

Coming to the CIVIC Theatre



Shirley Temple's newest show "Young People" comes to the Civic Theatre Sunday morning and Tuesday. Co-starring with Shirley are Jack Oakie and Charlotte Greenwood. Also to be shown these three days is "Knutte Rockne, All American" with Pat O'Brien taking the part of the famous coach.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Seebill announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Ruth, to Joseph Kapocsi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kapocsi of Detroit. The date of the wedding has not been announced.

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"AIN'T" AIN'T BAD LANGUAGE SAYS PROFESSOR

If you like "ain't," say "ain't," because it ain't too badly wrong. Like many another slang word and contraction in everyday talk, "ain't" is rapidly being accepted by the American people from the standpoint of usage, if not of absolute correctness.

"Words like 'ain't' add color and individuality to our everyday language that set it apart from standard or book English," says Dr. E. C. Beck, English department head at Central State Teachers College. "And, anyhow, the test of whether a word is right or wrong is the test of the 'language level.' What is right for colloquial language is not necessarily right for the level of standard English. At the same time, many phrases are acceptable on the 'slang' level that would not fit into either of the other two levels—colloquial and standard."

Aside from "language level," there are two approaches to this language business, Dr. Beck maintains. You can speak the "King's English" with all its stiff correctness; or you can unbend a little and talk "American."

"And if the ordinary fellow will stop to think about it," Dr. Beck says, "even the school teacher himself, he will admit he uses a good deal more 'American' than he does 'English.'"

This is to say he uses words that have color and punch and that drive a meaning home with clarity and precision. He says "car" and "bus" when Englishmen would insist on "automobile" and "omnibus."

"If the American people have contributed anything at all to the English language," Dr. Beck says, "it is this quality of shortness and terseness. It's part of our frontier tradition, by no means yet at an end. In the days of Indian fighting and home-hewing, when so much of our national culture and tradition were founded, we had no time to seek long words. We had to seek short, simple forms. And, with the speed-up of national life, this tendency to seek short forms has been expanded to the point where it is quite American to make one syllable do the work of two or three. So 'ain't' means 'am not' or 'are not'—at least on the colloquial level—and there isn't much to do about it but recognize it."

HIGHWAY DEPT. STAYED WITHIN BUDGET IN 1940

The state highway department (this week) offered tabulations showing its financial operations for the calendar year 1940.

The cash balance at the year end was \$3,395,367 which is an increase of approximately \$38,000 over the cash balance at the beginning of 1940. G. Donald Kennedy, state highway commissioner, said that the cash balance was increased by gasoline tax receipts, and Federal funds coming to the department near the end of the month.

"We operated throughout the year according to budget and schedule," Kennedy said. "Our cash balance is always large at the end of the month but it has to be that way in order to finance operations until further receipts are available from the gasoline tax."

"The department will soon pay \$1,275,000 to the counties for gas tax revenues. Other fixed charges also fall due early in January."

1940 receipts to the department totalled \$39,494,585. This figure does not include weight tax receipts which are returned directly to the counties. Gas tax for the calendar year totalled \$32,315,164, an increase of nearly \$2,500,000 over 1939. The Federal government contributed \$5,965,683 in regular Federal Aid construction programs and \$342,500 in PWA construction.

Expenditures totalled \$39,458,990 and included \$12,554,782 in fixed charges, \$6,340,000 for road and bridge maintenance and operation, and \$18,945,972 for construction including right-of-way and engineering.

Fixed expenditures include \$6,550,000 in returns to the counties and other local units, \$1,082,000 to the highway bond sinking fund, and \$915,000 to the City of Detroit in connection with the Street widening agreement.

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At The CIVIC Theatre



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Commissioner's Proceedings

Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington, held January 8, 1941. Called to order by Mayor Gildemeister at 8:30 p. m. Commissioners present: Hatton, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and Otis.

City Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 1940			
	Balance Dec. 1, 1940	Receipts	Warrants Paid Dec. 31, 1940
General	\$11,527.36	\$ 3,634.36	\$ 5,426.92
Sinking	2,268.44		9,836.20
Cemetery Trust	528.33		2,868.44
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
Total	\$14,374.13	\$ 3,634.36	\$ 15,281.57
On Deposit in Farmington State Bank			
General Fund			\$ 9,089.94
Sinking Fund			3,114.70
Cemetery Fund			528.33
Total on Deposit			\$12,732.97
Petty Cash, Treasurer			50.00

Total Cash Available—\$12,782.97
Motion made by Otis and supported by Nacker that the bills be paid as read. Roll Call: Oldenburg, Hatton, Hamlin, Nacker, and Otis. Carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Hatton and supported by Nacker subject to the approval of finance committee, \$2,000 to be transferred from sewer fund to the bridge fund. Roll call, Hatton, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker and Otis. Carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Hamlin and supported by Otis that the mayor appoint a committee to meet with Messrs. Lloyd Gulien and H. F. Brennan relative to the purchase of a seven-acre tract of land, owned by Mr. H. F. Brennan, situated just east of the high school athletic field; and which is to be used sometime in the future as a City Park.

Mayor Gildemeister appointed Messrs. Hamlin and Otis to act on the committee and make a report at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

Gordon Walker and Mrs. Miriam Callan, representing the Farmington Young Republican's Club, attended the meeting of the Commission held January 8, in regard to repairing and remodeling the Town Hall so that January 8, in regard to repairing and remodeling the Town Hall so that the matter to the building and finance committee and a further hearing will be held at the February meeting.

Motion made by Otis and supported by Hatton to adjourn. Carried.

LEO F. GILDEMEISTER, Mayor

HARRY MOORE, Clerk

VIGOR OF GROWING CROPS DEPENDS ON FERTILITY OF SOIL

CHICAGO.—The health and vigor of growing farm crops depend directly on the health and vigor of the soil that produces them, according to a bulletin made public here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"Farmers everywhere in the Middle West," says the bulletin, "are finding that they cannot continually draw against the fertility account of their land without making some substantial deposits in the form of necessary plant foods."

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Notice is hereby given that I will be at my home office, 35720 Twelve Mile Road any day except Sunday up to and including Tuesday, January 28 to receive registrations. The last day for receiving registrations is Tuesday, January 28, 1941.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk.

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