Kent News

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1928

President Coolidge has been sent a suit of pajamas in appreciation of his economy program. The pajamas are made of five flour bags, and were sent by the Women's Society of the Fillard Avenue Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

So cleverly did the women cut the flour bags that no visible piecing was necessary. The jacket is trimmed with lavender frogs and buttons.

"It may be an unusual gift," agreed the members, "but we hope that President Coolidge will accept the gift in the spirit in which it is sent and 'chose' to wear them."

"The Gay Defender" A Fine Picture

The worm has turned.

A Mexican hero and an American villain fight each other in Richard Dix' new Paramount picture "The Gay Defender" which will be shown at the Lyceum next Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.

For many years, the Mexican has been used as a stock figure in motion pictures, especially in that type of pictureknown as the"Western. "But now the Mexican has come in for glorification at last.

For in "The Gay Defender" Dix plays an aristocratic Mexican youth who turns to banditry to fight the wrongs done him and his people by American desperadoes drawn to California in search of gold. Laid in the colorful period of 1850 and photographed in its actual California locale, the picture is said to be Dix' most romantic, picturesque vehicle.

The story, an original for the screen by Grover Jones, is based loosely on the almost unbelievable exploits of Joaquin Murrieta, Mexican bandid leader whose raids and depredations held California in a grip of terror in the years following the gold rush of '49. As adapted by Ray Harris, Sam Mintz and Kenneth Raisbeck, the picture retains the tense drama and amazing narrative of an historical biography. Gregory La Cava directed.

Fred Kohler "wolf of the screen" is cast as Jake Hamby, American man-killer of the type that was familiar in California in those hectic days. Thelma Todd, ace gradute of the Paramount Picture School, lends her blonde beauty to the leading feminine role as the daughter of the U. S. Commissioner to the newly acquired territory.

Stage Manager (dubiously)—There are so many strong-man acts just now—do you fellows do anything out of the ordinary?

Strong Man (impressively) — We wind up our act by opening a sardine tin.—The Pathfinder.

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JUDGE CURTIS SCOUT SPEAKER

Betterton Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, closed their successful observance of Scout Anniversary Week on Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies with Judge Charles M. Curtis, of the Wilmington Juvenile Court, as speaker.

The scouts opened the week Monday with the education of parents by the scouts, themselves. Tuesday, the scouts performed the same service for their fellow pupils in Betterton schools. Wednesday, all local scouts appeared in full uniform and decorations and re-committed themselves to the oath and laws of the organization. On Thursday, Scouts reported to Howard Turner, local chairman, and on Friday, the lads met at the community center and heard the local scout buglers play. Saturday, they took a land hike and went over the crafts of scouting with local instructors. Judge Curtis, who was former Chancellor of Delaware, spoke to the local troop in the M.E.Church. He was accompnied by Scout Executive G. Park Weaver and Scoutmaster Alfred Jervis, of Wilmington. The Swastika bugle and drum corps met at scout headquarters, accompanied by Troop 1, the exeaming committee and the troop committee, and marched to the church in a body.

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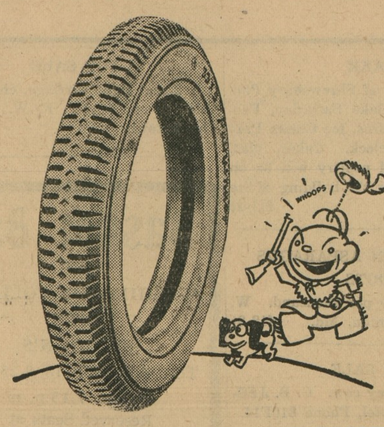

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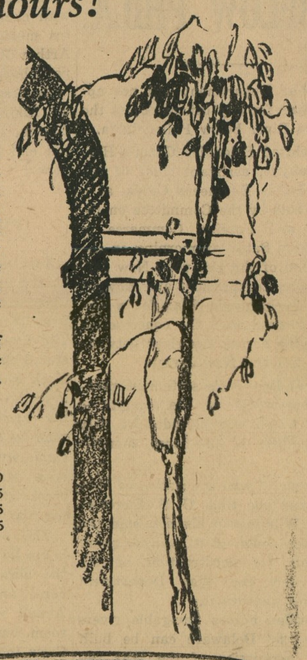

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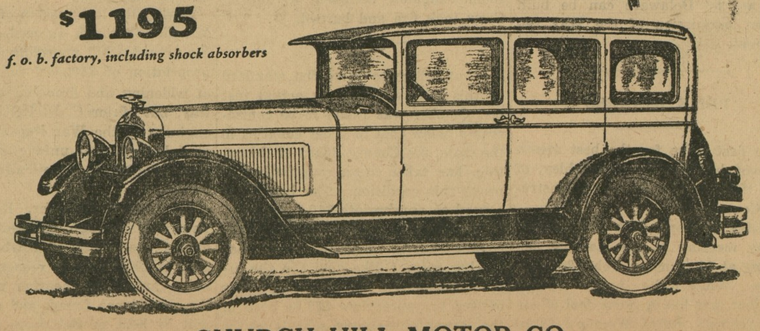

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