

**★ Smile a Minute . . .** to hear his sermons. Desiring to be sympathetic and to say something consoling, he replied, "You don't miss much." "So they tell me," was the disconcerting reply.

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BHAM ECCENTRIC  
Thursday, January 28, 1954

### Players' Guests Come to Learn Stage Technics

When the Village Players present "Little Scandal" at their Playhouse this weekend, they will provide instruction as well as entertainment.

A group of 37 will attend the show from Sturgis, where a new amateur dramatic group is being whipped into the final stages of organization. At the request of George Field, president of the Sturgis unit, Rolfe C. Spinning of the Birmingham Players, has been acting in an advisory capacity.

Spinning, among the first members to join the Players when the group organized in 1929, has twice served as its president.

With Mrs. Spinning he has been extremely active in Players affairs, holding just about every job there is, from back stage to the footlights and on to photography.

THE STURGIS group will have dinner at Devon Gables, with Mr. and Mrs. Spinning, William E. Keigel, Players president, and Mrs. Keigel and Mrs. R. P. Tiltonson, directors of "Little Scandal". Following the show they will go backstage to get a low down on how the near-professional Birmingham amateurs handle production details.

The Players, themselves, will scrub off their make-up and leave for a session of fun at the home of



MRS. C. B. LEWIS RICHARD CUMMINGS MRS. J. R. WAGNER  
In charge of Kenny hospital benefit program (Eccentric Staff Photo)

the William L. Martins, both members of the current cast.

This "after the show" party is traditional with invitational productions, the guest list including the cast, their husbands and wives.

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## 'Sister Kenny' Film Coming Here Feb. 23

Tuesday, Feb. 23 is the date announced by Mrs. C. B. Lewis, President of the Sister Kenny Anniversary club of Birmingham, for the showing of the Rosalind Russell motion picture depicting the life of the world-famous Australian polio nurse.

Proceeds of the evening's program, Mrs. Lewis said, would be used to purchase additional equipment for the Sister Kenny polio hospital at Farmington.

Through the cooperation of Harold H. Brown, president of United Detroit Theaters corporation and Richard Skulski, manager of the Birmingham theater, this theater has been made available.

The program will consist only of the feature picture. It has a running time of 92 minutes and will have two showings at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Members of Ladies Auxiliary No. 9, Metropolitan club, will meet at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. Walter Leopold on Cranbrook road.

Chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. C. J. Nimmelley, will be assisted by Mrs. Verne Keener, Mrs. Ed Morow and Mrs. Homer Murphy.



MARY M. WENZL, 511 Hanna, was elected president of the Oakland County district of Michigan State Nurses association. A registered nurse for 29 years, she was graduated from Mercy college in Detroit. Miss Wenzl did private duty until a year ago when she went to Pontiac General hospital where she was named assistant director of nurses.

THE CLUB membership of more than 100 persons will handle the bulk of ticket sales, with Mrs. Wilbur Johnstone, co-chairman of the program, in charge of Birmingham work.

Mrs. Edwin Clarke, general chairman, lists ticket sales in near-by communities to be in charge of Mrs. Scott Stieler, Oak Park; Mrs. Robert Warnke, Berkley; Mrs. Dennis Therman, Big Beaver; Mrs. Rolfe Smith, Pontiac; Mrs. Robert Finlay, Huntington Woods and Mrs. Valoria L. Scott, Hazel Park.

Mrs. J. R. Wagner, chairman of the patronesses committee, said the appointment of her co-workers would be completed within the week.

The Anniversary club, founded last spring, has as its goal the task of making known and available to the public, the treatment of polio victims, as conceived by Sister Elizabeth Kenny.

OPEN TO all Birmingham residents who care to join, the club helps financially in providing equipment and treatment personnel for these victims and the treatment of other types of physical handicaps which will respond to it.

The Feb. 23 program will be to supply equipment such as additional hospital-type cribs for younger children who make up about two-thirds of the Farmington patient list.

Equipment for keeping food hot while being taken to patients from the kitchen, located in an adjoining room, is another item which will be added through the movie's receipts. Directly concerned with the treatment of patients, the group hopes to purchase modern extractors for the preparation and handling of the hot packs used in the Kenny treatment.

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### Before-the-Show Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Reid will open their Clifton road home to 19 guests Saturday evening, prior to the showing of "Little Scandal", invitational show of the Village Players. Among their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shaffner of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Gillen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Joslyn, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Gerung, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pense, Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Averill, Dr. J. B. Hassberger, Mrs. Jasper B. Reid and Jasper B. Reid, Jr.

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