

PRAISES CITY'S WAY OF PICTURE FILM HANDLING

Miss Connolly, Expert on Educational Movies, Says Method Here Sane.

INDORSERS HEAR TALKS

"Indianapolis people are foremost in the safety of their treatment of the motion picture," said Miss Louise M. Connolly, education expert of Newark, N. J., in her talk on "Indorsement Versus Censorship," at the luncheon given today in the Riley room of the Claypool Hotel, as the closing session of the convention of the Indiana Indorsers of Photoplay.

"The indorsers here handle the picture in a quiet satisfactory manner. There is no better criticism of a photoplay than that of the audience itself, an American audience. I might say, 'No single group of educators in the country thinks what they like and what they don't like. The American 'movie goer' likes the best films whether a professor in a college or a cash girl in a department store. The natural impulse of Americans is to get the best in every line. Just as the factory girl wears silk hose because she employer's daughter wears them, she also wishes to get good clean pictures because the same college-bred daughter likes them. I have such faith in the American public that I do not think that any theater can succeed if it does not cooperate with such indorsers as there are here in Indianapolis, where the indorsers are of the people and go with the audience to see the films instead of by private showing."

DOES NOT APPROVE OF PRIVATE EXHIBITS.

"I do not approve of private exhibits of pictures before the film is given to the public of a city. If the film is a bad film the people will express their disapproval of it or of certain scenes, which, if cut, would render the picture good. And from the audience the censors can see the proper viewpoint and notify the exhibitor as to what should be cut."

Miss Connolly told of her work as a member of the National Board of Review. She told of how the producer brings his film to the board and calls committees from among the educators and interested folk of the city to edit the production just as a book is edited. Scenes are sometimes cut out.

"However," she said, "if the producer does not wish to make the changes suggested, feels that they are unnecessary, he can appeal to the board and a new committee may be called. In the case of a picture being flatly turned down by a committee the producer often calls for a new hearing with a different committee if it is a valuable film that he feels will be accepted by the public."

CONFIDENTIALLY.

Miss Connolly is consulted by people all over the country concerning various films, as to their suitability along educational lines in many cases, or the kind of plays for children, whether certain scenes should be cut out, and thousands of other questions.

At the luncheon program was opened by a formal address by Mrs. T. M. Jackson, Governor Warren T. McCray, Mayor Charles J. Jewett and E. U. Graff, superintendents of schools. Mrs. Freida Steinman, vocalist, sang a group of numbers. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the showing of a historic film, the story of which was told by Mrs. Theodore Wagner. The cost is the property of Frank Rembusch of Shelbyville and was worn today by Miss Maxine Rembusch. R. G. Tucker talked on "Some Picture," which concluded the program.

PROTEES WITH BOYS IN FRANCE.

At the morning session an interesting talk on "Pictures With Our Boys in France" was given by Frank T. Day, in which he stated that one of the dangerous and most insidious of German propaganda was the exhibition of German-made films in the United States, mentioning as an example a film shown recently in the United States, and telling of two more in the making, in which the French are caricatured and silly ridiculed. He also declared that motion pictures are not responsible for the wave of crime sweeping over the country.

"The public is not to be held responsible for the acts of the German," he said, "there were many court-martials and executions, but none of the culprits gave the 'sealing of a movie' as an excuse, as they are doing in the United States now. It is ridiculous that seeing a picture could move a man to commit a murder or other crimes. There is motive back of it, not a picture."

Other speakers at the session included Mrs. S. M. Grimes of Brazil, R. G. Hessel, Edmondson of Indianapolis and Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmondson of Bloomington.

COUNTY BOARD MAKES VERBAL OIL PURCHASE

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would make the total cost about 9 cents per gallon.

"In November, 1919, the Indian Refining Company entered into a contract with the city of Indianapolis to furnish the same quality of road oil at 5.05 cents per gallon. The impression seemed to prevail that the Indian Refining Company had taken the oil furnished Marion County to the city of Indianapolis, but Dwight L. Ritter, city purchasing agent, informs me that the oil was not taken from the city but was shipped from the refinery to the county.

The difference in price between the oil sold to the city and that sold to the county is accounted for by reason of the fact that the price of crude oil in November, 1919, was only \$2.15 a barrel, which would enable the company to sell the manufactured product at 5.05 cents a gallon.

"The sales manager of the Indian Refining Company insisted that the price of 13.1 cents a gallon charged Marion County was reasonable and was the company's standard price; however, I am not inclined to recommend a higher price than that bid by the Texas Company for its product, which is 10 cents per gallon.

He is a good man and willing to do his best for Marion County. Therefore, I made the recommendation that 9 cents per gallon be allowed for the oil, which recommendation was accepted by the Indian Refining Company and Auditor Fesler issued the warrant in payment thereof."

Alleges Mate Said Death Would Be Good News to Him

Special to The Times.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 6.—Bessie Stont in her divorce complaint filed today against Jesse Stont, alleges that he squandered \$12,000 in thirty months in riotous living and on other women.

She seeks a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, and alleged that he did not love her any more and "that he wished he was dead and her death would be good news to him."

'GRANDMA' MAYOR OF WOMEN—RULED TOWN IN KANSAS

Hamlet of 400 Tires of Male Administrations—Votes Entire Feminine Ticket.

CHURCH MUST MAKE GOOD TO ROUT UNBELIEF

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a rousing welcome by the Kikauans. He gave them a business talk.

STOP PLAYING, LIVE YOUR RELIGION.

Calling on the citizens of Indianapolis and of the State to "stop playing with religion," the evangelist, last night preached a sermon devoted to serious thought and an earnest invitation for a "consecration for Jesus which will shake the entire State" that paves the way for his master sermons which will be preached on Thursday and Friday nights at the tabernacle.

The Gipsy on Thursday night will take a stand for God, and on Friday night with the Boys in Flanders" and on Friday night he will deliver what is said to be his greatest sermon, "From a Gipsy Tent to the Pulpit."

"In one city where I had delivered the story of my life, two women were talking loudly concerning whether I was a gipsy or not," said the evangelist. "One said, 'He is a gipsy, he is not a gentleman.' The other said, 'He is a gentleman. Let me tell you my people are gentlemen. No more now. Just come and hear me tell you about it Friday night."

The evangelist last night took as his text some of the verses from the epistle of Peter. He scolded his sermon into the ears of the people. The divine sermon had to go further. I don't mean to charge that there has been graft in all these expenditures, but I would hate to have people speculate why that money had been spent if I were mayor.

"By the way, the attacks upon me have been made by the Indiana News and by individuals you never heard any one question my honesty. It means more to have an honest man in the mayor's office than many citizens realize."

Mr. Shank dwelt on what he termed the hypocrisy of the Jewett and Howe campaign.

"Out in Irvington the professor is a deacon, but over on the avens he's a regular fellow, with no pretensions against any sort of sinfulness," he said. "There is an engine house in Irvington that the professor drops into occasionally. The firemen there are not allowed to play cards because the 'deacon' may catch them at it."

"But when the professor campaigns in some parts of the city he gives it out that blue laws make his blood boil."

"I'd like the professor much better if he were an out and out liberal or else a courageous church official."

"Our young friend, Chuckhole Charlie, is the son of the minister of the church, the minister's son and when occasion serves he makes the most of that, but on the other hand he allows favored negroes to run crap games unmolested by the police and he goes to Louisville and Chicago to violate the prohibition laws."

ROBISON WORKERS

PLAN FOR KEYNOTE.

Mr. Robison and his workers are making extensive plans for the Friday night keynote meeting at the Mason Club. At that time he will announce his platform and outline the policies he has formulated.

Prominent women Republicans in Indianapolis will be vice presidents at the keynote meeting. Two former mayors of Indianapolis, Charles A. Bookwater and Mr. Eugene Denney, will participate in Mr. Robison's meeting. Mr. Bookwater delivering an address in behalf of Mr. Robison and Mr. Denney presiding at the gathering.

The list of women vice presidents includes Mrs. E. C. Rumper, Mrs. Linton A. Cox, Mrs. Caleb Denney, Mrs. Julia C. Adams, Mrs. Eugene Denney, Mrs. Robert Huntington, Mrs. David Robison, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Mayme Robison, Miss Katrina Fertiz, Mrs. William Clifford, Mrs. John T. Sautler, Mrs. William Welch, Mrs. J. E. Flores, Mrs. O. C. Lunkelbush, Miss Viola Baxter, Mrs. John Kimble, Mrs. Leona Foppiana, Mrs. Alice F. Feltz, Mrs. J. B. Little, Mrs. L. Bowman, Mrs. E. B. Burdette, Mrs. Herman Munk, Mrs. Otto Keller, Mrs. O. L. Hobbs, Mrs. J. E. Robbins, Mrs. O. E. Anthony, Mrs. Edward Ferger, Mrs. Frank Nessler, Mrs. William E. Jeffries, Mrs. B. Conner, Mrs. D. C. Moore, Dr. Amos R. Koller, Mrs. E. G. Ritchie, Mrs. Charles Gummert, Mrs. C. A. Pritchett, Mrs. Charles Sedwick, Miss Hilda Gummert, Mrs. Hattie Porter, Mrs. Ella Williams, Mrs. Gertrude Hill, Mrs. Margaret Watson and Mrs. Anna Davis.

The women workers and ward and precinct chairmen will meet Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock at their headquarters, 318 Traction Terminal, to formulate plans for the final month of the campaign.

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