

### ELSINORE FILM TODAY IS BEST GUTHRIE HOLDS

"Not once this season have I witnessed a picture comparable to 'Sorrell and Son'."

Usually the adjective 'canny' is associated with a Scot. Mr. Guthrie's antecedents were Scotsmen. Nevertheless he always is adamant when the matter of describing attractions is concerned. "Sorrell and Son" begins its five day run at the Elsinore today.

Mr. Guthrie, between comments, paused and surveyed the colorado-claro in his hand. "Seems," he remarked, "this one is punker'n the one before it."

"What can you expect for a nick —"

"Enough," interjected the owner of the Elsinore. "Talk is irrelevant, immaterial and —"

"Enough," interposed the reviewer. "I ain't no lawyer. But about 'Sorrell and Son'?"

"It's the story of a father's love for his son," he said. "I believe I am as hardened as the next. But 'Sorrell and Son' held me like no other film this season has held me. Mind you there are no great herds of persons in the drama. Rather it is along the lines of some of the more masterful Griffith productions. And — for once — you may quote me as saying, 'I'm everything that a picture should be.'"

Salem could not get enough of the eight Victor artists in two days — so Mr. Guthrie is holding them again today. Each one of the artists, whom you have heard on your phonograph, receives as much money as did the violin artist, Rubini. Last night the house was packed, and many are expected again to see the artists tonight.

### DEATHS EXCEED BIRTHS, COUNTY DURING MONTH

Seventeen more deaths than births occurred in Marion county during January, according to the report given at the meeting of the Marion county health unit at noon today, by Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer. This is an unusual record for usually, in Marion county records, the births exceed the number of deaths or nearly equal the death total. A total of 96 deaths were reported last month as compared with 77 deaths in December. In January a year ago there were 91 deaths.

A total of 79 births including three stillbirths were reported during January as compared to 84 births the previous month. In January 1927, there were 83 births. In December the births exceeded the deaths by seven. Of the total number of births 45 were male and 31 female. Parents of 24 of the new babies reside in Salem.

A decided jump upward in the number of communicable diseases was also reported for January of this year. In December only 85 communicable disease cases were reported as compared with 182 in January. In January a year ago there were only 69. This increase, says Dr. Douglas, was almost entirely due to the measles epidemic. Because of the extreme contagiousness of measles, the management of an epidemic of this disease resolves itself into trying to prevent as many complications and deaths as possible by encouraging early and adequate treatment.

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decrease of diphtheria were reported for January. One case of infantile paralysis was reported and the child died. This was the only death so far in the infantile paralysis epidemic in Marion county.

During January a total of 325 vaccinations, 498 immunizations against diphtheria and 93 Hibick tests were done at the county health unit office.

Dr. Douglas says that excepting the measles epidemic the general health of the school population appears to be better than it was a year ago.

### STOP BARBECUE IN RESIDENCE AT HOLLYWOOD

Charles Maxwell, Salem barbeque meat vender, apparently has played in hard luck in preparing a building in Highway addition, Hollywood, as an elaborate barbeque stand. Although there is some dispute about it, it appears that a barbeque stand at the place where Maxwell has his building is in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Notwithstanding warnings that were sent by City Attorney Williams to the contractor, J. H. Ellis, and the man who got the building permit, N. W. Ellis, that such a place of business would be a violation of the ordinance, they went ahead anyway. The permit called for a residence. Williams' warning was sent before the building was erected. Sometime during the proceedings the property was sold to Maxwell.

The zoning commission, reporting on the matter last night, recommended that, if the night of protesters, were correct in the assertion that an eating place was to be established, action be taken to prevent it. L. P. Campbell, chairman of the zoning commission, explained that there was no violation of the ordinance unless the building is put to that use. This report was adopted. Later in the meeting Alderman Townsend moved that action be taken. This failed to carry, Alderman Patton insisting that some investigation be made.

Townsend's motion brought Maxwell himself to his feet. He contended that he had acted in good faith, that he was not in the zone barring eating houses, and that he wanted to build the establishment for the employment of his daughters when they graduate from high school.

Alderman Patton described the building as an attractive stucco structure. If it is in the restricted zone it could still be used as a dining place if there were no street entrance to the dining room, but it is not planned this way.

### HEALTH CLINIC TO PRESENT MINSTREL

Gervais, Feb. 21—A minstrel show composed of Brooks local talent will be given at the Gervais city hall this evening under the auspices of the Gervais health clinic. A nine piece orchestra will furnish the music. The play is scheduled to begin at 7:45 sharp.

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### CAMPAIGN ON DIPHTHERIA IS BIG SUCCESS

The campaign against diphtheria in Marion county was one of the principal activities of the Marion county health unit during 1927, according to the annual report completed and given out today. The campaign was started in the summer of 1926. During the past year 3,272 individuals received toxin-anti-toxin, the immunization against diphtheria. In 1925 there were nearly 200 cases of diphtheria in Marion county and 18 deaths. In 1927 there were 44 cases and one death.

A total of 1019 children were examined by the county health unit in conjunction with the honor roll work during 1927. During the year 113 infants and 150 pre-school age children were examined at the free clinic.

One of the problems confronting the county health unit during the last year was the small outbreak of typhoid in Salem. This was carefully investigated, and it was found that the infection was from water borne through the city mains which in turn had probably become contaminated by defective check valves. Since that time close watch has been made of the water supply and steps have been taken to eliminate the danger of check valves.

From October 1, 1927 until January 1 of this year a total of 11 cases of infantile paralysis were reported in Marion county with one death from a case which originated in Washington.

A small pox epidemic which started at Chemawa Indian school appeared in November. A total of 97 cases of small pox were reported for the entire year. As a result of the epidemic 1975 vaccinations were performed by the county health unit.

Plans for 1928 include closer supervision of the milk and food supplies and some plan whereby not only auto camps, but the industrial

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of the county should be brought under closer supervision. Small epidemics of Gastro-intestinal and other diseases are common during the summer months, says the annual report, especially in the berry and hop picking camps. At present these camps are inspected by the state industrial welfare commission.

During 1927 the county health unit quarantined 161 cases and released 123. A total of 50 auto camp inspections were made and 30 visits were made to the county jail to diagnose drunkenness and investigate injuries.

### 141 KILLED IN AUTO CRASHES IN LAST YEAR

The number of traffic accidents in Oregon decreased in 1927 as compared with 1926, the respective totals being 29,184 and 30,025, says the annual report of T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic inspector. While the number of fatalities increased from 99 in 1926 to 141 in 1927, the higher number is attributed mainly to a more thorough method of checking fatalities. Under the new system serious cases are watched by traffic officers, and in event of death a

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the lapse of some time they are recorded as traffic casualties.

In 1927 the total number of arrests was 2461, while in 1926 it was 3625, a decrease of 1144 during the last year. This is largely attributed to the increase in the legal speed limit from 30 to 35 miles an hour, which has cut down the arrests for speeding by more than 50 per cent. License violations decreased, but arrests for reckless driving increased.

Total receipts from the activities of the department reached \$270,580.15, an increase. Since its organization in 1920, the traffic division has returned in fines, fees and recovery of stolen property a total of \$1,116,556.27.

Prohibition law violations caused 147 arrests for traffic violations, reckless driving 323, speeding 893, license 585, failure to comply with public service commission rules 30, defective lights 401, defective equipment 41 and miscellaneous 261.

Of the fatal accidents, 48 were in Portland and 93 outside of Portland.

**GUESTS AT OLMSTEDS**

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