

Named for Devil-Chasing Archbishop, St. Dunstan's Starts Silver Season

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook will mark the beginning of its 25th season with a reception for its members at its Pavilion on Lone Pine road Sunday afternoon.

One of the two active amateur dramatic groups in the Birmingham area, St. Dunstan's was formally organized in the spring of 1931. It has always been located in and around Cranbrook and for the past nine years has staged its plays in the Pavilion.

THE CLUB IS named after the ninth century English churchman, St. Dunstan, who was archbishop of Canterbury. In following centuries he became known as the patron saint of the arts.

One of the legends that is associated with this historical figure tells of his triumph over the devil who appeared one day when Dunstan was working in his forge. Not a bit disturbed by the supernatural visitor, Dunstan grabbed a pair of red-hot tongs

from the forge and tweaked the devil's nose.

PROMINENT AMONG the symbols of St. Dunstan's Guild today is a pair of six foot long tongs, donated some years ago by Henry S. Booth, who was one of the founders of the organization.

Members attending Sunday's reception are not likely to encounter any supernatural visitors, though they will be surrounded by the ghosts and memories of the many plays the club has produced in its quarter century of activity.

Such classic playwrights as Shakespeare, Shaw and Barrie have been represented as well as outstanding successes of the modern theater like "Born Yesterday," "Ah, Wilderness," "The Skin of Our Teeth," "Our Town," "Yellow Jack" and "Jacobowsky and the Colonel."

ST. DUNSTAN'S guild has also presented original plays written by its members. One of the biggest hits was a musical version of "The Barker," written by the late Sheldon H. Noble with music by Wiley Hitchcock.

Two years ago the club produced "A Midsummer Night's Murder" by Jervis B. McMechan at Cranbrook's Greek Theater.

Hosts at Sunday's reception will be this year's board of directors headed by McMechan, president of the club. The Board includes Mrs. Edward T. Bennett, vice president; Paul Averill, treasurer; Mrs. Stephen F. Booth, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Taylor, recording secretary; and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Fred Hendrick, Jr., and Henry M. Jackson.

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN Manhard are in charge of arrangements for the party. A committee headed by Mrs. Frederic C. Pew will welcome members as they enter, and a special anniversary cake will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Machus.

Members have been invited to bring prospective members to this reception. Reservations for these applicants can be made by phoning Mrs. McMechan on Pilgrim road.



SALLY WRIGHT Parents Reveal Her Betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCammon Wright, 280 Aspen, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally, to George Allan Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Merrill of Detroit.

Sally is a senior at Hillsdale college where she is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.

Her fiance attended Hillsdale where he is affiliated with Delta Tau Delta social fraternity and is now in the school of engineering at the University of Michigan.

No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Judy Anderson In Eastern School

Judy Anderson, daughter of the Ben R. Andersons, 1385 Apple, Bloomfield township, will enter Sarah Lawrence college, Bronxville, N.Y., as a freshman this month. Her parents will drive her east, visiting friends in Syosett, Long Island. A week after this trip, Mrs. Anderson will sail on the Queen Elizabeth for a month's tour of Europe.

Registering At Will-O-Way

Will-O-Way Playhouse has announced that registration begins for fall term Saturday in Playhouse lobby from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Among several additions to the teaching staff is Burton Wright, well-known for his acting at the Playhouse. Wright will teach television and radio techniques in special lectures and will include a tour of WWJ-TV, since he is a leading producer and director at WWJ-TV and has been in radio and television industry for twenty-five years.

Another is Gerald McCray who will teach advance students motion picture production. A script writer



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