

WARM DEBATE ON CENSORSHIP BILL ISLED BY WOMEN

Public Morals Corrupted by
Films, Charge at Senate
Hearing.

Charges that uncensored movies are corrupting public morals and undermining church and school were answered by statements that censored films were "un-American," "blow at free speech and thought," and a death sentence for the photoplay industry at a public hearing on the movie censorship bill before the Senate committee on public morals in the Senate Chamber Thursday night. Women took the leading part in the three-hour debate. Senator Oliver E. Dunn committee chairman, presided.

Representatives of churches, reform associations, and women's clubs spoke for the bill. Moving picture distributors, Indiana Photoplay Indorsers, and a delegation of Southport women representing a Parent-Teacher organization, spoke against the measure.

Regulation Urged

"Movies should be regulated and licensed like any business," said W. S. Clemens of Chicago, representing the National Reform Association.

Southport women said censored movies meant more expensive pictures, but no better. They said moving pictures in country schoolhouses could not be supported if a "big license fee had to be paid."

Mrs. E. C. Rumper, head of the Indiana Legislative Bureau and representing many women's clubs, said film censorship would be adopted just as prohibition and women suffrage. She said Will Hays was employed to offset the movement toward censorship.

Another Commission

Moving picture men, in answering Mrs. Rumper, said the move was aimed to destroy the film industry, would create "another commission," and predicted the public would refuse to return legislators who voted for the bill.

Mrs. M. E. Robbins of Indianapolis pointed out the big expense of censorship and said the public would pay increased admission charges.

A. J. Rucker, attorney for the Indiana Indorsers, said the censorship move would put pictures in politics and would prohibit pictures of educational interest because of "whims of censors."

In answering hecklers, the Rev. Harry L. Bowby of New York said the "life-like impressions" of movies stamped them "more dangerous than newspapers and magazines." He denied he would censor the press.

Studebaker Will Expand

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 2.—Several streets and alleys are to be vacated by the city of South Bend in order to allow the Studebaker Corporation to erect a new foundry. The new foundry is expected to have a capacity of 750 complete sets of automobile castings a day.

Physician Is Dead

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 2.—Dr. J. W. Palmer, 77, practicing physician here, is dead at his home. He formerly practiced at Mt. Vernon. He is survived by the widow, two sons and one daughter.

Killed By Truck

By Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 2.—John Gurn was run down and killed at a street corner here when he stepped from the curb into the path of a truck driven by Vernon Simons. Simons was arrested.

War Veteran Hangs Self

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., Feb. 2.—Walter Collins, 29, World War veteran and patient at the Marion sanitarium, hanged himself in his room Thursday by tying his nightshirt around the bedpost.

Hoosier Briefs

NORTH MANCHESTER—Redbirds, unable to find food in the farming communities because of snow covering the ground, are invading this city and surrounding towns. Weather prophets are predicting an early spring.

SCOTTSBURG—An eagle measuring six feet seven inches from wing tips was shot by J. H. McNeely on his farm near here. The bird will be placed in the library here after being mounted.

TERRE HAUTE—Adults in Terre Haute are learning a lesson in thrift from their children. Almost \$50,000 saved in dimes, nickels and pennies have been deposited in the school savings bank accounts.

WASHINGTON—Residents of this city persist in maintaining a contest regarding the most numerous pieced quilt. Mrs. Mary E. Fitzpatrick is the latest claimant to honor with a quilt which she says numbers 22,173 tiny pieces.

DARLINGTON—All schools and places of amusement have been closed because of a general prevalence of influenza.

FRANKTON—Pete Plummer, an employee at a sawmill here, escaped

with a few broken ribs when his clothing was caught in a large saw and he was hurled several feet, landing in a sawdust pile.

EVANSVILLE—There are only twenty-two depositors in the postal savings department of the Evansville postoffice, according to the last report.

RUSHVILLE—Dr. D. D. Van Osdol has received an Indian papoose cradle was the one used by the child.

die in payment for services he gave at the birth of an Indian child at Lao du Flambeau, Wis., three years ago while on a hunting trip. The cradle was the one used by the child.

NOBLESVILLE—Local members of a humane society are under suspicion as the result of the breaking of the lock on the dog pound and the release of thirty dogs which had been collected to be sent to an Indianapolis college for experimental purposes.

MONROE—This quiet village has two chiefs of police. Basil Everhart and Base Andrews are the contending guardians of the peace. Everhart was recently appointed, but Andrews refuses to turn over the six-inch star, the symbol of authority.

SULLIVAN—Attracted by the screams of her baby, Mrs. William

Isey rushed into the kitchen at her home and found the child fastened in a high chair with its clothing afire. Mrs. Isey extinguished the flames and the child is expected to recover.

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Dads and Sons Feast
Fathers and their sons, numbering 350, attended a "father and son" ban-

quet of the Hustling Hundred of the Englewood Christian Church last night. The banquet was served in the new community house of the church. Charles J. Orbison talked on "Playing the Game."

GREENFIELD—Over 100 school children have been absent from the Greenfield school during the past week because of sickness, according to Z. M. Smith, superintendent.

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