

Educational Authorities Face Many Problems

CALGARY — Dr. E. P. Scarlett, chancellor of the University of Alberta, says "the age of the common man" has brought many perils to the moral and cultural values of civilization.

In an address here, Dr. Scarlett said educationists now have to compete with radio, television, movies, pocket books and organized sports. The old principles of morality, aesthetics and culture were in a state of flux and new ideas of taste and morality were dictated by persons who, through no fault of their own, had been cut off from the traditions and standards of civilized society of the past.

"A new type of culture is arising," said Dr. Scarlett. "And it may be one that is not familiar to us."

"Our Anglo-Saxon culture has been mainly a literary one, built

around the library. The new culture may be of a different kind."

The chancellor said universities are trying to use and develop all the different media with this thought in mind. Never before was there such a ferment in education as officials sought to meet and cope with the trend of the times.

Education was in many ways merely a reflection of the modes and ideals of society. The idea that education was becoming mere vocational training to fit the student for a job was the result of certain ideals developed by contemporary society.

Dr. Scarlett said the product of this type of education is an aimless, uprooted people who lack a sense of responsibility.

"In time of crisis these people will listen to any demagogue who comes along," he said.



NEW RCAF RECRUITS are AC2 Brian J. Fitzgerald, left, of Prince Rupert and AC2 Jake Compton of Bilmor who recently enrolled in the permanent force at Edmonton. Both airmen are now stationed at 2 Manning Depot, St. Johns, Que. and from there will proceed to a station in southern Ontario to take complete trade training. AC2 Fitzgerald's brother is an employee at the Daily News while AC2 Compton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Compton of Bilmor, near the city.

William Powell First Person To Qualify for MGM Pension

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — William Powell goes on a pension at MGM next month, but he shows no yen to end his long and distinguished film career.

The suave actor, who looks much younger than his 60 years, is the first performer to qualify under the MGM pension plan. His 19-year association with the studio ends April 28.

"I am grateful to the studio and particularly to its president, Nicholas Schenck, for the fore-

sight in devising the pension plan," said Powell. "It's not often that an actor can look forward to any form of security."

But Powell indicated he has no intention of merely sitting at his Palm Springs home and collecting his hefty pension cheques. After 40 years as an actor, he shows no eagerness to toss in the towel. In fact, his agents are dreaming up a TV series with his longtime sidekick, Myrna Loy. The "Thin Man" may ride again on the TV channels.

Right now Powell is up to his ears in pioneering again. He is appearing in "How to Marry a Millionaire," one of the first two films to be shot in the new widescreen cinematograph process.

"So I'm blazing trails again," he commented. "Just 25 years ago, I appeared in the first all-talking picture made on the Paramount lot, 'Interference,' with Clive Brook and Evelyn Brent. But I'll be darned if I'll wait another 25 years to pioneer smelles, or whatever the next new dimension will be."

Pavlukoff Letter Read Before Court

VANCOUVER (CP) — A strange letter beginning "Dear Mother" and running for 3,000 words was read at the murder trial of Walter Pavlukoff.

The letter was read in Assize Court by Crown Counsel Walter Owen, who said it was found on Pavlukoff when he was arrested in a Toronto suburb.

It was addressed to the suspect's mother, Mrs. Vera Pavlukoff. The envelope was marked: "If I am dead or dying send this letter immediately to Mrs. Pavlukoff, 2316 McGill St., Vancouver, B. C."

Forty-year-old Pavlukoff is charged with murdering Man-ner Sydney S. Petrie during an attempted bank holdup here 5½ years ago.

"I was doomed when I was still in the cradle," Pavlukoff was quoted as writing at one point in the letter.

"They want to hang me. I expect them to do so. I do not wish to hide my mind from reality."

Herring Season To Open May 1

VANCOUVER — Herring fishermen and tendermen have endorsed a plan to open the herring season off the lower B.C. coast May 1 instead of the usual June 1 date.

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One of the happiest inspirations to come out of Hollywood in a long time is the combination of Groucho Marx, Marie Wilson and William Bendix, currently co-starred in RKO Radio's rollicking farce comedy, "A Girl in Every Port," which opens Thursday at the Totem Theatre.

Based on the assumption that nothing is too salty for a couple of over-ripe tars, the plot of the comedy concerns itself with the unfortunate purchase by Bendix of a race horse. The animal is a splendid beast with a loving disposition, but weak ankles!

Released from the brig by his C.O., Groucho, the brains of the brains-and-brawn combine, is determined to salvage something from his buddy's erratic purchase. The two lads are strangers to the system of barter, trade, give-and-take, with emphasis on the take. They have sold such items as motorless motors, parts of the Pacific Ocean, stolen motorcycles and such to unwary civilians.

Charles Coburn feels that he can always open up an elite

haberdashery with his film wardrobe if things ever get slack in the movie field.

The eight clothing changes the actor wears in Universal International's "Louisa," opening tonight at the Capitol Theatre, which have earned him the title of Latter-Day Beau Brummel, are but a small percentage of the 110 suits that make up his personal wardrobe.

The popular character actor is starred in "Louisa," a delightful comedy for the whole family, with Ronald Reagan, Ruth Hussey, Spring Byington and Edmund Gwenn.

Coburn keeps ten suits for his private use and the remaining 100 in his huge private wardrobe are carefully rotated for his many movie portrayals. The actor never wears the same suit more than once a year in a picture.

Since film wardrobe is notoriously short-lived, Coburn usually has three to six new suits on order at all times. Orders are given to various expert tailors on both eastern and western seaboards but the bulk come from New York City.

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