

# Sports

# ENTERTAINMENT

# Movies

## Over 12,000 Ration Books Issued Here

A total of 3,346,316 persons in North Carolina received War Ration Book No. 1 during the initial registration for sugar rationing held last summer. W. Hance Hoffer, state OPA ration officer, announced recently.

Hoffer said that holders of the No. 1 book will be eligible to receive the big No. 2 War Ration Book which will be distributed soon after the first of the new year. Persons who do not have their No. 1 book must make application to their local ration board for Book No. 1 before December 15 if they wish to be able to receive the No. 1 book.

A total of 12,346 persons received the No. 1 book which is being used for the rationing of sugar and coffee, in Washington County last summer. Hoffer announced.

An Illinois village with no crime problems donated 12 tons of cell metal from the local hogsgow to the salvage drive.

## AT LOCAL THEATRE CHRISTMAS DAY



Fay Bainter is angered when she catches Spring Byington training for Red Cross work in this scene from "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," which will show at the Plymouth Theatre Christmas Day, next Friday. Fay Bainter, in the title role, portrays a woman who refuses to let the war interfere with her "living-as-usual."

## George Raft Is Own Biographer in Film Set Here Thursday

Pat O'Brien, Janet Blair, And Brod Crawford Are Also Featured

The extraordinary experience of being his own biographer on the screen has fallen to George Raft.

The vehicle by which Raft's own slice of life story is exploited is "Broadway," the thrillingly melodramatic film play of "the roaring 20s" which comes here Thursday, December 24, at the Plymouth Theatre.

Raft, as a hooper with an over-powering ambition to be tops in his profession, heads the cast with Pat O'Brien, as the "toughest" cop on Broadway, as his co-star in the film adaptation of the stage play hit.

"Broadway," in its screen transition, is Raft's own life story. He is seen in it both as he is today—George Raft, the screen star—and as he was during the prohibition era of the play when he gained note as the possessor of the fastest feet on Broadway.

An unique flash-back technique was employed in giving factual translation to play-fiction. Introduced with it is an interesting transition in character and physical appearance as Raft recaptures his past, for the major portion of the film presents him as he was 15 years ago.

Fortunately for him, Raft has never lost his dancing agility and the perfection of technique which elevated him high among the artists in his profession. For in "Broadway," he is seen in three dancing routines which stir nostalgic memories of one of the most stirring periods in recent American history. Highlight of these is a tango specialty number in which Raft is joined by his romantic and dancing partner in "Broadway," Janet Blair.

Basically, however, the story of "Broadway" is a highly exciting drama dealing with an ambitious hooper in a speakeasy, who, on the eve of his big break, becomes involved in a gangland killing. Adding complications is a second killing to which Raft is likewise linked.

Staged largely backstage in a speak-easy on Broadway, the film is a story of the life of a hooper, temporarily from the client to whom he is also a suitor, plays a polished character with conviction, and Jean Rogers, as the daughter, with Van Johnson as her soldier lover, provides the young romance. Dorothy Morris, Miles Mander, Halliwell Hobbes and Frances Rafferty are other principals.

## HERE MONDAY-TUESDAY NEXT WEEK



Janet Blair, above, is starred with Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne in Columbia's hectic "My Sister Eileen," coming to the Plymouth Theatre Monday and Tuesday of next week. Alexander Hall directed the comedy, which is based upon the sensational Broadway stage success.

## "My Sister Eileen" To Be Shown Here Monday - Tuesday

Success on Broadway Stage Of Two Years

"My Sister Eileen," based on the uproarious stage success which has panicked the Broadways of the nation for two solid years, is said to set a standard for laughter the like of which filmdom has never known before.

Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne and Janet Blair are starred in the comedy, which shows next Monday and Tuesday at the Plymouth Theatre. The stellar supporting cast including George Tobias, Allyn Joslyn, Miss Jeff Donnell, Richard Quine, June Havoc, Donald MacBride, Frank Sully, Gordon Jones, Grant Mitchell, Elizabeth Patterson and others of equal importance.

Miss Russell and Miss Blair are the two sisters, Ruth and Eileen, who came to New York to win fame and fortune as author and actress, respectively. Ruth is a reasonably level-headed individual; her kid sister is a blonde and devastating young woman who manages to get into one difficulty after another. Both sisters complicate their life in New York by choosing, as residence, a Greenwich Village basement apartment, which becomes the happy hunting ground

gains momentum through the intervention of O'Brien, in the role of a clever detective, and the accumulating sidelights thrust into the plot as others become involved.

Setting and incident closely parallel those familiar to Raft during his earlier days on Broadway, when, after turning from professional fighting and baseball, he took up dancing as a career.

Vitality identified in the cast of "Broadway," in addition to Raft, O'Brien and Miss Blair, are Brod Crawford, Anne Gwynne, Marjorie Rambeau, S. Z. Sakall, Edward S. Brophy, Marie Wilson, Iris Adrian, and other stellar artists. William A. Selter directed.

## Gas Coupons Should Be Endorsed Now

By properly endorsing their coupons at once, motorists and others holding gasoline rations will avoid the inconvenience of having to do so when they buy gasoline at a service station. OPA pointed out last week. They will also help protect their ration books from possible misuse in the case of loss or theft.

Under the new rationing regulations dealers must require correct notations on the back of all coupons they accept.

A, B, C, and D coupons must be endorsed on the back with the car license number and State of registration. Passenger fleet operators using interchangeable coupon books must inter or stamp the fleet name. T coupons must be endorsed on the back with the War Certificate Number or the fleet name. E and R coupons must have the name and address of the user written on the back. All endorsements must be in ink to prevent alterations.

It will be exceedingly difficult for thieves and black market operators to use coupons which they acquired illegally, if those coupons bear the proper identifications.

saw and the things they did in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. Alexander Hall is the director, topping his own record of "top" comedy successes.

of every wolf in New York.

The sensational success of the screen version of "My Sister Eileen" is attributed by Hollywood not alone to its superb cast and madly merry story of the two curious maidens from Columbus, Ohio, and the things they



## GREETINGS!

This is a good old-fashioned American Christmas for all! Greetings of the season to you—and may all your wishes be fulfilled December 25th and ever after. Old-time Greetings! In other words—a very merry Christmas to you and yours, when the holly brightens your windows.

## Branch Banking & Trust Company

"THE SAFE EXECUTOR"

PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA



SOUND BANKING AND TRUST SERVICE FOR EASTERN CAROLINA

# PLYMOUTH THEATRE

"Plymouth's Community Asset"

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24  
Together for the First Time! Tough Again! Rough Again!  
**George Raft - Pat O'Brien in "BROADWAY"**  
with Janet Blair - Brod Crawford  
Hap-Hap - Happy Days! "Gay Knighties" Latest News Events

FRIDAY Christmas Day DECEMBER 25  
Shows at 1:30; 3:30; 7; and 9 P. M.  
The Producers of "Mrs. Miniver" Present Another Timely Drama!  
**Edward Arnold - Fay Bainter in "THE WAR AGAINST MRS. HADLEY"**  
with Richard Ney - Jean Rogers - Spring Byington  
"New Soldiers Are Tough" "Tale of Two Kitties"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26  
Continuous Shows From 1 P. M.  
Another Thrill-Packed Hopalong Cassidy Adventure!  
**Bill Boyd - Brad King - Andy Clyde "TWILIGHT ON THE TRAIL"**  
Chap. No. 9 "King of the Mounties" "Six Hits and A Miss"

OWL SHOW—SATURDAY NIGHT—10:30 P. M.  
Baffling Murder Mystery!  
**Sidney Toiler - Mary Beth Hughes - Cobina Wright, Jr. in "CHARLIE CHAN IN RIO"**  
Added Treats Special Selected Short Subjects!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27  
Thrill-Laden Adventure!  
**Joseph Allen, Jr. - Mary Howard in "WHO IS HOPE SCHUYLER?"**  
with Sheila Ryan - Ricardo Cortez  
Added Treats! "Gabby Goes Fishing" "Army Mascot"

MONDAY-TUESDAY DECEMBER 28-29  
The Broadway and Nation-Wide Stage Hit Uproariously Hits The Screen!  
**Rosalind Russell - Brian Aherne - Janet Blair in "MY SISTER EILEEN"**  
"This Is Blitz" (Sensational Technicolor Subject) Latest News

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30  
BARGAIN MATINEE AND NIGHT HALF-HOUR!  
Stirring Drama of Today—Uncle Sam's Great War Effort!  
**Victor McLaglen - Edmond O'Brien in "POWDER TOWN"**  
with June Havoc  
"Don Winslow of the Navy" "Information Please"

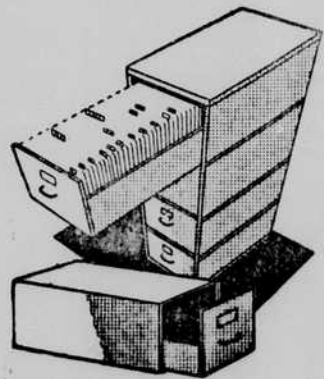
## Mrs. Hadley Drama Booked for Theatre Here Christmas Day

Edward Arnold and Fay Bainter Head Exceptionally Able Cast

Typical Americans in a gripping human story, in which drama, comedy and pathos blend, come to the screen in "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," a literal study of a woman's soul, showing here Friday (Christmas Day) at the Plymouth Theatre.

The play revolves about Mrs. Hadley, wealthy widow in wartime Washington. She tries to live her life as before the war, and not be drawn into it. Gradually her friends go into war work, her daughter into a canteen, her son into the army, while she stubbornly holds out against the changed order. A dramatic climax shows her awakening, and her life is flung into the conflict.

Fay Bainter plays the title role with skill and restraint, and Richard Ney, as her son, offers a convincing performance as the ne'er-do-well, spoiled son who redeems himself by becoming a hero. Spring Byington provides a performance in which comedy and drama are mixed, as Mrs. Hadley's socialite friend, who turns to war work. Edward Arnold, as the family solicitor who goes into war work, and thus is estranged tem-



## FILING CABINETS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

We Are Agents for

## Shaw-Walker

This is generally recognized as among the best lines on the market. There are various grades at a wide range of prices.

Let us quote you on the best made before you buy cheap equipment. There is surprisingly little difference in the cost—but a lot of difference in the quality.

# The Roanoke BEACON

Telephone 295-6 Plymouth, N. C.

## THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Looks like a pretty expensive cigar you've got there, Judge."

"Yesiree, it's a real good one, Bill. Won it from Chris down at the cigar store yesterday. He got pretty positive in a discussion we had and I had to take him up on it. Bet me three good cigars to my one that the three states that still have prohibition have less crime than the other states. Well, all I had to do was step across

the street to my office where I had some recent F. B. I. figures in my desk drawer. Why, on the average, those three states have a worse crime record than the whole rest of the country. And there's a good sound reason for it, Bill. There's no such thing as a dry community. It's only a question of whether liquor is sold legally or illegally. And when it's sold illegally it means bootleggers, gangsters and more crime."