

In spite of surface appearance, there really is more good in the world than there is evil; the right mental attitude, based upon open-mindedness, often changes what looks like evil into much of good.

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## Player Production The Male Animal Ribs King Football

"The Male Animal," a play whose lines regaled Broadway not long ago, was staged by the Village Players at their headquarters Friday and Saturday evenings.

The play was written to amuse satirized sportsmen. Yet the author's words had a dead earnest about something else important; they had a message to put across.

From the standpoint of mere mechanism, remembering names and scenes, the production Friday night was not quite up to the Players' usual standard, although this did not detract a great deal; the lines, generally, were too sparkling for that.

The cast, as a whole was well chosen, although in this "revue" opinion, a slightly older man might have been better suited to the leading role of Tommy Turner, the young professor of English whom the plot revolved. Stan Sanders did a good job, but he so mistake about that; but he did not possess the vivacity and bearing of one whom we might imagine him to be. This, of course, is no fault of Mr. Sanders.

The story concerns Midwestern trustees who just fired two faculty members, Paul Avrill, the student literary magazine editor, and Alfery editor, and concluding with a trial of Stan Turner, a Stan Saunders who is brave enough to read to his class a letter dictated by the famed "King of the Tuna," Sacco-Vanzetti. (Remember the Sacco-Vanzetti case?)

Turner did not get a good job, which he had selected along with others by Lincoln and Gen. Sherman, to show how uneducated men have sometimes been. He was a good actor, though, and his speech was good. The football-worshipping tycoon member of the trustees threatens to run away if the school does not give up its football team. This time is the day before the big game with Michigan, and the plot is carried on by the arrival of Joe Ferguson, a Cardinals fan, Midwest's all-time All-American gridiron hero of 10 years back, a smooth-talking old-timer player. But Tom Ferguson reveals that he is breaking up with wife, taking it over in a cold, calculating manner, and when Professor Turner and his wife get into a family tiff over Joe Ferguson and the governor of the state, he takes it up. Meanwhile, everybody goes to the game except Turner and his young maniacal relatives. They go to get drunk and have a funny scene. Turner argues on the Male Animal, admitting that this rational business is all the time. Then the trustee who now has avoided trouble for 42 years when he reads to his class, writes to his bossy wife in Ada Moore. The trustee's doozy wife is Gladys Turner, Cleo, the colorless maid, a singer, and Mrs. Stanton, George Miller and Art Lee appear in fleeting parts.

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## Bits of Birmingham

We regret that we cannot publish a cartoon of the Halloween parade drawn by Janice C. Robert, of 219 North Woodward avenue. Better than any photographer, she caught some of the tiny marchers in their costumes—and their mommas and papas.

Mrs. Robert studied more than a year under Zoltan Sepeshy at the Detroit Institute of Arts to become a professional. She has painted portraits during the past summer of Judy Knudsen, daughter of the Simon Knudsen; of Louie Denier; of Jimmie and Shirley; of Jimmie and Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nash.

Wasn't the weather duckish Friday evening? The sun had a big time in spite of it. This Wanderer was perspiring around noon, and the sun was bright enough to burn the brand-new fawn-colored hat and whisked it into the mud!

The proprietor of Miss Peck's shop was much disgusted with the Haloweeners who put off with a stuffed pheasant and a squirrel. The worst of it is, the two animals were borrowed and will have to be replaced.

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If some of you folks in the vicinity of 647 Wimblett have a soprano voice ringing, you will know it if you are with Ross Peck, a football-worshipping tycoon member of the trustees threatening to go away anyway. This time is the day before the big game with Michigan, and the plot is carried on by the arrival of Joe Ferguson, a Cardinals fan, Midwest's all-time All-American gridiron hero of 10 years back, a smooth-talking old-timer player. But Tom Ferguson reveals that he is breaking up with wife, taking it over in a cold, calculating manner, and when Professor Turner and his wife get into a family tiff over Joe Ferguson and the governor of the state, he takes it up. Meanwhile, everybody goes to the game except Turner and his young maniacal relatives. They go to get drunk and have a funny scene. Turner argues on the Male Animal, admitting that this rational business is all the time. Then the trustee who now has avoided trouble for 42 years when he reads to his class, writes to his bossy wife in Ada Moore. The trustee's doozy wife is Gladys Turner, Cleo, the colorless maid, a singer, and Mrs. Stanton, George Miller and Art Lee appear in fleeting parts.

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Sunday, a car owned by Virgil Walker, 2280 W. Woodward, bucked over a curb and struck a tree at the corner of 38th Street and Franklin. According to City Manager, the operator is required to reimburse the city in case the tree is cut down.

At 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Charlie Shain reported a car parked behind his back yard. Five minutes later, he saw a man in a dark suit, Mrs. Walton, 1728 Pleasant, and Helen Genung, 1065 Woodward, told police that his machine had been taken. — J. H. H.

Mortimer Walton, of 1728 Pleasant, a young man, has written, with his wife, a new song called "True Love," which Glenn Miller and his band will sing in their new show.

25 Franklin Homes To Be Open Sunday

The latchstring is out Sunday on 25 homes in Franklin Village, according to the announcement of George Wellington Smith, developer and realtor.

Total consists principally of houses ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$10,000, although a few are occupied. Signs in the front lawn reading "Guest House," "You Are Welcome," will direct the way to each home where the public is invited to stop.

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## library Displays Children's Books for Book Week

By LINDO MOORE

It is a shame how books recently published, in dismay and decay, carry an air of festivity to the observance of Book Week,

Oct. 28.

The back door of the W. G. Wenzel home on Dahlberg Drive noticed open Sunday morning by Miss Kendra of 1243 Dorchester road. Police were called and they found that during the absence of the owners, a thief had ransacked the place, taking \$26.55.

City officials know what is being done to books. When a woman who is involved in the City Council, has appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and is an important case, you immediately know that the Stavenger case is being appealed. A Detroit company which owns the City Council newspaper, the "Fuzzy," has issued a press release that the Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Michigan Supreme Court which upheld the Stavenger case.

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The Baldwin High School Band, of the Baldwin Exchange Club from 1:30 to 2 p.m., will be at the Community House. Parents and any others are welcome to come to the auditorium for the concert.

Nip News—Mrs. Paul A. Romoser, 2280 W. Woodward, reported that her son, Robert, 7 years old, was bitten by a black chow owned by his mother.

McGraw-Hill appears Sunday night on the Ford Sunday Evening Hour. She will start her with her brother, J. W. Bumpton. Bumpton won't raise her voice above a whisper, this Wanderer knows, that much about McGraw-Hill, who was also bitten by the family dog, which later was run over by a car. Now there is no way to determine whether the dog was狂狂.

Latest report on the Thumbs Up sale of the British War Relief Society reveals that \$50,000 had been sold, and the group is still collecting nothing for the war effort in Britain. New headquarters are upstairs, using the staircase between Peck's and Schetter's or phone the chairman, Mrs. E. P. Hunt.

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The Rig Doctor

was due out on the week-end but it carried to the nearest doctor's office. "I can't do anything for this now," said the doctor. "I'm a very ordinary doctor and in the right man, I'd say, the amateur mother. It was hard to think that I could run that machine."

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