

## YOUTH SCHOoled IN CREATIVE ART BY CHILD THEATRE

Nearly 1,000 Juveniles Are  
Training at Institution  
in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—A juvenile melting pot in which children of all nationalities, from the tenement to the fashionable "Gold Coast" merge in the interest of dramatics, the Children's Civic Theatre of Chicago is now in its tenth season with nearly 1,000 children participating.

Every summer since 1916 this children's theatre has been maintained at the Municipal Pier auditorium, leveling the social lines of birth and wealth to unite Chicago's children in the common interest of art.

### DEVELOPS LEADERSHIP.

It is financed by the city council, directed by Miss Bertha L. Lee and a permanent staff, sponsored by the Drama League of Chicago, and aided by the Civic Music Association. "Sugar coated training," Miss Lee calls the work, for beneath the fun the children have, the organization is intended to develop leadership, creativeness, initiative, tolerance and teamwork.

### CHILDREN PLAN PROGRAMS.

Most of the programs are suggested by the children, who also plan the costumes and stage settings. The season begins the first week in June and continues until September. Meetings are held three afternoons each week, with the third afternoon witnessing the production of programs prepared in the two previous rehearsals.

While the programs are almost entirely of children's operas, dancing, short plays and sketches, the theatre does not encourage dramatics or the stage as a profession. "If any of them become true artists it will be from their own love of art rather than any encouragement from us," Miss Lee said.

Each season the children are granted one night at the Ravinia Opera.

## SHE'S LATEST SCREEN "PROTEGE"



Movie fans will become well acquainted with the young woman above in the near future, predicts Cecil B. DeMille, well known screen director. She is Miss Josephine Norman, his protegee.

## BROADWAY MOVIES RIVAL STAGE FOR VARIED PROGRAM

Fast Approach Legitimate  
Theatres in Magnitude  
of Presentations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The large motion picture houses of Broadway fast are approaching the legitimate theatres in the magnitude of their stage presentations.

Many of them now are miniature musical productions differentiated from the musical shows only in length. The first novelty effects on the stage consisted of playing multi-colored lights on special curtains, but soon individual performers were put on the stage between pictures. Usually there was only a soloist, picked any where from the Broadway army of unemployed.

### ORGANIZE SPECIAL STAFFS.

The last year has seen the greatest development. Ballet masters, stage masters, and chorus trainers have been added to the house staffs, while equal attention has been devoted to the development of costumes and scenery. Players sometimes have been placed under long term contracts, learning new presentations with each picture change.

Throughout this change the customary show limit of two hours has been observed, but it has led to the reduction in length of feature pictures. An hour and a quarter once was the customary length of the picture, but it has been cut some twenty minutes.

The time of each picture and number, even the overture, is so clearly defined that often fractions of minutes are noted. With all this artistic expansion, the motion picture houses have not encroached on the legitimate theatre in New York, although there has been a change in other cities. This is evidenced by the present building of ten new theatres for plays and musical shows, while several movie houses also are being constructed, including one with a seating capacity of 6,000, at a top price of two dollars.

## STAMP FRAUDS PROBED

Said to Reach \$300,000 and to  
Be Perpetrated By Gang  
in Britain.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The Westminster Gazette says that at the request of the general post office, Scotland Yard is investigating huge stamp frauds, reported to amount to \$300,000. The friends are said to have been perpetuated by a gang engaged in the wholesale selling of defective or forged postage, insurance and revenue stamps.

the first set, Dr. C. A. Wills of Berkeley, Calif., asking whether she should continue her participation in the championship next week. Her decision is expected to hinge on his reply.

"I felt fine in the first set, but after trying things didn't go so well," the youthful champion said. She has been months' absence from the court following an operation for appendicitis in Europe.

### WILL ADVISE HER TO QUIT

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 13.—Dr. C. A. Wills, father of Helen Wills, national tennis champion, said today he would advise his daughter not to play in the women's national tennis tournament next week.

## MORE GIFTS COME TO ENRICH THE MUSEUM

Mrs. John Keefe Presents Pamphlets and Other Literature of Great War

The relics of the Great War which have come into the possession of the Natural History Society from time to time now form a collection of considerable size which is remarkably comprehensive, very interesting and will be increasingly valuable. Decorations, badges, ammunition, weapons, and all kinds of articles are numbered in the collection and recently there has been added a very interesting gift of many pamphlets and war literature, chiefly of an official nature which is presented by Mrs. John Keefe. This gift has been gratefully received.

Included in this literature are 22 pamphlets dealing with the progress of the war, 34 copies of the Canadian Expeditionary Force record, official lists of casualties, several copies of War Pictorial and Raemacker's carnations of 1914. Copies of Canadian militia orders and lists of appointments, promotions and retirements in the Canadian militia have also been

given to the Natural History Society by Mrs. Keefe. With the literature she has also presented a portion of rock from Gibraltar and a piece of ivory from an elephant tusk.

### ESKIMO SECTION.

The Eskimo section in the museum collection is one that is specially popular and in the recent gifts to the Natural History Society have been some fine pieces of Eskimo work that were presented by A. Dodge Rankine. These pieces were made many years ago by the Eskimo and were presented to the grandmother of the donor. One is a skin bag such as the Eskimos used and the other is an Eskimo doll. They are very curious and interesting additions to the museum collection.

### CAPT. SHAW ELECTED.

CALGARY, Aug. 13.—Rejecting two ballots marked for Captain J. T. Shaw and two marked for Ben Plumer, Mr. Justice Hyndman, it was announced, allowed the other ballots in accordance with Judge McNeill's finding, the net result being that Captain Shaw is returned by a majority of one vote as member for Bow Valley constituency in the Alberta provincial house.

### APPLE SHIPPERS ELECT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Fred H. Simpson, of Flora, Ill., was today re-elected president of the International Association of Apple Shippers.

## Queen Square TODAY

BUCK JONES in  
THE GENTLE CYCLONE

He looked as harmless as an aspidochelone—but how that man could fight!

ALSO FOX COMEDY  
And a Thrilling Wind-up to Our  
Great Serial

A Wonderful Program For The  
Week-End

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

LEATRICE JOY in  
"EVE'S LEAVES"

The Life Romance of a  
Brave Girl

MATINEE 2:30—10c, 15c.  
NIGHT 7:15, 8:45—25c.

ALSO COMEDY

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COMPROMISE

WITH

IRENE RICH

CLIVE BROOKS  
LOUISE FAZENDA  
PAULINE GARON  
RAYMOND MCKEE

See--

A whole town wrecked by  
cyclone!

500 people in a mad dash  
for safety!

Stampeding horses!  
A woman horsewhipped  
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