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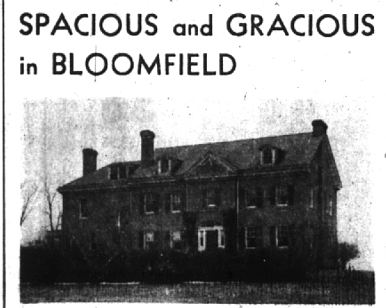
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## Children's Theater of Junior League To Tour Oakland

Children's Theater of Birmingham Unit of Junior League Incorporated is rehearsing for Doodle and the Bremen Band. Frances Lakin is general chairman of the annual production which will tour schools and hospitals in Oakland County during April.

The invitational premiere for members and guests will be given at the Community House the evening of April 10 and two matinees for Birmingham children will be given the afternoon of April 14 also in the Community House.

Marjorie Breech is the technical assistant and Betsy Bagby is the stage manager. Janet Fead is head of costuming, and Barbara Scripps is in charge of properties. Sets have been designed by Doctors Conrad and Winthrop. Conrad doing the construction. Scheduling is done by Carole Crawford, and Margaret Jean White is handling the tickets. The show is being directed by Barbara Kellogg.

**Guild Selects Barrie Comedy**

Sir James M. Barrie's fantastic comedy, "The Admirable Crichton," has been selected by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook for its next production in the Cranbrook Pavilion. Dates for the play have been set for Friday and Saturday, April 20, 21 and 22, 28.

First presented in London in 1902 with H. B. Irving as the indomitable and perfect butler, Crichton, the play was produced in New York the following year with William Gillette in the title role.

Since then the comedy has become a favorite vehicle for college and little theater groups, though Walter Hampden and Fay Bainter revived it on Broadway some twenty years ago.

"THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON" is a sharp and witty study of class distinction, as timely and amusing in its observation today as it was fifty years ago.

When the members of an aristocratic English family are shipwrecked on a desert island, it is Crichton, the butler who takes command and saves the party. But when they return to England, he becomes a servant again, even though fitted by nature to be a leader.

Jarvis B. McMechan, who directed the St. Dunstan's Guild production of Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows" three years ago, is also directing "The Admirable Crichton."

The three sets, which include a London drawing room, a desert island, and an ingenious hut on the island, have been designed by Shirley Trump.

Mrs. Otis C. Thompson is production manager; Dr. Dwight C. Ensign, stage manager; and W. H. Adams is in charge of construction.

Others on the technical staff include Mrs. Weslau G. Wright, costumes; Mrs. Donald Hutton, properties; John Kied, lights; and Mrs. Walter T. Bromley, makeup.

The ticket committee headed by Mrs. Muir D. Lind, includes Mrs. Carl Meyer, Mrs. Rawson Valle, and Mrs. Syver Thingstad.

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**IN THE CAST of this whimsical fairy tale are Betsy Bagby, Theodora Eberstadt, Doris Graham, Kay Fyfe, Dorothy Kandolf, Phoebe Otter, Paige Zoler and Betty Otis. Tickets will be available at the door and will be sold the week of April 9 at all Elementary schools here as well as Franklin and Vaughn schools.**

Proceeds will be used for troop-ing of the play to underprivileged

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## Alpha Chi Omega Completes Plans For 'State Day'

Birmingham, Royal Oak, and Pontiac alumnae of Alpha Chi Omega met Tuesday evening April 3, at the home of Mrs. Charles White on Rivenook. Plans for the State Day luncheon to be held Saturday noon April 14, at Oakland Hills Country Club were discussed.

Mrs. Reed Dewey of Franklin road, Berkeley, is general chairman. She will be assisted by Mrs. Hollis P. Halladay, of Ravine road.

Invitations were sent to actives of the chapters at the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Albion and to the fourteen hundred Alpha Chi alumnae in Michigan, by Mrs. John S. Cross of Pilgrim road, Mrs. Thomas H. Adams of Parian, Mrs. Wm. F. Miller of Bates street, Mrs. Robert Rouse of Beverly Hills, Mrs. Robert Finney of Royal Oak and Mrs. J. D. Lidington of Detroit.

**RESERVATIONS** are being taken by Mrs. George Bullen and Mrs. Palmen Bollinger of Farmouth road and Mrs. Henry Sage of Royal Oak.

Mrs. George Heidemam of Henley drive, Mrs. William Gass of Pleasant Ridge, and Mrs. Edgund S. Rogers of Pontiac will be on hand for registrations.

Miss Marine Sheldon of Detroit will be assisted by Mrs. D. C. Ensign of Franklin, Mrs. Harold Heym and Mrs. J. E. Ritchie of Buckingham road, will return to the tables at the country club. Mrs. Robert Murphy of Pleasant Ridge and Mrs. Wm. C. Gidley of Pontiac are compiling the programs.

The entertainment is being arranged by Mrs. H. Dendel of Detroit and finances will be handled by Mrs. Howard Owen of Poplar Lane, Mrs. Priscilla Anderson of Riveroak, and Mrs. Wm. H. Anger, Jr. of Royal Oak.

The hospitality committee consists of Mrs. Walter E. Powers of Chestnut street, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Robert Nelson of Pontiac and Mrs. Florence Miller of Royal Oak.

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## Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Snyder III of Detroit, announce the birth of a son John Wesley Snyder IV, on March 16. Mrs. Snyder is the former Carol McCutcheon, of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kinsel of Arlington drive and Mr. and Mrs. John Wycliff Leighton of Fort Huron have just returned from a month's visit in Honolulu and Los Angeles.

Mrs. R. L. Gronseth has just returned from San Francisco, Calif., where she visited her daughter Jayne.

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Farnie of 2430 Fairway is at home after spending 2 months in Florida.

Mary Beuthien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beuthien of Buckingham road, will return tomorrow to Stephens College after spending spring vacation with her parents. She had as her house guest, her roommate, Miss Frances Fulda of Mexico City, Mexico.

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