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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

COMEDIES FOR EVERY TASTE

Do you like your Drama straight, filled with love and filled with hate? Or relish trimmings of Psychology That pose the question: How Came it to Be?

Or perhaps you prefer The talkie kind—Less blood and thunder—More food for the Mind?

You'll find them all, gentle reader, presented this week by the Regional Drama Festival. And if you are like me and get a special lift out of seeing friends and neighbors appearing in new guises, you'll be at every performance.

But of course you'll go for other reasons, too. One, that there is something about a play with "live" actors, men and women on the stage in the flesh, that has an appealing quality that moving-pictures and T.V. shows lack.

Doesn't it take you back more than screen plays can to the time when you gave "shows" in the back-yard or barn or living room (and charged admission too)? For of course if it is true that we were all artists once (as was suggested in last week's column) it is doubly true, if that is possible, that we were all Actors once. Lucky we, if we emerged from the make-believe world of childhood and our adolescent day dreams and can escape from our own limitations now and then by play-acting or play-viewing. For that of course is the underlying purpose of the drama—to enable us to lead for a while richer lives than our own; to supplement our own restricted experiences with those of other people under different circumstances. And the finer the drama, the more talented the actor, the more we are lifted out of our own lives and live the lives of the characters on the stage—the more indeed, do we "identify" ourselves

with them. **ARISTOTLE SAID IT**
The great and wise Aristotle whose dramatic principles (set forth about 500 B.C.) were slavishly followed for centuries and influence playwrights even now, considered tragedy a higher form of the drama than comedy. He spo of the "catharsis" or purging—of base emotions through witnessing with pity and terror the suffering on a heroic scale (and how they suffered in the Greek Tragedies!) of the stage characters.

Interestingly enough, modern psychiatrists also use the drama for its therapeutic value. In many mental hospitals patients are encouraged to act out their fears and hostilities. It is claimed that this hastens the cure of the actor-patients and the patients in the audience.

I am glad however that the plays to be presented this week are comedies. The best comedies purge us or cleanse us through laughter. We see our follies reflected in the actors and because it is all in fun we learn without bitterness. I am looking forward especially to the presentation by the "Montague Players' Work-Shop" of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion". If anything can change a snobbish attitude, the effort of the Phonetics' (!!) Professor to transform a London flower girl into an Elegant lady, should turn the trick!

(And don't forget the evening of music and ballet in the Community Concert series).

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The condition of the Gar Paper Company employee, however was still critical.

Maddocks fell off a freight-train box car at Campbellford, 30 miles east of here and was pinned to the track by its wheels. Both his legs, one above the knee, the other below, and his left arm were amputated.

A naval veteran of both world wars, Maddocks was one of the rescuers when the giant liner Titanic hit an iceberg on her maiden voyage from England to North America in 1912, drowning 1,517 persons.

A crew member of the Carpathia, first ship to reach the scene, he saved seven children. One of them, a baby girl, in gratitude, sent him money each year after she reached adulthood.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING

POWNAL HALL,
... THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — 8:00 P.M. ...

Farmers in Alexandra, Pownal, Cherry Valley, Hazelbrook and surrounding districts are invited to discuss the Turnip Root Maggot problem at this meeting. Representatives of Science Service and P. E. I. Dept. of Agriculture will be present.

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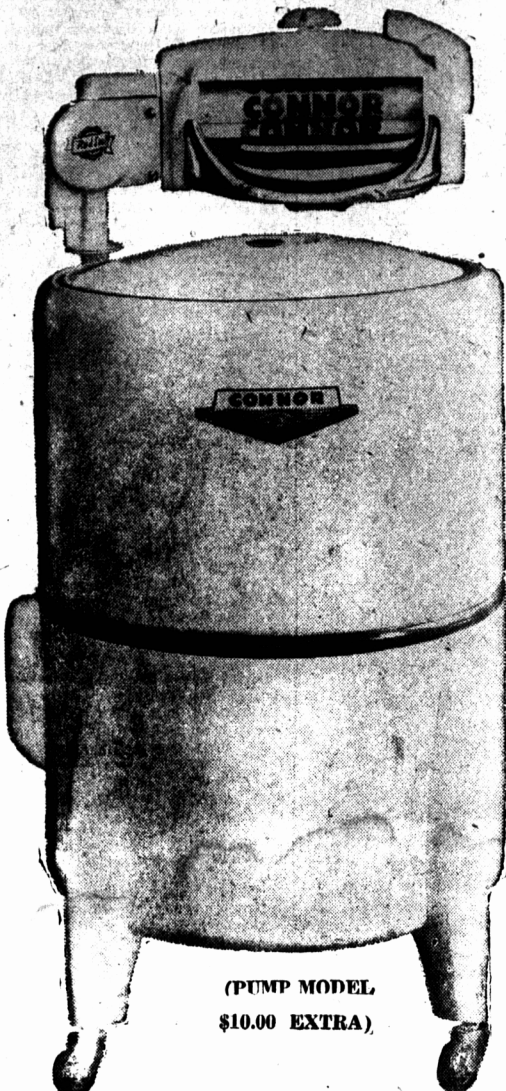
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