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WOULD TELL ANOTHER STORY

The Oakland County Road Commission (so we are told, we not having yet seen a copy), has issued a very attractive and comprehensive pamphlet which gives in detail what has been accomplished in the way of highway construction and improvement.

Among the many illustrations is a birdseye view of a section of Woodward avenue showing what has been done there. It tells a good story. The commission should have included in the pamphlet a birdseye view of a section of Grand River road east of Farmington to show what has not been done.

It would tell another story.

APING RESPECTABILITY

"Some of Detroit's best known and prosperous bootleggers are strong golf devotees."—Michigan State Digest.

If it were the wont of prosperous and respectable business men to spend their leisure hours in garden patches instead of on the golf links the bootleggers would be found spending much time with hoe and spade.

An appearance of respectability is what the prosperous bootlegger craves.

BARRYMORE, VITAPHONE STILL DRAWING

Even the week before Christmas is powerless to stem the tide of people which flows in an unending stream to the Shubert Lafayette Theatre, Detroit where Warner Bros. presentation of John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and Vitaphone presentations is the amazing attractions. Every record of Detroit theatricals is being shattered at the box office, Barrymore and Vitaphone did the biggest business of the town last week and every sign points to absolute capacity houses at every performance after New Year's Day. As it is now, it is practically impossible to buy seats for the evening performances the last half of the week.

The influx of out of town patrons is assuming most gratifying proportions and when it is generally understood that it will be impossible to hear the marvelous Vitaphone in Michigan, outside of Detroit, for fully a year, the number of suburbanites in the audiences will be augmented greatly. The evening performances are over in ample time to catch the interurban cars and buses. The management has printed on the back of the program a time table showing the departure of late interurban trolleys and buses from Detroit and from where they leave for the benefit of out of town patrons.

Never has John Barrymore been more attractive, intriguing, fascinating, brilliant, debonair, aggressive, tender and brutal than in his delightful characterization of the greatest lover of all ages, Don Juan first of all, his personality captivates the women and arouses envy and malice in the breasts of less favored men. He has a figure of a young athlete and the head and profile of a Greek god. His career is a long and brilliant one, and never in it has he done better acting than as the Spanish breaker of hearts. This is said with due regards to his Hamlet and his wonderful performance in "The Jest." Beyond cavil, Barrymore is the greatest romantic actor in the world today, and in sumptuous surroundings which Warner Bros. have given him in the thrilling and gripping story, supported by a cast of superior excellence, Mr. Barrymore has reached great heights.

That thrill of marvels, Vitaphone is a great sensation and is the talk of every walk of Detroit life. The naked truth of this unbelievable electrical discovery and invention taxes credulity to the breaking point. You both see on the screen and hear the world's great singers and instrumentalists as though they were standing on the stage in real life and singing and playing for your enjoyment, every tonal quality, shading, expression is exactly reproduced. Among the artists appearing in the Vitaphone presentations are Giovanni Martini-

li, Anna Case, Mischa Elman and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra of 107 concert musicians conducted by Henry Hadley.

"BEAU GESTE" PHOTOPLAY AT NEW DETROIT

"Beau Geste," the photoplay which comes to the New Detroit Opera House Sunday, December 26, beginning with a matinee, has Ronald Colman as the hero and a list of actors and actresses that make up one of the most important casts of any film in the last decade.

The picture is based upon life in the Foreign Legion and was adapted from a book of the same name by Maj. Percival Christopher Wren. The prologue of the film shows three well-known child actors taking the roles of the three brothers about whom the story is written. The story shifts to the present, with Ronald Colman, Neil Hamilton and Ralph Forbes taking the roles of the brothers.

Noah Beery is also a member of the brilliant group of film celebrities playing the role of Serp. Lejanne, "the cruellest beast and brave soldier" of the Legion.

William Powell, Al. Joyce, Mary Brian, Norman Trevor, Victor McLaglen and others have important roles. Much attention has been paid in the film to the desert effects, and Brenon, the director, has introduced many picturesque scenes.

In one scene thousands of colorful Touaregs are seen sweeping across the desert plains in another scene a detachment of the Foreign Legion rushes over the desert to relieve a fort which has been attacked.

The magnificence of the desert and its tragedies are both emphasized in the picture.

There will be two performances daily. The engagement is positively for three weeks only.

SCHOOL ACTIVE IN CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES

The residents in the various townships in Oakland County are responding to the message of health the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal carries by buying them and using them on their letters and packages that are being mailed each day by the thousands.

The returns for the sale of Christmas Seals have passed the \$2,000 mark, the committee has reported and by this early response the association feels confident that the budget for Oakland county will be raised to be used in prevention and educational work.

Three hundred letters of appreciation of the work done by the Association the past year have been received at the office of the executive secretary, as December 1 and in many of these letters this expression was used, "We are glad to do our bit in helping to stamp out tuberculosis" and in eleven letters, "We feel honored to be on the mailing list of your Association."

Several communities have asked for a short clinic to be conducted for them as soon as the Association can arrange for it. The Association will be glad to give this service to as many communities as the financial response to the seal sale will permit as these clinics are financed by the sale of Christmas Seals entirely.

Fifteen schools in the county have sold their quota of seals and have asked for more to dispose of. The children appreciate the preventive work being done for them and in selling the Christmas seals they are broadcasting the message All for Health and Health for All.

From sources that have never before responded, money has come this year and many have entertained new thoughts and sympathies for their friends suffering from tuberculosis.

DEMAND INCREASING FOR ELECTRICITY

Adrian, Mich., Dec.—"The state of Michigan is thriving on a diet of electric power and its ability to consume it seems to be unlimited. During the 12 months ending with November, the state used half a billion more kilowatt-hours than in the corresponding year."

This was the report of D. E. Byerley, of Adrian, president of the Michigan Electric Light association, following receipt of figures on the state's use of power compiled by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Mr. Byerley reported that the consumption of electricity for the period covered by the report was 3,391,078,000 kilowatt-hours, compared with 2,937,984,000 for the period ending November, 1925. The gain was 453,094,000 kilowatt-hours, or 15 percent. Water

powers of the state produced 773,000,000 kilowatt-hours, which was 75,000,000 more than in the previous year. Yet according to Mr. Byerley, this represented only 22.8 percent of the total requirement.

"No one type of service is responsible for the gain," said Mr. Byerley. "More electricity was used in homes, more lines were built to reach towns and villages not previously served, more factories and farms harnessed their machines to motors, more steels and highways were lighted, more advertising signs and store lighting contributed to retail merchandising. Many miles of lines were built to serve the rapidly developing resort section."

"It should be appreciated that this tremendous increase in demand had to be anticipated and planned for, so that it would be ready when needed. Our engineers report that the coming year will call for another increase at least as great as the one just recorded."



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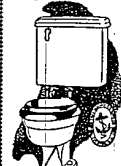
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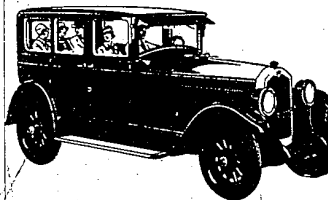
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