

Federal Decree Means Little To Movie Exhibitors

Owners Still Buying Films In The Dark

One Group Planning To Have Secret Reviews Of All New Products

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HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 6—(UP)—The widely heralded consent decree, which was to eliminate all the evils to which the movies are heir, now is in full force and (we hate to say it) so what?

The decree, which was the outcome of federal charges of unfair trade practices, eliminates block booking, whereby a theatre owner used to buy an entire season's films, sight unseen.

Now all he has to buy is a block of five pictures, and he has the right to see 'em before the newspaper reporters do. That's so he won't be influenced by their reviews.

So all the major studios lately have been holding special trade showings of their blocks of fives for the theatre owners.

The exhibitors have been conspicuous by their absence from those trade shows. When a film exchange provides seats for 100 men, it's lucky to get a dozen. That is no isolated instance. All over the country the theatre owners who demanded the right to see pictures before they bought them aren't taking advantage of it now that they've got it.

Many of them still are buying movies sight unseen. In one northwestern area the theatre boys even are trying to set up their own preview department, whereby one member of their group will write his opinion of the pictures exhibited and ship them around to his fellows. His identity will be a secret. As the masked movie reviewer, he'll tear the bad ones apart.

He will be, in any event, a kind of Ku Klux Klan picture critic—and some of the experts already are beginning to wish the newspapers could continue their open and above-board critiques of the pictures as they are made.

Henceforth us Hollywood correspondents will see the new pictures 10 days before release date, but we can't write about 'em—on penalty of a spell in the federal exhibit—until they're actually on exhibition. Then we can tell the truth.

Foreign Policy Flayed By Taft

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6—(AP)—Asserting that the nation is divided because "the majority of the people disagree with the President's foreign policy," Sen. Robert A. Taft, Cincinnati, Republican, said last night that "there is no hope for unity while the President persists in these policies."

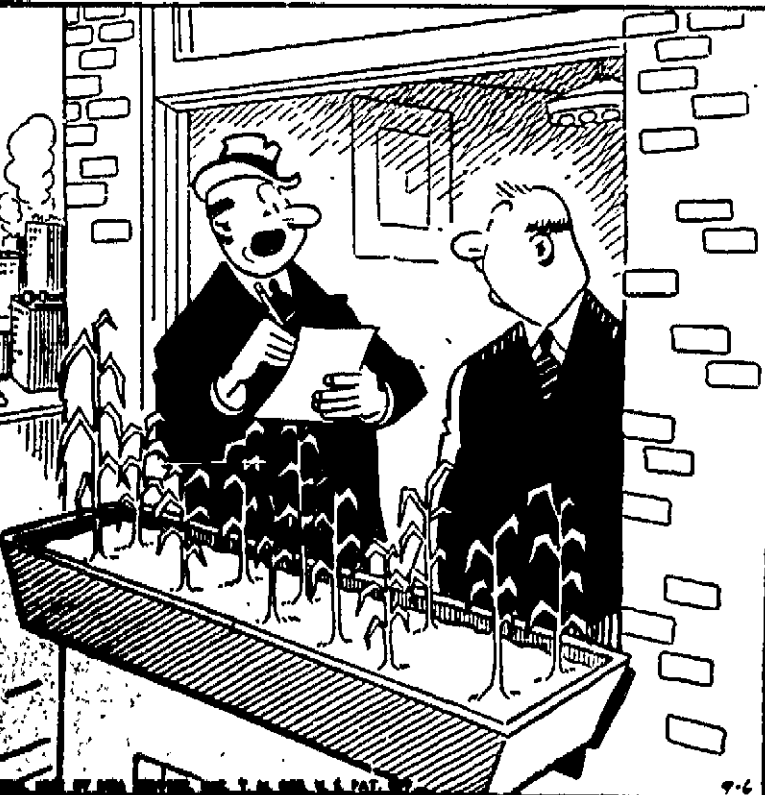
Roosevelt "has no desire to secure unity unless it is 100 per cent unity with his individual views," Taft said in a radio broadcast (CBS).

"Mr. Roosevelt continually denies that he is seeking censorship," the senator continued, "but he repeatedly shows his irritation with the free press, originally with the editors and now more and more with the correspondents."

"Without rebuke he permits Mr. Ickes (secretary of the interior) to blackguard the press, and constant proposals from inner New Deal circles indicate a desire to find some means of bringing pressure to bear on newspaper editors to make them behave."

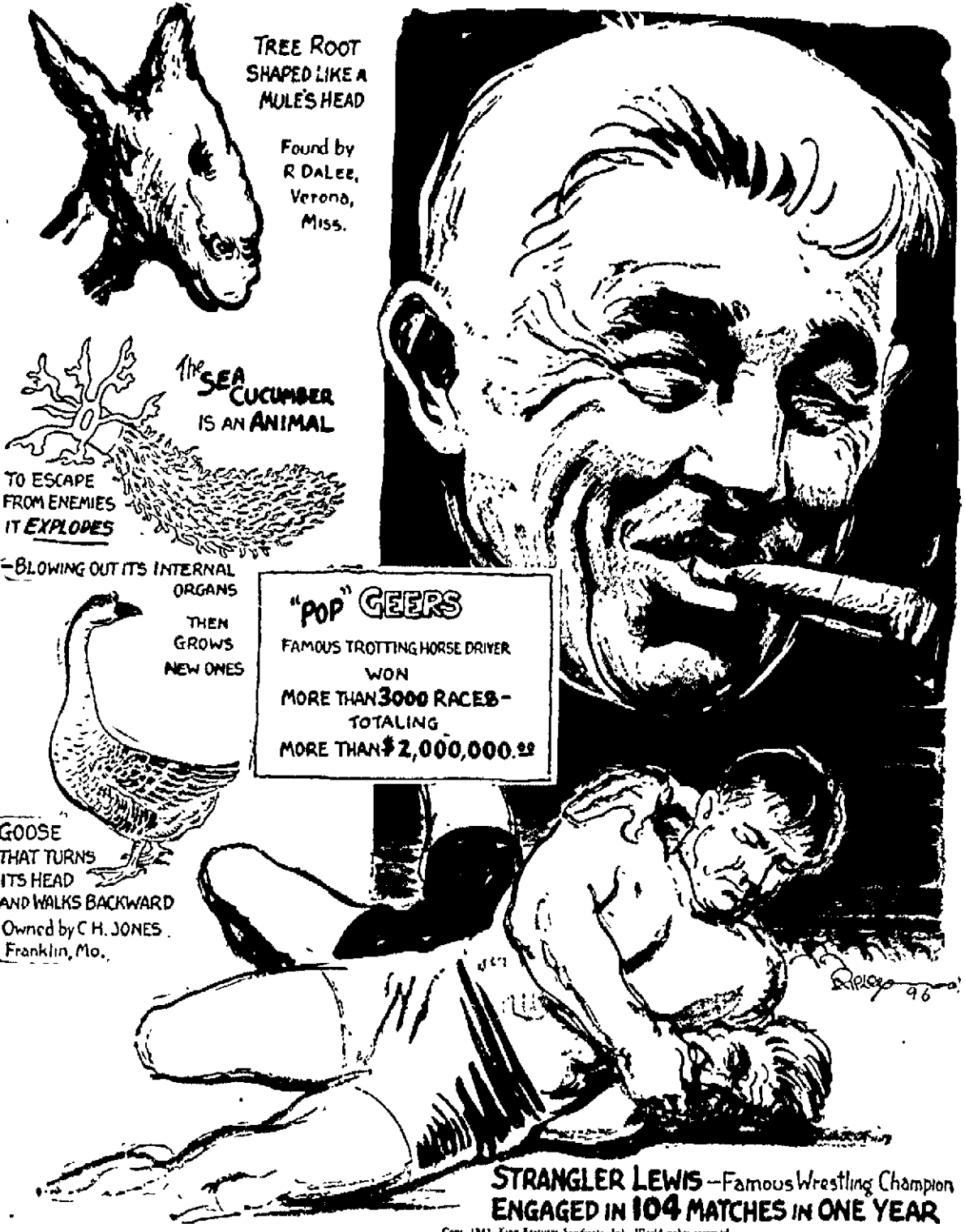
The Roosevelt-Churchill eight-point declaration was described by the senator as "ambiguous and uncertain," a document "conceived in secret and handed to the American people without discussion."

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Bury, sir, but you're over your corn quota by three stalks!"

BELIEVE IT OR NOT BY RIPLEY



NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

The Allen class of St. Paul A. M. E. church will serve chicken dinner in the church dining room Thursday evening, beginning at 5 o'clock.

Miss Henrietta Jones returned home after spending the week visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace Maddox in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Florence Brown and daughter, Miss Frederica Jones returned to their home in Connersville, Ind., after spending two weeks in Lima visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Butler and family returned to Connersville after spending a week visiting Mrs. James Peter, Cole-st.

Joe Jones spent a few days in Lima last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, of South Bend, returned home after spending several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and son motored to Morgantown, W. Va., to visit their parents and to Uniontown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Jones of Cincinnati, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Lima.

Miss Anita Cotman returned home Saturday after spending a week visiting relatives in Muncie, Ind.

Miss Mary Jo Hunter, who visited relatives and friends in Delaware and Columbus, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Jones celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leona Cotman, W. High-st., Sunday afternoon. Many gifts and birthday greetings were received. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. James Lette, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, Mrs. Leona Cotman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hackley, sons Junior and Joe, Mrs. J. L. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Cash Whetsel, Rev. M. C. Pollock, Mrs. Elwood Richardson, Miss Maud Chandler, Dorothy Clemens, Shirley Chancellor, Joyce Jones

and Tommy Jones, all of Lima; Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Jones and daughter of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. William Austin and daughters of Delaware, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chancellor and Bertella Clemens of Anna, Mrs. Helen Clemens of Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manuet of Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Ruth Huggins of Massillon; Floyd Keith of St. Marys, Melvin Roberts, Clifford Adams and Floyd Glasco all of Findlay.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Jackson of Detroit were week-end visitors in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. G. W. Simmons, W. High-st.

Mrs. Lucille Roberts and Miss Gloria Simmons spent their vacation in Detroit with relatives and friends.

The Ladies league of Second Baptist church met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bessie Mines at her home, W. Elm-st. Members present were Mrs. Essie Clemens, Mrs. Myrtle Kennedy, Mrs. Bertha Thomas, Mrs. Nora Shoecraft, Mrs. Pearl Phillips, Miss Ione McDaniels, Mrs. Esther Johnson, Mrs. Clara Halthcox and Mrs. Mary P. Barnett. William Halthcox and Gene Ann Gary were guests. Mrs. Essie Clemens will be hostess in two weeks.

Mrs. Bessie Mines entertained the Junior choir Tuesday evening at Second Baptist church. Members attending were Mrs. Esther Johnson, Miss Ione McDaniels, Doris Marie Brown, Josephine Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Vanda Findlay, Audrey Watson, Glenna Maria Clemens, Edna Banks, Emma Banks, William Halthcox, Marlyne Archer and Bobbie Williams. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris and Jacob Jones.

Joseph Walter is the name given the boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, W. Eureka-st., born Labor Day.

Clarice Gambella visited in New York, Philadelphia and New Jersey on her vacation the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Moxley and Mrs. Ada Carr, left for a trip to California last Thursday.

The Baptist Ladies league will sponsor a program at the church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, presenting William Halthcox and Raymond Thomas in a musical.

Aiding and abetting Fields in "The Bank Dick" is a cast which includes Una Merkel, Richard Purcell, Shemp Howard, Franklin Pangborn, Grady Sutton, Jessie Ralph, Cora Witherspoon, Dave Oliver, Harlan Briggs and scores of others who appear in the numerous comedy sequences with which the picture is crammed. The sequence in which Fields feeds the unsuspecting Pangborn a Mickey Finn is one of the funniest in which the star has ever been caught by a camera.

Mrs. Louise Childs and Thomas J. Duncan of Louisville, Ky., were recent guests of the latter's

brother, Harry Moore, and family. Mrs. Anna B. Jones and son, E. D. McClendon and James Brown of Cincinnati are week-end guests of the T. Higgins family, Norval-av.

Mrs. Elizabeth Day and son of Pennsylvania were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steward, Eighth-st.

Mrs. Mary Louise Sybbs of Cleveland is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Johnson, 1302 W. Spring-st.

Miss Bernice Young of Paulding is a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woody of 120 N. Jackson-st.

Mrs. Cora B. Powell of Evansville, Ind., is visiting for a month with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Nelson of S. Main-st.

Maxine Nichol has returned after six weeks visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Cora B. Powell of Evansville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson, 1629 S. Main-st., recently entertained a group of friends in their newly-decorated home.

Filled with Fieldian whimsicalities, "The Bank Dick" is spilling a big bag of tricks at the Majestic theatre Sunday.

For years the star, W. C. Fields, has been acclaimed one of the greatest comedians on the American stage or screen. The honor has never been disputed, but if any proof were needed, it is here in his latest picture.

More typically Fieldian material than any of the star's more recent productions, Fields appears as a special guard in a bank, a role he has long wanted to play. Fields is starred solo—which means he has the bulk of the comedy business to carry.

The original screenplay is full of opportunities for the comedian to play his effective spontaneous, ad lib type of comedy acting, and the director has wisely allowed Fields to indulge himself and to make the most of the opportunities offered.

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NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

ROXY GRILL—One can always absorb something of interest here, in addition to what's on the wine list. For example there was a five-coin trick under observation by one of the waitresses that was a honey. So was the trick.

ALPINE VILLAGE—Probably more action per ounce of consumed stimulants is exhibited here than in another place in the region. The dancing, to put it gently, is volcanic and erupts at all hours.

DIXIE NITE CLUB—For those of you who are suffering from smart spot boredom and want something with a dash of cymbals and dynamite, try this. It's riotously robust in a sub-mayhem sort of manner.

WALDO—Institutional in its reputation of being "the" place in which to make contacts. The hail-fellow-well-met atmosphere is novel and not unpleasant, so the visiting firemen tell me.

STONE'S GRILL—When ever unstated prog measures are discussed, Stone's always enters into the conversation. Besides being noted for the brimming cup, this Public-Sq haven is well known for food that is pleasing and incidentally, nourishing.

FLORENTINE—Doubtless due to the dainty administered and copious energies of the operators of this establishment, the place's a drinking success. Mary Craig is largely responsible. Remember, there's plenty dance space here.

KIRWAN GRILL—Business men at luncheon crowd this one to the rail plenty which is indicative of clean and classy cuisine. On an evening the gang comes back manifold and much fun is had, to be sure.

BARR RAINBOW ROOM—Currently there has been a tendency to neglect the fine touches in mixed drinks, such as the sour, martini, etc. But such is not so at the Barr, where like chicken it's palatially safe to order anything.

COURT CAFE—A never ending source of amusement, to me, is the fact that here is a spot where one not only is sure of getting a correctly built beverage, but also unquestionably fine victuals.

CASTLE FARM—Extreme action of the floor show line is exemplified here. This spot started out with reputation of producing inane, indecent girl shows—and there's been no let up.

LOUIE'S NITE CLUB—One of the best.

ALPHA—Most of the whoop and hurrah here centers around the rondo and square dance type of fun. You know, heart-rendering ditties by Cincinnati cow punchers who yodel about their little grey home in the west—of the Bronx.

JUDY'S—Decidedly different in flavor but "in experience" indicated by all means. The management is downright clubby and patrons are permitted to argue on practically any subject.

BLINKING OWL—What you've neglected this one recently? Well, don't say I'm not refreshing your memory.

SECOND TANKER AT VLADIVOSTOK

NEW YORK, Sept. 6—(INS)—Arrival of the 8,428-ton tanker Associated, second of three American oil tankers carrying aviation gasoline to Vladivostok despite protests of Japan, was announced today by the Tide Water Associated Oil Co.

The Associated, carrying 85,000 barrels of high-octane gas for use by Soviet aircraft, arrived at the Russian port yesterday without incident. The third of the three vessels was expected to arrive at Vladivostok today or tomorrow.

REPORTER KNITS ON JOB VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 6

(UP)—Something unusual in the paper world is Mae Gannett, court reporter for the Vancouver Sun. She can knit anywhere and any time. Even during the most exciting moments in the courtroom she can find time to dash off a row or two.

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Judy Garland To Be Guest On Charlie McCarthy Hour

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Judy Garland will be Charlie McCarthy's extra-special guest when the program starts its new season on Sunday, Edgar Bergen will be there as will Abbott and Costello to bring their respective brands of merriment to the listeners who tune in WEAF each Sunday at 7 p. m.

They will bring with them, in addition to their inimitable brand of humor, a new maestro in the person of affable and debonair Ray Noble and his orchestra.

"Voices of Spring" by Strauss and "Prelude in G-minor" by Rachmaninoff will highlight the music presented by Andre Kostelanetz and his 45-piece orchestra on "Pause That Refreshes" over WABC Sunday at 7 p. m. James Melton, tenor, will be guest singer and Albert Spalding, violinist, is master of ceremonies. Melton is scheduled to sing "M'Appari" from "Martha" and the popular "You Haunt My Heart."

"The Hunter From Beyond," a thrilling story of the frozen north, will be the "Inner Sanctum Mystery" vehicle over WJZ Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Raymond Edward Johnson is the usual host but the story will be dramatized by a picked cast of radio performers.

Background music is by Lew White at the organ.

Tennis will be highlighted by Bill Stern on his "Sports News-reel of the Air" Sunday at 8:45 p. m. over WJZ when both Bobby Riggs and Frank Kovacs will be guests on his program.

The dramatized story of how P. T. Barnum brought Jenny Lind to America and the singing of the "Habenera" from "Carmen" by Gladys Swarthout will be high spots on the second broadcast of The Family Hour Sunday at 4 p. m. over WABC. Miss Swarthout will also sing Stephen Foster's "Swanee River," and in a duet with Russ Graham, a special arrangement of "The Merry Widow Waltz."

Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve's efforts to know his nephew and niece better will take a turn for the worse during "The Great Gildersleeve" broadcast Sunday at 5:30 p. m. over WEAF.

Irene Rich, one of radio's leading dramatic stars, will return to the air for her ninth consecutive year with the same sponsor, the Welch Grape Juice Co., when her weekly starring vehicle "Dear John" resumes after a short vacation on Sunday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ.

TAX COLLECTION REPORT IS MADE

Sales tax collections during the week amounted to \$3,880.64, and last-half 1940 realty tax receipts totaled \$8,071.85, it was announced Saturday by Allen-co Treasurer Ray W. Barnett.

Barnett took office last Monday, succeeding Byron H. Dersheim.

The realty receipts brought the total last-half 1940 collection to date to \$790,912.30, Barnett reported. Deadline for payment of the taxes and Whittemore contract installments without penalty is Sept. 20.

The treasurer said statements of personal and classified property assessments due were being prepared by his deputies and will be mailed to Allen-co taxpayers within a month.

MISSION TO THE NORTH

By Mrs. Florence Harriman, J. B. Lippincott Co. \$3.50.

This book has three distinct factors which make it worth reading. It is first the unique career of an American diplomat minister to Norway from 1937-1940—and second it brings us a vital and unusual personality. But particularly the book is a valuable record of a thoughtful observer of the Norwegian people.

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Many Laughs Provided In Quilna Film

A comedy that sparkles with effervescent glee, replete with splendid and laugh-inviting situations, dialogue and characterizations, "Our Wife" is now at the Quilna theatre with Melvyn Douglas, Ruth Hussey and Ellen Drew starred.

"Our Wife" is the story of a band leader on the up beat who becomes the bewildered prize of a battle royal between two women. Charles Coburn and John Hubbard are major members of the supporting cast.

Douglas is brilliantly seen as the musician who loses his luck and his gold-digging wife at the same time. Waiting for his divorce to become final, he becomes inspired to a selfless effort by an attractive, albeit coldly scientific, young college instructor. His wife hears he is winning new success and promptly attempts to share that success with him. "Our Wife" emerges as a saucy, sparkling chronicle of the war between the two lovelies, the one pitting her brains against the other's curves, in the merriest romantic rumpus since marital comedy first gaily exploded on the screen!

Miss Hussey, abandoning the comparatively restrained type of performance which has won her screen fame, portrays the scientist turned feminine with a delightful abandon. Her efforts to outwit her rival, the alluring Miss Drew, contribute hilarious moments to the swift and suspenseful film, with the sequence in which she tries to out-drink her willer foe, meriting special attention for its splendid comedy impact.

Similarly well cast, Miss Drew makes the title role a memorable, mischievous example of man-hunting at its best. First seen as a sweetly kitted, her gradual transition to claws that scratch with merciless abandon is achieved hotly and suavely, bespeaking a performance of high merit.

Books Reviewed Here May Be Obtained At The Lima Public Library, Main Library

Book Reviews

By MARY LATHROP
Lima Public Library Staff
WOODROW WILSON. By David Loth, J. B. Lippincott Co. \$3.00.

Every week seems to show more definitely Woodrow Wilson's significance in our times. A close study of his papers and messages seems important to an understanding of our times.

Wilson left in his papers a complete record of every step in the development of his peace program. The problems that plagued him are the ones that are plaguing the world today. This book does not aim to be a definite biography but it is an extremely readable and intelligent story of Wilson's life and the part he played in world events.

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