

Variety Show Will Be Anniversary Highlight

The Village Players, which is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its first performance Saturday at the Playhouse, is unique among amateur dramatic groups.

Since February 1924 when "The Maker of Dreams" by Olyphant Doyne was presented as the first production, Players ever has been different. The chief difference lies in the fact that they do not cast by try-out and they are a club, not a civic theatre. They have never had a paid director or paid assistance with scene shifting, scenery, make-up or music.

Proof of the fact that these amateurs have had a serious interest in the production of plays is shown by the fact that in 30 years they have produced 85 three-act plays, eight original musicals, 20 shorter musicals and 200 published one-acts, in addition to many one-act adaptations from longer plays or stories.

With a limited membership which was only recently raised to 250 they have made gradual financial progress as well as theatrical history. They built the Playhouse at the corner of Chestnut and Hunter in 1926, added a larger kitchen, larger dressing rooms and more storage space in 1948 and increased the size and convenience of the lobby in 1952.

Only once in 30 years has a public performance been cancelled, and then it was postponed a week when in 1942 Mrs. C. G. Eley, who had the lead in "Skylark", had laryngitis. Also a "once in 30 years" was Mrs. Henry Hart, who was the only woman president, and is still a non-resident member.

The "THEN" and "now" aspect of Players is the underlying idea of the anniversary party and closed variety performance for Players only. Various old scripts and songs are being repeated and new ones used in contrast with them.

Written and directed by Mrs. Wallace R. Ivers and Mrs. Alec Farnie, the cast includes 39 players besides technicians, Richard H. Aikton in charge of the stage crew and Mrs. Marc J. Parsons as social chairman for the evening.

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THE NEW LOOK

WAS given to last year's spring bonnets by members of Bloomfield Hills Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi Tuesday afternoon. A wisp of veil or spray of flowers can make an old hat new, as evidenced by Mrs. D. F. McCarthy (standing) and Mrs. Andrew Madsen, Jr. Mrs. R. M. Mc Kercher of Arlington road, Royal Oak, was hostess, and Mrs. Joseph Curchi of Beverly Hills was guest speaker.

News About GIRL SCOUTS

TROOP 324—FRANKLIN
Troop 324 has made several field trips recently including one to the Family Service in Birmingham where Mrs. Elizabeth Keys explained the work of the Service, another Torch fund agency. At the other trip was to the Community House in Oakdale Gardens. Miss Charlene Wharton showed the girls various agencies working in that square mile of territory which includes George Washington Carver school. They sang with a group and had a supper and birthday of children who were part of the group work program of the Community House.

Intermediate Girl Scout Aquatic Program Opens Feb. 18 for Nine Weeks
A swimming program for intermediate Girl Scouts is scheduled to start Feb. 18. Both classes are filled and no more registrations can be accepted.

Each girl is required to bring a doctor's certificate and a note of consent from her family, before she can participate in the program. Caps, suits and towels must also be furnished.
Classes slated for nine weeks, will be held Thursday evenings at Barnum pool. The groups are set for 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., each to run one hour.

TROOP 379—BLOOMFIELD
Dale Kostere was elected chairman of Girl Scout troop 379 of Bloomfield Village school. Other new officers are Joyce Kettler, secretary; Estelle Loud, treasurer; and Marilyn Gouliard, scries.

The group attended a tea given by the Junior Needlework group at the Community House where they saw a movie about the Sister Kenny treatment and what they could do to help polio patients. The girls have also been working on good grooming requirements, including the care of nails and hair styling.

TROOP 353—BALDWIN
Members of Girl Scout troop 353 of Baldwin school presented a play at Ridgeville playhouse on Feb. 4 under the direction of a mother, Mrs. Ralph Cowan. Parts for the play, "Persuasion Is Better Than Force" were chosen by Mrs. O. Schafer, Kennie Cowan and Judy Akery.

Presented by two groups, the cast included Barbara Shannon, Sandra Haack, Stephanie Smith, Penny Hewlett, Mary Kamin, Barb Sommer, Christy Shad, Judy Akery, Meta Reynolds, Jean Buchanan, Pauline Craig, Kennie Cowan, Georgia Saunders, Sue Schafer, Suzie Hauke and Kitty Doyle. Judy Akery and Kennie Cowan directed the groups. Nancy Williams, Juanita Brown and Betty McFarland were in charge of make-up and props.

The troop welcomed a new member, Lynn Kennedy, and all went to the movies to see "Calamity Jane."

TROOP 325—ADAMS
A play "The Browne Story" will be presented by Troop 325 for their mothers after school on Feb. 16, under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Adams. Leaders are Mrs. W. L. Story and Mrs. J. P. Lowman. Refreshments will be served.

Phi Kappa Psi Plans Founders Day Program
Nearly 100 members of the Detroit Alumni association of Phi Kappa Psi are said to live in the Birmingham area, according to an announcement made in connection with plays for a Founders Day celebration on Feb. 17.

President of the local organization is Hyatt Eby, 986 West Lincoln, with John Ebers, 212 Aspen. Reservations for the celebration should be made at the association offices, 422 Macaulay building, Detroit. The program will start with cocktails at the Detroit University club 6 p.m., with dinner scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Student Congress Begins 2nd Session

The second session of the Birmingham high school Congress began February 4 with new officers in charge and 11 students elected as honorary members.

Beginning terms were Bill Dove, president; Howard Johnson, vice president; Ann McDonald, secretary; and Larry Girard, treasurer. All candidates for offices in Congress automatically became honorary members. These were Thor Halverson and Bart Hutchings, who ran for president; John Howard and Dave Schub, candidates for vice president; Joan Gassaway, who campaigned for the office of secretary and was appointed secretary of the Senate; and Bob Al-

len, who ran for treasurer. Other students elected as honorary members were Jerry Kraus, Doug Green, Cheryl Harris, Sarah Colwell and Alan Brown.

Ladies Will Be Guests Of Birmingham Kiwanis

The Ladies' Night when the Birmingham Kiwanis club meets Feb. 16 at the Birmingham Community House. A special program of particular interest to the ladies is being planned. It has been announced that on Feb. 21, "Joe France Day", with special ceremonies at Acacia Park cemetery, will honor the founder of Kiwanis clubs throughout the country.

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