

RELIGIOUS DRAMA THEATRE PLANNED

Chicago Council of Religious Education Taking Steps to That End

Initial steps looking forward to the establishment of a "Little Theater of Religious Drama" have been taken by the committee on drama of the Chicago Council of Religious Education, a department of the Chicago Church Federation.

During the month from December 23 to January 26, a wide-spread tournament of Religious drama will be held in the Protestant churches of the various districts into which the city has been divided for the purpose. This tournament will be held under the direction of the committee headed by Mrs. Lydia Glover Deseo with whom are associated some of the leaders in the "Little Theater movement."

Three-Fold Aims

A three-fold aim is presented as the object to be attained in the undertaking. The aims are:

Depicting the philosophy of Christianity in art forms on as large a plane as that occupied by the secular drama. The twenty-century old religion can be dramatized in the costume of modern religious drama, it is held.

Most religious drama heretofore has been clothed in medievalism, the creators of which were out of touch with modern life. These plays largely glorified the supernatural and mysterious whereas the present demand is for art in the forms which depict the struggles of people in the life of today.

Interest Local Groups

The second aim of the tournament in Religious drama is to interest local groups within the city and suburbs in religious dramatics as a form of self expression and culture.

A natural outcome of the tournament and the building of a group to support a "Little Theater of Religious Drama would be the accomplishment of the third phase of the air: "To heighten the standard of all religious dramatic production." This it is expected, will be followed by a self imposed censorship by producers of secular drama as a result of public demand for a higher class of art in the field of dramatic presentations.

The tournament will be followed by the holding of a grand final contest at the Goodman theater sometime the early part of February according to Mrs. Deseo.

These Are Aiding

Co-operating with the federation through the committee in this new venture of religion in the field of art are Mrs. A. Starr Best, one of the funders of the Drama League of America, and now director of the Pilgrim Players of Evanston; Miss Nelle Wiley, one of the leading directors specializing in Religious drama; the Rev. E. A. Reese, pastor of the Fourth Congregational church, and Dr. Fred Eastman, professor of religious literature and drama in the Chicago Theological seminary.

Plays to be presented in the local tournaments will be selected from a list which will include "Dust of the Road" by Kenneth Swayer Goodman; "The Bishop's Candlesticks" by McKinnel; "He Came Seeing" by Mary Hamlin, author of "The Rock";

"Bread" by Dr. Fred Eastman; "The Traveling Man" by Lady Gregory, and "Why the Chimes Rang" by Elizabeth McFadden.

British Veterans Come to Promote Legion Friendship

A group of distinguished veterans representing the British Empire Service league are now in the United States, arriving on the S. S. Majestic Dec. 3, for the purpose of arranging closer relations with the American Legion. The visit is the result of a resolution adopted at a recent conference of the league, of which Admiral Earl Jellicoe is grand president.

In the party greeted at New York by prominent Legionnaires were Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V. C., famous blind vice-president of the British Legion; Lieutenant Colonel the Vicomte de Sarigny, captain V. de Sarginy, Lieutenant H. de Sales la Terriere, Captain H. Arthur Evans, Captain F. Johnson, Lady Townsend and Mrs. Burnside.

They were met when the ship landed by Past National Commander Edward E. Spafford, Department Commander John J. Bennett, Jr., Lemuel Bolles, chairman of the Legions' peace commission on world and foreign relations, and William F. Deegan, past department commander of New York.

Another purpose of the visit is to lay a wreath, bearing the autograph of Admiral Jellicoe, on the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington and another on the war memorial in New York.

O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander, and James F. Barton, national adjutant of the Legion, have arranged to meet the visitors.

New Manufacturing Firm, North Chicago

Announcement of the name of the combined Houdaille-Hershey and Oakes Manufacturing company, which recently took over the plant formerly occupied by the Biflex Products company in North Chicago and the names of the officers of the new concern, was made in a letter received at the offices of the Waukegan and North Chicago Chamber of Commerce last week.

The concern which is now operating the plant with a large force of men will henceforth be known as the Oakes Products corporation, division of the Houdaille-Hershey corporation. It represents the merger of plants located in three cities and known as the Oakes division, located at Indianapolis; the Oakes division, Detroit Carrier and Manufacturing company at Detroit and the Hershey Manufacturing company at Chicago.

The general sales offices of the concern will be located at Detroit as the bulk of products of the concern are sold to automobile manufacturers or accessory firms. The general offices of the company will be located in North Chicago.

Best Seller Hymn

What hymn is the most popular in the United States? A comprehensive national vote taken in 1924 showed that "Abide With Me" is by far the most popular.—The American Magazine.

No Inheritance Tax in Local Woman's Estate

No inheritance tax was levied against the \$15,000 estate of Mrs. Jane W. Young of Highland Park, according to inheritance tax papers filed in the County Clerk's office last week, because Edward W. Young, the widower, was named the sole heir of the estate.


According to the statute determining the amount of tax against any

estate, where the husband is the heir, an exemption of \$20,000 is allowed.

Post Given \$1,000

Prescott, Ariz.—A check for \$1,000 was recently presented to the Ernest A. Love post of the American Legion by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Love of Phoenix, parents of the World war hero for whom the post was named. With this contribution the post had sufficient funds with which to start construction work on its new home in Cortex Park.

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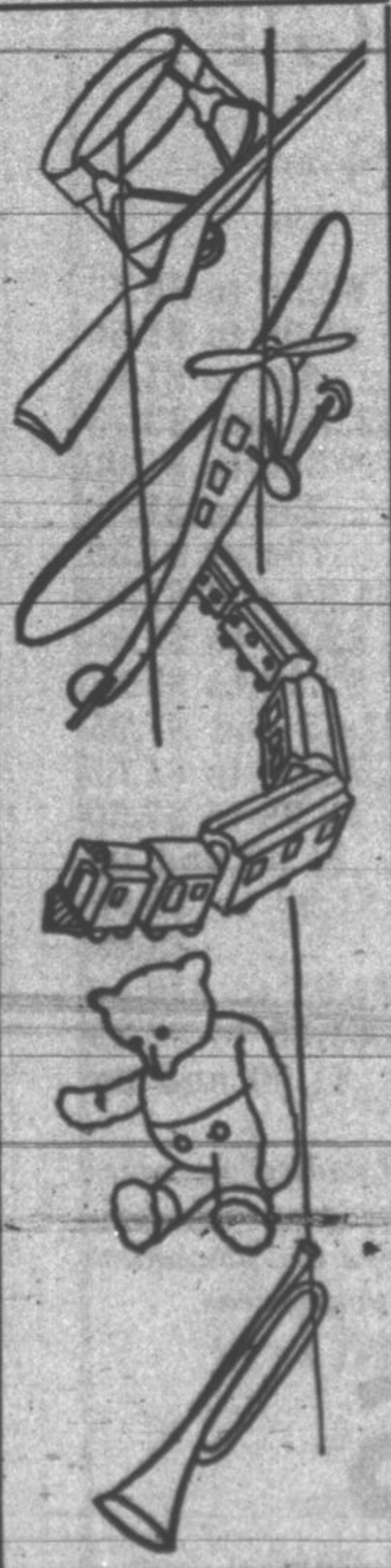
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