

## Birmingham Junior Leaguers Clowning Around for Students



Birmingham Junior League members stage a dress rehearsal for their production of "Ricky Tick, the Invisible Clown," which Mrs. K. Armstrong, ringmaster; Mrs. Frank Allen, Mrs. Everett E. Fisher, Ticky Rick, and Mrs. E. Wendall Breland, Jr., Estrelita.

If you see clowns trouping about Birmingham these days, it doesn't mean the circus is coming to town. The clowns are actually members of the Birmingham Junior League who are trouping Birmingham schools to present their play, "Ricky Tick, the Invisible Clown."

The play was written by Jervis McMechan, husband of one of the Junior Leaguers. Members of the cast include Mesdames: Franklin Butler, Eyerell E. Fisher, E. Wendall Breland, Jr., John K. Armstrong, Andrew Shepard, Frank Allen, and Lewis W. Saxby.

PRODUCTION personnel are Mesdames: Wesslan Wright and William Breech, directors; Harry L. Swan, properties; William H. Klenke, Jr., stage manager; Leslie Durgan, Jr., costumes; Joly Eden and Henry Dahlquist, set design.

This is the fifth year of trouping for the Junior League players. Last fall they trouped all the Birmingham school district elementary schools. All performances are free. The purpose of trouping

is to offer the experience of live theater to children.

THE PLAYS presented are particularly chosen to entertain young children and are essentially comprised of action, simple dialogue, colorful characters and bright costumes.

The play is a circus story. It is about a very funny clown named Ricky Tick, who is very proud of his enormous feet. Whenever he is happy he lies down and kicks up his heels, showing off his great feet in glee.

### At Pebble Beach

Spending a few days at Del Monte lodge, Pebble Beach, Calif., are Mr. and Mrs. Dix Humphrey of Red Maple lane.

### Attends Musical

Ron Gilbert of Chestnut drive, Birmingham, made a trip to New York City and while there saw the new Broadway musical hit, "Destry Rides Again."

## It's What You Know That Gets You thru Snow

A mechanic can winterize your car. But you must winterize your driving habits.

"Few people realize how different winter, and summer driving really are," said Phillip Mielock, farm safety specialist at Michigan State university.

FOR ONE thing, the windshield and windows fog up easily. A little fogging can obstruct the driver's vision before he realizes it, particularly when light is poor.

"Most experts suggest staying at least one car length behind the auto ahead of you for every 10 miles per hour. That," said Mielock, "applies only in good weather. Safe stopping distances are three to twelve times as great on ice and snow."

Icy roads can get slick in a very few minutes. If you don't believe it, just hold some ice cubes at room temperature for a few minutes. They soon get too slippery to hang on to.

MIELOCK advised touching the brakes once in a while when driving on ice. That's the only sure way to tell how slippery the road really is.

Locking the brakes can make a car go out of control in a hurry. A skidding wheel has almost no traction. Pumping the brakes work much better.

Winter-tread tires help in snow," said Mielock, "But they don't take the place of driver's care. Our experience suggests that many people rely on the treads to make up for their own error."

The safety expert felt starting in second gear—or in high range with an automatic shift—avoids spinning. The wheels then pick up speed gradually, giving more traction.

## Are You... lawful



A while back I ran across this saying by a fellow named Ruskin, and I think it makes a lot of sense:

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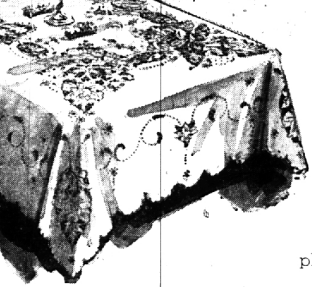


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