

MUSICAL PLAY WINS PULITZER DRAMA AWARD

'The Good Earth' Best Novel; Indianapolis News Given Service Prize.

BY H. ALLEN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, May 3.—"Of Thee I Sing," a satirical musical comedy which lampoons American politics and political methods unmercifully, has been awarded the annual Pulitzer prize for drama, it was announced today.

The prize for the best novel written by an American during the year goes to Pearl S. Buck, China-born daughter of a missionary, for her book, "The Good Earth," a story of present-day life in China. Mrs. Buck lives in Nanking.

The award for public service was won by the Indianapolis News for its campaign to eliminate waste in city management and to reduce the tax levy.

"On Aug. 1, 1930, at the beginning of the budget-making period in Indiana, the Indianapolis News launched a campaign to eliminate waste in city management and to reduce the tax levy," the announcement says. "The news and editorial departments were mobilized for a period of approximately eighteen months and exhaustive studies were conducted throughout the state.

"As a result of carefully co-ordinated effort, ably directed, eighty counties in Indiana made reductions in their budgets. The Indianapolis News submitted a convincing display of news and editorial articles. On the basis of the material formally submitted by all of the candidates for the prize, this newspaper is ranked first."

Pershing Given Award

The prize for newspaper correspondence is awarded to Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent for the New York Times, for his articles on the progress of the five-year plan, and to Charles G. Ross of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for an article titled "The Country's Plight—What Can Be Done About It?"

The cartoon award goes to John T. McCutcheon of the Chicago Tribune, for his drawing titled, "A Wise Economist Asks a Question." The cartoon depicted a shabby man smoking a pipe on a park bench. A bushy squirrel asks him:

"But why didn't you have money for the future, when times were good?"

"I did," replies the man who is labeled "victim of bank failure."

General John J. Pershing wins the award for history with his book of memoirs, "My Experiences in the World War," and Henry F. Pringle is given the prize for the best biography, his "Theodore Roosevelt." The best volume of verse, in the opinion of the judges, was "The Flowering Stone," by George Dillon. Traveling scholarships, worth \$1,800, were awarded to Frank E. Kelley, Brooklyn; Selma Lutz, New York; and Jonathan D. Springer, Port Chester, N. Y., all students at the Columbia school of journalism.

'Platform of Love'

Ernest Bacon, San Francisco music student, and Francesco Roggeri, New York art student, likewise receive \$1,800 scholarships to continue their studies in Europe.

"Of Thee I Sing," the libretto for which was written by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, is the first musical comedy ever to receive a Pulitzer award.

It is concerned with a presidential campaign in which the prime issue is love. Running on a "platform of love," the bachelor candidate, for President promises he will marry the winner of a beauty contest if elected.

During the campaign, however, he falls in love with another girl, and his political speeches consist of proposals to her.

He marries the second girl, snubbing the beauty contest winner, and trouble develops. Twins come to the White House and more trouble develops.

Novel Is Acclaimed

No award was made this year for the best newspaper editorial, and the award for the best example of a reporter's work during the year has been deferred.

Mrs. Buck's novel received almost unanimous acclaim from literary critics when it was published last year, and even now continues to hold its place on the best-seller lists, more than a year since publication.

It is the poignant, picturesque story of a Chinese family, and of the sacrifice made by the parents for their children. Mrs. Buck has completed a sequel to it, which will be issued this year.

AERIE ELECTS OFFICERS

Edward Kegeris New President of Indianapolis Eagles.

Officers chosen Monday night in the annual election of Indianapolis aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles are: Edward Kegeris, president; Clarence Curran, vice-president; Charles Soebe, chaplain; Wilbur H. Miller, secretary; Jacob L. Smith, treasurer; Chris Scarpono, conductor; Herman Exner, inside guard; Floyd Baker, outside guard; Enos Cassidy, trustee, and Dr. J. J. Briggs, physician.

British Rivers Flooded

By United Press

LONDON, May 3.—Rivers swollen by four days of heavy, summer rains flooded many parts of the British Isles today, isolating thousands of residents. A cloudburst at Bath flooded the streets. The river Avon was at flood height and invaded part of the famous town of Stratford-On-Avon.

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BILL TO KEEP DOLLAR VALUE STEADY PASSED

Strange Vote Coalition Puts Goldborough Measure Through House.

By Scripps-Haward Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Interest in the traditional conflict between the debtor and creditor classes over the management of the nation's monetary system has been heightened by house passage of the Goldborough bill.

By a vote of 239 to 59 the house sent to the senate the bill of Representative T. Alan Goldborough (Dem., Md.), directing federal reserve officials and the secretary of the treasury to exert their efforts to restore and maintain the dollar at its average purchasing power from 1921 to 1929, inclusive.

A strange coalition of votes pushed the measure to passage over the opposition of spokesmen for the administration.

Even several of the "old guard" Republicans voted for the bill, saying they did so with the hope that it would offset agitation for more drastic legislation.

Labor legislation leaders, headed by Representative F. H. La Guardia (Rep., N. Y.) voted for the bill, saying it would bring to an end the movement to reduce wages.

Support From West

But the backbone of its support came from farm districts, where debts and taxes flowered before the days of Andrew Jackson and came to full bloom in the era of William Jennings Bryan, and from the Democratic organization which followed Jackson to victory and Bryan to defeat on the money issue.

Chances of the bill receiving such warm support in the senate were regarded today as doubtful.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, ranking Democratic member of the banking and currency committee, was understood to regard the measure with disfavor.

Glass was said to believe that the federal reserve board should not be given the power to raise and lower commodity prices, and that it could not successfully do so even if it had the power.

The bill declares that it is "the policy of the United States that the average purchasing power of the dollar as ascertained by the department of labor in the wholesale commodity market for the period covering the years 1921 to 1929, inclusive, shall be restored and maintained by the control of the volume of credit and currency," and then imposes on the federal reserve system and the treasury the duty of making the policy effective.

The measure leaves to federal reserve and treasury officials the methods to be employed, but its sponsors contemplate that the reserve banks for the present will lower their rediscount rates and go into the open market and purchase government securities, and thereby expand currency and credit until commodity prices are raised to the fixed average.

The sponsors expect the reserve officials then to maintain that price level, contracting credit and currency if prices rise above the average and expanding it if prices drop.

Fishing the Air

Sylvia Froze, blues singer, will offer "Take It From Me" and "You See in My Heart," during the broadcast of the program from Columbia and the Columbia network from 8:30 to 9:45 p. m., Tuesday.

"The Party and the Issues" is the general subject on which Julian Mason and Arthur Krock, newspaper men, will be interviewed by Ruth Morgan of the National League of Women Voters in the National League of Women Voters program Tuesday at 6 p. m. over WLW and an NBC network.

Julius Anderson and Frank Crumit will unite in "Sing New Songs in the Heart of You," during the program Tuesday, at 6 p. m. over WTAM and an NBC network.

RAISE \$10,349.50 FUND

More Than One-Fifth of Jewish Charities Goal Reached.

More than one-fifth of the \$53,000 goal of the Jewish welfare fund has been reached, workers in the campaign reported Monday.

The amount raised thus far is \$10,349.50.

Louis J. Borinstein, president of the Chamber of Commerce, delivered the principal address at the workers' meeting, asserting that "a man is not judged by what he has, but what he gives and does."

G. A. Eryomson was chairman of the meeting. Charles S. Rauh is chairman of the campaign, and his father, Samuel E. Rauh, is honorary chairman.

WOMAN DIES OF SHOCK

Witnesses Crossing Accident and Collapses in Husband's Arms.

By United Press

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 3.—Shock from witnessing a crossing crash resulted in the death here Monday night of Mrs. Clarence Brown.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Brown saw the crossing collision which caused the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salisbury, aged musicians. She fell into her husband's arms, and never recovered consciousness. A brain hemorrhage caused death.

Bridge Contract Awarded

The Vincennes Bridge Company has been awarded a \$9,577.44 contract for construction of a bridge on state road 87, south of Westphalia in Knox county. Award was by the state highway commission.

ESTHER TELLS YOU ABOUT HOLLYWOOD

The Civic Theater Is Giving Us a Chance to See "Mrs. Partridge Presents" Well Acted by a Good Cast.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

THE lowdown on Hollywood is given us by Esther Ralston in her opening song in vaudeville this season.

She even allows that in Hollywood they are even cutting the wages of sin and when that is done things must be terrible out there.

Miss Ralston is using much more than a smile, a few clothes and less jokes for her "personal appearance" this season. She has a revue called "Sensations of 1932," and has the services of five or six dancers. The act has class and when a few changes are made in the routine, the revue will have no trouble standing on its own merits because Miss Ralston is doing more on the vaudeville stage than any other of her kind.

Her good Saturday night's audience applauded when the third act opened, before any actors had appeared on the