

## City Child Possesses Advantages

Romancing About Life on Farm Leaves Facts Out of Picture.

BY GRETTA PALMER  
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, May 14.—The grass and child situation is fraught with gravity, according to police attached to the Arsenal station in Central park. It is the duty of this section of the finest to keep an eye peeled for lawbreakers who ignore the signs "Keep Off the Grass."



Miss Palmer

The police have caught the tell-tale grass stains on a child's dress, which John Biro, the 2-year-old terror, spent several weeks ago, and their day in court ended, to every one's relief, in a suspended sentence.

There has been a great deal of unwarranted sentimentalizing over the plight of the city child. We are asked to believe that any youngster who has never walked barefoot down to the "crick," with a fishing pole over his shoulders, has been robbed of his birthright. We are assured that a childhood without a swimmin' hole and the job of calling, "Hey, boss!" to the cow might just as well be left out of life.

The grim side of childhood on a farm is rarely mentioned by those hearing old men who grow romantic about the adventures of growing up in the country as they sit on the sixty-first floor of a skyscraper, surrounded by modern conveniences up to their necks. They forget that the undoubted delights of wood and stream may be balanced by some fundamental advantages which the city child enjoys.

The little boy or girl who grows up on a farm may have kindly parents who believe that childhood should be one long idyll of roaming through the fields. But such a child may also have a family which looks on every new baby as another worker for the best fields. And there are no officials in the rural districts to see that a 7-year-old boy is prevented from working a twelve-hour day.

### Protected in Cities

Protection from his parents' brutality or ignorance is one of the great gifts the city child receives at birth. His milk does not come straight from a cow of doubtful health; it is first inspected by a corps of bacteriologists.

His childhood illnesses are not left to the mercy of a country doctor, twenty years removed from medical school and fifty miles away in a crisis. Free hospitalization at the first sign of fever is assured him.

And as for education—the little red school house may make a pretty advertising calendar, but the brand of learning it hands out is often more than suspect.

### Lighter Moments Assured

The city child's life has lighter moments, too. If you do not think he can enjoy himself until the hot weather and watch the children splashing about in the fountain in Washington Square.

If you believe that he is denied a chance at the legitimate fun of childhood make a survey of the games which have been invented by the children themselves for the purpose of play in city streets.

I especially commend to you the informal league of neighborhood street baseball teams which has sprung up without the benefit of intruding adults.

And yet it does seem pathetic to the most urban that a child should be arrested for so normal and proper a pastime as rolling on the grass. It seems a little brutal to confine his play to concrete walks, with a patrolman keeping a sharp eye on him to be sure he does not pick the flowers.

Can't the city set aside some plot in Central park—small by grownup standards, but big enough to provide a paradise of grass for the little lawbreakers who want to get grass stains on their pinafores?

### Final Party Scheduled

Butler university freshmen will close their social season June 1 with a swimming party and dance at the Riviera Club, Illinois street and Westfield boulevard. Committee in charge includes Albert Mendenhall, Alfred Coffin, Miss Nina Kehn, Miss Barbara Zechel, Robert Cash, Miss Alice Wooling, Winston Griffin, Bud James, Miss Jean Anderson, Miss Nancy Ridge and Clarence Kerberg. Picnic supper will be served.

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### Have a Hobby

## Collectors Interested in Lieber Anniversary Fair

BY MRS. C. O. ROBINSON  
Times Hobby Editor

THE miniature fair in progress at the H. Lieber Company store is a unique birthday party which extends to collectors the dual opportunity to pay their respects to the firm and to view many splendid items in the line of their special interest.

Fascinating exhibits of paintings, mirrors, china, glass, silver and antiques, including many museum pieces, have been assembled, and in compliment to the anniversary celebration marking eight decades of growth and progress, the Newhouse galleries of New York sent an impressive collection of oil paintings by old masters and an excellent display of quaint Currier and Ives prints.

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If, in addition to his brilliance of mind, charm of manner and ability as a diplomat, Franklin also was as personable as the portrait indicates, one readily understands his success with the women of the Parisian court.

Another treat for art lovers is the George A. Kessler collection of art fans valued at \$50,000. It consists of five fanlike arrangements of ivory blades, each decorated and signed by a noted artist.

THE art section, however, is but one of the interesting features which the fair has to offer. The amateur photographer may view the evolution of his beloved camera, and the china collector may enjoy the rare Spode and Royal Copenhagen porcelain.

Those who are interested in the American Indian and his products will appreciate the Mexican zarapes, and for the one who prefers to own potential antiques—to be the first to possess something which eventually will be treasured down as a prized heirloom, there are exhibits of Jensen silver and Orrefors and Steuben glass.

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## President of League to Retire

Mrs. Teetor Will End Five Years Service at Convention.

Following committee conferences and board of directors meeting today, the Indiana League of Women Voters will open general sessions of the annual convention tomorrow at the Fowler in Lafayette, Mrs. Charles N. Teetor of Hagerstown will complete five years as president when she turns over the gavel to a new president at the close of the convention.

The complete program, announced by Mrs. Dow Harvey of Kokomo, chairman, is as follows:

—10 A. M.—  
Fowler hotel ball room; business session. Mrs. Charles N. Teetor, president, presiding. Mrs. J. J. Duncan, secretary. Mrs. J. J. Duncan, secretary. Mrs. J. J. Duncan, secretary.

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## Donald Woods in Films to Stay; Movie Here Now

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

IT is interesting to see a legitimate actor, who has spent a lot of his time with stock companies on the legitimate stage make good on the talking screen.

Such an actor is Donald Woods, who was leading man for a season at English's with the Arthur Casey Players. Mr. Woods was a careful and intelligent actor in every role he played here.

In one of many interviews with him I voiced the opinion that the screen was his future. He listened, but was not convinced. His success as Stan, the boy from the city who goes rural on a New England farm, in the movie, "As the Earth Turns," moves that I was not wrong.

To me, this novel by Gladys Hasty Carroll as one of the best of last season, and if I had to nominate a candidate for the Pulitzer prize in fiction, this novel would have been the choice. In all fairness to the movie version, the characters have been more fully and truthfully developed than the background.

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steam boat whistle, the Rubes make real entertainment. They can harmonize well and they can play their novel instruments effectively.

Other acts on the bill are Rena and Rathburn in an inebriate turn which proves pretty dull; Hatt and Herman, the latter being an amusing fellow who bounces about on an elastic tarpaulin; and Walter Nelson, cyclist, whose chatter is better than his cycling.

All in all, the bill this week is a wholesome one without the unwholesome innuendoes.

On the screen, "Merry Wives of Reno" completes the bill. Among these present in the cast are those irrepressible fun makers, Guy Kibbee, Hugh Herbert, Hobart Cavanaugh, Glenda Farrell, and Roscoe Ates. Donald Woods, formerly of the local Casey Players, and Margaret Lindsay provide the love interest in this farce of marital relationships.

Mr. Kibbee is uproarious as the world's "champion husband-lar" and makes the most of the excellent lines in his script.

Hugh Herbert is even funnier and more adroit than he was in "Convention City."

Now at the Lyric. (By OBSERVER.)

On View Here Today

TONIGHT at English's, Maurice Schwartz, famous Yiddish actor with his Yiddish Art Theater of New York City, will be seen in "Yoshe Kalb." This is a most important event. Do not let the Yiddish text keep you from seeing great acting.

The Circle today offers "20 Million Sweethearts." Loew's Palace is offering "Viva Villa." Both pictures have been reviewed in this department.

The Ambassador is offering "Lazy River."

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