

BENEFIT PLAYS WIN PRAISE FOR PLAYERS

Three One-Act Plays Attract Record Audiences

BY CRITIC

A crowded house witnessed the performance by the North Shore Players last Wednesday evening at the Winnetka Woman's club and not a single disappointed person passed through the doors at the end. From the opening selection by the orchestra to the whirlwind uproarious farce, "Home for Lunch" at the finish, the players got their lines across in such splendid fashion that they won the sympathy of the audience from the start.

It is seldom that a local performance by local talent of amateur standing attains the high degree and the really wonderful standard of excellence as portrayed in last Wednesday's entertainment. The stage management, direction and orchestration all had the degree of finish and refinement of action seldom witnessed off the professional stage. Under the careful coaching of Mrs. Jessie Royce Landis, the North Shore Players produced an evening's entertainment so well rounded out, so spontaneously given, so adequately presented that when one comes to actually review the performance, it is indeed difficult to make a start.

Sans Amateurism.

"The Last Rehearsal" which was the first play presented, quickly proved to an enthusiastic audience that here was amateur theatricals quite different from the ordinary. From the opening lines, quiet chuckles began to ripple over the house, till with the progress of the plot, those chuckles developed into full blown laughter, continuously prolonged. There were no lapses in the movement of the story, no annoying pauses, no missed cues or awkward circumstances.

The story was unfolded with all of the continuity, all the swift dispatch, all the telling emphasis that one might expect to see in a metropolitan theater. No awkwardness or lack of stage presence cropped out anywhere. Especially effected was the work of Mr. Joe Driscoll, as the stage manager and Miss La Van Ball the author. Miss Rieckson as the haughty star gave an ideal performance.

This opening put the audience in perfect humor for the second one-act

play, "Mansions." This was indeed admirably presented. The work of Miss Elizabeth Duffy and Mr. Robert Andrews and Beryl Speck, the boy who dreamed of erecting his "mansions in the sky" as he passes over the great beyond, can scarcely be lauded overmuch.

Handkerchiefs came into evidence all over the house and not a few women enjoyed a real old-fashioned cry.

Miss Duffy Stars

The climax of this play, where Miss Duffy forces the opening of the long silent piano and rebelliously beats out a paean of forced joy as a requiem to her brother orphan who has just passed over, gave a thrill and sounded a note of sincerity easily felt by even the youngest person in the audience.

And then came the crashing farce at the finish. A rapid fire of uproarious, laughable mistakes and mishaps that kept the packed house in one long roar of mirth. The work of Miss Kathryn Crush and Sidney M. Spiegel, jr., in this play, "Home for Lunch," sent the audience out with every one enthusiastically praising the plays, the performers and the entertainment as a whole.

The North Shore Players have easily demonstrated their unusual ability and have effectively fulfilled every promise of the high standard of their performances.

Master Robert Campbell did himself proud in the prologue with some excellent recitations prepared by Mrs. Landis.

The performance was repeated in Wilmette the following evening to an equally enthusiastic audience. The North Shore Players, Mrs. Jessie Royce Landis and Sidney M. Spiegel, jr., are to be commended for their splendid efforts and are to be thanked for the tidy sum which the performance netted for the Hadley School for the Blind.

COUNTRY DAY PUPILS CELEBRATE MAY DAY

(Written by a pupil in the Country Day School, department of Journalism.)

Pupils of the North Shore Country Day School celebrated May Day by assembling on the green, where they were joined by the May Queen.

To the sound of a bugle the queen walked up to the throne, where she was crowned. After the entire gathering had sung to the Queen, the Herald called for the chosen poets and artists, who, after exhibiting their works, were presented with wreaths by the

queen. Then the Seventh and Eighth grade milkmaids danced around the May Pole. After Robin Hood and his men had sung a song, the high school boys had bouts in wrestling with the broad sword and the quarter staff. This was followed by numerous other events, among which was a very good exhibition in archery by the Sherwood Archers of the Fifth grade.

The closing event was a country dance, by the high school girls in

which parents and faculty joined. Then after singing "Wake the Echoes", one of the school songs, everyone left the scene of merrymaking to go to their respective classes.

Mrs. Loretta Skaer of Winnetka had as her guest, Miss Alice Marks of Freeport, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vennema and family have moved from 335 Ridge avenue, to 849 Willow street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Kellogg of Rogers Park have purchased the M. L. Friedman home at 615 Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Henning have moved from 941 Oak street to 458 Linden street.

S. H. Simpson and family of 781 Walden road recently moved into their new residence on Walden road.

Come-On-Lets-Go!

Winnetka has always pushed each drive she has made over-the-top. Remember each loan drive, the Salvation Army Drive. How they all went over the quota. Winnetka always floats her banner from the top of the flag staff.

Let us nail one more flag to the top of the pole, and put the Banner of our Community House there with the rest. We have to have a larger Community House. We need more room--we have to have the money to build it. All together with our hands on the rope, let us pull the banner to the top.

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