

"That's Gratitude" Is Biggest Comedy Hit

Linking the names of John Golden and Frank Craven, "That's Gratitude" has come to Chicago to duplicate its sensational success in New York and for the past five weeks it has tested the capacity of the Blackstone theatre, now under the management of Tracy C. Drake. George W. Barbier and Thomas W. Ross head the cast, which includes the same players who appeared for seven months at the John Golden theatre, New York. Mr. Barbier has just signed a \$200,000 picture contract and audiences who see him in "That's Gratitude" will recognize him in Maurice Chevalier's next picture, "The Smiling Lieutenant" and many others in which he will appear during his five years' contract with Paramount.

Like Frank Craven's earlier success, "The First Year," "That's Gratitude" deals with human frailty as it is to be found in the average American family. Tom Maxwell, (Mr. Barbier), a jovial traveling man from Hutchison, Kan., lies groaning in a small Iowa hotel, from the effects of tainted food when he is befriended by Bob Grant, (Mr. Ross), manager of a one-night-stand musical show. The pair wax mellow and affectionate over a bottle of prescription rye and when Grant's show goes on the rocks a few weeks later he moves in on the Maxwells at Hutchison. Grant outwears his welcome and upsets the whole routine of the household but not until he has started an unhappy and unattractive girl on her way to a musical career.

How Grant "promotes" the girl's finance for \$7,000—enough to put out another road show with her in the leading role, thus taking her off the young man's hand and clearing the way for him to marry her more attractive young sister; how the "ugly duckling" becomes a veritable fairy princess through the removal of moles and the application of peroxide and how she eventually leaves Grant in the lurch to elope with a tenor—all this is told in a play that runs the gamut of romance, excitement, and clean, rippling fun. It can easily be recommended to every member of the family.

Popular matinees are played on Wednesday and Saturday. Performances begin at 2:30 and 8:30.

Miss Sandor's Pupils Appear in Recital

Miss Olga Sandor presented her pupils at a recital last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William R. Watson of 288 Hazel avenue. The pupils presented were Eleanor Framhein, Renee Coghill, Katherine Johnston and Rosemary Watson.

A vocalist and violinist from Chicago also played during the afternoon. The vocalist, Ida Mae Cameron dressed in costume presented an old group of Italian and Spanish songs. The violinist, Ethel Schwertler, also presented a very interesting group of pieces.

Ford Digs Two Mile Tunnel for A Billion Gallons of Water a Day

NEARLY a billion gallons of water a day—more than is used by the cities of Detroit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Washington combined—will be the capacity of a huge tunnel now nearing completion at the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

The tunnel will replace the present water intake system which supplies the Ford plants with 500,000,000 gallons a day. At the same time the company is remodeling its power house to greatly increase the power output. Both improvements, costing several million dollars, are being made to enlarge the production facilities of the Ford plant.

Sixty Feet Under Ground

In constructing the waterway, the largest of its kind ever undertaken by a single business concern, the engineers are burrowing sixty feet under ground for a distance of two and a fifth miles. They have gone under main highways, railroads, street car tracks, bridges, a cemetery and a creek.

One of the most difficult tasks was that of tunneling under Baby Creek at a point which is crossed by a railroad bridge and where also a large sewer is under construction by the city of Detroit. The piles that provide the foundation for the bridge and those driven by the company constructing the sewer formed a network on each side of the creek. It was the task of the Ford engineers to burrow under the creek, sewer and bridge, going between the piles without striking or weakening them.



The head of one of the sections of the Ford tunnel showing the machinery used to burrow through the ground. In the foreground is one of the concrete blocks used to line the tunnel which has an inside diameter of fifteen feet.

Boring of the tunnel is accomplished by means of a shield—a large steel cylinder fourteen feet long and twenty-one feet in outside diameter with a solid steel shell or skin two and a fourth inches thick. This shield has a bulkhead which is made fast near the front end. There are four openings through which the mud streams, like toothpaste from a tube, as the shield is shoved forward by twenty powerful hydraulic jacks.

When the shield has been pushed forward sufficiently concrete blocks two and a half feet wide and five

feet long, each weighing 3,420 pounds, are placed to form a ring around the circumference of the tunnel. One of them acts as a keystone so that the lining of concrete, which is eighteen inches thick, withstands the pressure of the earth. After this steel forms are set up and filled with concrete to form a solid inner lining which is also eighteen inches thick.

The present intake system of the Ford plant has a capacity of 500,000,000 gallons a day. The new tunnel will be able to carry 913,600,000 gallons.

St. James Court C. D. A. to Hold Card Party

St. James Court, C. D. A., No. 951, has been organized five years in Highwood. It is affiliated with the National Council of the Catholic Daughters of America, a large charitable order.

The Court at Highwood has, for the past four years, given annual benefit card parties. These have always been well attended, because of their reputation for good refreshments, attractive prizes, and the sociability of the committee in charge.

This year the card party will take place Friday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be procured from the members. There will be bridge, five hundred and bunco.

It is hoped that those who have previously enjoyed an evening at one of these parties will come again and bring their friends. Full arrangements have not been completed, but there will be another announcement in next week's paper. Remember the date, the 22nd of May. Be prepared to have a pleasant time.

Some economists tell us that out of this depression will come a cure to end all future depressions. Didn't we hear something a few years ago about a war that was to end all wars?

TO PREVENT GUEST RIDER FROM SUING

Bill Offered in Legislature to Eliminate Abuse of Motor Law; No Damages

Motorists who have taken guests for a ride, and those who have given lifts to caddies going to and from golf clubs, no longer will have to shiver with the thought of paying heavy damages in the case of an accident, in the event that a bill introduced in the house yesterday by Representative William A. Carroll, of Woodstock, passes.

Carroll's measure provides that an owner or an operator of an automobile be exempt from damages for an injury to a guest riding with him.

Many Affected Here

There are a score or more motorists living in Waukegan and Lake county who will watch this bill with interest. They are a part of those luckless victims who have been forced to pay judgments after law suits in which companions sued them for damages following an accident.

Under the present law if a person were to pick up a pedestrian who waved him down for a ride, and then had an accident in which the hitch-

hiker was injured, the operator of the car would be responsible for injuries received by the person who received the favor of getting a ride.

Many Pass Up Wavers

Common knowledge of this law has forced many motorists to pass youngsters caddying at Bonnie Brook and Glen Flora golf clubs who have waved for a ride either to or from the clubs. They have feared an accident in which the youngster could force them to pay for any injuries received.

In one recent case a woman was sued by her sister, who was an occupant of the car, but this step was taken to force the insurance company to settle.

Chairman Raskob's two great achievements for the Democratic party: Raising money and raising Cain.—Milwaukee Journal.

When it comes to matrimony it is still better to pick a girl who is handy with a gas range rather than one who is an expert with a gas buggy.

If you think politicians have an easy graft, try sitting on a fence and keeping one ear on the ground.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Chairman Raskob thinks the next Democrat platform should by all means have a wet plank for the dries to walk.—Cincinnati Enquirer.