



NEW VALIANT—One of the prominent features in Detroit is the Signet V-200, a two-door hardtop of the 1964 Valiant is the grille which extends top which is one of the nine models in the 1964 full width between the headlights. Shown Valiant line. (UPI)

Bring Your Own Popcorn

Closing of Washington's Capitol Theater Ends Some Sort of Era

By DICK WEST WASHINGTON (UPI) — The famous old Capitol Theater in downtown Washington was closed this week, marking the end of an era. Actually, I'm not sure which era it marked the end of. I just threw that in to get your attention. My journalism professor once told me that nobody gives a hang about a theater closing unless an era ends with it. Anyway, the Capitol is closed, a victim of America's changing

cultural pattern. Its interior is being converted to office space for lawyers and other professional men. Apparently, more people go to see lawyers nowadays than go to see movies. And with lawyers you have to bring your own popcorn. An effort was made to persuade Congress to save the theater, but Congress was too busy doing other things — like watching television. So the Capitol had to close. As I crossed its ornate lobby and climbed its grand staircase for the last time, nostalgia was gushing from every pore.

Which was strange, because I had never been in the theater before. I'm the drive-in type myself. What prompted my visit was the sale by auction of the Capitol's furnishings, which included some valuable antique pieces, particularly in the rest rooms. I wanted to see if I could pick up an antique "standing room only" sign cheap. When I arrived, the auctioneer was holding forth in the "ladies' salon" on the mezzanine. It was called the "Dubarry Room." I didn't get the connection. Four cast marble drinking fountains with cherubs on the pedestals sold for around \$300 each. "Any arrangements for a plumber you'll have to make yourself," the auctioneer announced. Eight brass poles from which velvet ropes once were suspended sold for \$7 apiece. I asked one of the losing bidders what he had wanted with them. "Well," he said, "they ought to make good hitching posts." "Do you own some horses?" "No, I live in an apartment," he said. Unfortunately, the "standing room only" signs weren't put on the block while I was there. But I felt richer for the experience. I had witnessed the end of an era.

Children's School Reading Books Said To Lack Adventure

By DAVID NYDICK UPI Education Specialist Reading programs in schools have been under attack by non-educators and educators alike. What effect has this criticism had on the schools throughout the country?

In many situations, the only change has been an increased emphasis on the teaching of phonics (sounds).

Some years ago the phonics method was under attack and the answer was the present look-say method.

This cycle has not achieved much progress.

What is wrong with the reading program? An analysis of instructional methods and materials seems to indicate a variety of problems.

Some of the books leave much to be desired. Take a look at your child's reading textbook. The stories may be dull and lack imagination. A child is looking for excitement in his reading. Our modern world is full of fascinating events. These real events have more creativeness than made up stories.

Must Arouse Interest Would you read a dull novel? Why should your child? There cannot be true motivation to learn unless an individual's interests are aroused.

Consider the kind of reading materials which children do enjoy. Have you ever had difficulty convincing your child to sit and read a comic book? Boys race through the "Tom Swift" series. Girls are intrigued by the "Bobby Twins." "Alice in Wonderland" is a classic. Why attempt to make children enjoy reading about a boy's dull trip to his grandmother's house?

A research study, designed to determine the kinds of stories most interesting to children resulted in some particularly pertinent information.

An analysis of the combined responses of boys and girls indicated that they were interested in action, adventure, surprise, and humor. Boys as a group preferred themes concerned with games, sports, hobbies, and handicraft activities. Girls indicated interest in stories about jumping rope, playing house, collecting dolls

and doll's costumes, and caring for the baby.

Valuable Information

A study of this type supplies valuable information as to the kinds of stories which would interest young boys and girls.

Where are the best seller lists for children's books? Here is an untapped market. There are millions of youngsters waiting. Parents would not intentionally deprive their child of the opportunity to read a good book.

The majority of textbooks give the impression that nearly everyone in the United States belongs to a middle class family and lives in a private suburban home. How unusual this must seem to the apartment dweller who lives in a large city.

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