

"Call It a Day" Outstanding Success Playing in Chicago

Rightly and naturally, Burns Mantle includes in his volume, "Best Plays of the Season, 1935-1936," Dodie Smith's gay and warm comedy, "Call It a Day," which the Theatre Guild produced last season in association with Lee Ephraim and promptly entered as one of the outstanding successes with playgoers. Now on a cross-country tour, the elaborate production remains intact with Gladys Cooper and Philip Merivale still heading a distinguished theatre Guild cast, opened at the Grand Opera House, Chicago, Monday, Nov. 9.

The play unfolds in an intimate and amusing fashion the events of sixteen hours involving the interesting members of the Hilton household in a pleasant suburb of London. Hence, the title, "Call It a Day." It might be a household in a suburb of Chicago, so recognizable are the familiar details of home life as it exists everywhere. It is, however, a day in Spring when the effects are intoxicating.

The situations that result are caught by Dodie Smith in nine scenes, which pass from bedroom to kitchen, to dining room, to artist's studio and to garden in such a way that even the servants and the family dog contribute to the bright humors and emotional possibilities in the series of crises. The precociousness of the children and the inability of their parents to understand them are as laughable as the surprise of Dorothy and Roger Hilton over their own romantic moonshine in middle-age.

The settings, mounted on a turntable stage, were designed by Lee Simonson, well known to patrons of the Theatre Guild. For the direction, Tyrone Guthrie was imported from England, where he is regarded as one of the most brilliant producers in the London theatre.

Gladys Cooper, who will visit Chicago for the first time, has for many years been the favorite actress with English playgoers. Philip Merivale needs no introduction to those who saw him in "Death Takes a Holiday" and "Mary of Scotland." The supporting cast, always a concern to the Theatre Guild, includes Glenn Anders, Viola Roache, John Williams, the remarkable young actress, Jeanne Dante, Florence Williams, Florence Edney, Kathleen Comegys, Lillian Brennard Tonge, Ruth Abbott, Walter Holbrook, Pamela Simpson, Phillipa Bevans, Phyllis Langner and William Packard.

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New Building in Suburban Area Shows 36% Gain

A gain of 36 per cent in Chicago suburban building in the month of October as compared with the same month of last year is shown in this survey of fifty-seven communities, the figures being \$2,301,638 for October 1936 and \$1,695,002 for October 1935.

The percentage of gain for the month over the corresponding month a year ago, 36 per cent, falls short of the percentage of gain for the ten months of the year thus far, which was 78 per cent. The first ten months of 1936 totalled \$21,907,826 while the same months of 1935 produced new building amounting to \$12,314,411.

The amount of October building was practically the same as that in September with \$2,425,641. As a seasonal falling off in new building toward the end of the year usually occurs, October in keeping on an approximate level with September makes a satisfactory record.

The return of home building on a large scale accounts for more than half of all the new building in October. New homes to the number of 158 and costing the impressive total of \$1,294,865 are reported by the communities included in the present survey. Alterations, repairs and additions to homes add \$302,044 making a total expenditure for home construction of \$1,596,909. That home building has not been spasmodic but has maintained a steady volume exceeding one million dollars per month is shown by the following tabulation:

Month	No. of Homes	Value
October	158	\$1,294,865
September	161	1,312,447
August	138	1,065,280
July	175	1,572,743
June	142	1,434,980
May	184	1,328,276
	958	8,008,571

What a price home to build is a problem of moment to a large number of subdividers and home builders now laying plans for next year. The above tabulation shows that the average price of all homes reported in the suburban region was \$8,360. In such communities as Elmhurst, Evanston, Glenview, Glen Ellyn, Highland Park, Hinsdale, Kenilworth, Lake Forest, Oak Park, River Forest, Wilmette and Winnetka, this year has seen the construction of a considerable number of high priced homes. While these would tend to raise the average for the region, the difference is offset by the considerable numbers of extremely cheap homes which have been built in some of the industrial communities. The average mentioned seems to give an excellent index of the requirements of the well-to-do family.

Leading in the value of new homes begun in October are Winnetka with six amounting to \$121,000; Highland Park, eight, \$116,769; Evanston, six, for \$111,100 and Wilmette, seven for \$87,976.

Far ahead of all other communities in total volume of permits issued are Evanston, showing \$261,500, of which city E. M. Goodman is building commissioner, and Hammond where Joe P. Guy reports \$240,619.00. The other towns in which the new building inaugurated in October amounts to \$100,000 or more are Highland Park \$155,069, Winnetka \$133,610, Elmhurst \$122,000 and Gary \$100,026.

26th Annual Dog Show to Be Held in Chicago Nov. 21-22

Residents of all Chicago communities and suburbs will be represented at the twenty-sixth annual dog show of the Western Specialty Clubs association in the Chicago Coliseum, Nov. 21 and 22.

In all there will be approximately 1,200 dogs entered in the show with almost every state in the union having entries, according to A. F. Kramer, president of the association.

Among those who are making arrangements for the forthcoming dog show are Dr. J. B. LaCroix of Evanston, and Dr. J. R. Robb and Dr. C. L. Miller of Oak Park; H. J. Cooper of Franklin Park, member of the Western English Setter club; K. J. Owens of Geneva, Ill., secretary of the Western English Setter club; Mrs. Russell Elwell, Hinsdale, acting secretary-treasurer of the Cocker Spaniel Club of the Midwest; B. F. Genty of Deerfield, Ill., secretary of the English Springer Spaniel Club of the Central States; and Mrs. Leona H. Hahn of Des Plaines, general chairman of the Bench show committee of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America.

Others participating in arrangements for the show include F. B. Nielson of Hinsdale, secretary of the Mid-West Great Dane club; Mrs. Mrs. Harold L. Peet of Glenview; and Earle J. Woodward of Libertyville, Central States Airedale Terrier club; F. Warren of Park Ridge, secretary of the Chicago Bull Terrier Breeders association; Dr. R. L. James of Blue Island; Mrs. Ernest Roessler of Winnetka; Mrs. Nina D. Sands of Oak Forest; Charles F. Low of Wilmette; William Eichman of Elmwood Park; and Mrs. Ann Lind of Schiller Park.

Colleen Moore Doll House to Be Shown in Chicago Again

A tiny musket, only three inches long, which shoots real bullets; a 13th century painting which is the size of a postage stamp; and a radio which is only three inches high but will bring in all local stations—these are some of the new features added this year to the famous Colleen Moore Doll House.

The Doll House, now worth about \$750,000, comes back to the Fair Store in Chicago Saturday, Nov. 14. Thousands of Chicagoans saw the Doll House at the same store last year. Proceeds at that time were for charity and the showing this year will be for the same purpose.

More than a decade has been spent in building the Doll House which had its start when Miss Moore was a child and her father made a miniature dictionary for her. She was so thrilled with the gift that she made other miniatures herself and had others made. The first doll house followed, then the second and so on, up to the present, and eighth, which she dedicated to charity. The Doll House, when broken down into parts, fills twelve moving vans.

Shop for Christmas at Bazar December 4

The Christmas bazaar on December 4th, which is to be given by the members of the Rector's Guild of Trinity church, is to include something of interest to all the family, and will be a grand occasion to do the Christmas shopping.

There will be dolls of all kinds for the children, a grab bag full of surprises for everyone, and even a fortune teller to predict the future. Refreshments will be served all day and evening, from ten to ten, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Mrs. DeWitt Lightner and Mrs. Charles Haines are in charge of the affair.

Alexander Savine in "Twilight Concert"

Loyola Community theatre, 1320 Loyola avenue, Chicago, is presenting the federal music project's American Concert Orchestra under the direction of Alexander Savine

as the attraction for the sixth weekly "twilight concert," Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m. This is a return engagement for the orchestra by popular request and Mr. Savine has arranged an entirely new program made up of the classics and lighter numbers. The Novelty Orchestra, another

federal music project unit, under the direction of Dr. Gustave F. Ronfort, will present a program at Hawthorne school, 3300 N. Seminary avenue, Monday, November 23, at 1 p.m.

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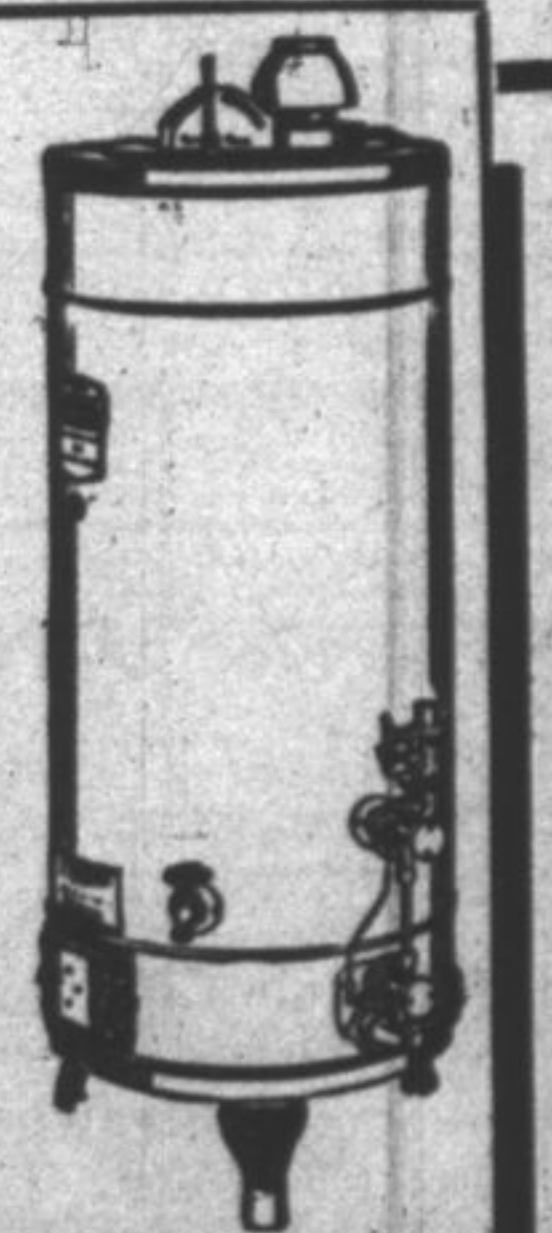
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