

**Red Cross Class To Have Institute**

Mrs. Frederick S. Strong, Jr., of Orchard Lake, chairman of the Volunteer Service of the Oakland County chapter, American Red Cross, announces that Miss Ewila Stokely, director of Volunteer services of the Midwestern branch at St. Louis, will hold an all-day institute Wednesday, May 5, at 10 a. m., in the Community House.

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**Players Close Season With Melodrama In Triumphant Public Performance**

**By Carol Dweley**

Birmingham audiences witnessed a fascinating cross-section of New York life on Friday and Saturday evenings when The Village Players brought their season to a close with two open performances of "Small Miracle," by Norman Krassna. The three-act melodrama unfolded three main plots against a variegated background of subtle, tempering and emotional touches with deft comedy, and contrasting safety society with the lives of those who cater to it.

"Small Miracle" will rank as one of the most finished plays shown ever to be presented. The action was swift and clear, and character delineations definite. An ambitious set added to the effectiveness of the production. Much credit for the triumph is due to the technical staff. Heading the arm of technicians was Leonard Taylor, Jr., Robinson, director. His aides included Mrs. Harold F. Middleton, assistant director; Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, properties and costumes; and Mrs. Harold F. Klein, lighting.

**Effective Set**

The set, which represented the lounge in the 43rd Street Theater in New York, was designed and executed by Fred Dugan, Farrar, assisted by John B. Moody, technical manager; Thomas B. Klingensmith and Arthur Jerome.

Several newcomers to The Players were prominent in a cast which also included many established performers. An interesting sidelight to the play was the sight of veteran actors appearing as "supporting" while the newcomers took their turns in the spotlight.

In the language of the theater, Dr. John P. Hollister, "arrived" with his portrayal of the gangster, Tony Mako. He presented a complex study of a killer. He both gentile and murderous, moose, innocent while avoiding the twin pitfalls of the too much bluster and unwhiskered violence of the typical 12-year-old D. S. Hatcher deserted their accustomed character parts to present an interesting study of two very strong arms of the law. Also in the underworld plot was the dramatic bit contributed by Dr. John B. Hatcher as the villainous, An-

**Bit Parts Excellent**

Another delightful bit was the work of Dr. John B. Hatcher as the man who later got into still friends, Mrs. Ruth Saunders, W. H. Sumner Jr. and G. Thorndike. An amusing interlude was provided by Mrs. Hal Trump and Rolfe C. Spinning, as the indignant suburban couple who come to get a divorce at the evening. Mrs. Armin H. Bohling and Miss Doris Blakeslee, two new actresses and pretty actresses. Others whose parts proved valuable were Carol W. Sumner, A. J. Hart, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Frost. Numerous and Franklin Fricker. Numerous Players appeared on the stage at intervals to add atmosphere to the performance.

"Small Miracle" will be presented at the Playhouse on Saturday evening, April 29, as the first event at the annual convalescence of the Association of Non-Professional Theatres. The group will meet in Birmingham on Saturday, with The Players as hosts.

**Kingswood to Run Tennis Meet For Title in Michigan**

The eighth annual Open Tennis Championship of Michigan for Junior Girls and the second annual Championship for Youngster Girls will be held at Kingswood School, Cranbrook during the month of May, according to an announcement made this week by Miss Louella C. Houser, director of physical education at Kingswood. Both tournaments are under the sanction of the Western Michigan State Lawn Tennis Association, and will be played in accordance with their regulations.

The junior girls' singles, for girls between the ages of 15 and 18, will be played May 12 and 13, for girls under 15, will be played May 16-21.

**Give Contest Rules**

Entries should be sent to Miss Houser, before Tuesday, May 16. Drawings will be held at 4:30 p. m. on the 16th. Applicants must fill out applications for acceptance, classification cards. Contestants will be notified of the time of matches and absences will be considered and absentees will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in each contest. Balls will be furnished for all matches. Miss Houser will serve as official referee.

Entries should be sent to Miss Houser in plans for the affair. In the junior girls' tournament, Miss Houser will be assisted by Miss Houser, who heads the committee of umpires and officials. Others are Miss Virginia Smith of New Castle, Michigan, and Miss Julie Burnett of Minneapolis, Minn., social secretary of the tournament for the younger girls. Miss Helen Dow of Milland heads the equipment committee and Miss Roxana Haynes of Jackson will arrange social activities.

**Tell Staff Appointments For Summer Play School**

The staff which will attend to the administration of the school at Cranbrook during the coming summer is announced this week by Robert E. Fryer, executive director of the program. Mr. Fryer said, will remain virtually the same as in the past, although the boys will be given more freedom in the selection of activities.

Veteran members of the staff which will return include Zack Bob McGrath and Richard Sisk, in charge of younger boys. Death of the Cranbrook School faculty will be added to the summer staff, in charge of shop work. Mr. Fryer will supervise sports.

**Greet New Rector Of Christ Church At Big Reception**

Members of the congregation of Christ Church Cranbrook greeted Howard Cadigan, Rev. Charles H. Wacker, and Mrs. Cadigan at a reception in the Guild hall last night from 8 to 10 o'clock. The affair was given by the clergy and vestry of the church, with Hugh W. Hitchcock as chairman.

Mr. Cadigan came here a week ago to assume his new duties from Andover, Mass., where he was rector of Christ church and director of religious education at Amherst college. He preached his first sermon at his new church last Sunday.

In the receiving line with Mr. Cadigan were Mrs. Cadigan, Rev. Robert W. Woodruff, rector and Mrs. Woodruff, Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Marquis, pastor of Christ church, and Mrs. Marquis, also were present. Mrs. Bruce N. Coulter was in charge of refreshments.

Great trays of forsythia were disposed about the hall for the occasion and the serving table, which was used by the vestry, was decorated with two low silver vases holding daffodils in wooden arrangements, and two silver candleabra with white tapers.

Wives of the vestrymen, who assisted in the work, were Mrs. George G. Booth, Mrs. Gustavus D. Pope, Mrs. Alan W. Johnson, Mrs. Edward M. Boreford, Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock, Mrs. Fred W. Sanders, Mrs. Paul A. Thompson, Mrs. Clarence E. Bolsch, Mrs. Clark Bonner, E. Sheldon R. Noble, Mrs. William G. Scheep, Mrs. Benjamin H. Maguire, Mrs. Robert W. Woodruff, Mrs. Frank W. Shull and Mrs. Frederick S. Strong, Jr.

**BITS OF B'HAM**

**Two young actors of the Pontiac** Tuesday evening at the Pontiac High School and sponsored by the Women's Relief Association of Pontiac. Samuel Vincent Stinson, two and one-half year old son of Paul and Mrs. Samuel E. Stinson of Bernville avenue, was chosen Master of Pontiac as the youngest and was named to the most beautiful baby entered. Runner up in the contest was a four-year-old Thomas W. Stinson, three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stinson of Greenwood avenue. Among also were Mrs. Edna M. Dake of three county, intelligent, beauty and health. Tommy was also winner of the blue ribbon at the Pontiac for being a very handsome baby himself.

**Fried chicken and boy was**

exchanged the hunger of Exchange Club members Tuesday evening when they dined at the home of Exchange Ave. A. Howell at 588 Southfield avenue. There were a number of delicious temptingly arranged by the committee consisting of Mr. Howell as host, Oliver Kirk, Donald C. Olsen, J. B. Minton and William E. Olsen. After dinner the members spent the evening playing bridge.

**Library Hours**

For the information of newcomers, Baldwin Public Library is open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., daily except Sundays.

**Dr. Edwin Deer will return to Birmingham**

Dr. Edwin Deer will return to Birmingham after living in Detroit for class mates at Baldwin High School. He will be in the city on Saturday, April 29, at 1:30 p. m. They are Mrs. Ruth Roberts and Jay Lawson, both students at Olivet College, and both will participate in a broadcast which the college will make over radio station WJL in Detroit. The college's symbolic robe, of which both the Birmingham students are members, and the orchestra will take part.

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**Literary recognition came to Mrs. Kate Inman**

of Baldwin. Her story, "The Girl Who Came to the Fair," published recently when one of her original poems was accepted for publication in The Atlantic Monthly for 1939, is being published by the Exposition Press in New York City. Mrs. Inman is the wife of U. S. A. Navy. She is one of many who has written since joining the Birmingham Manuscript club.

**Dr. A. V. Murtha, of Pontiac, president of the Oakland County Sportsman's Association, yesterday announced the appointment of Harold H. Corson, Birmingham's city treasurer-engineer, as vice-president, representing the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills section of the county.**

**SOCIAL BRIEFS**

Miss Alice Mutterbaugh of Florio street, entertained a group of friends on Friday evening at her home, at a surprise birthday party honoring her sister, Miss Evelyn Mutterbaugh. Outgoing guests at the affair included Miss Blida Temple of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swooper of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and Miss Shirley Smith, all of Royal Oak.

Miss Thelma Gilroy of Detroit entertained over the weekend at her home on the house of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell of Franklin.

A popular young visitor in Birmingham at present is Bruce Petrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Petrie of Royal Oak, who is the guest of Watts Wacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wacker of Brighton.

Miss Dorothy Kates has returned to her home on Oakdale street following a sojourn at Tryon, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gurney of Franklin entertained as they hosted a group of friends at their home on the house of Mr. and Mrs. James Barling and their daughter, Miss Kay.

A group which has just returned from a sojourn at Woodville, N. C. includes Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Reed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Vail and Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Avelly.

Mrs. Frances C. Berly of Danchester road was hostess at a large tea on Friday afternoon at her home on Oakdale street. The affair was given by the ladies of the field road who, with her family, is among the recent arrivals in Birmingham. Mrs. Norman Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hays, Mr. C. D. Hart and Mrs. H. H. Hart were also present at the tea.

Mr. Benjamin F. Fowler of Broadside avenue departed on Monday for a sojourn in Boston where he will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. and Mrs. Benjamin Ramon Brewster. She was accompanied last by her father, Mr. Benjamin F. Fowler, who visited his son-in-law and daughter for several days en route to his summer home at Barnard's Bay, after spending the winter in the south.

Among the newer members of Birmingham's younger married set are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Short, Jr., who have a splendid home on Harrison avenue after living in Detroit for some time.

Mr. Usher is the former Miss Betty Neal of Detroit and Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis of Shelby drive are entertaining at their home guests, Mr. McGinnis' mother, Mrs. William C. Coyle of Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. May M. Gilman of Danchester road were hostess at a cocktail party in their home on Thursday evening, followed by dinner at the home of Belle Country Club, the occasion being their wedding anniversary. Included in their party were Mrs. George H. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Booth, Mrs. John Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Grubbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus A. Duffield of Lone Pine road were hostess at dinner on Saturday evening, honoring Mrs. and Mrs. George Duffield, who will depart for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hartman of Lakeside drive, returned on Sunday from a six weeks' trip to the south and west. Among the places they visited were New Orleans, San Antonio, Los Angeles, Mexico, San Francisco, World's Fair, Portland and Seattle.

Mrs. Herbert F. Royal, of

Buckingham road, is in the East on a round of visits. She has been the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Lund, in Baltimore, visited her son, Dick, at New Haven, where he attends Yale university, and has also visited in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leary and their daughter, Sally, of Kennewasaw road, returned recently from a journey of several weeks in Florida.

Mrs. Merrill Adams entertained her bridge club at luncheon on Tuesday, at her home on Kennewasaw road.

Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, of Wilks street, entertained her book club on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Wilks street.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Collins will move Saturday from Wimbledon terrace on Adams road, to the E. M. Otterman home on Baldwin avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Otterman and their family have moved to Indiana.

**Club Notes**

The Queen Esther circle of the First M. E. church will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, at 7:45 p. m., at the home of Miss Betty Coons, 403 Greenwood avenue. Devotions will be led by Miss Jane Grosch. Miss Helen Armstrong will review four chapters of the study book, "City Shadows," by Robert W. Searle. The Woman's Home Missions magazine report will be given by Miss Dorothy Hackett. Mrs. Victor L. Peck is sponsor of the group.

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