

Talks on the Hurtful Features of Movies

Sunday School Worker at Lake Thinks Majority of Films Have Hurtful Features

Lake Junaluska, July 11—Declaring that most of the films have features that are hurtful in their effect upon children, Miss Minnie Kennedy, Nashville, Tenn., Superintendent of elementary Sunday work, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in an address before the Social Service Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, suggested that some organization of parents and other interested citizens should be created for the specific purpose of caring for the local moving picture situation.

Miss Kennedy, member of the committee on education of the International Council of Religious Education, has made an extensive study of the motion picture subject. She said there was a great need for a concerted campaign to educate parents as the "danger" of moving pictures upon young life.

"It does not seem to be generally known that the moving picture is organized into tremendous corporations that have penetrated every city, town, and large village in the land," said Miss Kennedy, "and through the medium of the automobile, the rural places as well. This organization has laid hold of the children and youth, as well as of the men and women, until, according to the statement of one of the corporations, twelve million people are attending moving picture shows every day.

"When parents and teachers really comprehend the fact, that the most powerful agency for impression-making known is conducted, either that of actual persons or that portrayed in realistic life, the first long stride toward reforming the 'movies' will have been made.

"Are moving pictures helpful or hurtful in their effect upon young life? Some are distinctively helpful because of their artistic and literary merit, untainted by evil suggestion, or because of some outstanding message that is effectively presented. On the other hand, the deliberate statement is here made that the most of the films presented have features that are distinctly hurtful.

"The nature of the child is an exceedingly delicate thing. For him to look at one time at some act committed by a person and which will express itself later in conduct. A little girl of four, when a picture closed with its usual 'clutch' asked: 'Mother, isn't he going to kiss her?' A five year old boy, watching a struggle cried: 'I want to kill him. Why doesn't he kill him?' The minute portrayal of crime, scenes of horror or of bloodshed, 'thrillers' where one thrill succeeds another, deeds of malicious mischief, of deceit, of cheating, of petty theft—these all work havoc in the natures of children.

"Censorship has proven inadequate and hence unsatisfactory. This grows chiefly out of two reasons: 'It works by prohibition, which is not based on education. To cut arbitrarily objectionable features from films without at the same time educating the people to know why they are objectionable is to do a superficial work, which eventually fails.

"Then there is no agreed-upon basis for judgment, so boards differ with boards, and individuals with individuals.

"While it is evident that there are many beginnings of reform, all that has yet been accomplished is only a pin prick compared with the reform that is needed. Each city, town and community in the land should do certain things.

"Some organization of parents and other interested citizens should be created for the specific purpose of caring for the local moving picture situation. This organization should be completed with all moving picture committees of other organizations so as to present a unified program."

Widow Of Booker T. At Lake Junaluska

Among Speakers at Social Service Conference of Methodists in Western North Carolina

Lake Junaluska, July 11.—Among speakers at the Social Service Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, was



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the widow of the late Booker T. Washington, former head of the Tuskegee Institute. She spoke, she said, from the standpoint of a Southerner who loves the South and at the invitation of Bishop James Cannon of the M. E. Church, South.

The speaker gave illustrations from her experiences gained during a recent study of conditions in the families of negroes in rural districts, gained while she represented the Alabama State Federation for Colored Women. She expressed the opinion that such surveys or inspection tours were good things for when people became interested in helping the black race they would become more alert to help the needy and underprivileged among the whites. No one with a human understanding, she said, can view these conditions without wanting to help.

Significant among the conditions which the speaker portrayed there was for the most no man among the poor houses, large families, and unsanitary, unlovely conditions. Properly married men and women, properly born children and proper homes are the things the negro race wants above everything else, she declared.

"There are two things," asserted the speaker "the negro will never have until his family life is improved; they are health and character. He must have houses large enough to separate his boys and girls, better food, and better surroundings. If not there can be no health and without health there is no character and when the negro has no character he will be a burden. The negro has been called the South's burden, but if he is a burden, he is becoming everybody's burden for 35 per cent of the negro population of the far South has moved away."

In The Social Circles

In Honor of Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foreman entertained with a sail on the Wicoccoon Monday evening from 7:30 to 10:00 in honor of their house guests, Miss Ida Warrington and Miss Laura Rodney of Laurel, Del. Those enjoying their hospitality besides the guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selig, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woodley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McMullan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Beveridge, Misses Margaret Foreman, Nell Wood, Maud Palmer, Messrs. Guirkin Cooke, Evans Blades, John Pinner and Dr. J. W. Selig.

Personals

Guirkin Cooke of East Fearing street spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodley spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.

Miss Nellie Hastings spent Sunday in Portsmouth, the guest of her sister, Mrs. I. W. Morgan. She was accompanied home by her little niece, Myrtle Geneva Morgan who is going to spend some time the week of her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hastings.

Miss Odell Long spent Sunday in Norfolk the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forbes have returned from their honeymoon to northern cities.

Miss Lula White and Miss Sallie Perry spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.

Leroy Selig of Norfolk is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selig on West Main street.

Misses Bernice Leahman and Hannah Bottigheimer, Mrs. J. K. Liveright, Miss Emma Liveright and Emil Bottigheimer of Suffolk and Dr. E. Linwood Leahman of the University of Virginia were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selig on West Main street.

Mrs. Sallie Cobb, formerly of this city but now of Sunbury with two children has returned home after vis-

iting relatives here.

John Bush of Portsmouth who has been visiting C. J. Ward on North Road street left Monday to visit his brother, A. T. Bush of Edenton.

Miss Clinnie Hayes left Tuesday for Nags Head where she will spend several days as the guest of Mrs. J. D. Hathaway.

SOUTH CAROLINIANS BENEFIT BY HIGHWAY

Hendersonville, July 11—Among projects which have been awarded for construction by the State Highway Commission is a stretch of road which extends from here to Tuxedo station on the Hendersonville to Greenville, S. C. highway, the distance of the proposed project being 5.83 miles.

This construction work, it is expected by State Highway Commission officials, will be of interest generally to South Carolinians and Georgians because of the fact that so many of them use this road when entering the Blue Ridge section from the lower country. With the exception of the Caesar's Head route from Greenville, S. C. and the Spartanburg, S. C. to Hendersonville road by way of Tryon, this is practically the only entry into the "Land of the Sky" from the South and by many it is believed to be the route most used.

For many years this road, which passes through Flat Rock, inhabited largely in the summer months by South Carolinians, has been more or less of a problem. During fair weather it generally has been maintained in excellent condition but summer floods and rains have on many occasions made it anything but a good stretch of roadway. Indeed, during one summer not many years ago, it became, by reason of creeks swollen out of their banks and excessive rainfall, well nigh impassable and remained in that condition for many weeks, although efforts were

made to keep it in shape for the influx of summer visitors from the states further South.

In recent years it has become quite a popular pastime during the summer months for South Carolinians from Greenville and adjoining counties to motor up to Hendersonville and nearby points for the week-ends and a bus line between Hendersonville and Greenville has been maintained. The improvement of this road in the near future, it is expected, will add greatly to the pleasure of the trip for motorists.

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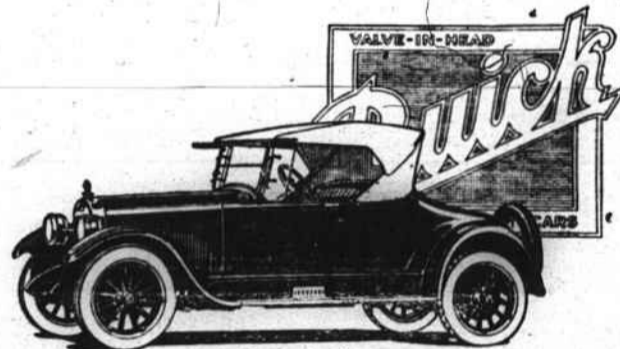
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