

Neighborhoods

STAR-SPANGLED ENTERTAINMENT, based on a star-spangled life runs throughout the film, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," which opens at the neighborhood theaters today.

George M. Cohan, the "Yankee Doodle Boy," was born on the Fourth of July and literally waved the "Grand Old Flag" all his life.

The life of this man, who as a boy actor was a part of the real "Gay Nineties," who was author, composer, actor and producer before he wrote "Over There" for fighters in the world war and who received the congressional medal of honor for doing so from the hands of President Roosevelt, is re-enacted in "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The film opens today at the Speedway and Vogue to run through Saturday, at the Zaring to run through Tuesday, at the Granada tomorrow to run through Wednesday, at the Irving to run through Tuesday and at the Ambassador Sunday to continue through Wednesday.

Walter Huston takes the part of Jerry Cohan, George's father, and Rosemary DeCamp is Nellie Cohan, his mother, Patsy Lee Parsons is Josie, his sister, at the age of 12, and Jeanne Cagney is Josie after she grows up. Douglas Croft is George Cohan as a boy of 13, and James Cagney has the stellar role, that of George M. Cohan as a man.

Jerry, Nellie, Josie and George made up the original "Four Cohans," which many grandfathers will insist was the greatest vaudeville troupe that ever lived.

But "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is not a reminiscence. Just as Cohan himself was a smash hit on Broadway less than three years ago, so is the film of his life a very modern picture, written, directed and enacted for theatergoers of to-

James Cagney

day. The only thing about it that could be called old is some of the Cohan songs, and they never will grow old.

DOUBLE-BARRELED COMEDY, entitled "Andy Hardy's Double Life," opens today at the Irving, Rivoli, St. Clair and Uptown to run through Saturday. It will open at the Ambassador tomorrow to run through Saturday, at the Fountain Square Saturday to run through Tuesday and at the Belmont and Speedway Sunday to run through Tuesday. It will open a week from today at the Strand to run through the following Saturday.

Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden, Anna Rutherford, Sara Haden and Esther Williams have the leading roles.

Mickey, of course, is "Andy Hardy," just ready for college and preparing for it by first becoming a doctor of love-psychology. But when he meets Esther Williams, he gets his degree the hard way, and learns there is more to the romance business than he ever dreamed of in his "younger" days.

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