

Is it not true that, in a majority of cases, individuals and nations get what they deserve? A nation, a world, is no better than its people.

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Trip Through Empire Subject of Lecture

Burton Holmes, veteran travel lecturer, will take his audience "All Around the British Empire" when he appears at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Woodward at Kirby, next Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, at 8:30.

Mr. Holmes' mission picture tour of Great Britain will include virtually every possession of the Empire, starting from London, he will visit Bermuda, Nova Scotia

in apple blossom time, Canada including Niagara Falls, Benfit and Lake Louise, Australia, New Zealand, the South Sea Islands, British possessions in China, Hong Kong, Malay States, Malaya, India, Suez Canal, and Gibraltar. The journey will end in Africa with a tour of Rhodesia and Swaziland.

The British Empire motion picture lecture is the first of a series of Tuesday night appearances by Burton Holmes. On Tuesday night, February 22, he will present "The Beauties of Germany" and on Tuesday night, March 1, "The Glories of Scandinavia."

AUTHOR REVEALS HOW TO LOOK 11 YEARS YOUNGER

By Linda Moore

By next week, should you observe an old man slouching in his chair, plucking his lips and frowning absently at his fingers, you might pity him as you who has not read **Look Eleven Years Younger**, by Gelett Burgess. If, on the other hand, you should see a hale and hearty gentleman, erect in his chair, hands quiet and an expression of alert interest on his face, you may safely presume that here is one who has profited by Mr. Burgess' advice for retaining a hold on youth.

"Premature Old age," he writes, "is like a runaway horse that carries you down hill toward the state where before long you actually lose control of your minor actions. You scratch your head, pick your teeth, yawn, mumble and drool and do things that you would have laughed at when you were young. You don't care. The milk is on your whiskers and the egg is on your vest." He points out the bad habits characteristic of age, accompanying them with pictures of "Look Eleven Years Younger" is in the nature of an Awful Warning, but to mix metaphors, the picture humor makes it a delightful pill to swallow.

Bow Down to Wood and Stone, by Josephine Lawrence. The story of three sisters, each of whom saw herself as sacrificing her life to one object. Her husband's career was of supreme importance to Brossia, the ambitious; Scotch was domestic and devoted to her children while Gillian lived to carve out a niche for herself. **Understanding Indiors**, by F. F. Reskwell. A practical and intriguing account of what may be done by the garden enthusiast during the winter months, irrespective of whether he has a luxurious greenhouse, or only two windows.

Youth at the Wheel, by John J. Fishery. Believing that the appalling human and economic losses from traffic accidents could be avoided if drivers had more knowledge on the subject, Fishery includes in his book practical information on both driving and the mechanics of the car. While written for beginners, there are probably few drivers who could not profit by it. **The Dark Rose**, by Maurice Walsh. An adventurous romance with a background of warring Scotch clans in the eighteenth century.

The Alligator and its Allies, by A. M. Reese. Though written primarily for students of zoology, there are some chapters of interest to the layman with a scientific turn of mind.

Today is Ours, by Emilie Loring. What happened to Brian Romney and his estranged wife, when for the sake of appearance, they decided to "put up a front" of happy married life for the benefit of the world.

Nobel Prize Winner

The lecture event of the year is the coming of Nobel Prize winner Sinclair Lewis to Detroit. The fiery American writer will speak here for the first time in almost a decade when he comes to the Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theatre Wednesday morning, Feb. 16, at 11 o'clock.

In his book, "It Can't Happen Here," published in 1935, later presented as a play but banned as a movie by the Will Hays office in fear of "international complications," he attacked the dictator system and issued his warning—it has happened in Germany and Italy, it can happen here! "Now, says Sinclair Lewis, "It Has Happened Here!" In the lecture he will give under this title he promises to explode some new bomb-shells in his attacks on stage censorship, Reds, Fascists and other things.

In 1927 Sinclair Lewis refused to accept the Pulitzer Prize. In 1931, and year he didn't publish a book, he became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Prize for literature.

J. B. Webb Acquires Vaughan Road Home

This beautifully landscaped Spanish residence on Vaughan road in Bloomfield Hills, was purchased recently by Jervis B. Webb of Royal Oak. Extensive alterations are being made by the new owner, who, with his family plans to occupy the new home by March 15. Max Broock Inc., Birmingham realtors, negotiated the sale for Manley D. Davis, former owner.

'Mountie' To Tell Story Of Far North

Sydney R. Montague, "Montague of the Mounties," will tell the story of his six years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, next Friday morning for The Detroit Town Hall, in The Cass Theatre, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Montague's epic of the Mounties in the far north is a little of the history of the exploits and the traditions of this organization. For almost six years Mr. Montague was a member of that famous force; for two years and a half he lived with the Eskimos in the Eastern Arctic; for fourteen months, he was with nine other men with the Hudson Straits Arctic Expedition, in Baffinland, and for a year he was in the Yukon. Under Northern Lights could almost be called "The True Story About the Eskimo." He brings no movies, no slides, but he possesses the great gift of being able to tell stories that thrill his audiences, giving his experiences in the line of duty, that are spectacular in their own right.

Violinists To Be Heard In Solos With Orchestra

It will be a week of violinists at Orchestra Hall, for at the concerts of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Thursday night, Feb. 17, and Saturday night, Feb. 19, the soloists will be performers of stringed instruments. For a G. G. Ghione will conduct the two concerts, the Saturday night program finding him in charge for the second time this season in the "pop" series.

Ira Schkolnik, popular concertmaster of the orchestra, will make his annual appearance as soloist at the eleventh subscription concert Thursday night. He has chosen for his solos the D Major Concerto, Opus 77, of Johannes Brahms, one of the greatest of all works in the literature for violin, and the time-honored favorite of concert violinists, "Ciaccona," of Tommaso Vitali.

These two numbers will occupy the first half of the program. For the second half Ghione will offer a first performance in Detroit of Respighi's Symphonic Poem, "Fete Romane" (Roman Festivals).

The soloist at the popular-priced Saturday night concert will be the youthful American violinist, Joseph Knitzer, in whom Detroit has a special interest, for it was in this city that the artist had his up-bringing. Knitzer's appearance will be his second here with the symphony. He was first heard during the 1931-1932 season.

Born in New York in 1913, Knitzer made his debut as soloist with the New York Symphony under Walter Damrosch. Continuing his studies, the youthful virtuoso later went on to win every major award offered in the United States to violinists.

Ghione will open the concert with the Sinfonietta in D Major of Ernesto Halffter, a work which was introduced and which won immediate favor at one of the recent subscription concerts. In order to permit followers of the "pop" concert to hear Respighi's "Roman Festivals," Ghione has included the work on the Saturday night program as well as on the subscription list.

PARENTS WILL BE GUESTS OF SCOUTS AT ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner and get-together for Boy Scouts and their parents sponsored each year by the District Boy Scout Committee, will be an event of Monday, March 14, in the Community House, Charles S. Kinnison, chairman of the district Committee, is general chairman in charge of arrangements for the dinner, and will preside as toastmaster.

Maurice D. Watts is in charge of the ticket sale, assisted by Heber P. Gahm, Julius F. Wenzel, and Charles T. Beale. Collaborating of the program are George B. Finch and A. F. Plant. Plans include program feature which will be of interest to both parents and Scouts. There will be no long speeches. Arrangements are under way to bring some outstanding figure in the world of sports to take part in the program.

Among those attending the dinner will be members of the District Committee and their wives, and several executives from Detroit. One of the special features of the evening will be the granting of the buzzard award to the Birmingham adult who has done the most for Scouting here during the past year. The evening will open and close with the usual Boy Scout ceremony, under the direction of R. A. Main, District Scout Commissioner. The program will close at 9:30 p. m. Reservations may be made through Troop Scoutmasters, under the supervision of the ticket committee.

Cub
A group of reporters were gawking about a correspondent who was connected with the New York Times several years ago. His initial assignment was a Lincoln Day celebration far out on Long Island. He wired in his report, concluding with: "The high spot was Capt. Tomkins' election. He rendered Lincoln's Gettysburg address, which was as follows—

And he wired in the entire speech. The editor, who was watching it come in, became a little ill, but not too sick to send his cub this message: "On Washington's birthday don't send us what he said at Valley Forge—we've GOT IT!"—Walter Winchell in Chicago American.

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MANLEY SPEAKS TO QUARTON P.T.A. ON RECREATION

Members of the Quarton school Parent Teacher Association heard Frank J. Manley, supervisor of recreation in the Flint public schools, answer the question: "What Need is There for a Recreation Program?" Speaking at a meeting held at the school Monday night, Mr. Manley was introduced by Mrs. William E. Essery.

The majority of crimes," Mr. Manley told his audience, "are committed by youths whose ages range from 12 to 17. It is better to spend money now in recreation than to wait until damage has been done and have to pay for jail—less in money and less in the happiness of all concerned," he told Association members.

Mr. Manley concluded his address with figures showing that there were more persons in state institutions than in state colleges, despite the many situations already saved by municipal recreation projects. He declared that there was always room for more persons to assume charge of such projects, and in conclusion recited the poem: "Give Them a Place to Play."

INTERIM

There is no beauty in a dull gray day
Seek as I will I can not find a rift
In the expanse of heaven to up-lift
The hours and make them radiant
And gay
Drab cloudiness, cold overhanging skies
Are all I find. Shall I be gloomy too
Because the sky has lost its depth
Of blue
Or shall I borrow from some Paradise—
Some treasured yesterday now past and gone
Whose wealth of sunshine has
Ingraven
Nay, I shall keep those lovely days of old
To light dark ones. This one has
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—By Beatrice McDonald

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