

Village Players to Present Three One Act Plays Next Saturday Evening

F. J. McGinnis and W. Tollzien Write Musical Afterglow

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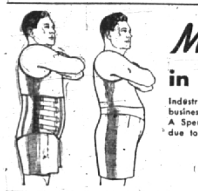
by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Next Saturday evening The Village Players are giving a closed performance of three one-act plays. The third play is an original, combination musical and afterglow, during which people will be served food and also watch the comedy. Entitled "The Corn Is Green in Tin Pan Alley," this play was written by Ward C. Tollzien, who did the original music, and Frank J. McGinnis, who wrote the lyrics and book. Mr. Tollzien and Mr. McGinnis are also directing their own production.

The cast for this musical afterglow includes Mrs. Frank McGinnis, Bruce Booth, Ward C. Tollzien, Margaret Telford, Maudie Miller, P. St. Clair, L. E. Colgrove, Linnea, Robert Bradley, Mrs. Frank J. McGinnis, Arthur J. Genung and George H. Fox. The first play to be given that evening will be "The Room Apartment" by Mel Denell, to be directed by Margaret Telford, assisted by Mrs. Harold Middleton, Mrs. Clarence G. Heimmiller. A handling properties. Members of the cast include Jack O'Toole, Jack Pardee, Mrs. Frank Packard, Mrs. Maude Mack, and George D. Miller.

"Star Struck" by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clark is being directed by Mr. Arthur J. Genung, assisted by Mrs. Clark E. Pardee, while Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning is in charge of properties. On the all-woman cast are Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, Mrs. Stanley R. Saunders, Mrs. E. Price Kimbrough, Mrs. George L. Burtick, Harriet Stauffer, Mrs. William L. Martin, and Mrs. Edward S. Reid.

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Gardening for Victory, Show Theme

"Gardening for Victory" will be the general theme of the annual Michigan Flower Show, which opens on March 25, at Convention Hall in Detroit. According to Earle D. Burke, president of the Michigan Horticultural Society, every available space in the hall will be packed with educational material and practical demonstrations of the U. S. Government defense gardening program.

Going on the theory of the old saying, "A nation cannot win a war on an empty stomach," plans are being made for this exhibit to be of practical aid to the inveterate gardener as well as a source of inspiration to the victory gardener.

"The ornamental beauty of our country and our homes must be saved and multiplied as a matter of morale," Mr. Burke commented, saying, "The people of England, the greatest gardening country of the world, have found that regardless of their distress, they needed and have had flower shows to uphold their morale."

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Family of Jesus Portrayed in Play Planned by Club

Judith Anderson's starring vehicle, Family Portrait, is the play the Epiphany Club, Cranbrook, has chosen for its annual spring play. The play, which was on Broadway for a season, concerns the family of Jesus Christ.

It shows his family to be an ordinary one, with all the family life among his brothers and sisters. Joseph Ditcher who is forer trying to get ahead in the world at the expense of everybody; Judah, a love-sick youngster, smacked by John Byers; James, a stiff-necked Pharisee, is playing Mary Magdala; and it is played by Ward Shaback; and in a second role, Mendel, the marriage broker; Nancy Hart, as Selma the bar maid in Capernaum; Dick Crimling as Daniel; Evalina Brown as Naomi; Jo Grant as Reba; Tom Lovett as Mordecai; Ernest Staveland as Elben; John Brehm as Matthias; Clara Nicol as Hepsibah; Bob Lorenzen as Appius Hadrian; Phoebe Otter as Anna; Henry Blossom as Rabbi Sanaud; and Don O'Connor as Leban. Other parts include Anne Ballentine; Nathan, portrayed by Arthur Copeland; and Bethiah, done by Blith Allen.

The play requires four parts, making it one of the most difficult to do on the Cranbrook stage.

The idea that the play is to be a deeply religious one is not to be confused with the fact that it has many different aspects. There is tragedy, there is humor, there is comedy, and there is a play that has had "rave" notices wherever it has played.

It is being produced April 16 and 17 in the Cranbrook School Auditorium at 8:15 p. m.



Nursery Schools Flourish In Birmingham; Have You Met One Group of Mothers Starts Own School

By KATHRYN UMPHREY

Unless you are the mother or father of a young child, you probably don't realize that there is a flourishing nursery school business in Birmingham, and a golden opportunity for many more such establishments. Most of the schools contacted this week were "full-up"—that is, they couldn't possibly take many more students.

Even in normal times, Birmingham is a good nursery school town; but at present, with the shortage of domestic help and forer trying to get ahead in the world at the expense of everybody; Judah, a love-sick youngster, smacked by John Byers; James, a stiff-necked Pharisee, is playing Mary Magdala; and it is played by Ward Shaback; and in a second role, Mendel, the marriage broker; Nancy Hart, as Selma the bar maid in Capernaum; Dick Crimling as Daniel; Evalina Brown as Naomi; Jo Grant as Reba; Tom Lovett as Mordecai; Ernest Staveland as Elben; John Brehm as Matthias; Clara Nicol as Hepsibah; Bob Lorenzen as Appius Hadrian; Phoebe Otter as Anna; Henry Blossom as Rabbi Sanaud; and Don O'Connor as Leban. Other parts include Anne Ballentine; Nathan, portrayed by Arthur Copeland; and Bethiah, done by Blith Allen.

time school on Merrill street. Making use of her experience as a nurse, as a social service worker, and in nursery schools, Mrs. Merrick started this school in February, and already has many regular and part-time students.

Although Mrs. Russell Burroughs and Mrs. Andrew J. Steelman started their morning school last summer as an experiment, it was so successful that they decided to continue with it. It is closed now while Mrs. Burroughs is in California for a few weeks. Mrs. Burroughs has had a great deal of training and teaching experience along this line. They chose morning as the time to have their programs because children are usually more alert then than in the afternoon when they normally sleep.

While Mrs. Merrick's school came to our attention—the one which Lois Steele and her sister Jane, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. Earl Steele, of Madison avenue, conducted two summers ago. At that time Lois was 14 and

now that she will be 13, she plans to do it again this summer; she feels that she will be doing defense work this way, for it will free mothers to go to Red Cross and the like. Lois converts the family garage into a play room and spends hours preparing a program for the children who come five mornings a week.

Brookside and Sherwood also conduct nursery schools. Specialized teachers are at the service of children and an ideal program is planned and carried out both for the group and the individual child.

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Social Briefs

MRS. W. WHITING HAYMOND is entertaining her bridge club next week, Wednesday, in her home at Willis street. Guests will include Mrs. J. Rodney Weeks, Mrs. Walter H. Fry, Mrs. Clifford J. McDonald, Mrs. Robert L. Biggers, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mrs. William Graham and Mrs. William Beecher, of Detroit.

COL. GEORGE A. GREEN, who has just returned from Europe, spent his past week-end at his home on Harmon street.

CAMERON BIGGERS is coming home from Wheaton College at Norton, Mass., next week-end to attend the wedding of his brother, Ensign William D. Biggers, at Virginia Hotel in Ann Arbor, on Monday, March 23.

NEW COUNTY MUSIC GROUP
Music lovers throughout Oakland County will be interested to know that a new musical group was organized recently for the purpose of giving light opera productions through the county free play, art, dancing, naps, luncheas, walks, corrective speech, etc. This school takes children for known as the Oakland County Choral Society. It is composed of Mrs. Waterland, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Birmingham, Watford, Royal Oak, Orchard Lake, Ferndale, Keego Harbor and Pontiac.

A similar program is carried on by Mrs. H. F. Merrick in her play-

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Court of Honor
The Court has finally been set for the Court on March 25, and all boys wishing recognition at the Court must turn in their material by March 14. Watch this column for further news concerning the court.

Emergency Service Corps
The Emergency Service Corps is going strong. Most of the boys have passed all their requirements except the rope climb of 18 feet in 15 seconds using their arms only. Last Sunday the group was organized into two squads. Those living on the east side of Woodward have chosen Fletcher Plant as their leader and Don Fynn as his assistant. The leader and assistant of the west side are Bill Hooper and Fred Zoelin, respectively.

Meeting for Scouters
Birmingham Scouters are urged to attend the first annual meeting of District Five on Monday, March 16, at the McMichael School Auditorium, 6230 Grand River. Oscar A. Kirkham, the speaker, is the deputy regional scout executive for Region 12, Los Angeles, and an authority on international Scout-

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