

Comedy-Mystery Staged by Players, Enjoyed by Crowd

"Through the Night," a mystery comedy presented by the Village Players last week-end, served as good entertainment for a full house on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Players' presentation being essentially a comedy and secondly a mystery.

Stars of the performance were Bart Jessop (Fred D. Farrar) the old-fashioned country sheriff, whose perfectly-timed lines were a delight of the audience; and Mrs. Alicia Holbrook, (Mrs. George M. Dweilley), a thrice-divorced and forgetful character who remembered and forgot successfully throughout all three acts. (Not her lines, of course!)

The Opening Scene

The opening scene saw Gregory Stanton (Tom Adams) and Sayre Holbrook (Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff) planning their marriage which was to take place the next day. Assisting them were the faithful butler, Roberts (Gardner M. Cobb), and Stanton's sister Kay (Mrs. Paul N. Averill).

Sayre's uncle, the wealthy and trusting Dwight Holbrook (Charles Scott) confides in his financial adviser, Dr. H. H. Hester (George Holt), that some valuable bonds are missing. After the bonds are traced either by the Owl (a thief with a Robin Hood complex who had been haunting the area—or by Mulholland's all-around secretary, Bunny, (Robert N. Woodruff). Mr. Woodruff did an admirable job of playing the mysterious Bunny—a good natured, awkward, yet extremely brilliant young fellow who is a way of solving all problems by comparing them to similar events in Iceland, Central Africa and the like.

In the meantime, Smith (George Fox), a detective from the city, appears to guard the wedding gifts during the night. In the course of the evening, Driscoll gets rid of Bunny and Smith momentarily, and then drags Holbrook, confessing that he was the one who took the bonds. Finally Driscoll kills Holbrook, confident that the Owl will be blamed.

After the body is discovered and moved, much to the disappointment of Bart Jessop, who kept shouting that the very first rule was to "Leave the Body Lay," a mask similar to that worn by the Owl is also found. Just as the city police turn up, however, Smith reveals that it is an inside job, by proving that he himself is the Owl. Bunny is left as the only reasonable suspect, and the next few scenes are spent in building up a case against him.

During this time, Sayre discovers that her fiancé is all that his sister Kay says he is—a self-satisfied, righteous individual. Consequently she breaks her engagement. Then, with the help of Kay and Bunny, Driscoll works to prove that the latter could not be guilty. At this point we realize that at the first time in her life she is having fun, and that is harboring the Owl in her bathroom.

Having worked up sufficient proof, they accuse Driscoll of the murder. When Driscoll admits it and attempts to get away, the Owl appears. Characteristically, and kills him. After helping the Owl to make a clever getaway, Bunny reveals that he is doing research on the human race and is spending the summer with the Holbrooks to study of the type of life they lead. When he realizes that Sayre is no longer engaged, Bunny makes the proper advances and the ending is a happy one, despite Holbrook's death.

Mrs. Henry Hart directed the production and was assisted by Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb.

Friends Surprise Eugene Hubbards

A group of approximately 20 friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Hubbard with a housewarming at the Hubbards' new home last Friday evening. With their three children, the Hubbards have just moved into their new colonial-frame house, located at 1327 Pierce street.

Mr. Hubbard is chemistry instructor at Baldwin High School, and many of the guests last Friday evening were teachers from Baldwin High School. The group presented the Hubbards with a floor lamp.

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SOCIAL BRIEFS

MRS. CARL HYMS entertained a Birmingham sewing club at luncheon on Tuesday in her home in Detroit.

ROGER B. EMMERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Emmert, of Berry road, entertained at dinner and roller-skating party last Saturday evening. His guests included Nadine Hecker, Barbara Underhill, Barbara Gibson, John Anderson, Jack Hamel, John Hughes, and Milton Feigley.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK H. MOTT, JR., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Mison, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mook, Mr. and Mrs. Rawson Valle, and Mr. and Mrs. William Manning, at dinner in their home on Pilgrim road last Saturday evening.

THE LADY LIONS are meeting at the home of Mrs. Russell McBride on 1936 Fairway avenue on Friday, March 1, for a substantial luncheon and an afternoon of bridge.

THE JOHN G. WOOD family is moving this week from their present home on 1936 Fairway avenue to their newly completed colonial home out on Lone Pine road.

HONORING MRS. EDGAR BRODE, MRS. BERT E. UBBELE, JR., and MRS. JOHN P. WOOD are giving a luncheon on Friday at Mrs. Ubbelle's home on Vermont road. The guests will be Mrs. E. F. Strohnick, Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Mrs. W. L. Klein, Mrs. Joy E. Wheeler, Mrs. Fory B. Allen, Mrs. C. W. Mackerz, Mrs. W. J. Fritz, Mrs. William Holiges, and Mrs. G. M. Davis.

MRS. GEORGE D. WILCOX entertained at luncheon in her home on Saturday for Mrs. George McLean, of Detroit, and her mother, Mrs. Lydia Stroum, of Montclair, N. J.

ART UNDERWOOD, JR., is expected home this week-end from Michigan State College, where he is a member of the Hesperian fraternity, to celebrate his birthday.

MADeline PEASE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., of Buckingham Road, entertained at a lingerie shower and party for recent bride Mignon Conway at the Peases' home on Wednesday evening.

MRS. WILLIAM L. MARTIN, of Greenwood avenue, honored Mrs. Mary Krolick, bride-elect who is to be married in Detroit on Friday, at a luncheon in her home on Michigan street, where the guests included Mrs. Krolick and her mother, Mrs. Joseph N. Krolick, Mrs. O. H. Martin, Mrs. Verne, Mrs. Markley, Mrs. Walter W. Smith, Mrs. William Rolger, Dorothy Farnsworth, Mrs. Ted Farnsworth, Mrs. E. M. Glusden, and Mrs. F. V. Henkel.

VFW Hears Its State Officers

The Birmingham Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary held their annual dinner Saturday night at the K-P Hall, with Alton C. Britton, of Battle Creek state commander, as the principal speaker.

The Rev. Theodore Wurgazer, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, also gave an address on the subject, "Christ in a Broken World," urging people not to forget their Christian ideals and to do what they could for the men in service.

Other guests who spoke briefly were Mayor John E. Martz, Col. J. Vinton Birch, Col. John S. Lambie, M. D.; Mrs. Eugene Fisher, of Fort Hurd, state president of the Auxiliary; John H. Harwood, managing editor of The Eclectic; Mayor Martz urged the veterans and their wives to take part in the air raid warden program. Samuel Knoxlton provided a motion picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Wilkinson, commander and president of the Post and Auxiliary, also spoke. Edwin Minks was toastmaster, while Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samuelson acted as emcees of the dinner.

Past post commanders present were Fred Samuelson, Louis Marcotte, Edwin Minks, R. K. Lewis, and Ed Moody. Past commanders Ray Spencer and Jack Bosger were unable to be present, also present were Past Auxiliary Presidents Mrs. Charles Coburn, Mrs. Floyd Crouse, and Mrs. Ed Moody. Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, president of the Auxiliary, presented S. H. Wilkinson, post commander, with defense stamps as a gift from the auxiliary for the building fund.

GIRL SCOUTS

Attention, Girl Scouts!

The Defense Institute at the Community House last Friday was well attended by the council members and leaders of the other South Oakland Girl Scout Organizations. It is to be hoped that so much was gained in knowledge and inspiration that another such meeting will be held before too long. We are grateful to Dr. Shibley and to Mrs. Day for the time and thought that they put into giving us a most enlightening program.

After a dinner meeting last week, the Marines went all out for defense this week with the English language class. The girls were so kindly being shown by the Birmingham police. After the film there was a report on the Women's Volunteer Services Class on protecting the home in time of air raids.

During the business meeting of the Senior Scout Troop, S. Joan Sappington resigned from the office of Vice-president. Connie Shibley was elected to take her place. Besides their First Aid work for girls have picked up another activity. On Monday night from 4 until 5 they may be found down at the Torrey Recreation Center where they entertain the children from the age of 2 to 6.

Last week Troop 10 did further work on their dramatic badge. They are planning to give a program for their parents in the near future at which time they will display their dramatic training. This week they had an invitational ceremony for Mary Ann Mason, Joan Lottner gave a five-minute talk in the form of a radio broadcast about the White House. This was for her Troop dramatic badge.

Speaking of radio, we hope you all heard Birmingham Girl Scouts speaking through their public relations chairman over WCAP at 12:30 Monday. We shall probably take to the air again before long.

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Adams School

State Trooper Holden will talk on "Our Children Reach School Safely" to the Adams Parent Teacher Association, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the schoolhouse.

Following the talk, the annual election of officers will be held and Dr. Herman L. Shibley will be present to answer questions concerning the junior high school proposal.

Quarnton School

Jesse Cameron Moore, of Indianapolis, Ind., is to be the featured speaker at the Quarnton Parent Teacher Association meeting at the school on Monday evening, March 2, at 8 o'clock. His topic will be "Our Form of Government Is the Best the World Has Ever Known."

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