

PRODUCERS SHY ON 'ALL-TALKIE' TO TEST WORTH

Part Sound Proves Most Effective in Efforts So Far.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Feeling their way to more and better sound—with exhibitors literally crying for sound films—most motion picture producers have fought shy of "all talkie" pictures so far.

Most of them still are restricting sound to incidental noises or "effects"—the clatter of traffic, the whir of airplane propellers, and such—along with musical accompaniment.

Fox, however, produced "Lights of New York" with the Vitaphone reproducing all dialog, and in "The Terror" has gone a step farther. There was not a single printed letter or word in "The Terror" as it opened in New York. Even the name of the film and the names of the cast are announced orally—with a masked face appearing on the screen and going through the motions of speaking. The same is true of all sub titles.

Others Favor Sparing Use

Other producers are holding back from "100 per cent talkies" on the theory that sound accompaniment's greatest effectiveness will be achieved through somewhat sparing use of it.

Wide difference of opinion still exists among producers as to whether the phonograph record synchronization method, as illustrated by Vitaphone, or the sound-on-film process, as illustrated by Movietone, ultimately best will please the public.

Meanwhile most of the big companies have taken out licenses for both and are grabbing whatever equipment is to be had—anything to get going on sound picture production. Cost is a matter of no concern—box office receipts from sound pictures of any kind are taking all of financial worries at present.

Films Recalled

Important pictures made without sound are being recalled and phonograph record sound synchronizations prepared as hastily as possible. At Camden, N. J., the Victor Phonograph Company has been inundated with recording jobs.

Dozens of spoken drama experts have been pressed into movie service to aid in working out sound problems.

According to William DeMille, who has just gone to Paramount as a sound expert, fretting about the voice qualities of recognized film stars is entirely unnecessary. "The main thing to be considered is enunciation," he said. "Voice volume can be increased mechanically! Writers must supply actors with the correct lines to speak however. Many titles seen on the screen would fall flat if spoken."

First National executives also report the finding that any voice falling easily can be cured.

Sub Titles Won

First National's first sound effect picture is "Lilac Time," starring Colleen Moore. An interesting experience was had in preparing this film. Near the end, Colleen is hunting her lost love, a wartime aviator. She finds him in a hospital.

At first, dialog between the two was included in the sound, at the tensest moment. Tried out on an experimental audience, the dialog didn't get over. It was eliminated in favor of sub titles and soft music. Then out came the handkerchiefs.

DEMOCRATS MAKE TOUR

Conclude Clinton County Trip Today, Open Drive Friday at Salem.

Frank C. Dailey, Democratic candidate for Governor, R. Earl Peters, State chairman, and other State candidates and party leaders were to conclude a tour of Clinton County today, with a barbecue and rally tonight in T. P. A. Park at Frankfort.

The Democratic campaign will open formally at Salem, Ind., Friday with an all-day rally. Dailey will sound the campaign keynote. All State candidates have been asked to attend.

SERENADE FOR FIREMEN

Lansing (Mich.) Veteran Drum Corps Gives Concert.

Indianapolis firemen were serenaded today by the drum corps of the Morley S. Oates Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Lansing, Mich. While serenading Station 13 firemen made a rush for apparatus and turned on sirens. The music stopped and drum corps members scurried from the front entrance of the station, not knowing it was a joke.

Hoosier Given Death Message
FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 30.—When a train bearing Mayor James E. Walker of New York, made a brief stop here, he was handed a telegram advising him of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Etta T. Allen, at Clinton, Ia. The mayor was en route to Clinton. The death message was delivered by Harry Sullivan, local ticket agent of the Nickel Plate railroad.

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Visiting Veterans March in Colorful Parade



Taking part in the Veterans of Foreign Wars parade Wednesday evening were: Above—Band of Morley S. Oates post No. 701, Lansing, Mich. Below—Float of Alfarata Council No. 5, Pocahontas, Indianapolis; right, George C. Travers, Mechanicville, N. Y., and "Jiggs" mascot of the New York department of the V. F. W. "Jiggs" is a son of "Capt. Jiggs," famous Marine corps mascot.

COLLISION, TIE MARK DISTRICT SCOOTER FINALS

Last Sectional Race Set for Friday Morning at Riley.

Thrills, accidents and close races were plentiful this morning in District No. 4 of Times-Capital Dairy scooter derby at Greer St. playground.

A tie was run twice between William Buschatzky, 322 Craven St., Garfield, and Salvatore Plaza, 538 E. Merrill St., Ringgold. The boys tied for third in the 9-12 boy's race, and tied again in a match race runoff.

They agreed to split the prize money, and Salvatore will race in the finals on Monument Circle at 10 a. m. Monday because William will not be in the city.

Girl's Scooter Wrecked

Virginia Roberts, 1125 Shelby St., Ringgold, figured in a spectacular accident in the final heat of the girl's race when two scooters crashed. She was uninjured.

Eleanor Drake, 1423 Croft St., Garfield, won first in the girl's race. May Tierney, 1321 Orange St., School No. 20, was second, and Josephine Bisesi, 831 S. East St., Greer, third.

Arthur Scalp, 1408 Prospect St., School No. 20, was first in the 5-9 boy's race. William Wells, 841 Union St., Kansas and Meridian, second, and James Koors, 715 Parkway Ave., Garfield, third.

Winner Disqualified

Raymond Cassidy, 842 S. Capitol Ave., Melkel and Wyoming, was awarded the 9-12 boys' race when the winner was disqualified for cutting in front of two other racers. James Piccione, 622 Stevens St., Greer, was second.

Other children racing today were from Garfield, Melkel and Wyoming, Kansas and Meridian, Greer, Ringgold and school No. 20. They were:

Thomas Shoatelle, 655 Greer St.; Robert Shaefer, 601½ Stevens St.; James Putnam, 668 S. East St.; Fred Bisesi, 617 E. Merrill St.; Velma Gillespi, 738 Greer St.; Dorothy Mae Gillespi, 738 Greer St.; Lawrence Erkel, 1006 E. Tabor St.; James Laram, 401 Craven St.; Virginia Pugh, 962 Harvey St.; Michael Higgins, 1004 Church St.

Last Semi-Final Friday

Thomas Mulhern, 838 Melkel St.; Dorothy Hahn, 842 Melkel St.; Mary Ellen Hayden, 832 S. Senate Ave.; Mary Ellen Mulhern, 838 Melkel St.; Kenneth Beasley, 16 Orange St.; Wendell Lawrence, 1325 Charles St.; Eugene Gray, 1225 Laurel St.; Vincent Romano, 1121 Fletcher Ave., and Virginia Roberts, 1125 Shelby St.

The last semi-final race will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in District No. 5 at Riley for Children at Rutherford, Kingman, Hawthorne, Indianapolis, Camp Sullivan and Riley.

First, second and third place winners in the three classes in the semi-finals will be entered in the finals to be run at 10 a. m. Monday, Labor Day, on Monument Circle. All prizes will be awarded at that time.

Gastetter has been sentenced numerous times from this county for stealing chickens.

HOOTON VICTORY SEEN

Dawes, on Way to Canada, Predicts Election of Secretary.

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 30.—The presidential campaign outcome looks like Hoover." Vice President Charles G. Dawes during a brief stop here while en route to Canada on a vacation trip.

NEW TO RETIRE FROM CABINET POST MARCH 4

III Health, Advancing Age Force Postoffice Chief to Quit.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Postmaster General Harry S. New will retire from the Cabinet next March 4, it definitely was learned today.

III health and advancing age are given by his friends as the reason. His official duties are said to be proving too much of a strain. New is close to 70.

The Postmaster General was appointed March 5, 1923, after having served six years as a senator from Indiana. He is a native of Indiana, and was born at Indianapolis, Dec. 31, 1858.

New's first political office was as a member of Indiana State Senate, where he served four years. He is a former chairman of the Republican national committee, and for twenty-five years was connected with the Indianapolis Journal as reporter, editor and part owner.

Last winter New was forced to go to Panama for a vacation because of ill health. He is taking very little part in the Hoover campaign, although later he is expected to devote several weeks to making speeches.

CONVICTED BOMBER IN JUDGMENT STAY PLEA

Hammond Man Also Asks New Trial in Hearing Today.

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Ind., Aug. 30.—Special Judge Maurice E. Crites in Lake Criminal Court today is hearing arguments in arrest of judgment in the case of William Kleihege, convicted last June of wrecking the State theater, Hammond, by bombing last November.

Kleihe faces a sentence of one to fourteen years in prison. Counsel for the convicted man argued for a new trial recently, but no ruling was made. In case neither a new trial or arrest of judgment is granted, they have indicated an appeal will be taken to the Indiana Supreme Court.

KENTUCKY AID ON BRIDGE SEEN

Expect Agreement Today to Pay Half Cost.

Possibility loomed today that an agreement may be reached with the State of Kentucky whereby it would pay half of the cost of the proposed \$4,000,000 bridge across the Ohio River at Evansville.

This was discussed today at a conference of the Kentucky and Indiana highway commissions here today, it was learned. The conference ended at 1 p. m. and the Kentucky commissioners were to return to their State this afternoon. The only information which could be obtained of the result of the confab was given in a written statement which said:

"We have had a pleasant and satisfactory conference, but there has been no final agreement made."

Governor Flem D. Sampson of Kentucky was to have attended, but did not. Governor Jackson, who some weeks ago was named a colonel on the Kentucky Governor's staff, attended.

Under the present Indiana law providing for the bridge, the cost is to be assessed one-fourth against Vanderburg County, to be paid through a bond issue; one-fourth against the State general fund, and the remaining half by the highway fund. Vanderburgh County and the general fund will be reimbursed through tolls.

EAST SWELTERS IN HEAT WAVE

SUE CITY FOR DAMAGES

Couple Charge Allowance for Street Straightening Too Low.

Appeals from decision of the city board of works in awarding damages for the straightening of W. Forty-Seventh St. at Hinesley Ave.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—A stifling heat wave continued to bathe the metropolitan area and most of the eastern seaboard today, with no relief in prospect for at least thirty-six hours.

Wednesday the temperature rose to within 2 degrees of the all-time Aug. 29 record when at 2 p. m. the mercury was up to 88 degrees. The temperature abated somewhat in the late afternoon, but at 7 p. m. again rose and registered 88 degrees.

Beaches were jammed. Coney Island, the comfort spot for those who are unable to go to the more effete seashores, was thronged. Many remained on the beach all night rather than return to the steaming city.

Through the entire eastern section high temperatures were reported. There were light rains in the afternoon, but none brought any great relief.

TEXAN OLDEST NOMINEE
Democrats Name Constable, 81, to Keep Job.

By United Press
LUKIN, Texas, Aug. 30.—"Uncle Bob" Davis, nominated here by the Democrats for constable, probably is the oldest nominee in Texas. He is 81 years old and has been a constable for thirty-six years.

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