

'THE GOOD EARTH' SCHEDULED AT LOEW'S ON APRIL 9

Chinese Film To Be Shown Twice Daily

Irving Thalberg Supervised Much of Work Before Death.

By JAMES THRASHER

If any picture ever seemed destined for popularity from its first day's shooting, it was "The Good Earth," which will open a road-show engagement at Loew's for a week beginning Friday, April 9. Performances will begin at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m., and the seat sale is to open this Friday.

First of all, the film is made from a novel which had the distinction of being both beautifully written and widely read. Second, it was the last of the great motion picture contributions of the late Irving G. Thalberg. Though it was completed after Mr. Thalberg's death, the important work of planning and pains-taking research was carried on under his supervision.

The stars of the play are the current prize-winning actors of the Motion Picture Academy award, Paul Muni and Luise Rainer. With the noted dancer, Tilly Losch, in the important role of Lotus, the Chinese epic boasts a trio of Austrian headliners.

Months Spent in China

Other principal parts are taken by Walter Connolly as the Uncle, Charles Grapewin as the Old Father, and Jessie Ralph as Cuckoo. Sixty-eight speaking parts are filled by Chinese players, and the whole cast is numbered in the thousands. The director was Sidney Franklin, whose productions include "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and "Reunion in Vienna."

An outline of the preliminary preparation made for this picture will give prospective audiences a good idea of what to expect. A camera unit spent four months in China getting atmospheric background "shots." The crew brought more than 400 cases of properties back with them. Imports included some Chinese water wheels and water buffalo.

The Great Wall of China was bitten out of a California mountainside by a battery of steam shovels and garnished with granite boulders carved by pneumatic drills.

River Created

The "location" truly is colossal—in an industry where that adjective is tossed about with careless ease. It comprises a 500-acre tract, on which farms were laid out, terraced and planted, exactly as they are in China. Even a small river, lined with stones in the Chinese fashion, was included. The imported water wheels and buffaloes supplied the traditional method of irrigation.

The agricultural phase of production was supervised by Yen On, an American-born veteran farmer who spent 20 years in China. Lessons in Chinese deportment and etiquette were gleaned from a book called "Patterns of Filial Piety," and supplemented by the advice of Gen. Theodore Tu, who served as technical expert through the courtesy of the Chinese government.

Talbot Jennings, Marc Connally and Frances Marion adapted the Pearl S. Buck novel for the screen, and the musical score is by Herbert Stothart, who contributed the music to such successes as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Maytime."

Pandro Berman Signs New Terms

Times Special
HOLLYWOOD, March 31.—Pandro B. S. Berman, film producer who has been responsible for five of the six boxoffice successes scored by Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and for 10 of the 12 features starring Katharine Hepburn, has been signed by R-K-O-Radio to a new three-year contract.

Mr. Berman will start work immediately on a series of six major features. One of the first will be "Vivacious Lady," starring Miss Rogers. Others are "Stage Door," with Miss Rogers, Miss Hepburn and Burgess Meredith; "Damsel in Distress," in which Mr. Astaire will solo; the screen version of "Irene"; a picture based on events in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle, and a third Lily Pons feature.

COMPILES LIBRARY

Edward Arnold, star of "The Toast of New York," opposite Frances Farmer and Cary Grant, is compiling a library of motion picture scripts. Already 25 of the pictures in which he has been seen are well bound for future readers.

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Here looking at you are Simone Simon and James Stewart, stars of "Seventh Heaven" which, in its new sound version, comes to the Apollo Friday.

Gravet Finds Freedom From Souvenir Hunters

Fernand Gravet, star of the Apollo's current picture, "The King and the Chorus Girl," likes the United States, but not for the usual reasons.

To him it's a "sweet land of liberty" because he doesn't need to wear colored glasses, a false mustache and outlandish clothes to escape auto-graph hunters.

Mr. Gravet has been a film star in three countries before coming to Hollywood, so he finds it rather difficult to go anywhere on the continent of Europe without being besieged by admirers. He costarred with Anna Neagle in a British picture; he has made a couple of successful pictures in Berlin and has some 15 starring films to his credit in France, his adopted home.

Born on Christmas

He was born on Christmas morning 1908 in Belgium. His father, Leopold Martens, was of French descent and a noted theatrical manager and producer. His mother was a Belgian actress and her son took his present stage name from her maiden name, Fernande Gravet.

When the World War came Mr. Gravet's father managed to get his family to England by way of Holland. The future actor was educated in English schools, which accounts for his excellent English diction, if not for his resemblance to Britain's former King Edward VIII.

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