

VILLAGE PLAYERS' THEATER GETS FACE-LIFTING JOB  
Open House Sunday will launch new playhouse

## Village Players Plan Tea in 'New' Theater

The Village Players of Birmingham will open their 1952-53 season Sunday, Sept. 25, with a tea and dance in their remodeled playhouse.

Members of the Players and more than 30 invited guests will for the first time be able to inspect the new lobby and interior of the playhouse on which contractors have been working all summer.

A new front has been added to the building, providing a between-the-acts lobby for smoking, and new restrooms and cloakrooms. The interior has been finished in etched plywood.

However, the old front wall of the playhouse, with its imbedded stone player's masks, has been retained and repainted to form the back wall of the lobby.

The new interior now provides seating space for 40 more playgoers and for the first time the back half of the playhouse has a step-elevated floor so the stage is clearly visible from all parts of the theater.

Acoustics also have been improved. The first section of the elevated area is removable to provide additional room for dances and other parties.

ARRANGEMENTS for the tea-dance are being made by a committee headed by Layton Tabor and Mrs. Dean Coffin.

Assisting them will be Mrs. Sidney Oldberg, Mrs. LeRoy Braisted, Mrs. Russell Richardson, Mrs. S. M. Voss, Jr., Mrs. Walter Herdrich, Misses Louise and Shirley Hersey, Mrs. Clement Penrose, Mrs. Norman James, Jr., Mrs. Edward Codner, Mrs. Burson Horn, Miss Irene Crofoot, Mrs. Horton Allen, Shirley Poppletton and Doris Shield.

ASSISTING AT the tea tables will be Miss Margaret Stringham, Mrs. W. A. P. John, Mrs. Harry G. Muehlman, Mrs. William Kegeles, Laurence Sharfner, Mrs. Donald Stanton, Mrs. Edward Reid, Mrs. Clifford Guest, Mrs. Paul Averill, Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. Lane Bishop, Mrs. George Dwellley, Mrs. Kolfe Spinning, Mrs. Robert Tillotson, Mrs. Farrington Holt and Mrs. Maude Macke.

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### Kiwanis Observes Kids' Day Saturday

The Birmingham Kiwanis club will join other Kiwanis clubs throughout the country in observing Annual Kids' Day Sept. 27.

Kids' Day buttons will be sold throughout the business district, with funds going toward the club's work with underprivileged children in the area.

Charles Savage, chairman of the Birmingham program, said the entire receipts would remain in the city for use in this section.

"The cost of buttons, posters and other promotional expense is underwritten each year by Jimmy Fidler," Savage said. "He does this in order that each club can retain the entire income for use in its own section."

### League Heads Say No Baseball Famine Foreseen in City

Birmingham is assured of plenty of baseball activities for the 1953 season.

Leaders of the American Legion, Little League and Little Pigger League met with members of the Birmingham recreation board on Sept. 18 to discuss future plans.

A. L. Voss, representing the Legion, Eldon Auker for the Little League and Donald Chaffee of the L.P.L., said they expected larger turn-outs for the 1953 season than had been experienced this year.

MEANS OF GETTING better maintenance for the diamonds was discussed, league representatives stressing that some were badly in need of more adequate drainage.

Voss pointed out that puddles had hampered Legion play at Pierce field several times and added to maintenance worries at game time.

Board officials told the group that a study had been started to prepare a report for Birmingham city commissioners, outlining the shortcomings of the various diamonds.

They assured the managers that better diamonds would be in store for the coming season because of this long-range planning. Five fields, a minimum, will be available at the opening of the '53 season, instead of a playing field at the new Eton park.

### Franklin Youth Found Strangled

A 17-year-old Franklin youth was found strangled to death Friday night in the second floor of his parents home.

Robert Toyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, 27272 Wellington, was found by his parents when they returned home about midnight. The cord from his bathrobe was looped around his neck and over the door knob.

The youth had been dead for several hours, according to coroner Dr. I. D. Prevotte. He was left at home to care for two of the Taylor's younger children.

Robert had been a popular student at Birmingham high school where he was a letter-winner in baseball, an honorary member of the student congress and a candidate for class officer this year.

HIS FATHER told Oakland County Sheriff department officers that he had scolded the boy earlier for coming home late from school.

Robert was born in Detroit and had lived in this area for 14 years. Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Marilyn and Carolyn, both at home.

Services were held Monday afternoon from Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company with burial in White Chapel cemetery. The Rev. William Lovejoy of the Franklin Community Church officiated.

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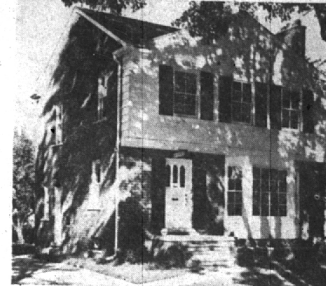
### Woman Injured in Traffic Mishap

A Royal Oak woman was injured in a traffic collision Wednesday night, Sept. 17, at Brews and Bates.

Mrs. Frances E. Spurluck, age 30, 4513 Tonawanda, was treated for bruises and shock at the Detroit Osteopathic hospital and later released.

Her car was in collision with a car driven by Arthur J. Spear, of Detroit.

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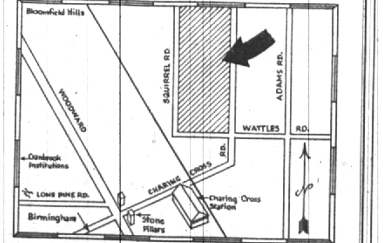
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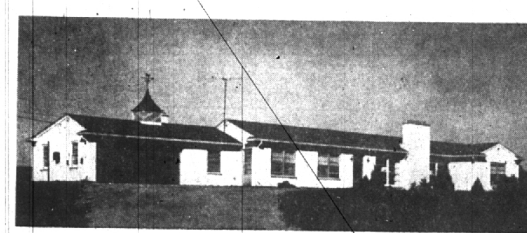
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