

## DREISER RECORDS LIFE AS IT EXISTS

"Twelve Men" Is a Mighty Honest Picture of a Dozen Men Who Figured in the Life of the Author and Is Now a Modern Classic.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

SOMETIME ago a reader of this department suggested that it might be more than worth while to review books that are not exactly new books.

Recently the Modern Library, Inc., of New York, through the Macmillan Company, has been sending me the new additions to the Modern Library.

In that way I am able to review books, although not new, but are important enough to be considered as all or any time reading.

The latest member of this library that I have received is "Twelve Men," by Theodore Dreiser. I have noticed that people entering my library in my home generally pick up this book and remark, "Oh, is that his latest? I must read it."

And so I have discovered two things at once—that the suggestion of the reader of this department has real merit, and that the Modern Library series is bringing before the reader many works of merit that probably would be neglected in today's reading if this library did not publish them in attractive type and jackets.

Dreiser introduces you to twelve men, who have played a part in his life. At times, one may think that he is cruel, because he gives you each man, big and little, as they acted in life.

Probably his most accurate drawing is of "Peter," a newspaper artist, who worked on the same sheet with Dreiser in St. Louis. Here we meet a queer character with many strange twists, but with all of his strangeness, Peter left an impression upon the artistic and mental make-up of Dreiser that time will never be able to erase.

Dreiser in presenting the character of Peter does it in the style which first made Dreiser famous. It is cruel realism. A realism that only can reflect life as it is.

Peter is a strange lot and I can see why he had such a tremendous bearing upon the character of Dreiser. It might have been Peter who actually introduced Dreiser to look upon man as he really is.

Another marvelous painting is "The Country Doctor." The title of this sketch explains itself. It is done in beautiful kindness and with truth also.

You would do well, I believe, to get acquainted with the 150 and some books that comprise the Modern Library.

Indianapolis theaters today offer: "Kempy" at Keith's; Bob St. Clair's unnamed comedy drama at English's; "Garden of Roses" at the Lyric; "Four Sons" at the Indiana; Harry Fox at Loew's Palace; Dick Powell at the Circle; "Lights of New York" at the Apollo and "The Street of Forgotten Women" at the Colonial.

Memorial Dedication Sunday

By Times Special  
ATTICA, Ind., Aug. 10.—Fountain County's memorial to its World War mothers will be dedicated at Riverside cemetery here Sunday afternoon. The memorial is in the form of a statue of an American soldier made of Bedford stone. It is ten feet high.

## Warming Up



Richard Dix

The greatest thrill outside of seeing the Indians win the pennant, is the way Jim Perry, manager of the Indianapolis American Association, described "Warming Up," the sight sound picture in which Richard Dix will be featured at the Indiana, starting Saturday.

Perry accompanied by Bruno Betzel and a number of his leading players, witnessed a special preview of "Warming Up," at the Indiana a night before the team left on its road trip.

Arrest Driver After Chase

After a pursuit in which the police automobile with Leroy Bartlett, police sergeant, and a squad of night riders won, Orville La Follette, 21, of 1226 S. West St., was arrested on the charge of vagrancy. The car did not carry a certificate of title.

## URGES STEPS FOR BEAUTY ON U. S. HIGHWAYS

Federal Official Thinks Hint Can Be Taken From European Nations.

BY KENNETH WATSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—"America can take a real lesson from England, Switzerland and other European countries and improve motoring by beautifying its roadsides," Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, said today on returning from a six weeks' inspection of European highway conditions.

MacDonald was a delegate from the United States to attend the annual meeting of the executive committee of the permanent International Association of Road Congresses held at Chantilly on June 30.

American Roads Superb

"Proper planting of trees and shrubbery along our roads, in my mind, would be a real step in road improvement. I believe that is the biggest lesson we may get from England and other European countries," MacDonald said.

As far as the road construction itself is concerned, MacDonald says, American roads are far superior to any in Europe.

"Most of the charm of motoring abroad is not in the roads themselves, as they are for the most part narrow and winding," MacDonald said.

States Take Action

Several States, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and California, have commenced beautifying their roads.

Congress amended the Federal highway

## Best Sellers

The following is a list of the six best sellers in fiction and non-fiction in Brentano's New York stores:

FICTION  
"Swan Song," John Galsworthy (Scribner).  
"Brook Evans," Susan Glaspell (Stokes).  
"Show Girl," J. P. McEvoy (Simon & Schuster).  
"Age of Reason," Philip Gibbs (Doubleday Doran).  
"Beau Ideal," P. C. Wren (Stokes).  
"Jerome or the Latitude of Love," Maurice Bedel (Viking).

NON-FICTION  
"The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism," G. B. Shaw.  
"Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing," S. Hoffenstein (Liveright).  
"Rite of the House of Rothschild," Count E. C. Cotti (Cosmopolitan).  
"Son of Man," E. Ludwig (Liveright).  
"John Brown's Body," Stephen Benet (Doubleday Doran).  
"Naked Truth," Clare Sheridan (Harper).

way act last session to allot Government funds to any State for planting and maintaining shade trees along Federal aid highways. Increase of automobile traffic abroad is causing most European nations to go to great expense in laying out new arterial highways.

## LABOR WINS IN TWO PRIMARIES

Defeats Opponents in Texas and Tennessee.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Organized labor is much elated over the outcome of the Texas and Tennessee primaries, according to "Labor," organ of the railroad brotherhoods.

Three Congressmen against whom labor has been campaigning have been sent back to private life by the voters of the two States: Representatives Finis Garrett, Thomas L. Blanton and Eugene Black.

In commenting on their defeats "Labor" says: "Three impressive-looking scamps are suspended from the belt of organized labor." "The fate of Garrett, Blanton and Black should be a warning to other gentlemen in public life who imagine that labor-baiting is a pleasant and profitable pursuit. "There was a time when the

workers were content to fight their enemies with resolutions. They have discovered, however, that resolutions must be backed by ballots. So in various sections of the country they are giving an encouraging exhibition of their ability to organize for political action."

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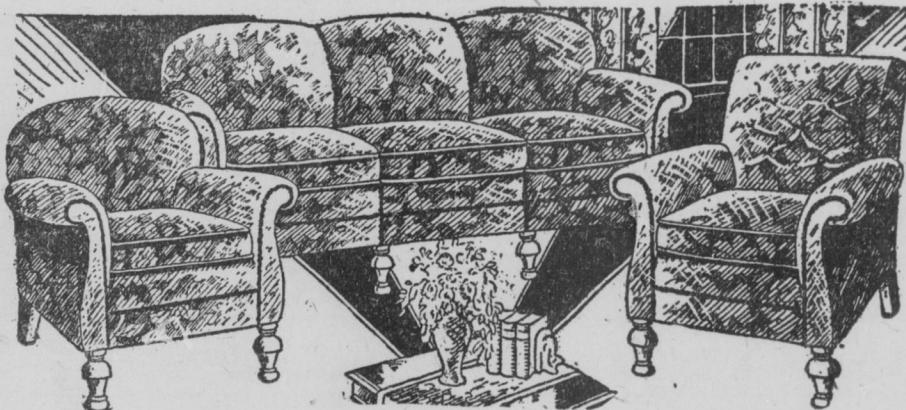
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