

CURTAINS RISE ON TOY THEATRE



Shown above are members of the Junior Dramatic Group who presented two one act plays last Saturday afternoon. Reading from left to right: First row—Jeannine Roper, Janet Skidmore. Second row—Jacqueline Udell, Marilyn Hull and Monica Peddle.

Presents Junior Drama Group in Program Saturday

Miss Betty Hallberg of 700 Forest avenue presented her newly organized Junior Dramatic Group in an afternoon of one act plays in her studio theatre on Saturday afternoon, December 16.

The program consisted of two plays, "The Fairy Riddle" by Rose Fyleman with Janet Skidmore as the Fairy Queen, Jeannine Roper as Green Grig, her trusty page, and Marilyn Hull as Elsie, a village child. The older members presented "Betty Behave" with Marilyn Hull as Betty, Monica Peddle as Ellen, and Jacqueline Udell as Jeanette.

The Toy Theatre and scenery were built by members of the group under Miss Hallberg's direction.

As a result of her outstanding work in Phillip Barry's "Spring Dance" and T. W. Robinson's "Caste," Miss Hallberg has been elected to membership in the Sherwood Players, in whose workshop she has been studying for the past two years.

At present, Miss Hallberg is studying in the Drama Department of Sherwood Music School under the

direction of Catherine M. Geary and will receive her teacher's certificate in June.

After the holidays the group will resume activity, and will be accepting new members between the ages of 8 and 12.

Girl Scouts Bring Cheer to Needy

All the Girl Scouts have been busy making Christmas gifts for the sick and the shut-ins. Mrs. Ralph Archer's troop No. 8 made 20 bedside bags. Mrs. Mills' troop No. 1 made 13 bedside bags and filled them. Each one contained a toy, a wash cloth, tooth paste, and a comb. On Saturday the Girl Scouts are going to put on a Christmas program at the Old People's home near Libertyville. Many other things are being planned by the scouts to bring cheer to the needy at Christmas.

Next High School Group Dance Jan. 13

Last Friday's party at the "Y" was very much enjoyed. Mr. Martine is instructing the young people in all the new steps. The third in this series will be held Saturday night, Jan. 13. Reservations must be made through the "Y".

Old Barn on Knox Property Burns

Fire Saturday destroyed an old barn and shed on the Samuel Knox property on Sheridan road at Forest avenue.

The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from a rubbish

burner. The estimated damage of \$200 is covered by insurance, according to Fire Chief E. C. Hoskins. The fire department responded twice to the Knox fire, the first call coming in at 2:10 p.m. and the second shortly after 6 in the evening.

Elno E. Parratt Buried Yesterday

On Monday morning, December 18, occurred the death of Mr. Elno E. Parratt, a resident of Highland Park for more than 50 years. His passing comes as a distinct shock to his many friends.

Mr. Parratt was born at Oakfield, Wisconsin, November 25, 1866, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parratt, both of whom descended from early pioneer stock. He attended the public schools at Oakfield and later entered the Northwestern railway station at that place where he learned telegraphy. In 1888 he came to Highland Park to take a position as telegraph operator for the same railroad. Later he entered the general offices of the road in Chicago where for a number of years he was in the auditing department. About 25 years ago he became traveling auditor of stations, which position he held until retirement about three years ago. He traveled over the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, Minnesota and South Dakota.

In the year 1890 Mr. Parratt was married to Jane Phillips, widow of the late I. L. Phillips, an early contractor of Highland Park. To them a son was born, Norris, who passed away in 1922.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jane Parratt; a stepson, Ray Phillips; a brother, A. H. Parratt of Oakfield, Wis., and a sister, Mrs. Angie Bolt, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The funeral was held yesterday, December 20, from the H. F. Kelley funeral home. Those attending from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parratt; Mrs. Angie Bolt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Duerksen of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Miss Elizabeth Parratt and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Haberkorn of Oakfield, Wis., and Mary Tucker Bailey of Flint, Michigan. Burial was in Lake Forest cemetery.

Mr. Parratt was a man of varied accomplishments. In his youth the "singing school" was a very vital part of the life of most communities throughout the land. Musical by nature, he did his share of singing, played the piano, violin, and also several band instruments. He was a lover of the flowers and the birds; an ardent fisherman during

his boyhood among the lakes and streams of Wisconsin, and, as opportunity offered, all his life. He was no mean photographer, much of his work in this line being with flowers. Perhaps not many know that Mr. Parratt and the beloved Jesse L. Smith (his very good friend) had preparations made for an illustrated book of the flowers and birds of this section—Mr. Parratt to do the photography and Mr. Smith to prepare specimens and compile material. This project was abandoned when Mr. Parratt took his position as traveling auditor. He was extremely adept in the use of tools and could do an excellent job of carpentry on occasion, or build a right good cabinet. His flowers bloomed profusely and his feeding box was the stopping place of every passing bird.

If, then, his passing leaves a void, the memory of his spontaneous smile and the sparkling vitality of his conversation remain an inspiration to those who knew him.—G.E.P.

Mrs. James Bennett Passes on Thursday

Mrs. Sue Lee Bennett, aged 71, passed away Thursday at her home, 932 N. St. Johns avenue, from bronchial asthma.

Funeral services were held Monday at Kelley's mortuary on N. Sheridan road with burial in Memorial Park cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, James G. Bennett, three daughters and one son.

Two Business Houses Bad Check Victims

Saturday morning two local business houses were the victims of a woman bad check artist. Cutler's Beauty Shop on Sheridan road and the Dutch Mill Candy Shop on Central avenue were both "taken" to the tune of \$10.

The checks bearing the name of R. Hill were presented at both places by a well dressed, intelligent woman described as about 45 years old, 5 ft. 4 in. tall, weighing about 135 lbs. and wearing an orange plaid dress. It is believed that this is the same person who has passed several bad checks in Waukegan.

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