

TWO BEN BLAIRS

STAR IN "BEN BLAIR"

Dustin Farnum and Gordon Griffith as Man and Child Ben Blair

By the Photoplay Editor

"BEN BLAIR," a Pallas-Paramount picture in five parts, released Thursday, April 4, and playing at the Stanley the end of the week, reviewed a picture showing at the Famous Players' projection room.

Ben Blair, played by Dustin Farnum, is a young man, a member of the famous Farnum family, who has been in the business since 1890. He is a young man, a member of the famous Farnum family, who has been in the business since 1890. He is a young man, a member of the famous Farnum family, who has been in the business since 1890.

Dustin Farnum is the youngest of Wild West action, cow puncher, hero, fight and goodness knows how many favorite movie types. But in no previous picture has he done better work of all types than in "Ben Blair," the new Pallas-Paramount picture, which will play the end of this week at the Stanley.

Farnum was first in "Captain Courtney," "The Call of the Cumberland," and "The Gentleman from Indiana." But none of these pictures showed him as the all-around finished actor he is in "Ben Blair."

Yet striking as Farnum is as the man Ben Blair, young Gordon Griffith, the Paramount Kid, as the child, Ben, is equally clever. For one real and three-quarters young Griffith plays the lead. By the time Farnum arrives following a little which an usual says "After some years," we almost wish we could dispense with the star and keep the boy.

The acting of this picture is really excellent, but it is the marvelous scenery and artistic photography that make it a really unique photoplay.

All the Western scenes on the cattle ranches are taken with a great range of glorious mountains as a background, the wonderfully rugged sky and a striking setting for horses and men silhouetted against the sky.

There are two particularly lovely pieces of photography. One a sunset behind a line of pine trees; the other, a glorious moonlight scene on a river. The sunset scene reminded one of the background at the close of "The Birth of a Nation."

Two Douglas Fairbanks five-reel comedies in one month in the interesting announcement from the Triangle picture corporation in its list of April releases. The coming month also marks the return to the Triangle screen, after long absences, of De Wolf Hopper and Frank Keenan. Later H. H. Warner, previously seen in "The Raiders," will appear in a new C. Gardner Sullivan story, "The Beggar of Cawdorey."

As in India during the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857, in addition to the stars the five release dates of the month present in an unusually long list William S. Hart, Douglas Gish, William H. Thompson, and Lillian Gish. Keynotes will be contributed by Mack Bennett, one of them with Roscoe Arbuckle again doubling as director and star.

Last week rumors floated about town, which could not be confirmed, that the Ballet Russe is to be filmed on their return to New York. Such a proposition was taken up by them in early March of the season, but then announced that many difficulties—price, time and scenarios—stood in the way.

The Williams—C. N. & A. M.—abandoning the creation of a best seller for the moment are taking a spring flyer in photoplays. The gifted English couple are to do a serial for one of the prominent movie manufacturers in collaboration with Norbert Luuk, a photoplaywright who delights in depicting hectic heroines and violent revulsions of feeling. He calls April 1 for Monte Carlo where the three will meet.

To tour in an automobile from Los Angeles to New York and carry a personal message from the west coast, Fine Arts studio to the principal Triangle office in the East is the plan of Mrs. Ella Woods, of Hollywood, who is making arrangements for this transcontinental journey in the near future.

Ella Woods, who plans on driving her Stearns-Knight automobile straight through to New York, will also carry a message from Mayor Sebastian to Mayor J. P. Mitchell, of New York.

She will be accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Wing, and will be the subject of the Southern California Automobile Association, who advised Mrs. Woods to motor over the Southern route.

Mrs. Woods is the wife of Frank E. Woods, manager for D. W. Griffith, producer of "The Birth of a Nation," and Mrs. Wing is the wife of W. E. Wing, the well-known photoplaywright. Both ladies are successful photoplay authors.

On their trip East the tourists will stop at the local Triangle office and consult with Manager J. H. Warner on trade conditions and carry the report to the New York office.

Theatrical Baedeker

FOREST—"Come to Tolomea," with Daisie Faye, Walter Pidgeon, and Fritzi Williams. A musical comedy of medieval interest. Released Thursday.

WALNUT—"Damaged Goods." Eugene O'Neill's play, recently produced by Richard Bennett.

BROAD—"The Little Minister," with Maude Adams. A play by L. R. Wright.

LYRIC—"A Woman of Pleasure," with Clifton Walker and Conroy and L. Marie. A winter comedy, with music by Romberg, with words by Clifton Walker.

ADRIAN—"Nobody Home," with Lawrence Greenstreet. A musical comedy from the Anglo-American.

GABRIEL—"It's a Wonderful Life," with George Drew, Grace Meehan, and Glen Johnson. A novel farce with much fun in it.

PHOTOPLAYS.

STANLEY—Wednesday, "The Heart of the Matter," with Daisie Faye, Walter Pidgeon, and Fritzi Williams. Released Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

ARCADIA—All week, "The Habit of Happiness," with Daisie Faye, Walter Pidgeon, and Fritzi Williams. Released Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

VICTORIA—Wednesday and Thursday, "The Moral Fabric," with Daisie Faye, Walter Pidgeon, and Fritzi Williams. Released Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

CROSS KEYS—First half of the week, "The Wolf and the Lamb," with Daisie Faye, Walter Pidgeon, and Fritzi Williams. Released Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

DR. CHARLES CLAXON

Widely Known in Medical Circles in This City

Dr. Charles Claxon, widely known in medical circles, died yesterday at his home, 5137 Morris street, Germantown, of pneumonia. He was 57 years old.

Dr. Claxon was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the University Club and the Germantown Cricket Club. He is survived by a widow, who has been his wife for 10 years, and a daughter, Miss Belinda E. Caldwell.

Henry Kunz

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