

Osa Johnson In Only North Shore Appearance Apr. 20

Osa Johnson is at present on her second lecture tour illustrated with the most exciting adventures in all the Martin Johnson films—the lecture entitled "Jungles Calling."

Mrs. Johnson is the widow of the late Martin Johnson, internationally known motion picture explorer, who lost his life when a Western Air Express transport crashed near Los Angeles last year. Mrs. Johnson suffered a fractured kneecap, but very gamely continued the lecture tour they had started together. She afterward went to Africa as supervisor of the African sequences of the feature picture Twentieth Century-Fox is making, based on the lives of the explorers Henry Stanley and David Livingstone.

"Jungles Calling" is the title of a film which has been telescoped out of the millions of feet of film taken by the late Martin Johnson during his lifetime, Osa standing at his elbow holding the gun; or vice versa. It is so cut and timed that thrill follows thrill, mounting to a series of climaxes it would be impossible to duplicate today, many of the native tribes and wild animals shown having succumbed to the inroads of civilization. There is also a great deal of footage never shown any-

where, having been locked in the vaults of the American Museum of Natural History and the Eastman Kodak company all these years.

The Johnson's first joint expedition was to the Melanesian Islands where cannibalism then existed. Here they very narrowly escaped with their lives. Borneo called them next and it was to this island that they returned, in 1936, on their last joint expedition.

Between their first and last trips they six times encircled the globe, spending their happiest years in Africa, where they established a home on the outskirts of Nairobi, British East Africa (now Kenya Colony), and explored the haunts of wild beasts south, west and north of these quarters, at one time exploring the entire continent, starting at Cape Town, by airplane, and at another making the first sound pictures ever attempted of the gorillas of the Belgian Congo and the pygmies of the Ituri Forest.

Mr. Johnson once described Osa as follows: "She is a woman through and through, yet as a comrade in the wilderness she is better than any man I ever knew. When we were in the jungle, we made a pact. We resolved that whichever one of us was at the camera would stick to the camera no matter what happened, until it became apparent that either the picture or the life of one of us must be sacrificed. We kept that pact faithfully, and once at

least Osa stood by the camera under conditions that called for the utmost bravery and steadiness of nerve."

Natives in the jungle make two demands of white explorers. The first is that they must be a good shot. The second is that they must never run away. If they can fulfill these requirements, they are then deemed worthy to be called *bwana*, "white master." Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson merited this title.

Osa Johnson was born in Chanute, Kansas as Osa Eighty. She met Mr. Johnson when she was 17 years of age, he being 9 years her senior. At that time he was operating a motion picture theatre in Independence, Kansas, named the Snark, after the vessel in which Jack London sailed the South Seas with Mr. Johnson, aged 14, as the youngest member of the crew. It was while Martin Johnson was on this cruise that he met some early motion picture photographers and got the idea of perpetuating the lives of vanishing natives and wild animals in the jungles by taking motion pictures of them.

Mr. Johnson wrote a number of books and Mrs. Johnson has children's books as well as magazine articles to her credit.

On Wednesday evening, April 20, at 8:15 p.m., Osa Johnson will present the lecture and film, "Jungles Calling" at the Highland Park high school, under the sponsorship of the Highland Park Woman's club.

Mrs. Johnson appeared at the Chicago Civic Opera House and the New Trier auditorium last fall. Many of those turned away from the later performance will now have an opportunity to see Mrs. Johnson in Highland Park.

There are also a limited number of reserved seats, for which tickets may be obtained from Mrs. John R. Todd, 433 S. Sheridan road, Highland Park, H. P. 92. Reservations will be made in order of receipt of checks. There are over a 1000 unreserved seats as well.

Mrs. Claburn E. Jones, 199 Roger Williams avenue, Highland Park,

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