

AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

Disney's "Reluctant Dragon" Making Big Popular Hit

On Double Feature Programme at the Cartier.

It was in response to popular appreciation that Walt Disney made his current full-length production, "The Reluctant Dragon." The story, which combines actual motion picture photography with the best of Disney animated humor, features Robert Benchley, the chief living actor, and is laid against a background of the amazing Disney studio itself.

As this new type of motion picture comedy unravels, when it opens at the Cartier theatre, audiences have the chance to see Walt and his staff actually engaged in the unique, colorful, and amusing business of creating their world-loved productions, and to see on the screen the featured animation of "The Reluctant Dragon" itself, along with the other interpolations of comedy animation.

The largest percentage of the Disney fan mail consists of letters from people all over the world requesting information on how the Disney characters and productions are created.

An outstanding example of the interest in the studio as an attraction came several years ago when some shots of the studio in operation were "thrown together," as Walt says, for the benefit of English exhibitors who had requested such a short picture so that they could better answer questions which were constantly put to them by their patrons.

This rough little film was so popular that, when "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was completed, the studio decided to make the "trailer" for that

production along those same lines. The "Snow White" trailer is still in constant demand by schools and clubs.

Realizing the popularity of the subject, the screen March of Time picture, the making of Disney productions, a film which has proven to be one of its most popular releases.

Until last year, Walt Disney and his staff hesitated even to consider making an elaborate comedy dramatization of the studio, as they realized that their little studio was becoming so cramped that there was a definite possibility that they would need an entire new plant before too long.

This dream became a reality, and last year Walt and his staff of over a thousand built and moved into a streamlined veritable small city in Burbank, California.

The time had come when they could make that long-awaited picture about the studio. A story crew was assigned to the project, and the outcome is "The Reluctant Dragon," released through RKO Radio, already hailed as the most unique comedy vehicle ever to come to the screen.

"The Reluctant Dragon" is on the double feature programme at the Cartier theatre on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th, with "Unholy Partners," starring Edward G. Robinson and Edward Arnold.

New Star in Bright New Comedy, "To Be or Not To Be"

Robert Stack Takes Part of Dashing Polish Flying Officer.

As the dashing young Polish flying officer in Ernst Lubitsch's comedy, "To Be Or Not To Be," playing at the



ANOTHER HIT AT THE BROADWAY

A scene from Samuel Goldwyn's new hit—"Ball of Fire" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper at the Broadway Theatre for the balance of this week.

Palace theatre from Sunday midnight to Thursday, April 9th, young Robert Stack may be said cinematically to come of age with a bang. And the handsome Bob is more than delighted with the final growing up.

Bob has wanted to be an actor ever since he was a kid. He was born in Los Angeles, and when he was five he was taken to Paris and grew up in a French school. He was also taught Italian so that upon his return to the United States at the age of eleven he could not talk without an interpreter. While he attended the University of Southern California, he won his letter in varsity polo, but has since given up the game, having broken his wrist four times.

At present his greatest enthusiasm outside of his motion picture work is shooting. He has a collection of over one hundred guns of all types. He is a champion at skeet shooting. He is also keenly interested in boats, dance bands and operatic baritones.

His motion picture appearances have been in "First Love," "The Mortal Storm," "When the Daltons Rode," "A Little Bit of Heaven" and "Nice Girl." Spencer Tracy is his favourite motion picture actor, and he loves to read plays, adventure stories and Shakespeare.

He feels that only good roles will play an actor to assure an actor continued popularity either on stage or screen.

New Ginger Rogers Film Tells Story of Fabulous Era

Chicago of a Decade Ago Comes in for "Kidding."

Although Chicago will be kidded from the opening shot to the very last reel of Ginger Rogers' current picture, "Roxie Hart," screen writer and producer Nunnally Johnson figures he has forestalled any complaints from the Chicago Chamber of Commerce by placing the story over a decade ago.

In one scene from the picture, Adolphe Menjou as the criminal attorney, says, "This country wouldn't hang Lucretia Borgia." And Lynne Overman in another scene remarks: "A pretty murderess here is as safe as in her mother's arms."

Such dialogue might have been incriminating, indeed, had not Nunnally Johnson burlesqued Chicago's newspaper men, police and criminal attorneys rather than give a factual account of that particular period.

"It was a fabulous era," said Johnson concerning the background of "Roxie Hart," the 20th Century-Fox film at the Broadway theatre Sunday midnight to Wednesday, April 6th, 7th and 8th. "The public wept over the plight of murderesses—if they had a pretty face or the right curves. They were innocent girls caught up in the throes of a big city. Sweet, kind girls who thought all men were big brothers.

Tender, loving girls who just accidentally happened to have an axe in their hands when the police arrived."

Nunnally Johnson, who lived in Chicago during the days about which he wrote for "Roxie Hart," knew well this heyday of solo sisters and leg photos. He had worked for the Savannah Press, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, the New York Herald Tribune, and the New York Evening Post; but he quit newspaper work just as this era was ending to devote himself to short story writing which eventually led to motion picture writing.

Ginger Rogers stars in "Roxie Hart" which features Adolphe Menjou and George Montgomery.

Easter Number of "The War Cry" Most Attractive

As usual, the Easter number of "The War Cry" is most attractive from the front cover with its rich full colours, picturing "The World's Redeemer," to the last page with its "Springtime Message of Hope," a beautiful young lady with her arms full of glorious lilies. Beautifully printed in colours and richly illustrated the Easter War Cry will delight the eye by its illustrations and soothe the heart with its choice of inspiring text matter. The issue contains an inspiring Easter message from General Geo. L. Carpenter.

London Chronicle—The owner of a Chelsea bar in London, who runs a savings group, has a sheet of War Savings stamps on the counter. "If you have enough money to buy a drink, you can buy a sixpenny stamp," clients are told.

Sudbury Star—Then there was the columnist who entered as dependents, on his income tax form, two other columnists who were stealing his stuff. Perth Expositor—Don't worry if you do not understand the war situation; neither do the majority of commentators and so-called experts.

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of Last Thursday's Palace Theatre Contest

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- Earnie Tait, 15 Bannerman Ave.
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