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D. A. R. Better Films Committee Review

May 2, Thursday, "Car 99" featuring Sir Guy Standing, an authentic story of the conflict between the expertly trained Michigan State police and an exceptionally clever band of bank robbers.

May 3, 4, Friday and Saturday, Frankie Thomas in "Dog of Flanders." A familiar tale of Mello—the milk boy—with his great longing to become an artist, and his loyal, lovable delivery dog loses much of the heavy pathos of Orriadas book in this dramatization.

May 5-6, Sunday, Monday, "Love in Bloom," featuring George Burns and Gracie Allen. A young and devoted couple faces the problem of living, made more difficult by the girls objectionable father.

May 7, Tuesday "Let's Live Tonight" with Tullio Carminoati and Lillian Harvey. A cynical millionaire runs away when he fears a flirtation may turn to love.

May 8-9-10, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, "Ruggles of Red Gap" with Charles Laughton and Mary Boland. Fate—in the guise of a game of poker—changes the narrow life of Ruggles from the valet of an English baronet to the freedom of a socially-conscious American household.

Central Employment Agency Fills 631 Jobs

Since January, the Central Employment Agency, under the management of Mr. E. E. Alsop has filled the following calls for help: general maids, 255; cooks, 39; couples, 104; second maids, 49; nursemaids, 25; housemen, 6; mother's helpers, 91; day jobs, 51; business calls, 11. This makes a total of 631 positions filled by the agency since the first of this year.

Positions now open include: general maids, 28; cooks, 2; couples, 14; second maids, 4, and housemen 1.

April Building Exceeds Year Ago by \$19,729

Highland Park's building total of \$32,678 for April of this year exceeds the total for April of last year by \$19,729, according to figures released by the building department yesterday (Wednesday).

The two largest items on April's list are a dwelling costing \$20,000 to be erected by K. H. Kraft at 225 Lakewood Place, and a business structure costing \$10,808 to be erected in Braeside by E. E. Kleinschmidt.

Ravinia Woman's Club To End Season May 8

The Ravinia Woman's Club will close its season with a luncheon at the Ravinia Village House on Wednesday, May 8 at 1 p.m. A short business meeting at which the committee chairmen will give their reports and the new president, Mrs. Godfrey Eyer, will take office, will follow the luncheon.

Miss Mary Waller, of the French department of the North Shore Country Day School, will appear on the program with a speech on Czechoslovakia, and a trio consisting of Ruth Breytstraak, violinist, Genevieve Hoween, cellist, and Mrs. Herbert Lautmann, pianist, will play Slavid dances.

There will also be an exhibition of paintings by William Savin, a local artist. Reservations for the luncheon may be made with Mrs. H. R. Will at Highland Park 4146, or with Mrs. D. E. Elick at Highland Park 1047 and should be in by Tuesday, May 7.

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Shall We Cure — or Kill?

For several years, the politicians of the country have been working overtime in denouncing the evils of the electric utility industry. Brandishing the sword of eloquence, they have stood bravely between the public and the alleged economic monster which sought to devour them.

All of this amounted to a prelude to an attempt to destroy the "monster"—and it has come to fruition in the so-called Public Utility Act of 1935, which is now under consideration in Congress. If the Act passes, practically every utility holding company in the nation will be forced out of business by 1940.

It might not be a bad idea if the public were given a chance to learn what holding companies are for, why they were created—and what they really are, as distinct from what the anti-power politicians say they are—that they have been an important factor in practically every great industry, and that they were developed long before an electric company existed.

It can be proven that the holding company was the greatest single factor in bringing gas and electric service in this country to its present state of efficiency, which is the highest in the world. Before the holding company, each utility could serve only its little district. Outside of the large cities of the country, where demand was sufficient to justify the building of large, first-class plants, service was necessarily uncertain. Rates were high. Break-downs were frequent. Management and engineering personnel was far from being the best type.

The holding company provided a means whereby every town, small or large, could enjoy the most efficient and least expensive service. It joined small plants into larger inter-connected systems—and practically did away with failures in service. It made available to operating companies the highest calibre of management, engineering, legal and other counsel. It was able to obtain the money for improving facilities and extending operations. In return it received fees, based on work done, from the operating company.

It is an interesting commentary that the holding company has been heartily endorsed by David Lilienthal, head of the TVA, which is itself a holding company, owned and operated by government. Mr. Lilienthal, not so long ago, condemned what he believed were abuses of individual holding companies—but added that without the services of good holding companies, electric and gas service could never have reached present peaks of efficiency.

The proponents of the present bill do not pretend to eliminate holding company evils or abuses through sound, well-considered regulation, which would protect the interests of utility investors, the public and the government alike. Instead, they lump the wheat with the chaff, and propose to destroy the holding company entirely—and to destroy with it hundreds of millions of dollars which the American people have invested in our large electric systems. They are working, consciously or otherwise, on the supposition that the way to cure a disease is to kill the patient.

Public-spirited utility executives, no less than government officials, offer their sincere support to legislative proposals which would remedy abuses and enable properly managed holding companies to serve the public to the best of their abilities. It is no solution of the holding company question to destroy the companies, when that works to the detriment of all who use light and power, who have invested money in private utilities, or who have an interest in forwarding sound policies in both government and private business.

Augustana Synod Meets in Chicago

The Monday sessions of the 83rd annual convention of the Illinois Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, meeting at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Iowa Street and Waller Avenue, Chicago, were given over to the consideration of financial questions as they affect the missionary budgets of the Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Dr. F. A. Johnson, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Maywood, Ill., in his report as treasurer of the conference, stated that despite increased revenues to the conference treasury amounting to approximately 15 per cent as compared with 1933, the various benevolent agencies, which depend upon the treasury for their support, have, nevertheless, been forced into straitened circumstances. The increases have not been sufficient to meet the needs of the many beneficiaries of the conference budget. Progressive action

was taken by the conference to enable congregations heavily involved in arrears to settle on a drastically reduced basis, thus enabling them to face the future with greater optimism and enthusiasm. Rev. Henry G. Hedlund is in attendance as a delegate from the Zion Lutheran Church, Highwood.

Membership List Indicates Good Season for Sunset Valley

A large number of memberships are being secured daily for the Sunset Valley golf course and indications are that the club will enjoy an unusually good season, according to Tom Kelly, pro.

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