

Torrance Theatre Opens Friday With Real "Knock-Out Feature"



Just as he sprang upon the world in the most authentic of gangster pictures, "The Public Enemy," and gave the screen its most realistic auto racing picture, "The Crowd Roars," so does James Cagney provide the colorful thrills of the prizefighting picture, "Winner Take All," which is the feature picture Friday and Saturday at the opening of the Torrance Theatre under the management of the Kaplan Theatres, Inc.

This virile young personality who has taken a step higher with each succeeding picture, has eclipsed all his former successes in "Winner Take All." With a reputation of punch and power in his pictures, Cagney is happily cast as a two-fisted pugilist who pulls no punches in fight or love. The story deals with Jim's attempt to come back as a winner by going to a desert resort to build himself up. There he meets Peggy Smith, with whom he falls in love, so much so, that he breaks into his convalescence period to fight in order to raise money for her.

Once back in the ring, he forgets her for a flippant society girl who leads him on merely for the thrill of having a prizefighter in her collection. The complication of affairs arising from this situation makes an intriguing story that allows Cagney every opportunity to run the full gamut of human emotions.

The prizefight scenes are masterpieces of realism. Cagney proves that he can not only act the part of a boxer, but can box with the best of them. Maetan Nixon, a new leading lady for James Cagney, makes her debut in this picture, giving a lovely portrayal of the girl whom Jim really loves. Virginia Bruce acquires herself admirably as the society girl.

The large cast includes Guy Ribbee, Dickie Moore, Clarence Muse, Alan Mowbray, Clarence Wilson, Ralf Harolde, Esther Howard, Allan Lane, John Roche and many others. Wilson Mizner, writer, sportsman, adventurer and one-time manager of prizefighters, adapted the script from the story by Gerald Beaumont.

Youth Annoying Girl Picked Up By Police

A young lad, who gave his name as John J. Layton, was picked up by the Torrance police Wednesday morning when residents of the south part of the city reported that he had been annoying a little girl in that district.

Layton, who appeared to be mentally unbalanced, was taken in charge by his mother who came from Compton later in the day. It was said that his condition was the result of illness which brought about a nervous breakdown.

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Miller Furniture Company Takes Over Ripple Store

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J. E. Miller, the proprietor of the new firm, is well known in Torrance, where he has owned property for a number of years. Mrs. Miller is associated with her husband in the operation of the store. In commenting upon the new furniture market, Mr. Miller said: "Many people have furniture in storage or in their homes that they are not using. We offer them the opportunity of turning this furniture into cash. We buy outright for cash anything in the line of home furnishings that has a resale value, or if the customer prefers, we will gladly take the goods in on consignment and sell them on a commission basis."

Already, the Miller Furniture Company has a good variety of home furnishings on display at their new Torrance store, and the public is invited to drop in to look over the stock. In case the particular pieces of furniture desired are not on display, Mr. or Mrs. Miller will gladly take orders for any new or used furniture that patrons may wish.

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WEEK OF Aug. 18 to Aug. 24	THURSDAY AUGUST 18	FRIDAY AUGUST 19	SATURDAY AUGUST 20	SUNDAY AUGUST 21	MONDAY AUGUST 22	TUESDAY AUGUST 23	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24
Fox Redondo Matinee Daily Evenings 7-9 350 Seats, 25c Anytime	CHARLES FARRELL — JANET GAYNOR in "THE FIRST YEAR" Andy Clyde Comedy—"LOVE OF LUDWIG" "Singapore Sue" Screen Act WEDDING ON THE STAGE FRIDAY NIGHT		"BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE" The thriller filmed in the Malayan Jungle —SEE THIS! "WILD BABIES" Boy Friend Comedy —Cartoon Screen Souvenir — Late News		"BACHELOR AFFAIRS" "Line's Busy" Comedy "Magic City" Late Movietone News Westinghouse Refrigerator (Electric) Given Away Wednesday Nite		
Fox Plaza Hawthorne—Biggest Show in the Valley Hawthorne—Phone 222 General Admission 25c Sun. till 3 p. m. 15c Sat., Wed. Matinee 15c	Studio Feature Preview AND BEAUTY CONTEST "MILLION DOLLAR LEGS" Jack Oakie and Andy Clyde ORCHESTRA STAGE SHOW		Wm. Powell and Kay Francis in "JEWEL ROBBERY" 5—Big Acts—5 Preview Vaudeville Also, the Original "Andy Gump" in Person	RAMON NOVARRO "For Glory and a Girl" A Human Story of College Days 5 Roadshow Acts of Vaudeville		Allison Skipworth and Richard Bennett "Madame Racketeer" Special FREE Gifts on Change Nite Tuesday, FREE Ford V-8 Night; Courtesy of HAWTHORNE MOTORS, INC.	
Warner Bros. SAN PEDRO	Ben Lyon in the Mystery Thriller "BY WHOSE HAND" with BARBARA WEEKS		SAT. NITE STUDIO FEATURE PREVIEW		DAVID MANNERS and ANN DVORAK "CROONER" (The Hot Low-Down on Radio Romeos!) Also Hollywood Handicap—Playful Pan When In Rome and News Events		Wednesday is "MOVIE BRIDGE NITE" Prizes to Winners
FOX GRANADA WILMINGTON BALCONY 15c General Admission, 25c	Reserved Seats Mat. 2:30; Eve. 8:15 "GRAND HOTEL" Greta Garbo John Barrymore Jean Crawford Lionel Barrymore Wallace Beery	RICHARD DIX in "Roar of the Dragon"		Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe and Richard Arlen in "GUILTY AS HELL"		WARREN WILLIAM in "SKYSCRAPER SOULS" Wednesday Is First Gold Night	

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agement to show exclusive first run major productions at the Torrance Theatre. Contracts have been closed with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Warner Brothers First National, Paramount, R. K. O., Pathe, Fox, United Artists, Columbia and Universal studios. Previously M-G-M pictures were not available to the Torrance Theatre, and much better pictures will be brought here because of Mr. Kaplan's affiliation with this important producing company. In addition to the Torrance Theatre, the Kaplan interests operate two houses in San Diego, and until recently, owned all the theatres in Santa Barbara. The latter theatres, however, were sold to Warner Brothers a short time ago.

Theatre Beautiful

Interior decorators and mechanics have worked wonders in re-decorating the interior of the theatre. The lobby walls have been redone in modernistic style, and big drapes cover the side walls of the auditorium. Besides being decorative, the drapes soften the sound effects and make the performance much more enjoyable. The floors have also been re-carpeted. The exterior of the theatre, too, has been made more attractive, and work is progressing on the remodeling of the stage. As soon as loges can be built, they will be installed in the balcony. In a word, nothing is being left undone to provide a first class theatre in Torrance, stated Mr. Kaplan.

MRS. JEWETT TAKES OVER HOTEL GRACE
LOMITA.—Mrs. Pearl Jewett has taken over the management of the Hotel Grace and has already reopened the place for business. Miss Ina Pickering is associated with Mrs. Jewett in the enterprise.

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