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## EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

### EDUCATION IN MOVIES

(Exchange)  
Ever since motion pictures were first shown, there has been a great deal of talk about their "educational" value. To many well-meaning persons, "education" means "something they teach you in the schools," and the very word is, therefore, repulsive. That is why most of the efforts to produce and present pictures bearing the "educational" label have been failures. People don't go to the show to be educated; they go to be entertained.

But what, after all, is education? Is it not the wide knowledge of history, of manners and customs, of the world and its people, which the motion pictures of the days are so increasingly giving everybody? The movie is proving that education can be entertaining.

Probably no one would have gone to see a movie based on Carlyle's "History of the French Revolution," but how many have seen the film of Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities" and the Baroness Orczy's "Scarlet Pimpernel"? And who shall say that they have not absorbed all the history of that crisis in human affairs anyone needs to know? They have been educated without realizing it.

Charles Laughton's "Hearty the Eighth" gave even students of English history a new and realistic appreciation of "Great Harry," his times and his determination to free England from foreign domination. And the list of such pictures might be extended indefinitely.

As for travel is there an American of any age who does not know all about the native customs of the island of Bali, or felt the allure of the South Sea Islands? There is no interesting part of the globe to which we cannot travel, while sitting in our comfortable theatre chairs. We have met the late King George of England face to face and heard him speak—our first realization of what is meant by "The King's English." We see the President and his wife in the intimacy of their home; the great and famous figures of the world come to entertain us. Grace Moore and Lawrence Tibbett come and sing for us. We board the China Clipper and fly across the Pacific. There is no corner of the world which the movie camera has left unexplored, no thrilling event which it does not capture, as it happens and bring to our neighborhood theatre for our entertainment and instruction.

If all that is not education, what is it?

### THE COMING BOOM

(From the Valve World)

At a recent meeting of the American Bankers' association, Charles R. Hook, president of the American Rolling Mill Co., and spokesman for the Durable Goods Industries committee, which for nearly two years has been conducting an exhaustive survey of the heavy industries, made public some facts that promise "one of the greatest surges of buying we have ever experienced." Figures compiled by the committee indicate that the United States will need 7,500,000 additional residential units during the next ten years—an average of 750,000 per year. An idea of what this will mean to business recovery may be had by comparing that estimate with our present rate of construction of about 60,000 per year. The high cost of building also was touched upon by Mr. Hook, who outlined to the bankers a plan for reducing building costs by mass construction methods, offering good homes for \$3,000 to \$5,000 with sufficient capital available to finance such a program at low interest rates. The committee reported further that seven-eighths of the nation's 10,000,000 unemployed are accounted for by the service and durable goods industries, and that excess bank reserves total more than two and one-half billion dollars—money that is waiting to be employed profitably and safely.

### FOR TEMPERANCE

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

The General Council of the Congregational and Christian churches makes an interesting contribution to the campaign of temperance education by bringing out a text book for use in the denomination's Sunday schools, where 734,146 students are enrolled. Systematic study of the social and individual problems present by the use of

cohol is to be recommended so that the church may play its part in moulding public opinion on the subject.

Undue reliance on the power of law to promote the cause of temperance was aptly and emphatically pointed out by the dry forces of the country as public support of national prohibition faded. The drys of all shades are now enlisted in a new campaign. Some are still ardent prohibitionists, who recognize that any prohibitory law, to be effective must be backed up by public sentiment. Others believe that society's policy as to regulation of the traffic must be formed after closer study of the problem and in the light of the experience with the various methods now being tested out. But there is no disagreement about the primary need of the campaign of education.

The churches will stress the moral aspect of the alcoholic problem, in the deleterious effects of the habit on character and will. But there are many other sides to the subject considered a social problem which ought to be considered. The church is not stepping out of its province by supplementing of the moral appeal by their study.

### OUR FOREST DOMAIN

(Exchange)

Conservation of Michigan's timber resources should always command widespread attention and support. It is a subject in which every citizen has a vital interest. This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of forestry as a function of the federal government, and it is the plan of the American Tree Association to conduct an intensive educational campaign about our national forests and our forest requirements. It may be of interest to know we still have about 100,000,000 acres of untouched forest land in this country and another 312,000,000 acres covered by forest growth of more or less commercial value.

This may seem to offer a considerable supply of lumber. But just stop a moment and consider our national requirements. Four million trees are cut each year for telegraph and telephone poles. Sprinkling like 100,000,000 railroad ties and 500,000,000 fence posts are required in this country each year. It takes fifty acres of spruce trees to produce the paper on which just one issue of a big Sunday newspaper is issued.

Our forest resources should be about ten times what they are to meet our national needs for timber. We now import most of our lumber, wood, and pulp from Canada, which constitutes just so much wealth lost to us. It is very easy to see, therefore, that we have merely made a beginning in a forest planning and conservation policy. It is virtually impossible to overemphasize the importance of our forests and the long-range planning it requires to give us what we really need along this line. We must build up an adequate forest reserve for the future.

### Diverted School Aid

(Grand Rapids Press)

A situation which will command increasing attention has been outlined by Superintendent Elliott, of the state department of public instruction. Rural districts, declares Mr. Elliott, are using supplementary aid for school aid not as a means of providing more adequate education but as a means of reducing their taxes.

A good deal is to be said in favor of the supplementary aid plan. Children in the poorer rural districts are entitled to adequate educational benefits and if the districts are unable to maintain the standards required they should receive the necessary amount of aid upon which the state acted in establishing the supplementary aid scheme.

In numerous instances, however, schooling continues just as sketchy as before state financial aid was extended, according to Elliott's contention. If such is the case it is a direct violation of the principle upon which the assistance was made available. If it is one thing for the cities of Michigan to contribute in order that rural pupils may have a more adequate education, but it is an entirely different thing if the contribution is diverted to other purposes in order to save taxes. Mr.

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commission of Farmington, held Feb. 3, 1936.

Called to order by Mayor Warner at 8:05 p.m. Commissioners present: Nacker, Stamen, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Olden and Hutton.

Minutes of the meeting of January 7 read and approved.

Dr. Buchanan spoke of his work as civil engineer for the City of Farmington and also of the regulations governing the WPA men.

The following bills were read:

Manning & Conklin, sand, \$ 12.25

Detroit Edison, street lights 191.50

Bell Telephone Co., service police booth, 7.30

Bell Telephone Co., service Clerk's office, 4.18

Otis Super Service, gas, 15.12

Charles B. Hadley, check record leaves, 4.30

Dickerson Hardware, merchandise, 5.03

Farm. Lumber & Coal Co., cement, coal, etc., 79.47

Earl G. Vivier, gas, 1.51

Lapham Oil Co., gas, 17.26

Ray Bakewell, repair of septic tank, 6.00

Hutton's Farmington Hardware, merchandise, 37.09

Farmington Enterprise, printing, 27.60

Bruce Buchanan, civil engineer, 100.00

Clark coal, coal fire, 55.02

Motion made by Gilchrist, seconded by Nacker, that bills be allowed as read. Carried.

Motion made by Hamilton, seconded by Olden, that we approve the application of Gus Pappas for Class C Liquor License from May 1, 1936 to May 1, 1937. Carried.

Communication from Harry Ortwin received. No action taken.

Commissioner Gilchrist reported progress in the Peoples Bank settlement with the city.

Motion made by Hutton, seconded by Gilchrist, that the committee on lighting be given power to order necessary boulevard lights. Carried.

ANDERSON, WILCOX, LACY, 1470

LAWSON, Attorneys, 1225 Buhl

Biggs, Detroit, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default

having been made in the conditions

of a certain mortgage made by

GEORGE C. T. FLETCHER and

MAE D. FLETCHER, his wife, and

in her individual right, both of the City of Detroit,

County of Wayne, State of Michigan,

to the DETROIT AND SECURITY

TRUST COMPANY, of the City of

Detroit, County of Wayne and

State of Michigan, a corporation

organized and existing under the laws

of the State of Michigan, and

being the principal place of business

in the City of Detroit, dated

24th day of October, A. D. 1924, and

recorded in the office of the Register

of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan,

on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1925, in Liber 63 of Mortgages,

on Page 47-50, which said

mortgage is hereby declared to be

in default of the conditions thereof,

and the principal sum of FOUR THOU-

SAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND

32/100 Dollars, (\$4,732.10), and

no suit or proceedings at law or

in equity having been instituted to

recover the debt now remaining

unpaid after the mortgage, and any

part thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE is

hereby given that by virtue of the

power of sale in said mortgage

contained, and of the statute of the

State of Michigan, the undersigned

will sell at public auction to the

highest bidder for cash on MON-

DAY the 16th day of MARCH, A. D.

1936 at twelve o'clock noon,

standing at the corner of the

easterly of Saginaw street entrance

to the Oakland County Building in

the City of Pontiac, County of

Oakland, and State of Michigan

(that being the building wherein

the Circuit Court, for the County

of Oakland, Michigan, is now

located) all the real premises

described in said mortgage, or

any part or parts thereof, together

with interest and all legal costs

incurred by law and provided for

in said mortgage, including attorneys

fees, the following described premises,

situated in the Village of

Grand Rapids, County of Oakland,

and State of Michigan:

To-wit: A certain lot 5 of the south-

west 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of

Section 35, Township 35 North,

Range 18 East of the 4th Meridian,

Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at the Quarter

Section corner of the east and west

Center line of Sections 35 and 36

where this same center line inter-

sects with the line between Sec-

tions 35 and 36, Town 35 North,

Range 18 East of the 4th Meridian;

thence north 88° east, 34 ft. to

the point of beginning; thence

east 113.3 ft.; thence north 39°

east, 38.5 ft.; thence east 112

ft., 112 ft. to the point of be-

ginning.

The Above property is the same

as heretofore conveyed by Folly

Ann Stanley to George H. Hurst

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upon which the state acted in es-

tablishing the supplementary aid

Adjourned 10 p. m.

N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

JANUARY BILLS

Det. Edison, light, \$ 9.37

William Spaller, shovelling, 8.00

Eugene B. Hadley, shovelling, 54.16

snow, 8.00

David Cairns, shovelling snow, 4.80

Ernest Schwelm, shovelling snow, 3.20

William C. Maas, salary, 54.17

Harvey Blough, salary, 39.16

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Horace Durham, salary, 41.67

FRED STAMEN, salary, 10.00

George Gildemeister, salary, 55.60

N. H. Power, salary, 25.00

Charles Walling, school police, 20.00

Norm Barrons, school police, 20.00

## WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees

were guests Sunday evening of Mr.

and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Miss Vivian Addis and Harold

McVicar were guests Sunday of

the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence McVicar of Bay City.

A few neighbors gave a shower

Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs.

Paul Harvey.

L. B. Gilbert of Detroit was

the guest Friday of his son and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gil-

bert.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwan-

and daughter Shirley were

guests Sunday evening of Mrs.

Paul Smith of Rosedale Park, De-

troit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pankow of

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Gilbert.

Dolores Mix celebrated her tenth

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trapp and

daughter Dorothy were Sunday

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph

Trapp of Salem.

Mrs. John Wagner has been tak-

ing care of Mrs. H. MacDoris who

is home from the hospital after an

operation.

Mrs. James Orr and her two

daughters, all of whom have been

ill, are improving.

Mrs. Norman Doss who served

on the jury last month and stayed

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

August Tressmer of Detroit, is

home again.

Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and son

Howard were guests Wednesday of

her mother, Mrs. Charles Pankow

of Detroit.

The Ladies Community Club met

Wednesday at the home of Mrs.

Austin Ault.

Mrs. Effa Miller of Lansing and

Mrs. C. A. Ripley of Windsor, Can-

ada, who were here on account of

the death of their brother, Dr. Hur-

C. Thomas, returned home Satur-

day afternoon.

Brighton.

Miss Olive Grimwade of Farm-

ington and Miss Shirley attended

the state championship ski jump-

ing contest Sunday afternoon at

Brighton.

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