

NEXT WEEK AT ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATRES

CRIME OF DR. FORBES;
JOE E. BROWN COMEDY
NEXT AT THE PEOPLES

Mercy Killing Subject
of First-of-Week
Film Downtown

A DOCTOR is lying helplessly on a bed of pain far down in a cave in Arizona and somehow he gets an overdose of opiate. Now, how did he come by it? That's the big question in "The Crime of Dr. Forbes," which will be shown next Monday-Tuesday at the Peoples.

The State of Arizona says it is murder, done by the famed surgeon's promising young assistant, whose part is taken by Robert Kent, to put the stricken man out of his misery, in other words a sort of "mercy killing." While he lies suffering under the ground, a morbid public above it makes a carnival out of his plight, as the doctor pleads with other physicians to give him enough opiate to send him off to the Great Beyond, which they steadfastly refuse to do.

One day Dr. Forbes (Robert Kent) reports the maimed physician has died. As he was with the sufferer at the time, a woman doctor who hates him, is convinced that Dr. Forbes killed him. The woman physician, whose role is taken by Sara Haden, is quite a hater, as she also despises the wife of the doctor who has just died. She is his assistant, and had loved her boss for years and hoped to be his wife. She is convinced that the girl he married and Dr. Forbes are in love with each other, which is really true, however there have been no shenanigans; everything is strictly on the "up and up" between the two. However, when the woman doctor sees a chance to make trouble for young Forbes and probably point the finger of scandal at the two, she gets a sterner look than ever on her face and hops to it.

Before long handsome Dr. Forbes is in so much hot water he feels like a sterilized hypodermic needle. Then when the woman doctor is exulting in her victory, she finds she is as much to blame for the death of the doctor as the man who is on trial.

"The Crime of Dr. Forbes" is a well-knit drama and maintains an interesting pace, but is far from being a jolly tale. Capable acting is done by Gloria Stuart, the aforementioned Robert Kent, Henry Armetta, J. Edward Bromberg, Taylor Holmes and Alan Dinehart.

MILLIONS HAVE read of the hilarious exploits of Alexander Botts, the whimsical, egotistical tractor salesman and hero of the famous series of stories, "Earthworm Tractors," which have run in the Saturday Evening Post. Now Alexander Botts is brought to life on the screen in the new comedy "Earthworm Tractors" which will be the Wednesday-Thursday attraction next week at the Peoples with no other than the famous wide-mouthed comedian Joe E. Bown in the leading role.

Joe is supported by a notable cast. He has two leading ladies, June Travis and Carol Hughes, and such talented players as Guy Kibbee, Dick Foran, Gene Lockhart, Olin Howland, Joseph Crehan, Sara Edwards, Charles Wilson, William Davidson, Irving Bacon and Stuart Holmes.

As Botts, Joe E. is in love with a small town girl, but she and her family frown on his suit because he is merely selling gadgets. Disheartened, he finally picks out the biggest thing he can think of to sell, tractors. Knowing nothing about tractors, he writes the Earthworm Company asking for a job and stating that he knows the machine so well he could build it himself.

He is sent to a small town as mechanical assistant to the salesman there. The salesman drinks

some of Joe's shoe polish by mistake and passes out, so Joe takes over the sales end. He makes so many colossal blunders he is fired by wire, but by a strange twist of fate a big order is sent in for tractors and Joe is reinstated.

While in the small town he and the daughter of one of his prospects fall in love with each other, but Joe goes back to marry his sweetheart. He finds her already married, and returns but stupidly tells the second about the first girl and is spurned again.

WALTER ABEL of "Three Musketeers" fame, is cast as an old grad returning for his college reunion, and Una Merkel as his former sweetheart who is now a professor's wife in the comedy "We Went to College" which will be shown the Peoples "bargain day" patrons next Friday. Charles Butterworth, Hugh Herbert and Edith Atwater are other members of the all-comedy cast.

CHARLES STARRETT is the leading man in an extremely well-acted, action packed and entirely plausible Peter B. Kyne story, "Secret Patrol" which will be the Saturday offering on next week's Peoples program. Finis Barton is the leading lady in the outdoor drama.

Birthday Party

Miss Grace Crawley entertained several of her friends and relatives with a party at her home on Wednesday night, July 8, celebrating her seventeenth birthday. Miss Crawley received several lovely and useful presents. After scores of delightful games were enjoyed, ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Austin Dickens, Milton and Charlie Dickens, Pete, Dalma and Clifton Hux, Grady Hux, Clinton, Willis and McAdoo Cullom, Teddie and Russell Lee Dickens, Misses Nora Hazel and Grace Crawley, Louise Hux, Willie Blackwell Hux. Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Macon Hux, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dickens and son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawley and family.

TOUR TIPS.
AN AID TO GASOLINE NOMADS

Longfellow Home
on Congress Street

MAINE, with its beautiful seacoast, its myriad lakes, its lovely woods and its splendid summer climate is also especially inviting to tourists because of its many famous points of historic interest. The birthplace of the poet Longfellow in Portland, sketched above, is today a museum open to the public and part of the original garden at the rear of the house is still in existence, maintained by the Longfellow Garden Club. Complete routes to Maine and highway and touring information may be obtained through any Esso station or dealer or from the Esso Touring Service, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y. C.; 261 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. C.; or 2134 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Club Meeting in Enfield

Miss Clyde Hunter entertained the bridge club, of which she is a member, on Thursday evening in Enfield. Guests present were Mrs. John M. Sherrod, Miss Nellie Bryan Newton, Mrs. Theodore Harrison, Miss Annie Mae Sherrod, Miss Catherine Newton, Miss Susan Whitaker, Mrs. Robert Whitaker, Mrs. Ernest Draughan, Miss Anna Watson, Miss Mary Collins and Mrs. A. C. Nichols, Jr.

HOUSE PARTY
WHITE LAKE

Mesdames Ira D. Wood, Paul V. Brown, Pete Hardison, C. N. Kimball, B. E. Bobbitt, R. L. Wood, T. B. Gunter, N. M. McCutchin, T. M. Cooper, of Enfield and Mrs. Chessie Mann, of Whitakers, are at White Lake to spend this week.

Barkley—Parker

Miss Thelma Parker and Mr. Lacy E. Barkley, both of Enfield, were married on Monday morning, July 6th, at the Petersburg Baptist parsonage. The Rev. Clyde N. Parker, using the ring, performed the ceremony. The bride was attractively attired in light blue sheer crepe with white accessories.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Barkley left by motor for a trip through the Skyline Drive of Virginia, after which they returned to Enfield to make their home.

Mrs. Barkley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parker, of Enfield.

Film comedians are funniest in foreign lands for an Arabian, Ali Rusein, died while laughing uproariously at a movie being shown in the Cario theatre.

Next Week at the
**ROYAL
THEATRE**

DIAL R-394
PROGRAM FOR WEEK
JULY 27, 1936

10c Admission
Matinee & Night 15c

MONDAY-TUESDAY
Rochelle Hudson-Cesar Romero
Show Them No Mercy

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
Jack Oakie-Joe Penner
College Rhythm

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
John Wayne

Westward Ho
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ORCHESTRA**
JOHNNIE DUNN

7 - BIG ACTS - 7
On Screen: **ROGER PRYOR**
in "TICKET TO PARADISE"