

WOMEN TO SEEK MEMBERS FOR ATHLETIC CLUB

Many Organizations to Hold Meetings During Week in City.

Drive to obtain charter members for the newly organized Women's Athletic Club of Indianapolis began today. Organized by three incorporators well known in athletic, social, educational and welfare circles in the city, Mrs. Flora Kinder, Miss Vivian Ely and Miss Emma Gardner, the club is ready to occupy portions of the Hoosier Athletic Club at once.

The Realtors' Home Show will be one of the chief factors in bringing back prosperity this year, it is predicted by Walter M. Evans, chairman of the home show committee, at its meeting at noon today at the Columbia Club.

L. D. McCracken, Indianapolis, has been named associate agency manager for the United Mutual Life Insurance Company, 941 North Meridian street, by Harry Wade, president.

Prospects of enacting a voters' registration law in Indiana will be discussed by Representatives Howard S. Grimm (Rep. De Kalb) and Cecil J. Kistler (Rep. Elkhart) at the Irvington Republican Club, 5446 1/2 East Washington street, tonight.

Officers and directors re-elected at the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Indiana Travelers' Assurance Company Saturday were: A. Cox, president; D. G. Trone, secretary-treasurer; George T. Kraus, Maurice Donnelly, Robert H. Miles and R. D. Fielding, directors.

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln will be commemorated Wednesday noon at the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Claypool. Paul V. McNutt, dean of the Indiana university law school, will speak.

"The Soul of America" will be the subject of a talk by Professor John J. Harany of Indiana central college Tuesday night at the Central Christian church.

Employees of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Talbot exchange, will give a St. Valentine's dance Thursday night at the Indiana ballroom.

The J. O. C. Young women's class of the Bible school of the First Baptist church will have a dinner meeting Tuesday night at 6:15.

Robert Sergerson, research metallurgist of the Republic Steel Corporation, Canton, O., will speak at the dinner of the Indianapolis chapter of the American Society for Steel Treating tonight at the Chamber of Commerce.

Appointment of A. V. MacCullough, former local resident, as assistant headmaster of the Utica Country day school in New Hartford, N. Y., has been announced.

Charles Howe, Indianapolis Retail Coal Club manager, has been named national council representative of the club in the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association this year.

George E. Dietz, 1907 1/2 College avenue, and Marvin Coyle, 1325 College avenue, will be graduated in June from the United States Military academy at West Point, N. Y.

Dr. Frederick D. Kershner, dean of the college of religion at Butler university, has been elected to membership in the American Society of Church History.

Henry M. Dowling, attorney, will be the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board Thursday at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

A "good luck" dance will be held Friday night at Municipal Gardens by members of the Howdy Club. Homer Hinkle is chairman of the committee in charge.

Lip reading will be discussed by Mrs. Walter R. Mayer before a meeting of the Indiana League for the Hard of Hearing at its rooms, 30 Stokes building, at 7:30 Tuesday night.

Miss Edna Means, character impersonator, presented a program of sketches at the Y. W. C. A. "Big Meeting" session at Keith's theater Sunday afternoon. She has appeared previously at the winter program, and is well known here.

Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of the Peoples church in Chicago and widely known conservationist, and Fred C. Stuck, field representative of the National Trout Walton league, will be the principal speakers Wednesday night at a dinner for the Indiana division of the league at the Lincoln.

'CIMARRON' IS ONE OF THE BEST MOVIES

Director and Cast Did Nothing to Damage Edna Ferber's Fine Story of Oklahoma Land Rush.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN
CRITIC "The Birth of a Nation" opened up new avenues for the makers of silent movies years ago. That Griffith movie lives today and will always stand as one of the ten best movies ever made.

Probably as much history has been made by Wesley Ruggles by directing Edna Ferber's "Cimarron" as a talker.

"Cimarron" is the first movie to record authentically the sounds accompanying the growth of a state and that is what has been accomplished in this talker.

It gives you the sounds, the cries, the noise, the tumult of defeat and victory which goes along with history. The director, the cameramen and the cast have done no damage to "Cimarron." Here is a moving and a gigantic story in sound and action. The director wisely has kept away from too much of the covered wagon stuff. That is where "The Big Trail" failed to click. Just too much of the endless covered wagon procession. Not so with "Cimarron." You have the dash of the early settlers to Oklahoma, and that dash starts out at the very beginning of the story.

You start out in 1889 and wind up in 1930. So you see, you follow the story of the life of Yancey Cravat, his wife Sabra and their children for forty years. It seems like a long time, but it never gets tiresome, each episode leading up to its own definite climax.

I am sure that Richard Dix fits splendidly into the character of Yancey as created by Miss Ferber. After seeing what the movies did to "Showboat," I was afraid that something awful would be done to "Cimarron."

It took me a little time to adjust myself to Dix's conception of the character. But the more I studied his work, I was sure that he was carrying out the idea of Miss Ferber.

One can understand why Sabra loved Yancey so much. Yancey was a combination lawyer and newspaper editor. He believed in printing all the news and he did it. Fights and wars resulted—Yes. But the bark of the printing press had more weight than the bark of a revolver.

Irene Dunne, an Indiana actress, had a big job handed her when she received the part of Sabra. It requires a lot of character shading, especially since Miss Dunne must act out forty years in the life of one woman.

You will also remember her splendid work in the scene at the banquet table after she was elected to congress. Here was fine silence acting.

Whether you are acquainted with Edna May Oliver, or not, you are going to remember her after seeing her as Mrs. Tracy Wyatt. She will panic you and hand you a lot of laughs. This woman knows her business. She just about walks away with the picture, although her part is a small one.

Here is a picture that the entire family should see. Here is movie theater that is theater.

Be sure and put "Cimarron" on your must list this week. Now at the Circle.

ANOTHER TITLE USED FOR BOX OFFICE PURPOSES
When the question is asked: "Would you forgive pre-marriage sins? I have the idea that it is all box office."

And that is my opinion of "Once a Sinner," a movie having the services of Dorothy Mackall, Joel McCrea and John Halliday.

Dianna Barry (Miss Mackall) is on the loose, but gets the impression when she meets Tommy Mason (Joel McCrea) all guys are not rotters, and that all men do not have mistresses.

So when she gets really in love with Tommy, she is ready to give Tommy the low down on her past life. Tommy, thinking himself very fine, declares that her past life meant nothing to him. So they marry. The wife forgets her past and the husband does nothing but worry about something that he didn't want her to hear. The wife has the idea that her past now is her own business. Things get in a pretty mess and Diana goes to Paris, and nearly to the dogs. But her husband shows up on the scene just in time from preventing her from making a bigger fool of herself.

The story sounds mine-run and it is just that. Miss Mackall failed utterly to convince me. In fact, I don't care whether Diana was bad

or good. That's the gal's own business. The men chiefly in support were seldom much better than Miss Mackall. Story tries to be naughty and at the same time solve a problem. It fails in both.

"Once a Sinner" is nothing more than another movie. Now at the Apollo.

AN EXCELLENT CAST IN "PASSION FLOWER"

"Passion Flower" brings to the screen about as good a cast as has been assembled for one picture in many moons. The three principals, all formerly of the stage, entered the movies via the talkers, and consist of Kay Johnson, Kay Francis and Charles Bickford.

Kay Francis, who formerly was known here through Stuart Walker, steals the picture. She has a difficult role to play, and she does it with a grand touch. Married to a rich old man, she falls in love with her cousin's husband, although she had disappointed of him at first because he was a chauffeur. Miss Francis proves several things to me in this rather unlikely role. She knows how to act, how to talk, and last but not least, how to wear clothes.

Charles Bickford has a most sympathetic role. As the husband, he can not make up his mind whether he loves his wife or her cousin, and as a result, you rather hate him before the picture is over. All your sympathy will go to Kay Johnson as the wife, who suffers because she can not stop loving a broke husband.

Zazu Pitts, a servant, gives one of her best comedy performances, and Zazu has given us laughs before. Here you will scream.

Lewis Stone, Dum Dum, a minor role with nothing much to do. Dickie Moore, still in his baby years, brightens the picture with his cute ways and pretty face.

Although the cast is excellent, and the material used better than in the average picture, there is something lacking in "Passion Flower." It lacks punch and speed, for one thing, which fault can only be laid at the feet of the director.

If the tempo had been speeded, and direction a little more clever, it would have been an all-around first class talker. As it is, it is just a movie that has an excellent cast. Now at the Palace. (By Connell Turpen.)

ITALY PLANNING HER GREATEST MILITARY SHOW

Fascist 'March on Rome' to Be Celebrated in October, 1932.

BY WEBB MILLER
United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, Feb. 9.—Benito Mussolini is preparing to reveal to the world in Rome next year the greatest display of military power ever witnessed in the twenty-six centuries of history of the Eternal City.

This visual demonstration of Italy's military strength is planned for the tenth anniversary of the Fascist "March on Rome" in October, 1932.

Under Mussolini's rule Italy is rapidly becoming one of the most powerful military nations on the continent.

Besides the regular army of 240,000 officers and men, the Fascist militia of 388,000 officers and men (of which only about 15,000 are in active service) nearly 400,000 youths of between 14 and 18 years in the Avanguardisti organization are given regular military training.

Nearly 1,000,000 boys under 14 in the Benalla organization undergo a mild form of semi-military discipline, drilling and physical training.

The 1930-31 budget as revised following reductions of salaries of army and navy officers reveals that 27 per cent of the government income is spent on regular armed forces.

To fulfill her ambition to be mistress of the Mediterranean, Italy is making extraordinary efforts to expand the navy and render it modern and efficient.

Tonnage totaling 59,293, comprising six cruisers, one flotilla leader, submarine and two destroyers were launched during 1930.

Italy now has in construction six scout ships of around 5,000 tons, which will include some of the fastest in the world, ten destroyers and thirteen submarines.

Next—Curtalement of nation's liberties.

would call clean fun, and is not so entertaining.

The picture "The Gang Buster," with Jack Oakie, presents this comedian at his best. How he gets mixed up with two gangs of crooks, and escapes unharmed is really funny. Jean Arthur and William Boyd are in the supporting cast. A picture that is light in story and treatment, it is just a harmless piece of nonsense that will chase the blues away.

Now at the Indiana (By Connell Turpen.)

CONCERNING A DRAMATIC RECITAL
David Vardi and Eva Yoclit appeared for the first time in Indianapolis at Kirshbaum Center last night.

Both work along the lines of Ruth Draper, using no scenery, just chairs, a table, a stool, a book and the like. Of what I saw of the program last night I was impressed with Vardi's "The Jewish Mother" and "The Ultra-Modern Flapper."

Vardi is a fine artist in suggesting makeup and various moods.

Miss Yoclit opened with "Art Thou Not Hungry for Thy Children, Zion?" Most of the program was Yiddish and Hebrew, with a few numbers in English.

Thurston, magician, with his daughter Jane opens a week's engagement at English's tonight.

Other theaters today offer: McCormick's old-time fiddlers at the Lyric, "French Models" at the Mutual, "She Got What She Wanted" at the Colonial, and "Mozart" at the Ohio.

"HALL IS BOOKED AT THE INDIANA"
James Hall, hero of "Hell's Angels," the aviation film, will arrive in Indianapolis late Tuesday to make preparations for his engagement at the Indiana theater which starts Friday.

The motion picture star left Hollywood on the Chief, a Santa Fe train, Sunday night. Hall will appear here for one week as guest master of ceremonies in the stage presentation entitled "On With The Dance."

Hall, who can sing and also play several musical instruments, will conduct a large stage band at the Indiana besides introducing the several specialty acts which will appear.

In order to complete arrangements to this end, the star is said to have found it necessary to be present several days in advance of his opening.

On Platform



Joe Rand Beckett

Floyd Gibbons, correspondent and radio announcer, will be introduced at Cadle tabernacle tonight by State Senator Joe Rand Beckett. Gibbons will arrive this afternoon. His address subject will be "Adventures of a Headline Hunter."

Gibbons' appearance is sponsored by Seventh district American Legion posts. Beckett is a former commander of the McVain-Kohe post, members of which are active in the affair.

LAME DUCKS RULE
Progressives Blocked in Both House and Senate.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Conservative forces in the senate, and the Republican machine in the house, with the consistent support of the "lame ducks," have so far blocked the chief legislative objectives of the progressives.

The Shipstead anti-injunction bill, backed by labor and long under consideration by the senate, has small chance of passage at this session.

The Muscle Shoals vote has not been had. Conference after conference has been held, but indications are the bill will die in conference.

The "lame duck" amendment has not been voted on in the house. Although Speaker Longworth, before the session began, indicated he would agree to a vote.

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UTILITY GIANTS MULCT PUBLIC, SAYS PINCHOT

Squeeze Out Hundreds of Millions by Unfair Rates, He Charges.

BY JOSEPH S. WASNEY,
United Press Staff Correspondent
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HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, declared today that public utilities of the country unfairly are squeezing hundreds of millions of dollars annually from small consumers by exorbitant rates. Pinchot is considered a possible candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1932.

"With some public utilities there is nothing wrong," Pinchot said in an interview. "Most of them, however, have seen the chance to make huge and unjustified profits out of the people of this country and they are taking full advantage of it."

"Instead of 7 or 8 per cent, some are making 100, 200 and 1,000, and in one case uncovered by the federal trade commission, more than 3,000 per cent a year on the money actually invested."

"A public utility is not an ordinary business. It is given special privileges by the public, and in return it agrees to give good service at fair rates."

"But the men in charge of most public utilities have thrown their obligation overboard and by pyramiding, stock inflation, excessive charges and other devices are ad-

ding many hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the cost of living of the people."

Pinchot explained that there is considerable difference between an ordinary business and a public utility in that ordinary business is regulated by competition.

"A public utility, by which I mean an electric, gas, water, trolley, or other company, is not regulated by competition," he said. "The people themselves, through charters given freely but sometimes worth millions of dollars, permit public service companies to be monopolies, each with the whole field to itself."

"Unless they are regulated by honest and effective public service commissions they run wild, as most of the public utilities of America have done, and grab every last cent the traffic will bear."

To establish a basic fair rate per kilowatt hour for the entire country would be very difficult, Pinchot said, but added that in no case should the rate ever exceed 5 cents, and probably it should often be much less.

Love Balm Case Dismissed
By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—The breach of promise suit of Miss Blanch Bunche against Eugene Whitehill, brought here on a change of venue from Marion county, has been dismissed on motion of the plaintiff. Whitehill is an Indianapolis business man. Miss Bunche asked damages of \$25,000.

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FRANCE, ITALY IN NAVAL RACE

May Force England and U. S. to Build Ships.

By United Press
LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Franco-Italian race in naval construction, which eventually will upset the balances of naval power fixed at the London naval conference and endanger its principal object, the elimination of competitive building, may be initiated this week.

The race possibly may force England, the United States and Japan to build beyond the agreements reached at London, thus vitiating the results of the conference.

Only unexpected developments can prevent the naval committee of the French chamber of deputies from presenting a new naval program within a few days providing 41,000 tons of construction, including a mystery "super-cruiser" designed to dominate Germany's pocket battleship, the Ersatz Preussen, most powerful vessel of its size in the world.

The Franco-Italian building truce has expired and subsequent negotiations did nothing to prevent the race.

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