"How I Write a Play," by Channing Pollock, Author of "The Enemy

Program

lect names, slogans, yells, etc.

7:15 - Hike announcement-

7:35-Troop games. - Lewis

Troop Leadership."-Walsh.

committeemen, scoutmasters -

group of conferences led by

9:10-Reports from group dis-

9:15-Final summary.-Walsh

9:20 - Inter-patrol song con-

9:25-Troop formation; clos-

9:30 - Dismissal - Leaders

available for counsel on personal

Exhibit of leadership literature.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY

(Continued from page 1.)

known. So they came back earlier

ould be his mate, and they wer

to build their nest in the great

elm tree. It was Valentine Day,

too. No wonder Robin was up

early to sing his morning song to

the rising sun. The little boy who

lived in the house near the great

elm was wakened out of his sleep

by Robin's song. He could not un-

derstand the words of the song. At

first he thought it was Robin's

ROBIN CELEBRATES

stration; First aid.-Ware.

Walsh, Ware and Lewis.

leaders' reports .- Walsh.

tive by patrols.-Ware.

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Walsh.

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Lewis.

Each Detail in Process of Composing Dramatic Play Is Told

E-F-A-MODILY By CHANNING POLLOCK Author of "The Fool" and "The Enemy"

Everybody knows the story of the man who took his Ford to sional note. I mean thinking pieces, and, when he got it togeth- which for me, and, perhaps, for er again, found that he had six parts left over.

History doesn't relate whether the car ran, but, if it did, I don't think the joke was on the man.

Spare parts are useful. In all departments of life, the great misfortune is not having

Thirty years experience as critie and dramatist has shown me that this is the trouble with many plays. Not parts enough. Not plot enough. Not thought enough. The author began without taking time and trouble to fill his mental tool box.

When I read "The Sign On The Door" to A. H. Woods, who has unusual dramatic instinct, he "This play will be a success. I've noticed that generally plays with plenty of ideas are successful. Plays that give you a new and unexpected twist, just when you think the author has run dry."

I used to wonder at authors who go to Atlantic City Friday swim Saturday, dine out Sunday, and come home Monday with a new play. Then I discovered that it was always that kind of a play. A play with one or two ideas, but, like a car made up of one or two parts, it doesn't run.

Of course, I go to the other extreme . . . partly because, as J. M. Barrie-said of himself, "the gun of my wit is fired by a slow match." With me, "genius is one tenth inspiration and nine tenths erspiration." Pinero said that the day in which he wrote one speech that satisfied him he called a good day. So do I. I have sat up all night to get ten words

I admit the slow match. In the old days, when I was writing extra verse, I found myself confined to my room by half a dozen rhymes longer than the average

on the county books for this year.

pendence 28 to 21.

of the city.

one of three starting points; around a situation, a character, or was put aside every afternoon at a theme. "The Fool" and "The five. Enemy", obviously, began with a theme, and, in the case of "The Enemy", this theme came to me during the Spanish-American War. That is, I actually began work in per. Each scene is "roughed out" 1897 or '98 on a play that was not | in pencil, or pen and ink, the more ready for production until last important speeches having been

By "work", I don't mean writ-. . outside of an occaing

most people, is work. Thinking, and reading, and observing. With my thesis in mind, a good many of the books I explored twenty five years ago were selected because of their bearing on a drama first acted in New York last October. During this quarter of a century, wrote and produced twenty-six other plays, but every time I encountered a thought or a characteristic that adhered to the glue spread across those particular brain cells I put it aside for this job. On account of the same job, I went twice to Vienna, and, during the two trips, filled eleven plump note-books.

There were thousands of notes then I sat down to write "The Enemy" on January 26th, 1925. My secretary had spent weeks getting them in order. I began, as I always begin, with the most difficult task in the development of a play, and the most important . . its construction

By this time I had decided upon story to demonstrate my argu-. . . a story sufficiently interesting, suspensive, exciting and emotional for the theatre. I had decided upon the characters necessary to telling that story, had eliminated more than half of them, had combined one with another, had determined upon their traits, and got thoroughly ac-

quainted with the survivors. I made up my usual list of scenes essential to bringing out what was vital. Then I decided upon the order of these scenes, and numbered them. For each big envelope, and into each envelope were put the notes that might have to do with that scene.

"Mechanical", you will say, but all work carefully done has its before it is witnessed. musical comedy, and a song mechanical aspects, and it is be- Victor Herbert said that to me "went" well enough to require an cause of the lack of this care and of music; that no one lived who order that so many plays are

slovenly, or fail to be exhaustive. Play-writing is not a haphazard man by influenza. I have seen job; nor is it something done Harry B. Smith, the author of without training or labor. It was

Busy Readers

an increase is shown, county officials explain that this will

be offset to a great extent by the increased valuation shown

Parrish junior high players neck to neck with the Woodburn

high five, the Parrish team dropped in the winning toss and

took the most exciting game of the season by a 26 to 25

score. The same night Salem high tossers won from Inde-

Wednesday, February 10

to be known as the "Emporium," is to be established in Salem

by Al Krause and Louis L. Lunsford. The store will occupy

a four or five story building. It is to be centrally located,

in the heart of town, although the exact location has not as

yet been disclosed. It is hoped that construction will start

within a month. Everything found in a metropolitan depart-

ing, children's clothing, hardware, shoes, confectionery, soda

fountain, restaurant, bakery, wholesale and retail music,

lewelry and optical goods. Each department will be leased.

Rental will include heat, light, room space, window space, trimming, advertising, office and credit service.

A "Spring window display week" in this city is to be

onsored by the Salem Ad club during the week starting

March 16. Merchants have joined enthusiastically. It is

probable that a street dance will be held as an opening fea-

ure of display week. Windows in stores throughout the city

will be veiled, then unveiled at the same moment in all parts

The Oregon Statesman issued its annual potato slogan

Out of seven engineering firms seeking to make the

appraisal of the Salem Water & Power company works, the

firm of Stevens & Koon, of Portland, was the unanimous

hibiting smoking on the part of minors was indicated. Salem

pastors recently expressed the conviction that little attempt

vas being made to halt youths in their premature smoking

regation of the First Presbyterian church to start the con-

will be located on the northeast corner of Winter and Che-

meketa streets. Work will start when \$60,000 in cash has

Friday, Feburary 19

from an inspection tour of bank buildings in the south.

be found in the main news section of this isue.

ledged to be paid when ground is broken.

ing in excess of 150.

en raised. There is \$17,000 in cash now and \$17,239

Representing the opinion of California financiers believe recidented expansion will be seen within the near future

More than 600 Legion members attended the District

ntion at Dallas, the Marion conuty delegation numb

n the Northwest, Fred Slade and Daniel J. Fry, Sr., returned

With definite action underway, it is the hope of the con-

Thursday, February 11

The Statesman announced that a new department store,

Playing two extra periods to break the tie that held

lyric, and a good one, in twenty to this kind of effort that I began period, July 25th to August 8th. minutes and amid the din of a on the actual dialogue of "The The camp fee will be \$11.00 per chorus rehearsal, but to me, this Enemy," and that part of the job, two weeks period. Camp folders kind of fact should be listed so often thought to be the whole and applications will be issued themselves. The object must in Miss Bates' room. We divided among the wonders of the world. job, occupied only about two later. A play may be written from any months of work that began every morning punctually at eight and

> I write in the angle of two desks, on one of which stands my typewriter, and on the other pad, pencil, pen, ink, and ordinary paset down first upon single slips. Before they are incorporated in the rough; draft of the scene, each speech is balanced carefully. frequently repeated aloud, for its

sound: and subjected to a process of elimination like that to which a business man subjects a cablegram after he has found that it will cost him twenty five cents

a word. When a scene has been penciled, or pen-and-inked in its entirely, I make further revisions, and then turn to my right and type it, when typed, it leaves before me a clean and nearly final draft that gives me an idea of the whole. And when the manuscript is complete, and has been liberally messed up with further additions subtractions and alterations, it is copied and ready for reading, re-

hearsal and production. A painful, arduous, and rather mechanical process, perhaps, but as a result, I have given the lie to the old destructive maxim that "plays are not written; they are rewritten." A play is a delicate structure. Like a house of cards. Disturb a single card . . once the house is built and the whole pack is apt to come sumpling down. When I hear that a play is being rewitten, or greatly

altered at rehearsal, I always fear for the result. None of my plays has ever been changed after going into rehearsal, and, years afterward, the actors are able to study from the

printed text. That is true of "The Enemy". which has been in type since April,

I regard publication as the final test of a play. We are continually told about "closet drama", and the kind of play that plays, and number there was a corresponding can't be read, but my own experience is that, given a reader with imagination, a play that isn't worth reading isn't worth acting. An important play should be read

nerian phrase in the two seconds given to playing it; and, if this is true of music, how much truer is it of drama! I should dislike to think that I wrote anything that could be fully digested in the time taken to play it. Thoreau said modest women generally were women conscious of physical imperfections; the same thing, I think, may be said of dramatists coy of publications. (Signed:) CHANNING POLLOCK

SCOUT TRAINING EVE **BOOKED FOR MONDAY**

Tuesday evening at Medford and Wednesday evening at Corvallis. the local executive will assist Mr. Walsh and Mr. Lewis in both cit-

Court of Honor The next meeting of the Salen Court of Honor will be held Wednesday 7:15 p. m. at the county court house. Second and first class candidates must have their ment store, promoters state, will be found, including drugs, R-books with them, and these beauty parlor, sporting goods, men's clothing, women's cloth- must be properly signed by their scoutmasters. All applications for Merit badges must be in headquarters not later than noon on Wednesday.

Father and Son Banquet The annual Father and Son banquet was held at Corvallis last Tuesday evening. Two hundred were present. The meeting was held at the high school. A splenprogram was presented and speaker was Prof. Fred G. Bale of Albany College. Prof. Bale was formerly a judge of the juvenile court at Columbus, Ohio.

Troop Re-registrations The records at headquarters show that there are three troops in the Cascade council whose registrations are overdue. One of these troops being located in Sachoice of the citizens' and council's committees. Stevens & lem. It is hoped that these troops Koon will make the complete appraisal for \$2,500. This is will register at once in order that \$1,000 under the figures of some of the other firms, it is their seouts may be kept in good standing according to the regula-With the fining of a Salem youth, first reflection of an tions of the national headquarters. investigation started by the Ministerial association some days The national regulations state ago to check up on alleged non-enforcement of the law pro-hibiting smoking on the part of minore was indicated. Salam for advancement

Camp Savings Plan The executive is contemplating preparations for a savings plan which will assist scouts in saving money so that by the time the tion of a \$125,000 church by March 1. The new church summer camp opens they will be able to attend camp. It is hoped that some of the scoutmasters, troop committeemen or council members may have some ideas regarding such a plan and that they will turn them in to scout headquarters

Cascadia the eleventh of July. There will be two periods of two cial mountain hikes of three or ing one cry-mirth on one page four days' duration. These hikes and tears on the other-whose sa-Full accounts of Saturday and Sunday morning news will will start from the camp. The tire never stings and whose pathos period dates are as follows: First never become bathos.

"Robin Hood", compose a new after more than a month devoted period July 11th to 25th; second SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON We all went to the windows and (Continued from page 1.) were little less than foolish in

> Patrol Medallions The new patrol medallions issued by the National Supply Department are now available. A sample may be seen at the local used them, that he might be convinced that the power was of God. headquarters. If these are to be used they should be used by the

> 2. His Gbedience-v. 7. He immediately obeyed. He did entire troop and not at the discretion of individual patrol leadnot stop to question the reasonableness of the command. III. The Man's Testimony-

> 5:45-Exhibit of automatic pa-VV. 8-36. In his testimony we have a fine trol system and leader's literature. example of the development of 6:00-Dinner. Patrols formed faith. The opening of this man's 6:30-Statement of purpose and method of the program-Mr. neighbors. When a man's spirit-Yells and songs, Ted ual eyes are opened, there will be a stir among his friends.

6:45-Patrol meetings to se-1. He Testified to His Personal Identity-v. 9. This was very 7:00-Troop formation; patrol easy. His self-consciousness en-7:10-O'Grady drill, competithe same man who was born blind.

7:20-Patrol meetings to com-7:30-Troop formation; patrol he repeated it there was no con-

Prophet-v. 17.

er No Doubt Was Sent of Godworld began.

Son of God-v. 38. IV. The Results of His Confession.

Divided in Sentiment-v. 16. Some believed He was from God because of His works, others that His work on the Sabbath day.

Him Out-v. 34. Faithful testimony will often result in ostracism from even religious people. 3. As to Jesus, He Found the Man-v. 35. Being cast out by that separation from human fellowship results in more vital fellowship with Jesus. He was led on to a deeper faith. He first saw Him as a miracle worker. then as a prophet and finally as the Son of God and when he perceived Him to be the Son of God, coat had promised Robin that she he worshipped Him.

(Continued from page 1.)

The Sixth A are all very interested in the making of Health Last week we made Health Posters with a white milk bottle on it and health rules written on the inside of it little health brownies stant guard around the milk bottle.

tion party on Thursday and Friday of this week for the Associated Charities.

The boys and girls of Mrs. El-Salem, Mass.

have been devoted in making up booklet containing interesting facts and pictures of Salem, Ore., and vicinity which when completed will be sent to their Salem, Mass., friends.

quite an extensive study of birds. They have been studying birds living in Salem vicinity and have taken up their appearance, their house life, their food and their calls. They contemplate placing bird houses in the trees on the Grant school grounds so as to get in closer touch with the birds and make them more friendly.

with an untidy appearance. . If you could see our room with

its pretty green window boxes and geranium almost in bloom, you would surely think spring is here.

room into a city. We have named it Valentineville. Our streets are Cupid Ave., Washington Ave., and Heart Ave. We have put house numbers on our desks. Our teacher has helped us make a city directory. We have a pretty red mail box. We are going to choose a postmaster and mail carriers. In art we have made some valentines. We are very careful to address them correctly.

Our teacher has read to us Lincoln. We have many pictures week we made Abraham Lincoln booklets. We are writing stories of Lincoln's life to put in them. We have a bird corner. There

saw one in the top of a tree. Miss Bates

A whispering contest was held have been to teach this man the the room into two groups, Jane utter inadequacy of the means to Keith being captain of the Blues the accomplishment of the end, and Pauline Van Orsdel, captain that he might be caused to look of the Reds. The side having the from the means to the One who most points for children who did not whisper was to be entertained by the other side. On the final day the score was tie so the whole room did their entertaining. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by

Dr. and Mrs. Max Sarrand, head of Education from the Commonwealth Fund, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Brown and Miss Anne Simpson visited Miss Bate's room to see also requested us to sing our health songs for the guests.

2A Class Each 2A pupil has a smiling toothbrush brownie. When everyone remembers to wash his or her teeth, these brownies make a fine blackboard border. But when a boy or girl forgets, his or her brownie is turned with its face to the wall.

Stories by the 2B Class Mr. Lincoln was going along the

He saw two little baby birds. He saw the birds on the ground. He put the baby birds into the

> .-Mildred Koehler. Two-B

Mr. Lincoln had a kind heart Let us help the birds. The tree was high.

Eleanor Aspinwall.

Two-B his friends were with him. Near the road was a tree. A nest was very dark. in the tree. Two little birds fell out of the nest. Mr. Lincoln He was a sinner because He did jumped from his horse. He put two little birds back into the nest.

Did You Ever Stop To Think? By E. B. Waite, Secretary Shawnee, Okia., Board of Commerce

Edson R. Waite, Secretary, Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

That only the business concerns who have become big successes are the ones who have used the aid of continuous advertising. That every day in every way

added evidence can be seen that advertised merchandise is enjoying wider preference among care-That continuous advertising

has developed, is developing and will develop more business than any and all other sales methods ever used or thought of

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That advertising creates demand and has a wonderful drawing power. People will go out of the way to buy well advertised lines because they want the best and they know the best is the only kind that can stand the light of advertising.

Advertising brings the business to live business concerns. Continuous advertising of qual

ity brings continuous business. Continuous business brings satisfying profits.

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MINERS' RIOT QUELLED

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 9.-Poice tonight dispersed 300 striking miners after they had engaged in a free-for-all fight at Throop, near here. Two miners were slightly

The Lincoln Webfoot

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EDITOR Paul Hauser, Jr., age 11 years. ASSISTANT EDITOR Miriam Duffey, age 11 years.

SPORTING EDITOR Jay Bertelson, age 11 years. Pupils from all grades contribute items.)

We reverently dedicate this isue of the Webfoot to Abraham Lincoln after whom our school is named and whose birthday was the twelfth of this month.

He was the best example of all great Americans. Student Council

We have a student council consisting of four members with a president and a secretary and a safety patrol of eight members. The object of the student coun cil is to look after the general welfare of the pupils and the school, to see that the grounds are kept clean and attractive, to keep the pupils out of the street, to prevent the pupils from dangerous exercise on the apparatus. We believe that we have the best equipment of any school in Salem. It includes the following: two sets of traveling rings, two sets of horizontal bars, one set of swinging rings, six swings, six teeters, two slides and five swing ropes.

Talk on China Mr. J. Tsai who has lived here Mr. Lincoln got the birds into for two years and is a junior at Willamette university, told many and are making valentines in art interesting facts about China. He class so every one will be rememsaid that there were about 400,- bered. One day a tall man was going 000,000 in China. In the northern along a country road. Some of part of China people are light while in southern China they are

When the Panama Canal was being built the white men could not work well because of the cliover to America and they stood the climate and did the work well. The Chinese are the only people that can shovel coal into a furnace steadily without going out for air. He said that China was the oldest nation in the world.

There are 200,000 or more Chinese words all of which are different. He spoke the Lord's Prayer and wrote his name and many other things in Chinese. Mr. Tsai came from Kuiking, Central China.

Mr. Tsai wrote sun and moon in Chinese and asked the pupils what the two together would eclipse and the second one moon-

The real meaning in Chinese is bright.

Lincoln Program We gave a program Friday afternoon to celebrate Lincoln's

birthday. Rev. C. E. Ward of the First Congregational church talked about the life of Lincoln. There was music and a few recitations.

The hallway, which is used for an assembly, was decorated with Lincoln log cabins, liberty bells and patriotic colors.

Exhibits Mr. Davenport has received two

educational exhibits for the school this week to aid in teaching geography. The first exhibit was of rubber from the Hood Rubber company. It shows the Latex Crepe rubber from the East Indies, smooked sheet from East Inreached the factory and the com- grams received here by pound after it has been vulcanized The message gave no details at the factory. It also shows the chemicals used to strengthen, color and to vulcanize. It is very in- eat the rats that ate the grain t teresting and will do much to aid lay in the storehouse that Pharo the pupils in their study.

and is very instructive. It shows gods

the cocoa bean, cocoa ke eyes, which are no good, bitter chocolate, which I temporarily a liquid, the cocoa butter and the cocoa that we use to drink.

The boys of Lincoln school have started to play indoors.

Some of the boys are showing up very well. The prospects are bright and they hope to make a good team. If possible we will get rames with other schools. The school has a good diamond with very few things to interfere with play. The drainage of the diamond is very good and the water runs off quickly.

Four girls out of the 6A grade are making a scrap book to paste clippings in out of magazines to refer to when studying certain countries. They will make some special notebooks on the products and industries of these countries. Notes From Miss Davenport's

Third Grade We have a bulletin board in our room where we post reading and pictures that help us in our work. After we get our lessons we like to go to the board and find what is there each day.

This week we have some interesting stories and pictures taken from the lives of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington,

We are going to have a valentine box for St. Valentine's Day

2A and 2B Room At present we have no coffee or tea drinkers in our room and we

are very glad. Valentines are occupying all our spare time. Valenties with their little message make our mate so Chinese were brought hearts happy. We are not sorry good St. Valentine had a birthday

on the fourteenth of February. The attendance in our room is very good. We seem to be healthy boys and girls.

First Grade Allen brought his Lincoln logs to school. We made a log house on the

sand table. We made an old time well. We took a long stick and made

Harry brought some moss. We broke up sticks and made a rail fence.

We like our house and gard.

We like stories about Lin He was always kind when he

was a little boy. His father taught him to make fire without any matche

His mother told him stories. His mother did not have many books. She told him Bible stories She did not have many books. She read Bible stories to Abra

ham and his sister. She read about the Good Samaritan.

She wanted Abraham to He practiced being kind so long that he never could be bad.

(Contributed sentences by 1A

pupils.) MEXICAN RELEASED

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 9. Emil Holmdahl, who held in jail at Parral, Mexico, following the desecration dies, raw para from Brazil, wash- grave of Francisco Villa, was reed and dried para after it has leased today, according to tele-

Cats were first bred in Egypt built. The dogs and cats were so The second exhibit is of cocoa useful that they finally

A REMINDER OF A POSTPONED DAY One thinks many times that the next day he will bring his valuable papers and securities in to the United States National for safe keeping in our great vaults. But that day never seems to come for some indi-viduals. They either keep putting it off or forget it entirely. So this is a reminder to rent a Safe Deposit Box here NOW-while you still have need of one.

United States National Bank Salem Oregon

need, he being among sinners the "This friend of Satan was most gentle spirit, and an unstudied and unconscious pathos was "When her piety or indignation was stirred by hurt or shame inflicted upon some defenseless peror creature, she was the most quent person I ever heard fiery or violent sort, but gentle, pitying, persuasive, appealing;

and so genuine and so nobly and simply worded and so touchingly uttered, that many times I have seen it win the reluctant and is a border of many pretty colored birds we have a number of good the inimitable Mark Twain, as

pictures of our common birds. We country, in his books alter. are learning the spring birds' songs and their colors. Some of the children have brought some good books about birds. Last Tuesday morning we sat very still and heard some robins chirping.

eyes aroused inquiry among his our health work. Miss Simpson

abled him to know that he was

2. He Testified as to How it Was Done-vv. 11-15. So definite was his experience that he was able to tell just how it was done. When

3. He Tesitfied That the One Who Opened His Eyes Was a

7:50-Lecture, "24 Tricks of 4. He Testified That This Heal-8:20-Troop teaching demonvv. 30-33. He declared that He 8:30-Patrol demontsrations of was the greatest worker of miracles who had appeared since the 8:40-Court of Honor men,

5. He Worshiped Him as the

1. As to the People They Were

2. As to the Man, They Cast men he found himself in the arms of Jesus. It is quite often true than usual. They had been back just two days. It was mating season. On the way back, Robin's sisters had each met with splendid young robins and had mated. Now this very morning Jennie Brown-

THE GRANT SCHOOL OWL

Grant school is giving a dona-

rey's room are carrying on some interesting correspondence with the boys and girls in the same grade of the Pickering school in Part of the language periods

The 5A class have gone into

abandoned, just as these people had said; but would any claim "A sinner was but a sinner; Satan was just that, like the rest. What saves the rest? - their own efforts alone? No -- or none might ever be saved. To their feeble efforts is added the mighty help of pathetic, appealing, imploring prayers that go up daily out of the churches of Christen-

Fourth Grade, Miss Bowersox Much interest has been taken in gathering health posters. We have one on cleanliness which we in eighteen centuries has had the are eager to see every evening. Our common humanity to pray for the names have been written on the poster and we are dreading the our one fellow and brother who blue marks which may be added to our names if we came to school single one; the one sinner among

The 4A and 5B have made their

beloved over the world as in his nately making one laugh and mak-

father singing, but the notes were finer and sweeter than he had ever heard. Slipping out of bed and going to the window he saw the young robin perched in the top of the tree. May be the words of Robin's song were something like the words of the old wise man who wrote, "Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.

"I WRITE FROM GRAVE"

DECLARES MARK TWAIN

(Continued from page 1.)

to the trap. She admitted that

the indictment was sound, that

Satan was utterly wicked and

that he had been treated fairly?

dom and out of myriads and my-

one sinner that needed it most

most needed a friend yet had not a

us all who had the highest and

clearest right to every Christian's

daily and nightly prayers, for the

plain and unassailable reason that

his was the first and greatest

"But who prays for Satan? Who

riads of pitying hearts.

her native speech.

splendid applause of tears.