

# The Lowdown On Campus Distractions

By Alfred Jefferson

Playing its last day at Guion Hall is "Madame Curie", starring Walter Pidgeon and Greer Garson. This is a picture you may not like, depending entirely on your individual taste. It is the story of the discovery of radium by Madame Marie Curie and her husband Pierre. The critics have all praised it to the skies, and some even say that it is better than "Mrs. Miniver." However, the story is not so interesting, at least to most of us, and the average Aggie is not usually inclined to enjoy this kind of movie.

**The Lowdown:** You'll either call it wonderful or say it smells. It has plenty of suspense, but not the usual kind. It is undoubtedly worth seeing, but you're not guaranteed to like it.

Wednesday and Thursday Guion is presenting "The Kennel Murder Case", a Philo Vance mystery with William Powell. This is the first good mystery that has come to College in quite a while, so if you are a detective story fiend, run right down to see it. Bill Powell is good in a part, and plays sleuths in a way that can't be beat. After as many "Thin Man" pictures as he has made, he couldn't help but be good.

**The Lowdown:** Plenty old, but worth seeing anyhow. Much better than the average run of mysteries.

Coming to Guion for Friday and Saturday is the usual double feature, but it's cornier than usual. They really must have to hunt for shows like these. The one that is supposed to be the best is "River's End" with Dennis Morgan. Just a plot with fair acting, made to take up time while they thought of something good. On the same bill is "Tugboat Annie Sails Again," with Marjorie Rambeau. More wasted celluloid.

**The Lowdown:** If someone is chasing you, this is as good a place as any to hide. If not, save your money.

"Flying Tigers" plays at the Campus today and Wednesday. It's a good show with John Wayne playing the tough commander in that sector, and John Carroll the smart-cracking guy who can fly wings around everyone else. If you don't think so, just ask him. However, after Anna Lee, who is

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Wayne's steady girl, tells Carroll to go fly a kite, or words to that effect, and his glory-grabbing costs the life of one of his friends, he quiets down and becomes the model boy.

**The Lowdown:** Really a good way to spend the time before C.Q. tomorrow.

Thursday and Friday, "Texas," with William Holden and Claire Traver plays at the Campus. Just another story made to appeal to us because we live in Texas. The acting is good, and Claire Trevor does her part especially well.

**The Lowdown:** O. K., but don't go if you can think of anything else to do.

The Saturday double-header is made up of a really good picture and a pretty fair support. The main feature is "The Lady Has Plans," starring Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard. (Time out for a long, low whistle). When Paulette and Ray Milland, newspaper reporters deluxe, get mixed up with the Gestapo in Lisbon, anything can happen, and does. They claim she has some secret plans written on her in invisible ink. This leads to some very interesting events, as you can well imagine. For the rest of the story, you'll have to see it.

"Buy Me That Town" with Susan Hayward and Lloyd Nolan is also on the bill, and it is pretty good. It has a fairly good story, with plenty of suspense. Too good to be on a double bill when we have to see things they show during the week.

**The Lowdown:** Saturday is a good day to go to a show, and this is the best show that will be here then. You will probably be wondering where to take your dance date, so see the first good double feature we've had in a long time.

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of futile searching there remains only one thing to do.

Well . . . what a surprise. Wild Bill rides tonight. So Buddy and Lonesome Aggie vicariously ride the outlaws down on the screen and then after making the prairies safe for honest men and beautiful women (Somehow honest men and beautiful women don't seem to go together. Wondering why?) our heroes limp to their holes for a peaceful night of rest. Dull isn't it.

The worlds a stage  
Off they go into the unknown yonder. Boarding their train that's belching flame. Down they dive

splitting the campus asunder. That we are happy 'tis no wonder. 'Tis a shame that there is no one here who could really appreciate a bit of parody.

Come worm let's squirm

Send her a letter or send her a wire and if she can't come (They always say can't instead of won't) try her little sister or the girl next door but get a gal, any gal, down here for the dances Friday and Saturday nights. For those who have lost all ties with sweet young things there is always the possibility of asking your old lady to get his date to bring her room mate along. "Three cheers for the beautiful roommates," he says in a whisper.

Observed in passing

A freshman has the one and only that he graduated with. A sophomore has lost all and is heartbroken. A junior begins to perk up. A senior plays the field. The "Bryan 400" on week nights and other places on strong weekends.

Overheard in the nursery

"Do you know what the terms M. D., D. D., and L. L. D. mean?" "College degrees."

No—Marsie Dotes, Dosie Dotes, and Little Lambsie Divie."

Off-Campus Distractions

Those things that draw like a magnet and percolate on bottles of — and perfume are nice to dance with and . . . well nice to dance with. But they need watching. They will take your flowers and your candy and spend your money. They will say that they are true. They will say that they are lonesome when you are gone. She will wear your pin when she goes out with you and some other dope's pine.

Brother, that is the original pin-up girl.

## New Cantaloupe Is Resistant To Mildew And Melon Aphids

Cantaloupe production in many sections is frequently attended by severe losses from downy mildew and also from melon aphids. Dr. S. S. Ivanoff, pathologist at the Winter Haven Experiment Station, has developed some strains of cantaloupe highly resistant to both downy mildew and melon aphids. Dr. Ivanoff secured some West Indian cantaloupes which were inferior in quality but possessed the highly desirable characters of being resistant to both downy mildew and melon aphids. Recognizing the value of this material for planting purposes Dr. Ivanoff endeavored by crossing to transfer these characters of resistance for downy mildew and melon aphids to some of our best strains of cantaloupes. Out of these crosses he selected from each generation only plants that had a high degree of resistance and approached nearest to the high quality of our commercial cantaloupes.

He followed this method for seven generations with the result that he now has established some strains of cantaloupes that are of good quality and possess resistance to both downy mildew and melon aphids. During this year he has increase plantings on which there has been little downy mildew and only slight infection of aphids whereas some commercial fields are so highly infected as to be a total loss.

Dr. Ivanoff states that these

cantaloupes are not immune to aphids or downy mildew but they, nevertheless, possess resistance to such a degree that both better yields and lengthening of the fruiting period will be obtained. The new strains are still susceptible to powdery mildew but work is in progress to secure strains that may reduce losses from this pest also.

## Audience Survey Of Television Region Shows Operas First

Light operas, news commentaries and full length plays are first, second and third choice of the Troy-Albany-Schnectady area audience of WRGB, General Electric's television station in Schnectady, according to an announcement by Robert B. Stone, program manager, based on a survey of 499 programs in 31 different classifications telecast during the last 18 months.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" was the audience's favorite light opera with "A Waltz Dream" rating second. "Iolanthe" was third in this group.

Second place of honor for the news commentary classification was due to the popularity of a series of fourteen "War Map" talks by George Mitchell.

Of the full-length plays presented, the great farce and satirical comedy, "Help Yourself," was an easy first. A special television version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" tied with the old favorite, "The Ghost Train" for second place, while Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre presentation of "Hansel and Gretel" was third choice.

Although the sports group, as a whole, was not among the first three in popularity, audience reaction to the boxing and wrestling matches was so favorable that, as a separate group, it would have ranked a high first over all other types of programs.

Other individual programs that proved popular were Joe Owens' puppets, a cooking school conducted by Consuelo Kelly, food expert, and a series of three sewing lessons by McCall's Magazine.

For the survey, audience reaction was checked from questionnaires sent with the weekly program to those with television receivers in the area and supplemented by a house-to-house check-up of a small sample of the audience.



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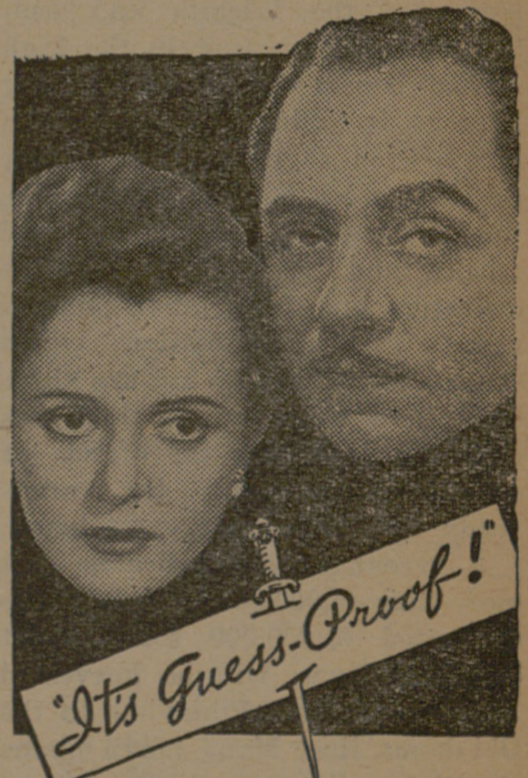
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