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Movie-Making Genius Of John Ford Acclaimed With 4th Academy Award

**Director Megs New Hit While Receiving "Oscar"
For His Sensational Success "The Quiet Man"**

MOTION pictures made by director John Ford are not only sensation-ally successful at the box office, but year after year they also reap more distinguished honors and awards than the product of almost any director in Hollywood.

Ford, whose newest release is Republic's "The Sun Shines Bright," which opens an engagement at the..... Theatre on....., is a four-time Academy Award winner receiving his fourth "Oscar" for direction of his brilliant Republic production, "The Quiet Man." His fellow craftsmen in the Screen Director's Guild recently named him the top director of 1952 for this picture. In addition it received the highest accolade from the National Board of Review.

"The Sun Shines Bright," which stars Charles Winninger with Arleen Whelan, John Russell and Stepin Fetchit, holds equal promise of winding up among the most celebrated motion pictures of 1953.

Emphatically Irish

Ford was born Sean O'Feeney at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on February 1, 1895. His parents were Sean and Barbara Curran O'Feeney from Galway, Ireland. He is emphatically Irish. He spent his youth on the East Coast where he attended Portland High School. After graduation he went to the University of Maine for five days, didn't like it and quit.

When he was 19, and because he needed a job, he followed his older brother, Francis Ford, to Hollywood, and it was at that time his name was anglicized to John Ford, much against his will. By this time Francis, who had adopted Ford as his stage name, was a successful actor and director, and served to introduce John to Hollywood. His movie career began in 1914 as a property man at the old Universal Studios but it wasn't long before he had been graduated to the rank of director.

Memorable Films

Under contract to the old Fox Studios during the 20's, he directed such memorable films as "Three Bad Men," "Four Sons," "Mother Machree" (it was in this picture that Wayne was working as a prop man when Ford discovered him) "Lightnin'" with Will Rogers and many others. After his contract with Fox was fulfilled, he decided to free-lance, and has done so successfully ever since, having worked for practically every major studio in Hollywood.

In 1935 Ford and Merian C. Cooper formed a business association. Their first production "The Informer," won the award as the best picture of the year; Victor McLaglen was accorded the accolade of best actor of the year for his performance in it, and Ford won his first "Oscar" for directing it.

Successful Combine

After World War II, in which Ford served as a Captain in the U.S. Navy and Cooper as a Colonel in the Army Air Corps, the two got together and decided to pool their talents. It was then that Argosy Productions was formed. Together they produced many hits including "The Sun Shines Bright" and "The Quiet Man."

Ford does a great deal of work in rehabilitating disabled and paralyzed veterans, and uses them in his pictures whenever possible.



"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (1K)

CO-STARS Arleen Whelan, as Lucy Lee, and Charles Winninger, as Judge Priest, in a tender scene from John Ford's dramatic and heart-warming new film for Republic Studios, "The Sun Shines Bright," the..... Theatre's current attraction.

Romantic Role For Handsome Socialite Star John Russell

John Russell, one of the fastest rising young stars in Hollywood, moves high up on the cinematic ladder with his current smash performance in Republic's outstanding new production directed by John Ford, "The Sun Shines Bright." The film opens at the..... Theatre on.....

The handsome, dashing young actor who measures up to a towering six-foot-four inches, portrays as many film heroes as heavies and he appears as the former in "The Sun Shines Bright."

Prominent Family

The husky actor was born in Los Angeles on January 3rd. His mother is Amy Requa Russell, a writer, whose family figured in pioneer California history. Although deeply rooted in a social family and listed in Who's Who, the actor's pencilled remark in this connection on his biography is typical — "So what!"

Young Russell received his education in the schools of Los Angeles, quitting his studies at U. C. L. A. in 1941 to join the Marines. After two and a half years of service in the South Pacific he contracted malaria and was sent home for discharge.

When a theatrical agent suggested that he go into pictures, Russell thought it was a gag, but within two months he was on the road to a film career.



"THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT" (2F)

TENSE SCENE from "The Sun Shines Bright," Republic's powerful new John Ford production coming..... to the..... Theatre, pictures Grant Withers and stars John Russell and Arleen Whelan. Charles Winninger and Stepin Fetchit are also starred.