

# MGM Offers \$225,000 for "Pirate"; Stars Negroes

## Seen Stars

(BY DOLORES CALVIN)

New York City (C). "PIRATE TO CLOSE... The Alred Lunt-



Playing at the Astor Theatre, the motion picture showcase of Broadway, is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film that has a big title—"The Human Comedy."

It's about people—real people—human people—American people—all people.

Involved are adventure, romance, feeling, beauty, decency, understanding and all the words like that in the dictionary.

Walter Winchell calls it "A Show Stopper" and Time Magazine states: "Immense moving. Electric with the joy of life. It may well be the most talked-about movie of 1943."

Clarence Brown produced and directed the film with loving care. Mickey Rooney gives an art performance as



Homer Macaulay, the messenger boy, Frank Morgan as Willie Grogan, the telegraph operator, is perfection itself.

One could tell about the entire cast; tell about every single episode in the film. It's that interesting and true.

May we suggest that you write this column a letter after you've seen the picture.

Someone once criticized the films for not giving the true picture of the best side of American life. We'd like to hear from that chap after he sees "The Human Comedy."

We laughed—we cried—we cheered.

Even a lion is human.

Lynn Fontanne play of robbers and Haiti, "The Pirate", which starred Muriel Rein and Maurice Ellis, along with several others, will close May 1st, according to an announcement from the managers.

At the Martin Beck Theatre, "The Pirate" took in more than \$500,000 since opening night in December. Metro-Goldwyn Mayer has offered to buy screen rights for \$225,000, for the Lunts to appear in their version, but they haven't decided yet.

THIS IS NEWS... The Delta Rhythm Boys are under the careful eye of their local draft boards here... Sgt. Joe Louis' role in "This Is The Army" will consist of punching a bag to music. The original troupe will not disband, as rumored, after the picture is made, but will be sent to tour England, North Africa and the spots still left in Europe to tour.

TALK OF THE TOWN... Louis Armstrong and his band will be in "Jam Session"... Fats Waller with his band will be a new thing here, but that's what New Yorkers will see when he comes to the Apollo theatre stage this week with Muggsy Spanier's band and songstress Claudia McNeil... Stepin Fetchit's manager is bringing said Fetchit to Hollywood and bets he'll be good for a while, at least... Fetchit is trying to break in pictures again...

INCIDENTALLY... Inez Matthews, Negro star of "The Pirate" joined the entertainment last week at Ceotti's Restaurant... Ethel Waters appears on "Only Yesterday" WABC 8:30-8:35 EWT, Sunday night... The Pabst radio show which featured so many of our top notch bands expired last week with Jimmie Lunceford giving the farewell performances... Ralph Cooper, the announcer, still continues the show, however, with records of our most famous bandleaders and the best Negro music he can find on the wax every night at 8:30...

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**SENATE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARS WHITE TESTIFY**  
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ed and bolted.  
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are accepted usually proves out to be head men. And don't think we aren't proud of you.

The King Cole Trio and the Bombardiers dance was fine.—It commenced at the Dreamland Ball room sponsored by Jimmy Jewell. Ah is convinced that it was so fine. Among the crowd we spotted Char-

lie Edmonds in khaki and his running pal, Charlie Liggins.

Eva Dorris took her sis' place at the dance when she spent the evening dancin' with Bernard Mac-ronecy. Phercy Hudson looked sharp as a tack in his "Navy" uniform. He was surrounded by chicks.

Luther Taylor has sported a Zuit suit much more finer than the one "Brown" flashed—or shall we say more siceable.

This is rather old news but it was good to see Lorraine Stewart back Jitterbuggin' again.

Summing it up that dance was strictly the lick!

Lloyd Hunter played Monday night—soldiers and all jumped a rope.

This is a small world—after touring the East—singing in the west—Sister Tharpe was back in Omaha. She was among Bronze-ville singing spirituals.

Jay McShann will be at the Dreamland Ballroom Sunday night. According to the roar at the last dance—the hall is forced to be packed.

It took that long orange car ten minutes to turn 24th and Lake St. corner Saturday night. That car is the talk of the town. When it sets—parking lights buzz on. You can imagine who is the driver.

Seen Eloise Frampton in smiles last week when Jasper Cole was here from the army on furlough.

Much to jab about but haven't got the space. — Until next week— Yore Girls on the Streets.

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concern and abuse while he is theoretically unopposed and free. "What can be the prospect for covered domestic, agricultural, industrial and defense workers living in the South and faced with compulsory service legislation which in most instances will be nothing less than government approved peonage?" White asked.

"What chance would a qualified Negro machinist living in Mississippi have if he appealed the decision of his draft board denying his application to go to Detroit to work in an airplane factory when such board had previously classified him to work as a common field hand? I believe the answer is obvious.

"The Association feels," White concluded, "that compulsion will not eliminate the confusion in the manpower problem for it is but a part of a bigger problem which constituted authority is unwilling to tackle.... Compulsory service legislation as represented by the Austin-Wadsworth bill, would destroy the foundation of freedom in America and open the door to unrestrained intimidation, coercion, and abject subjugation of minority groups in America. We are irrevocably opposed to this legislation."

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