

NEW PLAYHOUSE OPENS TONIGHT

*Wilkes's Vine-street Will
Have Premiere*

*"An American Tragedy" is
First Attraction*

*Adele Rogers St. Johns to
Dedicate Theater*

Hollywood skies will blaze with sunarcs tonight with the opening of the Wilkes new Vine-street Theater, when Theodore Dreiser's story, "An American Tragedy," has its western premiere at this Hollywood theater. Dramatized by Patrick Kearney, the play is said to have created as much, if not more, discussion as the novel. Directed by Harry Mestayer, this presentation is expected to eclipse the New York production.

Dickson Morgan, technical director for the new theater, has designed the settings and the lighting effects. Staged in more than a dozen scenes, the effect on the audience is said to be a series of vivid pictures of the stirring events in this drama.

Leslie Fenton plays the role of Clyde Griffith, Helene Millard is Sondra and Ruby Rush portrays the role of the factory girl. A large cast has been secured to surround these parts.

A. G. Wilkes and his associate, O. C. Bauman, state that according to the reservations this will be one of the most gala and brilliant openings that Hollywood has witnessed in some months. The list of stars holding reservations, they say, is practically a who's who of the film industry. Adele Rogers St. Johns, authoress, will act as master of ceremonies at the dedication of this theater.