

1,565,463 Autos Registered 1939

Comparative figures released for publication today by Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, reveal a total of 1,565,463 automobile registrations for the year 1939. This total shows an increase of 13,454 registrations over the 1938 period.

Full year plates issued for 1939 number 1,001,093, and the half-year plates total 564,370 sets. During the next 5 weeks more than a half million sets of half-year license plates will expire. These plates must be replaced by full year plates not later than August 31, 1939.

Mr. Kelly fears that unless prospective purchasers buy their plates early, the same unhappy habit that was invoked upon the public in 1938 will be repeated this year.

Screenarios

By C. F. Smith

It is a well-established fact that a successful motion picture cannot be foretold before it's made. The reason is that the public is fickle and while the picture may be a good one, those who may see it may not go in for the mass of the people that the list of exhibitors wrapped the huge expenditures wrapped in the straps of celluloid.

Looking over the list of screenarios purchased by the studios for the coming season's releases, one sees several that are likely to be great, or near-great, pictures, but the chances are that the ones that appear most favorable will miss the public fancy. And those unfortunates will range the gong.

Ever since his "All Quiet on the Western Front" in 1930, and made into a picture in 1930, Erich Maria Remarque's novels have found their way into the cinema cities. His latest, "Heroes," has been bought by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a reported price of \$85,000. The "Road Back" was filmed in 1937 by Universal and last year it took Remarque's "Three Comrades" and made a very successful picture from it, with Robert Taylor, Margaret Sullivan and Françoise Tuquet. Unless casting announcements change, it appears that the first two of the above three, plus Spencer Tracy, is a mighty big plus for the appearance of Tracy in a picture is a bona fide guaranty of success.

"Our Town," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winner, will be that it gets better production treatment than it received on the stage. There the simple and plain quality of its setting enhanced the attractiveness of the story. There was the appeal of the homely quality to all humans. But its background will need to be more than a brick wall and steam pipes, because the art of motion pictures lies in the projection of motion. But the producers will be wise if they let the story and its appeal remain as naturally human as its star, Frank Craven.

Craven never has gotten his full share of glory from the screen. He has a quality of greatness, yet the plainest of actors, a rare and rare comedian and like all great actors possesses scorching dramatic fire. One of his best roles is his face. It is one of the homeliest on stage or screen.

"Richard King" Davis, "His Day," by Fairfax Davis Downey, is another popular work purchased by the movies. Davis, an American journalist, novelist and playwright, was born in 1864 and died in 1916. His life suggests colorful journalistic fiction in "his day" and no one has challenged that position, it would make sure screen drama.

Who is the happiest man on earth? Who could portray a man? A magazine story by Albert Maltz, "The Happiest Man on Earth," has been made a screen property by M-G-M, and it seems like one of the happiest titles to find its way to Hollywood in a long time. The title suggests roaming the lists to find a typical "happy" man to play the part. Who has an actor to suggest here?

Other important stories purchased, or those that may prove important due to a strong cast, are:

"Brighton Young" by Louis Bromfield; "City of the Angels" with Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland; Sinclair Lewis, "Willow Walk"; "Father Damien," biography of the Belgian priest who lived among the lepers, by John Farrow and to be directed by him, with Joseph Calleia; "First Nighter," from the radio script; "They Called on the President," a magazine story by Damon Runyan; and "Fals," for the Dead End kids and Jeffrey Lynn.

These are just a few of the 45 stories added to the line-up for 1940 pictures. Whether they will make a mark for themselves is a question. Whether they will make a new star or pull one down is still another question.

Tracy and Flynn are the only two mentioned here that are box office stars, those fortunate people who can make a picture. Maltz, Davis, Calleia, also are well known in their field. But it is surprising how many of the so-called stars need good support and good stories. More and more all the time it is getting so it is a combination of all these that appeal to the public.

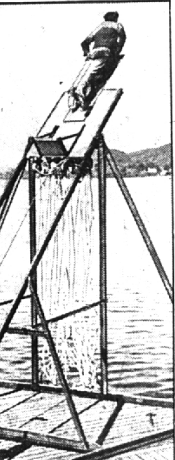
Mountain Pioneer a Guide in Newest National Park



The Misses Martha Vieroche and Annette Ogden, who drove up the recently opened federal highway from Gatlinburg, Tenn., to the heart of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, were thrilled at having for their guide "Uncle George" Lemons, 84-year-old patriarch of the mountains, who trod the same path with "hog" rifle and traps when it was a mere Cherokee Indian trail. The Park, soon to be formally dedicated by the President, is the newest of the National Parks. It is destined to become a mecca for millions of motorists.

to the better screen dramas leaves the producer of ordinary pictures holding the bag. Does education pay? The answer to that will not come from the Board of Education but from men who make the better pictures. And the answer is yes.

Trying Out His Flying Machine



He flies through the air with greatest of ease—and plunges into Lake Mohawk, N. Y. Walter Bura takes off in test of his human catapult. Airplane cockpit seats jerk sled up inclined plane. Sled comes to sudden stop—and Bura, lying on board, is hurled into space.



Andy Watson is tops in Scouting in Birmingham, or anywhere else, it seems. His latest achievement is to become the chief of the Wolverine chapter of the Order of the Arrow, the Order of the Arrow, by the way, is a national honor fraternity for Scout campers, founded on the principles of the Oath and Law. The Order was founded in 1915 and chartered by National Headquarters, but the Michigan unit was only organized this year, with Andy as its head. His official title is chief of the Detroit Area Council Lodge and his Indian name is Natami Sakima.

Random Remarks

Carrie Chapman Catt, leader of the fight for women's rights, "Keep the banner of women's rights flying until every vestige of the old tradition ordering our segregation has been chiseled from the earth."

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Chinese Generalissimo, "I wish to remind the world that the Chinese have been a peace-loving people for over 5,000 years."

F. Wilhelm Solman, Minister of the Interior in the Stresemann Cabinet in Germany, but now living in this country, "Hitler's prestige is based on his achievements by intimidating the western democracies."

Lewis B. Schwellenbach, U. S. Senator from Washington, "We are not for the assistance of the United States, Japan's Chinese campaign would probably have collapsed months ago."

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, "We must find ways to put idle factories, our idle money and our idle men all back to work."

Fiorella La Guardia, Mayor of New York, "As long as Frenchmen and Americans live, democracy will not disappear from the surface of the earth."

Gertrud Scholtz-Klink, Leader of German women's organizations, "We bring the fruits of our motherhood to the Fuehrer and to you. It is the best that we have, there it belongs to you."

Louis Aragon, French novelist and poet, "Hitler seems more inclined for peace now than he was a month ago."

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, World War draft dodger, "For all my faults of youth I have paid and am continuing to pay the penalty."

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FRANCO BAHAMONDE

IN GENERAL QUOTES

REGARDED BY THE FRENCH GENERAL STAFF AS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT OF LIVING TACTICIANS, HE CONSIDERS BREAD A BETTER WEAPON THAN GUNS.

THURST INTO COMMAND OF THE NATIONALISTS WHEN GEN. SANCHEZ WAS KILLED, HE SAVED A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SOLDIERS TO RE-ORGANIZE 5,000 BY PLANT FEIGN DISOBEDIENCE AND UNLAWFUL OF REAT.

SOFT SPOKEN AND PHOENIX, HE SET INTERESTS ARE SANITATION AND COLLECTING — HE WAS PROMOTED UPON A SUGGESTION BY SANCHEZ ONE REHABILITATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

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