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FLASH GORDON SERIAL
COMES TO THE PEACOCK PLAYHOUSE

Hayesville, NC- You'll want to get your tickets early for the Peacock Film Society's summer run of classic movies coming to the playhouse near you. Saturdays beginning June 13 and continuing through September 5, you'll be taken back in time when comedies caused belly laughs, adventures were cliffhangers and gripping mysteries had you biting your nails. Each show will include a cartoon, newsreel, serial and feature movie.

Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe, praised by sci-fi fans as the greatest serial ever made, is this season's 12-part adventure. The serial tells the story of three people from Earth who travel to the planet Mongo to fight the evil Emperor, Ming the Merciless. Episodes will be shown one chapter at a time, so you'll HAVE to come back next Saturday to see how our conqueror battles his foes in outer space.

Buster Crabbe, who stars as the handsome super-hero, Flash Gordon, had his hair dyed blond in order to appear more like the popular comic strip character. He was very self-conscious about this and kept his hat on in public at all times, even with women present. Reared in Hawaii, he was an excellent swimmer. He competed in two Olympic Games, winning the Bronze Medal in 1918 for the 1,500 meter freestyle, and the Gold Medal for the 400 meter freestyle fourteen years later, in 1932.

When he was cast as Tarzan in the serial *Tarzan the Fearless*, his acting career took off like a rocket, garnering him more than one hundred movies on his resume. He is the only actor who played Tarzan, Flash

Gordon and Buck Rogers, the top three comic strip heroes of the 1930's. And his action-packed serials are as popular today as they were then.

The opener on June 13 will also include a cartoon titled *Felix in Hollywood*, followed by a newsreel of Movies Greatest Headlines. One of the outstanding comedy hits of all time, *The Gold Rush*, directed by and starring Charlie Chaplin, will be the feature movie.

Show times each Saturday are 10:30 A.M. with a repeat at 1:30 P.M. Prices at the door are \$5.00 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under. There is no senior discount. However, a special subscription coupon entitles patrons to one free show with the purchase of four. For information about tickets and The Peacock Film Society, contact Ms. Laurel Adams at (828) 389-0563, and for details of the weekly showings, see the website at www.peacockplayhouse.org. See you at the movies.

(And see the Flash Gordon comic strip on the next page.)

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