

# LEGION SHOW NEWS

A Broadway Musical Comedy With a Kick

May 9th and 10th, 1924

SUPPLEMENT OF WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

Opening Chorus 8:15 P. M. Sharp

## "GAY ADVENTURESS" COMES TO TOWN

### LEGION POSTS DO REAL WORK

Winnetka Post an Excellent Example of What is being Accomplished

### AID FOR DISABLED MEN

Americanization Work also Big Feature

By THOMAS J. LYNCH  
(Commander, Winnetka Post)

Winnetka Post No. 10, of the American Legion, is a live, active organization which embraces in its membership men of every station in life—from the man who digs the ditch to lay the sewer to your new home to the greatest lawyer, doctor, or baron of industry. Membership in the Legion is a unique privilege, reserved to those who can show the greatest certificate of merit in the world—an Honorable Discharge from the Military or Naval Service of the United States.

It was founded to preserve the friendships which grew out of the late war, and its main purpose is to assist those comrades who are still fighting the war in the various hospitals throughout the country. A great majority of the people of the country ask us "Why should not the Government care for its wounded?" We can only answer that the Government does care for the wounded to a great extent but it is up to the Legion to continue its work until every one of our "buddies" receives all that a grateful Government owes him.

#### Still Fighting

In our Village of Winnetka there are two ex-service men who are still fighting the war, one in the fresh-air hospital at Milwaukee and the other going blind day by day, as a result of the service he rendered to the Government in '17 and '18. The claims of these men must be presented to the Government and fought through by some one before they can be given compensation. The Winnetka Post is at present handling these claims and will see them through.

Last year the Post subscribed to the Illinois Department Service Office of the Legion the sum of \$500 to be used to fight claims of men from all over the State. The Post also gave over \$500 to the American Legion Rehabilitation Service for the states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Additional donations by individual members brought the total up to about \$1,500.

The members of the Post make trips to Great Lakes Hospital from time to time, to visit the boys there—bringing them entertainment and a few luxuries of life. They visit other hospitals, as well, including those State asylums containing most of the thousand mentally afflicted soldiers of Illinois. It would seem their Government had forgotten them. The Legion never forgets! On one trip the writer was surprised to find three of his old "buddies" whom he had not seen since the day in the Argonne

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### "Sally Singer"

Mrs. McClain Reinhart



### THESE LEADERS GIVE SHOW THEIR BACKING

We are very fortunate in having wonderful backing for our activities. Our chairman of this committee, Mr. Marcus D. Richards, has secured a very representative list of patrons and patronesses which includes many along the North Shore who are very much in accord with our cause.

#### The list includes:

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Blatchford  
Mr. and Mrs. Ayres Boal  
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Boyden  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwin Earle  
Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Ely  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Ewart  
Judge and Mrs. Stephen A. Foster  
Rev. and Mrs. E. Ashley Gerhard  
Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman Hay  
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamill  
Mrs. William Hibbard  
Mrs. Howard H. Hoyt, Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Korrady  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lynch  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLeish  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. McCordic  
Mr. and Mrs. William B. McIlvaine  
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Murray  
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Odell  
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Otis  
Mr. and Mrs. John Nash Ott  
Mr. and Mrs. George J. Popp  
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Prentiss  
Rev. and Mrs. James Austin Richards  
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Scott  
Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Starr  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Snell  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Stout  
Judge and Mrs. George M. Thomson  
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wheelock  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Young

### JUST A GLIMPSE INTO THE PLOT

Racetrack and Coney Island Scenes

"The Gay Adventuress" takes us to two lively places in two acts. In the first act, we will be in front of the Cafe at the Chevy Chase Racetrack; in the second, on Coney Island. Now, you can imagine that horseracing plays an important part, and you will be thrilled at the race pictured in words in the middle of the first act. The pursuit of a contract which will make or break one family or will turn the tide of love and marriage for the daughter, and the complications in the pursuit as made by Moritz and Levy thread a most interesting story together. It's a discerning person who can see through to the end before the final chorus.

We must not tell you too much about the plot, but we want you to come so we will tell you enough that you will come to learn the rest. Contrary to the usual run of things, the Gay Adventuress, Frances LaBoy by name, is not the sweet favorite heroine in the show. She and Frank Watson want the written confession of a Jimmy O'Brien, who has poisoned the race horse "Wild Fire." Sally, Frank Watson's daughter, is in love with Ralph Dudley, a jockey; Frank is not a "has-been" because he seeks the hand of Lilian, the daughter of Col. Allison. Jack Taylor is his rival. Ralph has the confession; Frank's disapproval of Ralph changes when he learns about this. Plinkus and Plunkus gum up the works with their misunderstandings; dirty work follows.

No, we must stop right here. You can see there is a plot. And the music runs right along with it. We know you will be humming or whistling "You'll Suit Me Then," and "Come Take Me In Your Arms" when you leave the performance. The eighteen piece orchestra from Chicago theatres will help you out. You will enjoy every minute of the show!

Now, read the article "Legion Posts do Real Work" and get the "hot" dope of our Post from its Commander.

### Production Staff Has Some Fine Talent Too

Behind this production is quite a staff of workers, some on the business side while the rest take care of the show itself. We're going over big or know the reason why.

Samuel S. Otis is the general chairman, appointed by the Legion. He has had so much experience with the North Shore Theatre Guild that he knew where to pick the people to help him. The program committee is headed by Ralph K. Rockwood and assisted by Samuel C. Smart and Harold Snell. The patrons and patronesses were selected by a committee, of which Marcus D. Richards is chairman. The publicity is being handled by S. Edwin Earle and J. Endicott Bradstreet.

As you know, the director of the show is Howard H. Hoyt. The technical work is under the direction of Gregory Foley, who has as electricians, Harold J. Bohnen and William J. Wissman. The talent was secured by a committee including Mrs. Edward W. Ellis, Mrs. John K. Coolidge, Mrs. Stanley Parker, Jesse Cain, and Sherman Orwig. The costumes are under the direction of Mrs. Delbert Poff, assisted by Mrs. James N. Rawleigh. The properties are being secured by a committee of which Mrs. Ayers Boal is chairman.

So you see there are many others doing their bit for the Legion cause than appear in the cast and choruses. You will find the show one of the best you ever saw, a real honest-to-goodness Broadway Musical Comedy with a kick!

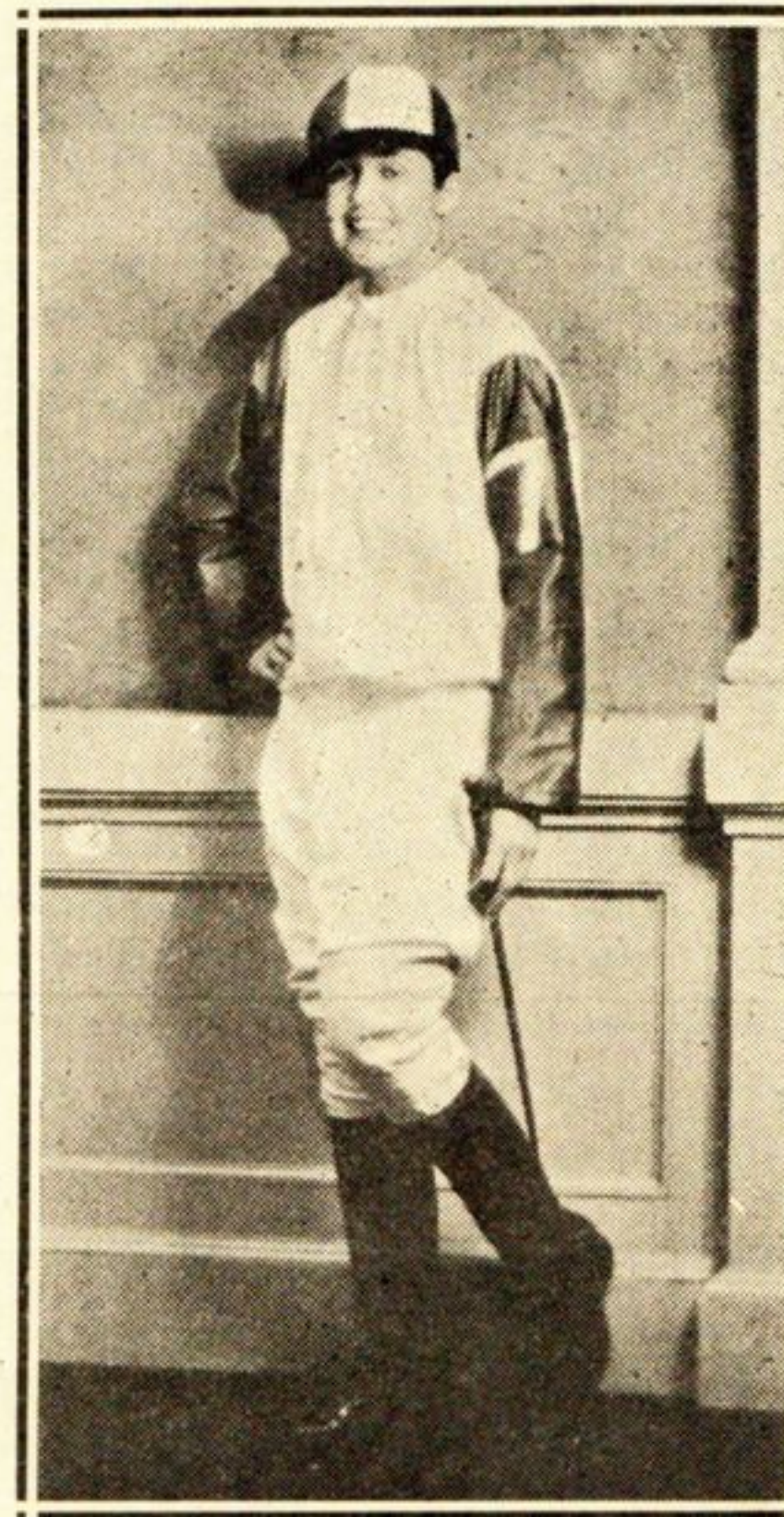
### If You're Not There on Time You'll Miss a Lot

Everything is fixed for the arrival of the "Gay Adventuress." All that remains is for you to get your tickets early and find your place in the auditorium before the "orchestra" strikes up the lively overture.

Whatever happens, don't be late—opening chorus, 8:15 o'clock.

### "Corinne Kelly"

Mrs. Wm. C. Boyden, Jr.



### WE'VE TOLD YOU ALL: BUY SEATS EARLY!

We want you to buy tickets for our show—we want you to awfully bad! We know you will get your money's worth if you come either night, May 9th and 10th—and perhaps you will want to come both nights,—so much the better! We hope you are with us 100% to help the wonderful cause which our Post is trying to forward.

Our publicity shows you our enthusiasm. Blind posters have seldom been used in Winnetka, but the experiences of the last two weeks have been interesting. On April 8th we spread in Glencoe, Hubbard Woods, Winnetka, Indian Hill, Kenilworth, Wilmette and Evanston posters bearing "The Gay Adventuress Is Coming On May 9th and 10th." A week later, the posters changed to "The Gay Adventuress Is Coming On May 9th and 10th to Skokie School Memorial Hall." We had "stories" in the local newspapers about them. Then last Tuesday, the third poster told the whole story. This sheet, "Legion Show News" elaborates on the details.

Now, to go over the top! We assume you were curious and desired to know the facts. Let that desire become a buyer of your tickets!

Tickets can be secured at the following places:

Glencoe: Hillman's Pharmacy.  
Hubbard Woods: Hubbard Woods Pharmacy.  
Winnetka: Adams Pharmacy.  
Kenilworth: Kenilworth Pharmacy.  
Wilmette: Snider-Cazel Pharmacy.  
Evanston: Chandler's Bookstore.  
And, besides, a coupon is all arranged on this sheet for your convenience!

### WHO'S WHO IN THE BIG SHOW

Finest Stage and Musical Talent of North Shore to be Heard

### A HOYT PRODUCTION

More than 50 People in All-Star Cast

The American Legion cause brought a ready response from many men and women to help in making this show a big success. "The Gay Adventuress" is more elaborate, more spectacular, more of a real musical show than has ever before been attempted in Winnetka. The lines, songs, and plot take away the oft-time amateur faults in many home-made productions.

For many years, Mr. Howard H. Hoyt, of Winnetka, has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a producer of musical comedies. His activities in this line have included the student dramatics at Northwestern and The University of Chicago. He has extended his efforts to the professional stage, where many of his playlets and sketches have been produced on the vaudeville stage.

His services were secured for the American Legion, and he has untiringly worked for the past six weeks to make a show which will be beyond your highest expectations. He wrote the words and music, and is in the cast of "The Gay Adventuress." The plot is well put together, and the twelve songs, besides the two opening choruses and two finales will keep you amused for an enjoyable evening. A Broadway musical comedy with a kick!

#### Fifty in the Cast

Over fifty men and women take part in the production. There are fifteen in the cast, twenty-four chorus girls, and twelve chorus men. Several are well-known artists on the stage, and the choruses have been drilled many, many times. You will see a stupendous array of costumes, color, and class.

We are very fortunate in having Mr. Harold Rigler play one of the leading parts. He is recognized as one of the finest tenors around Chicago, and with Mrs. Warner Robinson will sing one of the song hits of the show—"Let's Make A Wish On Stars." Mr. Rigler sings regularly at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, and Mrs. Robinson is prominently identified with the North Shore MacDowell Club.

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### SONG HITS OF THE SHOW

The Gay Adventuress .....	Frances LaBoy and Race Track Johnnies
The Vows We Make .....	Frank Watson
My Eyes and Lips are True to You .....	Sally Watson
You Made Me What I Am Today ..	Sally, Ralph, and Jack and Chorus
Come Take Me in Your Arms .....	Jack Taylor and Lilian
Raggedy Ann .....	Sally Watson and Ralph Dudley and Chorus
Let's Make A Wish On Stars.....	Lilian and Jack Taylor and Chorus
Sally .....	Sally Watson and Ralph Dudley
Tango Specialty .....	Mrs. Edward W. Ellis and Mr. Henry Lane
You'll Suit Me Then.....	Levy, Moritz, Corinne and Nora
Dance Specialty .....	Mr. and Mrs. Barton Walker
For I'm in Love .....	Frances LaBoy

### TICKET COUPON

MR. GEORGE MCKINNEY,  
Chairman Ticket Committee,  
605 Cherry St., WINNETKA, ILL.

Please send me ..... tickets, at \$1.50 each, for the American

Legion show on { May 9th I enclose \$.....to pay for them.  
                          { May 10th

Name .....

Address .....

Date .....

NOTE: These tickets will be mailed to you. Read Tom Lynch's article and you will cheerfully give for the cause only—aside from seeing a Broadway Musical Comedy.