

SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM AND THE HILLS

BY DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS.

WELL WRITTEN PLAYS, GOOD ACTING MARK PRESENTATION OF GROUP

War times with days of suspense and sudden death were brought back in the Armistice Day program given Friday night by the Village Players at their Playhouse.

Well written plays and good acting gave the performance a professional touch. The selections of the play reading committee this year have been by excellent playwrights—numbers which provided lines requiring the interpretation of more than amateur actors to make them perfect. And the readings of the Players were most certainly that.

The curtain went up on "The Boy Comes Home" by A. A. Milne, an act portraying of a family group the day after the war. The number showed the skilled direction of Richard Fowler and Mrs. Ward Cruikshank. But this would have meant little without the hearty good will of the cast. Edward Tienan, as Uncle James, did some finished acting and was supported by Mrs. John Gaffill as Aunt Emily.

Mrs. Herbert Zerbe as Mary, Mrs. Robert Dierksen as Mrs. Higgins, and Harry Mack as Philip completed the cast.

There was an element of courage and the close-mouthed masculinity of the soldier in "The Hand of Siva." It was a good play with well read lines.

Olsen Scores

G. Essen Olsen again proved himself an actor of no mean ability. As the wily Frenchman, Henry Duroi, he carried his audience through the performance of a soldier. He drew forth tears from his fellow-card players. But it was that measured speech with its touch of accent that put mystery in the "Hand of Siva." The setting was uniformly good and in spite of the handicap of an action centered in a group seated about a table, they put across something of the atmosphere of the play. It was the story of a temple desecration.

Leigh Lynch, as Major Wellington, gave an excellent interpretation of the man haunted by guilt and grace. But the side he showed his audience was studied and well read lines. With John Saunders in the role. Other parts were taken by Lane Bishop and J. N. Hadjisky.

And again to the directors, Loren Robinson and Don Stanton, goes much credit. They were working with a play almost devoid of action and they worked well.

Specialty Given

Mrs. J. A. Gilray was responsible for the specialty. She not only wrote but directed the singing skit "Somewhere in France" which was a most interesting and perhaps nothing in the program brought to the audience the memories of 1917-1918 as the song sung by the four soldiers in the canteen and the gay trilling of the French girl. The audience picked up the refrain of "How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," singing through the gay verses only to break forth again with the other numbers. But the bugle sounding calling the soldiers off to war. Worked in the specialty were taken by George

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COMMUNITY HOUSE CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 22—Business Girls Luncheon 12 m. Miss Kingland's Dancing Class 4:45 to 6 p. m. Boys Club Room 8:30 to 9 p. m. Dinner 7 p. m.
Friday, Nov. 23—Miss Smith's Dancing Classes 3 to 8 p. m. 11B Class Party 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.
Saturday, Nov. 24—Miss Bauer's Dancing Class 9 to 12 a. m. Boys Club Room open 8:30 to 5:30 p. m.
Sunday, Nov. 25—Church School 11 a. m.
Monday, Nov. 26—Miss Smith's Dancing Classes 3 to 7 p. m.
Tuesday, Nov. 27—Mrs. Shain's Class in International Relations 10 a. m. Girl Scouts 4 p. m. Community Arts Association 8 p. m.
Wednesday, Nov. 28—Blue Birds 4 p. m.

A Barrie Play

James Barrie has taken the subject of spiritualism. The setting of a home, mourning for a son killed in battle. William G. Lerchen, an actor and writer who heard "A World Remembered Voice." His acting was natural and convincing. The contrast of the vague voice of the "dead" Dick was most pathetic. It was the story of a father's love for his son and of his burying this love deep within himself. His loss of interest in his painting, his sluggish walk told of his misery. Lerchen knew his role and lived it.

Mrs. Leonard Clemett proved herself a versatile stage person. She not only took the part of Mrs. Don, but she directed the play.

There was some suggestion of Ethel Barrymore's trick of pausing, studying her hands, tossing back her head and smiling. Mrs. Clemett was all that the lonely mother should be. Mrs. Mary Isabel Davis was a lovely heroine in pure white mourning for her dead lover. This is her first appearance on the Playhouse stage and a most creditable one. Charles Shain as Mr. Rogers, Hendrick Brues as the Major, and C. C. Ryan as the Vice completed the cast. Mrs. Hendrick Moore assisted Mrs. Clemett in directing.

At the close of the performance members of the club remained for dancing.—(D. W.)

REBEKAHS GIVE BAZAAR TODAY

A bazaar and card party is being given today at the I. O. O. F. Hall by Birmingham Rebekahs.

But, are decorated with red and green, the colors of the order, and offer many suggestions for Christmas gifts.
Mrs. L. N. Nixon, is chairman of the fair and in charge of the refreshments. She is assisted by Miss Mattie Nixon, who is in charge of the fancywork booth, goods booth, and Mrs. Mac Bailey, who is in charge of the fair. There will be card playing during the afternoon, Mrs. Nixon announced.

MORMON TOPIC OF CHURCH TALK

Mormonism will be the subject of the talk to be given in the First Presbyterian Church Monday at 2 p. m. by Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard.

Mrs. Shepard for more than 20 years has resided in Utah and for 12 years was the president of the Utah W. C. T. U.

The public knows little of the commercial grip of Mormonism in this country, Mrs. Shepard believes. She will tell of the political power of this sect and its teachings and practices. During her life in Utah she has known four Mormon prophets and has been surrounded by followers of their faith.

MRS. J. N. HADJISKY HEADS PROGRAM

Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky is in charge of the program on British Labor and Unemployment to be presented at the meeting of the International Relations class in the Community House at 10 a. m. next Tuesday.

Mrs. Hadjisky is a British woman and has spent the greater part of her life in England. She is well acquainted with England's problems.
Approximately 30 members are now enrolled in the International Relations class which is being held for the second year in Birmingham under the direction of Mrs. Charles Shain.

VILLAGER TO CRUISE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Miss F. F. Grant of Oak street sails Dec. 5 on the S. S. Samaria for a cruise of the Mediterranean Sea. She will be accompanied by Detroit friends.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. Hall Roosevelt, of Chicago, have taken Miss Grant's residence for the winter season.

Social Briefs

Miss Nellie Bauer, of Oakland avenue spent last week end in Buffalo with her parents.

Mrs. Agnes Harrison of Chapin avenue is visiting friends in Bad Axe and Kinzie, Mich. She returns this week.

Mrs. G. J. Hill of Chapin avenue entertained five Detroit guests last week.

Herbert Salgeon of Chapin avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Salgeon, returns home Thanksgiving Day following to two years stay in the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Fred Schwallie, of Zanesville, O., as a guest of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Schwallie of Chapin avenue for several days recently.

Mrs. Paul E. Davis, of Ashville, N. C. was the guest last week end of Mrs. Charles E. Scott of east Manor road. Mr. and Mrs. Scott leave Monday to spend Thanksgiving in New York City.

Rev. C. M. Thompson, pastor of the Southfield Methodist Church will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Plumb, of Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Plumb and family, of Pleasant Ridge, will also be guests upon the occasion.

Mrs. Cora E. Robinson, of Ferndale avenue, will be the Thanksgiving guest of her brother, John Conn, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Conline, of Madison avenue, will have as their guests over Thanksgiving week end, Mrs. Conline's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Trevegio, of Cadillac.

Mrs. R. G. Curtis of Oak Knob, and Mrs. E. A. Curtis, of Lone Fine road, were joint hostesses at the latter's home Saturday, honoring a group of Detroit friends at a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bishop of Knox road, entertained a group of Birmingham and Detroit friends Saturday evening at their summer home at Watkins Lake. The house was decorated with autumn leaves and chrysanthemums. Mrs. Don Davis of Yonkersville, and B. Chandler, of Detroit won prizes for their hardtimes costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Disenens, of Woodstock avenue, will spend Thanksgiving with their son, Robert, in Howe, Ind. where he is a student at the Howe Military Academy.

Mrs. Francis Bagley, of Dorchester road, and her sons John and Walker, left Tuesday for St. Louis, where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Kramer.

Dr. John Hassberger and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hassberger, formerly of Ann Arbor, have moved to Birmingham to make their home on south Ferndale avenue. Dr. Hassberger has opened an office in the Wallace building where he will practice medicine.

Miss Mary Morley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morley, of Quanton road, is entertaining a group of friends at dinner tomorrow night.

A Thanksgiving hunt will be held at 10 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

Mrs. J. A. Blackwood, of Rochester, and Mrs. Robert M. Willan, of Grose Point, were joint hostesses for 35 guests yesterday afternoon at a tea the Fox and Hounds Inn following the hunt at the Open Hunt Club.

Mrs. Carleton Fox, of Riverside drive, is entertaining her bridge club at a luncheon party tomorrow.

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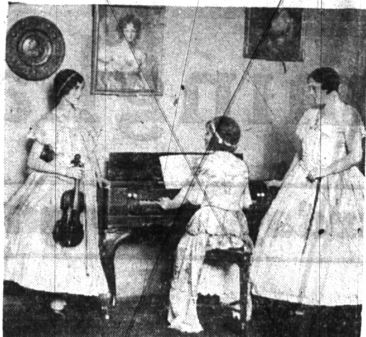
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MANY VILLAGERS ENROLL IN WORLD POLITICS COURSE HERE

Many Birmingham persons have enrolled in the course in world politics which opens Tuesday evening in the Junior High School Auditorium at 8 p. m. with Professor Preston E. James of the University of Michigan as speaker. His subject will be "Communism in Relation to World Politics."

Those who have enrolled are: Mrs. George R. Averill and Mrs. H. H. Williams are members of the committee sponsoring the series.

Those lectures will alternate between Oak Oak and Birmingham and are open to the public, those in charge announce.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH GUILD TEA DEC. 4

St. Margaret's Guild of the St. James Episcopal Church will give bridge teas Dec. 4 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. L. N. Pyle, of 115 Euclid avenue, and Mrs. W. G. Wall, 207 Euclid avenue.

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