

# Dolly Madison Theatre To Open The 9th With "Barbary Coast"

Roxboro's New Theatre to Open Thursday, April 9th With One of the Best Pictures of Year. Stars are Miriam Hopkins, Edw. J. Robinson and Joel McCrea. Picture to Play For One Day Only.

## ALL OF THE STARS ARE FAVORITES IN ROXBORO AND PERSON COUNTY

It's a man's size job for anybody to dig into the peppery lore of San Francisco's Barbary Coast and extract from it a story of picturesque humans.

Pioneer communities have in all history been places where toughness was at a premium and the quick draw was the surest path to a long life. New fields to conquer have always attracted their quota of adventures — men in whose blood coursed a fair share of lawlessness — and it is these, by their sheer aggressiveness, who have always given a frontier its reputation.

But Barbary Coast had its builders, its sincere pioneers, its men and women who went there to create a life for themselves and, unconsciously perhaps, a future for their nation. It is they who have brought San Francisco from its early stages of raucous living and loose standards to its present position as a metropolis respected by the world.

It is these people, also, whom Samuel Goldwyn dramatizes in his production called "Barbary Coast." He utilizes the history of that frontier merely as a background — a framework for the human story he has to tell. He has indeed set out to do a man-size job.

The gold rush to California in 1849 carried in its sweeping tide hordes of gamblers, thieves, confidence men and professional murderers. These formed the nucleus of the Barbary Coast. As time went on and its reputation grew, more

and more unsavory characters were attracted, and soon the quest for the precious metal was forgotten in the consuming quest of life. For seventy years, until it was destroyed in the San Francisco fire, the Barbary Coast was a country without a law.

The life of its citizens was one long round of god times. There was no definition between underworld and upper, because the whole of the Barbary Coast was an underworld. There were police, it is true, but these would no more have risked interfering with the inhabitants than they would put their heads in nooses. On the one occasion when a foolhardy police Captain sent a squad to clean out a gambling den, the results were disastrous.

Gambling dens flourished as they never had before in any land. Here the miners came with thousands and thousands of dollars worth of gold that they had panned out of streams, dug up under a few feet of soil, or even discovered in the dirt streets of the outlying districts. "Paydust" flowed over the green-beige tables like water. It was nothing to wager a poke amounting to five thousand dollars on the turn of a card or the spin of a wheel.

Fortunes were dropped, and the loser would leave with a smile. And why not? There was plenty more where the other came from.

But sometimes a loser would become crazed with his misfortune and, driven on by liquor, would demand his money back, or worse, would cast that unpardonable slur

—that he had been framed. Then the fun would begin. Pistols would be jerked from their holsters, knives would flash, clubs and blackjacks would swing through the air, and presently the hall would resound with the screams of women and the roar of A's.

Often these riots would continue far into the next day, with new and eager recruits taking the place of the dead and wounded. Residents of the Barbary Coast liked to fight!

Women, because they were scarce in San Francisco, were held in high regard, no matter what their station or occupation. Rough fellows who had been known to kill a man because he sneezed would tip their hats respectfully to a passing lady. Some of the dance-hall queens amassed fortunes — some banked as high as fifty thousand dollars a year — and many of them later married wealthy and respectable men, and were able to live down their past.

Robberies and murders were every-day occurrences, often taking place in broad daylight. The crack of a rifle or the agonized scream of a stabbed man would occasion not even the turning of a head. Bodies were allowed to lie where they dropped, and sometimes they remained for days. The survival of the fittest prevailed, and woe to the man who was slow on the draw, or didn't keep his eye on his adversary's boot leg.

But the San Francisco fire wiped out this most picturesque of all hells. The Barbary Coast is no more. Recently, an attempt was made to hold a dance in the gardens on Columbia Avenue, in the heart of the old Barbary Coast, but the permit was refused by the police. The Barbary Coast is dead and it must remain so. But the memory lives on.

submitted to REA by the utility industry, there was an increase of approximately 175 per cent in the number of American farms electrified during 1935, compared with the previous year. Estimates point to a new peak in rural electrification activity in 1936.

Morris L. Cook, REA administrator, believes that this sharp upswing in rural extensions is the most encouraging development in rural electrification in years. He credits the expansion to increasing organized demand by farmers for electric service, the lowering of rural customer requirements and rates by more progressive utilities, the establishment of REA, and the ability of many utilities to borrow private funds at low interest rates.

## FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: How soon should sexes be separated in growing chicks?

Answer: The separation should be made as soon as the males and females can be determined. With the Leghorns this can be determined in from four to six weeks and from seven to nine weeks with the American breeds. As the chicks grow, more floor space is required and unless this is provided the chicks will begin toe picking and feather pulling. When the chicks are overcrowded they are much more subject to disease and develop more slowly.

Question: Will cotton seed treated now with Ceresan keep until planting time?

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ing time. This treatment will also prevent any further trouble from contaminated sacks, bins, or from the planters. Be sure and use three ounces of the fungicide to each bushel of seed and mix thoroughly in the container before storing. Seed not needed for planting should be disposed of in some way as treated seed are unfit for feeding purposes.

Question: What spacing should be given a new planting of dewberries?

Answer: The plants should be set from four to five feet apart in rows six feet apart. Press the soil firmly against the roots, and cut back to two or three buds during the first growing season, but should be tied to stakes or trained on a two-wire trellis before growth starts the following spring. Newly set plants should be fertilized with stable manure or a tablespoonful of nitrate of soda. A new publication on "Fruits and Nuts for Home Use" has just been issued by the Agricultural Extension Service and copies may be secured by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College.

## HUTSON HEADS FARM PROGRAM

The new soil improvement program will be administered under a different set-up than that of the old AAA.

Instead of commodity divisions for the various basic crops, there are five regions into which the United States has been divided. Each region will handle all crops in its territory.

North Carolina is in the East Central Region, which has been placed in charge of J. B. Hutson, former chief of the AAA tobacco section.

"We who have seen the successful way in which Mr. Hutson conducted the tobacco program under the old AAA are particularly gratified over his appointment as director of this region," commented Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College. "He is thoroughly familiar with the situation in this State, he has our interest at heart, and he has demonstrated his ability to get things done."

The new program is like the old AAA in some respects, however, the dean pointed out. It will be administered by the State College agricultural extension service and its corps of county agents. At the same time, much of the program will be handled by community, county, and state committees composed of farmers.

The state committee, to be made up of representative farmers from each section of the State, will have a voice in determining many matters of policy.

The county committees will be in charge of local administrative work, including the checking of growers' compliance with the program. Community committees will aid the county committees.

## KIME TO GIVE TALK ON COTTON GROWING

With cotton planting time nearby, a radio talk on the subject will be delivered on Saturday, April 4, by P. H. Kime, plant breeding agronomist at State College.

One of the recommendations which Dr. Kime makes is the planting of fewer acres. He declared that on this reduced acreage, farmers can produce more cotton per acre of better quality at a lower cost per pound of lint.

He will also discuss soil types best adapted for the growing of cotton, fertilizers, the necessity for using good seed of an adapted variety, and the proper methods of cultivation.

Also included in the week's schedule is a discussion of occidiosis in baby chicks, which will be presented by H. C. Gauger, poultry disease specialist.

The full program for the week of March 30-April 4 includes: Monday, Fred M. Haig, "The Operation

and Care of Cream Separators;" Tuesday, Dr. L. A. Whitford, "Wild Water Plants;" Wednesday, Zoology Department; Thursday, Mrs. Estelle Smith, "Plans for Convention of Farm Women of the World in Washington;" Friday, H. C. Gauger, "Coccidiosis in Baby Chicks;" Saturday, Dr. P. H. Kime, "Important Factors in Cotton Growing."

The next in the series of talks on cotton marketing will be presented Wednesday, April 8, by Glenn R. Smith, associate agricultural economist. The subject of his talk will be "Methods Used in Buying Cotton in Local Markets."

## CARD OF THANKS

The entire family of Mrs. J. P. Buchanan wishes to gratefully and sincerely acknowledge our thanks to our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in any way during the recent sickness and death of our mother. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten. They will ever be cherished in our memories. We pray that God's richest blessings may rest and abide with you all. God will bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Buchanan.

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