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THEIR ROMANCE WAS BRIEF



Marshall Neilan and Blanche Sweet, whose romance ripened into a marriage which took place in Chicago recently, are now reported to have separated and are living apart. Neilan is directing "The Stranger's Banquet," and Mrs. Neilan is returning to the screen as the leading woman in "Quincy Adams Sawyer"

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

Nell Pinkston-Time and other con- never to give advice on this kind of siderations prevent me from giving you question. criticism on your scenarios, and I cannot give you information as to what we have followed your movie column companies to send your manuscripts to. We have followed your movie column with great interest, this is the first time we have ventured to write to you. Before we were all like the column of the property of the prope find a list of the companies and their to say that we are not 'downing' the addresses in any of the "fan" maga- movies, but how do they get away with

"Me" writes: "Not having as soft sidered one of the best theatres in the a job as some, I cannot find time to city to see a picture called "The Sheik a job as some, I cannot find time to of Araby. To our great amazement and typewrite, so I must take a chance on surprise, we discovered that we had having this accepted. I hope this shade seen the same picture two years ago at a of paper is right. Until now I was very small theatre. We are sure it was satisfied to read your comment and that of other people, but I must answer the one who 'knocked' 'Smilin' entire picture, and the clothes seemed old fashioned two years ago. What's the idea giving the public an old picture like that with a new name? that of other people, but I must answer White." sons and hope to have a comment from "The story was convincing in this

respect. I could believe in and sympathize with every mood. What I mean to say is that I could see every actor's part. I could see how Moonyeen could be loved, and how she could care for Carteret, and how she could prefer him to Jerry Wayne and how Jerry could not give her up. I could see and feel Moonyeen's husband's anguish when she was shot. Then, later, I could see how he hated a Wayne, how the young-Wayne could love Kathleen, bow Kathleen could love him. 'Perhaps instead of saying I could

see these things I should say I felt them, for I did. Each part was real. Even the parting of little Kathleen with the two little chaps was poignantly real. But I can understand how somebody would dislike the spirit part, though to me it was real, as I'm a firm believer in after life

"Never in any picture have I been impressed with a wonderful peace of mind after seeing the picture, and I've seen them all-nearly.
"Have you felt like I did in regard to

the picture? "So I figure that when a pictures does to a person's feelings what that picture does, why that point about Moonyeen's dying and not being attended should be forgiven and not be held against it. Let me state that the person who wrote that letter could not have felt like I did nor hardly interested to notice thing like that. About Harrison Ford not wanting to marry Kathleen since was crippled, then changing his mind with no apparent reason, am I not right in saying that his acting was perfectly logical, since he said he didn't want Kathleen to marry him out of pity when she saw him lame, as he thought she would cease to care, but not have the heart to tell him that that was the reason. So when he discovered she

loved him anyway, why he capitulated.
"Briefly, my opinion of Valentino.
He can act, but he can only portray certain characters, as his face is ex-pressionless. To get my meaning, imagine him as 'Peter Ibbettson.' Im-possible! Right here those who com-pare him to Mr. Reid should see the lifference.

"If somebody else describes my meaning in regard to 'Smilin' Through, please publish it; if not, I think it only fair to defend that picture, since you let some one knock it. And I was sur-prised how undecided you felt about it."

"Smilin' Through," as I thought I said before, goes on my list of the five best pictures of 1922 to date. I admit being unduly impressed by it, and I didn't know I had been undecided in its praise. I do think, though, that it was the acting, not the story, which made verything seem so real to you.)

H. T. B.—Well, what if Norma did go to the station without a hat and return with one? Mebbe she bought it in town. Anyway, "what does it profit a fan"? You flaw-seekers make me laugh. Oh, well. You will find the date and theatre of "Blood and Sand" in the moviegram column Saturday, August 5. That school you mention is a menario-writing school, and not a dramatic one, as far as I know. It's good, as far as I know, bet I make it a point

think 'Rudy' makes love divinely? he could have played in 'The Sheik Araby'! Oh, 'Hen,' we've fallen too.

(You bet I'll print vour letter, because I'm always glad when the fans notice "tricks of the trade" like that. I saw the picture mentioned, and I'll agree there wasn't a change made except the title. There's no use going into a long harangue on the subject, but that practice is an abominable one. Incidentally, though, I'm going to disappoint you by saying that I think H. B. Warner a hundred times better actor than Valentino. That picture you mention will be shown here beginning September 2.)

Eleanor The information on the identity of that Griffith picture has already come across, but I thank you, and the fans thank you. Perhaps because I'm feeling in a combative mood, but I must confess I don't like what you call "nice endings." I don't like Lillian Gish, and I don't think so much of Griffith. And I did think "Our Leading Citizen" a bully feature—the kind of original scenario we need on the screen. I hope Ade sticks around the game a while. "Over the Border" and "The Bachelor Daddy" were nothing wonderful, but I'm frank to say I've seen worse. the fans thank you. Perhaps be-

M. E. B. writes: "I am not very keen about so-called 'educational' mov-ies, as they are at present. But an in-telligent and vivid picturization of the classics of history and fiction ought to be a valuable and pleasant way of add-ing to the general culture of this gen-eration. I can't imagine today's flaperation. I can't imagine today's flapper wading through the long descriptions of Sir Walter Scott's historical novels—but I can imagine her getting plenty of thrills, as well as a good working knowledge of the period of the Crusades, while watching a version of The Talisman, with Wallace Reid as Sir Kenneth of the Leopard; Valentino as Saladin; perhaps Agnes Ayres as Lady Edith: directed — remembering Joan the Woman'—by Cecil DeMille. How about it? You remember how well 'The Woman God Forgot' filled out Prescott's 'Conquest of Mexico'? And though I dislike her screen personality excessively, I incline to think Gloria Swanson could do Becky Sharp iloria Swanson could do Becky Sharp



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at any rate, please don't wish it on Norma Talmadge, though I am sure she has the ability."

(I certainly am homored at having a correspondent so far away as Boston—the place where they put two features on the same bill and surfeit you with films. While we don't agree on the "so-called educationals," we're strongly in accord on the filming of the old classics. I'm particularly anxious to see "Ivanhoe," which I understand Universal has given up planning to film. I don't think Gloria would be equal to Becky, and still would choose Norma for the role, unpleasant as it is, and as much as I admire the lady.)

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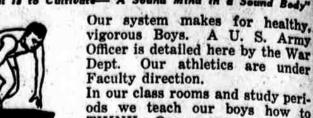
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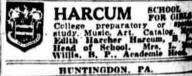
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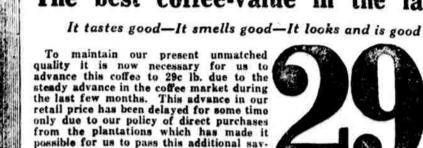
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