

'13 HOURS BY AIR' IS AN EXCITING MELODRAMMA OF SKYWAYS

Mystery, Romance Packed in Indiana's Motion Picture of Transcontinental Trip

Joan Bennett and Fred MacMurray Starred in Action Thriller; Threatening Foreigner Adds Crime Element: 'Too Many Parents' Shown.

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It was inevitable that sooner or later some one would produce a movie melodrama with a transcontinental airplane as a setting. Such is "13 Hours by Air" an exciting film starring Fred MacMurray and Joan Bennett, at the Indiana.

On a west-bound airliner gather Waldemar Pitt III (Bennie Bartlett), a mischievous youngster, and his governess, Miss Harkins (Zasu Pitts); Dr. Everts, said to be a brain specialist, and Curtis Palmer, suspicious of everyone.

Arriving in the last minute, Felice Rollins, comely blond (Miss Bennett) paws her diamond ring for passage on the ship. She is pursued by handsome Jack Gordon (Mr. MacMurray), the line's crack pilot, who gives up Florida vacation ideas to follow Felice.

En route to Chicago Jack reads about a jewel robbery in which a girl answering Felice's description is implicated. He accuses her and is rebuffed. Waldemar pesters all with his water pistol. Ennity springs up between Palmer and Dr. Everts.

Threatened by Foreigner

In Chicago, Felice encounters a dark foreigner, Gregorie Stephan, who threatens her. Jack interferes, disarms the foreigner, is told by Felice to mind his own business. When handed a telegram stating that Felice definitely is not connected with the robbery, Jack grovels apologetically. She begins to like him.

When the plane takes off, Jack finds Stephan aboard. He warns him to stay away from Felice, takes another gun away from him. In Omaha, Felice warms up sufficiently to ask Jack to find out if her sister is on the Overland Limited train under an assumed name. He wires a friend, learns the girl is on the train with a foreigner. Palmer also gets a wire telling him there is no Dr. Everts of New York. He quizzes Jack and Stephan about Everts, but learns nothing.

Again preparing to take off, this time under threatening skies, Jack is offered \$5000 by Stephan to land the plane at some emergency field off the course. Felice begs Jack to get to San Francisco the next day. He declines Stephan's offer, takes off with Fred Scott, his friend, as co-pilot.

Forced Down by Storm

The storm forces them into an isolated Sierra valley. Deft maneuvering brings the ship down safely. When Jack gets out to inspect the plane, Dr. Everts follows him, explains that he is a government agent following Palmer, believed to be hunted mobster. Palmer overhears the conversation, goes out with Everts and Scott to gather firewood, shoots both.

Jack drags the wounded men into the plane. Next morning Jack prepares to "take off," tells Felice to keep the fire extinguished near her. In case Palmer returns, she is to squat it at him. Palmer does return, heavily armed, enters the plane and demands that Jack fly to Mexico. When Felice gets ready to use the fire extinguisher, it is missing. Everything looks dark until suddenly Waldemar shoots his water pistol filled with fire-fighting fluid into Palmer's face.

Jack jumps him, wrests his gun from him and the situation ends happily. Felice gets to San Francisco in time to stop the elopement of her sister with Stephan's brother and Jack wins a wife.

Real Entertainment in Store

Excellently constructed, this picture affords real entertainment. Mr. MacMurray and Miss Bennett are plausibly convincing as the hero and heroine. Miss Pitts moans and groans in her best comedy manner. It is little Bennie Bartlett, as the spoiled Waldemar, who steals the picture.

"Too Many Parents," the Indiana's second film, stars the lovely newcomer, Frances Farmer and Lester Matthews. It is the story of a group of boys whose rich parents have been away in a military academy.

It is marked by the talent of Miss Farmer and the cuteness of little Billy Lee, whose tap dancing rivals Shirley Temple's efforts.

Riding Crop Made From Shark Spine

Story Material Is Crying Movie Need

HOLLYWOOD, April 4.—A riding crop made from the spine of a shark, one of the most unusual gifts ever sent a film celebrity, was received by Barbara Stanwyck.

It came from Trinidad in the West Indies. Treated with a substance known only in the islands, the crop bears Miss Stanwyck's name in carvings.

The donor wrote that he knew the star would appreciate the gift, since her last picture, "Annie Oakley," showed her as an expert horsewoman.

William Powell's Display Has Rival

HOLLYWOOD, April 4.—For years Hollywood's unchallenged champion gadget collector, William Powell, at last has a rival.

He is James Stewart, youthful newcomer to the movies, who has an array of unusual mechanical devices said by friends to equal Powell's collection.

The collection runs from loud speakers to trick sliding doors, with complete assortments of model airplanes and electric trains.

Actress Broderick Becomes Detective

HOLLYWOOD, April 4.—Latent detectives talents in Helen Broderick are brought out in her latest picture, "Murder on a Bridge Path."

Heretofore devoting herself to evoking laughs in Hollywood and Broadway productions, she proved in this new picture that two apparently accidental deaths really are cleverly concealed killings. James Gleason plays opposite her.

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