

'Backfire' Boasts Top Cast, Story

A top-flight cast headed by Virginia Mayo, in a dramatic story directed by one of Hollywood's top megaphones, comprise the film on tap for Vicar Theatre patrons next Wednesday when "Backfire," a traditional Warner Bros. two-fisted type of film offering, opens.

With the lovely Miss Mayo, the blonde star who is rapidly becoming one of the most important actresses in the film capital today, leading the billing, "Backfire" is said to possess the same explosive action which made "White Heat," in which she starred with James Cagney, the smash hit it was. Gordon MacRae, another popular star in the ascendant, plays opposite Miss Mayo, with Edmond O'Brien, Dane Clark, Viveca Lindfors and Richard Rober filling in the other

key roles. The story of a man who wants to uncover the mysterious circumstances surrounding a war buddy's disappearance, "Backfire" is set against an action background of big-time gambling, fighting and gunplay. In addition there is also the love story by Virginia Mayo, who becomes involved in the shady machinations of the underworld while trying to help the man she loves.

Vincent Sherman, who recently directed "Adventures of Don Juan" and "Hasty Heart," the latter, a picture being currently mentioned for Academy Awards, handled the reins on this production too for Warner Bros. An action director, Sherman's name in the "Backfire" billing assures the most avid of fans they're in for some thrilling cinema fare.

Dairy investigators of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have found that for more milk per acre, grass silage beats hay.



National acclaim has been accorded Arthur 'Guitar Boogie' Smith who will appear on the stage of Watts Theatre with his Crakerjacks on Thursday July 27. Billboard magazine, the authority of show business, states, "Arthur Smith is a guitar player extraordinary, who plays a hot guitar which all but warps the transcriptions."

Arthur received a citation from Variety magazine for his outstanding performance on WBT's "Carolina Hayride."

Radio Mirror spoke of Arthur in this manner, "Mr. Smith goes to town on every number he performs, either on electric guitar or hot fiddle, ably backed and abetted by two Smiths and a bear."

Further proof of Arthur's talent is revealed in his fast-selling MGM records of which "Guitar Boogie" sold 2,500,000 copies. Arthur, incidentally, wrote this number himself.

Born in Kershaw, S. C., Arthur received his musical training from his father. When the family moved to Lancaster, the Smith brothers, Arthur - Sonny - Ralph, formed a trio and broke into radio at WSPA in Spartanburg, S. C. The group added a fourth member, Roy Lear, and have been heard over WBT in Charlotte since 1945.

When not engaged in any of the multiple activities of doing a show for WBT, appearing on the CBS network show, "Carolina Calling," cutting a new sizzler for MGM records or making a personal appearance, Arthur is apt to be found hanging out around the shores of the Catawba River in Charlotte, N. C., for he is an ardent follower of the angling sport, and Mrs. Dorothy Smith claims that when it comes to fishing, Arthur is a top-notch musi-

Lupino-Young Picture is Here

The Filmmakers' daring study of a girl who fought against love and being loved, opens Tuesday at the Marco Theatre, through Eagle Lion release.

Produced by Collier Young and directed by Ida Lupino, who also collaborated on the original screen play, the modern romance brings together again the sweetheart-team of Sally Forrest and Keeffe Brasselle, who scored dramatically in "Not Wanted" as the lovers. Hugh O'Brien, sensational new romantic find, makes his film debut as the third starring member of the emotional triangle.

The Filmmakers is a new production company consisting of Collier Young, president; Ida Lupino, vice-president and Malvin Wald, secretary. The purpose of the organization is presentation of challenging and timely themes drawn from the hearts and minds of the people today. The Filmmakers also dedicates itself to a policy of discovering unknown acting talent assured of being "stars for tomorrow."

The story depicting a miracle in the making, carries a message of hope and bravery. Music, laughter and tears are the ingredients of the drama. In addition, startling scenes of a fight for life and happiness offer tense excitement.

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Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,608,777.39
Deposits to banks	741,612.22
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TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$22,767,826.35
Other liabilities	215,521.06

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Capital Accounts	
Capital*	500,000.00
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