

Capitol Theatre

EARTHQUAKE STAGED FOR TRACY PICTURE Recent Los Angeles Disaster Reproduced by Studio's Technical Expert

There is a full-fledged earthquake in "Advice to the Lovelorn," Lee Tracy's current starring vehicle for Joseph M. Schenck and Darryl Zanuck's 20th Century Pictures, showing next Monday and Tuesday at the Capitol Theatre.

Its rhythm and duration were copied from seismographic records of the quake that hit Southern California March 10 last, and were accurately reproduced in the film by W. R. Davison, expert in technical effects.

Not only does Davison faithfully reproduce the quake motion, but, in a Turkish bath scene, requiring the most difficult technical effects, he causes steam pipes to seem to burst without actually bursting; walls to crack which do not really crack; and plaster to fall which weighs next to nothing.

The Turkish bath set occupied a movable platform 42 by 65 feet, weighed 20 tons, and was set on rollers and shaken by lever-controlled

springs. Its seven different rooms were shaken separately for various camera shots, as the camera had to rest on solid flooring in one room in order to photograph one or more of the other rooms as they swayed and shook.

Great care was exercised by Davison in estimating the stress placed on walls and flooring, and in reproducing the quakes scientifically — for even earthquake experts go to movies and write letters of criticism to producers.

"Advice to the Lovelorn" is the story of a wise-cracking reporter on a Los Angeles newspaper, whose editor punishes him for sleeping through an earthquake and missing the biggest story of the year by denoting him to the post of "agony" column pilot.

Sally Blane is seen opposite Tracy, while others who are prominently cast in his support are Isabel Jewel, Paul Harvey, Judith Wood and May Boley. Sterling Holloway, C. Henry Gordon, Jean Adair, Matt Briggs, Charles Levinson, Adalyn Doyle and Etienne Girardot complete the cast.

Al Werker is responsible for the direction of this United Artists release, which is from a story by Leonard Praskins.

NEWTONBROOK

Next Monday evening the Young People's Societies from Lansing and Willowdale will be guests of the local Y.P.S. The devotional exercises will be conducted by Lansing and the recreational period will be in charge of Willowdale. Mr. G. A. Preston, B.A., Principal of Earl Haig Collegiate Institute, will be the special speaker and will give an address on "Citizenship." A social hour will follow the meeting.

A very successful play entitled "All in the Family" was presented by the Y.P.S. of Newtonbrook United church in the Sunday School Hall last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On Thursday evening the hall was filled to capacity and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program. It was the old story of living beyond their means, but all learned a lesson. Viola Fitch and her persistent suitor Tobias Pockett caused much laughter every time they made their appearance on the stage and brought forth much applause. Vocal selections by Mr. W. McMullen and Mr. J. O. McCrimmon were given between acts, with Miss Bertha Smith at the piano. A Hawaiian duet by Bill Gee and his friend with their ukeleles was also enjoyed. The cast of characters were, Henry Dennison (a gentleman farmer), Bob Lang; Clara Dennison (his wife), Gladys Sutterly; Dick Dennison (their son), Alvin Brown; Ella Hathaway (a friend), Janet Riddell; Mrs. Julia Lane Whitcomb Pendleton, Doris Soden; Eloise Pendleton (her stepdaughter), Leeta Riddell; Viola Fitch (Dennison's servant), Irene Smith; Tobias Pockett (Viola's suitor), George Street; Peter Jarvis (a lawyer), Victor Moore; Alfred Henson (a bank examiner), Allan Wiltshire. A basket of beautiful red roses was presented to the directress, Mrs. H. James, by Lorna Anderson on behalf of Y.P.S. at the close of the program. Mr. W. T. New, President of the Y.P.S., was chairman.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. A. W. Galbraith is feeling much better and her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. The Women's Association held their regular monthly meeting in the Sunday School Room of the United Church last Thursday at 10:30. The sewing committee set up a quilt and this was completed after luncheon. A business meeting was held with the President, Mrs. W. T. Wells, in the chair. Arrangements were made for a hot dinner, which will be served on Friday, April 20th, at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Health Aluminum Co. of Toronto.

The Girl's Mission Circle is holding their Easter Thank Offering meeting to-night (Thursday) at the parsonage. The W.M.S. will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., April 16th, at the Church. This is a membership meeting, so come and join and bring a new member with you. The ladies of the church are cordially invited. The Y.P.S. is invited to present their play "All in the Family" in Thornhill under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Y.P.S. in about two weeks.

The North York Horticultural Society held their regular meeting last Monday evening in the Town Hall, which was filled to capacity. "What is the value of a Garden to you?" was the subject of a most interesting address given by "Dick, the Amateur Gardener" who speaks over Radio Station CKOC daily at 12:40 noon. After his address he answered many questions regarding the problems of a Flower and Vegetable Garden. He was a capable and energetic speaker and gave much valuable information. We hope he will return on a future occasion. The President, Mr. W. T. Wells, presided at the meeting.

The Spring Open Conference of Toronto Presbyterian W.M.S. will meet next Wednesday, April 18th, at 9:45 a.m., in St. Clair Ave. United Church (Corner of Rushton Road). Representatives from our local auxiliary are requested to attend. Representatives from all the churches from City Limits to Thornhill adjacent to Yonge St. were invited to meet last Tuesday evening in Newtonbrook United Church to consider the forming of a Baseball League for boys and young men from the age of 15 years up.

There was a large attendance at Y.P.S. last Monday evening, with Miss Janet Riddell, Missionary Convener, presiding. There was a real live discussion on the topic conducted by the President, Mr. W. T. New. Musical selections included a solo by Mr. Geo. Street and a trio by Margaret Graham, Mabel Gospel and Jean Douglas.

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THORNHILL

Mrs. N. H. Noble entertained at tea last Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Tassie, who is leaving for the coast, where she will spend the summer with her son. About 30 were present and a delightful time was spent. Mrs. Tassie was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by the members of the Auxiliary of which she is an active worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Blachford and son of Toronto visited with Rev. N. H. and Mrs. Noble on Wednesday and in the evening attended the concert in the Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Mrs. E. E. Pugsley spent the week-end visiting with her sister in Orillia. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson and son visited on Sunday with Mrs. R. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bone spent a few days in Toronto last week, visiting with their family.

Rev. N. H. Noble addressed the Anglican Young People's Association Richmond Hill, on Monday night. Trinity Auxiliary met to-day at the home of the President, Mrs. N. H. Noble.

W.I. Meeting The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, April 19th, at the home of Mrs. J. Wells, Yonge Street. Mrs. E. A. James of Toronto will be the guest speaker and included in the program will be a paper by Mrs. R. Thompson and a reading by Mrs. Webb. The hostesses will be Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. B. Heslop, Mrs. Tew and Miss N. Munday.

Twenty-five members of the British Empire Motorcycle Club of Toronto attended the morning service at Trinity Church last Sunday. Rev. N. H. Noble preached and the church was filled to the doors.

Mrs. Gill and family of Colborne St. are leaving this month to take up residence in Toronto.

Mrs. Lefroy Sr. is leaving this month for England where she will spend a year.

Three Thornhill boys left on Monday to hitch hike to the far north. They are anticipating a good time, with possibly a job thrown in at their journey's end. We wish them luck.

Count Ignatieff, former minister of education and agriculture for Russia, who with his family has lived here the past year in Mrs. Nisbet's house, has taken up residence in Lansing.

The Young Men's Class of the United Church held their regular monthly gathering in the form of an open meeting in the Sunday School room. Mr. Walter Howell, President of the class, acted as chairman. Mr. E. Dixon of Unionville gave an illustrated talk on "American Birds." Mr. Dixon brought out the value set on some kinds of birds owing to their scarcity brought about by ruthlessly slaughtering them at one time. Most of our birds are of great value to us and should be taken care of.

The Young Ladies' Class met at the home of Miss Lorraine Davidson last Thursday evening. Plans were made for a mother and daughter evening. Should a member not have a mother living she is to choose someone else and hand the name to Miss Muriel Dean. Miss Lorraine Davidson gave a piano solo, after which favorite hymns were sung. The Islam Relief and a comparison of the non-Christian Religions with the Christian Faith brought to a close the talks on religions of other lands. Miss Marguerite Boyle gave a talk on voice culture and judging from the questions asked she had an interested and appreciative audience.

"Spending Money as a Christian should" is the topic for next Monday's United Church Young People's department. Mr. Willard Simpson has charge of the evening's program.

The aim of modern woman is said to be to look younger than they are and to act younger than they look. A cockney who had been run over by a bus, while walking with his wife, was telling a friend about the incident afterwards.

He had sued the company for damages, with distinctly indifferent results.

"Downright mean, I calls it," he expostulated, "That's what it is, down right mean! If I 'adn't 'ad the presence of mind to step on the old woman's face, we wouldn't 'ave got a penny."

It seems that Finland, too, has scratched a U. S. citizen and found a spy. But Arvid Werner Jacobson, 27, one time teacher in the Northville (Mich.) high school, has adopted a different technique. Citizen Jacobson obligingly confessed everything. Yes, he knew the Switzes, other spy suspects. Yes, Soviet agents in Manhattan had hired him and sent him to Finland. Yes, his ring was connected with groups operating in France, the U. S., Canada, Sweden, Norway, Estonia. "Latvia?" "Certainly, Latvia too."

The drunken driver doesn't get reckless. He just changes his definition of "careful."

Too many people think good citizenship consists in fretting about things they can't help.

Maybe it is wicked to kill Chinese and steal their territory because they aren't called Indians.

And soon we'll grow because the great outdoors is as hot as we kept the house all winter.

WOODBIDGE DISTRICT NEWS

"SACRED EASTER CONCERT" Crowded Church Interesting Program Last Thursday evening the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church was crowded to the doors for the presentation of the Easter program of music, which included the Sacred Cantata "The King of Glory," given by the choir, under the direction of Miss Jean Lawrie, organist and choir leader. The choir was assisted by Madame Ethel Holland, contralto soloist of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, Mrs. Lindsay Ward, soprano, of Weston; Mr. Alex. Morgan, tenor, of Agincourt, and Mr. John Moscov, violinist, of Agincourt. Others who assisted in the solo work were Mrs. Wm. Dalziel, Miss Janey Nattress, Mr. William Nattress, Mr. Stanley Harper and Mr. Robert Young.

The same concert is being given in Nashville Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, April 11, 1934, at 8:15 p.m.

Young Women of Christ Church Hold Bazaar

A most successful bazaar was sponsored by the Young Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church and held in the Sunday School Room on Friday night of last week where many articles were offered for sale and disposed of at good prices. During the evening an entertaining program was given, a feature of which was a playlet with the following cast, Miss Irene Maxey, Miss May Kersey, Mrs. Murray Ingram, Mrs. W. Rymill, Miss Helen Willis, Miss Vera Smith, Miss Frances Kidd and Miss Isabel Smith. Musical numbers were rendered by Misses Mary Thompson, Audrey Ring, Queenie Dumbleton and Isabel Smith. Rev. J. H. Kidd presided.

Mr. William Kaiser of the Robinson Dye Works is confined to his home because of illness.

Mrs. Torrance Farr, Toronto, with her sons Jack and Norman, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming, 8th Avenue North, last week "The Girl Who Forgot" Presented by Y. P. S.

"The Girl Who Forgot," the comedy offering of the United Church Y. P. S. was presented on Friday night of last week in the new York Township Public School, a short distance North of Weston. The audience, though not large, were liberal in their demonstration of appreciation of the efforts of the cast portraying the different characters who were, Misses Bessie Nattress, Velma Darker, Marie Allen, Norma Ostrander, Anna Darker, George Darker, Cecil Shannon, Norman Jackman, Gordon Bagg and Lynas Glass, produced under direction of Misses Margery Blake and Bertha Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leach made brief calls on Woodbridge friends early in the week. Mr. Leach spent eleven years as manager of the Royal Bank here, and was transferred to Lindsay about eighteen months ago. He is again transferred, this time to Grimsby where he will take charge right away.

Mr. Harry Stewart, shoe repairer, is back at work having recovered from injuries received in a motor accident at Brampton. Mr. Stewart spent several weeks in care of Drs. Vanderlip and Hetherington of Brampton at Peel Memorial Hospital.

Early Start Made At Seed Sowing Pine Grove is becoming a Humber Valley market gardening district and a leading spirit in that industry is George H. Maxey who is the first to report spring operations. Mr. Maxey started his spring work on Monday last when carrot, beet and pea seeds were sown. He states that the ground is in excellent condition, credit for this is due Jack Frost who worked 24 hours daily starting early in December. However, Jack Frost is nature's way of preparing the soil so that a good seed bed may be obtained.

Horticultural Society Commences Spring Drive

A meeting of the Woodbridge Horticultural Society was held in the Public Library on Saturday night which was very well attended and much enthusiasm was displayed for the coming season and final arrangements made for the spring drive house-to-house canvass for the membership and indications are favorable for a larger membership than former years.

Woodbridge Horticultural Society covers an area of about ten miles square and includes the villages of Thistleton, Emery, Edgeley, Vellore, Kleinburg, Nashville, Coleraine, Claireville, Smithfield, Pine Grove and Humber Summit and these suburban districts are favorable for the growing of shrubs, flowers and neatly-kept home surroundings and the Society offers inducements both in their premium lists and annual flower show to encourage the caring of flowers, etc. The Society are planning for a greater development in local improvements and will enlarge

on several spots on the Kings Highway No. 7 on the out-skirts of the village which in time will become beauty places.

Officers are, President, Dr. G. D. McLean; 1st Vice-President, G. H. Maxey; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. O. Duncan; Secretary, Major MacKenzie; Treasurer, Lillian McNeil; Directors, Mrs. W. Fleming, Mrs. Y. W. Hicks, Mrs. John Maynard, P. H. Fisher, Will Hamilton, Mrs. Archie Cameron, Mrs. Mamie Farr, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Miss Lily Bell and Mrs. J. H. Kidd; District Representatives, Laurena Rutherford, Vellore; Jean Bowman, Claireville; Mrs. J. W. Dalziel, Edgeley; Mrs. Duncan, Emery; Will Hamilton, Humber Summit; Margaret Wallis, Woodbridge; Annie Kersey, Mrs. Hicks, Pine Grove; Lily Bell, Betty Snider, The Kings Highway; Mary Mainprize, Mary J. Burton, Mrs. J. Maynard, 8th Ave.; Lillian McNeil, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Wallace St. and Pine St.; Dr. G. D. McLean, Clarence St.; Olive Devins, Kleinburg; Doris Oldfield, Elders Mills; T. J. Reaston, Thistleton; Hazel Ella, Smithfield.

Talk On Missionary Work in India

The W.M.S. of the Presbyterian and United Churches were guests of Christ Church Women's Auxiliary on Monday afternoon when Miss Marion Nattress, returned Missionary from India, was the attraction. Miss Nattress gave an illustrated talk on Missionary work among the Orientals that kept her audience interested for more than an hour. Miss Nattress is a native of Woodbridge and left for the far east five years ago, and is now on furlough for a year. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. F. W. Hicks, President of the Women's Auxiliary, who briefly referred to the work of Miss Nattress in India. Rev. J. H. Kidd, Rector, also spoke. Refreshments were served by ladies of Christ Church.

Mrs. Watson Farr is making splendid recovery in St. Michael's Hospital where she underwent an operation.

It was found necessary to do some dynamiting to start a three and one half foot thickness of ice on its way down the Humber to the lake. Mr. W. J. Blake supervised the work and with many charges set off cleared the river above the dam at No. 7 Highway where the flats including Elm Park were buried under a considerable depth of water. It was feared for a time that the dam might succumb to the force of huge cakes of ice as they floated down stream and dropped over the structure.

Miss Jessie Dalziel of the Sarnia High School Staff spent the holiday week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dalziel, and other friends. United Church Y.P.S.

Monday night's meeting of the United Church Y.P.S. was devoted to Missionary work and Miss Thelma Shore, Missionary convener, presided. Mrs. J. E. Anderson gave a synopsis of the Study Book on China, and musical numbers were rendered by Misses Fern Berry, Audrey Ring and Stanley Harper.

ALLEN-SMITH

The marriage took place in Central United Church, Weston, of Winifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, Weston, to William Cordell Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, Woodbridge. Miss Marie Allen, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid while Chester Anderson attended the groom. The wedding music was played by Clare Henley. Rev. H. E. Wellwood was the officiating clergyman. The couple left on a motor trip through Western Ontario, and on their return will reside in Montreal.

If you haven't already oiled your garden tools you better do so at once as early sowing and planting always give best results.

The intention of the Horticultural Society to start a growth of flowers and shrubbery on Highway bare spots is a move in the right direction.

WARNING—Corns, warts, calluses, bunions are dangerous. Use Cress Corn or Bunion salve. For sale at W. S. Belfry's Drug Store, Woodbridge.

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