

THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1924.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM THE WORLD OF STAGE AND SCREEN

SAYS "NANOOK" IS
YEAR'S BEST MOVIE

Sherwood Puts "Grandma's Boy" Second and "Blood and Sand" Third.

Robert E. Sherwood, who is generally considered the foremost motion picture critic of the country, has just issued his annual moving picture Year Book.

In the Year Book, Mr. Sherwood rates in the order of merit the moving pictures released from June, 1922, to June, 1923.

First place in the order of merit is awarded to "Nanook of the North." This picture was directed and photographed by Robert J. Flaherty, an amateur, who spent several years among the Eskimos. The picture was refused by every important moving picture distributor in America as worthless. Only by accident did it reach the public, and gain a sensational success. Based on its initial cost, the picture probably made more money than any film yet distributed.

Mr. Flaherty is now making a picture in the South Sea Islands.

Second place is given by Mr. Sherwood to "Grandma's Boy."

Mr. Sherwood now considers Harold Lloyd stands first in public estimation among all the moving picture stars.

"Blood and Sand" in Third Place.

Third place is given to "Blood and Sand," in which Rodolph Valentino starred. He is rather critical of Valentino, as an actor, pointing out that in the bull fight scenes in "Blood and Sand," where an angry bull was confronted by Valentino, an unnamed hero, not visible in the picture, kept a tight hold on the bull's tail.

Fourth place is given to the "Prisoner of Zenda," in which Ramon Novarro made his first real hit. Not cast as the star, but given the role of Rupert of Hentzau, Novarro dominated the picture.

Fifth place is given to the "Eternal Flame," in which Norma Talmadge starred. Mr. Sherwood points out, however, that the "Eternal Flame" was not much of a financial success, although an excellent picture.

Sixth place is given to "Shadows," the story of the Chinese laundry man, in which Lou Cheney was the star.

Seventh place is given to Jackie Coogan's "Oliver Twist." Mr. Sherwood considers Jackie's performance in this film a wonderful feat.

"Robin Hood" in Eighth Place.

Eighth place is given to Douglas Fairbanks' "Robin Hood," a magnificently impressive picture.

Next in order is "Peg o' My Heart," in which Laurette Taylor, who created the part on the speaking stage, appeared in the film. Mr. Sherwood considers Miss Taylor gave an exquisite performance of the role, even finer than on the stage.

Next came Marion Davies in "When Knighthood Was in Flower," the most expensive film of the year.

"Driven," a film of the Kentucky mountains, in which Charles Emmett Mack and Emily Fitzroy starred, has the next place.

Charlie Chaplin's "Pilgrim" has the next place. This film Mr. Sherwood considers the most typical "Chaplin" picture.

"Down to the Sea in Ships," the New Bedford whaling film, is next, followed by the "Covered Wagon" and "Hollywood."

A COSMOPOLITAN GROUP.

The cast assembled by Frank Lloyd to enact "The Sea Hawk" before the camera is a real cosmopolitan gathering. Producer Lloyd comes from Glasgow, Scotland, Milton Sisk from Chicago, Enid Bennett from York, Western Australia, Lloyd Hughes from Arizona, Hector V. Sarno from Naples, Italy, Fred De Silva from Lisbon, Portugal, Frank Currier from Connecticut, Wallace Berry from Kansas City, Robert Bolter from London, England, Medea Radzina from Nizni-Novgorod, Russia, and Christine Montt from Santiago, Chile.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

Mr. Maurice M. O. Purdy, of New York and St. John, announces the marriage at East Orange, New Jersey, on Feb. 22, of his daughter, Eileen Meredith, to Lee Girard Barthold, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Screen Actress And
Director Will Wed



BETTY COMPSON.

Betty Compson and James Cruze, director of "The Covered Wagon," "Hollywood" and "Ruggles of Red Gap," all successes, are to be married in the little deserted mining town of Frisco, Utah, one day this coming fall. Mr. Cruze's divorce decree from Marguerite Snow does not become absolute until then, hence the delay. Frisco is the birthplace of Miss Compson and as a matter of sentiment the ceremony will be performed there.

While Miss Compson was in Miami, Florida, recently making scenes for a Hodkinson picture, "Miami," Mr. Cruze telephoned her every night from his Hollywood home. Miss Compson is now on her way West to make her first pictures under Mr. Cruze's direction. This will be "The Enemy Sex."

HARRINGTON-GILL
TEAM IS BEATEN

In a thrilling 10-string match on Black's alleys Saturday afternoon before an interested crowd, Fred Gill and Joe Harrington were forced to bow to the vicious onslaught of the Pender "Bulldogs," Gar. Lammon and Theo. Yeomans, losing out by 36 pins.

In only two of the 10 strings did their vanquish the "Bulldogs," and these two strings, the fourth and fifth, gave them a lead of 24 pins. The "Bulldogs" renewed their attack in the sixth and seventh strings, but were forced to a lead of eight pins at the end of the ninth string. This lead was further increased in the last string when Harrington rolled his lowest score, losing by eight pins to Yeomans, while Lammon secured a lead of 20 pins over Gill by a whirlwind finish.

At the close of the match three hearty cheers were given for the "Bulldogs," Lammon and Yeomans, as well as for the losers. The scores follow: Gill—97, 87, 99, 108, 109, 83, 87, 95, 123, 94, total, 980.

Harrington—83, 88, 75, 95, 88, 92, 94, 91, 97, 73, total, 873; team total, 1,853.

Lammon—110, 90, 85, 84, 85, 101, 90, 97, 123, 112, total, 977.

Yeomans—80, 81, 113, 82, 90, 81, 94, 98, 102, 81, total, 912; team total, 1,889.

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GIVES SPECIAL SERVICES.

Evangelist H. S. Dow, of Marysville, York county, yesterday commenced a series of special services in the Reformed Baptist church in Carleton street. Large congregations attended. Mr. Dow will conduct services in the church each night this week with the exception of Saturday. Rev. L. J. Sears, the pastor, is assisting in these services.

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Too Much Fine Clothes Overshadows Main
Idea In Filmed "Black Oxen"

(By Jack Jungmeyer.)

Hollywood, Feb. 23.—It might be suspected from Corinne Griffith's interpretation of the lead role in "Black Oxen" that "Countess Zattiany's" rejuvenation by gland treatment was chiefly to indulge a passion for fine clothes.

Splendid raiment in many changes—\$80,000 worth, we are told—at times overshadows even the personal pulchritude of the languorous Corinne. Many of her entrances are like those of a clothes model, with an apparent pause for feminine audiences to admire the various trappings. And Miss Griffith's modiste is indeed to be complimented. A common fault, this intrusion of clothes upon the dramatic essays of movie beauties.

Superficially, Gertrude Atherton's story of youth scientifically regained and the romantic twists it involves has been rather well done in the main by Director Frank Lloyd for First National. But Corinne Griffith's characterization of "Zattiany" seemed to me flat and starchy.

Chiefly the fault lies in Miss Griffith's failure to suggest that her "Countess Zattiany" was ever really old. Her age, 60 years, had to be positively established to make the subsequent phenomena and romance persuasive. Lacking this, the whole structure suffers.

Miss Griffith's attempt to indicate



CORINNE GRIFFITHS

the decrepitude of "the most statesmanlike woman" at the Austrian court, burdened with years and responsibilities, was none too happy. Too much reliance was placed upon make-up, none too well contrived. Perhaps it was too much to expect that a beautiful young woman, facially rather immobile, should convincingly assume the wrinkles and tremors of age.

But this failure might have been re-

tried had Miss Griffith, after the physical rebirth, managed to impress the allegation that she had a 60-year-old mind in a 20-year-old body.

Not once, in my opinion, did she convey that. She was mentally as well as physically so patiently the ingenue, albeit an ingenue with poise and polished manner. But of wit, wisdom, accredited brilliance, resourcefulness, dominance necessarily associated with the role, there was scant evidence in her reactions to an impetuous young lover or to the bewilderment of her old intimates. Conway Tearle, the lover, who believed her young, was at all times older than the "Zattiany" of the picture.

This belated comment on "Black Oxen" is concerned mainly with Miss Griffith's performance because her recent progress and prodigious publicity has focused sharp attention upon the First National star. I say, in tribute to her undoubted talent, that I personally had expected a sounder, more convincing portrayal.

By contrast, Clara Bow as "Janet," leaps colorfully from the film—the saucy flapper, vital, turbulent, the very apotheosis of youth which laughs heartlessly at glandular props; an excellent performance. Claire McDowell, portraying the bitter old maid who seeks a word of hope from "Zattiany," that she, too, by artificial means might become attractive to men, contributes a poignant moment.

features, based on the adventures of a horse-racing enthusiast and tipster. They are adaptations of Gerald Beaumont's race track stories, "The Inform-

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Wages \$25,000 On
Tree-Climbing Fish

Chicago, Feb. 25 (By the Associated Press).—That there are fish that climb trees in the South Sea Islands is so firmly believed by William Hale Thompson, former Mayor of Chicago, that he has embarked a motion picture impresario, it was learned today, with the incorporation of his South Sea Research Company at Springfield.

The former Mayor has offered to wage \$25,000 that he can obtain films of the climbing fish, and if he is successful he is confident the company will be a financial success.

SKATING PARTY ENJOYED.

Little Miss Eleanor Larsen entertained at a skating party on Friday afternoon. After enjoying a skate they returned to her home, 416 Union street, where dainty refreshments were served. After games and music were played, the girls left for home, all voting they had a delightful time.

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BARBARA JOHNSON
NAMED PRINCESS

North End Girl Chosen For Honor by Judges at Arena

Miss Barbara Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Johnson, 50 Harrison street, is now "Princess" for the season. She was chosen by ballot of three judges, Mrs. Walter W. White, Mrs. George Bishop and Miss Maud Adley, on Saturday afternoon, at the Arena. Barbara is 13 years old. Her birthday is on May 30. She has bright blue eyes, light brown hair and clear skin, with healthy red cheeks. She is a plump girl, of good height and well set up as a figure.

The children who were not chosen, were the best kind of sports, the judges declared, for every one came up to Miss Barbara and shook hands with sincere cordiality, attesting to some extent that she has also the art of winning friends. Little Misses Dorothy Swanton and Dorothy Wetmore were easily in the line for being chosen and were awarded season tickets for the Arena. The Princess received a very up-to-date oblong shaped silver wrist watch for which she thanked the donors. Miss St. John made the presentation. The Princess had a narrow escape from accident on Saturday night. She, with a party of young folks, went out for a toboggan slide, quite near her home in Harrison street. Every-one got upset and the toboggan was smashed to pieces.

She has two sisters, one older, who was in the Miss St. John contest last week, and one younger.

JUDAEAN LIBRARY
IS OPENED HERE

Conducted by Young People's Society—Dr. Powell Gives Books.

There was a large assemblage in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue, Wellington row, yesterday afternoon when the opening of the Judaeon Library took place.

The library is located in the Hebrew school building in Carleton street and consists of one of the reading room, and a reference room. It is being conducted by the St. John Young Judaeans, an organization comprised of boys and girls in the city ranging from nine to 18 years of age.

The ceremony yesterday took place with A. Baab, president of the Hebrew school presiding. He also presented the library.

After the presentation, Dr. H. A. Powell, K. C., gave the address.

Among the other speakers, were A. Ralph Isaacs, president of the St. John Young Judaeans, Rev. Mr. Salberg, Ben Giff and Eli Boyaner.

When Dr. Powell declared the library open, the children of the school sang Hatikvah, which was followed by musical numbers by Miss B. Cohen, Ben Cohen and William Tanzman.

The entire programme proved delightful to the large number assembled.

TORONTO IS TO
HONOR WAR MEN

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Toronto is to have a permanent cenotaph to honor its heroes who died in the Great War.

The Board of Control has incited in 1924 estimates the sum of \$12,500 for a start.

TWO PROVINCES
HOLD MEETING

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The first conference between Quebec and Ontario cabinet ministers for co-ordinating certain regulations and laws, and two provinces made remarkable progress toward that end Saturday at Queen's Park. Quebec was represented by Premier Taschereau, Provincial Treasurer Nicol, Mr. Lanctot, Deputy Attorney General, Hon. Walter Mitchell, M.P. and former Provincial Treasurer of Quebec. They were met by the members of the Ontario cabinet.

Premier Taschereau was the guest of Premier Ferguson on Saturday.

"We made splendid progress," said Premier Taschereau. "We were splendidly received by the Ontario cabinet and made much headway at a conference which should be of mutual benefit to the people of both provinces."

SOMETHING NEW.

The Phonofilm, Dr. Lee De Forest's latest invention, received a public trial in New York last week. The new invention is a process whereby the voice is recorded simultaneously with the taking of the picture. The camera takes the picture while a device attached to it records the sound by waves of light. In one of his sketches introducing his invention Dr. De Forest shows Abraham Lincoln visiting some boys in camp. They sing some of the old songs popular in civil war days. Then a voice crying "All's well." Then Frank McGlynn, who portrayed John Drinkwater's "Lincoln" on the stage, gives the famous Gettysburg address. The Phon-Film is just in its infancy, and with its great possibilities, entire stage plays can be reproduced.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES.

Owen Moore is convalescing slowly from the automobile accident of a month ago. He is now badly mangled, blood poisoning set in, and for a while his life was despaired of.

Monte Blue and Marie Prevost, a popular cinema team, are to be featured in the Principal Pictures production, "Beggars on Horseback."

Mary Roberts Rinehart's "K." one of her earliest successes, is to be filmed. It will be a Universal production.