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THE CLEAN IN MOVING PICTURES AN INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

A comparison of bookings for motion picture entertainments at the M. E. community hall in Farmington with those of leading theatres in much larger communities than this plainly shows that the citizens of Farmington and vicinity are being offered a class of pictures far superior to the the general run.

There are those who decry the motion picture and to its influence attribute the increase of crime that is sweeping the country These individuals in their blind and unreasoning prejudice against the movies shun them as they would a pest house. In their distorted imagination they can see the horned head and sardonic countenance of the devil whenever by chance they look into an open theatre door, but fortunately their number is growing less and it is just such pictures as are weekly shown at the M. E. community hall that is serving to bring about this change in sentiment.

Literature is the one big influence that lifted barbaric man to his present state of culture and refinement and placed civilization on a sound foundation. Literary productions, like the movies, have not always been of an elevating character but the good has prevailed and wonderful progress has been made. Had the printing press been supressed because of the bad that came from it there would have been no advancement.

There is much good and some bad in film productions. The good will eventually predominate It is a little too much to expect that all demand for questionable pictures can be suddenly removed but more and better pictures will help. The questionable and suggestive picture is the most dangerous of all screen productions. The vile can be quite effectually stamped out, while the demand for salacious pictures can be lessened by inculcating in the minds of the young a love for the pure and beautiful in all things. This the good in moving pictures will aid in doing.

ROTATION BILLING GOES INTO EFFECT

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company will put into effect April 1 a new "rotation billing" plan for the rendering of statements to subscribers, under which dates of sending out many of the bills will be changed and making it possible to bring all accounts up to the date of billing.

"The term, 'rotation billing,' may not be familiar, but the general plan is well known to most people, for it has been used for some years by gas companies and power and light companies," local manager Crow states, "It simply means that the work of sending out a huge number of bills is divided into parts which are completed at different dates, which leveling out a load which is particularly heavy when the entire job must be completed at one time

"As applied to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, it means that our monthly bills will be issued in six equal groups, dated the 1st, 6th 11th, 16th, 21st, and 26th, and will be mailed as soon as ready after those dates. All subscribers in the local exchange will have the same billing date each month-the 21st. The new plan will be extended to incide all other exchanges, which are handled by the Grand Rapids accounting center, about Nov. 1.

"The new plan will tend to keep expenses and administration problems at a reasonable point. All subscribers will benifit from the fact that under rotation billing, bills will carry all charges and and credits up to the date they bear and will reach them very shortly after that date, so enabling easier understanding and checking of the bills. while in the past the company has attempted to apply credits up to the date of the bills, we will be able to extend that time and frequently apply credits for two days after the date of the bills. Charges for toll messages have been billed up to the 20th of the preceding month but under rotation billing, these charges will be for the month ending at the date of the bill.

As the accounts will be closer up to date they will be clearer to the subscribers, and our business office will benefit because fewer explanations will be requested.

"The change from our present billing plan to the new plan presents an undesirable, although unaviodable, feature by requiring that about half of the subscribers receive two bills in the first month. continued Manager Crowe "Bills will be rendered April 1 to all subscribers, and a second April bill will be required for the future billing date. The exchange service charges, ordinarily billed one month in advance, are changed to cover only the advance period of 20 days, on the April bill, or up to the date of the next bill to be rendered. Bringing the billing of advance charges into line is the first step, and it results in bills covering less than the normal period.

"The second and final step is bringing arrears charges for up to date, and resulting in bills for some groups covering more than the normal period. Locally, with the future billing date the 21 of the month, the bill dated April 21 will carry exchange service charges for the usual period of one month in advance and toll charges for the period from March 20 through April 21. The next month's bill will then be on the normal basis, covering advance charges for the exchange serivce for the month following the date of the bill, and arrears charges for the month up to the date of the bill. Unpaid balances will be entered on the bills; the Accounting department will post payments received up to as late a date as possible, however, before mailing the bills.

"Because of the catching up of arrears charges, the next bill received by subscribers after April 1 may be larger in amount than some subscribers wil find convenient to pay promptly. Our business office will extend the time for payment of such bills, in a reasonable way, to meet the subscribers' needs."

Worth the Effort

When retired ministers get together they frequently fall to discussing sermons they have preached. Two Scotch Presbyterians just over from Scotland met at a church service recently and during the conversation one of their stated that when he first entered the ministry he delivered a sermon three hours in length.

"Mon, weren't you tired before you had finished?" asked the other.

"Sure," the other answered, "but it wouldn done your heart good to see how tired the people were."—Colum bus Dispatch.

No Ring Fingers

Chickens have no ring fingers. The bones of the bird's hand or wing are three in number; those corresponding to the little finger and the ring finger of the human hand being absent.

WHY—

People in Japan Appear to Do Everything Wrong Way

When I first went to Japan, a long-time American resident of that country is reported as saying, they seemed to do everything the wrong way. They sawed wood by drawing the saw toward them. They backed their horses into the stalls. When our clocks were striking one theirs would strike eleven. Their blacksmiths worked sitting down and when they wanted to rest they stood up. But gradually I learned that there was a logical reason for these seemingly queer habits.

Pulling the saw prevented buckling. "When are you in a hurry—when you put your horse in the stall or when you take him out?" was the answer of the man who was questioned about the horse. As to the clock, it seems that the Japanese prefer to know how many hours are left in the day rather than how many have passed. And the blacksmith who sits down works with his feet as well as his hands—literally, he has four hands, and he rests all these when he gets up.—Type Metal Magazine.

GAUGE TO MEASURE RAIN

Consists of Small Metal Cylinder With Glass Vessel for Collecting the Water.

What does the weather man mean when he says: "The rainfall for Tuesday was 1.70 inches?" Rainfall is measured by means of a rain gauge. A rain gauge consists of a small metal cylinder, the lid of which is in the form of a funnel with a specified diameter. Inside the cylinder is a glass vessel for collecting the rain. The rim of the funnel is usually composed of brass, while the rest of the contrivance is of copper or japanned metal, which serves as a protection against rust.

Various types of rain gauges are in use at the present time. Some have a diameter of eight inches, and contain a metal bucket, from which the rain is measured; others are three inches smaller, and contain a glass vessel graduated in half-inches, from which the water is poured into another more finely graduated bottle.

In one invention the rain from an ordinary receiver passes to a cylinder fitted with a float. To the float is attached a lever, which raises and lowers a sliding pen. The latter works on a revolving drum similar to those used on the barograph; the instrument often seen in windows of opticians' shops. When one inch of rain has been collected the cylinder empties itself, and readings begin again at zero.

Longest Telephone Cable

The world's longest single span telephone cable of maximum size is to be found near Rochester, N. Y. The span is 462 feet between towers and located over a deep gorge, about 150 feet above the Genesee river.

Large King Crabs

King crabs, found mostly off the island of Japan, measure from three to five feet from tip to tip of their great claws; the largest ever caught is recorded as having been nineteen feet from tip to tip and weighing forty pounds

First Turkey in England

Tradition has it that the first turkey was taken to England from America by one of Sebastian Cabot's chief lieutenants. This is supported by the fact that William Strickland, who accompanied Cabot on several of his voyages, adopted a turkey rampant as his crest on being granted arms in 1551.

Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 21st day of March A. D. 1924.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of GRACE I. LORD, Deceased.

William N. Miller, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is further ordered, that the fourth day of August 1924 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Dan. A. McGaffey.
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Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of March A. D. 1924.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of JOHN POWER, Deceased.

Percy J. Power, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court and for the determination of heirs.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is further ordered, that the 28th day of July 1924 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased, and for the determination of heirs.

ROSS STOCKWELL.
Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Dan. A. McGaffey.
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DETROIT UNITED LINES.

Farmington Time Table.
(Eastern Standard Time)
(Effective September 24, 1923)

Cars leave Farmington for Detroit at 6:08 a.m., 6:38 a. m., limited at 6:54 a. m., 7:48 a. m., 8:48 a. m., 9:48 a. m., and hourly to 3:48 p. m., 4:48 p.m., 5:48 p.m., then hourly to 8:48 p.m., also 9:53 p. m., 10:53 p.m., (to Junction only 11:48 p.m., and 1:03 a.m.)

Cars leave Farmington Jct. for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:40 a. m. 6:40 a. m., 7:10 a. m., 7:55 a. m., and hourly to 10:55 p. m., also 6:10 p. m. and 12:20 a. m.

First car leaves Farmington for Northville at 6:05 a. m., 7:00 a. m., hourly to 11:00 p. m., also 6:15 p. m. and 12:22 a. m.

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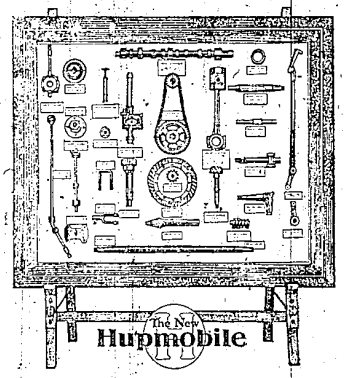

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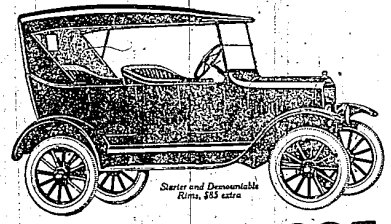

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