

MOVIE MACHINE REVIEWS

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Program 1199

FRANCES LANGFORD tells the story of the rumba in her first appearance for Soundies, *Tropical Moon*. The song is well chosen; there's a large chorus of rumba dancers and a lavish setting, all adding up to good entertainment. (Soundies.)

Wreck of the Old '97 is played and sung by VINCE (BLUE) MONDI, billed as "the world's smallest orchestra." His self-accompaniment extends to such sound effects as the train's whistle. (Filmcraft.)

LANI McINTYRE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, with McIntyre carrying the vocals, are starred in *The Cockeyed Mayor*, a hu-

morous Hawaiian song, NAPUA, a native with a gift for mimicry, dances. (Soundies re-issue.)

LOWE, HITE AND STANLEY star in *Sailors' Horn Pipe*. Dressed as sailors, the trio presents one of its push-'em-around slapstick routines. (B. K. Blake.)

Come With Me My Honey, a Calypso tune, is sung and played by THE JESTERS (3) and pretty PATTI CLAYTON. The trio play accordion, bass and mandolin. Night club set, with the trio in South American costumes. (Filmcraft.)

AL TRACE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, in *Uncle Tom*, present a comedy version of the tear-jerking book. Two bandmen play Topsy, Eva, Simon Legree and Eliza, complete with sound effects, while Trace acts as narrator. (B. K. Blake.)

Deep Purple, as played by LARRY CLINTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA, with the vocals by an unidentified girl, is very enjoyable listening. Bandstand setting. (Soundies re-issue.)

TOSH HAMMED AND COMPANY, consisting of six girls made up as old women, are featured in *Dance Your Old Age Away*. Hammed sings and does some amazing acrobats. (Filmcraft.)

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Program V-899

(All Re-Issues)

Strike Up the Band, George Gershwin's rousing salute to the navy, is sung by the PATRIOTAIRS, a large mixed chorus. Here the fleet comes in, is greeted by adoring girl friends and sets out for an evening's entertainment. (Minoco.)

SUGAR KANE sings *Shepherd's Serenade*, then invites the audience to join in. She's helped in the singing lesson by four pretty girls. (R. C. M.)

Mexican Hat Dance features the music of GRAY GORDON AND HIS BAND. MARCHETA and CLIFF FERRE, an able dance team, do a swing version of the famous folk dance. Setting is a luxury liner. (Cinemasters.)

JOY HODGES sings *There I Go*, accompanied by RUDOLPH FRIML JR.'S ORCHESTRA. Setting is a night club, switching to the singer's apartment and a surprise ending involving ROBERT WAYNE, a guest at the club. (Globe.)

Alouette, the familiar French folk tune, stars the SLATE BROTHERS (3), who appear as artists. They sketch dancer VIVIEN FAY, sing and go thru a hat-changing routine. Setting is a street cafe. (Minoco.)

JOHNNY DOWNS and GALE STORM, accompanied by DAVID ROSE'S ORCHESTRA, sing *Let's Get Away From It All*. Scene is a travel bureau, with some of the travel posters coming to life as attractive dancing girls. (Cameo.)

A medley, *Two Guitars and Dark Eyes*, is played by EMERY DEUTSCH AND HIS ORCHESTRA. Outdoors setting, with the orchestra, dancers and singers dressed in gypsy costumes. A very enjoyable subject. (Minoco.)

Big Fat Butterfly stars GENE ROGERS,

Cuban Juke Curfew Extended As Ops Petition Government

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—Government officials and operators of juke boxes finally reached an agreement on an 11 p.m. curfew for juke box music. This measure has been taken in order to console local musicians organizations that have, for a number of years, opposed juke box music in the city and thruout the islands.

In fact, opposition to juke boxes began back in 1935 and at one time the machines were banned. The banning of the juke boxes is said to have been due to a broad interpretation of a Spanish word

which means "nickel swallower." The Spanish word was apparently meant to refer to gaming devices but when it got into the statute enforcement officials interpreted it to apply to all types of machines operated by a coin. Even pay telephones came under the ban for a time.

Local musicians have had the support of national organizations of labor and have been able to secure a number of regulations on juke box music.

Operators of juke boxes got together and framed a petition or document to members of the Cuban Congress, giving data on what the business meant to Cuba, its contributions to the government thru taxes and tariff charges and royalties being paid on phonograph records. Special emphasis was given to the popularity of Cuban music at the present time in the United States, which had been due to the use of recordings in juke boxes. This was an important factor.

LA Mayoralty Plenty Hot as Reformer and Lady Contest Mayor

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—The candidates for mayor of Los Angeles are increasing their drives for future votes. The mayoralty election is scheduled for April and if for no other reason, it will attract attention because of the large number of candidates and because of the unique publicity methods being used by some of them.

Another interesting fact about the candidates is that the reform leader who formerly sponsored the present mayor's campaign and particularly introduced pinball games as an issue in the election, is now a candidate to succeed the man he once sponsored. The candidate is Clifford E. Clinton, restaurant owner and now working with a government agency on food problems, who says the mayor he once sponsored as a reform candidate has not been as efficient a reformer as he thinks should be in the office. He proposes to do a better job if the voters of Los Angeles will elect him. Already, Clinton is getting national publicity because of his record as a reformer and crusader against so-called vices.

To make the campaign still more spectacular, a woman candidate, Dolores Gunn, has also thrown her bonnet into the campaign.

The lady candidate is said to be an arch enemy of the present mayor and she is just the opposite of a reform candidate. She is considered to be decidedly a liberal and is making her campaign on important issues which the crusaders have been crying for. She is a grandmother and has a 10-point platform on which to run. Among her planks are promises to turn Los Angeles from a "hick town" into a modern center and to open up the town and to let people live and enjoy themselves. There are some who say she may have a chance at being elected.

who dances and plays some boogie piano, and THE V'S, feminine foursome who are very good indeed. There's also a girl dancer, unidentified. (R. C. M.)

Balto Trolley Smoke Bill Nears Passage As Councilmen Meet

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10. — The trolley smoking ordinance up for consideration here is waxing plenty hot, and this week received the official nod from Health Commissioner Huntington Williams.

The ordinance was introduced to the Baltimore city council for consideration and was expected to be passed Monday (12). Commissioner Williams announced that he favored passage of the proposed bill banning smoking on trolleys and buses and added that it should be made a permanent rather than a wartime measure. It was expected that his okay would give the voting councilmen the final hypo for passage of the bill.

Bill Looks Favorable

A favorable report on the bill was tendered the council by the committee on legislation, and was sponsored by Councilman Leon Abramson.

Councilman Samuel N. Friedel announced at a public hearing that he had changed his mind about proposing an amendment to permit smoking in certain summer months when streetcar and bus windows would be open.

Also abandoned was a proposed amendment to make the ordinance permanent instead of for the duration of the war and six months after.

The ordinance will be effective from the date of passage.

Mechanic Gives His Views

The surprise testimony at the public hearing was that of A. Landis Hoffman, a mechanic, who appeared as the sole opponent of the measure and won the commendation of Mrs. William Bauernschmidt, altho she attended in support of the smoking ban.

"I think it's a very healthy sign," Mrs. Bauernschmidt told the committee, "to have a young man come here with an opinion of his own and express it. His opinion doesn't coincide with mine, but I'm always glad to see a young American with enough courage to express his views, particularly when he knows the majority does not agree with him."

Mr. Hoffman said "a streetcar seems to be the place and the occasion that calls for a smoke" and that "while smokers, of course, don't pay their dime for the privilege of smoking, nonsmokers don't pay theirs for the privilege of griping about those who want to smoke."

He said post-war cars may be so ventilated that smoking in them will be offensive to no one.

Pennsylvania Rep. Proposes Legalizing Bingo Games

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 10.—Legalization of the conduct of bingo games by religious, veterans and charitable organization on payment of an annual filing fee, was recently proposed in a bill introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Kirley, of Allegheny County. It is likely that the bill, if passed, will hypo the abundance of bingo games in amusement and organizational establishments thruout the State.

The proposed annual fees would amount to \$50 in Pittsburg, \$25 in the third-class cities, \$15 in the first-class boros and \$15 in other boros and townships in the State.

New Contact Cleaner Used by Signal Corps May Help Ops

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Pitting, corrosion and gumming of points, relays and solenoids which have been the concern of most coin machine operators for years may now be at an end. Thirty-year-old Henry J. Bowman, chemist and electronic engineer now serving in the navy at a New York station, is the creator of a solution known on the market as No-Ox electrical contact cleaner.

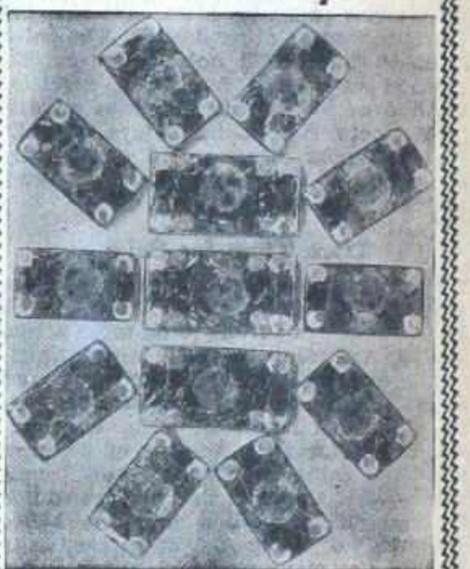
Carbon tetrachloride which is commonly used and carried in most operators tool kits and has proved only temporary relief in electrical contact repair work may soon be discarded, reports Bowman, who is familiar with operators' problems.

No-Ox is guaranteed not to gum or change resistance values and is reported as having proved immeasurably successful under all conditions subjected to it by the Army Signal Corp, several major radio and oil companies. The product comes in solution and paste form and is being distributed nationally

and in foreign countries. Sales are being handled by a Los Angeles firm.

A product of this nature has been in demand for some time and will no doubt meet ready reception by all servicemen connected with the operation of coin-operated machines.

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