

Author-Adventurer To Explain Magic

William B. Seabrook, noted author, explorer, adventurer, comes to Detroit for the first time. For the first time in the history of the Theatre of Fantasy, on Feb. 18th, Friday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. Seabrook will have as his subject "Magic and Witchcraft."

Mr. Seabrook has been in the far corners of the world in search of adventure, he has been to many strange places and seen many unusual and unbelievable things. He is the author of "Adventures in Arabia," "The Magic Island," "Jungle Ways," "The White Monk of Timbuctoo" and his last book is the most unusual "Aylam."

Mr. Seabrook is a believer in the supernatural but convinced that supernatural phenomena do occur, explains how. He describes voodoo, black magic rituals, ceremonies, the casting of spells—and also the Black Mass which have taken place in Paris and even in the bright sunshine of Fifth Avenue, in New York.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Frank Atchison, Deceased.

It is Further Ordered, that the petition praying for the appointment of said executor, and the administration of said estate, be and it is hereby appointed for hearing said date.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate. A true copy. FLORENCE DOTY, Register of Probate. Ec. 44, 45, 46.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Anna C. Valentine, Deceased.

It is Further Ordered, that the petition praying for the appointment of said executor, and the administration of said estate, be and it is hereby appointed for hearing said date.

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TWO IN ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Next to having a tooth pulled, one of the most excruciating experiences is to have to sit attentively through a speech made by someone who can't remember his own name, and for that reason, is suffering as much as the audience.

There is certainly nothing more harrowing from a speaker's point of view, than to be compelled to face a group (large or small) composed of strangers, when he knows he has difficulty in expressing himself.

Because public speaking is not merely the ability to rise from a banquet table in a jocular mood, and tell stories about Pat and Mike, it may be a matter of extreme importance to one's career. The success of many an individual has, at one time or another, depended upon his (or her) ability to address an assembled body with ease, clarity and conviction.

But unless one is an orator born, with the gift of a Daniel Webster, this art is not acquired over night. To be able to get to one's feet, to think and speak simultaneously in a coherent and convincing manner, also, to be acutely conscious of the effect he is producing upon his listeners, and to direct his remarks accordingly, requires a skill born of experience and training. Rome wasn't built in an eight-day day.

Both take time. Training means education—education means time. What are we doing, now, in our schools, to train youth for the future? In a speech, the speaker must be able to address a group in a coherent and convincing manner, also, to be acutely conscious of the effect he is producing upon his listeners, and to direct his remarks accordingly, requires a skill born of experience and training.

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SURVEY SHOWS STATE REVENUES, DISBURSEMENTS

Michigan's largest source of income for financing the State's governmental services is the sales tax, while the largest expenditure in the State budget is for highways according to a survey of State governmental revenues and expenditures conducted recently by the Michigan Educational Association.

One-Fourth to Education Dr. A. J. Phillips, executive secretary of the Michigan Education Association, points out that this survey of State governmental revenues and expenditures corrects an erroneous impression that more State funds are spent for educational purposes than for any other item on the budget.

Figures Show Increase State expenditures for 1936-37 were more than one hundred and ninety-eight million dollars, an increase of more than sixteen million dollars over 1935-36. Major increases in expenditures were for highways, schools, liquor control purchases, and for curative purposes, including state hospitals and other curative institutions.

While the proportion of State revenues expended for highways increased in 1936-37, as compared with 1935-36, the survey indicates that the proportion of State revenues expended for educational purposes decreased during this same period. More than 27 percent of State revenues was expended on highways in 1935-36, while in 1936-37 this was increased to more than 28 percent.

Dratory and debating still flourish in many universities and in debate clubs, which is another indication that high school preparation in both aren't high schools where these activities do not now exist, overlooking an important source in their effort to produce the "well-rounded" individual, which seems to be the aim of modern education?

She was thick, drab and shabby, as undistinguished as a rain-drip in a puddle. Like a wraith from a ghost story she shuffled down the aisles of the luxurious department store. Then we noticed her face and it was wistful with the wistfulness of youth as she passed between the racks of lovely things.

You would never have thought she could show rapture, yet suddenly it was visible on her impassive face. She had stopped and was staring into a show case. Under cunningly arranged lights shimmered a display of bridal finery. The sheath-like satin gown, creamy as a calla lily, the misty veil, a coronet of lace, the eyes dwelt hungrily on each one and her hands clasped in unconscious worship. They were red hands, parboiled with much scrubbing, stained and cracked with rough work.

Of what was she dreaming, this stolid peasant woman? Of a far-off Bavarian village, where her friends of her girlhood had danced so gaily at her wedding. Or maybe it was fair-time in some Austrian hamlet and the young girls were preening themselves in snowy white blouses, bright valises and braided gay ribbons into flaxen hair and the boys wore leather breeches and absurd little hats with feathers in them. When they danced in the Tyrol, sometimes they aving their partners so high!

"Ach," she murmured to the empty air, "it is so beautiful!" Her small eyes dimmed a little but she could tell these were happy tears, for all the happy young brides. The clang of an elevator door jerked her back to life. Once more the world contained dirt and the five o'clock crowds. Looking guilty, she prepared to go home, to dinky little room, to the demands of a family, and the spoke and noise of the city blanking it all. Well, she had had her moment.

"Ach, it is so beautiful." As she hurried into the elevator, her string bag bumping against her legs, she jostled two well grouped women who were alighting. "Disgusting old creature," said one, shuddering slightly. They passed the bridal display without a glance. "Too bad they admit people like that to the better stores," rejoined the other. "I wonder what on earth she was doing up here. What would she know about lovely things like these?"

ratio was decreased to 23.5 percent. More than 87 percent of State revenues was derived from four sources: sales tax; liquor sales; licenses and fees; gasoline tax; and weight tax; while more than 80 percent of funds was expended on four items of the budget: highways, liquor sales, and other relief agencies.

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SALES SHOW DROP FOR 1ST FOUR WEEKS

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 16.—Sales of The Kroger Grocery and Baking Company for the first four-week period of the company's thirteen-period year, ending January 29, 1938, showed a drop of 4 per cent below sales of the same period in 1937, according to the preliminary business report issued by the company here today.

Total sales for the first four weeks of 1938 reaches \$17,041,840, compared to \$18,798,226 for the first four weeks of 1937, a decrease of \$836,486. The average number of Kroger stores in operation during the first period of 1938 was 4169, a 3 per cent decline from the average number in operation a year ago.

While State-aid for schools has been increasing during the past few years, the total amount of money spent for school operation purpose in 1935-36 was twenty-seven million dollars less than the amount spent in 1930-31," said Dr. Phillips. He explained that the decrease in available revenues for school operation was caused by the breakdown of the property tax and the operation of the 15 mill tax limitation on property.

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