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NEW THEATER GUILD PLAY IS DIFFERENT

GIVEN HERE NEXT WEEK

"Number 17" Is Title and It Is Replete With Thrills; Cast Is Able One and Features Many

Everything is in readiness for the presentation of what promises to be one of the most unusual plays ever given in this vicinity by an amateur group. The mystery melodrama, "Number 17," scheduled for next week by the North Shore Theater Guild in local playhouses, has taxed the ingenuity of a trained staff of stage technicians from Northwestern university to the utmost. Few plays equal it in the variety of unique effects and complex lighting called for, and it has taken weeks of planning to perfect the "backstage" program necessary for satisfactory presentation.

Local Dates

Strangely enough, "Number 17" will be given its initial performance in Lake Forest on the 17th day of January. It will be given at the Woman's club auditorium in Highland Park, January 18. It will require the largest staff of stage hands the Guild has ever carried. While the last year's production of "Henry IV" exceeded the present offering in the size of its cast, and in scenic variety, it did not use the number of "supers" that "Number 17" must have.

All plans have been carefully laid. Complete sketches of all details have been made, and sound, lighting and other mechanical effects have been scheduled to the second. The illusion thus created promises to affect even the most cold-blooded of spectators with chilly sensations in the region of the spine.

Play in Preparation

Meanwhile, the cast of "Number 17" is rapidly smoothing out its end of the performance, which is, after all, important. Under the direction of David Owen they are learning how to conduct themselves as crooks, detectives and desperate criminals in the accepted manner, familiar to those who have seen "The Cat and the Canary" and "The Bat."

The whole point of the play will be to keep the audience guessing up to the final moment of suspense. Thanks to the skillful work of J. Jefferson Farjeon, the author, the actors' efforts should be made easy.

Those in Cast

J. Williams Macy and Samuel S. Otis take the leading parts in "Number 17," and are well suited to their respective roles. Hawley Mertz, of Evanston, whose work in "Autumn Fire" last year brought him to the attention of North Shore audiences, plays an eccentric "hard-boiled" part in an exceedingly natural manner. Zoe Comer, dramatic director at Deerfield-Shields high school, Highland Park, and a graduate of the School of Speech, Northwestern university, has been entrusted with the difficult and mysterious role of "Rose Akroyd." Eugene Macy, prominent in "Henry IV," has an important part that calls for deft interpretation. Other Guild members taking part in the play are Mary A. Harding, Joseph Shippen, J. Lincoln Gibson and George W. Bartlett.

The Itinerary

The itinerary for "Number 17" is as follows: Durand Hall, Lake Forest, January 17; Woman's club, Highland Park, January 18; Central school auditorium, Glencoe, January 19; Skokie school, Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, Winnetka, January 20; and 21; Shawnee Country club, Wilmette, January 24; and the Woman's club, Evanston, January 25 and 26.

Hearings for Candidates

All who are interested in taking part in productions of the North Shore Theater Guild are requested to be present at the Winnetka Community house on January 30, the last Monday of this month, either at 2 o'clock in the afternoon or 8:30 in the evening.

At this time, candidates for the Guild will be asked to give short readings of two minutes length in order to acquaint the new director with the material that is available. It is not for the purpose of casting any particular play that the North Shore Theater Guild is conducting these meetings, but to register information concerning all who are available for future productions.

MISS ETTA M. MOUNT AT RAVINIA P. T. A.

Miss Etta M. Mount, who has charge of the recreational and dramatic work at the National Kindergarten and Elementary College, will talk to the P.T.A. of Ravinia on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, at eight o'clock. Her subject will be "Fag-ent and Personality." There will be community singing as usual, followed by refreshments.

Art Exhibit To Be Feature at Woman's Club January 17th.

An interesting program is promised at the next meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club. The art committee and the education committee have combined to make this meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, a notable one.

There is to be an art exhibit similar to the one sponsored by Mrs. Beatty last year. On the wall will be hung pictures by many of our north shore artists. When such names as Buck-Cassidy, Berminghaus, Ingerle, Peyraud, Sterba, and Watson are listed among those whose works will be on display, nothing more need be said to insure our pleasure in the exhibit.

The afternoon's program will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Antonin Sterba of Evanston. Mrs. Sterba, who is vice-president of the Central Society of Harpists, will open the program with selections on the harp. She is not only a sympathetic interpreter of this beautiful instrument, but is a composer as well. After the music Mr. Sterba will talk on art in general, a large field, but one that he will narrow down to our point of view and by the end of the afternoon we will have a better understanding of and appreciation for the paintings on exhibition. A portrait painter, whose recent exhibition at the Chicago Galleries association created much favorable comment, Antonin Sterba, is a man who commands and holds one's attention perhaps that very gift of the delineation of a personality; that alert sense that divines and then depicts the inner man, makes it possible for him to feel the pulse of his audience and give them that breath of inspiration which stands on the threshold.

Much interest is being manifested in this exhibit and it may be that at no distant date the club will have some paintings of its own. Permanent lights are being installed, with this in view and these will greatly insure the success of all future loan exhibits. Pictures demand light and light properly placed and the committee is to be commended for its far-sightedness and preparedness.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO HEAR LIEUT. BUSBERG

To Be Held Jan. 19; Next Regular Meeting of Auxiliary Tomorrow

Thursday evening, Jan. 19, Lieut. Fred Busberg will speak to the members of the American Legion auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Mary Hoffman, 1531 Judson avenue, Ravinia at eight o'clock sharp.

It is hoped all members will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear such a splendid speaker.

The auxiliary will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mason, E. Central avenue, Friday, Jan. 13 at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped to have a 100 per cent attendance as many things of importance are to be voted on and plans made for the year.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 the members sewed and mended for patients at Veterans hospital, Five Points, North Chicago. The first Wednesday of each month is devoted to this needy work.

H. P. GARDEN STUDY CLUB MEETS JAN. 18

The Highland Park Garden Study club will meet promptly at 2:30 p. m., January 18, at the home of Mrs. Fred Funck, 695 Yale lane. Mrs. Chas. Brooks will give a talk on the spraying of plants and trees. She has had wide experience in this work, and it is certain to prove most interesting and valuable. The following list of officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. E. T. Murfey, president; Mrs. Fred Funck, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Brooks, secretary; Mrs. Chas. Jordan, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Getz, chairman of the program committee.

Anyone interested in joining this study club will please call H. P. 2754 for information.

MOOSE TO STAGE MASQUERADE DANCE

Will Be Held January 23 at Odd Fellows Hall; Members and Friends Invited

On Monday evening, January 23, Highland Park lodge No. 446, Loyal Order of Moose will hold a masquerade party to which all members and their friends are invited. Prizes will be given to those who display the best and most comical costumes. The party will begin at eight o'clock and is to be held in Odd Fellows hall. It is hoped that the attendance will be large for the committee have been working hard to make the party a most successful one. Remember the date, Monday evening, Jan. 23 at eight o'clock.

COUNCIL AND BOARD IN REGULAR SESSION

GET BID ON CITY LAND

Offer of \$42,500 on Clavey Road Tract; Want Bond Limit to Remain; Extend Thanks to Supervisors

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening a bid was received and opened for the purchase of a tract of about 25 acres of land on Clavey road, owned by the city, which was advertised for sale recently. The bid received was for \$42,500.00, and was signed as follows: "Rodger L. Foote, by Jesse S. Hyatt." The bid was placed on file for public inspection.

Petitions presented by residents of Highmoor for construction of sewer, water and sidewalk in Highmoor addition were ordered laid on the table until the next meeting of the council.

The report of W. W. Bartlett, justice of the peace, showing fines collected in the sum of \$371, was placed on file. The report of the building inspector for December was received and filed.

Mayor Lewis was on motion authorized to appoint a committee of three consisting of the fire chief, corporation counsel and a third party to be named by the mayor to investigate delinquent payments of the two per cent fire insurance tax.

Would Return Bond Limit

A resolution was adopted favoring the retention on the Illinois statute book of the law passed by the last legislature extending the bonding limit of cities to five per cent of the full taxable valuation of all property, real and personal and reciting the needs of this city in the premises, a copy of the same to be sent to the governor and members of the legislature from this district, with a view to expressing the sentiment of the council as opposed to any change in this matter of bonding possibilities for cities, etc. at the special session of the legislature.

To Issue Tax Warrants

An ordinance was passed providing for issuance of tax anticipation warrants of the city of Highland Park, and authorizing the use of money in

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CURRENT EVENT SERIES TO BE MOST INTERESTING

Series Under R. E. Pattison Kline to Open at Woman's Club, Jan. 18

What is the truth about economic conditions in Europe and how do these conditions affect the United States?

In this era of swift evolution and change, what changes are occurring in America and what is the significance of these changes? Exactly what is Fascism, how does it affect us? Out of the welter of conflicts in China, what sort of China is going to emerge? Just why is this called the age of science; what has science already accomplished and what further accomplishments seem to be just ahead of us?

Who knows? The average person pre-occupied with things innumerable, doesn't and can't. The answers are not in our daily papers and are hard to find in books and magazines. But there are answers, and are to be given at the Highland Park Woman's club in a series of informal talks on the following dates: January 18, February 1, February 15, February 29 and March 14. And to residents of Highland Park it is enough to say that they are to be given by Mr. R. E. Pattison Kline, who is too well known to need any introduction and whose talks no one interested in current events and their deeper meaning and significance can afford to miss.

NEW PASTRY SHOP ON CENTRAL AVENUE

Opening of the Marquette pastry shop at 539 1/2 Central avenue is announced in the advertising columns of this paper. The new pastry shop is under the management of A. Marquardt, formerly foreman of the Davis Department store bakeries, and W. Bayer, formerly pastry chef of several large hotels and clubs. The opening of the new bakery will be on Saturday, Jan. 14.

STAG AT ELKS CLUB TOMORROW NIGHT

A very interesting evening at the Elks club is planned for tomorrow night (Friday) at their regular meeting in the form of a stag. There will be vaudeville entertainments and good refreshments. All members are urged to be present.

BUSINESS MEN PLAN TO AID BIG CONCERT

FOR ORPHANAGE BUILDING

Commerce Chamber Votes to Cooperate With Lake Forest Club; Other Matters Considered

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly dinner and business session Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Masonic temple, voted to aid the Lake Forest Kiwanis club in its concert to be given February 8, in the Deerfield-Shields high school auditorium for the benefit of the building fund of the Lake Bluff orphanage.

This action was taken in response to a letter from J. C. McNicol, president of the Lake Forest club, explaining the affair. The chamber named a committee composed of George Bowden, chairman, and E. Pratt, C. H. Witt, L. R. Rigdon and W. J. Brown to confer with the Lake Forest club and the chamber also agreed to take 200 tickets to be sold here by members.

Notable Concert

This concert, it is explained, promises to be one of the biggest affairs of the kind ever held here, featuring Madame Norena, famous grand opera singer, and the Swift & Co. male chorus of more than 70 voices. A number of North Shore society women are interesting themselves in the concert and have agreed to sell boxes and the affair promises to be a notable society event, it is said.

At this meeting of the chamber there were 92 present. The application for membership of J. K. Tillman, oil station owner, was accepted. A letter from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce was read explaining that "welcome" signs placed on state roads outside of cities must be removed and placed on private property, as this is being insisted on by the state department of highways where the signs are on state routes. Highland Park signs placed by the chamber, therefore, must be changed in location.

Mayor Commends Work

A letter was received from Mayor Lewis commending the chamber on its good work in providing and erecting the community Christmas tree on Central avenue.

Albert Larson, chairman of the veterans hospital committee reported receipt of a letter expressing the thanks of the veterans for the entertainment provided for them at the North Chicago hospital in November by the chamber.

The community chest committee reported having met with the secretary of the Waukegan Chest committee, but no definite action was taken, as the plan locally requires the support of the city officials and local organizations, it was explained.

In response to a letter from President Sellar Bullard of the H. P. hospital association suggesting that the chamber send a representative to the meetings of the hospital board, L. R. Rigdon was appointed to this duty, by the board of directors of the chamber at a recent meeting, it was reported. The offices of secretary of the chamber and secretary of the credit department were consolidated at the board meeting, with R. D. Gould as secretary and Albert Larson was re-elected treasurer.

A motion was carried instructing the secretary to write the city council suggesting revision and correction of house numbers and the provision of numbers wherever none are now available; also that where names of streets are similar something be done to avoid confusion.

Standing Committees

Standing committees for the year were announced as far as completed. Those given out are:

Membership—Gus Klemp, Ferdinand Humer, William Denzel.

Refreshments—J. J. Berube, Joel Stonewall, E. E. West, N. Dahl.

Civic—Edward M. Laing, X. Vigeant, William J. Brown.

Entertainment—S. A. St. Peter, Robert Pease, A. H. Swanson, P. H. Evers.

Veterans hospital—Albert Larson, H. F. Kelley, F. Gieser.

Community chest—J. W. Simons, Lyle Gourley, Hugo Schneider, John Peters, S. A. St. Peters.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY OF WOMAN'S CLUB, JAN. 31

The Card party given under the auspices of the social committee of the Highland Park Woman's club for the benefit of the Building Fund, will be held at the club house, on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at two o'clock. There will be an attractive prize for each table and tea will be served. For information about tickets please phone chairman of the ticket committee, Mrs. Arthur Emerson, at H. E. 572.

Foresight of City Officials Shown In Local Water Supply

Foresight of former city officials in making provision for a plentiful supply of water for Highland Park at all times by the extensive improvements at the pumping plant made a year or so ago was vindicated during last week when Highland Park was practically the only city on the North Shore whose water supply was not cut off or reduced through the action of anchor ice in the lake.

In Lake Forest water service was entirely suspended for several hours and relief was obtained only by dynamiting one of the intakes. In Evanston and Waukegan and other cities reports say water supplies were handicapped by ice.

In Highland Park, however, there was not trouble in this respect. Despite the fact that the lake was low and the southwest wind was driving the fast forming ice toward the shore, the heavy duty pump installed when the latest improvements were made was able to prevent clogging of the intakes here. This pump is connected with two intakes so that either may be operated separately, and also is capable of reverse action so that the ice may be forced out of the intake mouth when necessary.

These provisions for the safety of the water supply from suspension were especially appreciated when other cities were having difficulties, according to citizens who have interested themselves in finding out just why Highland Park water supply was not hampered last week by ice.

Here, as in all cities along the shore, increased chlorination was necessary, as always, when a southwest wind drives the sediment laden water in toward the shore.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW CLASSES OPEN JAN. 26

Mrs. Maurice Lieber to Give Series of Talks at H. P. Woman's Club

Are you interested in club work? As a president, treasurer or just a member of a committee, are you ever puzzled to know just what is the proper thing to do? Did you ever hear parliamentary law compared to a game of bridge? Those who have heard Mrs. Lieber say it is just as much fun as a bridge game, and you get in just as much trouble if you don't obey the rules. Let's find out what they are.

The Parliamentary law classes are to be held on consecutive Thursday mornings beginning January 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Highland Park Woman's club.

GARDEN STUDY CLASS TO HEAR MRS. FISHER

Is Under Auspices of Conservation Committee of H. P. Woman's Club

The Garden Study class which is being formed under the auspices of the Conservation committee of the Woman's club will be open to all women interested in gardens, whether members of the club or not. The organization meeting is to be held on Wednesday morning, Jan. 25 at 10:30 at the club house. All attending at this time may be charter members of the group. It is hoped that a large number will be present and express their ideas freely. Mrs. Frederick Fisher, president of the Garden club of Illinois will give a helpful talk based on her experience in the founding of many garden clubs. Mrs. Kellogg Speed, chairman, telephone 562, will be glad to answer any questions.

THEATER BANDIT IS STILL UNDISCOVERED

No trace has been found of the bandit who held up Assistant Manager Greenberg of the Alcyon theater last week and obtained the combination of the theater safe, from which he took about \$2,200, according to the theater men's figures. Finding of a new key evidently made from a blank and fitting the lock of Greenberg's room, and also discovery in the building of a key container with several keys, one of which fits the lock of the box office have added to the clues picked up by the police, but efforts to learn where the new key was made or to whom the other bunch belonged have so far been unsuccessful, it is reported.

SOCIETA MODENESE TO GIVE MASQUERADE BALL

The annual masquerade dance given by the Modenese Societa will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 21 at eight o'clock at the Highland Park Woman's club. Two prizes will be given for the best costumes. Splendid music has been procured and all who attend are assured a most pleasant evening.

BRILLIANT FASHION SHOW ON SATURDAY

AT HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

Auspices of Ossoli Club, and Many Attractive Features Are Promised; Public Is Invited

The Highland Park club will be the setting of a gay and colorful scene on Saturday, Jan. 14, on the occasion of the Ossoli club Fashion show with its singing and dancing and its display of funny old gowns and stunning new ones.

The committee in charge, under the able direction of Mrs. Henry B. Clark, president of the club, has put forth every effort to make the entertainment a successful one. Mrs. Margaret Carlisle Milligan has written the music for the show and Mrs. Alexander R. Grant the lyrics.

New and Old-Fashioned Gowns The performance is directed by Mrs. Julia Hanks Maiker, well known in North Shore Theater Guild circles. The modern gowns to be displayed come from Chicago, Winnetka, and Highland Park, the old-fashioned ones from our grandmothers' attics.

Following is the cast of characters:

Dame Fashion—Miss Mary Kimball Pages—Madeline Bliss, Martha Buhl, Mary Mavor, Anne Mills. Modern Girl—Mrs. Daniel B. Scully Venduse—Mrs. David Thomas The Mother—Mrs. George B. Chapman Bride-to-be—Miss Ann Wood Bride of 1893—Miss Mary Williams Bride of 1911—Mrs. Morton Traub Her Bridesmaids—Mrs. Karl A. Meyer and Mrs. Fred W. Shafer.

Ring Bearer—Bobby Herbst Bride of 1928—Miss Ann Wood Her Bridesmaids—Misses Eleanor Stevens and Ethel Harmon.

Mannequins—Florence Boyd, Emily Smith, Marian Smith, Hester Ann Thomas, Marion Norcross, Dorothy Keller, Lois Brigham, Mary Mann, Harriet Beers, Marian Carr, Mrs. Russell Palmer, Mrs. Blaine Smith, Mrs. Robert Herbst, Mrs. Arthur Buhl, Mrs. F. B. Hitchcock, Mrs. Byron C. Howes, Mrs. Fred S. Wayne, Mrs. Edward C. Young, Mrs. Carl O'Dell, Mrs. R. K. O'Hara, Mrs. R. J. Beatty and Mrs. John VanBergen.

Ushers: Jean Williams, Jane Whinery, Jean Snobble, Barbara Shippen, Ruth Johnston, Felicité Bui and Helen Leet.

Two Performances There will be two performances: one at two o'clock in the afternoon followed by tea in the lounge of the clubhouse and the other at eight in the evening after which there will be dancing and refreshments.

Cope Harvey's orchestra has been engaged to play for the dance. Both performances are open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Tickets are on sale at the Gsell, Pease, and Sweetland drug stores and will also be on sale at the door.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF CHAS. FIORE IS DEAD

Mary Fiore, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiore, residing on Prairie avenue, Highwood, died on Monday, Jan. 9, following a short illness of pneumonia with erysipelas complications. She was aged three years, four months and ten days. Besides the parents two other children are living. They have the sympathy of all their many friends in their sorrow. The funeral service was held at St. James church Wednesday morning and burial was in All Saints cemetery. Mr. Fiore also has been ill and was unable to attend the service, and another child in the family also is ill.

ROTARY CLUB PLANS FOR CHARTER NIGHT

The regular meeting of Highland Park Rotary club on Monday at the Moraine hotel was devoted chiefly to the discussion of plans for the club's charter night, which will be January 31. At this meeting the charter will be formally presented by officials from the international offices and numerous details in connection with preparation for the affair were taken up at the meeting Monday. No special speaker had been engaged for this session.

K. OF P. MOVE TO MASONIC TEMPLE BLDG.

Highland Park Lodge No. 738, Knights of Pythias, have changed their meeting place from Odd Fellows hall to the Masonic temple. Their meeting nights have also been changed to the first and third Tuesday of each month.

They will hold their annual installation of officers Tuesday evening, Jan. 17.