

GUILD PLAYERS STAR IN 'MIXED MARRIAGES'

Enthusiastic Audiences Witness First Tragedy

BY L. L. S.

There is one vital subject of the day of which the North Shore Theatre Guild can never again claim ignorance. Namely, the situation in Ireland today. It was presented to two very large and enthusiastic audiences at the Winnetka Woman's club on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. It was presented forcefully, dramatically and convincingly and withal so delicately that each spectator could carry away the convictions he brought with him absolutely intact.

It takes rare genius to handle religion on the stage and neither offend nor antagonize the audience. That genius St. John G. Ervine has certainly displayed in his four-act Irish play "Mixed Marriage," which the Theatre Guild Players so ably produced.

The cast was small, containing only six characters, but those six have become real personages in the minds of the audience.

Eckhart Real Star

John Rainey, the father, played by Mr. Percy B. Eckhart, will long be remembered as the acme of all that is stubborn, pig-headed, bigoted and unreasonable and yet "right" in many ways, but woefully wrong in his deeds. So narrow and rigid a Protestant that he bent backwards, professing to be all that a Christian should be and yet—holding the peace, happiness and welfare of his native city in the hollow of his hand—was willing to throw it all away rather than allow his son to marry the Catholic girl he loved. Even at the end with the city in turmoil, soldiers firing into the mobs, his house in ruins and his son's promised wife dead at his feet, he triumphantly asserts he was "right." The pathos of his wife as she contemplates the havoc his prejudice has wrought and yet is able to pat his shoulder consolingly, is the high spot of the drama.

Mrs. Whitely Well Cast

The wife was beautifully portrayed by Mrs. Arthur L. Whitely. Her part not only carried the pathos but the humor of the play as well. Her caustic, yet kindly observations on man and his weaknesses produced gales of laughter and generous applause.

Tom Rainey, played by Mr. George Martin, was an exceedingly difficult part but excellently played. Its very difficulty lay in its briefness and general awkwardness. As the younger son, just emerging into manhood, always shoved aside, made to run errands and promptly "shut-up" whenever he ventured an opinion, he was both amusing and pathetic.

Mrs. Boyden in Clever Role

Nora Murray, the rovable Catholic girl, about whom all the fuss revolves, was cleverly portrayed by Mrs. Preston Boyden. She and Hugh, her lover, played by Mr. Ogden Cook, aroused a great deal of sympathy. Selfish and self-centered as youth and love always are, yet Nora rises to great sacrifice in the last act, as she realizes that the human is smaller than the state and happiness achieved at the cost of human pain and suffering in others can never last. She dies content, having been shot down by soldiers in her effort to save Michael O'Hara.

Mr. Cook was a very realistic lover and caused many sighs among the feminine spectators.

Mr. J. Lincoln Gibson, as the visionary, idealistic Catholic, Michael O'Hara, won real interest and close attention during his pleas for a united Ireland where neither creed nor catechism should divide man from man or man from woman.

Rival Professionals

We feel that the general attitude is that our North Shore Theatre Guild is rapidly passing beyond the amateur and can soon be classed as professional.

The one setting, the general cooking, eating and living room of the Rainey household, where the complete action takes place, was designed by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bond and certainly looked like a real representation of an Irish workman's home.

A complete miniature model of the stage, together with pictures taken in Belfast, were on exhibition in the club rooms, forming an interesting as well as educational feature of the evening.

Mr. Guy Stuart Bailey deserves much praise and credit for his admirable training and direction.

Give Open Air Play

No small amount of the evening's pleasure was produced by the North Shore Theatre Guild orchestra, ably conducted by Mr. E. C. Kaumeyer. They played five difficult selections brilliantly and smoothly.

Altogether it was an entertainment long to be remembered and if some of us prefer to laugh and have a "happy ending" there are also many

MUNICIPAL COLUMN

Edited by the Village Manager

CLEAN-UP WEEK

The week of May 8 to 13 has been designated by the Village as Community Clean-Up Week. Village wagons and trucks will collect all household rubbish during this week, providing the material is placed in containers on the parkway. A regular schedule for the several districts of the Village has been arranged, and will be found elsewhere in this issue. In case rubbish is placed on the parkway after the day indicated in the schedule, a special collection will be made upon request to the Village Hall. Residents are urged to make a special effort to clean up all accumulations of rubbish during this week. Let's make and keep Winnetka clean.

In this connection, it should be understood that the Village has no authority to expend public funds in cleaning up private vacant lots. It must therefore depend upon the public spirit of citizens in cleaning up vacant lots in each neighborhood, and the Village will co-operate by hauling away all such accumulations, placed on the public parkway.

Several requests have been received at the Village Hall by citizens who wish to use the manure covering placed around fire hydrants for winter protection. Any resident who wishes to use this for fertilizer is welcome to remove the same from any hydrant in his vicinity.

DOG LICENSES

The Village records show that a considerable number of dog owners of the Village have failed to take out dog licenses as required by the Municipal Code. Under a new ordinance passed last year, dog license fees become due and payable on January 1st of each year, instead of on May 1st, as was formerly the case. It is suggested that all dog owners take steps to secure a license at once. Unless this is done, it will be necessary to authorize the Police Department to initiate enforcement measures.

COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting of the Village Council on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, Trustee, J. D. Pierce was elected president protem of the Council for the coming year.

Special Assessment proceedings were started for replacing the sidewalk on the north side of Ash street, in front of Lots 11 and 12 Block 10, Provident Mutual Land Association Subdivision, west of Provident Avenue.

An informal public hearing was held on the question of re-paving Linden Avenue and Gage Street in Hubbard Woods, which was attended by a large number of interested property owners. Considerable difference of opinion developed among the property owners as to the improvement desired, and the Board requested that those interested arrange for a meeting of property owners to agree on the form of the improvement and to appoint a committee to confer with a committee of the Council.

The Village Manager was instructed to take up with the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Electric Railway the matter of requiring limited trains to stop at the Indian Hill station because of the great danger to high school students, resulting from the high speed at which these trains now pass the station platform.

NEW PUMP AUTHORIZED

The Council has authorized the installation of a 3-million gallon centrifugal pump at the Water Plant, to provide additional capacity to serve the increased needs of the Village, and to give added reserve capacity in case of fire demand.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

The general offices of the Village will be closed on Saturday afternoons during the months of May to September inclusive. The Village Manager can ordinarily be reached by telephone on emergency matter during the closed hours, by calling Winnetka 54. The Police and Fire departments will be open at all times; prompt service on electric and water trouble can be secured during office hours by calling Winnetka 860 and during closed hours by calling Winnetka 5.

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of us who occasionally like to see a serious and realistic phase of life so conscientiously portrayed.

With two comedies to their credit this year, one an American play and the other an English production, it was certainly a wise choice to select as the one tragedy of the year this wonderfully written Irish play of St. John Ervine.

Give Open Air Play

The Guild's fourth and last play will be an open-air production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona," at Ravinia, and it will certainly be eagerly anticipated by all who have been so fortunate as to see the Guild's three previous productions.

NORTH SHORE WOMEN AID FOREIGN SCHOOLS

Raise Funds to Help Women's Union Colleges

On Saturday, April 29, a luncheon was given at the Auditorium Hotel in the interest of the Women's Union Christian Colleges of the Orient. The seven colleges included are doing a remarkable work in training women leaders for their respective countries and it is due to their phenomenal growth that the need for buildings and equipment has become urgent.

To this need the women of America—club women, college women and women who are interested in education in a broad way, have responded with enthusiasm and a movement is on foot to raise \$2,000,000 by January 1, 1923. To this \$2,000,000 another \$1,000,000 will be added from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Fund. The campaign is progressing favorably in other parts of the country and Chicago is not willing to be outdone. At the luncheon, Evanston reported over \$11,000 and Winnetka, \$2,000. The money raised in Chicago and its environs will be used for the Administration Building at Yenching College, Peking. 600 Attend Luncheon.

Six hundred people were present at the luncheon, Winnetka, Highland Park and Glencoe each having a table reserved for its delegation.

The principal speakers were J. Leighton Stuart, President of Peking University, Dr. Ernest Burton of Chicago University, recently returned from an educational commission to China, and Mr. William Hung, secretary of Chinese students in America, who is returning to China to teach at Peking, China.

Pacific to the Fore.

Dr. Stuart, in his brief speech, predicted that in the near future the civilization of the world would center about the Pacific as in times past it centered about the Mediterranean and later about the Atlantic. "In that day," said Dr. Stuart, "America will be to China the near East as China will be to America the near West. What is being done in China is therefore of the greatest interest to America."

Dr. Burton averred that the greatest of China's undeveloped resources is her womanhood, and the Woman's college, one of the means by which it is to be developed. He explained that Yenching is the antique name for Peking and means capital of the state of Yen which is the ancient name for China, Yenching being the capital at the time of the Trojan War, and of Samuel and Saul.

Reports at the luncheon tallied over \$30,000 toward the Administration Building at Yenching. The building is to be an adaptation of Chinese, Roman and Gothic architecture. The motto of the college is "Freedom through Truth for Service."

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Public Forum

Every reader of the Winnetka Talk must have been delighted with the clear statement made by Village Manager Woolhiser last week explaining the advantages that would come to Winnetka if the business section of our village were adequately lighted.

Now it is up to some of our public spirited citizens to start the circulation of a petition for signatures, or to call a meeting to bring the question of improved street lighting before the trustees of the village.

"BLUE BIRD."

IN NEW LOCATION

Dr. C. H. Eldred and Dr. R. W. Connor moved their offices this week from the Cox building into the Village Theatre building on Wilmette avenue.

Women Voters, League in Final Meeting of Season

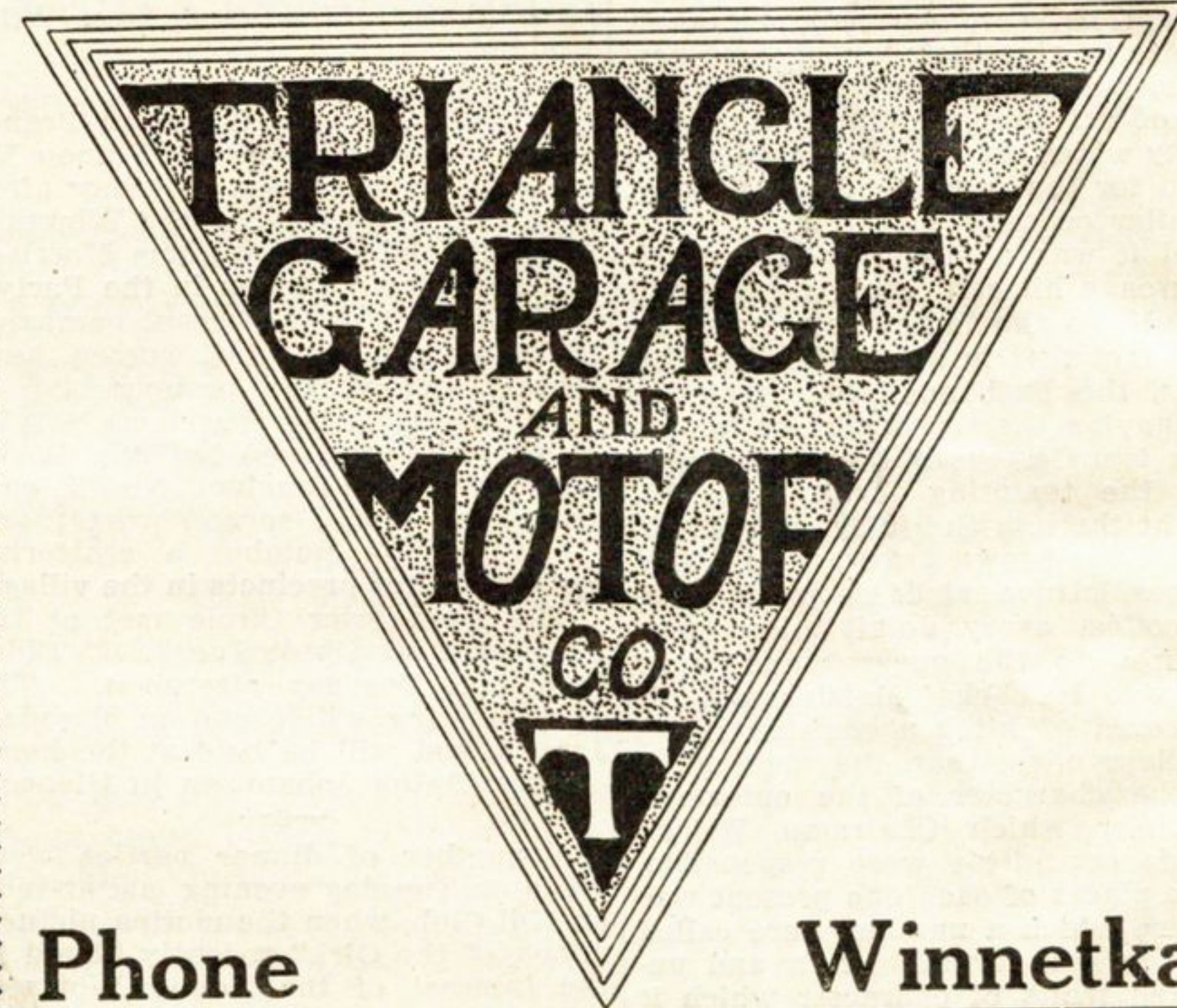
The Winnetka League of Women Voters will hold its last meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at the Winnetka Woman's club.

Mrs. James W. Morrison, who ranks prominently among the civic workers of Chicago, will speak on the subject, "Women in the Party".

A cordial invitation is extended to every woman in the village—whether a member of the league or not—to attend the meeting, which will be the last until October.

Identification.

As a means of identification a European scientist has combined X-ray photographs of person's fingers with their finger prints.



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