

SOCIETY IN BIRMINGHAM AT THE HILLS

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

Three One-Act Comedies Will Be Given By Village Players Saturday Evening

A program consisting of three one-act plays in lighter vein and in harmony with the holiday mood, will be presented by the Village Players at the Playhouse Saturday evening.

"Sinner Ficks," a comedy with serious moments, from the pen of Alfred A. Cohn, will open the program. Mrs. Russell Lewis and Carl Newman are directing the production, which will include in its cast Arthur Plant, Mrs. Harry Mack and W. Carleton Scott.

"On the Razor Edge," a comedy by Rupert Hughes, will follow, with David E. Murray and Mrs. Theodore F. Meyer directing.

In the cast will be Miss Margaret W. Pratt, Mrs. E. Farrington Holt, Carl Rupp and H. Ledgard Towle.

"The Vanishing Princess," a comedy by John Golden, will conclude the program. Fred D. Farrar and Mrs. Carl Rupp, will direct, and G. Eason, A. Olson, G. E. Ryan, Alan W. Joslyn and Mrs.

W. C. Scott will appear in the acts with "nifties" as formerly cast.

Instead of interpreting the acts with "nifties" as formerly, the specialties will be given as part of the "afternoon" with Karel Rickerson as master of ceremonies for the program.

Mrs. Harold H. Stuart is chairman of hostesses for the "Afternoon." Assisting Mrs. A. L. Boggs, Mrs. L. W. Porter, Mrs. Ruth Saunders and Mrs. Harlow N. Davock.

Several dinner parties have been arranged before the performance. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Colgrove, of Furman road will give a post-dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mack, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McMillan, and Mr. and Mrs. Karel Rickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart of Adams road have invited to dine with them, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Porter, Mrs. Ruth Saunders and Robert Stuart of Detroit.

Dining with Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Middleton at their home on Madison avenue will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Fellows.

Following the performance Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Oliver of Villa road will entertain a small group of friends.

Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff is in charge of arrangements for the annual Christmas dance to be given by the Players at the Playhouse on Dec. 27.

Miss Ellen Ford, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Gall of Firre street while attending Kingswood School Cranbrook, had as her guest for the week-end, Miss Lucina Facer of Palmer Woods, Saturday evening, with Billy Gall and Richard Gibson, attended the carnival held at Kingswood.

First Contingent Of J. Fred Woodruff School Set Due This Week-End

Many Birmingham families are preparing this week to welcome home for the Christmas Lullaby season those members who are attending school and college in various parts of the country.

Early arrivals will begin this week-end and continue through next week, as the Christmas recess periods differ with college schedules.

In any event, parents are counting the days of those who will arrive this week-end. Bradford Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr. of Ridgeway avenue, is expected Sunday from Kent School in Kent, Conn.

Miss Janet Peabody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peabody of Querton road, will arrive Friday from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Mary Pyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Pyle of Pacific avenue, is also expected Friday from Frances Shimer School at Mt. Carroll, Ill.

Coming also on Friday will be Jack Spahr, a sophomore at the University of Virginia, Bradford Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr. of Ridgeway avenue, is expected Sunday from Kent School in Kent, Conn.

Miss Barbara Stecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anita Stecker of Pilem road, who is attending Mt. Holyoke College is expected Saturday. Malcolm Ewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ewer of Woodward and Maywood avenues, will arrive Sunday from Collegiate Institute at Mt. Pleasant, N. C. He will bring with him as a guest for the holidays, Erwin Beaver, of Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kent of Pilem road also look forward to Saturday when their daughter, Miss Marcee, who is attending Ursuline College at Chatham, Ont., will return for the holidays.

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Concert Is Occasion For Affairs Of Social Interest

An event arousing social as well as musical interest in Birmingham is the concert to be given Friday evening by the vocalists of the Ladies' Choir at the First Baptist Church. Several dinner parties have been arranged to precede the concert.

Members of the choir will be guests at an informal buffet supper following the concert, which will be presided as hostesses, Mrs. Norman Irie in charge, and assisting her will be Mrs. John H. Gordon and Mrs. W. G. Wall, and members of the Birmingham Service League, a group of young women organized and directed by Mrs. Roland H. Mann.

Dr. and Mrs. William Lloyd Kemp will entertain 20 guests at dinner at their home on Otter street. Mrs. and Mrs. Leo H. Bartlesley of Strawberry Hill will also give a dinner at their home, Mrs. Theron Van Dusen of Pilem road.

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. Bartlesley will include, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Stalke of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Otter, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth White, Miss Jennie Mollan and Ralph Manuel, also of Detroit.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Gardner of Aspen road will have as their dinner guests that evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer of Detroit, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Gordon of Baldwin avenue have invited Mr. and Mrs. W. Hestrich to dine with them, afterwards taking their guests to the concert.

Dr. and Mrs. James Lee Oliver of Villa road will entertain a small group of friends at their home following the concert.

ABOUT TOWN

AD REPORTER

Here's the answer—"What would she like best for Christmas?"—Give mother with or sister a new hat from Hicks Hat Shop, 133 East Maple!

De Molays Will Hold Annual Holiday Dance, Dec. 28

With Jack Dawson as general chairman, plans are under way for the annual Christmas dance to be given by Haasberger Chapter of the Order of De Molays at the Community House, Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 9 until 1 o'clock.

Wayne White is chairman of the committee on decorations. Assisting him are William Meyer, Virgil Owen and Otto Leopold. Earl Morrow is chairman of the publicity committee, which also includes David Curry.

Invitation is extended to all students home for the Christmas holidays and to any others in Birmingham who wish to attend.

The name "Spanish elm" is given in the West Indies to a tree also called Bois-de-Chrypre.

M. E. Church To Give Christmas Program

"The Great Deliverer" is the title of the cantata and pageant to be given by members of the Sunday School and Junior Choir of the First Methodist Church at the church Sunday, Christmas Day, at 4:15 P. M.

Under the direction of Miss Ruth Wall and Mrs. Russell Heinze, the pageant will portray the Christmas story with 30 children taking part. The Junior Choir of 20 voices is rehearsing for the cantata under the direction of Frederick A. Protheroe.

The Primary Department will also participate with musical selections and recitations.

The annual White Gift service will be held Sunday at 10 A. M.

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Mr. Woodruff

A quiet ceremony was performed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Asper of Bayview road, Monday afternoon, when Miss Virginia Gauthier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kennedy of Virginia Park, Detroit, became the bride of Frederick Woodruff of Birmingham.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Russell B. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, former classmate of Mr. Woodruff, immediately afterwards, Mrs. Woodruff left for California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Bible School Plans Gift Service and Pageants

The annual Christmas program of the Bible School of the First Presbyterian Church to be given at the church Sunday evening will be in the form of a White Gift service and pageants.

Taking part in the pageant, entitled "As With Outcomes Men of Old," the young children will have an opportunity to bring white gifts to the manager of the Babe of Bethlehem.

The pageant, which was written by Erna Taber Cannon, will be presented under the direction of Mrs. S. Fortson, who is one of the young people's advisers, and a member of the faculty of Adams School. Taking part in it will be 27 members of the Bible School who will portray biblical characters.

The singing of Christmas hymns will be directed by the Young Women's Chorus. The service will begin at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Pyle of Euclid avenue will be hosts at a family dinner for 14 guests on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Tilson of Fairfax road will have as their guests for dinner and bridge Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Clare H. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Royal.

Poetry Is Subject Of Address To Club

"The Cultural and Educational Value of Poetry" was the subject of an address by Miss Jennie Boyer of the Faculty of the Detroit Teachers' College, before members of the Women's Literary Club at the Baldwin Public Library Tuesday afternoon.

"Poets today find beauty and rhythm in skyscrapers and locomotives," Miss Boyer told the club, "and are able to express the emotions inspired by height and power in their poetic lines."

"The poet deals with words, and his speech is as a thousand eyes through which he views the earth. He sees the world through the eyes of its men and women, and is capable of great understanding of the emotions and deeper imagination. It is regrettable that in our schools and colleges, poetry is made the subject of fact rather than imagination, and as such does not fit the inward eye with rhythm to order the imagination in place of permitting it to run wild."

The program also included four selections played by the Baldwin School Orchestra, under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt.

Announcement was made by Miss C. A. Boyles, president, that the club voted to donate \$25 to the Baldwin Public Library fund.

Mr. F. S. Ross was in charge of the program for the day.

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Graduates Of 1932 Are Guests At Luncheon

A luncheon in honor of the graduating class of 1932 of Kingswood School Cranbrook will be given at the school Monday, by members of the faculty and students.

Included among the honor guests will be the Misses Margaret Ward, Barbara Lee Jackson, Alice Osterman, Helen Smith, Barbara Fisher, Helen Turner, Doris Otter, Betty Kingman, Jeanne Macdonald, Delphia Hill, a student at Vassar College; Suzanne Sibley, now of Santa College; and Helen Hanley of Wellesley College.

Also the Misses Elizabeth Ann O'Dell of the University of Michigan; Margaret Jane Sheurman of Battle Creek College, and Nettie Bell Thomas of the University of Toledo.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend a Christmas dance at the Community House Friday evening from 9:30 to 11, which will be given by Max Gail's orchestra.

Mrs. Charles P. Ferguson, with her children, Ilean and Eugene, of Nova Scotia, are the guests for the holidays of her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Benning of Arlington drive, Beverly Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Minor of Worth street are expected to return Tuesday from New York City, where they have spent the past month.

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