

Cast Of The Senior Play, "In The Next Room"



First row—James Harris, George Zack, Cleona Udell, Lyman McBride, and Blossom Lake.
Second row—Allan Wolf, Guernsey LePelley, Donald Browning, Theodore Osborn, Louise Kersten, and John O'Connor.

MEMBERS OF PLAY HAVE STIFF PARTS

With the night of the presentation the senior class play, "In the Next Room," a little over three weeks away, the cast is practicing in order to do their very best in the finished production.

Thrilling Mystery Play
"In the Next Room" is a thrilling mystery play with three acts. The first act takes place in the study of the Vantine home in late afternoon. The second and third acts are in the Vantine drawing room in the evening.

Cleona Udell, who is Lorna Webster, the heroine of the play, portrays the part of a young girl who is in love with James Godfrey. She is courageous and throughout all the mysterious happenings, calm, and not flying to pieces at the slightest trouble as would most girls in her predicament. Cleona's role calls for emotional acting.

Plays Part of Reporter
Lyman McBride, James Godfrey in the play, is a dashing newspaper reporter, who always has his mind on his business and thinks that it is all important. In the stirring mystery in the play, when he is talking with the police, he continually offers the aid of his paper, the "Record" in solving the case.

Guernsey LePelley, a young Frenchman who has just arrived at New York on business, has a difficult role. All his speaking has to be done with a French accent. With much gesticulating and shrugging, he plays the perfect gentleman, and in truth he looks the part, running his hands through his hair, wrinkling his forehead and saying "Je n'sais pas."

John O'Connor is the Butler
John O'Connor, fits splendidly into the part of an English butler. When he comes into the room with someone's card on a plate or with a glass of wine he stands very erect and stiff, heels together and looking straight ahead. Like a true Englishman he omits his "h's" from words beginning with that letter and prefixes them to words beginning with a vowel and raises his voice at the end of each speech.

Louise Kersten, the maid, is tall and dark. As she struggles to get away from Rogers, the footman, she shows her temper and her fighting spirit. In despair she pleads, wringing her hands. She is easily flustered.

Big and Strong Detective
Don Browning, who plays the part of the chief detective, is just the right size and type for the part. As he interviews the suspects he sits in a straight chair, rocking easily back and forth. Tall and strong looking, Don seems powerful enough to do all that a detective might have to do.

George Zack, taking the part of Rogers, the footman, is a weak, nervous, and fearful man in the play, but in ordinary life he is quiet, unassuming, and anything but nervous. Questioned by the detective he draws back frightened, stammers, and hesitates to say anything. Then he bursts out with a voice that is so angry sounding that one thinks he is almost crying.

Jimmie Harris, Vantine, has a rather difficult role, as he is a middle-aged man. He is a very kind old man and does not easily get wrought up. Jimmie takes the part very well.

Two French Characters
Madame de Charriere, played by Blossom Lake, is a dignified but flighty young French woman. It's easy enough for Blossom to be dignified and play that part, but she is not a naturally nervous type.

Allan Wolf and Ted Osborn, the two assistant detectives, are well fitted for the parts. Both boys are steady and strong. They look as if they would be good assistants to Don, the chief detective, and in the play they take their parts well.

The play will be given Friday evening, April 8, in the high school auditorium.

BOOKS OF INTEREST AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Auto Trails of the United States" a Recent Addition; Other Books

"Auto Trails of the United States" is a recent addition to the Public Library. For those planning summer automobile trips it will be of great assistance, as road maps of all the states are in a compact form. There is an individual auto-trails map for each state, as well as a double page United States map showing the transcontinental routes of the United States.

Dr. Alfred Adler, famous psychologist of Vienna, will lecture in Highland Park at the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon, March 22. He is the author of several books on psychology and kindred subjects. Two of Dr. Adler's books which are being widely read at the present time are "Individual Psychology" and "The Neurotic Constitution." Both of these may be borrowed from the Public Library.

"The People Next Door: An Interpretative History of Mexico and the Mexicans," by George Creel, is timely because it comes down to the present day and the recent struggles between the church and Calles. While it gives a rounded picture of Mexican history the greater part of the book is the story of the United States in contact and conflict with Mexico.

"Historic Silver of the Colonies and Its Makers" by Francis Hill Bigelow, describes and illustrates the various forms of colonial silver of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, principally made by the colonial silversmiths. Many of these pieces bear the names or initials of men famous as governors and soldiers, Puritan leaders and eminent divines. Mr. Bigelow has brought together in this book a vast amount of information as well as many illustrations.

RURAL PENTATHLON PLANNED IN TEXAS

Interscholastic Meet to Develop Athletics Being Considered

Rural pentathlon a five-event athletic contest for pupils in rural one and two-teacher schools in Texas, has been inaugurated this year, sponsored by the interscholastic League of the State. It is designed to promote all-round development rather than specialization upon one form of athletics, and at the same time to supply wholesome competition among rural schools where contestants will meet on terms of equality as to equipment and coaching advantages. To this end five events have been chosen. They consist of a 100-yard dash; a running high jump; a 12-pound shot put; a standing hop, step, and jump; and a running broad jump. It is the only athletic event carrying a special division for rural schools, organized on a state-wide basis. The pentathlon winner at the county meet qualifies for the district, and the winner at the district meet may represent his district at the state meet. In this final contest four prizes are offered, bronze, silver, and gold medals, and a silver loving cup.

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GOVERNMENT MARINE LOSING PROPOSITION

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"What shall we do with our Merchant Marine?"
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Those who favor government ownership or operation are saying that Canada is making money with her government shipping project.

From time to time the impression will get out that the operation of ships or trains or what-not by some government does make money, but careful examination almost invariably shows up the flaw in the reasoning. Often it is the hazy system of bookkeeping that is responsible for the temporary misconception.

Recently the Canadian government issued a statement which showed a profit of some \$77,000 on operations of the Merchant Marine for the first nine months of 1926.

This did not take into account the payment of interest on the huge investment, nor did it provide anything for depreciation.

For the year 1925, the last for which details are available, the official records of the Canadian Merchant Marine revealed a deficit from opera-

tion of \$948,053; interest came to \$3,616,027; and depreciation was set at \$2,635,762. Also, there was a trifling bill of \$498,603 for interest payable on advances made by the government, chiefly to meet deficits of previous years.

When it is recalled that similar charges will have to be met for the year 1926, an actual loss of about \$5,000,000 will be shown, in all probability.

Just another sample of government bookkeeping.

REPORT NUMEROUS SALES IN DEERFIELD

Gilbert D. Johnson & Brother report several sales in Deerfield since the first of the year. Among them is the sale of Burr Hindahl's house on Osterman avenue to Julian E. Smith of Evanston; the sale of Lot 16, Briehill subdivision, to Frank Shrader who has already started to build; and Lot 17, Briehill subdivision to S. Chester Danforth.

Robert L. Johnson of the above firm who resides in Deerfield negotiated these deals. He looks forward to a good year in Deerfield now that the town has all of the underground improvements and the pavements are going in so rapidly.

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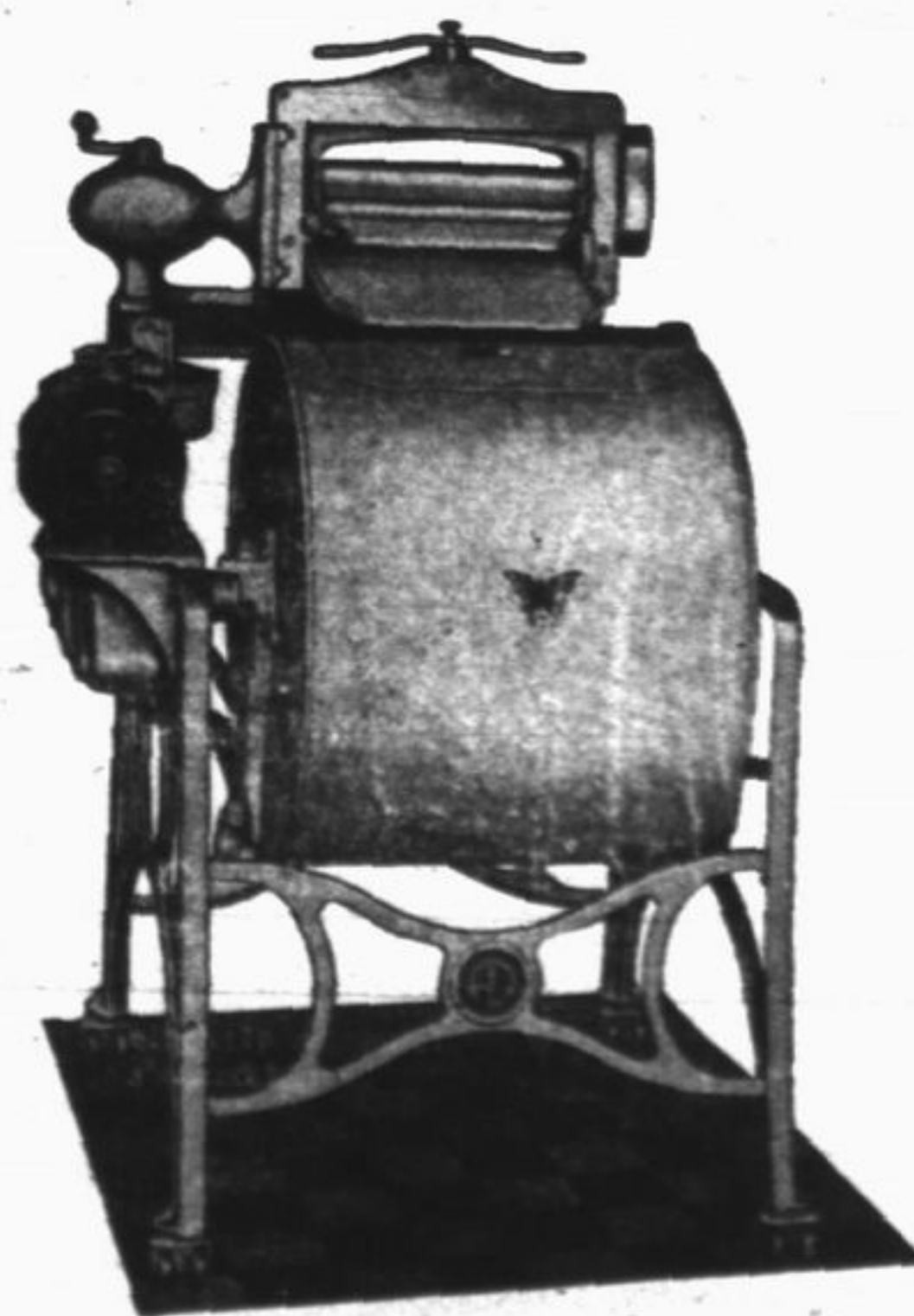
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