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EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

TOYLAND—VIEWS AND PREVIOUS

(Christian Science Monitor)

Christmas is coming, and in anticipation the associated toymakers of America have brought together an exhibition, or, as one now says, a preview, of new toys that will be put on sale by their grandmothers, uncles, aunts, cousins and affectionate friends of presumably delighted juvenile recipients. These will soon go shopping. The hopeful prediction is made that they will shop with 10 per cent more enthusiasm than a year ago, which, as affecting an industry whose output is estimated at about \$200,000,000, bears testimony about economic conditions.

In one respect there is a noteworthy change in adult provision for juvenile pleasure as provided by the manufacturers. In the past soldiers and military equipment and war in its existence, than they used to be. The thoughtful manufacturer sees a decreased demand for playroom armament. In some instances it appears, he thinks there will be a market for juvenile G-men outfits rather overlooking that, admirable as the activities of the G-men are, there is essentially not a chillish game. Even the alphabet block on which S used to stand for Soldier shows S standing for Scout.

Such an exhibition is interesting as showing the growth of modern industry and art. It may make that that adult will think that children will think desirable to play with. A reporter remarks that "the manufacturer has taken more thought than ever to provide for the toy-loving parent." In other words, in the trend to do away with make-believe and substitute

real toys undoubtedly, articles, have lost, and no longer remember the joy of make-believe. The secret of make-believe is that it needs only the simplest materials. But if the toymakers tried to produce on this theory, what would become of a \$200,000,000 industry? And what would be the state of mind of the toy buyer conscientiously trying to find just the thing that the child would most enjoy imagining to be something else?

SPORTSMANSHIP—BY DECREE

(Christian Science Monitor)

Three rousing quacks for Merrill

Otis, federal Judge in Missouri,

with hands down, a decision upholding action of hunters using phonograph recordings of wild duck's call to entice flocks to their guns.

His ruling saves a countable host of legal buckshot upon the unfeared artifices of overzealous hunters. A federal law forbids the use of live decoys either directly or indirectly. Judge Otis' decision puts phonograph records of the live duck call in a class with automatic shotguns and other devices that subordinate skill to trickery or multiply the element of sporting chance.

Wild ducks were noticeably plentiful, or if they happened to be intolerable pests, there would be less reason to restrain the autumnal slaughter of these innocents afloat. Wild ducks are becoming scarce. By enforcing a minimum of sportsmanship courts are helping all to conserve America's wild life.

Mechanical decoys would ultimately exterminate wild waterfowl. Hunters need only reflect upon the possibility of a time when the cry of the wild duck could no longer be heard above the sequined bays and marshlands of the country to appreciate the ruling of Judge Otis. Friend of their quarry, he helps preserve the sport in sportsmanship.

THE REPULSIVE IN LITERATURE

Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal

In an introduction to Archibald Marshall's romantic reminiscences, "Out and About," William Lyon Phelps takes occasion to restate our own literary likings and literary creed . . .

He knows, he says, that there are in the climes of all cities filthy and degraded specimens of humanity who practice vices, and he is aware that in some villages and in remote country places there may be vices. If one sources differ, it is for them men and women with the intelligence and ethical standards of a Caliban. But to read long tales of their depravity requires a taste different from him. This point of view can

realize that the fire demon never sleeps and that it is of little use to eliminate hazards and take protective measures once each year, and then allow that good work to go undone for the balance of the twelve months.

EDUCATION WEEK (Exchange)

The fifteenth annual observance of American Education Week has been in progress since Monday, November 11 and will conclude Sunday. The general theme for Democracy." Topics for general day-by-day observance were suggested.

Monday—"The school and the citizen."

Tuesday—"The School and the State."

Wednesday—"The School and the Nation."

Thursday—"The School and the Social Change."

Friday—"The School and the Country Life."

Saturday—"The School and Recreation."

Sunday—"Education and the Good Life."

Prominent among the civic bodies sponsoring American Education Week is the American Legion. Together with this patriotic organization in participation of the programs offered will be all Michigan schools and parent teacher bodies.

hardly be called "shutting one's eyes to the truth" for there is much truth, and a great deal more reality and comfort, to be found among decent people, than among the evil and depraved.

The reason given by many persons in their associations with the man and depraved is that they wish to "see life" and to understand how other persons live and think. But life, and a far pleasanter and more satisfactory life, may be found among decent persons, and other lives may be equally filled with adventure, success, triumph or defeat. . . .

A little more American comedy, rather than so much American tragedy, would be and is more heartily welcomed now. And it is likely to contain far more Americans than the present.

YOUTH CAN STILL DO "BIG THINGS"

(Rotarian Magazine)

Ambitious youth seeking to find their places early in life in a maladjusted world will find encouragement if they will take a look into the pages of history. E. B. Frost, California Boy Scout executive, in the Rotarian Magazine tells of a few of the young men and women who have "done big things."

"William Pitt," Mr. DeGroot cites as his first example, "filled the responsible post of Chancellor of the Exchequer at 23 and served as Prime Minister of Great Britain at 24. George Washington was only 23 when he led the Virginia troops against the Indians and French. Abraham Lincoln campaigned for public office at 24. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "Treasure Island" at 23. Galois at 20 proved that equations higher than the fifth order could be solved algebraically, and thereby advanced the theory of groups for the solution of higher equations. . . .

"Invented the air brake at 23. Andrew Carnegie, the iron millionaire, and the world before he was 30. Sir Isaac Newton at 24 formulated the law of gravitation. Whitney was not more than 23 when he invented the cotton gin. Charles Dickens wrote "Oliver Twist" at 25. Napoleon at 27 was in command of the Italian army. Patrick Henry was 27 when he made his conquering and historic speech against the Stamp Act. Thomas Edison was not far above the Youth Service age level designated by Rotary (24 years) when he announced an improved model wind-up toy and invented many things with many of his inventions.

"Paul Siple, an Eagle Scout, was only 20 when he qualified for an important post on the first expedition of Admiral Byrd to the Antarctic regions, and he was chief biologist on the second Byrd expedition. The average age of the members of America's Continental Congress was 35. Two of its members, at least, were under 39—Edward Rutledge, 25, and John Jay, 29.

"Lindbergh immortalized himself at 26; moreover, the most difficult 600 poems on the Lindbergh flight across the Atlantic in 1927 was written by Nathalia Crane, a 14 year old girl of Brooklyn, New York. And so on, almost without end could we record the achievements and services of youth in the field of statesmanship, literature, science, education, invention, and courage."

MAKE EVERY WEEK FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week, which began as an annual national event during the Wilson administration, has been productive of much good. It has lessened the toll of lives that fire takes each year. It has saved millions of dollars worth of property from destruction. But, in spite of this splendid record, the results obtained have been far less imposing than that should have been.

It is the common experience for the national fire loss to fall during the week, and for a relatively brief period immediately following. Then it again rises to "normal" levels. In brief, while the lessons of the week are "fresh in their minds, citizens are careful—when time has dimmed the enthusiasm the week gave them, they again return to their old careless habits.

There is but one solution for that unfortunate state of affairs—a solution that, if it is to be the success it deserves to be, must be applied to every property-owner and citizen. Practically speaking, we must make every week Fire Prevention Week. We must remember what we learn, and apply it throughout the year. We must

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees, son Donald, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voorhees of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chavez and children of Redford were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Louis Ashe is suffering from a stroke which occurred last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Otto and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garrison and family attended the 100th anniversary of the Luther translation into the German language at the Coliseum Sunday in Detroit.

Mrs. Viola Grace was the dinner guest Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Farmington. In the evening they attended a show in Detroit.

John Wagner returned to work Monday following his recuperation from a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Dorothy Orr was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Elizabeth Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Lovell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thisted of Detroit.

Mrs. Marvin Addis was the guest Friday afternoon of her sister, Mrs. Guard Parks of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boussau and children of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holzman.

Edwin Johnson accompanied the

ninth and tenth grades on a sightseeing trip through the art museum in Detroit Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Schrader, Mrs. Earl Merriman, daughter Dorothy of Wayne, were guests Wednesday afternoon of Miss Helen Berger. Mrs. Alfred Smith of Farmington was the guest Friday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Grace.

Miss Shirley Addis was the guest all day Friday of her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Freer of Detroit.

Mrs. Helen Shattuck of Plymouth was the Sunday guest of Miss Gloria Hechelman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holzman were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Ann Arbor. Miss Dorothy Edwards was the week end guest of her aunt in Flint.

A surprise birthday party was given Elmer Holzman Monday evening. About 30 were present.

Cards and bunco were played and a lunch was served.

Mrs. Shirley Zwahlen and Misses Addis and Helen Berger were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker of Detroit.

Shirley and Kenneth Way have been home from school as a result of very bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grogan and two sons of Detroit were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Woolley.

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