

Play Characters Will Visit Local Schools

Tilly Slowboy, the famous nursemaid in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Peerybingle, and the Mysterious Stranger who so nearly wrecks that home, are going to call at the schools of Ravinia and Highland Park. They are going to tell the students all about "Cricket on the Hearth," Charles Dickens' story of home and fireside which the Chicago Art theatre is presenting at the Elm Place school on Thursday, February 6, at 8:30 o'clock with a special matinee for school children at 3:30.

Tilly is overjoyed at the prospect of meeting the students who are always generous with their applause whenever she appears on the stage. "They like me," she said shyly.

The Stranger is more reserved. He refused to reveal the identity which he conceals behind a great coat, goggles, and a jungle of whiskers. "It will spoil the play if they find out who I really am," he whispered to his interviewer. "Just tell the students that if they didn't study 'Cricket on the Hearth' as thoroughly as their teachers told them, why they'll find out who I am in the last act. And tell them for me I like Highland Park and Ravinia; they're almost as nice as the Golden Sou—." He stopped suddenly and turned to red his whiskers were rose colored. "I almost gave myself away."

"Ho, ho, ha, ha," laughed Tilly for no reason at all. Just then John Peerybingle appeared with a shot gun and the Stranger disappeared so fast his whiskers streamed behind him like the smoke from a locomotive.

Tilly and the Stranger are bringing other people from the play with them and they will be introduced to the students during assembly meetings. They will be at the Elm Place school and at the Oak Terrace school on Monday morning, February 4. On Wednesday morning, January 29, they will be at the Ravinia school and on the morning of Friday, January 31, they will be at the Deerfield school.

The Cricket has refused to attend these meetings. "It's much too cold," he said, "but tell them, that on February 6, I'll sing a solo that will be heard all over the auditorium."

"Hiss ztat sso?" hissed the Kettle. "Not if I can drown you out, you won't."

"Oh, you will, will you?" chirped the Cricket.

"Yes, I will," hummed the Kettle. "And we'll leave it to the students of Highland Park and Ravinia to decide which of us can make the most noise when we play at the Elm Place school."

"Well," said John Peerybingle as he put down his tea cup and wiped his mouth on his sleeve. "When Tilly runs across the stage the audience won't be able to hear either one of you."

Tilly nearly wiggled out of her shoes. "Big people like me, too," she finished modestly.

"Hum," said the Kettle. "She doesn't know I'm the star of the show."

"Chirup!" said the Cricket. "I am."

Masquerade Ball Feb. 8

The fifth annual masquerade given by the Modenesse Mutual society will be held in Witten hall, Saturday, February 8 at eight o'clock. An invitation is extended the public to attend.

Committee Report on Films to Be Shown

The committee on Better Films of the local chapter of the D. A. R. is delighted to report that many of the films shown recently in the local and neighboring town theaters are not only good but several are included under the 1A class as: "They Had to See Paris," "Love, Live and Laugh" and "Disraeli."

Others of this class which we hope will be shown in local theaters are: "The Rogue Song," "The Virginian," "Oh Yeah," "The Viking," "Salute," "Taming of the Shew."

The following films may be interesting to those who like good entertainment at our local theater:

"So this Is College," a play the whole family can enjoy.

"Sweetie," ridiculous and rather amusing not only for adults but children, too.

"Shannons of Broadway" is also amusing for adults and children.

We are happy to advise all who are interested in the Better Films movement that Nelson L. Green, editor-in-chief of the Educational Screen, is to be in Highland Park on Wednesday, February 5 to speak at the Lincoln school P. T. A.

Secretary of State William J. Stratton's office collected \$21,236,401.46 in fees in 1929—the largest year's collection in the history of the office.

The total is an increase of \$1,960,764.30 over the previous year.

Of the grand total, the automobile department of the office collected \$17,087,209.11 while other departments turned in \$4,149,192.35.

All of the collections go into the state treasury to await legislative appropriation. However, the collections of the automobile department can be used only for roads while those of the other departments of the secretary of state's office go into the general revenue fund and contribute toward the reduction of taxes which otherwise would be borne by the taxpayer.

Major increases in both the automobile and corporation departments were responsible for the unusually large increase in fees during the first year of the term of Secretary of State Stratton. The increase in the automobile department resulted from an increased registration of motor vehicles. The department registered 110,419 more cars in 1929 than were registered the previous year. This resulted in a fee increase of \$1,565,679.23.

The most of administering the automobile department, including all clerk hire, postage, expressage, the purchase of plates and all overhead except rent, light and heat, amounted to only 3.6 per cent of the total fees collected, which is the lowest of any similar department in the United States.

The fee increase of the corporation department for the year 1929 was \$383,563.04. During the year 6359 new domestic corporations and 991 foreign corporations were licensed to do business in Illinois. This is an in-

crease of 301 domestic concerns and 265 corporations licensed in 1928.

In 1916 the total collections of the various departments of the secretary of state's office were \$1,815,695. The 1929 collections were approximately 11 times those of 1916 and all indications point to the office continuing as an ever-increasing money raiser for the state government.

Psychologists say an affliction spurs men on to win. And some cynic will remark that most men who attain to greatness are married.—Los Angeles Times.

County Court Call for Feb. 4; Cases Listed

The county court trial call for Feb. 4 as posted by States Attorney A. V. Smith includes the following cases: Fred Ratzer, Chicago, charged with assault with a deadly weapon for an automobile accident at Round lake, leads the call. Others on it are William Scheve, Zion, charged with drunken driving; and Ray Spencer, of Chicago, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and leaving the scene of an accident.

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