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EDITORIALS

Oliver Twist Unseats Ivanhoe

(Exchange)

It appears from an inquiry into the literary tastes of children which was carried out recently by the Bethnal Green public libraries, that Dickens, with "Oliver Twist," is the favorite classic of youthful Londoners. On the other hand, Scott is not popular, and "Ivanhoe" was not the first choice of a single boy or girl.

At first it seems a little unexpected that Mr. Bumble, the Artful Dodger, and Bill Sykes, should be preferred to Robin Hood, Richard Coeur-de-Lion, and Front-de-Bœuf; and the mummy in Pelerin's kitchen to the thrills of Ashby-de-la-Zouch; but perhaps it is not so strange. For if one may judge from the books that received the most votes, from the "William" series of Miss Richmal Crompton, and the adventures of "Biggles," the airman hero, as related by Captain W. E. Johns, youth looks to-day for types and settings with which it is in contact, or of which it has considerable knowledge. It requires a realism to which it can, in some degree, apply a touchstone.

This rather stern attitude is relaxed, however, in the case of pure fantasy; for "Alice in Wonderland" still holds its own—or is it that the nursery has first-hand knowledge that makes Wonderland the most convincing setting of all?

Speechless Luncheons

(Christian Science Monitor)

Speechless luncheons! What a halm and boon to ears bombarded by "We have with us today" "That reminds me." A dream? No. It did happen in New York the other day. Not only were the speakers speechless, but the guests almost so when Mayor La Guardia presiding at a luncheon to Colonel Fulgencia Batista, Chief of the Constitutional Army of Cuba, turned to the guest of honor and merely said, "This program is going to be different, Colonel Batista. You are not going to have to listen to any speeches." The distinguished guest was as delighted as the others.

Such an occasion has revolutionary possibilities. For our organizations follow suit. Of course, it is always a source of wonder how American audiences endure listening to countless speeches at luncheons, dinners, and other public occasions. They not only stand it, but come back for more. Besides accepting invitations to dinners and other speech-making occasions of all kinds of organizations, they form innumerable luncheon clubs of their own where they hear more talks.

Probably not everyone will yet speak up for speechless public occasions. Luncheons and dinners do serve as sounding boards for many significant messages, and rallying points and springboards for many important civic, educational, and community enterprises. Perhaps the proposal to omit speeches altogether is essentially the need of improving the content and quality of those given—and heroic shortening of their length.

Steadiness Key to Safe Driving

(Exchange)

Arguments that speed is one of the more frequent causes of automobile accidents seem to be confirmed by the National Safety Awards. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has reduced accidents 40 per cent through strict enforcement of a 50-mile-an-hour speed law, while Providence, Rhode Island, has cut its auto fatalities down from forty-one in 1937 to fourteen in the twelve months just ended, and credits general observance of a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit as the chief factor in this achievement.

In both cases it should be stressed, the speed laws actually were enforced. In Pennsylvania, speeding drivers were summarily banned from driving for ninety days. In Providence, police activity was backed by a public opinion that effectively throttled down the drivers. Both on the open road, as well as in the city streets, we now have rather conclusive evidence

that if we would reduce accidents we must reduce speed.

The slower tempo of city driving is not necessarily likable, as many who have driven in Providence testify. The 25-mile-an-hour maximum tends to become the minimum, hence traffic moves with an even, almost rhythmic flow. Thus it would appear that well-regulated rather than erratic rates of speed are a real safety factor.

In the Steps of Alexander

Four young Englishmen have recently returned to London from an Adventurous expedition in the Himalayas, where, in the Swat Valley, the "Garden Valley" of a Thousand Monasteries, they have made discoveries that, according to one authority, "will without doubt throw great light on many historical problems."

Swat became a familiar name to many Englishmen in their nursery days; but it is not to be imagined that this expedition will answer at least the question that they used to ask them:

Who, or Why, or which, or what, is the Akond of SWAT?

It is concerned with a greater character, although one, in some ways, no less mysterious; for its excavations were carried out on the route taken by Alexander the Great on his famous march to the banks of the Indus. Any discovery bearing on that stupendous feat is bound to be interesting and historically important; and the unearthing of statues of Buddha revealing obvious signs of Greek influence, from where they had lain buried for nearly 2,000 years, is alone, a sufficient reward for the efforts of the expedition.

But the great question that historians have asked themselves about the invasion: "Was it?" or "Why?" Alexander is as inscrutable as the Akond.

Menus For Mariners

(Exchange)

A committee, representing British shipowners, and the National Union of Seamen, has recommended to Britain's Board of Trade various improvements in the regulation diet of the merchant navy. The days when the sailor's fare consisted chiefly of "salt horse" and "hard-tack" have gone with the windjammers. Out of date is Franklin's observation that the cook was generally chosen for no other reason than that of his being the worst sailor on board; and could that renowned sea-cook, Long John Silver, but view one of his successors at work today, he would undoubtedly open his eyes, and demand in all seriousness: "What is he doing in that galley?"

Yet there is still room for improvement in one direction; and the Committee has, perhaps, taken a hint from Captain Reese of "The Mantelpiece," that hero of the Bab Ballads, whose care for his crew was such that

Did they with thirst in Summer burn? Lo, salt-soupers at every turn. And on all very sultry days, Cream ices handed round on trays.

That is to say, it suggests that menus should be varied to suit climatic conditions, which appears a very sensible proposal.

Still Time to Contribute To Christmas Seal Fund

Numerous activities maintained by the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association for the purpose of preventing the spread of tuberculosis depend upon the final outcome of the Christmas seal campaign, according to Joseph C. Austin, president of the Association. Mr. Austin today urged all who have not yet sent in a return for seals mailed them at Thanksgiving time, to do so as soon as possible.

"All available funds will be needed to cope adequately with the existing need for anti-tuberculosis efforts," Mr. Austin declared. Past Christmas seal sales have financed almost entirely the preventive work accomplished in Oakland county.

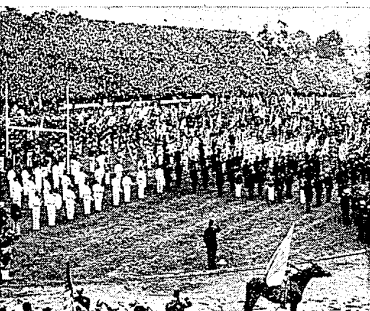
"Beginning with the new year, proceeds from the 1939 sale of seals will be put to work immediately for the present preventive program will continue without interruption. "We are confident that many who have not yet contributed to the support of the 1939 campaign, against the White Plague, will be anxious to do so."

BOWL BUSINESS . . .

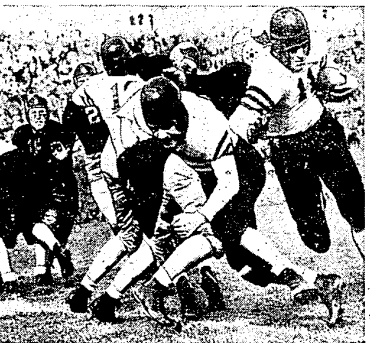
Football's biggest event comes on New Year's Day in this modern world. Bowls of all flavors attract several hundred thousand spectators. Here are last year's bowl games, where huge crowds gather again this New Year's Day.



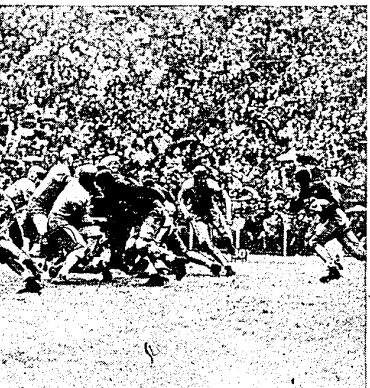
Oldest of the New Year games, Pasadena's Rose Bowl dates back to 1916. Last year it attracted 90,000 spectators who watched California defeat Alabama by a score of 13-0. Above is an aerial view of the 1938 crowd. The spectacular tournament of roses always precedes the game.



Shriners sponsor the annual East-West all-star game at San Francisco each New Year's day, an event that drew 65,000 football fans last year at Kezar stadium. The game ended in a scoreless tie. Brilliant pageantry featured the between-halves period.



At Miami, Fla., 18,000 attended last year's annual Orange Bowl game where Auburn defeated Michigan State 6-0. Half-back Sitts (No. 11) carried the ball for many of Auburn's gains. The Orange Bowl is fast becoming a major gridiron attraction.



Santa Clara beat Louisiana State 6-0 at the New Orleans Sugar Bowl last year. Two other "bowl" attractions, at Dallas, Cotton Bowl Rice beat Colorado 28-14 before 37,000 fans, and at El Paso a crowd of 18,000 watched West Virginia nose out Texas Tech, 7-6. Truly, "bowl business" is becoming "big business."

He Tries, Anyway!



WASHINGTON.—Each year since 1913 J. W. Hensfield has donned his special red necktie and walked to the White House, hoping to shake hands with the President. He was successful until 1933 when President Hoover left town for the day. The next year President Roosevelt abandoned the New Year's handshaking altogether and Hensfield hasn't seen the inside of the White House since. Here he is shown barred by the White House gates, still hoping that President Roosevelt will change his mind.

New Year's Eve Revelry Dates Back to Romans

Who Really Celebrated? New Year's eve may be a Roman holiday to Americans but it's nothing like the celebration tendered the new year by Romans, themselves in the days of Caesar.

Long before the wassail bowl became an English institution and \$5 floor show seats were invented, the hardy Romans of a past age were forced to pay even higher stakes. It started as a celebration of the winter solstice. In old Rome it was Saturnalia, even as now. Then Caesar changed the calendar and delayed the opening of the new year a few days until the first of the month honoring Janus. He was a two-faced god who looked both forward and back.

In Rome during the empire the heads of the state exacted presents at New Year's. They got so greedy that Claudius finally set up a schedule to make it legal.

Gigli Replaces Flagstad On Choral Union Series

Benjamin Gigli, an renowned Italian tenor, whose coming to America this season has been the most exciting event of the musical season, will give a concert in the Choral Union Series, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, on the evening of Thursday, January 19, replacing Kirsten Flagstad, who was to

have appeared earlier in the season, and whose engagements are such as to prevent filling a postponed date.

For several seasons Mr. Gigli was leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera house, succeeding to the roles of the late Enrico Caruso. Six years ago he returned to Europe, where he has been at the zenith of a remarkable career. Year after year impresarios have endeavored to bring about an American tour, but without success, until very recently. Mr. Gigli, the golden-voiced idol of concert platform and opera houses, is now back from faraway lands to the scenes of former triumphs. He has enriched the musical life of this country as few other singers have. His concerts have been abounding of musical victories. City after city has acclaimed his rare art.

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