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NORTH SHORE YOUTHS HAVE PLAY ACCEPTED

Studio Players of Chicago to Present *Noblesse Oblige*, a Tragedy by Montgomery Major and W. Harlan Ware

TO SHOW AT HULL HOUSE

Authors Well Known To North Shore Drama Lovers; Ware To Assume Leading Part at Premiere

Montgomery Major and W. Harlan Ware, of Wilmette and Winnetka respectively, will have the premiere of their one-act tragedy *Noblesse Oblige* when the Studio Players present their second bill of the 1921 season at Hull House theater on October 22. Miss Phyllis Udell, one of the best known Little Theater artists in the country, will be in the cast, and W. Harlan Ware will play the male lead. Mr. Major, who is studying at Harvard, will be unable to return at this time for the production, but the play will be repeated during the holidays and Mr. Major will return at that time and will, in all probability, take part in the production.

Praised by Drama Leaders

The play, *Noblesse Oblige*, has been praised by many dramatic people of note, and the production at Hull House is almost certain to create a great deal of comment. The work of Montgomery Major is known to the north shore for the successful production of his play "The Horn of Rollizon" by the New Trier Dramatic club last year. Mr. Ware is known to the north shore not as a playwright, but as an actor, and is now working with the North Shore Players. He has dabbled in prose and poetry writing at different times for both "The American Boy" and "Youth's Companion" as well as many other juvenile magazines, but his advent, with Montgomery Major, as a playwright will doubtless be something of a surprise to his friends.

"Blood Will Tell"

Noblesse Oblige is an interesting piece of work from many viewpoints. A study in the immortality in nobility of blood, the play deals with a young man of good birth and family who has slowly lost his courage, his honor and his name. When the play opens, Rags, the young man, played by W. Harlan Ware, is a thing only to be pitied from a distance. He dumbly realizes his disgrace but doesn't care. He takes orders from a chinaman and a man of evil, obeying their slightest wish, their every command. His lack of courage, of manhood, is vividly portrayed. The climax of the play comes when Rags, not realizing that he is doing a great thing, gives his life, knowing that his former friends, his fiance and his mother will hear of his degradation, to save a worthless girl whom he doesn't like. Rags dies firmly convinced that he has been a failure, that he has not been "worthy of his blood."

It is an unusual play, treated in an unusual manner and carries from the rise of the curtain to its fall the dull atmosphere of tragedy, of sordid things, of disgrace. The character of Rags will be undoubtedly the most difficult part which Harlan Ware has played up to this time either as a professional or as an amateur. Mr. Major, during the holidays, will portray the Chinaman, a difficult part, demanding a fine actor, but those who remember Montgomery Major's work in *Grangoire* with the North Shore Players, will feel well assured that Mr. Major will play the most difficult of parts with a fine artistry.

ASK POLICE FIND GIRL

Chief of Police Peterson received a letter from Nuernberg, Germany, this week requesting local authorities to institute a search for Miss Marie Bock, presumably a Winnetka resident, who has not been in communication with her relatives in Germany since 1914. The letter is penned by one Jacob Rauetter.

SHRUBS ON LOCAL GROUNDS

The grounds around the Hubbard Woods and Horace Mann and Greeley schools are being planted with shrubs and vines by the O. C. Simonds company of Chicago.

PARENTS FETE TEACHERS

The Parent-Teacher association will give a picnic to all teachers this afternoon. Very attractive invitations were sent out, each being written in verse and enclosing an autumn leaf.

HARVEST HOME EVENT PLAYFIELD WIND-UP

Last Tournament on Municipal Golf Course Scheduled for October 22-23; Offer Prizes in Great Number

COURSE IS GOLFERS MECCA

Many Players from Outside the Village Use It; Tournament for Playfield Association Members Only

What is characterized as the "premier event of the year" at the Skokie Playfield Golf course is announced this week as the Harvest Home tournament of the Winnetka Playfield association, to be held Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23.

The event will bring to a close a very successful season on the Municipal Golf links. Many Winnetkans, it is thought, do not appreciate the exceptional opportunity offered golfers at Skokie Playfield where one is afforded splendid recreation at a minimum of expense. The course is not a long one but provides interesting sport and is growing better and more beautiful each year and more golfers should take advantage of its facilities.

Residents of Chicago, Evanston and north shore villages are discovering what a fine course Winnetka possesses and are making use of it. The course, however, has been provided for Winnetkans first of all.

Annual Event

The Harvest Home tournament is an annual affair and is open to all members of the Playfield association. Valuable and unique prizes add to the interest in the play and it is anticipated that many local golfers will be on hand to participate in the event. In addition to the customary competitive events, prizes will be offered for the highest gross score, most drives on the greens, largest number trees hit, most balls driven into ponds, highest score on any hole, blind bogey, smallest number of putts—18 holes—and many others.

There will be no necessity for caddies, the committee in charge informs. "Bring along a sharp pencil to keep the score and have your adding machine in good working order", is the advice.

BIG MEETING ANNOUNCED BY THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Winnetka Council of the Royal Arcanum announces a big meeting at the Winnetka Community House Monday evening, October 17, when several distinguished visitors are expected to join with the local members in a session of particular interest and importance. The council officers express a desire to have a 100 per cent membership upon this occasion. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock. Important matters affecting the council by-laws will be acted upon.

Many members of other councils who are residents of Winnetka and other villages in New Trier township, are said to have expressed the intention of affiliating with the Winnetka council and are to be given an especially enthusiastic reception at Monday's meeting.

PLAN MORNING GYM CLASS FOR WOMEN OF THE VILLAGE

A morning gymnasium class for women will be started at Winnetka Community House on Thursdays or Fridays in the event Director Harry P. Clarke can be assured of at least twenty applications, according to word from Community House officials this morning.

Women interested in such a class are urged to place their names with Mrs. E. W. Wortley at Community House.

WORK ON NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Work has begun on the new playground for the Skokie school. The grounds around the school are being graded and Winde and Marsh, engineers, are supervising the installation of tile drains which will insure dry grounds for the kiddies to play on even in bad weather.

STUDY SCHOOL METHODS

The annual series of visits by Chicago teachers have begun in the Winnetka schools. The teachers are investigating various branches of the work as conducted under the individual system of instruction.

Dr. Richards Appears In Tuesday Lectures

Inquiries Concerning Repetition of Last Year's Plan Answered in Announcement This Week

More than ever before have inquiries been made this fall as to whether Rev. James Austin Richards, of the Winnetka Congregational church, is to give an autumn series of Tuesday morning lectures.

The Winnetka Talk is able to announce that the plan which has proved so valuable and so successful in previous years will be followed again this year and that the first lecture will be given in the Neighborhood room of Community House at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Richards has announced for his subject this autumn "The Influence of Jesus Upon Different Types of People, and His Help in Answering Great Questions". The dates and subjects are as follows:

October 18—The Sinner. The Question of Remorse and Punishment.

October 25—The Patriot. The Question of International Relationships.

November 1—The Neighbor. The Question of the Social Order.

November 8—The Defeated. The Question of Efficiency.

November 15—The Seeker. What Is God Like?

November 22—The Embittered. The Question of Evil.

These lectures are open to everybody.

Constance Talmage In Community Films

Captivating Comedienne Appears Next Week in Douglas Murray's Play, "Lessons in Love"

Douglas Murray's famous stage play, "The Man from Toronto," has been transferred to the screen as "Lessons in Love", under which title it will be presented at the Community House, next Friday evening, October 21, with captivating Constance Talmage as the star. Henry Miller acted in the Murray play in this country under the title of "Perkins", and it is still playing in England as "The Man from Toronto". Grant Carpenter adapted it for the screen, and Chet Withey directed Miss Talmage in "Lessons of Love." Kenneth Harlan is Miss Talmage's leading man in this production, which is her latest release through Associated First National Pictures. Advance reports indicate that it is the best Constance Talmage picture yet turned out.

There will be two shows, at 7:15 and 8:45 o'clock.

HAROLD W. SNELL ELECTED COMMANDER OF LEGION POST

Elected At Annual Ballot Tuesday Evening; Legion Men Formulate Plans for Strong Hockey Team

Harold W. Snell was elected Commander of the Winnetka Post No. 10, of the American Legion Tuesday evening at the annual Post election held at legion headquarters in the Winnetka Woman's club building.

Other legionnaires chosen to assume important offices during the current year include:

Vice Commander, L. Sherman Aldrich.

Adjutant, Marcus Richards.

Finance Officer, A. Lee Adams.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Grinnell Wylie.

GOES TO VISIT BROTHER; FALLS DEAD ON RETURN

Miss Hanna Mossey, a servant in the Houghteling home at 731 Prospect avenue, died suddenly in Chicago on Sunday night, October 9. Miss Mossey had gone to the city to see her brother who was leaving for the west coast.

Death was due to heart failure, according to the coroner.

MANAGES REALTY OFFICE

Fred R. Haviland has recently become Winnetka manager of the real estate offices of Hill and Wheeler at 743 Elm street.

TAKES WINNETKA HOME

The Leon J. Klein home at 829 Foxdale avenue, has been sold to Ralph E. Batten, an attorney with offices in Chicago.

LEGION MEN, SEVENTY FIVE STRONG ORGANIZED AS SPECIAL POLICEMEN

Enroll in Squads To Aid Winnetka Police When Emergencies Arise in Village; Every Block to Be Effectually Policed When Call Is Sounded At Headquarters; Chief Peterson Appoints Ten Squad Leaders

Winnetka American Legion men—not as an organization—but as public spirited citizens, have joined the Winnetka Department of Police.

Tuesday evening of this week approximately seventy-five members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion pledged themselves to assume the responsibilities of special auxiliary policemen to aid the paid Police Department of the village in the apprehension of burglars, highwaymen and other criminals.

"The adage, 'Prevention is better than Cure' applies in police work just as surely as it does in the field of medicine," Chief of Police Peterson told the legion men this week at their regular Tuesday evening business session.

"I have been very fortunate in the past in being availed of the services of a citizens' auxiliary police. These men, all of whom are prominent and responsible citizens of the community, have been of great assistance to the department particularly in connection with special investigations. However, these men are, for the most part, of middle age whose home responsibilities prevent their entering upon emergency tasks demanding preparation for duty at a moment's notice, and I have considered the plan of enlisting the services of the younger men of the community for duty of this special character. The citizen auxiliary that has aided me for several years will continue in its excellent and valuable work."

Need Co-Operation

"Police work can be accomplished effectively only with the co-operation of the citizens of the village. While our regular force of men can attend to the customary duties allotted to police, emergency requires assistance from outside the department."

"Therefore, with the purpose in view of securing efficient aid in times of emergency it has been thought advisable and logical to call upon the services of the younger men of the village. Nothing could be more reasonable than to enlist some of these men from within the ranks of the American Legion. I have discussed the matter with Mr. Dickinson, your retiring commander, and find that his

views in the matter coincide with mine.

"I wish it distinctly understood at he outset, however, that enrollment in the auxiliary police means not merely that a fellow carry a star and credentials, but represents a serious responsibility that means real work."

Spread Crime Net

Chief Peterson outlined the duties of the auxiliary police as follows:

The Village is divided into ten police districts, or posts. Each post will have its captain or squad leader. Immediately an emergency arises word is sent from police headquarters to the squad leader who in turn calls out his squad for immediate duty. This duty requires the placing of a watch at all places of exit from the village, as example, railway stations and streets leading to the village limits. Every block in the village will be effectively policed under this plan. The regular police can, under this system, proceed directly to the scene of a crime or other unusual circumstance and thence effectively scour the village.

Another duty of the auxiliary police is to maintain a strict observance while on the streets during night hours. They are required to report, without delay, any unseemly disturbances or encounters with suspicious appearing persons. They are required also to call headquarters in the event of the flash of the red lights, one of which is in the tower of the Village Hall, another on the Water and Light plant tower and a third in the tower of the New Trier High school.

The auxiliary police are vested with the full authority of the paid police, will be supplied with police badges and permitted to carry side arms. Volunteers are not to be confined to the ranks of the legion but any citizen desiring to join may do so by communicating with Chief Peterson.

Squad leaders named by Chief of Police Peterson are C. B. Bartlett, S. S. Otis, R. L. Orwig, W. H. Snell, M. D. Richards, George Wissmann, Grinnell Wylie, F. O. Mason and L. Howe. One district in Hubbards Woods has not been organized but will be provided with a squad leader within a few days.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS GENERAL MEETING AROUSES INTEREST

Winnetka Camp Fire Girls are looking forward enthusiastically to the first general meeting of all the Camp Fire groups on Friday afternoon, October 21, at 4:30 o'clock in Community House gymnasium.

This is not an open meeting, but the Camp Fire Council will be in attendance and the girls and guardians will line up for inspection. Special Camp Fire work will be done, there will be Camp Fire songs and a social half hour will follow with the Camp Fire Council in the Neighborhood room of Community House.

NEW CAMP FIRE GUARDIANS

Miss Ruth Pease and Mrs. Lynne have been appointed Camp Fire Guardians. Miss Pease takes the place left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Vernon Welsh, and Mrs. Lynne starts with a new group of Camp Fire girls. This makes six active groups meeting regularly each week in Community House.

OVERHEATED STOVEPIPE—FIRE

An overhead stovepipe was the cause of a small blaze in the private kindergarten at 950 Fig street, Monday, in the rear of the home of Sebastian Hinton.

FIRE — NO DAMAGE

The Winnetka Fire department responded to a fire at Killin's Plumbing Shop, 876 Center street, Tuesday, and put out the blaze before any damage was done.

HEAD LIBRARIAN RETURNS

Miss Mary Hewes has returned as head librarian at the Winnetka Public Library. Two weeks' illness prevented Miss Hewes' return immediately after a vacation in Tennessee.

MEN'S CLUB COMMITTEES PREPARE FOR BANNER YEAR

Officers and committees are working diligently to make the coming year the banner season for the Winnetka Men's club.

A letter is to be mailed soon to each man in Winnetka inviting him to come to the monthly dinners. Emphasis at these dinners will be placed upon fostering good fellowship and developing a live membership. The club has named a Mixer committee which is at work planning interesting innovations to stimulate enthusiasm in the gatherings.

President George D. Wolf is formulating a strong program of speakers and announcement of the initial meeting will be made in the near future.

NOTICE HOCKEY PLAYERS

Young men in Winnetka interested in Hockey are asked to communicate with F. W. Copeland, 665 Prospect avenue, phone Winnetka 343, who is planning to organize a Winnetka Hockey team. The Winnetka Park Board, says Mr. Copeland, has promised to provide a rink should sufficient interest be displayed in the sport. Games can be arranged with teams representing Lake Forest, Highland Park, Glencoe and Evanston.

ENTERTAINS TEACHERS

Mrs. Laird Bell, wife of the President of the Board of Education, entertained the Winnetka Public school teachers at a tea on Tuesday afternoon.

BUYS WINNETKA HOME

One of the new homes at Asbury and Vernon streets, built by William Aitken, has been sold to M. E. Carrier of Milwaukee. Hill and Wheeler were the brokers.