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A STAR IS BORN

● THURSDAY—

THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG

Plus: THE DONALD DUCK STORY

THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

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It's Just A Year Ago . . .

TWELVE MONTHS have passed since one of Limerick's best-known cinemas—The Lyric—closed its doors and the lights went out for the last time. This was a renowned centre of entertainment—a venue where stage and screen attractions and top-line orchestras in the ballroom—made the corner a landmark in the life of the city.

Lyric

● It is a year now since the Lyric Cinema closed its doors for the last time. In the past few weeks a sign has gone up on the building stating that it is "for sale or lease."

● In its hey-day, the Lyric was one of the most popular houses in Limerick—playing all the classic releases from the studios of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Universal.

● Among these were "Frankenstein," "The Phantom Of The Opera," "All Quiet On The Western Front," "Captains Courageous," plus many of the Deanna Durbin films, the big-band musicals, dramas, comedies, etc.

● It was here that Garbo had some of her biggest successes—with queues over one hundred yards long forming nightly for "the second house" (the 9 p.m. performance).

● Visiting companies and local societies used its spacious stage for musicals, plays, variety, and cine-variety (a film and a stage show in the one programme).

● In the past 12 months, Dublin has opened at least a half a dozen cinemas; Cork has renovated a number of "closed" houses, while Limerick has lost its Lyric, Savoy (the cinema part of it), the City Theatre (with its giant screen), etc.

● And one must not forget the Thomond, the Coliseum, The Astor, the Tivoli—all

fondly remembered by the older generation of moviegoers.

● The Lyric with its excellent balcony, good sight lines, spacious stage, and panoramic screen, deserves to regain its position as one of Limerick's best-known and loved landmarks.

Royal

"C.A.S.H." and "The Get-away" have been paired to play at the Royal Cinema for the early part of the week.

They will be replaced on Thursday by another double bill—"The Apple Dumpling Gang" and "The Donald Duck Story".

Savoy

● Vince Hill—one of England's foremost international singing stars—will make a personal appearance in the magnificent Savoy Theatre on Tuesday, August 30.

● This is the first of the Autumn series of star-studded gala concert dates by artistes of high repute and standing.



A Star Is Born

● "A Star Is Born" is a love story set in the world of rock music. It shows the sudden rise to fame of the unknown Esther Hoffman and the even more dramatic decline of rock superstar, John Norman. He is instrumental in her sudden success, which makes her inability to help him save his own career all the more poignant.

● This is the third "talkie" version of the story—with Kris Kristofferson and Barbara Streisand in the leads.

● The older generations of cinemagoers will remember the previous versions with James Mason and Judy Garland, and Fredric March with Janet Gaynor.



Central Studio

It's an over 18s programme here with a new film, "The Ritz", sharing screen time with a most welcome revival of "Blazing Saddles."

"The Ritz" is an adaptation of a stage farce about a New York businessman who hides in a hotel to escape a brother-in-law who is trying to kill him.

This is a very funny film with some truly hilarious moments.

Screens elsewhere

Once again the Regal and Curzon Cinemas have lined up some special attractions with late shows, top releases, and "adult" presentations.

The consistently high standard here—especially of the major films—continue to make these two County Limerick houses a "must" with patrons from over a very wide area.

IT ALL HAPPENS ON THE BIG SCREEN

CURZON • Kilmallock

This Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m.: The big action spectacular for all ages—AT THE EARTH'S CORE. Also Maurieen O'Hara—RED PONY.

This Friday & Saturday at 10.45 p.m.: LATE SHOWS. For adults only! Jill O'Hara—THE SIDELONG GLANCES OF A TAXI DRIVER. An outrageous love story, warm, human, fresh, sexy and very funny. Plus: HELL IS EMPTY.

Sunday, August 14th, at 8 o'clock: Terence Hill, Bud Spencer. Jessica Somers—

Wednesday & Thursday, August 17 and 18, at 7.45: By special arrangement, two big action films together in one superb double feature programme! Jim Mitchum, Cathy Lee Crosby—

TRACKDOWN

Adults only! He stormed New York for the abductors and killers of his sister. Shows a side of New York city that you've never seen before! Also special: Burt Reynolds, Angie Dickinson—GATOR. A new epic of fast