

Second Production Effort of Players Causing Great Preliminary Hustle

November 29 Date For Three Plays To Be Given Here

Second big production effort of the season for the Village Players is now in preparation, with rehearsals already started for three one-act plays which will be presented the evening of Friday, Nov. 29.

With three different shows in preparation at the same time, you can imagine the hustle which is likely to make the rafters ring ere long.

First on the list is "Judge Lynch" by John William Rogers, Jr. Directorial reins will be in the hands of Mrs. Cyril B. Lewis, assisted by Mrs. Erwin F. Covey, George L. Burdick will handle the properties. In the cast will be Mrs. Charles Asper, Mrs. Clark Pardee, Robert Bradley and James Bullock.

Play No. 2 has a cast of two. Mrs. George Clark and Paul Neal Averill. They will do "Here We Are" by Dorothy Parker, and Mrs. Henry Hoff will direct.

The third production has a cast of women. It is "Never Too Old" by Bryson and Clements, and will be directed by Mrs. Athel Danham, assisted by Miss Gladys Rogers. Mrs. Richard Wenzell is in charge of properties.

In the cast will be Mrs. Stanley Saunders, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Fred D. Farrar and Mrs. Armin Boehlinc.

"Nifties" will be in charge of Frank McGinnis.

Music for the evening will be arranged by Mrs. Clyde Hagerman.

Mrs. Clarence Heimiller is chairman of the Afterglow.

The Eccentric Out Early Next Week

Because of Thanksgiving next week, Nov. 21, The Eccentric will follow its usual custom of going to press Monday night, with distribution Tuesday morning. Cooperation of advertisers and contributors is requested in preparing their material early. Deadline for social news and similar inside-page material will be Saturday noon. Classified ads will not be accepted after 4 p. m. Monday.

Guests of Fitches To Attend Game

Football games have provided the impetus for a number of house parties recently. This week-end Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fitch will be hosts to a group of friends who are planning to attend the Michigan-Northwestern game. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillies, of Chicago, will arrive tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Myron S. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. William Gillies and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Longfield, all of Youngstown, Ohio, are also arriving Friday. After the game, Mr. and Mrs. Fitch will entertain at a dinner for their guests at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Thompson, of Watkins street, announce the birth of a son, Nov. 7. Mrs. Thompson is the former Esther Pyle.

Rogers-Smith Troth Is Told At Large Tea

Mrs. Young Chalmers Smith, of Pierce street, entertained at a tea in her home Saturday afternoon in honor of her new daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank C. Smith. It was also the occasion in which the betrothal of Hortense Smith was told. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married in August at Fitzwilliam, N. H., and are now living on Whitmore Road in Detroit.

After meeting the new bride, each guest was handed a rose, which was tied the announcement of the engagement of Hortense Smith and Roy Lane Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas Rogers of Wichita, Kansas.

Hortense is a graduate of Rogers Hall and attended the Connecticut College for Women and the University of Michigan where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Mr. Rogers was graduated from the University of Wichita where he earned his Blue Key honorary fraternity. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan and was a member of the Order of Coif, honorary law fraternity.

Tea roses in crystal formed the centerpiece of the tea table which was covered with an ecru lace cloth. Cream tapers in silver holders and sprays of ferns completed the appointments. Presiding at the table were Mrs. W. T. Cushing, Mrs. Leigh Lynch, Mrs. Charles S. Kinison and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears.

Assisting with the guests were Nancy Weeks, Ruth Smith, sister of the bride-elect, Virginia Farrar and Dorothy Mathews.

Mrs. Frank Chalmers Smith wore royal blue velvet with a corsage of miniature white carnations. Mrs. Young Chalmers Smith wore Spanish purple crepe with pink carnations, tied with orchid ribbon. Ruth Smith chose dark red moire taffeta with white carnations.

No date has been set for the wedding but it will probably be an event of the winter.

IN PLAY FRIDAY, SATURDAY



—Photo by Wm. Bonstetter, Cranbrook School
 Pictured above are five principals of the cast of "Grand Lady" which members of St. Dunstan's Glee are giving Friday and Saturday evening in the auditorium of Brookside School. This play, with a 9 o'clock curtain, is open to the public.

In the first row seated are MR. DAVID WALKER LEE and MRS. CARL G. WÖNNBERGER, the latter the director. Standing from left to right are: DORIS OTTER, HENRY WHITING, MRS. FERD. M. BROCK and HARMAN ADAMS.

New Residents Tell Engagement Of Their Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Davison, of Lone Pine court, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jere Louise, to Robert Barnes Beall, of Decatur, Ill., son of Mrs. Albert Barnes Beall.

The Davisons moved to Birmingham about six months ago.

The wedding will take place Dec. 21 in Christ Church, Cranbrook with the Rev. Charles H. Cadigan reading the ceremony. Miss Patricia Davison will be her sister's maid of honor and William Beall will attend as best man. Mrs. Beall is the guest of Mr. Beall's brother and sister-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. William Beall in Chicago this week-end. Mrs. Albert Beall will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Davison over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Library Group Has Tea in Detroit

The new Mark Twain Branch Library, Gratiot at Burns avenues, Detroit, was selected as the place for the annual Metropolitan Library club tea Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

This library, an example of the latest in library architectural design, with its modern furniture and equipment, was a picturesque setting for this tea of lovely appointments.

Going from Birmingham were Mrs. John S. Lambie, Mrs. H. G. Wood and Miss Adeline Cooke.

J. N. Hadjiski Addresses Class

International Relations Class had as guest speaker last week, J. N. Hadjiski of Birmingham.

Mr. Hadjiski gave an enlightening talk on the Balkan situation from a first hand point of view as he spent most of his youth there. He was born in Bulgaria, remaining until 20 years of age, at which time he left to attend Oxford University, England. He stated that 100,000 people live in the Balkans, of whom 80 per cent live on the soil. Industries and economic problems mean but little to these primitive people whose first thought is their church, and whose ambition is farming alone. Mr. Hadjiski remarked that it is not uncommon for three generations to live under one roof in the rural sections, and as many as 40 to 45 children to be housed together.

About 30 varieties of languages are spoken throughout the peninsula, he said. Culture first began in Slavic, Slavonic and Greek. Immediately on crossing the borders one notices a difference in people, their primitive habits, crude language and general mode of living is more the peasant type. The class learned in Mr. Hadjiski's discourse that the Balkans would never under any conditions give up their religious, which are varied, and that they would fight to the last man to preserve that independence.—L. D.

Books Show Trend Toward Democracy Olive Deane Hormel Tells Listeners

In her lecture on "The Crisis of Democracy," given Monday afternoon at the Baldwin Public Library, Olive Deane Hormel, lecturer for the University of Michigan Extension Service, expressed a belief that the group of eyewitness narratives of the present war which she discussed represent an upward trend for democracy in that struggle, no matter how tragic and terrible the events they report may seem. All of them emphasize the oneness of mankind in spite of the fact that men are now engaged in one of the bitterest struggles of all time.

It is becoming commonly accepted, she went on, that great inroads upon the cause of democracy were made with the Spanish Civil War and the victory of Hitler and Mussolini. There has been much confusion, however, she pointed out, in regard to the significance of the Spanish collapse, despite the effort to explain and analyze it. "But now we have an outstanding novel, generally recognized as Ernest Hemingway's finest work, 'For Whom the Bell Tolls.'"

This is a rich and penetrating work which gives the Spanish war in epitome through four days in the life of a young American volunteer, Robert Jordan. The title is based on a quotation from the English poet, John Donne, which concludes with the line, "Never send to ask for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee," thus pleading the solidarity of all human kind, which no man may suffer without injury to all.

Another fine novel of the Spanish war is "The Great Crusade," a deeply moving and timely informative account of the part played by the International brigades in Spain as seen through the eyes of the German writer, Gustav Regler, who fought with the Loyalists throughout the war. The book's preface by Hemingway, who is himself identifiable as a character in the novel.

A third and very different book recounting the Spanish War is "Held in Flight" by Nancy Johnson, telling the slyly but tender story of the experiences of an English woman and her husband who kept a hotel on the Catalan coast which became a refuge for Spanish children, with whom the couple later fled to France.

Still another novel belonging to the interesting new category which might be termed "factual fiction" is "The Defenders" by Franz Hoellering, who gives a stirring picture of Austria's efforts to resist the impending "anarchies," a work representing five years of concentrated effort since Hoellering, a former editor and critic, escaped to the United States from Vienna.

Other books cited by Miss Hormel were the recently published play "There Shall Be No Night" by Robert Sherwood; "I Saw It Happen in Norway" by Carl Hambro; three books on the collapse of France—"Europe in the Spring" by Clive Boothe, "Tragedy in France" by Andre Maurois, and "I Saw France Fall" by Rene Chazotte; "Let Us Live in England" by Mollie Pantor-Dowson; and "Burna Road" by Nicol Smith.

In closing Miss Hormel spoke of two challenging new books released this week: "Yesterday Is Dead" by Stuart Cloete, in which this young English novelist gives a deeply spiritual interpretation of the times for the "man in the street," and "Blitzkrieg" by S. L. A. Marshall of the Detroit News.

Women's League Meets Nov. 19

The Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills unit of the League of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. Moore on Covington road. The business meeting, which will include reports of the committees working on the benefit dinner to be given Nov. 30 in the auditorium of the St. Hugo of the Hills Convent Day School, will be followed by tea and a social hour.

Autumn shades will be used in the center of the table, and candelabra bearing tall glowing tapers will offset the lovely lace cloth that will cover the table.

Tea will be served by Mrs. L. O. Turner, Mrs. Martin J. Wendell, Mrs. Charles J. O'Connor and Mrs. Henry S. Starr.

Non-members of the League are invited to attend this meeting at which the Rev. Fr. David J. Dun, chairman in charge of the benefit dinner, and proceeds will go toward providing for needy families in the community during the Christmas holidays.

Monday, Nov. 19, there will be two Requiem High Masses for deceased members of the organization. One will be held at the Holy Name Chapel at 8:15 a. m. and one at St. Hugo of the Hills at 8 a. m.

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Three Co-hostesses At Party on Tuesday

Helen Dennis, of Park street, Mrs. Marion Fox, of Rochester, and Mrs. Joseph Hortie, of Pontiac, were hostesses at a linen show Tuesday evening at the former's home for Vermita Butz, of Pontiac, and Bernice Pilarski, of Detroit.

Present were Mrs. Roy Bart, Helen Ragatz and Barbara Pearson, of Pontiac; Eleanor Gallagher and Ruth Riche, of Detroit; Mrs. Charles McPhee, of Flint; Mrs. Bill Rodgers, of Detroit; and Mrs. Stephen Hollera, of Birmingham.

Women's Auxiliary Fetes Pastors' Wives With Lovely Tea

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook entertained at a large tea Wednesday afternoon from three to five o'clock in the Guild Hall in honor of the wives of the clergy of the church. Mrs. Charles J. Cadigan, Mrs. William C. Hamm and Mrs. Robert DeWitt.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Lee Farr, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. M. Brown, first vice-president; Harold W. Holmes, second vice-president; Mrs. Hamm and Mrs. DeWitt.

The tables were covered with cloths of white net shot with cellophane. Madonna lilies and white flowers in silver holders and silver tea services completed the appointments.

Mrs. Ferd M. Brock was in charge of arrangements. Presiding at the tea tables were Mrs. Walter G. Morley, Mrs. Campbell Harvey, Mrs. William G. Harry, Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble and Mrs. Robert H. Dausley, all past presidents of the Auxiliary; and Mrs. George G. Booth, Mrs. James A. Beresford and Miss Sarah Sly.

Virginia Osterman Weds Saturday

Virginia Osterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. George Osterman, and John Frederick Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Murphy, will speak their wedding vows at ten o'clock Saturday church in St. Dunstan's Chapel of Christ Church Cranbrook. The bride will be given in marriage by her father. Only members of the families will be present. The Rev. Charles H. Cadigan will read the ceremony.

Mrs. Frank Melville Smith will be her sister's only attendant. John Pietsch will be best man. William C. Osterman, the bride's brother, and Frank Smith will act as ushers.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast will be held at the Fox and Hounds Inn, after which the young couple will leave on a ten-day motor trip.

Shelton Wright Addresses D. A. R.

Shelton Wright spoke on the activities of the American Red Cross in White Russia and Poland after the last World War at a meeting of the City Hill chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution, Monday afternoon at the Community House.

Hostesses were Mrs. Thomas R. Spang, Mrs. Henry A. Manley, Mrs. H. L. Sevin and Miss Catherine Purcell. Tea was served following the meeting.

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