

COUZENS GETS MORE PRAISE

"Shining Light in Michigan," Says Writer For Magazine

(Editor's note: The following appreciation of Birmingham's most nationally-known figure, is from the pen of a Detroit clergyman, Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, correspondent of the Christian Century, Chicago.)

COUZENS GOES BACK TO THE SENATE

To most of the rest of the country the interesting fact in our recent election was the return of the Hon. James Couzens to the senate. Mr. Couzens had for his opponent in the primary last September former Gov. Chase S. Osborn, eloquent, versatile, with a touch of the Rooseveltian in his makeup. But Mr. Couzens defeated him more than six to one. It is safe to say that the senior senator of Michigan is unbeatable at the

ballot boxes in this state. Along with Henry Ford he is our most distinguished fellow townsman, a multimillionaire before he was forty, due to his connection from the beginning with the Ford motor company. Mr. Couzens' advent in politics was first as police commissioner and then mayor of Detroit. He made good in both offices. He was serving as mayor when Gov. Grosbeck appointed him to the senate. Couzens is smooth shaven, gray haired, ruddy faced. His eyes are a gray blue and just a little "steely." He is not an orator and he once remarked to me in the only interview I ever had with him that he would give a million dollars to be able to speak like Senator Borah. Couzens is no Cicero but he is a hard hitting, convincing, straight shooting speaker. He calls a spade a spade, and then some. He believes in the capitalistic system but thinks it is in a bad way. He is a champion of the laboring man and of little children, also a good friend of the colored race. He has given away ten millions of dollars for the needy children of Michigan, and when the public school in the little town of Bath, this state, was destroyed by a

Domestic Caviar Is A New Source Of State Revenue

Lansing, Jan. 22.—Whitefish had an important staple of the state's caviar industry of Michigan is today yielding a new and an important source of revenue to the state.

A recent report of the Department of Conservation that the waters surrounding the state last year produced over 100,000 pounds of caviar caused some questioning remarks for sturgeon are protected in Michigan.

Whitefish "caviar" came into popularity after the cessation of trade relations with Russia deteriorated its caviar market. Today the popularity of caviar taken from whitefish is forming an important source of income for Michigan fishermen.

Whitefish rose to a by-product of the commercial fishing industry in Michigan mostly during the month of October in advance of the spawning season of the whitefish.

NEWS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

With one exception all officers of the Birmingham District Committee were re-elected for 1931 at the annual meeting held last week.

C. D. Carr was elected vice-president, and Fred E. Johnson, and James Martindale were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer. Howard D. Crull was re-appointed district commissioner.

Second George, secretary of the court of honor. These appointments are made by the executive council of the district. In making the appointments the executive council, composed of the president, secretary and secretary-treasurer, composed the two officers for their "unusually successful efforts during 1930."

The past year was declared the most successful and most constructive in the history of Scouting in Birmingham. Reports showing the increase in popularity and activity of the movement in the village were presented. A large chart showing advancement and enrollment since 1927.

Consistent appreciation was shown for the work of Col. Edwin S. George, friend to Scouting and a member of the district committee for donating Capt. George and for inspiration and help in actual Boy Scout work.

The award of the medal bearing his name and offered at each court of honor to the Scoutmaster, is a recognition of his energy in learning and interpreting certain required psalms.

Bo BROADWAY

By JOSEPH VAN RAALTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Next time you hear someone "moaning" about the materialism of the present day and generation, recount the story of the Old Fashioned Father who has just retired, suit against his son's tailor having imparted to Little Rollo the stunning information that There Ain't No Santa Claus.

"I wish," remarked the Depostor, "that in the days of my youth I had specialized in the intricacies and possibilities of banking, instead of placing myself contingently to the relative and correlative phenomena of the plumbing business."

KEEF SMILING

All day long, round the various branches of the two suspended banks, little groups of gloomy, despondent, outraged and philosophic depositors' gather, extracting what comfort they can from the propinquity of fellow sufferers, and by rehearsing details of the calamity. They are all in the same boat—and all scull!

An elderly woman in one of the groups thus admonished, paused to assail the blacksmith's ears with a reiteration of the futility query: "When do you think the bank will open again?"

The policeman didn't know any more about it than she did; but

brushed overcast stared fully-eyed at a card in the bank window. "Open an Account in Our Thrift Department NOW. Put something Away for a Rainy Day."

"It's rainin', ain't it," queried the little man from the bank window, to contemplate the snow flakes melting on the arm of his overcoat. "Aw, they'll pay us, all right," spoke up The Optimist in the group.

"Suppose they do," interposed a tall man, with scrawled eyes, "what ain't goin' t' buy food for my trained seal, over 't week-end, is it? Aw! we ain't workin' now."

OPTIMIST AND PESSIMIST.

Tragedy descended on Maude Lane in earnest when the Chelsea Bank suspended. It isn't a big bank, but located in the heart of the theatrical district it was good enough as a repository for the nickels and dimes of humble folk of the stage—carpenters, electricians, men and women of the three a day cabaret performers.

A little bunch of these people stood on the curb staring in dumb fascination at the shuttered facade of their Treasure House. Big, soft, feathery snowflakes were descending upon Maude Lane. Melancholy resigned supreme.

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THEATERS

SHUBERT-LAFAYETTE.

Mr. David Belasco's very funny, slightly naughty, comedy success "It's a Wise Child" with Frances Wright and Russel Hicks will run for a fourth week at the Shubert-Lafayette Theater. Laurence E. Johnson is responsible for "Wise Child" and he has fashioned a very humorous tale of a famous boy that was told by a certain young lady to extricate herself from a difficulty.

"Wise Child" is peopled by many funny characters including the dumb family maid; the belittled republican; the woman who takes the blame; Willie; the family pest; Mother; poor little henpecked Otha and the one who rans things in general. This play is the second Shubert offering under the new price policy of lowered rates for Broadway hits.

Discontinuation of the Birmingham Manual of Standards for a six-month period, and use of the Standard Manual of Standards is one of the points reported in the annual report of Shelton Wright chairman of the court of honor. Test-camps have shown that too many Scouts are not familiar with the contents of the Scout handbook and it was decided by the district committee to issue the national manual for a while as an experiment. This will be the third type of book used in the district. The revised edition of the Manual of Standards, and in addition the Detroit Manual of Standards was used experimentally for a short time, but rejected.

The percentage of failures during the fall test-camps is too high and shows an unsatisfactory condition in the individual troops, the report shows. Some of the worst failures are on the less difficult outdoor subjects, which are evidently passed over without preparation, the report further states, and recommends that an individual troop system for checking eligibility of the Scout to take the test be used.

Six of the 13 individual tests comprising the entire First Class requirements can now be taken at any interval desired, through the cooperation of various examiners, thus facilitating passing of the tests.

Courts of honor were held three times during 1930, the report shows, but the parent attendance only averaged 90. Approximately 35 per cent of all the parents of Birmingham Scouts. Another unsatisfactory condition has been reported in the small number of registered Junior Examiners in the district. This will be corrected, however, it is expected, by the recent increase from one to five points on advancement in Scouts becoming complete junior examiners.

During the year the high awards were 12 Stars, 7 Life, 6 Eagle Palms, 9 Veterans, 1 Scoutmaster's Key, two Col. George Psalm medals, and one outstanding service award for the year 1929. This represented practically a 100 per cent increase over the number of high awards granted in 1929.

Considerable space in the report was devoted to commendation of the merit badge counselors for their work. There are now more than 90 examiners in the 89 merit badge subjects. These men, and two women, not only examine Scouts, but instruct, counsel, and lecture at troop meetings and other functions.

CASS THEATER

Arrangements have been made whereby the engagement of Philip Merivale in "Death Takes A Holiday" which opened at the Cass Theater this week, will be continued at that playhouse for a second and final week. Mr. Merivale, "Death," a personification of the ghost in the guise of a Prince, carried off places, carries upon earth for a three-day holiday.

"Death Takes A Holiday" is repeating in Detroit the success that has come to it in many other places. Originally an Italian piece by Alberto Casella, it has been played not only throughout Italy, but over much of Europe, with marked success. The version in English was written by Walter Ferris, and in it Mr. Merivale starred in New York throughout last season, and the star has come here following a triumphant engagement in Chicago.

DETROIT CIVIC THEATER.

"Trilly," the play taken from Du Maurier's novel of the same name, will be presented at the Detroit Civic Theater, for one week only, opening Monday evening, Jan. 26.

"Trilly" is the story of a beautiful artist's model who delighted the Paris Latin Quarter for the middle of last century and was finally made a sensational concert singer through the hypnosis of a musician named Svengali. This girl, although she was noted for the great range of her voice, was tone deaf and sang like a crow but was made by the musician into a great singer.

Like most of the novels of the Victorian period there are many pathetic moments in the play, but the glorious atmosphere of the artist's quarter of Paris is as real today as when the book was first written.

"Trilly," although a great favorite with those who know it, is seldom revived and has not been seen in Detroit for many years. Done in New York and such famous actors as Burr McIntosh, Will McKays, Virginia Harned, Cote Dietrickstein and Madama Lecoll are associated with it.

John Madison will play the part of Trilly in the Civic Theater production.

INTEREST IN OLD STYLE DANCES IS INCREASING

Interest in the old-fashioned dances, largely revived by Henry Ford, is being shown by many residents of Birmingham and vicinity who have recently found much amusement in patronizing the Campus Ballroom at Fenkel and Livermore avenue in Detroit. The Campus Ballroom is the only establishment of its kind in the United States given over exclusively to the old-style dances, such as the square dances, shot-ticks, quadrilles, badger-gavottes and varsoviene. No modern dances are permitted in the ballroom.

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Women Take Law Study In Earnest

ANN ARBOR, Jan. 15.—The year has concluded as perhaps the most unforming of the professions, will find in the near future increasing numbers of fair sexes leading cases before its bar of justice, if other colleges duplicate the enlarged enrollment of women students. Such has marked the University of Michigan Law School in the past five years, according to Professor Paul A. Leydi, Secretary of the School.

The war years and after were periods of broad expansion in the field of women's activities, the trends of which were at first not definite but numerous and confused. By 1925, however, young women were beginning to plan their careers in the same way men had in the past. This year saw an increase from an average of three to five women in the University Law School to eleven. The year 1925-1926 found thirteen enrolled, and this level was gradually and regularly raised to a high point of 20 in 1929-30. For this semester of 1930-31 there were 15 registered.

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