

School Movies Make Big Hit

Ventnor Parent Teachers Association Has Reached Success in Effort to Give Children Fine Entertainment

By H. C. Test

I'm beginning to figure that I am nothing more than an overgrown kid. Should I ever grow up and begin to act like a man of my age and bald station there probably would be a lot of surprise for everybody.

For instance, on Saturday night last I journeyed down to the Troy Avenue School with the object of securing some data for a story about how the Ventnor Parent - Teachers Association carry on their work of interesting and instructing the school children. It was intended that I should get some salient facts, jot them down, and, from them, elaborate a news article which would pay proper respect to the splendid work being done by the men and women of Ventnor for the kids.

And what happened? I blow into the Troy Avenue School auditorium filled with dignity and purpose just in the middle of a mighty funny moving picture comedy reel. Like the other kids there I became deeply interested in the probable outcome of the general mixup in which I find the hero, or whatever they call the fellow who gets the stuffed club and other appurtenances of reel comedy. Consequently, I have only a few moments left to gather facts about how the Ventnor folk have made their Parent-Teachers organization and work known throughout this and other states—how they really have attained fame for the success of their efforts.

But, at that, I found out quite a lot. Talking to Mrs. Charles Boone Hobart, President of the Parent-Teachers, I learned that the Ventnor spirit is and has been behind the project of making the school a civic centre ever since the organization was started.

Like Miss Anna Williams, President of the Ventnor School Board, and others who are working hard to make Ventnor schools recognized for their real worth, Mrs. Hobart is very modest about the attention which has been drawn to the work of the Ventnor Parent-Teachers' Association. She admitted what I already knew—that educators and educational bodies all over the state have taken notice of the good work done here; that the methods used in Ventnor have been given the compliment of imitation, and that the work really is successful.

Those now at the head of the movement for interesting the school young folks in the better things give a lot of credit to those who have given aid. They speak with real gratitude of Mr. P. Mortimer Lewis, Atlantic City and Ventnor moving picture man, maybe better known to a lot of us as "Mort" Lewis. Mr. Lewis, it appears, supplied the first films for the school movies at his own expense, even going to the length of taking them from his own reels to assure that the Ventnor folk had early and fine showings

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New Sewer For Margate

Commission at Meeting Also Orders Preparation of New City Building Code. To Name Life Guard Later

As a prelude to the improvement of Ventnor Avenue by the county authorities the Margate City Board of Commissioners on Monday afternoon authorized City Engineer Rightmire to prepare plans and specifications for the laying of a sewer main from Fredericksburg Avenue, the westerly boundary of Ventnor City, to Mansfield Avenue, the easterly boundary of Margate Park. City Clerk Gertzen was authorized to advertise for bids for the work as soon as the city engineers has completed the plans. It is hoped that bids will be received on April 3 in order that the contract can be awarded and the work begun before the construction of the highway is commenced by the county. The distance is approximately 4100 feet.

Building Inspector George Webb appeared before the solons and asked that a number of amendments be made to the building code to take care of modern methods of construction. The Commissioners decided to draft a complete set of changes and action will be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Commissioner Amos Bateman stated that a number of taxpayers had called upon him with the request that the time of holding meetings of the Commission be changed from 4 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.. Many years ago the solons held their meetings in the evening but owing to the general demand for sessions in the afternoon the change was made. In view of the limited number of taxpayers requesting the change the Commissioners decided to lay the matter no the table.

No action was taken on a request made in communication from the Margate City Chamber of Commerce asking that consideration be given the matter of having a life guard stationed on the beach at Kenyon Avenue during the coming summer. The matter will be taken up when the beach force is named.

On request of William H. Carroll & Co., Ventnor Realators, the Commission instructed the city engineers to fix the grade and street boundaries on Iroquois and Jasper Avenues between Atlantic and Ventnor Avenues. The company's plans to finance a building operation in that section.

Mrs. McClain Asphyxiated

Mrs. Annie McClain, wife of George McClain, chief engineer at the Ventnor City water works, was taken to the Atlantic City Hospital on Monday afternoon, after efforts to revive her with a lungmotor had failed. The woman died as the result of asphyxiation.

Mrs. McClain was found in the bathroom of her home, 105 North Cornwall Avenue, at 2 o'clock and word was immediately sent to the firehouse. Firemen Sharpe and Price, accompanied by Thomas Newell, responded with the lungmotor apparatus. First aid methods were applied but without avail. Mrs. McClain has been in ill-health for some time.

Deliveries at any time desired daily and this insures Ventnor householders the best service for all kinds of sea foods, if orders are given to the CHELSEA FISH MARKET, 2707 Atlantic Avenue. Phones—Bell 2180 and 2181.—Advertisement.

OUR NEW FEATURES THIS WEEK:

My Trip Abroad by Charlie Chaplin

The First of a Series of Letters Written for the Ventnor News

What Well Dressed Women Will Wear

By ANNE RITTENHOUSE

Margate Bars Gala Evening Motor Campers for Trade Board

Declaring the "squatters' summer camp" to be a nuisance the Margate Commissioners voted Monday unanimously to bar from the city itinerant tent dwellers, directing City Clerk Gertzen to post signs bearing the legend "Camping Prohibited" on all streets along the beachfront in the upper section of the city. The action of the Board is in keeping with the decision reached by the Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting when resolutions opposing the beach camps were adopted. Commissioner Charles Hart sponsored the resolution to bar the campers.

City Clerk Gertzen was instructed to advertise for bids for a carload of 4-inch iron water pipe to be used in extending mains in various parts of the city due to the unprecedented building boom.

Tax Assessor Gertzen reported the collection of \$8600 in delinquent taxes, the payments having been to clear title on various tracts of land which have come into the market for desirable building sites.

The Commissioners approved the figures determined upon by the Board of School Estimates for the annual budget. The amount asked for the public schools for the coming year is \$5300.

Contractor Norman N. Gale, of Ventnor City, was granted \$2000 as partial payment on his contract for removal of cottages on Ventnor Avenue, made necessary because of the contemplated permanent improvement of the highway by the county from Ventnor City to Longport.

Discuss Paving in Committee

Common Council met as a committee of the whole on Monday evening and discussed various matters to be formally presented at the next regular meeting on March 27. While no action was taken it is understood that the plan to pave certain cross streets will be carried to a conclusion and that the placing of all streets in passable condition will be provided for. A large batch of bills were checked by the heads of the various committees.

Councilman Corkran Contributes to Ventnor Boys Band

Councilman H. W. Corkran has presented his check for \$15 to swell the amount being collected through the VENTNOR NEWS for the sum needed to assure professional instruction to the Boys' Band of Ventnor. Along with his check the city official sends his best wishes for the success of the first musical organization of the kind in Ventnor.

This week the leaders in the Parent-Teacher Association and others interested in making the Ventnor Band a fine body of players to represent the resort in the Atlantic City Fall Pageant and other big public affairs will start a campaign throughout Ventnor to secure the \$500 needed to give the Band lads proper instruction. Those interested are urged to help the cause with any sums from a single dollar upward. Sums received to date are:

Councilman H. W. Corkran.....	\$15.00
Mayor Amor W. Brehman.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Bell Wilson.....	10.00
VENTNOR NEWS	25.00

No Penalties For Mason

Board of Health Fails to Verify Early Reports of Failure to Collect Garbage

After a public hearing, lasting nearly three hours, the Board of Health on Monday evening decided that while some evidence of irregularity in collection of garbage had been shown insufficient testimony had been adduced to warrant the imposition of fines specified in the contract between the city and Joel Mason, the contractor, who is under bond, but who effected an agreement with Max Schulz, of Cardiff, to make the two weekly collections specified. The latter is the actual garbage collector.

Complaint had been officially filed by Councilman Ralph G. Brooks, chairman of the Sanitary Committee of Council, a total of 57 specific failures to collect having been presented.

James Phillips, employed by the Sanitary Committee as garbage and rubbish inspector, testified to having made inspections in various parts of the city, and claimed that the contractor had failed to make the required number of visits. Notice had been sent by the secretary of the Board of Health to each of the 57 persons set forth in the blanket complaint, but only one appeared. Letters were received from half a dozen, but in each case insisted that they did not wish to register a complaint.

Howard E. Moore, 5402 Ventnor Avenue, whose name appeared in the list presented, personally appeared, but stated that the contractor had never gone longer than five days without collecting refuse from his home.

City Solicitor Westcott appeared as counsel for the Board of Health, while W. Elmer Brown, Jr., represented Max Schulz, the contractor.

C. S. Coles presided at the hearing, other members of the Board in attendance including W. Shaffer Smith, Dr. Homer I. Silvers, Adolph E. Apel and James G. Scull.

The names of Councilmen Carleton E. Adams and William Bach appeared in the list of those alleged to have complained, but neither appeared at the hearing, although they were both present at City Hall attending a committee meeting of Common Council.

Letters were read from S. R. Moss, 102 S. Baton Rouge Avenue, and Theodore Drake, 109 S. Baton Rouge Avenue, but in each case they stated that they had no complaint to make, the latter stating that during the period specified in the notice the collections had been made twice within the week as provided for in the contract.

Now a Citizen

Included among the many former subjects of other countries who were awarded citizenship papers by County Judge Robert H. Ingersoll recently during appropriate exercises at the Atlantic City High School, one Ventnor City resident received the coveted document, which makes him a full-fledged American citizen. The "newest citizen" is Antonia Caravello, of 107 Cornwall Avenue.

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All the News At a Glance

Summary of Interesting Events in City, State and Country

By BESSIE MARSHALL WALKER

Russia wants the other nations to pay her piper.

Whist! The little folk are abroad. A spook, a spirit, a fairy, etc., has mysteriously hung a rejected picture on the walls of the exhibition of the Society of the Independent Artists at the Waldorf.

Spooks figure prominently in metropolitan papers. We might as well have one in the Ventnor News.

Not even East Africa is free from agitators. When an Indian agitator was arrested there recently, the natives resisted and a number were killed before the mob dispersed.

Ghandi has been sentenced to six years imprisonment. The appointment of Viscount Peel as Secretary of the Indian Commission foreshadows a more rigorous policy in dealing with India.

Philadelphia is rising early and staying late to prove its enthusiasm for itself. This has been boost Philadelphia week.

The Fassist are arming bands of women to safeguard Fiume. These armies of women will soon be an old story.

Such quantities of platinum are being found in Albania that the prestige of the Ural Mountains' supply is seriously affected.

Without awaiting the ratification of the Shantung treaty, negotiated during the Washington Conference, the Japanese have issued orders for the evacuation of Shantung. Would that Washington could act as expeditiously.

Crippled beggars hired at \$3 a day and a little whiskey netted John Stefan, of Brooklyn, a very comfortable income.

St. Patrick's Day brought no disturbance in Ireland. The recent upheaval in Limerick was so unpopular no new move on the part of the de Valera forces was attempted. Can one believe the report of the growth of the Treaty sentiment?

Capt. Amundson is taking precautions against sun stroke next summer. His expedition to the Arctic starts June first.

Germany is not the only nation in despair over paying her debts. Every country in the world bears a like burden.

The Volstead Act as a law seems more or less a failure when we find it necessary to make treaties with foreign countries in order to enforce it.

The situation in South Africa is less grave. Government forces have taken control since martial law was proclaimed and bombing planes have relieved the besieged with food and ammunition! General Smuts has personally taken charge of the situation. The strike which has lasted sixty-seven days ended midnight of March 8th.

All the reports of speeches in the Senate on the Four Power Treaty show that the issues are Democrat vs. Republican. The treaty itself or what it can do for the world is of no moment. Barring unforeseen incidents, ratification of the treaty is assured. The test vote was 55-30.

A new objection to prohibition: "I do hold that the total abstainer is imperfectly equipped for high literature because high literature, both in its creation and full enjoyment, demands

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