

'Stars In My Crown' Sunday

"Stars in My Crown," new M-G-M attraction at the Viccar Theatre, beginning Sunday, is a tenderly-unfolded, heartwarming story of a small Southern settlement at the close of the Civil War and of a two-fisted preacher who leads the way in making his community a better place to live in. Joel McCrea enacts Josiah Gray, ex-cavalryman who comes to the little village of Walesburg, inspires the community to build its first church, marries the pretty organist, Harriet, and becomes a second father to their little ward, John. The parson's steadfast courage and honesty make themselves felt on almost every member of the village and he even wins the iconoclastic Doc Harris over to his side when he saves the life of the latter's fiancée, Faith, after all the doctor's medical knowledge has failed. Only one man proves stubborn in his resistance to Josiah's precepts of honor and humility. He is Lon Backett, the town's richest man, who tries to exert his own authority over that of the law, but who in the picture's stirring climax, is forced to bow to the stronger will of the indomitable preacher. Although "Stars in My Crown" has its share of rugged action, it

is the atmospheric details of a small, growing village, the homespun humor and the vivid naturalness of characterization which give the picture its warmth and color. There is the glowing sequence, for instance, in which the experienced Uncle Prill and the neophyte John go fishing, or the uproariously funny Medicine Show scenes, or the episode in which Doc Harris removes a fish hook from a young victim, or that in which Josiah backs the town bully into a pool of mud. Then there are the various moments in which old-fashioned ballads and folk tunes of the period are sung in choral groups, an authentic as well as charmingly melodic touch.

The picture has been beautifully cast, with Joel McCrea's portrait of the parson, who can preach with his fist as well as with words, one of the most satisfying characterizations he has ever attempted. Ellen Drew is excellent as his industrious young wife with Dean Stockwell winning many of the laughs in the role of little John who would like to always to be summer so that there would be no school. Standing out in a large supporting cast are Alan Hale as the parson's staunch supporter, Lewis Stone as the beloved Doc Harris, Sr., James Mitchell as the son who follows in his footsteps, Amanda Blake as Faith, Juano Hernandez as the genial Uncle Prill, Charles Kemper as the Medicine Showman and Ed Begley as the avaricious Lon Backett.

Jacques Tourneur directing, and William H. Wright on the production end, have also acquitted themselves admirably, with the result that "Stars in My Crown" emerges as one of the season's fine motion pictures. It will prove an entertainment treat for film-goers of every age.



Guns or gals... Rex Allen, rugged new western star, is handy with both, as he demonstrates to pretty Teala Loring in "The Arizona Cowboy." Republic's thrill-filled saga showing Wednesday at the Watts Theatre.

sters. It is a perfect vehicle for Audie to display the tenderness that inevitably shows through a rough mountain exterior.

The story centers around Murphy and his father, played with admirable strength and restraint by Dean Jagger, 1949 "Oscar" winner for his supporting role in "Twelve O'Clock High," who has hidden out for 15 years in the

mountains because he has been accused of a crime he did not commit. Audie's only friend before Wanda comes along is Burl Ives, America's Troubadour, who shows up brilliantly especially in the scene in which he sings a jailer to sleep so that he can help Audie to escape.

The villain, Richard Rober, almost, but not quite gets the 500Kraike.

Interesting Bits Of Business in U. S.

America's truck farmers are better off today than they were a year ago. According to the latest official estimates, they're getting 17 per cent more for their products than at this time last year. Air lines are boosting passenger mileage to new ceilings. One line recently topped the 6,000,000 a day total twice in a week. Automobile dealers are also doing a rushing business. Much of it is "scare buying," however — by people who are afraid the war may put a crimp in car production.

horses that Audie has corralled to tame and sell. And, of course, Murphy and Miss Hendrix, after many tumultuous arguments, find themselves in their love and wander off into the hills together.

Between Alfred Green's direction and Russell Metty's outstanding camera work the mounting against which the stars play is made as breathtaking as any film background of the decade.

Most of the picture was filmed in the fabulous mountain country around Kanab, Utah. The stampede of wild horses which is the climax of the picture is full of that edge-of-the-seat excitement. The film was produced by Michel

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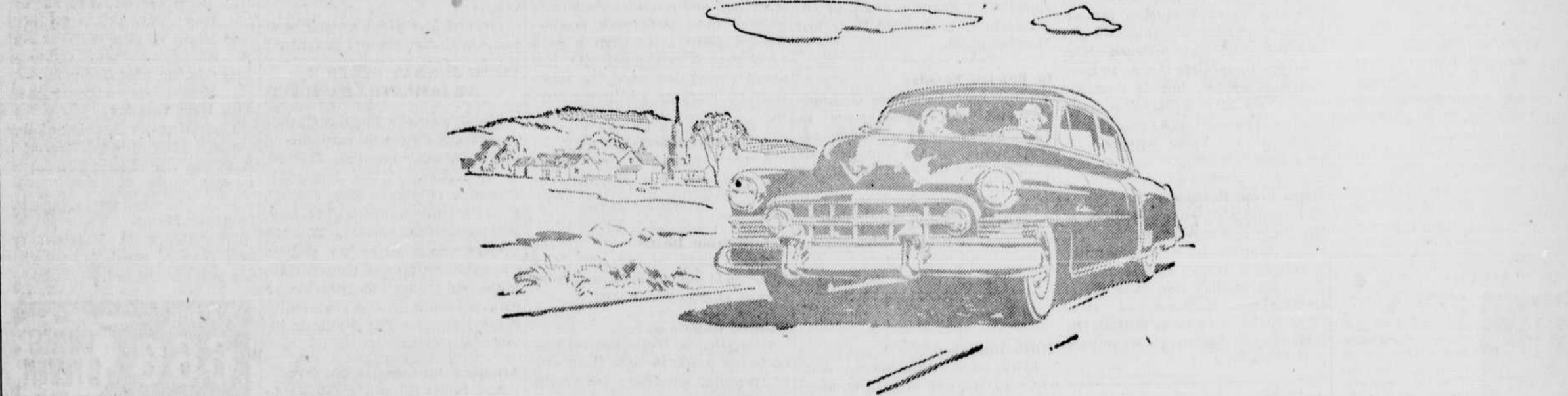
"Sierra," the Universal-International Technicolor film starts Sunday at the Watts Theatre, is full of those ingredients that bring the whole family into the theatre for an exciting show. Romance, action and color with a background of wild horses add up to a brilliant outdoor film that earns Audie Murphy a permanent place among the roster of strong, silent stars.

Running neck and neck with Audie for acting honors is Wanda Hendrix who plays a lady lawyer of the early west. Inept as a novice counsellor-at-law Wanda makes up for it with determination to help and a love for her man that makes for poignant scenes between these two young-

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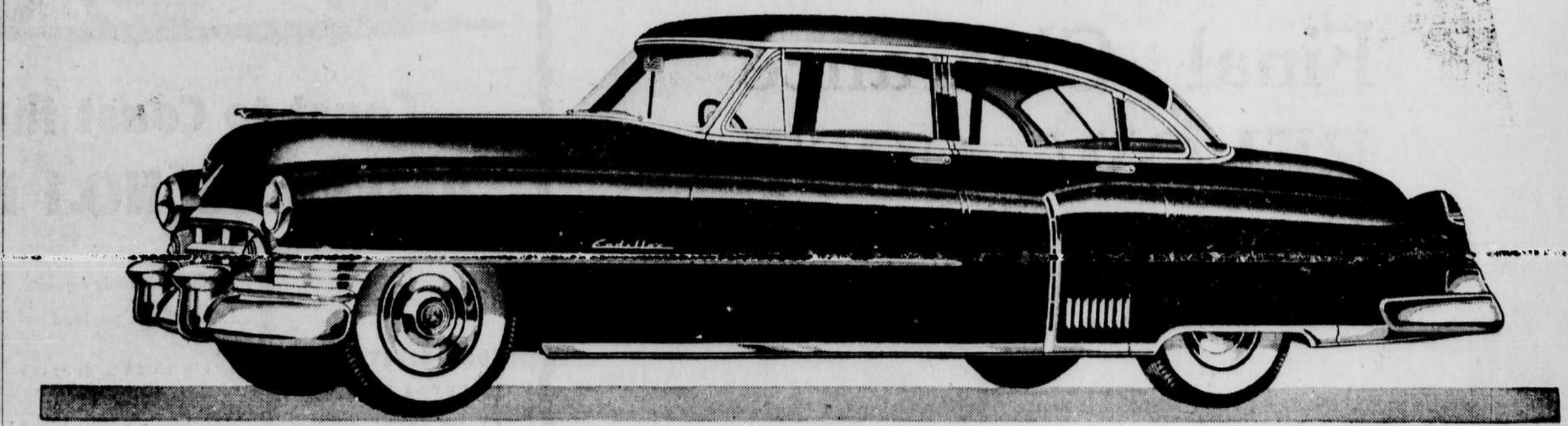
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