

Many Movies Stimulate Wrong Thoughts, Memphis Motion Picture Censor Claims

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Lloyd T. Binford, 88-year-old watchdog of the morals of Memphis movie goers, said today one reason he has to ban so many films is "there's a certain amount of the devil in all of us."

"It's just human nature," he said in an interview. "In a sense all of us belong to the devil because he's trying to get us and plants wrong thoughts in our minds. Many movies stimulate those wrong thoughts."

Binford, who was born shortly after the Civil War in the tiny village of Duck Hill, Miss., stands between the devil and 400,000 Memphis souls as the chairman of the censor board which reviews and must approve every movie shown in local theaters.

Faces Criticism

His role has made him the bane of many Hollywood producers, a frequent target of newspaper criticism, and either a hero or a nuisance in the eyes of local citizens. He has headed

the censor board more than 25 years, and this month was reappointed to another one-year term.

Binford signed a decision barring Ingrid Bergman and Charlie Chaplin from Memphis screens because of their private lives. His board demanded that a Rita Hayworth dance be cut from one movie, a Lena Horne number from another. It banned Jane Russell in "The French Line."

Overruled by Court

The film "Curley" was banned because it showed Negroes in schools with white children. Producers carried the case to the state supreme court, which ruled a film could not be banned just because Negroes appeared in it.

Binford lives on an old residential street and maintains an office on the second floor of his home. He seldom goes out except to theaters. He sees an average of a movie a day, and when his board lowers the boom

on one he gets a lot of mail. "Out of every 100 letters about 85 cuss me out," he said. "I thank God for the enemies I've made."

Quotes the Law

He answers a lot of criticism by arguing the censorship is imposed "according to the law and not according to any whim of mine." His board consists of four other members besides himself and he said he never votes unless there is a tie.

"I don't say a word during the showing of the film. After it's over I ask the members what they think. Sometimes one of the ladies will say it's just awful, and I have to explain we can't ban a movie just because it's awful."

Paid Monthly Stipend

Binford said the Memphis law allows the board to prohibit the showing of a movie that is "immoral, lewd or lascivious or inimical to the health, safety, morals or welfare of the city."

Board members are paid \$20 a month for their services.

Binford said he would like to see a similar censor board set up across the Mississippi river in West Memphis, Ark., where movie theaters do a thriving business showing pictures advertised as "Banned in Memphis."

School of Business Earns Recognition

Robertson School of Business recently was certified as a member of the National Association and Council of Business Schools, according to Les Robertson, manager. He said this means it will be on an equal standing with all other business colleges and that students would not lose credit when transferring from Robertson School of Business to a NACBS-approved school.

The certificate gives NACBS approval to the five diploma courses offered, stenographic, executive, secretarial, junior accounting, higher accounting and business administration.

Some 521 other schools in the United States, Canada, and other territories belong to the association, he said.

Robertson School of Business, still in its first year, has been approved by the state department of public instruction for training re-habilitation students and by the Veterans Administration for training students under Public Law 16.

The school has four full-time instructors in the day school and two additional staff members for the night school.

Mussolini's Rome Subway About To Open; Seven-Mile Tunnel Takes Riders Nowhere

Editor's note: After 16 years, Benito Mussolini's white elephant, the Rome Subway, is about to open. United Press Correspondent Curtis G. Pepper, who got a sneak preview, finds the subway is beautiful and fast and rolls beneath a lot of historic ruins. He also finds a rather important fact which the builders overlooked.

By CURTIS G. PEPPER
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Rome — (U.P.) — Hang on, folks, the Rome Subway finally is going to open.

Most Romans don't know it, but the two-car trains have been whizzing underground for a week on trial runs preparatory to the official start in about 10 days.

This correspondent just emerged into daylight from a sneak preview of the seven-mile "Metropolitana," brainchild of the late Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini and butt of unfunny jokes.

The subway, 16 years a-building at a cost of more than \$20,000,000 is very fine project and trains go very fast.

There is only one trouble. It doesn't go anywhere.

In magnificent splendor, the subway runs from the train station in the center of Rome out to a lovely meadow seven miles away.

Not counting drifting herds of sheep and an occasional shepherd, nearest inhabitants are some Italian army units a mile and a half away.

With nine stops en route, it takes 11 minutes to get to the meadow, a picnic ground near the site of Mussolini's dream of a world fair. By auto it takes 45 minutes.

You enter the main station beneath Rome's modern train terminal to find yourself surrounded by gleaming marble on long corridors lighted with neon tubes enclosed in hand-wrought lanterns.

Quartz of many colors is skillfully inlaid in the floor and reddish marble lines the wall.

Passengers give paper tickets, costing 40 lire (6½ cents) to takers. There are plans for turnstiles, but these have not been manufactured.

Can Pack in 280

Each streamlined gray-blue car seats 52 but can take 280 "sardines" in the best subway fashion. There are no straps above and standees have to hang on strategically placed vertical bars.

The first stop is near St. Peter's in Chains, the basilica built in 442 A.D. to house chains believed to have been worn by St. Peter. Here the 20-foot wide tunnel is at its deepest, 54 feet.

Next stop is the Colosseum, where no one lives. Stop No. 3 is the Circus Maximus, where Roman emperors watched chariot races centuries ago.

The subway leaves the tunnel at the Pyramid of Cestius

and the Protestant Cemetery where the poets Keats and Shelley are buried.

Then the subway stops at three stations near workers' districts before reaching its destination at the meadow.

The life and future expansion of the subway depend on the workers' reaction.

HOTT BLAZE QUELLED
Bridgeport, Ohio—(U.P.)—Firemen worked in sub-zero weather at nearby Blayne Thursday to extinguish a blaze at the home of Arthur Hott.

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Bills in Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—The Joint Ways and Means Committee has approved a bill putting the 1700 men in the state highways shop and maintenance division on a 40-hour week. The bill now goes to the House.

Reduction of the work week in the department would require the hiring of 103 additional men to handle the work normally done on a 44-hour week basis. The bill would authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from the capital outlay fund to the operating and maintenance fund in the highway department budget.

Salem—(U.P.)—A compact for apportionment of waters of the Columbia river would be authorized in a bill introduced in the Oregon senate.

The compact would have for its major purposes the development of lands by irrigation and other means; the protection and use of water for domestic, industrial and municipal purposes; and use of water for hydroelectric power production.

The compact would become effective when also ratified by the legislatures of Idaho, Montana and Washington, and approved by Congress.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has received a bill for special legislation correcting a bookkeeping error and validating a distribution of state highway and liquor funds to the cities of Gold Beach and Manzanita.

The funds were previously distributed inadvertently on the basis of a special census by the secretary of state under a law which had expired. No appropriation of funds is required.

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) has introduced a bill to authorize the Oregon Development Commission to publicize and advertise the state's resources to attract new business to Oregon.

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill introduced in the House would broaden breeding liens to include dairy or beef cattle artificially inseminated so that the breeder would have a lien on the offspring of such cattle.

Salem—(U.P.)—School districts would be allowed to contract for short-term indebtedness for administrative or refund purposes, under terms of a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Maurice Neuberger (D-Portland).

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has received a resolution that would direct the secretary of state to erect a protective barrier around the seal of state in the rotunda of the state capitol. Sponsors of the measure, Rep. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) and Reps. Al Loucks (R-Salem), said the seal should be protected from defacement from the feet of passing visitors.

Court Records

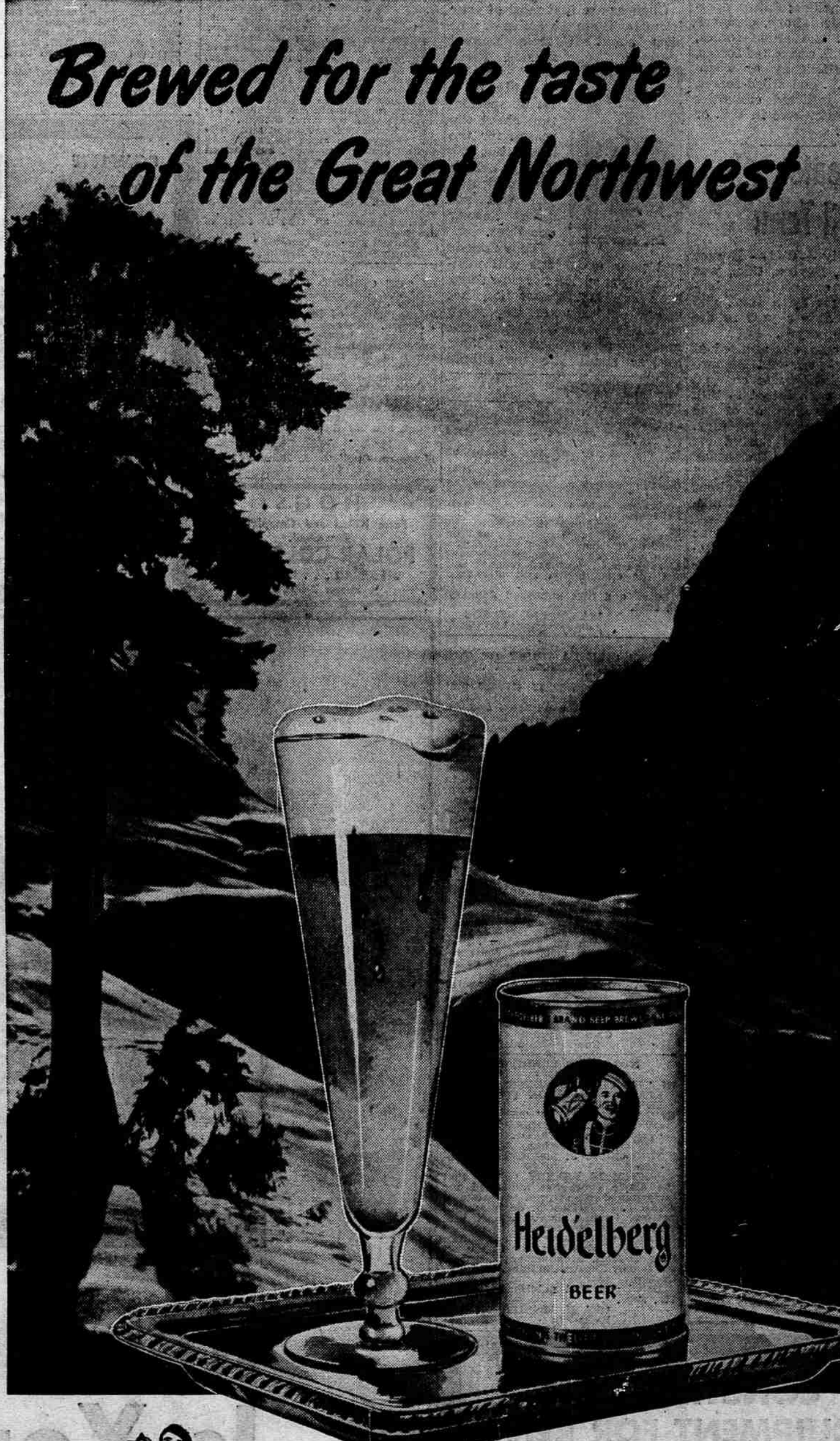
POLICE COURT
Stephen G. Crippen Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Robert H. Rucker, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Reola Colleen Barnes, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Sen C. Clark, expired motor vehicle license, \$5.
Robert C. Flanery, expired motor vehicle license, \$5.
William Hanson Coffman, illegal left turn, \$5.
Chess Leonon McKimney, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Golden Forrest Noble, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$10.
Ora Marie Niedermeyer, failure to obey traffic signals, \$5.
William Edward Hall, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Arthur Vernon Hall, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jack Loyal Lust, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Adra Mae Walker, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Clyde L. Hamack, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Verlyn Struck, no operator's license, \$10.
Arthur W. Longan, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Adrain D. Van Horn, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Alfred L. Appareel, improper muffler, \$15.
James W. Hydrick, no operator's license, \$6.
Darrell L. Johnson, defective headlights, \$7.50.
Albert J. King, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Dale Roy Smith, no operator's license, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Bonnie B. Brown vs. Orville O. Brown and others, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Jack Albert Gardner, 22, of 38 Renault ave., Medford, and Judy Anne Watson, 16, of 215 Renault ave., Medford.

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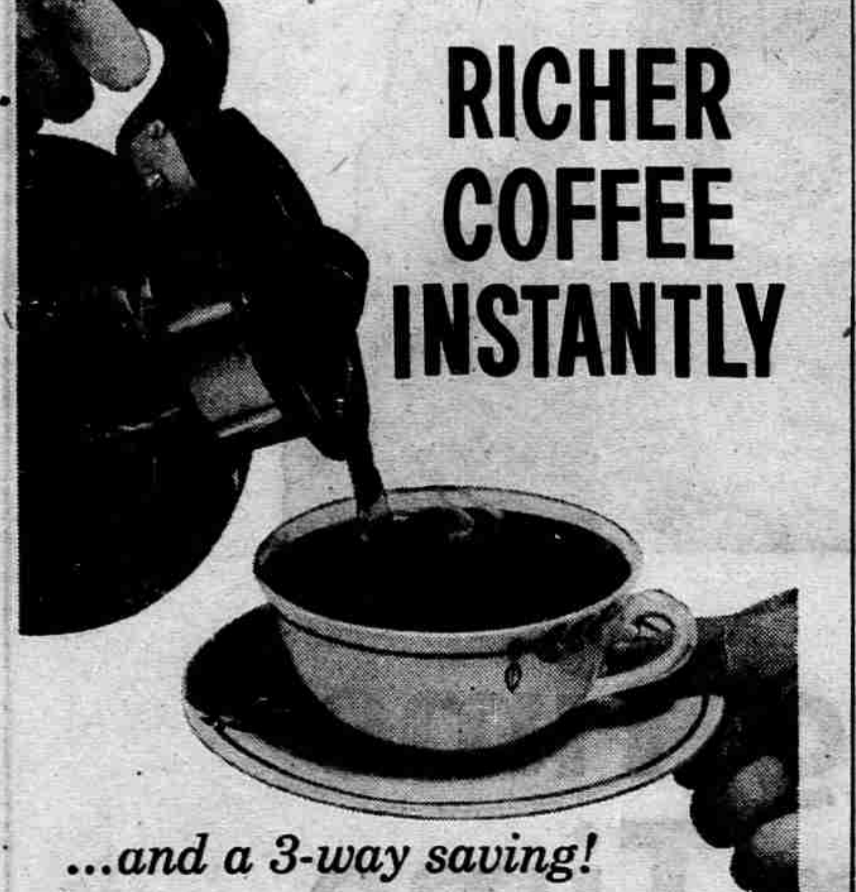
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