

Action Drama Of Desert War Next at Keith's

Melville Cooper Seen
With Henry Fonda
In "Immortal Sergeant"

The Germans, of course, didn't realize it at the time, but when they wounded and captured Melville Cooper, an officer in the Seaford Highlanders in World War I, they were deciding his profession for him.

They made an actor out of him. Now portraying a British desert fighter in 20th Century-Fox's picture of John Brophy's "Immortal Sergeant," opening tomorrow at Keith's, Cooper recalls his debt of gratitude to the Kaiser's men.

"In prison camp there was nothing to do except think about how hungry we were. To get our minds off our woes, some other chaps and I would put on improvised shows, mostly revues.

"We were captives for almost a year, and, of course, had plenty of time in which to do nothing." As events proved, however, that time could hardly be called wasted. For, on getting his freedom at the close of the war, Cooper made a vocation of acting—his prison avocation.

Cooper was seen in "Life Begins at 4:30" at the Paramount last week as the ne'er-do-well friend of Monty Woodley. In "Immortal Sergeant," he appears with Henry Fonda, Maureen O'Hara, Thomas Mitchell, Allyn Joslyn and Reginald Gardner.

Set in North Africa, the film depicts events typical of the action which has led to the rout of Rome. It is reportedly the first picture of desert warfare, and in its stark realism shows many of the hardships men of the United Nations are facing.

Lamar wrote the script for the Brophy novel and produced the picture. Direction is by John Stahl.

Gala Musical Due at Eckel

"Yankee Doodle Dandy"
Features Joan Leslie

At 15 Joan Leslie, once better known to her home town, Detroit, as Joan Brodel, the youngest of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Brodel of Highland Park, Mich., was a leading lady.

At 16 she was listed among the roster of Warner Brothers stars, the most promising of their discoveries of the past year.

By appearing opposite Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York," Miss Leslie won her right to be considered important in the world of make-believe.

Since that achievement Miss Leslie has spent a year as the "Sun Goddess" of Southern California, selected for that honor from a large list of contestants, has completed a role as Olivia de Havilland's younger sister in "The Male Animal," and now plays the leading feminine role opposite Jimmy Cagney in the life story of George M. Cohan, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," which opens a holdover run at the Eckel tomorrow. She plays the part of stage-struck girl named Mary, whom George M. Cohan marries. She is also the inspiration for the song, "Mary's a Grand Old Name."

The entire Brodel family is in Hollywood, aiding and abetting Joan's career. They have worked together as a family since this youngest of the three daughters was 2½ years old. They have recently bought the house in which they have lived since reaching Hollywood, a house that is located in the San Fernando Valley, not far from the Warner studio, where both Joan and her sister, Mary Brodel, are under contract. The house is being remodeled to suit the three girls, Mary, Betty and Joan, as a permanent California home.

Joan, who has earned her right to be known as one of the most promising of the new discoveries of the past year, intends to "carry on" from there.

New Mystery Thriller For Jacques Tourneur

One of Hollywood's newest producer-director combinations is continued with RKO Radio's announcement that Jacques Tourneur will direct Producer Val Lewton's next picture, "The Seventh Victim."

Now filming the weird mystery, "The Leopard Man," the Lewton-Tourneur combination already has to its credit the current box office phenomena, "Cat People," the not-yet released "I Walked With a Zombie," all characterized by a subtle, psychological treatment of horror themes. No castings have been announced thus far for "The Seventh Victim," which is scheduled for spring production.

"Mrs. Mussolini"
Grace Hayle, who portrayed Mrs. Mussolini in Charles Chaplin's "The Great Dictator," has been cast by Paramount in "Let's Face It," current musical starring Bob Hope and Betty Hutton.

Hepburn-Tracy Mystery Drama Loew's-Bound

"Keeper of the Flame"
Last Film for Duration
For George Cukor

"Keeper of the Flame," romantic mystery drama, starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, which opens tomorrow at Loew's, was the last picture directed by George Cukor before he enlisted in the Army as a private.

Marking the close for the duration of the director's 12-year Hollywood record, the film also reunited Cukor with Katharine Hepburn, whose first picture ("A Bill of Divorcement") he directed. It was the first occasion in which he had worked with Tracy.

Concerning his directorial swansong, Cukor commented: "The screen is a powerful factor for the expression of those ideas in which we believe and today are fighting for. 'Keeper of the Flame' is not only a suspenseful mystery story, but through the role of a foreign correspondent, played by Tracy, it gave us opportunity to speak the truths of democracy and Americanism."

George Cukor was born in New York City, where his father, Victor Cukor, was an assistant district attorney. He attended public schools and was graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School.

The event of World War I prevented him from plunging immediately into the effort to fulfill his ambition to be a stage director. He enlisted and served with the Student Army Training Corps.

Following the Armistice, he became assistant stage manager for a Chicago company, then signed with Edgar Selwyn in the same capacity, and later went with the Shubert brothers.

In 1926 he became associated with Gilbert Miller and Charles Frohman, directing such stage stars as Elsie Ferguson, Marjorie Rambeau, Jeanne Eagles and Ethel Barrymore.

He made no effort to do motion picture work until the introduction of sound. Then he became a dialogue director, later winning to a full directorship.

Among his screen successes are counted "The Philadelphia Story,"



KATHARINE HEPBURN, who starred with Spencer Tracy in "Keeper of the Flame," is reunited with her former team-mate in "Keeper of the Flame," due tomorrow at Loew's.

"A Woman's Face," "Romeo and Juliet," "David Copperfield," "Dinner at Eight" and a score of others.

New Aldrich Comedy For Jimmy Lydon

Rejected when he offered his services both as a naval aviator and as an Army truck private, owing to an injury suffered during his childhood, 19-year-old Jimmy Lydon will continue to portray Henry Aldrich on the screen, and Paramount now is preparing "Henry Aldrich Takes Over" as his next picture.

In it, Henry as boy mayor of the town of Centerville, will give it an amusing and lively administration, Lydon, who has three soldier brothers in the thick of the fighting, recently completed "Henry Aldrich Plays Cupid," with a cast including Dianna Lynn, Charlie Smith, Vera Vague, John Lital, Olive Blakeney, Barbara Pepper and Vaughan Glaser.

Girl Scouts To Note 31st Anniversary

Many Parties and Rallies
to Be Held in County
March 12

More than 50 anniversary parties and rallies are to be held by Girl Scout troops in Syracuse and throughout the county in celebration of March 12, the 31st anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting in the United States, it was announced today by Mrs. Harris Hiscock, Girl Scout Commissioner.

Nationwide plans for the celebration include the opening of a campaign to enlist more adult volunteer leaders, in which the Onondaga Council of Girl Scouts is making plans to take part.

"It is appropriate to combine a campaign for troop leaders with a celebration of the day, 31 years ago, when Juliette Low organized the first Girl Scout troop," Mrs. Hiscock said. "After 31 years, we know what Girl Scouting means to, and does for, the girls. We believe we can do a real wartime job for our country by opening Girl Scout training to even more girls than are now enrolled. To do this we need the services and support of many more adults."

Pointing out that present adult membership of 640 is pressed to carry on the activities of nearly 3,000 girls, Mrs. Hiscock said there were many more girls who would like to be Girl Scouts if they could. She said many more leaders would be needed to enlarge the Girl Scout organization locally to include all the girls who want to join.

The following members of the Girl Scout Council will serve on the committee for this leadership campaign: Mrs. Glendon R. Lewis, Mrs. Ruth Schroeder, Mrs. William Martin, and Mrs. J. E. Yarwood.

Miller Musical

Eighteen musical numbers will be featured in "What's Buzzin' Cousin?" Ann Miller's next musical at Columbia. The film will be produced by Jack Fier and directed by Al Green. Nick Castle is supervising the dances.

Hayworth's Next

Sonya Levien, has been assigned to do the script for the forthcoming Technicolor musical, "The Cover Girl." Shooting is scheduled to get under way May 1, with Rita Hayworth in the starring role and 15 of the country's best known "cover" girls in the cast, Arthur Schwartz will produce.

All-Star Benefit

All profits from the U. S. distribution of the all-star "Forever and a Day" will be given to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the Los Angeles Community Chest, it was announced yesterday.

Islander on St. Lawrence Inducted by Coast Guard



INDUCTED into the Coast Guard on his birthday yesterday, Lawrence Brienbach, right, is being shown a small arms chart by Seaman N. S. Valentine.

Lawrence Brienbach, who lives on Maple Island in the Thousand Island group off Alexandria Bay, got a birthday present yesterday he didn't expect.

He was inducted into the United States Coast Guard and will report for training and service in seven days.

A student at Olivet Technical College, Olivet, Mich., Brienbach's number came up for induction and he came back East to report.

He had planned on seeking service in the Coast Guard and yesterday was his 19th birthday. Yesterday he reported at the induction center.

The youthful inductee lives with his father on Maple Island, one of the smaller islands in the group and to reach home he has to trek across seven miles of ice to reach the island. In the summer the going is more pleasant for he does the seven miles on the blue St. Lawrence River is a fast run-about.

"Boy was I surprised and am I happy," he told Seaman N. S. Valentine of the Coast Guard at the center. "This is the best birthday I've had."

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Tomorrow Night at 8:15
The Greatest in
Russian Ballet
Ballet Theater
With Symphony Orchestra
Lincoln Auditorium
Tickets: \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50
(Plus Tax)
Syr. Civic Music Assn. 2-8915

Role for Errol

Leon Errol draws a top comedy spot in "Higher and Higher," screen version of the Rodgers and Hart musical comedy, which Producer-Director Tim Whelan sends before the cameras shortly at RKO Radio. Errol joins a cast which includes Michele Morgan, Marcy McGuire and Frank Sinatra.

Bergman Signs

Director Sam Wood this week recorded Ingrid Bergman singing a French Creole song for her role of Clio in "Sarotoga Trunk," which Wood is directing for Producer Hal Wallis at Warner Brothers. Gary Cooper is playing the lead opposite Miss Bergman.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS'
HIT
Parade

ACME 209
Butternut St.
With Alan Baxter, Gertrude Michael
"PRISONER OF JAPAN"
Plus—"LAUGH YOUR BLUES AWAY"
With Bert Gordon, Margaret Lindsay, John Beal
Thurs.: "The Navy Comes Through"
Plus—"Miss Polly"
ALCAZAR Oakwood Ave.
at Raynor
George Sanders, Herbert Marshall in
"MOON AND SIXPENCE"
Cofeature
Kay Harris, Marjorie Chapman in
"PARACHUTE NURSE"
Short: "The Stork's Mistake"

AVON 429 Hawley Ave.
Burnet Ave. Bus to Door
A Great Midweek B. P.
Today and Thursday
Orson Welles' Production of Booth
Tarkenton's "AMBERSONS"
With Joseph Cotton, Dolores Costello
"SWEATER GIRL"
With Eddie Bracken
Latest News and Cartoon

CAMEO 226
S. Geddes St.
Today at 6:30 P. M.
The story of THE VATICAN
The first complete motion picture ever
filmed inside Vatican City.
Also by Special Request
Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in
"GUNGUA DIT"
Take a pleasant walk to the Cameo and
let yourself relax while you see a good show.

EAST East Syracuse
Broadway 3-2864
"PRIVATE SNUFFY SMITH"
With Bud Duncan, Edgar Kennedy
—Also—
Charles Winninger, Nancy Kelly in
"REBELS ENSEMBLE"
Sun.: "You Were Never Lovelier," and
"Tarzan's New York Adventure"

ELMWOOD 128
South Ave.
Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan in
"DESPERATE JOURNEY"
—Also—
Jinx Falkenburg, Bert (Mad Russian)
"LAUGH YOUR BLUES AWAY"
Plus "Superman" Cartoon

FRANKLIN 237
South Ave.
Iona Mason, Jon Hall in
"INVISIBLE AGENT"
—Also—
Leo Carrillo, Andy Devine in
"TIMBER"

GLOBE 710
Kirckpatrick St.
"BOMBS OVER BURMA"
With Anna May Wong, Noel Madison,
Leslie Robinson
—Plus—
"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"
With Weaver Brothers and Elvira
News

Happy Hour 224
N. Salina St.
"THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"
John Wayne, Harry Carey
Second Big Feature
"THAT OTHER WOMAN"
James Ellison, Virginia Gilmore
Plus "Acta" Short Subject

HARVARD 324
Westcott St.
Today and Thursday
"THE WAR AGAINST MRS. HADLEY"
With Fay Bainter and Edward Arnold
—Also—
"BASHFUL BACHELOR"
With Lum and Abner
Latest News and Short Subject

Hollywood Stop 3
Brewerton Rd.
Sidney Toler, Arleen Whelan in
"CASTLE IN THE DESERT"
—Also—
Robert Paige, Jane Frazee in
"ALMOST MARRIED"
"CHURCHILL'S ISLAND"
(The World Begins)
Thurs.: "For Me and My Gal" and
"The Man in the Trunk"

PALACE 284
James St.
Two Days Only:
Today and Thursday
Jeanette MacDonald, Robert Young in
"CAIRO"
—Also—
Jinx Falkenburg, Bert (Mad Russian)
"LAUGH YOUR BLUES AWAY"
Coming Sunday: "Wake Island" and
Musical Hit, "Youth on Parade"

REGENT East Genesee St.
at Irving Ave.
20c Till 6 P. M. Even. 20c
Take Westcott, University, Walnut
or Irwinville Bus
Last Day
"ROAD TO MOROCCO"
Bob Hope, Binnie Gray, Dorothy
Lamour
—Also—
"PIERRE OF THE PLAINS"
John Carroll, Ruth Hussey
Starting Thurs. "Wake Island,"
Assistant With Lionel Barrymore, Van
Johnson. Also a Thrilling Story of
Courage in the Air "One of Our Aircraft
is Missing."

RIVIERA 3116
S. Salina St.
Today through Saturday
"SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES"
In Technicolor
With Betty Grable, John Payne,
Carmen Miranda, Cesar Romero
—Also—
"THRU DIFFERENT EYES"
Added: Disney Cartoon
Sun.: "Wake Island" and "Cairo"

RIVOLI 230
W. Fayette St.
20c Stage Attraction 8:30 Tonight
Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland,
Virginia Wadley in
"RAVES ON BROADWAY"
—Also—
"STRANGE CASE OF DR. X"
Coming Sunday: "Wake Island." Al-
most Weekly's Super Stage Attractions
Every Sunday Night. Admissions 40c.

TURN HALL 810
N. Salina St.
"THE FALCON'S NESTER"
George Sanders, Tom Conway in
—Also—
"WILLIAMS BATTERING"
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and "LADY BOUNTYWARD"
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY
James Cagney
FIRST TIME AT
KAY'S
with JOAN LESLIE • WALTER HUSTON • EDWARD BROWN • HENRIetta HOLMES

Open 10:45 A. M.
STARTS TOMORROW
30c Till 5
LOEW'S
ANY UNITED STATES BONDS FOR VICTORY!

TODAY—LAST TIMES!
Ann Sothern, Melvyn Douglas
"Three Hearts for Julia"
—Plus—
"Reveille With Beverly"