

With the Amusement Seeker

'MYSTERY OF MR. X' AT WILMETTE

New Type of Fiend Stalks Screen in Picture to Be Shown Friday and Saturday

Freaks, mummies, monsters and ghosts — for many years they have stalked across the screen.

Now, with the exploits of "X" in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new hair-raiser, "Mystery of Mr. X," which will be shown at the Wilmette theater Friday and Saturday of this week, a new trail of horror has been opened.

Montgomery Heads Cast

Robert Montgomery heads the picture's cast and prominent roles are filled by Elizabeth Allan, Lewis Stone, Ralph Forbes, Henry Stephenson, Forrester Harvey, Ivan Simpson, Leonard Mudie, Alec B. Francis and Charles Irwin.

After learning all about "Mr. X" on Friday and Saturday Wilmette theater patrons can look forward to something in a lighter vein Sunday and Monday, August 12 and 13, when the film offering will be "A Very Honorable Guy," starring Joe E. Brown, the king clown of the screen.

Joe E. has the role of a gambler who is as dumb as he is honest, with Hobart Cavanaugh portraying a pickpocket whom he is trying to reform. Alice White plays the part of a gold digging chorus girl whose affections vacillate between the gambler and a mad doctor. Robert Barrat is the doctor and rival for the love of the pretty chorus girl.

Irene Franklin has the role of Miss White's mother, a typical money grabbing parent who is out to see that her daughter marries for money and not for love. Alan Dinehart heads a band of crooks of which he is the brains.

Shows Smart Night World

New York's smart night world moves before the camera in a glamorous and dramatic parade in "Manhattan Melodrama," which opens at the Wilmette next Tuesday for a two-day showing. Clark Gable, William Powell and Myrna Loy share starring honors.

"Manhattan Melodrama" presents Gable as a powerful and dramatic figure of the demi-world of New York, a "big shot" gambler who does not hesitate to use violence when he is crossed. He is in love with Miss Loy, who is the wife of William Powell, district attorney and Gable's life-long friend.

The situations that arise out of this unusual combination of characters make a story that moves swiftly and dramatically to an unexpected conclusion.

Kruger Is "Crime Doctor"

"The Crime Doctor" will be presented at the Wilmette on Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17. In this film Otto Kruger does a splendid job of acting as a detective who plans the perfect crime, incriminating his wife's lover. Nils Asther and Karen Morley give sterling performances, too.

The picture on view at the Wilmette today (Thursday) is "Where Sinners Meet," a comedy of whims with Clive Brook and Diana Wynyard. Fifty years of married life in one easy, laugh-packed lesson is what the management has promised those who attend the Wilmette today. Brook and Miss Wynyard are co-starred and Billie Burke has the principal featured role.

The central idea of the film is that a large proportion of marriages—to say nothing of elopements—would not have

Burns and Allen Comedy Team in Film at Varsity

An opportunity to see that new find of the film world, the child actress, Shirley Temple, and to enjoy the comic antics of George Burns and Gracie Allen will be afforded patrons of the Varsity theater during the coming week.

Shirley Temple will appear in "Little Miss Marker," which is to be on the Varsity screen four days—Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 10, 11, 12 and 13. The story of this film is built around Adolphe Menjou, into whose lap Shirley Temple is dropped as security for a debt, but the tot, a superb little mimic, virtually steals the picture from her elders. Menjou shares his responsibility, in the person of Shirley, with his gambling friends.

Charles Bickford, the late Dorothy Dell, former Ziegfeld star who was killed in an automobile accident, and Lynne Overman are included in the supporting cast.

Uproarious Comedy

"Many Happy Returns" will be the Varsity attraction on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 14, 15 and 16. The film is an uproarious comedy featuring the Burns and Allen team. Gracie Allen is psycho-analyzed and drives the analyst crazy. The lilting rhythms of Guy Lombardo's orchestra and the excellent dancing of Veloz and Yolanda, who are now appearing at a near north side night club in Chicago, add much to the effectiveness of the picture. Joan Marsh has one of the leading roles.

Today (Thursday) Varsity patrons will have their last chance to see "Now I'll Tell," Mrs. Arnold Rothstein's story of the life and death of her daring husband. Spencer Tracy is Rothstein. Alice Faye, who is credited in some quarters with increasing the Rudy Vallee-Fay Webb troubles, plays the part of Rothstein's girl friend. Helen Twelvetrees has the role of his wife.

Variety of Films at Valencia This Week

Two films, "Stingaree" and "The Witching Hour," will have one-day showings at the Valencia theater in Evanston this week-end. "Stingaree" will be presented on Friday and "The Witching Hour" on Saturday.

Richard Dix is the star of "Stingaree," in which he has the role of a swaggering bandit lover. Henry Stephenson's sheep ranch in Australia provides the scene for the picture's action. The time is the latter part of the eighteenth century. Conway Tearle, Irene Dunne, Mary Boland, Una O'Connor and Andy Devine are in the supporting cast.

Screen Version of Famous Play

"The Witching Hour" is the screen version of Augustus Thomas' famous play. John Halliday, a gambler who possesses uncanny hunches, unintentionally hypnotizes his prospective son-in-law (Tom Brown) and causes him to commit murder. There's an appealing romance between Brown and Judith Allen. Sir Guy Standing gives a good performance.

On Sunday and Monday, August 12 and 13, the Valencia will present Wallace Beery in "Viva Villa."

been given an opportunity to see their loved ones at their worst.

Beery's portrayal of the colorful life of the Mexican bandit, Villa, is considered one of the outstanding performances of the year. Another good piece of acting is contributed by Henry B. Walthal, who plays the part of the great gentle Madero, who is made president by Villa and is later murdered.

Warner Baxter in Great Role

"Such Women Are Dangerous," in which Warner Baxter fans again have an opportunity to see their favorite, will be at the Valencia on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14 and 15. Baxter, playing the part of an author, discovers that a girl's mad infatuation for an older man is a dangerous thing when being kind to a young poetess (Rochelle Hudson) results in her suicide. Mona Barrie, Rosemary Ames and Henriette Crosman are in the picture too. It is an intelligently directed film, with its full share of suspense and believable characterization.

Today (Thursday) is the final day of the four-day showing of "The House of Rothschild" at the Valencia. The picture stars George Arliss.

SUPERSTITIOUS

Alan Dinehart carried a worn rabbit's foot with him every day while filming a recent picture.



Evanston—UNI. 8900

Open Daily at 1:30

Show Continuous to 12 Midnight

Today (Thurs.) Last Day

SPENCER TRACY

in

"NOW I'LL TELL"

By Mrs. Arnold Rothstein

with

Helen Twelvetrees—Alice Faye

Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.,

Aug. 10-11-12-13

SHIRLEY TEMPLE

in

"LITTLE MISS MARKER"

with

Adolphe Menjou—Dorothy Dell

Coming Tues., Wed., Thurs.,

Aug. 14-15-16

'MANY HAPPY RETURNS'

with

Burns and Allen

Guy Lombardo and

His Orchestra

George Barbier—Joan Marsh



Doors open Sat.-Sun.-
Holidays at 1:30 p.m.
Show at 2:00 p.m.
(Continuous)

Doors Open Week Days at
6:45 p.m., Show at 7:00 p.m.

Box office closes from Mon. to
Fri. at 9:45 p.m. Sat. and Sundays
at 10:00 p.m.

Adults, 25c—Children, 10c

Today—Thurs., Aug. 9

Clive Brook—Diana Wynyard

"WHERE SINNERS MEET"

Also Charley Chase Comedy—News

Fri., Sat., Aug. 10-11

Robert Montgomery

"MYSTERY OF MR. X"

Also "Apples to You" Comedy
Sat. Mat., "The Lost Jungle"

Sun., Mon., Aug. 12-13

BROWN
A VERY
HONORABLE GUY
ALICE WHITE

Also "Derby Decay"

Ruth Etting Comedy

Tues., Wed., Aug. 14-15

Clark Gable—William Powell

"MANHATTAN MELODRAMA"

Thurs., Fri., Aug. 16-17

Otto Kruger—Nils Asther

in

"CRIME DOCTOR"

Sat., Aug. 18

Edna May Oliver in

"POOR RICH"

COMING SOON

"He Was Her Man" James Cagney

"Murder on Blackboard"

.....All Star Cast

"The Key"William Powell

"Strictly Dynamite"....Lupe Velez

"Cockeyed Cavaliers"

.....Wheeler & Woolsey

"Modern Hero".... R. Barthelmess

"Sorrell and Son" ...H. B. Warner