SAYS COUNTY IS OVER-ORGANIZED

TOO MANY COMMITTEES

William Lyon Phelps, in Scribners' Takes Whack at Widespread Uselessness of Club Mania

"We are cursed with organizations," declares William Lyon Phelps in his "As I Like It" columns in the October Scribner's Magazine. "The immense number and variety of time-saving devices have left less time for anything valuable or important. Those men whose successful actions should be the fruit of sessions of silent thought have no leisure for meditation. Some men are so busy that they have no opportunity to become acquainted with themselves, and are shocked when they find out from others the kind of persons they really are.

"Many leaders in the business and professional world have no time for consecutive thinking except after a major operation.

Too Many Committees

There are too many committees—and I know of no more certain way to waste time and energy than by committee meetings. It is better to give the job, whatever it is, to one man, and hold him responsible. Instead of attending a committee meeting, where some come later, and those who were not at the last meeting have to have the matter explained to them, let each man be responsible for one thing, and hold a meeting (at his covenience) with himself—he may find out what kind of a man he is instead of being so wastefully active as never to know and never to live.

"A college president should be a leader in educational policy, which means that he should have time to think, to develop the fruits of thought and experience; but his time is taken up with 'seeing people,' with details, with machinery. Machinery is no good unless it fulfills its purpose—which is to make something.

Purpose Is Lost

"The pastor of a large city church is so busy in organization that his original animating purpose is lost—how can he communicate the life of the spirit to others, when it is many years since he has lived it himself? College teachers should be thoroughly and increasingly familiar with the subject (their sepcialty) and with the subject (their specialty) and with the they be, if they rush from one committee meeting to another, and spend so much energy on the machinery of education that no one, not even themselves, can become educated? Nothing is more important, in a kindergarten and in a graduate school, than the relation between teacher and pupil; let us minimize the machinery and get back to teaching. Organization is the thief of time."

Sometimes you wonder why some fellows who ought to know better, want to recognize soviet Russia, but when you learn that Russia possesses thirteen per cent of the world's total oil reserve you begin to discern the Ethiopian in the wood pile.

"THE LIVING DEAD MAN" AT CHICAGO PLAYHOUSE

Lois Moran Makes Debut In Perandello's Satiric Novel Photoplay

"The Living Dead Man," based on Luigi Pirandello's satiric novel, "The Late Matthias Pascal," is being shown at the Chicago Playhouse, the unique little cinema movement theater at 410 S. Michigan avenue, during this week beginning Saturday, Oct. 22.

Produced in France by Marcel L'Herbier, the most intelligent director of that country, the film relates an episode in the life of the artist Pascal who pretends he is dead in order to escape his monotonous existence.

Two actors became famous through this film. Lois Moran, one of the most popular leading women in America, made her motion picture debut in "The Living Dead Man." The other is Ivan Mosjoukine, a Russian, who has since played many important roles including the leading part in "Michael Strogoff." Mosjoukine is now in Hollywood working in a film for an American producing company.

Following the showing of the Pirandello opus, the Playhouse will present "Polykushka," a Russian drama, with Ivan Moskvin, one of the greatest Russian actors of all time, in the lead. Moscow Art Theater Players are in the supporting cast.

Other films to be shown here shortly are "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," the film which more than any other is responsible for the little cinema movement; "The Street," a psychological drama, and Tolstoi's "Power of Darkness."

HEAVY SHIPMENT OF AUTOMOBILE FREIGHT

Gasoline Largest Item and Automobiles Are Cause; One To Every 5 Persons

Shipments of automobile freight last year totalled in excess of 3,280,000 freight car loads, gasoline leading the list with 810,000 carloads, according to the Chicago Motor club.

There is one automobile to every five persons in the United States, and one to every 66 persons in the world, according to commercial reports received by the club, and the growing use of automotive equipment outside the United States is shown in figures which reveal a total of 5,512,933 motor vehicles in foreign lands at the beginning of this year, as against 2,931,407 on January 1, 1914.

WHAT DOLLARS DON'T BUY

Cooking experts have produced a dinner for four that costs only one dollar. This is doing pretty well when you remember what a poor little trinket the dollar has become.—Woman's Home Companion.

Bananas are not permitted in Russia. The Soviet bosses slip without assistance.—New York Sun.

LECTURE SUBJECTS AT FIELD MUSEUM

TEN TO BE GIVEN GRATIS

Topics Varies and Interesting For Saturday Afternoons In October and November

The subjects and dates of the free illustrated lectures upon science and travel to be given at Field Museum of Natural history this autumn were announced recently by D. C. Davies, director of the museum. This is the forty-eighth free lecture course given under the auspices of the museum. Eminent men of science and explorers who have followed adventurous trails in remote parts of the world will tell of their experiences, and show lantern slides vividly depicting features of their subjects.

The lectures will be given in the James Simpson theater of Field Museum on Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

List of Lectures

Following is the list of lectures:

October 22—Natural Wonders of American Deserts—Frederick Monson, of Pasadena, Calif.

October 29—A Day in Babylonia—Prof. A. T. Olmstead, University of Illinois.

November 5—The Depths of the Sea—Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, New York Zoological Park.

November 12—The Captain Marshall Field 1926 Brazilian Expedition—George K. Cherrie, leader of the expedition.

November 19—Explorations at the North Pole of the Winds—Prof. William H. Hobbs, leader of the University of Michigan Greenland Expedition.

November 26—Sun Dance of the Blackfoot Indians—Walter McClintock, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

December 3—The Wonders of Marine Life—Dr. William Beebe, New York Zoological Society.

In inviting the public to these lectures, Director Davies announces that no tickets are necessary for admission. Those planning to attend are urged to arrive promptly, as doors of the theater will be closed at ten minutes past three, or before if theater is filled earlier. Seats are available for 1,050 persons.

CASH FOR CROPS IS ENCOURAGING NEWS

One of the best pieces of financial news that has appeared in Federal Reserve bank statements for a long time concerns the cash income from crops in the middle west.

The Federal Reserve bank at Minneapolis, in the Ninth Federal Reserve district, estimates that the cash income from crops increased 22 per cent in August over last year.

If there were enough gains like this throughout the country the question of farm relief would solve itself.

SAYS ZOROASTER GAVE US CHRISTMAS DEVIL

Clergyman in Magazine Article Declares Idea Came from Great Philosopher

Christianity owes Zoroaster a debt in that it borrowed the Devil, variously called "The Adversary" in the original Persian and "Satin" in Hebrew from the works of the Prophet of Light.

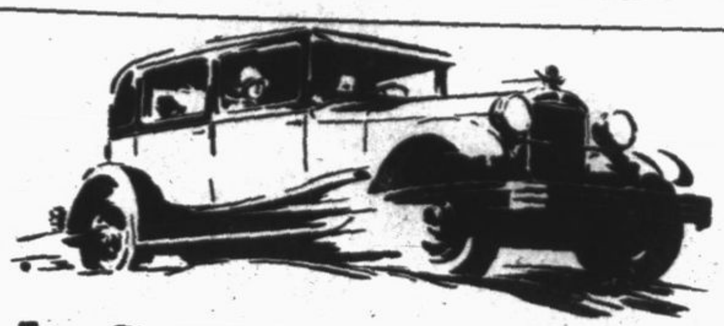
"It is high time that the debt that modern religions owe to Zoroaster be acknowledged," says Charles Francis Potter, noted clergyman and professor of Antioch college, writing in the Woman's Home Companion.

"And this is not all that Christianity owes to this great thinker," continues Dr. Potter. "His was the first great philosophy of religion. He had learned the need of a preachable theology, an attractive religion. Before his death in 583 B. C., he had formulated doctrines which resulted in the amalgamation of savage people and founded the laws of the Medes and Persians which today are examples of his wisdom and devotion of his people.

"The theology of post-exilic Judaism had a devil. Since the Zoroastrian religion of that time strongly emphasized a chief among evil spirits called 'The Adversary,' and since the post-exilic Jews called the devil 'Satin,' which means 'The Adversary,' there is only one possible inference.

"The earliest visitors to the cradle of the infant Jesus were Wise Men from the east who said they had seen his star and had come to worship him. The Greek word translated 'Wise Men' is 'magi' which enables us to identify these dignified travelers as Zoroastrian priests.

"When this babe grew to manhood, fulfilled his ministry and was dying on the cross one of his last sentences revealed that he expected to go immediately to 'Paradise.' Now 'paradise' was the Zoroastrian abode of the blessed after death. The very word was Persian. The Hebrew word was Sheol for the abode after death of both good and bad."



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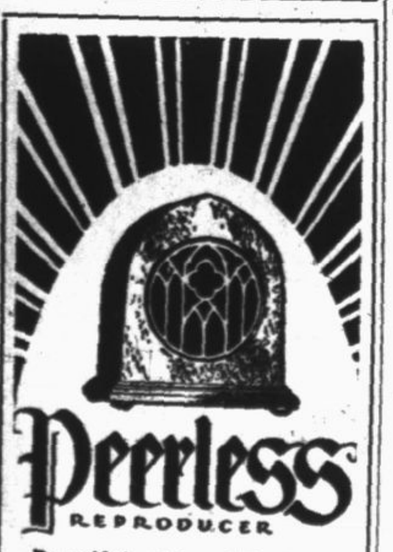

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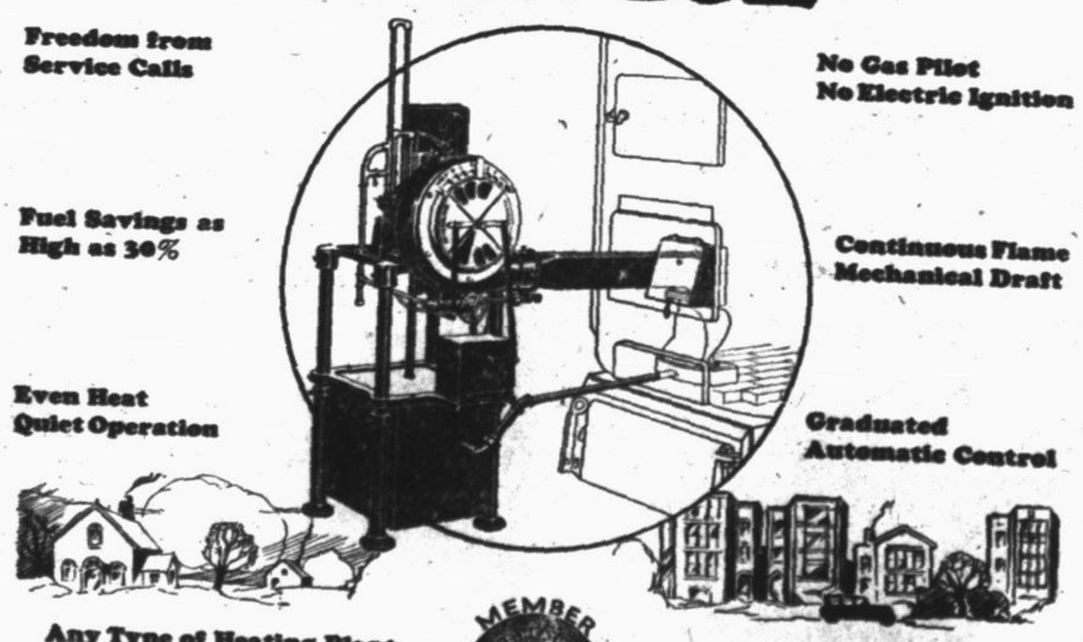

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