

## North Shore Man Is Co-author of Threshold Drama

Prof. Baker Brownell of Northwestern university and Robert Pershall of Glencoe are co-authors of a new drama, "Creatures Here Below," which will be produced under the direction of the Threshold Players of Glencoe Friday, February 3, at the auditorium of the National College of Education in Evanston.

Preceding definite plans for production, a reading of the play was given in Harris hall of Northwestern university before a group of literary critics and north shore people interested in dramatics. At this time the artistic possibilities of the play and the critical implications of the subject matter attracted much attention and resulted in heated discussion and comment. Among those who expressed at that time varying opinions and personal impressions were Harriet Monroe, Inez Cunningham, Susan Wilbur (Mrs. Llewellyn Jones) and Cloyd Head.

### Delineation Real

The character delineation of the forty men and women in the small middle western village of 1904 where the story takes place is real because of extreme simplicity. Yet the situations in which certain of these individuals become involved through the influences of the church and their own failings creates a plot latent with social and religious meaning, and open to the independent interpretation of every man and woman. The costumes of 1904 contribute a highly picturesque element, and the church hymns introduced throughout the three acts play upon the characters and heighten the emotional tone.

Mr. Pershall of Glencoe, is a Chicago advertising man, while Prof. Brownell's rich educational and experiential background makes his entrance into dramatic writing significant. He is the author of "The New Universe," considerable poetry, and has another new book under way. A former editorial writer for the Tribune and the Chicago Daily News, he is now professor of contemporary thought at Northwestern, a field of university instruction comparatively new, and one which has met with great demand and popularity. "Creatures Here Below" reflects something of the contemporary attitude toward problems of religious and social character.

### Brilliant Scholar

Prof. Brownell studied at Harvard university, Northwestern university, Washington university, Tuebingen in Germany and Cambridge in England. In 1912-13 he was traveling fellow from Harvard.

### HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ruf, 236 Cumnor road, Kenilworth, had all of their family with them for the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Ruf and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sanders (Phyllis Ruf) and their little girl. They came from Havana, Mr. Sanders being there on business. In order to arrive in time for Christmas they flew from Havana to Miami and then to New Orleans and took the train from there. They left Tuesday, January 3, to go as far south as New Orleans where business will keep Mr. Sanders for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Hillsberg, 1220 Gregory avenue, and their son, Lloyd, spent Christmas in Madison, Wis., with friends. Since their return they have had as their house guest, Edward Schneck of Madison.

Jean Audrey Rehfeld, 210 Ninth street, entertained twelve guests at a luncheon and bridge last Friday.

## Expert on Canines Will Address Humane Society

Col. Will Judy, editor of the Dog World Magazine, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Humane Society of Evanston, at the Georgian hotel, Evanston, Monday evening, January 9, at 8 o'clock.

His subject will be "The Romance of Man and His Dog." Colonel Judy is the chairman of the National Dog Week committee, the author of "Your Dog and Mine" and other important works on dogs. His acquaintance with dog psychology has brought him national fame. He is to speak on the "Psychology of a Dog's Mind" before the Westinghouse Science club of Pittsburgh, on February 9.

Colonel Judy, a veteran of the World war, was cited for bravery in action and awarded the silver star.

His talk at the meeting will be of such great interest to the public at large and of such an educational character in many of its aspects, it is felt, that all are invited to attend. There will be no admission fee nor any solicitation for contributions, it is announced.

## Ruth Wenter Announces Names of Bridal Party

The marriage of Miss Ruth Catherine Wenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wenter, Jr., 1204 Ashland avenue, to Paul Stedman Cummins of Evanston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cummins of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, takes place Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, at St. Augustine's Episcopal church with Dr. Hubert Carleton officiating. A reception will follow at Shawnee Country club.

Miss Mary Louise Hays will attend Miss Wenter as maid of honor and the bridesmaids are to be Miss Katherine Wenter, Miss Dorothy Cummins, Mrs. Wayne King, Miss Betty Fogarty, Miss Carlotta Lagorio, Miss Naomie Klaus.

Wayne King will serve Mr. Cummins as best man and Dr. C. W. Crowe, Frank Wenter, Guy Robbins, Barton Mullins, Dunrich Hawkins, and William Hennings will usher.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenter are giving the bridal dinner tonight (Thursday) at their home.

Mr. Cummins and his bride will live in Evanston.

## Has Reunion of Former Classmates at St. John's

Charles R. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex R. Ford, 427 Central avenue, had a reunion last week of his former classmates at St. John's Military academy. He had as his house guests for several days Price and Jack Davis, Herbert Steuwe all of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Floyd Covalt of McHenry, Ill. Price is a student at Washington and Lee university and his brother, Jack, is attending Dartmouth; Herbert is a student at the University of Wisconsin; and Charles Ford is studying at Armour "Tech" in Chicago this year. Charles gave a dinner party last Thursday for ten of his friends who were all with him at St. John's last year.

### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Kenilworth Home and Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Weese, 141 Kenilworth avenue, Kenilworth, Monday, January 9. Mrs. R. C. Johnston will read a paper on "Quilts." There will be an exhibit of quilts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scarff, 1705 Washington avenue, had as their houseguests last week Mr. and Mrs. John Day, and children, from Madison, Wis.



# PUBLIC FORUM



### WATER WORKS AGAIN

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

In your issue of December 29 under the heading, "More about the Water Works," you published a letter by Mr. Dubbs in reply to one by A. F. Hooper relative to the water works.

In connection with this letter there is published some correspondence between Mr. Dubbs and the city of Evanston. Included in this correspondence are two letters on which I desire to comment.

These letters are the one of January 9, 1932, from the City of Evanston to the president of the Village board, and the letter of January 21, 1932, from Mr. Dubbs to Mr. Parsons, chairman of the water committee of the City of Evanston.

The letter of January 9 invites the Wilmette committee to meet the Evanston committee, presumably to discuss the matter at issue.

The letter of January 21 is so worded as to convey the impression that at the meeting referred to, water rates were discussed or negotiations entered into which resulted in Wilmette concluding to go ahead with the building of an independent plant, this letter confirming the outcome of such negotiations.

The facts are that, aside from the exchange of amenities, the proceedings consisted of an opening statement by Mr. Dubbs which *shut the door to any negotiations*. This statement was to the effect that the Evanston committee no doubt knew the result of the referendum and that Wilmette would proceed with the building of the water works; that Wilmette expected to be able to supply its water requirements from its own plant by the fall of 1933 or by the following spring and wanted to know if Evanston required a contract to supply the needs of Wilmette in the interim. To this Mr. Parsons replied in substance that Evanston was then supplying Wilmette's need and would of course continue to do so.

The Village administration has sought to have it appear that the meeting referred to was the occasion of negotiations. That being the case, will Mr. Dubbs, for the benefit of the public, please give specific answers to the following questions:

1—Having sought votes favorable to the bond issue on the plea of upholding the Village administration's hands in further negotiations with Evanston and pledging further negotiations, *what was done subsequent to election of December 5, 1931, to carry out that pledge?*

2—What was said or done by Mr. Dubbs at the meeting of January 21, 1932 (the only meeting of record after the election of December 5, 1931) that in any way could be interpreted as inviting a *discussion or negotiations?*

3—If at the meeting of January 21, it was intended to discuss water rates or initiate new negotiations, why did not the Wilmette Water committee, which was invited, attend the meeting instead of only Mr. Dubbs and Mr. Osborn as stated in the footnote following the letter of January 21?

4—If the writer has not in substance stated correctly what transpired at the meeting, whose purpose the public was given to understand by the Wilmette authorities was to *negotiate pursuant to their published pledge*, will Mr. Dubbs kindly make corrections?

5—If the facts are as stated, does not the publication of the two letters referred to, from which actual effort

on the part of Wilmette to negotiate is the logical inference, clearly mislead the public and therefore constitute a *misleading* rather than a convincing *exhibit?*

This letter is submitted with the thought that clarification of these points will enable the public to better judge the validity of the Village administration's claim that they did undertake bona fide negotiations subsequent to the election of December 6, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. W. Lauer, 1114 Forest Avenue.

### APPRECIATION

January 3, 1933.

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

I want to thank you for publishing our stories before Christmas and I wonder if you would pass on to your Wilmette readers the appreciation of the case workers and the families in the Milwaukee (avenue) district of the United Charities for the thoughtful, generous Christmas gifts the Wilmette residents sent these families.

Daily we receive the expressions of gratitude which Wilmette, by rights, should receive. The busy Saturday before Christmas the telephone rang and I answered it expecting a last minute request for coal, but, instead, it was Mrs. Bennett calling:

"I couldn't wait to call you next week. The wonderful Christmas basket has just come (one sent by a Wilmette "Good Fellow") and is filled with canned goods, meat, fruit, and even toys for the children and material to make them some dresses. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Another mother wrote:

"You can't imagine how much I appreciate their (Wilmette "Good Fellows") help, because everything received is very useful and very much needed."

There were twenty other families who likewise were made happier with a bit of Christmas festivity—more comfortable with extra beds and mattresses and warmer with good warm comforts and blankets.

One woman was so thoughtful that she gave a lasting gift by providing two quarts of milk daily for the next two months for a family of our little children.

We of Milwaukee district send our appreciation for Wilmette's fine cooperation both this year and last.

Sincerely,  
Marion D. Heller.

### A THANK YOU

January 3, 1933.

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

The Christmas Seal committee of the Wilmette Health Center is sincerely appreciative of the kindly interest and generous publicity our work has had in your splendid paper. We feel you have done much to make possible the results in this campaign.

Very truly yours,  
Jean P. Grinnell, chairman.

### RETURNS TO KENTUCKY

Bob Hess returned to Lexington, Ky., Monday of this week after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hess, 430 Ninth street.

Eleanor Kresge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Kresge of 2615 Blackhawk road, entertained twenty guests at a buffet supper party and dance at her home last Thursday.