

Puppetry Classes Will Open Saturday Morning at YWCA

Registrations are being received at the "Y" this week for the Puppetry classes which will start Saturday morning. The classes are for school boys and girls who are interested in learning how to make and operate marionettes make scenery, and write and stage skits. Boy

Scouts and Girl Scouts will receive credit toward certain merit badges for the work they do. The course will be given under the professional direction of Betty Phelps Hill, and is being offered through the Community Activities program of the Y.W.C.A. Education Department. Mrs. Hill is a graduate of Northwestern university School of Speech. She has had a great deal of experience in creating her own shows and toured the middle west with the

Raggedy Ann series of marionettes. The class is open to boys and girls over 8 years of age, and will be held consecutive mornings beginning Feb. 1 at 9:30 o'clock. Reservations can be made by calling the Y. W. C. A. Highland Park 675.

Musart Club Meets

The Musart Club will meet next Tuesday morning, February 4, at 10 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Elza Lanzl.

LIBRARY

How Old Is Your Slang?

Many slang expressions now in use can be dated back several centuries. Here are some examples, quoted from American Speech:

- Lousy: 1690.
 - Mad as a March Hare: 1535, More.
 - Tell that to the Marines: 1830, Moncrieff.
 - Needle in a haystack: 1565.
 - Plain as the nose on one's face: 1660.
 - Put one's oar in (to. Intrude) 1596, Florio.
 - Take down a peg: 1664, Butler.
 - Pin-money: 1673, Wycherly.
 - Make oneself scarce: 1749, Smollett.
 - Spliced (married) 1751, Smollett.
 - Sponge (parasite) 1598, Shakespeare.
 - Tan one's hide: 1731, Coffey.
 - Through thick and thin: 1359, Gaytrigg.
- (Courtesy of the Visual Digest, Dec, 1940).

To trace many of the words and expressions in present day use is a fascinating hobby. Often the slight variation of meaning in different words, or, the different interpretation of the same word leads us into difficulties.

The library presents a short list of interesting books on language:

- The tyranny of words, Chase, Stuart.
- Your telltale English, Hadida, S. C.
- A dictionary of modern American usage, Horwill, H.W.
- Beginnings of American English, Mathews, M.M.
- American language, Mencken, H. L.
- Don't say it, Opdyke, J. B.
- Picturesque word origins.

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