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EDITORIALS

From the Columns of Other Newspapers

TOYLAND—VIEWS AND PREVIEWS

(Christian Science Monitor)

Christmas is coming, and in anticipation the associated toy-makers of America have brought together an exhibition, or, as one now says, a preview, of the toys that will be purchasable by parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and affectionate friends of presumably delighted juvenile recipients. These will soon go shopping. The hopeful prediction is that they will shop with more gusto and enthusiasm than a year ago, which, as affecting an industry whose output is estimated at about \$200,000,000, bears its testimony about economic conditions.

In one respect there is a noteworthy change in adult provision for juvenile pleasure as provided by the manufacturers. In that toy soldiers and military equipment are far less in evidence than they used to be. The thoughtful manufacturer senses a decreased demand for playroom armament. In some instances it appears, he thinks there will be a market for juvenile G-men outfits rather over-looking that, admirable as the activities of the G-men are, their essentially is not a childish 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 what the toy-makers think that adults will think 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, he tried to do away with the toy soldier and substitute something more useful.

It is undoubtedly appreciated, 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 toy-makers 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 imitating to be something else?

SPORTSMANSHIP—BY DECREE

(Christian Science Monitor)

Three rousing quacks for Merrill Otis, federal judge in Missouri, who hands down a decision upholding arrest of hunters using phonograph recordings of the wild duck's call to entice flocks within range of hunters' guns.

His ruling sprays a counterblast of legal buckshot upon the unfair 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 shot-guns and other devices that subordinate skill to trickery or nullify the element of sporting chance.

If wild ducks were noticeably plentiful, or if they happened to be intolerable pests, there would be less reason to restrain the automatic slaughter of these innocent aloof. Wild ducks are becoming scarcer. By enforcing a minimum of sportsmanship courts are helping also to conserve American 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 acquiescent 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

Is an introduction to Archibald Marshall's rancorous reminiscences, "Out and About," William Lyon Phelps takes occasion to relate his own literary likings and literary creed.

He knows, he says, that there are in the slums 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 found, if one searches deeply, a few who are not so. He is gentle for them, men and women with the intelligence and ethical standards of a Caliban. But to read long tales of their degeneracy requires a taste different from him. This point of view can

hardly be called "shutting one's eyes to the truth," for there is as 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 mean and depraved is that they wish to "see life" and to understand how other persons live and think. But life, and for that matter, a more satisfactory life, may be found among decent persons, and their lives may be equally filled with adventure, struggle, 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 American youth.

YOUTH CAN STILL DO

"BIG THINGS"

(Rotarian Magazine)

Ambitious youth seeking to find their places early in life in a mal-adjusted world will find encouragement if they will take a look into the pages of history. E. B. DeGroot, 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 27. George Washington was only 27 when he led the Virginia troops against the Indians and French. Abraham Lincoln campaigned for public office at 21. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote 'Treasure Island' at 22. Galois at 19 proved that equations higher than the fifth order could not be solved algebraically, and thereby advanced the theory of groups for the solution of algebraic equations."

"Invented the air brake at 23, Alexander the Great conquered and ruled the world before he was 30. Sir Isaac Newton at 24 formulated the law of gravitation. Whitney was not more than 29 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 but 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 attended and benefited man kind 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 30—Edward Rutledge, 25, and John Jay, 29."

"Lindbergh immortalized himself at 25; moreover the best out of 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 fields 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 number of fires that take place 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 they 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.

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 the 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.

News Items always welcome.

WEST POINT PARK

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

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

Louis Ash is suffering from a stroke which occurred last week. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trapp, daughter Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Garchow and family attended the 40th 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 tussle operation.

Miss Dorothy Oost was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Ellenbeth Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwalhen were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Lovett 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 Boussemour and children of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hitchman.

Edwin Johnson accompanied the

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

Mrs. Charles Schröder, Mrs. Earl Myrman, daughter Dorothy of Wayne, were guests Wednesday afternoon of Miss Helen Berger.

Mrs. Alfred Smith of Farmington was the guest Friday afternoon of Mrs. Viola Grace.

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

Miss Helen Smith of Plymouth was the Sunday guest of Miss Gloria Heichman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heichman 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 Hitchman Monday evening. About 30 were present. Cards and buncos were played and a lunch was served.

Miss Shirley Zwalhen and Misses Alma 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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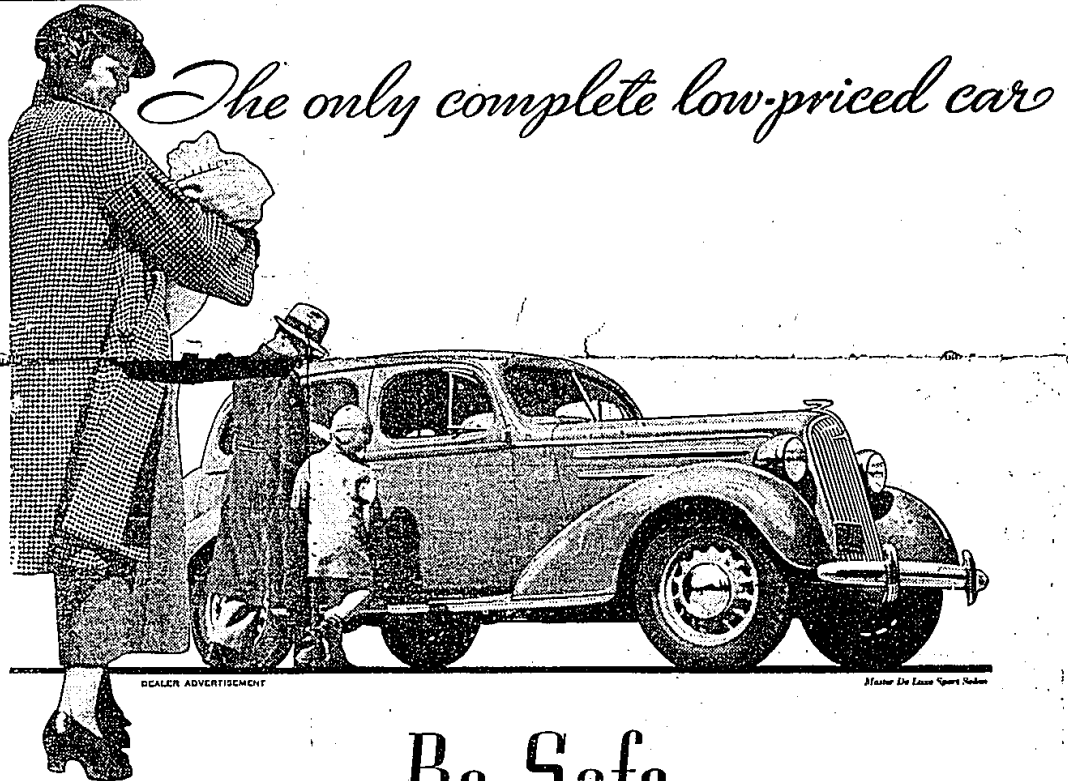


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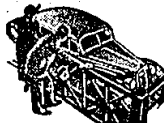
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