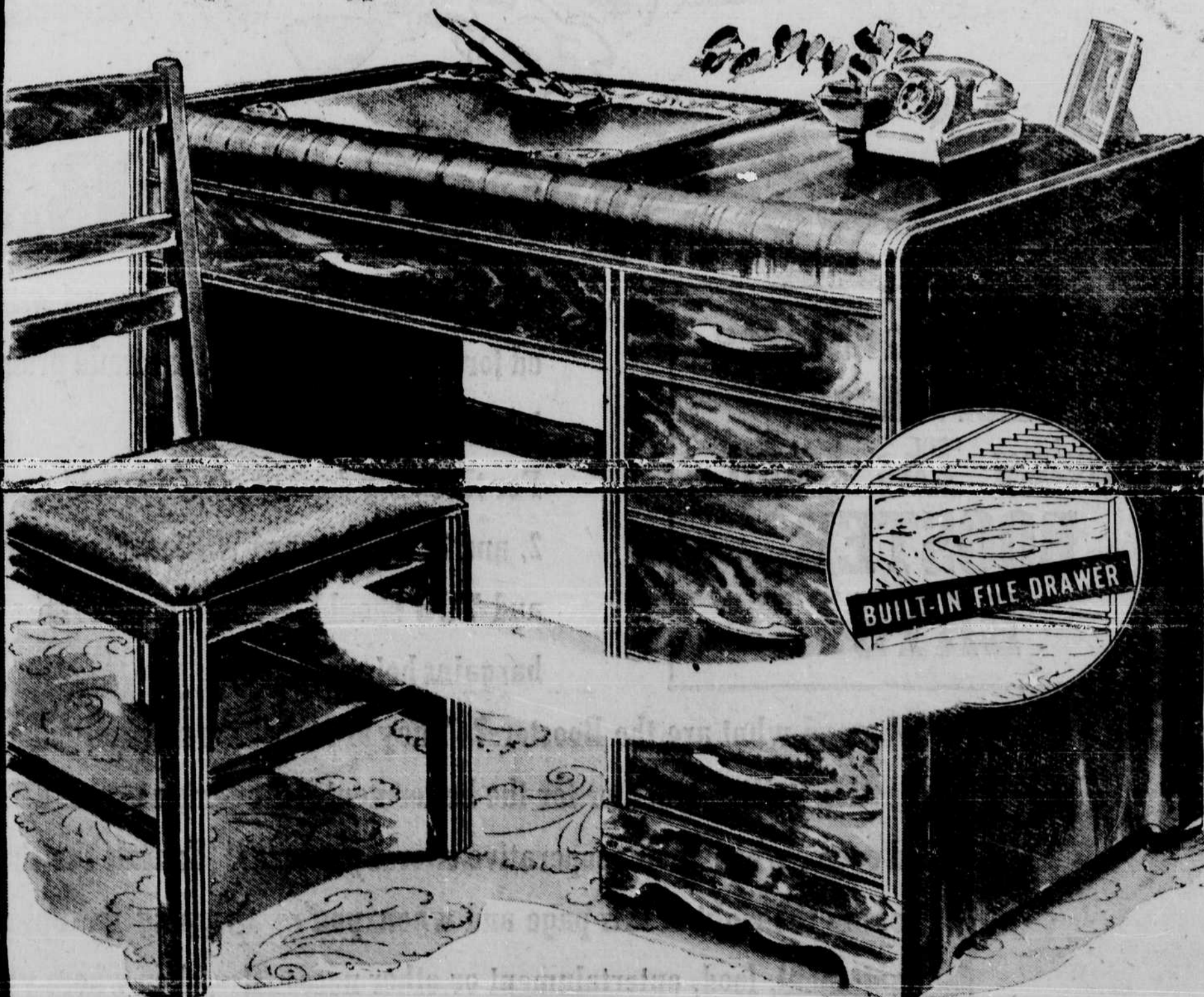
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