

# 'Dreamers On Slack Wire' Title of New Dance Drama

"Dreamers on a Slack Wire" is the title chosen by Marion Nevill Kirk and Austin Jones, co-producers, for the new dance-drama to be performed at the Cranbrook Greek Theater in late August.

"Dance-drama" is a term that has been used in the past to denote any dance program in which a plot or story figured strongly. Such programs have often been entirely composed of dance, without dialogue. They have also occasionally been arranged so that dancers perform to words spoken either on or offstage by a narrator.

Only very rarely are productions full length, three-act productions. The complete fusion of dance and drama will be presented in "Dreamers on a Slack Wire."

THE THREE collaborators, Austin Jones, Marion Nevill Kirk, and Bernhard Heiden, have been preparing the production a year in advance. Whereas the playwright usually is able to write his work in isolation and to his own requirements, each of the collaborators of a dance-drama must work closely in a delicately balanced team work in order to create such a complex, intricately balanced production.

Jones initiated the planning by formulating several possible ideas or themes for the new work. Consultation with the choreographer, Marion Nevill Kirk, resulted in choosing the theme best suited for dance. Jones and Miss Kirk then worked together in creating bits of dialogue from various parts of the story and sequences of dance movements to accompany them.

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of arts degree in English composition at the University of Illinois, has acted with the University of Illinois Theater Guild, the Birmingham Summer Players, and the Cranbrook Summer School of the Theater. He is now a graduate student in clinical psychology at Purdue University.

MISS KIRK, who is Mrs. Austin Jones in private life, has studied modern dance with Martha Graham, Hansa Holm, Charles Weidman, Doris Humphrey and the American School of Ballet.

She has danced professionally with Lester Horton's dance concert group, Jan Vee's dance group, and gave 150 performances during the war.

Miss Kirk has instructed dance at Cornell University, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Cranbrook Summer Theater School. This coming fall she will head the department of dance at Purdue University.

FOLLOWING procedures used in "Millennium Sunday" and "Trinity in Tears", dance-dramas of previous summers, final composition of dance and dialogue occurs after the audition of performers so that individual personalities may be better adapted to the story.

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MRS. AND MRS. JOHN S. RUE

## John S. Rue Claims Bride On Saturday

Jessie Alice Rilet became the bride of John Edward Rue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Rue of Villa road, at 10:15 a. m. early Saturday afternoon, July 13. Only members of their immediate families were in the Church of God, Clare, Mich., where the couple spoke their double-ring vows before the Rev. Elsa Beery.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Rilet, of Clare, wore a white linen suit, a small hat, and a corsage of roses. Geraldine Steiner of Saginaw, the bride's only attendant, was in a pale blue linen suit with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Bruno Baestler of Detroit was the best man.

AFTER A reception at the home of the bride's parents, the newlyweds left on a week's trip through Northern Michigan. They will make their home on South First street, Ann Arbor, after July 19.

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE J. Lamy of Covington drive announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanne, to Robert Harrison Flenke, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Flenke of Evansville, Ind. The bride-elect, an alumna of Baldwin high school, is a June graduate of Indiana University. Her fiancé is also a June graduate of Indiana University. He was affiliated with Beta Gamma Sigma and received a reserve commission in the U.S. Army.

## Red Cross Staff Seeks Volunteers

Appeal for volunteers to give a half day to a day each week helping Red Cross staff members with home service work came from Mrs. P. S. Johnson of Pleasant Ridge, Red Cross home service chairman.

"These women could help us in verifying the need for emergency clothing, completing health and welfare inquiries, and interviewing families whose homes have been destroyed or who need other help," she said.

"Anyone with college experience who could help is urged to contact me, Mrs. Alice N. Suberra in our Royal Oak Office, or Mrs. Ruth Spurlock in the Pontiac headquarters."

A TRAINING course for these Social Welfare Aides will be held about the third week in September. All those interested in this work will be notified of the exact dates.

## Kappa Kappa Gammas To Hold Summer Picnic

The North Woodward Association of Kappa Kappa Gammas will hold its summer picnic at the home of Mrs. Fred Keller, 6000 Wing Lake road on Tuesday July 23. There will be swimming at 8:30 a. m. and dinner at 6:30 p. m.

All active members in this area are urged to attend. Kappas show in college may make reservations with Betty Beardslee. The alumni may make reservations by calling Mrs. R. E. Gish.

## Strawberry Festival

The Southfield Kiwanis Queens are having a Strawberry Festival at the Bowman Farm Cupboard, 25200 Inkster road at Nine Mile road, on Sunday, July 19. The Festival will start at 1 p. m. and continue as long as there are customers.

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