

### PLAYERS MAKE PLANS FOR YEAR'S PROGRAM

Work Advances On New Theater; Interest Is Displayed By Visitors.

Work is advancing rapidly on the new play house of the Village Players on Chestnut street between Main and Palm and the building will be completed on scheduled time, according to members of the building committee. The building is to cost \$10,000 and will be completed in November, committee men say.

Interest displayed in the progress of the theater is shown by the large number of persons who almost daily visit the scene of construction.

The location is easily reached by going south on Woodward to Forest then east to Palm, then south on Palm one block. The theater is in the middle of the block on the south side of Chestnut street.

Members of the organization contributed money to the new building. There are 170 active members.

The year's program calls for six plays and members of the organization say there will be a public dance during the winter season.

### Intricate Lines



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The Spring troyat, but now it is Alice Brady instead. Opening the season at the Majestic in Brooklyn tomorrow night and due at the Longacre a week hence.

"The Ramblers," a musical show for Clark & McCullough, especially Clark. At Mr. Werba's Brooklyn.

"F. O. U. One Woman," adapted from the French, tried in the Spring, but since then completely made over. To be shown in Philadelphia.

"Honeymoon Lane," a musical comedy by and with Eddie Dowling. Opening in Atlantic City, and due at the Knickerbocker on Sept. 20.

"Naughty Riquette," in which Mitzi toured most of last season. Coming to the Cosmopolitan on Sept. 13.

Mr. Ziegfeld makes the interesting announcement that Eddie Cantor's next show will not be a musical comedy but a revue. Its production is some months off—probably remote enough to be the first attraction at Mr. Ziegfeld's new and somewhat leisurely mounting playhouse in Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Tyler, returned from Europe, reports that Basil Dean and Margaret Kennedy have made a good play out

of Miss Kennedy's best-seller, "The Constant Nymph." Mr. Dean is about to produce it in London, and later the Messrs. Tyler and Dean will sponsor it over here. In London, Edna Best will be the Tessa, and the search for some one to act the part here is already under way. (It is said to be the one in a generation.) Incidentally, Noel Coward will take time from his playwrighting activities to act the principal male role in London, although an actor named John Gielgud will be rehearsed simultaneously, and Mr. Coward will be likely to step out at any moment.

"Cowboy Crazy" had been expected at the Little Theatre during the week to come, but the authors are reverting to it will probably be produced a few weeks hence.

A play entitled "Just Life," in which Marjorie Ralston will be the principal player, will come to Henry Miller's Theatre on Tuesday night, Sept. 14. The author is John. Bowie, unused at the moment.

The announced premieres for the week beginning Labor Day are these: Alice Brady in "Sour Grapes," by Vincent Lawrence and Howard Booth, at the Sam H. Harris. The Chicago musical hit, at the Selwyn.

"What's the Use?" an author named Pauline Fellman, at the Princess. Somewhat vague, this one.

"Coburn 7," a mystery play by J. Jefferson Parjeon, probably at Wallace's.

The play called "Black Boy," concerned with the story of a negro fire-fighter, will open in Manhattan on Sept. 16, and probably comes to town the week of Sept. 20. Paul Robeson, already announced, will be the principal actor and Horace Liveright the producer. The authors are Jim Tully, who wrote "Beggars of Life," and Frank Dacey, who, besides being well-known as a scenario writer, is the son of the C. T. Dacey who wrote "In Old Kentucky" so many years ago.

The moderate weather again brought good trade to the theatres last week. Of the new plays, "Loose Ends" and "The Home Towners" were chiefly in demand. At the Music Box patronage became so brisk for "Gredie Snatchers" that tentative road bookings were canceled, and an attempt will be made to continue the play through another winter.

Holbrook Blinn will be seen this season in a comedy by Motar known overseas as "Spiel im Schloss," with Gilbert Miller as its producer. The literal translation of the title is somewhat perplexing; it will be called something else, unquestionably, by the time New York sees it.

Stude (to robust matron): Pardon me, ma'am, but have you plenty of room.

R. M.: Yes, thank you, quite enough.

Stude: Fine. Would you mind giving me a little? --- Mainland.

### Vote Of Thanks Given Rev. Atkins

A vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. E. M. Atkins, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the fourth quarterly conference held Tuesday night. Officials of the church voted unanimously that Rev. Atkins retain his office for another year.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Howard A. Field, district superintendent of the church.

Chairmen of various committees read reports which showed unusual growth in church activities.

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### Birmingham Woman Has 2 Championships

Mrs. C. E. Van Wormer, 222 North Woodward avenue, today is the holder of two golf championships. Mrs. Wormer took first prize in the second flight of the annual golf tournament of this district after four days play in the Women's District Golf association at the Oakland Hills club and she holds the women's championship of the Birmingham golf club.

Rev. Carl Magnus of Schererville, Ind., was thrown over a fence from his motorcycle, but landed on a hay-stack unhurt.

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"Stylish Stouts" so called because two young business men who specialized in making this class of gown for plump women, finally found themselves on the verge of business ruin, because their patrons started to diet and grow thin. When one returns from abroad with a scheme to revive the dying trade, there is happiness for all hands, but when it is found that this young fellow has fallen afoul of the law, without intention, and has the firm at the mercy of a band of schemers, there is fun to pay and plenty of it; for the scheme of things leads up to the most laughable and natural situations ever seen on the stage.

Mr. Ford has selected a cast of unusual merit which includes Lou Holtz, the revue and musical comedy star who has decided to become a straight comedian, Jennie Moscovitz, the former "Mrs. Potash," in so many shows, Nayan Brownell, Pat Collins, Penelope Hubbard, Elaine Ghoslen, David Burns, Manuel Alexander, Harry Volks, Mae Berland, Joseph Garry, Daisy Rudd, Lillian Stuart, Marion Hamilton, Fred Knight and Dudley Clements.

The showing at the Garrick is for a limited period of one week as the production is scheduled to open in New York immediately after the Detroit engagement. Tried out in the East, "Stylish Stouts" will reach this city in the pink of condition and it is safe to predict will enjoy an unusual engagement. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

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### THEATERS BUSY IN NEW YORK

Half a dozen productions opened in the vicinage this week, all with hopeful eyes on Broadway. They are these:

"Sisters Three," by the same John Willard who wrote "The Cat and the Canary," which did exceedingly well, and "The Green Beetle," which didn't. It will open in Ashbury Park, and it is said to be risqué.

"Sour Grapes," by Vincent Lawrence, at Miss Daintier acted it during

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