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EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

The Title's Not The Thing

(Christian Science Monitor)
Probably film producers never did object to using a good story in a picture simply on the ground that it was a good story. Perhaps they never were really averse to translating even the finest fiction into the shadow language of the screen. But it has often seemed they did try to avoid the possibility of the public's suspecting it was being subjected to anything so boring as great literature.

So you saw a film that should have been called "Ann Karenin" advertised as "Love" with a heart-shaped "O." So you saw Grace Moore in a story of Jenny Lind's life that should have been called anything but "A Lady's Morals." The once movie-muddled masses must have taken intellectual strides. It is possible that the producers awakened to certain of their patrons' pangs of aesthetic hunger. So you saw "David Copperfield" called "David Copperfield" and perhaps went to see that picture. You saw "The Little Women" and blushing frank in declaring their "Little Women" even on movie-house billboards. You took the whole family to see and the family then took itself one by one.

Evidently even the movie fans had heard of quite a lot of good books. And they proved the opposite of afraid to learn what was between their covers. Great titles they must have. So you have seen some of the world's most beautiful tales all but vindicated before your eyes. Perhaps the matter so much that Sir Eldon Hargrave's "She" did no more than follow the book's general idea, and that "Babbitt" was devitalized.

These were not conspicuous successes. Perhaps the titles weren't conspicuous. It is impossible to explain why anybody in Hollywood thought Dante's Inferno would make good as the kind of movie it is. The response with which this vulgar "translation" has been met has aroused contempt to flaming indignation.

But now that the titling of movies has gone from the ridiculous to the offensive, it is well to be calm. The cycle may be completed. In between there have been some compensations. Fanny Hurste's "Intimate Life," Barrie's "Little Mitter" and "What Every Woman Knows," and Edna Ferber's "Cimarron" show what can be done and will be done again whenever the emphasis is on sincerity.

The Customer

(Michigan Men and Affairs)
Many successful business institutions hold it a fixed rule: "The customer is always right!" Over a period of years it becomes firmly fixed in the public mind. But what may work out in private enterprise, with personal attention given each transaction, is far from being applicable when it comes to public affairs. In all of the discussions regarding the liquor traffic we have yet to hear anything concerning the customer. It was for convenience of the customer that an elaborate system of sale and control was devised, some phases of which are now being condemned. The memory of the customer seems short-lived. For 13 years under national prohibition he was a law violator every time he indulged in a drink. His open defiance, and those who served him, of the liquor laws gradually led to contempt of all laws resulting in a reign of crime and terror threatening breakdown of law and enforcement all over the nation.

With the reign of local liquor sales one would think it would be recognized as a privilege to be protected and preserved. Unless the customer is willing to accept national prohibition will be resumed before it is ready for general acceptance by the public and the same old vicious circle will begin all over again. The customer who habitually makes his drinking in public, who refuses to drink temperately, whose appetite must be appeased at all time regardless of the legal hours of sale, who mixes his drinking with the debauchery of our young people, who has no regard for the opinions of those who do not drink, is inviting reprobation of repeal even by those who do not believe in temperance through legislative fiat, but who will in time accept prohibition again as

the lesser of two evils. Repeat received the largest popular majority ever registered on any controversial matter in the history of the State. The machinery for the distribution and sale of liquor came as the result of that demand. It is the business of criticizing everybody from the Governor down it might not be a bad idea to pay some attention to the customer also—he is not always right.

"Youth at the Wheel"

(Exchange)
An insurance publication points to the fact that an "astounding percentage" of the growing automobile death toll is caused by cars operated by boys and girls—many of them below the legal age at which they can obtain drivers' licenses.

Most parents readily agree that the average 15 or 16 year old is incapable of safely and prudently operating anything as potentially murderous as an automobile—but they too often make an exception when it comes to their own Jimmy or Sally. It is one of the human frailties to regard one's own children as being brighter than one's neighbors—and that attitude, harmless as it is in most cases, is directly responsible for a vast and horrible waste of life.

Overly youthful drivers not only cause more accidents than their elders—they cause more serious accidents. They usually drive at extreme speeds. The danger comes on the curve, or driving on the wrong side of the road, or weaving in and out of traffic, or "jumping" stop signs and "running her" along busy streets, mean little or nothing to them. Tolerant chances is a name to them—game at which innocent persons are often the losers.

Every parent should make it his business to see that his children are not permitted to drive until they have reached the legal age—and, even then, that they are carefully supervised and forced to be careful. The authorities should likewise carry on a constant and insistent campaign to bar underage drivers from streets and highways. If that is done, thousands of our automobile accidents will be eliminated.

Save Our Trees

(Mt. Clemens Monitor)
In numerous sections of Michigan pests are attacking the elm tree with all the ferocity of the gluttonous lumbermen of years ago. Trees have been dying off slowly in the last few years but many cities gave little heed of the condition. They had the excuse of lack of funds. Now the situation has become alarming. Thousands of trees are going while foresters tree experts battle the pests. It appears as though city, village and state officials have closed the door after the horse has gone.

Areas threatened by flood have discovered the value of trees. Trees spreading their canopy foliage over streets are one of the most valuable assets of a city. They should be fondled and cared for like a little child. The cost of this should not be considered too closely for it's impossible to replace a 100-year-old tree for \$100.

Homeowners also have a duty to perform. If they discover that some sort of pest is attacking trees and shrubs on their own grounds no time should be lost in ridding the premises of nature's worst enemy. If they are not doing the best of a residence is not only lost but the disease is permitted to spread throughout the city.

The Hitching Post Comes Back

(Christian Science Monitor)
Here and there, on some tree-lined quiet street in some tranquil old American town, one sees an iron pillar surmounted by a small horn head of a horse, a ring in its mouth. Near by is a small stone platform. Junior points to "that funny statue" and wants to know what "that stone altar" was used for. Such an opportunity for reminiscence is seldom afforded that venerable gentleman called "Dad." He makes full use of it. He expounds on the happy days of horses and buggy sulkeys and rigs, mares and fillies, rigs, teams, and the ancient and honorable institutions called "hitching posts" and "atoplin' stones." That was a day when there was

time to spare and room to park. Perhaps, the memory of calm, well-ordered streets in the years B. A. (before automobiles) inspired the invention of a device recently installed along the curbs of Oldham City; perhaps, on the other hand, the motive was the conviction that something had to be done about parking that would be just to motorists and taxpayer alike. Anyway newly designed parking meters have appeared on that city's streets. In less than two weeks 200 of them, set on iron posts at 20-foot intervals, have taken in \$75.09. The parker deposits a nickel; a green flag pops up; the indicator begins to move. When the time allowance has elapsed the flag drops and officers take the cars.

Yes, it's the modern equivalent of the old hitching post, run on a pay-as-you park basis. It is being well received as supplying a parking place for shoppers, making traffic more fluid, lessening confusion on the highways, and facilitating easy access to the parking areas. There is some objection to it on the ground that the streets should not be used for raising revenues, but proponents argue that, contrariwise, taxpayers should not be asked to supply even temporary storage for private automobiles, and that five cents is a moderate price for the privilege.

SCOUT NEWS

Opening their meeting at 7:30 p. m., the members of Troop 16 sang songs under the leadership of Dick Tobin, Junior Assistant scout master.

With everyone "ready to go" studies in Advancement were taken up which were devoted to first aid and signaling. A few second class boys were named with scout master Samulson as examiner.

Each patrol performed a stunt and the meeting closed with the singing of the scout vesper hymn and the benediction.

Starlings, introduced into Central Park, New York, in the eleventh centuries, have spread to the edge of the Great Plains region of the United States and Canada.

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen and their two sons, Kenneth and Bill are guests this week of the former's sister Mrs. Maude Owens of Jamestown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault, and daughter, Lora Ann, Robert Hunter, and the former's mother, Mrs. Ault, and Mrs. Marvin Adkins attended a family reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slewin, of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Donovan and daughter, Lorraine of Detroit were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Millerich.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Timmons of Detroit were guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, at.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones, newlyweds of Detroit, were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood, and son Howard Jr., of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

Mrs. Carrie Sohn of Detroit was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould called Thursday on John Hansen in Ford Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey of St. Clair Shores, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Owen and daughter, Mary Ruth of Detroit were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and children and the former's mother, Mrs. L. B. Gilbert were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pankow, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, both of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault, and three daughters, and the former's sister, Miss Freda Ault attended a family reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slewin of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Lincoln Schmidt of Detroit, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow. Mr. Schmidt came out for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould called Thursday afternoon on Mr. and

Mrs. William Luke of Detroit. Elene Morris returned home Sunday from a two week outing with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey of St. Clair Shores.

Miss Olive Grinwald of Farmington, was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

Ruth and Melvin Murphy, Jr., returned home Tuesday to Terre Haute, Indiana, after spending their summer vacation with their aunt, Mrs. Alma Weltzer and Miss Helen Berger.

George Berger and Homer Middlewood left Tuesday on a motor trip to California.

REPLICA OF EARLY LUMBER CAMP COMPLETED

A shrine to "King Pine" and the early lumberman of Michigan has been constructed in Hartwick Pines State Park northeast of Grayling in the form of a typical lumberman's camp, containing replicas of a camp mess hall, kitchen and workshop.

The buildings are of log construction and were built by CCC men under authorization of the National Parks Service and the Department of Conservation. The Parks Division of the Department intends to maintain them as a logging camp museum and is desirous of obtaining relics of the lumbering industry for exhibition.

The museum is unique in Michigan in that the buildings were designed and built after the plans of a typical camp and already contain many old relics. It is located near the stand of virgin pine timber, which is one of the principal attractions of the park. The buildings are complete and are now open to visitors.

Hartwick Pines State Park was recently dedicated to Major Edward E. Hartwick, who died in France during the World War and whose widow presented the land to the Department of Conservation.

White men seem to have first encountered the American buffalo when Cortes and his followers visited the monarque of Emperor Montezuma in Mexico, in 1521.

The distinction of being the oldest person to apply for a resident fishing license in Michigan goes to Thomas Gorlan, 419 Myrtle street, Grand Rapids.

Gorlan gave his age as 105 when he purchased his license on the fifth of July.

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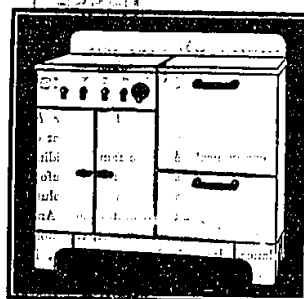
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