

# 2100 "Middies," Officers And Men In Naval Film

From the gorgeously-decorated Park Casino in New York, to a flame-filled engine-room on a battleship at sea, is the range of scenes in "Shipmates Forever," the Cosmopolitan musical drama which comes to the Duplin Theatre on Thursday and Friday with Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler in the stellar roles.

Across the parade field at Annapolis, more than 1,000 midshipmen of the Naval Academy march for the picture's benefit, with the gallant Dick at their head. On the Pacific Fleet's flagship, the officers and 1100 of the crew of that magnificent fighting craft line up, so that the production released by Warner Bros. would be absolutely authentic.

Powell sings, studies and sulks; he dashes through fire and scalding steam to save a comrade. Ruby dances; she goes through emotional scenes; she despairs; she exalts. "Shipmates Forever" deals with life at the Naval Academy and the subsequent careers of the young men who become, after graduation, exactly what the title states.

It shouldn't be called a "musical," even though Powell does sing four songs, because it is far more important than that. It is a powerful drama, with the music and dancing logically introduced.

Dick, in the beginning, is a ra-

dio singer, who, to carry out a family tradition gives up his lucrative career to enter Annapolis. Ruby is the orphaned daughter of a Navy family, who, to support herself in the Academy town, teaches the children of officers to dance. So the singing and dancing fall quite natural in to place.

Heartily approving of the idea of making such a picture, the Navy Department directed that the Annapolis authorities extend every needed privilege to Director Borsage and his group of a dozen or more players and 30 technicians who journeyed from Hollywood to the Maryland capital in the early summer.

All the famous "June Week" graduation ceremonies and their attendant social functions were photographed. So were all the needed aspects of midshipman life. At Annapolis, Commander M. S. Tidball was assigned to act as technical advisor, and stood beside Borsage constantly to insure correctness as to detail.

After a month at the Academy, the Borsage company returned to California and found the flagship Pennsylvania, lying off San Pedro at its disposal. Here Commander F. C. Denebrink, of the vessel's staff, saw to it that there should be no error in Navy procedure. From San Diego's air-base, an amphibious plane was flown up to San Pedro for use in several scenes.

# Sophisticated Romance Marks Film's Tempo

"Without Regret," daring, sophisticated romance drama of a woman who loved and married two men, which comes to the Duplin Theatre Wednesday, proves to be a skillfully acted, ably directed problem photoplay, designed mainly to appeal to women movie-goers.

In her latest vehicle, Elissa Landi, in the leading feminine role, establishes herself as an actress of versatile talents. Miss Landi has, up to now, gained distinction as a past master of comedy parts, a light comedienne of the first water in "Without Regret" she assumes an utterly different characterization in a straight dramatic portrayal that reveals hitherto hidden depths to this international star's acting abilities.

Traveling in China, Miss Landi meets and marries Kent Taylor, handsome, dissolute, irresponsible aviator whose adventurous life fascinates her. Frances Drake, Taylor's jilted sweetheart, swears revenge on the woman who stole her man. Five years later, we find Miss Landi happily married to Paul Cavanaugh, famous and wealthy London physician. Miss Drake appears at her home, proves to her that Taylor was not killed in a plane wreck but is alive and in London under an assumed name, and threatens to expose Miss Landi as a bigamist unless she pays her well. Mad with jealousy, Miss Drake also has in her possession love letters that Miss Landi wrote to Taylor, that she intends giving the newspapers.

This program was put on in a big way all along through the banquet, ice cream, cakes, candy and nuts were served, which last for about one half hour.

This was a valuable lesson to the boys and girls in the training for social functions that they will be sure to contact in life. It was a moment in each child's life that will linger in each ones memory for years to come, and it was a real treat to the group of visitors. Ice cream was so bountifully served that several of the young guests found their capacities over taxed.

Members of the fourth and winning grade are: Laney Benson, Levy Brock, Marvin Grady, Leon Merritt, William Register, John Shaffer, David Westbrook, Earl White, Geraldine Bostic, Bertha Casey, Wilma Brown, Susie Hulbert, Helen Jones, Norman Lanier, Mary Mathews, Sarah Pickett, Winnie Quinn, Ethel Simmons and Jessie Taylor.

The members of the third grade: Corinda Henderson, Loran Jones, Horace Price, Joseph Quinn, Deane Rouse, Willoween Alkinson, Mary Benson, Edith Blanton, Lucy Brown, Anne Dail, Janet Dobson, Mamie Horne, Bertha Oulfin, Mary Rivenbark, Laurie Sandlin, Rosa Mae Quinn and Marian Summerlin.

The able and inspirational teacher and director of this combined class is Miss Edna Hasket. The mothers and a few friends were specially invited guests.

Taylor, not knowing his wife is married to Cavanaugh, seeks the doctor's advice for a heart ailment learns about his ex-sweetheart's blackmail plot, reveals himself to Cavanaugh who, in turn is forced to reveal that he may die at any moment.

Drake's apartment to retrieve the letters, but hides when her husband also arrives to get the letters. Both leave without letting each other know they know each other.

In an attempt to straighten matters out, Taylor promises to marry Miss Drake providing she gives him the letters. An argument follows in which Taylor poisons her. All clues lead the police to suspect Cavanaugh of the murder. The picture closes on a gripping dramatic climax.

Cavanaugh carries off his part with a finesse and restraint that is so characteristic of this able actor. Taylor brings to the unsympathetic role of the "murder-do-well" an unusually fine understanding and warmth of feeling. Miss Drake also measures up in fine form as a despicable, vicious young lady. Harold Young did an excellent job on direction.

**Piney Grove News**

(Intended for last week)

Mr. Elbert Summertins and Mr. Sammie Harper were visitors of Mrs. Beanie Potter and Miss Doris Potter Sunday P. M.

Mr. Ronald Sutton was a visitor of Miss Odelle Rouse Friday night.

Miss Beacie Stroud is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Stroud.

Mr. Herman Rouse and Mr. Elbert Summertins were visitors at Mr. L. D. Harper's Thanksgiving night.

Mr. Horace Lee and Miss Mary Jane Stroud were visitors of Miss Lillie Belle Harper Thanksgiving night.

Mrs. Emma Langston spent Sunday with Mrs. Annie Stroud.

Mr. Nelson Jones children attended prayer meeting at Piney Grove Sunday night.

Mrs. Ellis Royals is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Alma Herring.

Mrs. Ash Smith children attended prayer meeting at Clyde Adams Friday night.

Mr. Frank Pate and Mr. Earl Tyndall were visitors of Miss Odelle Rouse Sunday night.

**Unique Banquet**

During the opening months of school, the divisions of the Third and Fourth Grades in the Kenanville School began an attendance contest to last three months and the winner to be given some sort of a party as a reward. The fourth grade won the contest and the third grade entertained at a banquet Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 in the school lunch room.

The group marched into the room marching to the music furnished by the Rhythm Band dressed in full uniform. Winnie Quinn acted as hostess and was director of the Rhythm Band. David Westbrook was toastmaster. The Program follows:

1. March to Jingle Bells.
2. Song, Away in Judah.
3. Bible reading by group.
4. Song, The Stars were Shining Bright.
5. Welcome, by Sarah Pickett.
6. Song, To Mothers.
7. Toast, David Westbrook.
8. Series of "Stand Up Songs."
9. Stunts, by visitors.
10. Dramatization, "Mother Goose in Santa Land."
11. Song, Silent Night.
12. Yell.

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## Wife Of Rommie O'Daniel Passes In Texas

(Special To The Times)

Mrs. James Romulus O'Daniel, wife of J. R. O'Daniel, native of this county, died at the St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas on Thursday of last week. The following letter addressed to the editor of the Times from W. R. Grady tells of her sickness and death:

2101 Pembroke Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, December 7, 1935.

Mr. Robert Grady, Editor, Duplin Times, Kenanville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Our cousin, James Romulus O'Daniel, has asked me to write you about the death of his wife, Mrs. Grace O'Daniel, on December 5, 1935, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. O'Daniel died with edema of the lungs. She was taken to the hospital Tuesday evening and given every attention. X-ray pictures were taken and were found to be negative. The doctor thought perhaps the spinal trouble which she had been suffering with for many years was re-

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... as a member of Congress ... Mrs. Emma (Green) Gilbert was the daughter of the late Judge Turner Lundy Green of Sulphur Springs, Texas, a native of North Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted in All Saint's Episcopal Church, Westford, by the Rev. E. S. Beckow, of Westford, and the Rev. Halway Weisman, Jr., of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. G. G. Fox, of Trinity Episcopal Church, the latter two of Fort Worth, Texas. A Requiem Eucharist will be held at All Saint's Church at Westford Sunday morning.

Residents of Kenanville will re-

# Duplin Theatre

## Program Week Of Dec 16.

Monday and Tuesday  
**JAMES CAGNEY IN**  
**"FRISCO KID"**  
Matinee Monday 3:30

Wednesday only - BARGAIN DAY  
Elissa LANDI, Paul CAVANAUGH in  
**"WITHOUT REGRET"**  
Matinee 3:30

Thursday and Friday  
Dick POWELL, Ruby KEELER in  
**"SHIPMATES FOREVER"**  
Matinee Thursday 3:30

Saturday only  
**"TOMBSTONE TERROR"**  
ALL STAR WESTERN  
Show Starts at 1:30

**FREE PASSES:** The following will receive a free pass to any show next week if they will present this ad to the ticket window: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlton, Warsaw; Miss Hester Swinson, Smith's Township; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, Smith's Township.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. John Sarcia announce the birth of a son born December 12 at 11:00 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. James A. announces the birth of a son born December 12, 1935 at 10:30 a. m.

**M. J. Jarman**

Mr. M. J. Jarman of Hallowville who was 68 years old last June, died at his home Wednesday night at 10:00, having suffered from paralysis for the past four weeks. He was born in Jones County but has spent the greater part of his life in Duplin, in the saw-mill business and as a farmer.

He married Miss Lillie Sanderlin who died in 1921, leaving him with two children. Later he married Miss Faisy Rogers who survives him with five children.

He is survived by two brothers, J. A. Jarman and Stanford Jarman, and one sister, Mrs. Sara Jane Whiteley. By his first wife the following children survive, Rom-

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