



TELEVISION

Ten years ago the election of President Harding was one of the first attempts at radio broadcasting. Nobody could buy a radio receiving set in 1920, because there were none on the market. Only amateur electricians who made their own sets could get anything "on the air".

WORK

A charity-inclined association of apple growers sent several carloads of apples to New York City, to be given to the unemployed. Some 1,500 men began peddling apples at a nickle apiece, and in the first week took in about \$12,000, or about \$8 each.

PROHIBITION

The election on November 4 was decidedly a "wet" victory in many parts of the United States, including the principal cities. There is no question that millions of people who have heretofore always voted "dry" and who are in favor of prohibition in principle, have become disgusted with the prohibition law and its enforcement as it stands, and want a change.

TREES

The Forest Service is out with its annual warning against cutting the forests by cutting up many young spruce, fir and pine for Christmas trees. Where they grow thickly it is good forestry practice to thin them out, and many farmers will clear off a hillside top for the sake of sending their trees to a cash market.

CONGRESS

As I write, the Democratic party seems to have won practical control of both houses of Congress. President Hoover will not be the first president with a Congress of the other party on his hands.

In South America or Europe, an election resulting as this one did would carry the head of the government out of office. The position of the President of the United States, serving for a fixed term, is almost unique. His office combines that of a king and a premier, with the security in office—for a time—that a king enjoys, and the party responsibility of a prime minister.

Visit from Vida—F. A. Weed of Vida was a business visitor in Springfield on Wednesday.

Walterville Resident Here—Clarance Singleton of Walterville visited friends in Springfield yesterday.

There was once a young lady named Luella, Fell in love with a bow-legged fella, This risky young chap let her sit on his lap, And she fell clear through to the cells.

At the Colonial



Jean Harlow and Ben Lyon featured players in Howard Hughes' thrilling air spectacle "Hell's Angels," a United Artists' picture.

"HELL'S ANGELS" COST \$4,000,000 AND TAKES 3 YEARS TO PRODUCE

"Hell's Angels" is the supreme screen enterprise of all time, has been booked by the Colonial for its Eugene premier engagement starting January 11th. The spectacular air thriller was produced and personally directed by Howard Hughes, president of the Caddo company at a cost of \$4,000,000, and took three years to complete.

Ben Lyon and James Hall, principal players in this stupendous drama of air-war, are supported in the feminine department by Jean Harlow, a comparatively unknown actress who appears in her first screen role in "Hell's Angels."

Others who appear in the roster of players include John Darrow, Lucien Prival, Jane Winton, Evelyn Hall, Douglas Gilmore, Stephen Carr, Lena Malena and Wyndham Standing.

Producer-Director Hughes, himself an expert licensed pilot, has established a record for all time in motion picture extravagance in the filming of his air classic. On air scenes alone he has expended nearly \$2,000,000, and the total distances covered in the sky battles was exactly 227,000 miles.

The largest air-fleet ever assembled, except by governments, participated in the picture. The aerial squadron comprised 87 planes, including more than 40 true war-type ships. The air fleet included German Fokkers, British T. M. S. S. E. 5's, Avors, De Havillands, Snipes, a German Gotha bomber and a Zeppelin.

A total of 137 pilots, and as many mechanics, were employed during the 18 months filming of action above the clouds. The pilots included every stunt flyer and ex-war ace in America. Thirty-five cinematographers, including 26 aerial cameramen, were required to film this great picture.

Eight separate locations were maintained for the aerial sequences. They included the main flying base at Caddo Field, Van Nuys; a training school at Inglewood; a German field at Chatsworth; and other locations at Santa Cruz, Encina, Ryan Field, San Diego, March Field, Riverside and Oakland airport, Oakland, California.

At the latter airport the "Hell's Angels" sky fleet was in action for more than four months filming mass air battles in which 50 planes participated simultaneously.

Six Foreign Countries Receive Red Cross Aid

Relief was given by the American Red Cross during the year in six foreign nations in disasters ranging from a tidal wave in Newfoundland, an earthquake in Persia, floods in France, to help the refugees from Russia and prevention of a smallpox epidemic in Costa Rica.

The \$5,000 Red Cross contribution to Newfoundland, following the tidal wave, which took twenty-six lives and destroyed many homes and fishing boats, was the first from an outside country to reach the distressed people.

The sum of \$5,000 was given to the fund for the relief of the Mennonite refugees of German descent, who had determined to leave Russia for new lands. About 13,000 passed through Germany, where the German Red Cross, aided by Red Cross societies of other nations, helped them. The majority are being transported to new countries in the western world and the American Red Cross has transmitted contributions from individuals in this country.

When Costa Rica was menaced by a smallpox epidemic, the American Red Cross sent fifty thousand tubes of vaccine, in two airplane loads, undoubtedly saving the country from a serious outbreak of the dread disease.

HILARIOUS COMEDY OPENS HERE TODAY

If you are inclined to shed tears when you laugh, take a bath towel with you when you go to see Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey in Radio Pictures' wartime comedy, "Half Shot at Sunrise," opening today at the Bell Theatre. It is funnier than "The Cuckoos."

Wheeler and Woolsey, cast as doughboys, go A. W. O. L. in Paris and raise . . . well . . . everything but the dead

They impersonate officers . . . pose as heroes . . . elope with their Colonel's daughter . . . steal his car . . . pull down the wrath of the whole army on their necks . . . make M. P.'s wonder about themselves in connection with the Darwin theory . . . and emerge HEROES!

The cast includes Hugh Trevor and Dorothy Lee, who also scored in "The Cuckoos," Edna May Oliver, the Parthy Ann Hawks of "Showboat," Roberta Robinson, "Cinderella Girl" of the movies, George MacFarlane, John Rutherford and the famous Tiller Sunshine girls, who do two unusual novelty numbers.

Will Aid Jobless



Frederick Cleveland Croxton, of Columbus, Ohio, appointed Mid-West regional representative of the President's Unemployment Commission.

Go to Junction City—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams and son, Bob, and Mrs. Adam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carson, have gone to Junction City today to be dinner guests at the home of Mr. Adam's mother, Mrs. Sarah Adams.

Medford People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Joy Walker of Medford spent Tuesday evening in Springfield as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker. They went to Portland yesterday to be guests at the home of Mr. Walker's sister.

Comfort Kits Sent 40,000 Service Men by Red Cross

Gay patterned cretonne bags, or comfort kits, containing articles useful and amusing, are sent by the Red Cross to 40,000 soldiers, sailors and Marines, on foreign service, as Christmas remembrances.

The little gift bags are donated and packed by women in Red Cross Chapters all over the country. They are dispatched by Army transport in the early autumn in order to reach the foreign ports and posts of the U. S. services in time to be hung on the Christmas trees. Giving the remembrances from home is the outgrowth of a plan adopted by the Red Cross prior to the World War when so many National Guard regiments were on the Mexican border.

THE BEST PICTURES AT A BIG SAVING THE BELL BETTER SOUND Springfield, Oregon Two Shows 7-9 P. M. 10c - 25c

Thurs. - Friday - Saturday - Saturday Matinee Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey Those very funny fellows in this year's success "HALF SHOT AT SUNRISE" Sunday and Monday Milton Sills in the thrilling Sea Picture "SEA WOLF" Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Your old favorite—Constance Bennett ...in... "COMMON CLAY" A big new picture, full of heart interest. Don't miss it. All the New Big Shows and always cheaper

AT THE McDONALD



Ruth Chatterton, Paul Lukas in a scene from the Paramount Picture "The Right to Love"

SPRINGFIELD TAKES GOOD CARE OF NEEDY IN CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas in Springfield this year is a happy time for most of the residents. So far as is known, there is not one family in the entire city or neighborhood that is not well supplied with food and the necessities of life. Most of the relief coming from various religious and civic organizations, many members of which do not have a great deal of money, but who are possessed with a desire to share that which they have. As a result of the united relief efforts, and the assembling of food instead of money for the same purposes, the erstwhile poor of the city will be better fixed for a few days than a large number of those who are not classed as poor.

The Christmas atmosphere settled over Springfield Sunday when most of the churches held special programs and services. Tuesday evening the Baptist church was filled with an appreciative audience which turned out to hear the only Christmas cantata to be presented in Springfield this year, and on Wednesday evening, Christmas eve, the Sunday school and young people of the Methodist church held their festival.

The largest shipment of fruit to Europe in the history of the Rogue River valley has been started on its rail and water journey by the Pinnacle Packing company. The train, consisting of 21 cars of apples and four cars of pears, carried the fruit to Portland, where it was loaded on the steamer Marenta. It will reach Europe for the Christmas trade.

"The Oregon Trail" has been selected by the Oregon Historical society as the subject for the 1931 Bookman essay contest. Prizes will be awarded for the four best original essays on this subject written between the ages of 15 and 18, attending any public or private school, college, university or other educational institution within the state of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parker are the sponsors of a somewhat unique nursery at their farm near Monmouth, where 12 little white pigs, bottle-fed for four weeks, are squealing happily. A litter of 18 was farrowed by the mother pig. Six of the pigs left when the mother died. The remaining 12 were brought up "on the bottle," receiving scheduled feedings every two hours the first week.

RUTH CHATTERTON PLAYS AT McDONALD SUNDAY

America's own "duse of drama," at least insofar as the "talkies" are concerned, endows the screen at the Fox McDonald theatre this Sunday with new emotional triumph that will captivate all the nice things any photographic audience can say. If there is more to be said about those outstanding productions, "Madame X," "Sarah and Son," "Anybody's Woman."

The duse, of course, is Ruth Chatterton; the drama, "The Right to Love," which Richard Wallace has camiered in dialogue for Paramount from the Susan Glaspell book, "Brook Evans." And the whole is an event—which should not be missed by any in Springfield who take their entertainment seriously.

Miss Chatterton enacts two distinct roles in "The Right to Love," and in one of them veers from girlish to mother type, without a single error in mood, coiffure, speech, costumes and poise. This is, at least, a triple achievement.

The story, set in the farm lands of the Middle West, tells of a girl whose secret love trusts engender a tragic sacrifice of happiness in later years, a state of affairs she determines will not be the heritage of her daughter. The manner in which love finds a way, through two generations of straight-jacketed repression, is convincingly narrated, and leads to a most surprising climax.

Paul Lukas, David Manners, George Baxter, Irving Pichel, Veda Buckland and Oscar Apfel, players of experience and understanding, handle their assignments in fine harmony with the Chatterton roles. Zoe Akins adapted the screen play.

MAYOR IS RECORDER FOR HOLIDAY WEEK-END

The mayor is now recorder. W. P. Tyson, mayor of Springfield, is acting as recorder this week-end during the absence of I. M. Peterson who has gone to Hillsboro to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Peterson's relatives. He is spending his otherwise idle moments pondering over the law volumes in the shelves at the city hall.

COLONIAL FRI. & SAT. Funny enough to make a horse Laugh. The HOTTENTOT with EDWARD EVERETT HORTON and BETTY BETH MILLER SUN. - MON. - TUE. The Bombshell of Mirth THE TWO BLACK CROWS Moran AND Mack in "ANYBODY'S WAR" All Talking

PARTNERS TAKE OVER BENJAMIN INTEREST IN LOCAL THEATRE

Murray B. Cole and Granville McPherson have purchased the interest in the Bell theatre which was held by C. S. Benjamin of Eugene. The announcement of the transaction was made over the week-end. No change in the policy of the theatre is planned by the two remaining owners. Mr. Benjamin has not announced his plans for the immediate future.

Mr. Cole will assume all publicity work for the theatre and Mr. McPherson will continue to act as operator and technician.

They have booked some of the larger pictures for immediate showing here. Their new offerings include "Half Shot at Sunrise" starring Wheeler and Woolsey, comedians, and "Common Clay."

BRATTAIN TEACHERS TO ATTEND PORTLAND MEET

Brattain teachers in the Brattain school are planning to attend the sessions of the Oregon State Teachers' association which are to be held in Portland on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Those who plan to attend are Glenn B. Wood, principal, Miss Mabel Olson, Miss Anne Gorrie, and Mrs. Mary Walker.

FLOYD THOMPSON WINS LARGE TOY AUTOMOBILE

Floyd D. Thompson won the large child's automobile which has been on exhibition in the window of the Irish-Murphy store for the past two months. He guessed that there were 79,300 dots in the picture and his guess was the nearest correct.

LEGION PLANS CARNIVAL DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE

The next dance of the American Legion at Thurston will be a gala New Year's eve ball according to Jack Larson, financial officer in charge of the dances. Those dances sponsored by the American Legion have been gaining popularity each succeeding next Wednesday evening will pack the hall at Thurston. The dance will be a carnival affair.

Here from Winberry—A. Adams of Winberry was a business visitor in Springfield Wednesday afternoon.

Spend Day in Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart and son are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Theron Sauser in Portland. Mrs. Sauser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

FOR THAT FORGOTTEN GIFT FOXSCRIP BRINGS HAPPINESS McDONALD Here's the CHRISTMAS SHOW OF SHOWS Treat the Family Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery in "MIN and BILL" AMERICA'S NEW SWEETHEARTS in a Human - Humorous Comedy Drama of Life's Ups and Downs. "FLIP THE FROG" and M. G. M. COLOR REVUE Continuous 1 to 11 P. M. Sunday Comes—RUTH CHATTERTON "THE RIGHT TO LOVE"