

'Saddle Tramp' Travels Colorful Action Trail

Bringing to the screen in beautiful Technicolor one of the most unusual western motion picture stories yet filmed, Universal-International's "Saddle Tramp," which is opening at the Strand Theatre with a late show Saturday night, also Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, "deserves a bright gold star as one of the finest outdoor dramas to emerge from Hollywood in many a year.

With Joel McCrea in the title role as a hobo on horseback, "Saddle Tramp" weaves a truly off-beat tale of the west, ignoring the usual cliches seen in such film fare for a solid, action-packed adventure filled with intelligent story twists that will please both old and young.

McCrea, invariably identified with some of filmdom's finest efforts in outdoor sagas, gives one of his greatest performances as the lazy cowboy trapped into going to work to support an unexpectedly-acquired family. Wanda Hendrix, teamed with him as an orphan whose childish appearance belies her womanly charms, fits the unusual role perfectly and plays it to perfection.

Coming To The Strand



Joel McCrea, cast in the colorful role of a western yagabond in Universal-International's delightful new Technicolor western, "Saddle Tramp," stages a knock-down corral battle with screen heavy John Russell in this highlight scene from the film. Petite Wanda Hendrix is co-starred with McCrea in "Saddle Tramp," opening with late show Saturday night at the Strand Theatre. Also showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Combining sly humor with action and drama, "Saddle Tramp" tells the story of an itinerant cowboy on whom fate bestows the custody of four small children and an orphaned girl escaping an uncle's wrath. When he reluctantly goes to work for a rancher to support his newfound family, he settles a long-standing feud by exposing the ranch foreman as the head of a rustling ring.

Four of the best child actors in Hollywood, Orley Lindgren, Jimmy Hunt, Gordon Gebert and Gregory Moffett, share supporting honors with an excellent supporting cast headed by John McIntire, John Russell, Jeanette Nolan and Antonio Moreno.

Film Stars Careless In Gun Fightin'

What our cowboy movie stars need besides new sights for their six-shooters, is a stretch of Army basic training.

The other night we were sitting watching Hopalong Cassidy and his buddies in a gunfight with a posse of varmints.

Everybody's shooting at everybody else, at a range from 15 to 50 yards.

There were plenty of nice, big trees around, but everybody's sitting on a horse, except a couple of smart bandits, who have taken cover behind a log in some underbrush.

Yet when one of the boys drops off his horse and takes to one of the trees, what does he do?

He's a right-handed shooter. But he's taking his shots from the side of the tree to his left.

Any recruit whose arm hasn't had time to quit aching from the medic's needle knows that you just don't shoot right-handed from the left side of your cover, since it leaves most of your manly torso exposed.

Then there's the ambitious gent trying to nail his man with a six-shooter at a range of 50 or more yards—while his Winchester rests in his saddle sheath.

But the payoff comes when, after dispatching the lesser of the desperadoes with a gun, Hopalong tackles the chief villain the hard way.

After a chase, in which his gun is flapping harmlessly in his holster, he runs his horse ragged to get neck-and-neck with his man.

Then, with considerable hazard to life and limb, he proceeds to jump from his racing horse, and drag the bad man down to the ground with him.

That, of course, is only the beginning. The boys slug it out, toe to toe, until, finally, the hero's last weary punch lays the man low.

Hopalong, however, isn't the on-ly cowboy who's guilty of such carelessness.

All our other lads are in about the same boat.

Red Ryder's costume for chasing his well-armed prey, includes a bright red shirt, visible for miles on a foggy day. Fortunately, the pursued bandit apparently always is color blind to the extent that

Park — Thursday and Friday



Wendell Corey, Natalie Wood and Margaret Sullivan in a scene from "No Sad Song For Me."

William Howell Awarded Degree

William L. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell of Jonathan Creek, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree at Western Carolina Teachers' College August 31.

Mr. Howell, who was an instructor in the infantry during World War II, majored in science and took part in the following college activities: Science Club, Glee Club, Future Teachers of America, organized Future Teachers chapter in Clyde High School, and Veterans Club.

At present, Mr. Howell is connected with American Metal Products Company, Detroit, Mich.

Oaks of Guadalupe Island, Mexico's westernmost possession, have the largest known acorns, fully two inches in diameter.

Red's flaming garb doesn't make such a hot target. Then there's the technique of crossing or riding on ridges.

Every recruit during his first week of basic is warned to crawl—not walk upright—when he has to cross a ridge in daylight in enemy country.

Strolling along a ridge, or crossing one gives even a myopic sniper a good chance at your silhouette. Yet here's our cowboy hero, stalking the unseen enemy through mountain country.

The bad man is somewhere, perhaps laying in wait behind a rock or something, with his rifle or pistol ready and homicide in his heart, and the hero knows it.

What does our boy do? Grimly, he looks for tracks—riding his horse right along the top of a ridge.

Or our man is still tracking the villain while the sun goes down.

What does he do? He just settles down, builds a nice bright fire right out in the open somewhere, then gets right up close to it so he can stare thoughtfully into the flames—and make a nice target for his enemy.

But somehow or other, our boy so far has escaped serious injury in spite of his little short-comings, and presumably will continue to do so.

On the other hand, perhaps the hero deliberately disregards such essential precautions to cut down the odds a little and make the match more even.

Then again, his opponents don't shoot very straight in the first place, so it's probably not very important.

But we do wish Hopalong and his buddies would be a little more careful about such things.

One of these days one of them is going to get hurt.

The Long and Short of It



SAUCY SHORTIE... Chic hairdo designed by Perc Westmore for Hollywood's Jane Wyman who prefers the short coiffure.



BACK OF MY HEAD TO YOU... Smart and sleek is this rear view of Jane's new ultra-smart coiffure.

Fire Chiefs Re-Elect Burkett

Charles L. Burkett of Salisbury was re-elected president of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association. The elections highlighted Tuesday's session of the Association's 63rd annual convention which closed yesterday at Hendersonville. Chief Barton Cope of Sylva was named a district vice-president.

Pisgah Forest Earns \$210,000

The Pisgah National Forest earned nearly \$210,000 last fiscal year, which ended June 30. More than \$168,500 of it came from timber sales.

In rural areas in 1944 there was an increase of 8.5 per cent in urban consumption. Christian clergymen both ordained and unordained totaled 6,129 as of June 30, 1944.

STRAND

— NOTICE —
Matinee Every Wed. and Fri. at 2 P. M.
Two Shows Daily Monday through Friday 7 & 9 P. M.
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Labor Day Road Mishaps Kill 12

Twelve persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina on Labor Day. A total 174 other people were injured in the 95 accidents reported to the State Highway Patrol. Last year, Labor Day mishaps killed 21 persons. Only one of the deaths reported last Monday occurred in the Western North Carolina area. Mrs. Neah Mason of New York City was killed when her auto plunged over a fill on the Parkway near Mount Mitchell.

WAYNESVILLE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

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Yes—and I'll wear my pajamas so I can hop right into bed when we get home!
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Mom lets me wear my nightie—so when I get tired I can lie down on the seat of our car!
Our Family Drive-In theatre sure is a blessing for us old folks!
Nothin' like a Drive-In theatre after a tough day—and I know I'm welcome in my work clothes!

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Sept. 7-8 "DEAR WIFE"

Starring WILLIAM HOLDEN and JOAN CAULFIELD

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 "THE FIGHTING KENTUCKIAN"

Starring JOHN WAYNE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 "FEUDIN' RHYTHM"

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