

Liquor In Home— Gets Six Months

George Albright, 47 years old, who gave his address as Crooks road, Troy Township, Monday pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the prohibition laws and was sentenced to six months in the Oakland County Jail at Pontiac by Judge Frank L. Doty.

Albright was arrested Sept. 14 by Oakland County deputy sheriff in a raid on his home where a small quantity of liquor was seized.

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THE SOCIAL SIDE

Something About Village Clubs

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

The Woman's Literary club has the distinction of being the oldest organization for women in the village. It was founded in 1890 by Mrs. Mary Marsh, wife of the Presbyterian pastor then serving the village parish. The first meeting of the group was held in the Presbyterian parsonage which is now the old Community House. Miss Julia Post, and Mrs. Marsh,



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MRS. ROBERT W. CHISSUS

charter members are the only survivors of that original group. From the first the club was organized for cultural purposes. Although the character of the society remains much the same today the interests of the group have broadened gradually as the club became affiliated with other organizations. Nine years after its founding the club became a branch of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and in 1903 it was affiliated with the Oakland County federation. The year 1919 saw the final step in the growth of the club, the Birmingham group becoming a unit of the Detroit federation.

Has Lofty Ideals
"Studios cultivation of the best within us and the ultimate attainment of lofty ideals." To attain these ends work of the group is divided into four departments: the Woman's Work, the Literature, the American Home and the Art. Programs for the meetings are arranged by these groups. In addition to the business carried on at the semi-monthly meetings at the Baldwin Public library the club actively follows the work of the Detroit federation and takes a part in civic affairs. Representatives of the club attend all meetings of the Detroit federation.

The Woman's Literary club probably has taken a more prominent part in affairs of the village than any other woman's society. They are the founders of the Parent Teachers association in Birmingham and from time to time have endorsed civic projects. They gave considerable backing to the movement for the

building of the Oakland County infirmary at Pontiac. They also were instrumental in such projects as the building of the new Birmingham depot, the construction of a walking trail on south Woodward avenue, and the development of village parks.

Prize United Effort
In assuming membership in the group they take the following pledge: "We the women of the organization, feeling that united effort and interchange of thought bring higher culture, broader intelligence and foster better and more practical ways for service to the community and country do hereby band together for greater strength and purpose that will stimulate a higher mental growth and helpfulness to others."

Charity work and annual donations to the Student Loan Fund are also among the services of the club.

Mrs. Robert W. Chissus today heads the club as president. Other officers are: Mrs. Clarence Vliet, first vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne, second vice president; Mrs. Henry S. Evans, recording secretary; Mrs. O. A. Sabom, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. H. D. Crull, treasurer. Mrs. Hugh H. Wellman is auditor and Mrs. Caroline Utegrat and Mrs. Harry Allen serve as directors.

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS



FLETCHER RICHARDS

The Village Players, Birmingham's unique dramatic organization had its origin in 1924 as a unit of the Detroit federation.

Today the club boasts a membership of 225 persons. It is headed by Fletcher Richards, president, and the following officers: Mrs. E. Harrington Holt, vice president; D. C. Murray, secretary; W. Laurence Shaffner, treasurer; and Mrs. Arthur J. Halgren, librarian.

Members of the group held their first meetings at "Hilltop Lane," the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gatill. Here ways and means were discussed and a constitution drawn up with the object of the organization, "the promotion of interest in the higher forms of the dramatic art."

Name Is Chosen
Not until the third meeting was a name selected for the group. Then upon the suggestion of Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky the club organized under the name, Village Players.

The first production staged that same summer at the Community House was "The Maker of Dreams." The house was filled to capacity and many persons were forced to sit upon the floor to view that first play. Mrs. Raymond Reilly and Rolfe Spinning were cast in the leading roles.

In the fall of 1927 the organization moved into its present building, the Village Playhouse a one-story stucco structure located on Chestnut street. This building houses all Players performances as well as the activities of the Players Dancing club and the Four Richard Dancing club.

The character of the organization remains much the same as its founding, dramatic art being its primary motive. The club is the inspiration of more social activity than five years ago, however.

With the production of their first three-act play in 1929 the Players launched into a new field of activity. With the November production of the three-act bill, "Hay Fever," a second success was recorded for lengthy vehicles in Players' annals. More lengthy plays are planned for the future.

Another new phase in the Players' activities is the writing of their own plays. The organization is urging its members to write plays. Fields of activity are offered for all types, as well as the dramatic and literary. Work of the play reading group and of the costume and scenic committees also furnish outlet for many members of the group.

Prizes Awarded State Livestock

East Lansing, Dec. 19.—The livestock sent to the Chicago International Show by Michigan State College brought back an imposing array of awards won in competition against the pick of the home-bred and imported animals in this country and Canada.

The Percherons won two grand championships and a reserve championship. Maple Grove, Leila, a ten year old mare, added another purple ribbon to her string; Sir Lact was grand champion stallion; and Colene won the reserve ribbon for mares.

Five Belgians shown won three firsts, one second, one fourth, and one championship in the individual classes. The daughter of Peranche, long time winner for the College, Ravenche, won top honors for the junior Belgian classes.

FRANKLIN

The regular meeting of the Franklin Ladies Aid Society, which was to have been held the third Thursday of the month, has been postponed until January.

The "Jolly Crew" Pedro Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bristol, Saturday night.

A Christmas program will be given at the church, Sunday morning at the regular church services.

Arnold Bingham, Miss Florence Bingham and Miss Doris Facer motored to Lansing, Sunday and

visited Howard Bingham who is attending college there.

Harold Gray and Miss Marion Case of Orono were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gray.

About 40 relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rayner, on the Switzer road Friday evening, at a surprise party in honor of Mr. Rayner's birth anniversary. Progressive Pedro was the diversion of the evening.

Vernon Converse, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Converse, underwent an operation for mastoiditis at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Monday.

While M. C. Cathorn of Goshen, Ind., was on his honeymoon his dog pined to death.

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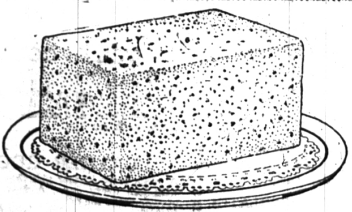


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