

# NEXT WEEK AT ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATRES

## KAY FRANCIS AND RANDOLPH SCOTT CO-STAR IN FILM

### Exploits Of The Daltons Feature Picture Of Week

Action from start to finish marks the new saga of frontier America, "When the Daltons Rode," which is scheduled for showing at the Peoples here Sunday-only, then moves uptown for a Monday-Tuesday showing at the Imperial Theatre. Randolph Scott and Kay Francis have the leading roles.

The Dalton gang, last great outlaw band of the old West, comes spectacularly to life in this screen version of the book by the same name. It is said that the mingling of comedy and excitement makes it particularly satisfying entertainment.

Heading the cast is Randolph Scott, former University of North Carolina student who takes the role of the frontier lawyer who befriends the embattled Dalton boys. Kay Francis has her first "outdoor" role as the winsome telegraph operator of Coffeyville, Kan., center of the Dalton gang's exploits.

The Dalton boys themselves, whose careers from ranch men to desperadoes are traced in the picture, are expertly delineated by Brian Donlevy, Broderick Crawford, Stuart Erwin and Frank Albertson. Andy Devine, in the role of the Dalton's girl-chasing ranch hand, also gives an impressive performance. George Bancroft is effective as the rich man of Coffeyville. One of many surprises is the intensely dramatic portrayal of Ma Dalton by Mary Gordon. Fine supporting work is done by Quen Ramsey, Harvey Stephens, Edgar Deering, Fay McKenzie and others.

The climax of the film is the celebrated Dalton raid on Coffeyville in 1892, when the outlaws went to their destruction attempting the old West's only double bank robbery. The wealth of action preceding this event in the picture makes it difficult to imagine the possibility of any greater excitement, but director Marshall has done it.

Based on the musical comedy which had Broadway howling for 235 performances, "The Boys From

Syracuse" brings a brigade of singing stars and laugh luminaries to the screen of the Peoples Theatre for the Monday-Tuesday bill on next week's program.

Featured in the talented cast are Allan Jones, Martha Raye, Joe Penner, Rosemary Lane, Irene Hervey, Charles Butterworth, Alan Mowbray, Eric Blore and Samuel S. Hinds.

A farce comedy set in ancient Greece, the film deals with domestic mix-ups involving two sets of identical twins and three Grecian girls.

Jones is cast as a Grecian general, married to Miss Hervey. The actor also appears as his own twin brother, an interloper from Syracuse (Greece) who is taken into Miss Hervey's home and entertained lavishly—by mistake. Penner is seen as Miss Raye's husband and his own twin brother, who is similarly mixed up with Martha.

Aside from Jones' "movie marriage" to Miss Hervey, who is in fact his wife off-screen, the actor also makes love to Miss Lane. The latter plays Miss Hervey's sister.

The Peoples presents "Young People" for the Wednesday-Thursday bill on next week's program, which may well be described as Shirley Temple's "swan song," at least at the 20th Century Fox studios. It is the story of a little girl growing up in vaudeville with her foster parents, to their retirement and life on a New England farm. By use of portions of musical numbers from three of her earlier films, the transition of the girl up to present is shown.

When one of their old vaudeville

friends dies, Oakie and Charlotte Greenwood adopt his youngster, Shirley. When she is a few years old she becomes an active member of their comedy, singing and dancing act. The foster parents decide Shirley should be allowed to lead a normal life instead of living in hotels and on trains. They buy a farm in Vermont.

They find the natives narrow-minded and unfriendly. Oakie has many ideas of how to make the town attract tourists and factories, and the natives believe they are "framing" him when they make him a "one man Chamber of Commerce."

When Kathleen Howard, who rules the town, breaks up a school entertainment organized by Shirley, Shirley and her foster parents decide to leave Stonefield and return to the stage. They leave in a heavy rainstorm and save several children lost in the rain. The natives relent and get behind Oakie and his progressive ideas.

If you really want to laugh, you cannot go wrong in buying a ticket at the Peoples Theatre next Friday to their "bargain day" showing of "Curtain Call". It is not only studded with a cast of fine performers, but it is padded so well with good gag lines that we believe you will find it to be entertaining in every sense of the word.

The story concerns the attempts of a Broadway producer and his director, played in that order by Donald MacBride and Alan Mowbray, to keep their one asset, their star (in the person of Helen Vinson), from signing a contract with a rival producer. They buy a bad play from an unknown country girl (Barbara Read) hoping to discourage the star from appearing in it, thereby breaking her contract, which will keep her from working for anyone until, "She comes back crying for mercy." The star professes to be crazy about the vehicle, and from there on the picture is wholesome hoke.

## TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bowen and children visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lynch here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Rose and daughter of Seaboard visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hasty here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and children returned Monday after a two weeks' visit at Franklin, Va.

Misses Mary Gurley and Betty King are spending the week in New York where they will visit the New York World's Fair.

William Farber was a visitor at Virginia Beach last week, returning home Friday.

Miss Virginia Swanson returned to her home in New York Wednesday after visiting Mrs. J. P. Robinson.

George Dilworth Pappendick was a visitor in Littleton Wednesday. Miss Shirley O'dell returned Sunday after visiting Miss Joan Bosenman in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bidgood and daughter, Ann, of Portsmouth, were the guests of Mrs. M. H. Hedgepeth and Mrs. Paul Ray Sunday.

Sidney Williams spent the week-end at his home in Littleton. Miss Betty Sawyer of Richmond spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bunch of Palmyra spent Sunday with their son, W. G. Bunch.

Miss Lillian Hasty returned from Jackson Sunday.

V. L. Williams spent Sunday in

William Boyd is the star of the new western "action" feature, "Hidden Gold" which comes to the Peoples screen for the Saturday-only showing on next week's program.

Williamston. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hasty visited relatives in Jackson Sunday.

Tommy Reese of Wilmington, Delaware, is the guest of Charles Wolhar.

Mrs. Paul Ray, Mrs. Joe Williams, Rudolph Williams spent Sunday and Monday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown of Portsmouth spent Sunday here with Mrs. Lee Wheeden.

T. D. Slate of Morehead spent Thursday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bunting of Palmyra spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Cora Joslyn of Morehead is the guest of Miss Margaret Cox.

Ed Myrick of Petersburg spent the week-end here with friends.

William Harris II of Morehead City was a visitor in the city Thursday.

Misses Doris and Helen Hedgepeth were week-end guests last week of Miss Betty Sawyer in Richmond.

Misses Carrie and Duene Byrd have returned from Baltimore, Md.

Miss Margaret Cox returned Thursday from an extended visit to Mrs. William Harris in Morehead City.

Miss Mildred May has returned from Franklinton.

### Birthday Party

Marie Jernigan celebrated her 13th birthday Saturday night, August 17th, by entertaining some of her friends. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed by all. At 9:30 ice cream, cake, and lemonade were served to the following: Gwendolyn Britt, Edna Earle Loomis, Dorothy Braswell, Dorothy Nantz, Ernestine Warrick, Beulah Ogburn, Chester Wilkins, Donald Bennett, Douglas Jernigan, Ralph Searce, Buddy Price, and Marie Jernigan.

She was the recipient of many nice things.

PROGRAMS FOR THE



WEEK OF SEPT. 1st

## PEOPLES

SUNDAY

Kay Francis-Randolph Scott  
WHEN THE DALTONS RODE

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Allan Jones-Martha Raye-Joe Penner  
BOYS FROM SYRACUSE

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Shirley Temple-Jack Oakie  
THE YOUNG PEOPLE

FRIDAY

Barbara Read-Helen Vinson  
CURTAIN CALL

SATURDAY

William Boyd  
HIDDEN GOLD

Added: Adventures of Red Ryder

## IMPERIAL

SUNDAY

Bing Crosby-Dorothy Lamour-Bob Hope  
ROAD TO SINGAPORE

MONDAY-TUESDAY

Kay Francis-Randolph Scott  
WHEN THE DALTONS RODE

WEDNESDAY

Nancy Kelly-Roland Young  
PRIVATE AFFAIRS

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Lynn Bari-Lloyd Nolan  
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SATURDAY

Gene Autry  
GAUCHO SERENADE

Added: Deadwood Dick



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PROGRAM WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

10c Admission  
Matinee & Night 15c

SUN.

Don Ameche-Mary Beth Hughes  
FOUR SONS

MON.-TUES.

Tyrone Power-Dorothy Lamour  
JOHNNY APOLLO

WED.-THURS.

Fred MacMurray  
Barbara Stanwyck  
Remember The Night

FRIDAY

John Wayne  
HAUNTED GOLD  
Added: Winners of the West