

BROADWAY SLAPS BACK AT RURAL CRITICS IN PLAY

George M. Cohan Presents 'Home Towners' for a Long Run.

By The NEA Play Jury
NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—George M. Cohan, in his newest play, gives his regards to Main Street.

And since Mons. Cohan is highly urban and to the Broadway manner born, these regards are none too warm.

The play is "The Home Towners," and represents Cohan at his most Cohanesque.

Its basis is the common suspicion and animosity of metropolis and average town. The small town frowns upon the city slicker and the metropolis becomes superior to the yokel. The small town views the metropolitan population as so many potential crooks and the metropolis looks upon the Main Streeters as victims of smugness and hypocrisy. There is, doubtless, something to be said for both sides.

A son of South Bend, which becomes symbol for the "provinces," has made a fortune in New York. He is about to marry and invites his closest friends from the old home town to attend. One Bancroft, after a few drinks, becomes suspicious that the bride and her family are typical "city slickers" trying to get his friend's cash. This precipitates a crisis. The brides family starts in pursuit of the accuser and the wind-up is a very Cohanesque assault on the "small town mind," quite as certain to get the crowd as did the "grand old flag" stuff of the earlier Cohan pieces.

Earl Carroll's Revue of 1926 does little to improve the standard of major league revues. The "big" producers can learn wit, taste and originality by visiting such smaller efforts as "Americana" and the Garlick Gaities. The best of them was "The Merry World," with its collection of adroit and skilful Britishers. It perished while many tawdry things survived, and the Shuberts will send it on the road under the title of "The Passing Show." Which is Broadway's loss and the road's gain.

The Carroll opus is costumed and presented with about the same taste the manager uses in his publicity.

Lawrence Lander, who should know better since he has written good satirical stage material and has had long association with the Theatre Guild, provides Broadway with a standardized farce, "Henry, Be-leave!" He uses the old amnesia device wherein a soured and crabbed old geezer gets tapped on the head, loses his identity and reverts to his feckless youth back in the Anna Held days. Thus he tips off his past to his kin and associates and humanizes himself in their eyes.

Meanwhile the theatrical astrologers proceed with the serious business of casting the stars.
Jeanne Eagels, who has given two years of her life to "Rain," goes to a less psychotic comedy, "The Garden of Eden," a part originally considered for Katherine Alexander, who shifts to Owen Davis' "Gentle Grafter."

Pauline Lord also ends her two-year appearance in "They Knew What They Wanted," a role that sent her skyrocketing among the dramatic notables, and is cast for "Sandwich" in a comic comedy regarding which there has been much advance furor. It seems that Owen Davis dashed it off a couple of years ago, gave all the managers a chance at it and found them unfriendly to it. Thus it kicked around until Robert Milton decided he wanted it, and now finally has got it.

Jane Cowd, who has been bringing the crowned heads of Europe to her feet, returns to America with a French play, "La Riposte." Which reminds us that the invasion of foreign plays will be more formidable than ever.

Thus far seventy-two productions, or one-fourth of the entire year's output, will be of foreign origin. Among these will be a new Michael Arlen, "A Cavalier of the Streets," a Somerset-Maugham play, "The Letter," a Masefield drama, "Anne Pedersdottir," and a Molnar, "Riviera."

HOOSIERS PICNIC
By United Press
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Aug. 31.—Five hundred residents of Indiana summering in northern Michigan assembled at Vevequeing Club here today for the first annual "Hoosier picnic."

The daily program was featured by sports, an address by Dr. T. F. Moran, professor of history at Purdue University, and by a closing dance.

DELAWARE WETS LOSE
By United Press
DOVER, Del., Aug. 31.—Wet forces in the Delaware Democratic organization attempted to strengthen their lines today, following their defeat at the State central committee meeting Monday night, when a plank regarded as damp was eliminated from the platform.

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Pupils Improving, Teacher Declares



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The modern, petite, bobbed-headed school girls and balloon trousersed, well groomed boys, who attend Marion County schools, are more brilliant and have more zest for knowledge than pupils of twenty-five years ago, according to Mrs. A. E. Pursel, 5044 Ashland Ave., a delegate to the county teachers' institute last week at the courthouse.

Modern schools, better equipment, new discoveries, new modes of thinking—all these are responsible for rapid advancement of modern youth.

Mrs. Pursel said, Mrs. Pursel was one of the oldest teachers in point of service attending the Institute. She has taught school continuously for twenty-nine years in Washington Township. She teaches English and reading in the seventh and eighth grades of the John Strange School, east of Broad Ripple.

While the township school term is now eight months, it formerly was six months. This enables pupils to complete their courses more rapidly.

Mrs. Pursel might be classed as a "godmother" of Miss Mildred Frey, 6048 Ashland Ave., who will commence her career as a teacher this fall in John Strange School. Mrs. Pursel formerly taught school with Miss Frey's mother, a close friend, Miss Frey, who obtained her training at Indiana University, will teach the fourth-grades.

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Local Store Wins Contest Cup



Al Feldman, manager of the Miller-Wohl Company store, 45 E. Wash. St., the store for women, and the cup the local store won for having the highest percentage of increased business for the first six months of this year of the stores of the company. The local store made a 27.5 per cent increase in business.

"Advertising in the Times was largely responsible," said Feldman.

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No More Time From Western Union

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Officials of the Postal Telegraph said their company would continue to give out the time.

SCHOOLS, ROADS CAUSE BOOSTS IN TAX RATES

Auditor Compiles List of 1927 Township, Town Levies for State Board.

Building of improved roads and better school facilities are largely responsible for the increased tax rate in some townships and incorporated towns of Marion County, Auditor Harry Dunn announced today. Dunn has compiled a list of the 1927 township taxes, which he will submit to the State tax board.

The rates, fixed by the township trustees, do not have to be approved by the county council, which meets Sept. 7, Dunn said. However, taxpayers disapproving them may appeal to the State tax board within ten days after they are real to the council. If no appeals are taken, the rates will remain as fixed.

Some Reduced
The levy for Center township, in Indianapolis, was reduced from 7 cents to 5 cents. Perry Township in Indianapolis, was increased from 13 cents to 19 cents. For Wayne Township, Indianapolis, the levy was reduced from 28 cents to 25 cents and increased for Washington Township, Indianapolis, from 23 cents to 28 cents. The Warren Township, Indianapolis, rate remained at 25 cents.

Other townships for 1927 are as follows: Beech Grove, Franklin Township, increased from \$2.47 to \$2.54; Beech Grove, Perry Township, from \$2.28 to \$2.44; Beech Grove, Center Township, from \$2.22 to \$2.30; Castleton, reduced from \$1.45 to \$1.38; Clermont, reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.71.

Good in Ravenswood
Ravenswood, increased from \$2.27 to \$2.41; Southport, from \$1.78 to \$1.93; Woodstock, from 77 cents to 91 cents; Woodstock Place, reduced from \$1.73 to \$1.68; Center Township, increased from 97 cents to 97 cents; Decatur Township, reduced from 88 cents to 87 cents. Lawrence Township, reduced from \$1.21 to \$1.14; Franklin Township, reduced from \$1.05 to \$1.03; Perry Township, from \$1.33 to \$1.38; Pike Township, from 70 cents to 70 cents; Washington Township, from 77 cents to 91 cents; Warren Township, reduced from \$1.29 to \$1.21; Wayne Township, reduced from \$1.36 cents, and Shooters' Hill, a recent incorporated town, 91 cents.

SUN VISORS WILL BURN
Health Board Secretary Warns Against Use of Celluloid.

Warning against use of the celluloid sun visor was sounded today by Dr. William F. King, State board of health secretary. Danger of the visor, according to Dr. King, is in its high combustibility. Three persons have lost their eyesight when the sun visors were fired while they were lighting cigarettes.

GERMAN AGREES TO RACE GERTRUDE
Vierkotter Accepts Challenge of Mrs. Corson to Swim Around Manhattan Island for \$25,000 Purse.

By United Press
PARIS, Aug. 31.—Ernest Vierkotter, the German baker who swam the English Channel in record breaking time, is willing to meet Mrs. Clemington Corson and any others in a race around Manhattan Island for a purse of \$25,000 and also to race Gertrude Ederle across the English Channel.

Vierkotter said he would accept both challenges although he intended that certain details would have to be discussed before he could make his decision definite.

Vierkotter was recovering from his exertion of Monday when he swam from Cape Gris Nez to London, a mile east of Dover, England, in 12 hours and 42 minutes. Although the swimmer was a member of the Kaiser's army during the war, English soldiers welcomed Vierkotter and carried him back to his tug, and on his return to Calais.

M. Loyt, the assistant mayor, met him with an arm full of roses.

Meanwhile a dozen or so other swimmers were compelled to turn their hopes to next year barring unforeseen good weather which might permit a September swim.

Among these was Miss Clara Belle Barrett, the New Rochelle (N. Y.) swimming instructor, who all but won fame as the first woman to achieve the swim but who failed with the goal almost within her reach. Miss Barrett was preparing to return to New York third class aboard the Leviathan to resume her teaching. Miss Barrett's summer siege of the channel cost her \$2,400.

"I had hoped to succeed," she said, "and thus to gain money to train my voice. I was a concert singer for four years, and singing means more to me than swimming. But now I must go back to teaching to pay off my debt."

Market Street Lives Up to It's Name

Market St., between Alabama and Delaware Sts., which today became all that its name implies. Market stalls graced the middle of the thoroughfare, which was closed to traffic. It will be used for market purposes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays under a plan of the board of safety to remove the stands from the streets on other sides of the courthouse.

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COAL POLICY ASSAILED
Lloyd George and MacDonald Attack Government.

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MacDonald attacked the government for inaction in the industrial dispute which tomorrow will enter its fifth month. He appealed to the government to reopen the negotiations and to get the disputants together again.