



## WITH THE AMUSEMENT SEEKER



### TEATRO STARS JOE E. BROWN

Provides Family Entertainment With "Bright Lights"; Features Warner Oland Sunday and Monday

Grand fun for every member of the family—that's "Bright Lights," featuring Joe E. Brown at the Teatro del Lago this Friday and Saturday. Joe E.

has never made a better picture than this. It's cleverly unfolded drama with interesting situations and a healthy characters excellently portrayed. As he plays a vaudeville comic who almost lets big time success get his number, Joe E. reaches into his bag of tricks for some novelty laugh numbers. William Gargan, Patricia Ellis and Ann Dvorak do their share in making this film a success.



Joe E. Brown

Sunday and Monday, the Teatro fans will share the thrills of "Charlie Chan in Shanghai." Murder at a dinner table gives Charlie Chan another chance to teach his son sleuthing. Warner Oland as Chan and Keye Luke as his son make a fine team. Their many followers will be more than satisfied with this picture which offers plenty of action and suspense, plus comedy and quaint sayings.

"Last Days of Pompeii" Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is a spectacular drama of pagan splendor during the lax period of the Roman empire. Critics firmly agree this picture is worth while seeing—and they award the acting honors to Preston Foster who gives a vivid portrayal of the blacksmith who sets up gold as his god after losing his wife and son because of poverty.

Laurel and Hardy combine their comedy talents in "Bonnie Scotland" to give the entire family a treat Friday and Saturday of next week. The two go to Scotland and find themselves enlisted in the Scottish army, enroute to India to join the Bengal Lancers.

### Varsity Fills Week With 2 Fine Movies

Joan Crawford was never more stunning and vital than in "I Live My Life," her new picture at the Varsity theater this Friday through Monday. But at that, Brian Aherne almost steals the show. The result is one of the most entertaining pictures of the year.

Aherne plays a stubborn Irish archeologist, who takes a Greek island flirtation seriously and follows Miss Crawford to New York with honorable intentions. The ensuing clash of opposite attitudes, richly humorous, is played to the limit by a talented cast, including Frank Morgan, Jessie Ralph and Frank

Conroy. An added attraction is Major Bowes' "Amateur Theater of the Air," No. 1 of the series.

Every Varsity patron has several reasons for wanting to see "Here's to Romance," the attraction next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It introduces Nino Martini, recently of opera and radio, as a major star, yields a first movie glimpse of Madame Schumann-Heink, and presents a golden hour of entertainment.

Genevieve Tobin, Reginald Denny and Anita Louise figure prominently in the story, a gay blend of domestic comedy and operatic delight. Martini's voice is glorious.

### Valencia Observes Anniversary With Brilliant Program

The major event on the program celebrating the anniversary of the Valencia theater is the first Evanston showing of "The Dark Angel," starring Fredric March, Merle Oberon and Herbert Marshall. The film opens Sunday for an indefinite run.

Critics call "The Dark Angel" motion picture art at its finest. Laurels for the finished whole go four ways: to Samuel Goldwyn for the excellent production; to Sidney Franklin for skillful direction; to Fredric March, Merle Oberon and Herbert Marshall for performances beyond criticism, and to Gregg Toland for photography of exquisite beauty.

The casting is perfect, even to the most minor character. John Halliday, Janet Beecher, Claude Allister and Fay Chaldecott contribute especially fine work.

This Thursday and Friday bring Valencia patrons one of Claudette Colbert's best comedies, "She Married Her Boss." Miss Colbert enacts Julia Scott, the perfect secretary, who has her difficulties living up to the standards of the perfect wife as they are set by her boss-husband, Richard. Little Edith Fellows—a grand actress—doesn't make life any easier for Claudette.

The Valencia will spice Saturday with the fun of "The Bishop Misbehaves." Edmund Gwenn plays the twinkling-eyed enthusiastic English bishop who longs to be a detective. Maureen O'Sullivan and Norman Foster have leading roles in this story which works out zestfully to the tune of bright dialog, able direction and snatches of droll characterization.

### BRITONS KEEP HER BUSY

Mary Brian is one of the busiest persons in London right now. Besides starring in the stage production of "Charlot's Revue," she is appearing in a picture and broadcasting over the radio two nights a week.

### COMMUNITY

620 Lincoln Ave. Winnetka  
Eves. at 7 and 9 Mat. Sat. 2:30

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
DEC. 13-14

BUCK JONES  
the monarch of the plains

in  
"STONE OF  
SILVER CREEK"

### Kay Francis Plays Merry Role in Film at Wilmette Theater

Bright dialog and some priceless situations lend their tang to "The Goose and the Gander," starring Kay Francis at the Wilmette theater next



Kay Francis

Tuesday and Wednesday. Done in the sophisticated farce manner—and well done—this picture provides as clever and delightful a comedy as Wilmette patrons have seen in many moons. Kay Francis plays both ends against the middle in a merry game with George Brent, Genevieve Tobin and Ralph Forbes. Plenty of fun results when gem crooks, impostors, cops and nosey relatives complicate things.

This Friday and Saturday offers one of the north shore's favorite maestros, Ted Lewis (and his orchestra), in "Here Comes the Band." Nat Pendleton and Ted Healy, band-minded taxi drivers, set the fun pace while Virginia Bruce looks lovely and Harry Stockwell sings so pleasingly that one wonders where he has been hiding all this time.

Excellent acting, sparkling dialog, variety of scenes, good direction and photography make "The Public Menace" an enjoyable film at the Wilmette theater Sunday and Monday. Jean Arthur, George Murphy and Douglas Dumbrille are featured in this story of the complications ensuing when an ocean liner manicurist marries a newspaper man through a trick in order to remain in this country.

### VARSLITY

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THURSDAY

Laurel and Hardy in  
"BONNIE SCOTLAND"

FRI., SAT., SUN., MON.

Doors Open Saturday  
at 12:30 P. M.

JOAN CRAWFORD  
"I LIVE MY LIFE"

Brian Aherne—Frank Morgan  
Also

On the Screen!

"MAJOR BOWES  
AND HIS AMATEURS"

TUES., WED. AND THURS.  
"HERE'S TO ROMANCE"

Nino Martini

Genevieve Tobin

Mme. Schumann-Heink

Also

Our Gang Comedy

## Teatro del Lago

Acres of Free Parking Space  
in "No Man's Land"  
Phones Wilmette-Winnetka 3900  
Monday to Friday Doors Open at  
6:30 — Show Starts at 7:00 P. M.  
Matinee Saturday, Sunday and  
Holidays—Doors Open at 1:30—  
Show Starts at 2:00 P. M. Continuous.

Thursday, Dec. 12

David Belasco's Greatest  
Stage Success

"The Return of  
Peter Grimm"

Lionel Barrymore and Helen Mack  
Feature Starts 7:40, 9:45

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14

"BRIGHT LIGHT"

Joe E. Brown

Comedy - Sportlight - News  
Sat. Matinee Only

"The Adventures of Rex & Rinty"  
No. 7

Feature Starts Fri. at 7:40, 9:50  
Feature Starts Saturday at 3:00,  
5:30, 7:55, 10:05

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 15-16

"CHARLIE CHAN  
IN SHANGHAI"

Warner Oland

Comedy - Novelty - Cartoon in  
Color - News

Feature Starts Sunday at 2:00,  
4:00, 6:00, 8:05, 10:05  
Feature Starts Mon. at 7:50, 9:50

Tue., Wed., Thurs., Dec. 17-18-19

Mighty Dramatic Spectacle  
"THE LAST DAYS  
OF POMPEII"

Preston Foster

Feature Starts All Three Days at  
7:35, 9:45

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20-21

"Bonnie Scotland"  
Laurel and Hardy

## Wilmette Theatre

1120 Central Ave. Wil. 3902

Doors open Sunday-Holidays  
at 1:30 p. m. Show at 2 p. m.

Doors open Week Days at  
6:30 p. m. Show at 7 p. m.

Sat. Doors open at 12:30  
Show Starts at 1

Thursday, Dec. 12

"THE BISHOP  
MISBEHAVES"

Maureen O'Sullivan and  
Edmund Gwenn

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14

"HERE COMES  
THE BAND"

Ted Lewis and His Band  
Virginia Bruce and Ted Healy  
Comedy - Cartoon in Color - News

Sat. Matinee Only  
"The Great Air Mystery"  
Chapter 7

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 15-16

"Public Menace"

Jean Arthur and George Murphy  
Comedy - Sportlight - Cartoon  
News

Tues., Wed., Dec. 17-18

"THE GOOSE AND  
THE GANDER"

Kay Francis and George Brent  
Charley Chase Comedy  
Novelty - Cartoon - News

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-20

"THUNDER IN  
THE NIGHT"

Edmund Lowe and Karen Morley

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