

Rainbow of The Rio Grande's Decided Hit

Local Talent Scores In Gay Musical Farce

By A. T.

The woes and worries of hundreds of villagers were brushed aside last Thursday and Friday nights at the Community House by a delightfully merry performance of "Rainbow of the Rio Grande," a musical comedy, presented by the League of Women of St. James Episcopal Church.

Some of Birmingham's cleverest acting and musical talent was enlisted for the production, and as a result the performance was far superior to the average "home talk" show in every particular. That the entire production was prepared in less than two weeks speaks highly for the efforts and



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George H. Fox, left, as a blustering theatrical producer; the maid, Mrs. George M. Dwellley; and Edward Hett, as the Great Marlo, toss wise cracks to and fro.

abilities of cast and choruses alike.

The story centered about a tourist ranch on the Rio Grande conducted by Mrs. Carl Rupp as Betty Hope, a native New Yorker, and her brother "Pepper," as played by John Mitchell.

The mortgage on the place is held by Harold Dick in the role of the typically villainous and much hided Josiah Rock, a Texas banker, who is anxious to foreclose in order to reap the profits of the oil which he knows is abundant in the locality, but of which the Hopes are ignorant.

Travers Exposed

Betty falls in love with Waldo Fellows as Ted Travers, who poses as a portrait painter, while hired by Rock to make a geological study of the ranch for its oil deposits.

Travers is finally exposed and leaves Rainbow in disgrace, but all turns out in accepted musical comedy fashion when Indian Chief Eagle Wings, played by Charles Hutton, tells Betty and "Pepper" about the oil, and Jerome Davis, a rich newspaper owner, played by Irving Babcock, advances the money to pay off the mortgage.

Meanwhile, Travers has returned and aided in overturning the heinous Rock, thereby fanning into flame again the romance with Betty; and "Pepper" having proved himself a hero in a gallant though futile fight with kidnaping, wins Chief Eagle Wings' admiration and consent to marry his



Miss Evelyn Smith, left, and Miss Hester Resnik give their interpretation of a sprightly Spanish dance.

The production was abundant in tuneful melodies. At Friday's performance, the players had difficulty in proceeding with Betty; and "Pepper" having proved the applause after nearly every number.

Especially popular were "Follow Your Rainbow," sung by Betty and Ted, both of whom have voices of natural warmth and beauty; "Indian Mystery Call," by Blue Feather, and "One Girl for Me," a specialty number sung by "Pepper" and Dorothy Gail, a chorus girl friend.

Comedy roles were numerous; and all well played. Mrs. George M. Dwellley as Zazu Ketchum, a blond and witty maid from the lower east side, and "Rudy" Anderson as Axel Swanson, a Scandinavian cowboy and Zazu's boy friend, were an especially entertaining pair. Axel and Blue Feather scored a distinct hit in their song, "What Are You Thinking About, Baby."

Chorus Effective

George Fox as Philo Phillips, a theatrical manager on the down grade, and his protege, the Great Marlo, a slightly cracked musician, as played by Edward Hett, also added plenty of merriment to the proceedings. Other comedy rolls were played by John Lander and Rare Cowen in the parts of two friendly assassins.

The work of the choruses, though hampered by a too small stage, was highly effective, both in the first act when Indian costumes dominated the scene, and in the second when a party at the ranch gave opportunity for a variety of stage features, notable among which was a Spanish dance done in expert fashion by Evelyn Smith and Hester Resnik.

Splendid piano accompaniments, and a musical interlude between acts were furnished by Carl Rupp, who also took occasion to make announcements in a dignified and pleasing manner, with the assistance of Mrs. Rupp, his latest composition, "Who Could Ask for More."

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MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made for more than thirty days on the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph K. Robinson and Jennie M. Robinson, his wife, in First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, a Michigan Banking Corporation, of which bank Charles W. Lee was appointed Receiver by the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1929, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1929, and in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland on the 18th day of August, A. 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