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Town Hall Series For Coming Week Is Told This Week

Dunninger, the mind reader whose experiments in telepathy have amazed the scientific world, will open the Detroit Town Hall series in the Fisher Theatre Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 11 A. M. In his lecture, "Unveiling the Mysteries of the Telepathic Mind," he will include some of the demonstrations which amaze Thomas A. Edison, the Duke of Windsor and five United States Presidents.

Dr. Lin Yutang, Chinese philosopher who wrote "The Importance of Living" has also been added to the list of 20 celebrity Wednesdays. "Gan China with the war" will be his subject.

Two noted foreign correspondents, H. R. Knickerbocker and Edgar Ansel Mower, both Pulitzer prize winners; the Earl of Warwick, nephew of Anthony Eden and confidant of Lord Halifax; and Mrs. Linda Littlejohn, leader of the Australian Women's Movement, will come from overseas with inside news on the European situation.

Problems within America will be analyzed by Stanley High Saturday Evening Post writer, and Commander Edward Ellsberg, famous submarine authority.

Elsa Maxwell, America's "First Lady of Fun," Elizabeth Hawes, author of "Fashion Is Spiteful," and Muriel Draper, famous on two continents for her salons, will speak.

Lloyd C. Douglas, of "Magnificent Obsession" and "White Barkers" fame, Dr. Donald Spence, psychologist, and William Lyon Phelps will discuss human problems.

Conrad Nagel, star of movies, stage and radio, will talk on Hollywood, Irving Stone, author of "The Sign of the Cross" and "Last for Life," and Carl Van Doren, biographer of Benjamin Franklin, who are scheduled; also George Dangerfield, popular book critic and former literary editor of Vanity Fair.

General Plafato's Don Cossacks will be one of two glamorous entertainment attractions in the series.

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Oakland County Briefs

FERNDALE: Patrolman Joseph Medford, 54, passed away last Friday in the University hospital, Ann Arbor. He had been a member of the local police department since 1923.

ROYAL OAK: County Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson and Police Chief Ray C. Hayward last week confiscated a "razzle-dazzle" gambling machine from a North Main street drug store operated by W. C. Deane.

ROYAL OAK: This City's Acorn Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, again won the national championship when it competed last week with the nation's crack corps in Boston. The prize was \$1000.

PONTIAC: Walter F. Reddy, chairman of the Sales Tax Division of Michigan, addressed 300 Oakland County retail merchants here last week, giving them details of the law's operation.

TROY: The newly built PWA water works system here is nearly completed, and will serve 300 customers, stated Glenn Ludd, Township Engineer. Wells are located at the 16-Mile and Crooks roads.

TROY: Seventeen-year-old Margaret McGrath, 519 Wattlees road, is recovering from a hip injury suffered last week when the automobile driven by Alfred Martin, 21, 1114 East First street, Royal Oak, turned over on Walker road.

ROCHESTER: Built right after the Civil War, the St. James Hotel, formerly called the Lambertson House, closed its doors last week. For 30 years of its life its lobby was also used as a waiting room for the interurban line of the old Detroit United Railway.

BIG BEAVER: Fire last Saturday destroyed a poolroom operated by Jack Maddock and Harold Boening.

ROYAL OAK: County Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson last Thursday asked Governor Dickinson to institute removal proceedings against Vincent S. Wootton for the operation of a "fe-mill, or speed trap, so-called." Wootton is a justice of the peace.

U of M Offers NYA Aid Again

Ann Arbor, Sept. 2—National Youth Administration funds amounting to \$121,835 will be available for students of the University of Michigan during the coming school year, according to tentative information received by University officials from the State NYA office in Lansing.

Last year 1,271 students received aid through the NYA work program, and it is anticipated that approximately the same number will participate during the 1939-40 school year.

In the NYA program students are assigned to projects in various departments of the University. Under the regulations of the National Youth Administration, the work must be such that it would not be done if the NYA program were not in existence. The students serve as student assistants to members of the faculty, clerical and laboratory helpers, and in other similar positions.

Students working under the NYA program receive the prevailing wages for student labor. The average monthly earnings of students must not exceed \$15 under the provisions of the program, while any individual undergraduate student cannot receive more than \$20 per month.

To obtain work under the NYA students must be American citizens between the ages of 16 and 24 inclusive. They must show need of employment to remain in the University and the character and ability necessary to carry on work outside their regular classes.

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Annual Red Cross Report Released

The annual financial report of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, including activities of the Chapter for the year of July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939, has been mailed to members in all parts of the county, Dr. Harold A. Purlong, chairman of the Chapter, announced last week.

Total income for the fiscal year amounted to \$18,526.13, while the Chapter made disbursements totaling \$12,668.72. The balance remaining amounts to \$5,857.41. Among the things the Chapter assisted financially this year were First Aid stations, Red Cross Life Saving classes, home hygiene courses, Chinese relief, the New England disaster, and the local tornado victims of last June.

The report also enumerates the peace-time activities of the Chapter and includes the reports of the various chairmen. The report of Mrs. J. T. Libbey, of Pleasant Ridge, chairman of Production, a sub-committee of the Volunteer Service Committee, states that 16 Christmas bags have recently been mailed to men in service in the U. S. Navy.

The reports were prepared for mailing by Directors and members of the Staff Assistance Corps and volunteers under the direction of Mrs. T. W. Jackson, chairman of Staff Assistance, Mrs. Frank M. Langdon of Royal Oak, vice-chairman, Mrs. Earle Kneale, Mrs. Harold H. Corson of Birmingham, and Mrs. Joe Haas of Holly. Organizations which assisted were the Pontiac Board of Commerce, Royal Oak Board of Education, and the Royal Oak E. R. A.

Cremiting Gains Favor in U. S.

As the chairman of its statistical committee, Dr. Hugo Eichsen, of 415 Harmon avenue, reported to the American Statistical Association, recently, that cremation has made considerable progress in the United States and Canada during the past five years. The remarkable thing about it is that this progress was made without propaganda. His report covers the period from January 1, 1934, to December 31, 1938, and shows that during this time there was a grand total of 182,054 cremations in this country and the Dominion, as compared to 146,009 in the previous quinquennial period, which indicates a gain of 24 per cent.

In some instances, however, the increase was even more phenomenal. Thus, in the South Atlantic states—West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia—it was no less than 233.4 per cent (the figures being 7956 as compared to 2251, respectively), while in the East, North and South Central States—Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama—the percentage was 100.9.

The Mountain States reported an increase of 67.3 per cent, and the Middle Atlantic states 58.2 per cent, and the Pacific Coast states 47.3 per cent. In other words, the cremation movement in America is unfolding the picture of a gradual but steady growth—evolution instead of revolution. There are now 164 crematoriums in the United States, including 6 in the Territory of Hawaii and one (the Gorgas Hospital) at Ancon, in the Canal Zone. Canada possesses five of them. But there is as yet no electrical crematorium on this continent.

CIVIC LOYALTY DAY, Sept. 16
 Legal and Sporting Note
 A London litigant who lost his case burdened tomatoes at the two lords justices, but did not score a direct hit. The British people are properly shocked at this exhibition of bad sportsmanship and marksmanship.—The New Yorker.

Who's Looking At Heads?

The clothes of many a girl now weigh not more than 12 ounces, but her head often is even lighter than that.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Fame Not Desired

Vitamins have been found in hash, but the name of the painstaking explorer has not been made public.—Toledo Blade.

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