

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

Orson Welles Begins Radio Book Series.

Orson Welles radio program, one of the most popular current radio attractions, begin on Friday, March 3rd, with the dramatization of Gilbert Frankau's "Royal Regiment". On the first Friday of each month the program will present a new book which will be known as the "Campbell Playhouse Selection of the Best-New-Book-For" (each month). As it happens that the first Friday in April, the 7th, is Good Friday, a bad time for dramatization will be given on the second Friday, April 14th. Thereafter this feature will appear on the first Friday each month. The programs will last an hour, between 9 and 10 in the evening, over the Columbia network. W. C. A. O. will be your local station.

Besides the dramatization of the book, each program will broadcast an interview between the author and Orson Welles, star and conductor of the Campbell Playhouse. If the author does not live in New York, he will be cut in for the interview from any part of the world, as was done when Mr. Welles interviewed Daphne du Maurier from London as part of the broadcast of "Rebecca." The sponsor of the program will pay \$1000 for the right to broadcast each book selected.

Books will be selected by a special jury and will be of all types—novels, histories, biographies, stories of adventure—with plots suitable for radio. One of Mr. Welles' radio dramatizations was that of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds", which if you heard you may remember. At any rate this is what made this program possible on account of the amount of newspaper publicity given it at the time.

Naturally these broadcasts will increase the sale of the particular book dramatized. For instance he did one of Barry Benfield's novel, "The Chicken Wagon Family" which was first published in 1925 and consequently was not fresh in the public eye, however the publishers report sales amounting to three times as many copies as were sold during the entire month preceding the broadcast.

"Tree of Liberty" by Elizabeth Page had an advance sale of 20,000 copies. One days sale was 7000 and they are reported to have come from all over the country showing that this historical novel has a national appeal. This is not strange as her father, Alfred Rider Page was born in Carlinville, Illinois but at the close of the Civil War came back to the old Page home in Vermont. At fourteen he came to live in Brooklyn. He was always interested in politics and was associated with Theodore Roosevelt when he was Police Commissioner of New York. Her mother was born in Cornwall, New York, and was the daughter of Alfred C. Roe, a minister and a brother of the novelist E. P. Roe whom persons of forty years ago will recall as author of many popular novels.

STILL POND

Rev. C. E. Davis, our pastor, for the new Conference year filled the pulpit on Sunday. Rev. Davis and family will move into the parsonage, Thursday. We extend to Rev. and Mrs. Davis and family, a most cordial welcome. And with him, wish for a successful conference year.

Mrs. Mary Hanson, Mrs. Wright, Miss McGraw and Mr. Smith all of Perryville, Md., spent several days the past week with their friend, Miss Alice Maxwell.

Mrs. John Boulden, and Miss Pearl Coleman were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford.

Miss Margaret Kelso, of Marshallton, Del., was entertained at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. F. Baynard Harper's last week.

Mr. John W. Robinson made a business trip to Baltimore, last week. Rev. Raymond Hallman visited his new charge at Preston, Sunday.

Jack Walters entertained a number of friends, Friday evening in honor of his 14th birthday. Those present were: Misses Audrey Harper, Mary Lou Lumpkins, Lena Geary, Eleanor Newton, Mary Roe Groves and Ethel Groves. Messrs. Jack Walters, Charles Siscox, Bobby Bowers, John Harper, Edward, Walter and Thomas Schaubert, Wesley Robinson. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. At a late hour all left wishing Jack many happy birthdays.

Mr. Nevlett Ford spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer's in Queenstown.

Among Wilmington visitors last week we note, Mrs. Elwin Ford, Mrs. John Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children, Hope Marie and Sonny, Mrs. Wm. Clark, Louise Clark, Pearl Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford, Mrs. Carson Greenwood, Mrs. John Jarvis, Mrs. Howard Rasin and Miss Anna Bowers.

The Epworth League will be led Sunday evening by Lena Geary. A special Easter program is being prepared. Come out and spend a pleasant Worship Hour with us.

Miss Louise Thousen, of Greenville, Del., and Mr. Charles Clark, of Chester, Pa., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

Misses Kathryn Howard, Louise Pennington, Jennie Bowers and Anna Bowers were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bidwell, returned home Saturday after visiting with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weibel, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scheetz, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wm. Pennington and sister, Mrs. Harrison Cornelius are spending part of this week at Mr. and Mrs. Pennington's home in Philadelphia.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held Monday afternoon. At this meeting plans were made to hold a chicken and waffle supper at the school house on April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Massey spent Sunday with Mrs. Massey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams at Barclay, Queen Annes County.

Miss Jennie Bowers returned to New York, Sunday after a pleasant spring vacation spent with her father, Mr. J. C. Bowers.

Miss Alberta Cornelius, of Delaware, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Fred Cornelius.

The community wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. M. Bonwell and family. Mr. Bonwell is going will means quite a loss to our community.

The Epworth League will give a reception at the Church Tuesday evening, April 11th, to welcome our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Davis and family.

We are glad to know Mrs. L. P. Alwell is improving after quite a severe attack of the grippe, her daughter, Ellen has been with her the past week.

Mrs. Wm. Parker, of Staton, Island, N. Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Jarvis and other relatives here.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Ida Scotten entertained the Embroidery Club at her home on Wednesday.

Miss Marie Miller and Florence Walls of Wilmington spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. John George has been quite sick the past week, her mother, Mrs. Parsons is with her.

Mrs. Walter Kernan and children, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry George.

Miss Marie Weer is spending the Easter Holidays with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Anna Miller and friend of Salisbury are spending the holidays with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller.

Mr. Russell Fowler of near Church Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fowler.

Mrs. George Ringgold spent Thursday in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Betty Jean Groves, Miss Sara Scotten and Miram Kennedy spent the week end with Miss Betty Jones near Chestertown.

Miss Bernice Scotten and sister, Miss Bettie Scotten of Baltimore, are spending this week at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, of Rock Hall, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn on Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston and Mrs. George Johnston visited in Smyrna, Del., on Friday.

Mr. Walter Hill, of Baltimore, visited his brother, Mr. Robert Hill and family last Tuesday. Mr. Hill has been in poor health for some time, his brothers, Mr. Webb Hill and Mr. Harry Hill and families, and Mrs. George Rasin spent the afternoon with him.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, Sr., spent Sunday with friends in Lewis, Del.

Miss Sophie Miller is spending Easter with relatives in Baltimore.



Hanson Horsey Named Magistrate at Millington

Former big league base ball player conducts a confectionary business in Millington. Mr. Horsey started his base ball career at Galena and in 1910 was pitching for Reading, Pa., in the tri-State League. The following year he went on the mound for Cincinnati. In 1916 he managed Jersey City in the international League. Since that time he has been active in base ball circles and umpiring. He is actively interested in civic and business affairs in Millington.

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH

Miss Mary Hill and her class of girls had charge of the Palm Sunday program at Wesley Chapel. There were 224 present. Miss Patty Grine and Miss Doris Townsend sang a pretty duet. Lesson Scripture was read by Miss Jane Cannon. Mr. Jesse Downey favored with a Cornet Solo. Rev. Lynch delivered an inspiring sermon on "The Emotional Christ." At the evening service, Miss Patty Grine took charge with "I Would Be Strong" as a topic. Readings were by Misses Sylvia Coleman, Rebecca Parsons, Blanche Dowling, Evelyn and Roberta Townsend, Ida Kelley. Miss Louise Coleman read the Scripture.

ROCK HALL M. E. CHURCH

At the M. E. Church there was an attendance of 170. Mrs. Emily Bryden's class won the banner. Rev. Louhoff delivered a sermon on "The Three Crosses." The choir rendered "The Psalms." The Epworth League was under the leadership of Miss Vir-

ginia Stinchcomb. Jean Wilson, Jean Larrimore, Gladys Crowding, Virginia Stinchcomb with their leader, Prof. Martnet rendered "The Psalms" on their violins. Mr. Stanley Grant spoke on the topic. The sermon "What is a Christian?" was delivered by Rev. Louhoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1938

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In 1938, more than \$566,300,000 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries, and \$176,000,000 was added to statutory reserves for payment of obligations which will accrue in future years under present policies. Dividends paid in 1938 amounted to \$103,940,000. A still larger sum—\$118,420,000—has been set aside for dividend payments in 1939.

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As part of its welfare program in 1938, Metropolitan distributed 68 million health booklets—an average of 1 every half-second—and published monthly health-education advertisements in magazines whose combined circulation for the year was over 300 million copies.

Metropolitan welcomes every opportunity to provide its policyholders with information that will enable them to have a clearer understanding of how the Company operates. To help accomplish this, the Company is publishing a series of educational advertisements in magazines, and seeks in various other ways to keep its policyholders informed. A booklet, soon to be available, contains a detailed account of Metropolitan's progress in 1938. We shall be glad to send a copy on request.

Metropolitan's Business Report for the year ending December 31, 1938. (In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Government Securities	\$933,919,346.89	Statutory Policy Reserves	\$4,317,868,342.00
U. S. Government	\$868,608,893.16	Amount which, with interest and future premiums, will assure payment of policy claims.	
Canadian Government	65,310,453.73	Dividends to Policyholders	118,042,832.00
Other Bonds	1,768,541,971.29	Set aside for payment for the year 1939.	
U. S. State and Municipal	117,430,070.53	Reserve for Future Payments on Supplementary Contracts	90,504,443.44
Canadian Provincial and Municipal	104,610,612.32	Held for Claims	21,155,521.99
Railroad	590,984,033.71	Including claims awaiting completion of proof and estimated amount of unreported claims.	
Public Utilities	589,927,007.34	Other Policy Obligations	38,480,722.21
Industrial and Miscellaneous	365,590,247.39	Including reserves for Accident and Health Insurance, dividends left with Company, premiums paid in advance, etc.	
Stocks	88,452,477.37	Miscellaneous Liabilities	43,457,484.19
All but \$24,588.78 are Preferred or Guaranteed.		Liabilities not included above.	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	979,562,124.03	Surplus and General Voluntary Reserve	313,391,071.15
Farms	\$73,900,886.26	This serves as a margin of safety—a cushion against contingencies which cannot be foreseen.	
Other property	905,761,237.77		
Loans on Policies	526,263,387.92		
Real Estate Owned	392,187,370.22		
Includes real estate for Company use.			
Cash	108,817,444.71		
Premiums outstanding and deferred	84,974,718.06		
Interest due and accrued, etc.	60,181,576.49		
TOTAL	\$4,942,900,416.98	TOTAL	\$4,942,900,416.98

Total Life Insurance in Force

Ordinary	\$11,556,261,130
Industrial	7,550,316,755
Group	3,505,825,709
TOTAL	\$22,612,403,594

Accident and Health Insurance	\$18,500,602
Weekly benefits	\$1,449,927,200
Principal sum benefits	

Payments to Beneficiaries and Policyholders

Ordinary	\$241,946,643.12
Industrial	260,990,746.69
Group Life, Health, and Annuities	60,703,229.57
Personal Accident and Health	2,715,671.05
TOTAL	\$566,356,290.43
Number of new life policies issued	3,330,151

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