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"JEANNE D'ARC' IS BRILLIANTLY PLAYED"

Critic Says Theatre Guild Players Have set High Standard in Dramatics

REALISTIC VERSION

Cast Displays Unusual Dramatic Ability

BY MRS. LESLIE PARKER

With a brilliant performance of Percy MacKaye's "Jeanne d'Arc" presented in the Patten gymnasium last Thursday evening the North Shore Theatre Guild brought to a successful close its first year of activity. This historical pageant has become something of a classic since its original presentation a number of years ago by Julia Marlowe and E. H. Sothorn.

In undertaking the production of such an ambitious piece of work the guild displayed not only courage and untiring energy but also an amazing amount of unusual dramatic ability within its circle of amateur performers. Such an historical pageant, set, as it is, against a background of the most picturesque period in French history, lends a rare opportunity for beauty and magnificence in costume and setting. Mrs. Frederick W. Bond, taking full advantage of material so rich in possibilities did a most excellent piece of work in costume design, creating a delightful combination of beauty and accuracy. Scene after scene upon the enormous stage of the gymnasium made a series of tableaux so rich in color, so exquisitely lighted and so well balanced that one was reminded of the wonderful Jeanne d'Arc murals painted by Chevanoux on the walls of the Pantheon in Paris.

The beautiful music, written by Frederick S. Converse, and secured for this performance by the guild after considerable difficulty, was played by a selected group of artists from the Chicago Symphony orchestra and directed by George Dasch.

The chief role was played by Mrs. Dudley Cates of Winnetka, whose remarkable interpretation of Jeanne, the inspired peasant girl of Domremy, kept its high level throughout the performance. Mrs. Cates has had some professional experience and was a student of dramatic interpretation at the Comedie Francaise in Paris. Her enunciation and voice placement made her excel in an auditorium where it is generally most difficult to hear spoken lines from the stage. She was ably supported by a well trained and capable cast, including William Z. Nourse, who as King Charles, gave a splendid and convincing performance; Abram Mendenhall as the Duc d'Alencon and Richard Bates as Vendome, the Chamberlain; Mrs. Helen Walton, as Catherine de la Rochelle filled her role gracefully and made a delightful appearance in her brilliant court costumes.

The North Shore Theatre Guild thus brought to a close a most creditable year, under the able leadership of Guy Stuart Bailey, its president. It has presented during the season four plays of real merit—Edna Ferber's "1,200 a Year," Irvine's "Mixed Marriage," Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and Percy MacKaye's "Jeanne d'Arc." That its efforts were met with popular support was evidenced by an enthusiastic audience of over 3,000 people at their last performance. Mr. Bailey, who is himself an actor of experience and ability, has in a large measure carried the responsibility of the organization of the guild and the coaching and management of its offerings. The guild has set a very high standard in amateur dramatic circles and has built up within the year a membership and following which can be relied upon to insure its continued success.

Mother of Local School Instructor Passes Away

Word has reached the village of the death on Tuesday, July 4, of Mrs. W. M. Margerum in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Margerum was formerly a resident of Winnetka. Mr. Margerum died here last winter. She is the mother of Miss Grace Margerum, Kindergarten teacher at the Greeley Grammar school, and of Percy Margerum of Winnetka. She only recently went to Texas. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but it is expected the services will be held in Winnetka.

ANNOUNCE TEACHERS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Completes 1922-23 Roster

Winnetka's Public school roster of instructors for the year 1922-23 was officially made public this week by Superintendent of Schools Carleton W. Washburne.

Each year, with several teachers terminating their services in the public schools—a condition for which Dan Cupid is largely responsible—it becomes necessary for Superintendent Washburne to scour thoroughly the normal school and college field of the middle west to secure efficient instructors to fill the vacancies. This work accomplished for another year, the complete teaching staff is announced as follows:

Greeley School
Kindergarten, Grace Margerum; First Grade, Elizabeth Vernon; First Grade, Beatrice Hayes; Second Grade, Phyllis Mueller; 2nd & 3rd, Emma Jaycox; Third Grade, Mrs. Katherine Carey; Fourth Grade, Helen Vernon; 4th & 5th, Marion Gram; Fifth Grade, LaReina Bubbett; 6th & Prin., Mrs. Julia S. Ostergaard.

Skokie School
Fifth Grade, Martha Ratliff; Sixth Grade, Georgia Pearson; Sixth Grade, Ruth Ostlund; Special Room, Mrs. Helena Brenton; English, Florence Brett; English, Ruth Fallis; English & Dramatics, Douglas Whitehead; English & Dramatics, Mrs. Frances Murray; English, Dorothy Coe; Arithmetic, Mary M. Reese; History & Prin., Willard Beatty; Science, Hazel Hartwell; Dom. Science, Helen Beals; Man. Training, Charles Kinney; Man. Training, Elmer Sipple; Commonwealth Fund, Louise Mohr.

Hubbard Woods
Kindergarten, Winifred Weedon; First Grade, Ethel Van Cleve; First Grade, Frieda Leichenring; Second Grade, Florence Fike; Second Grade, Mrs. Milored Hughes; Third Grade, Blanche Herman; 3rd & 4th, Sara Grace Rabinowitz; Fourth Grade, Muriel MacKay; Fifth Grade, Eva Cox; 5th & Prin., Marion Carswell.

Horace Mann School
Kindergarten, Clementine Eastman; First Grade, Kate Dwyer; First Grade, Livia Youngquist; First Grade, C. Louise Peck; Second Grade, Mrs. Gertrude Stokes; Second Grade, Mrs. Janet Summers; Second Grade, Luella Swartz; Third Grade, Claudia Rogers; Third Grade, Edna Wirt; Fourth Grade, Kathryn Michael; Fourth Grade, Jeanette Baer; Fifth Grade, Mrs. Edna Cleveland; 6th & Prin., Soren K. Ostergaard.

Special Teachers
Music, Mrs. Caroline Kohlsaar; Music, Mrs. Elizabeth Starr; Art, Alta B. Gahan; Art, Mrs. Ruth Harshaw; Ph. Ed., Harry P. Clarke; Ph. Ed., Margaret Carswell; Ph. Ed., Geraldine Rolence; Science, Mary Payne.

STEAL SAFE FROM FORT; OPEN IT IN WILMETTE

Two men, believed to be deserters from Fort Sheridan, were surprised Monday morning when they had just finished breaking open a small safe, stolen from the quartermaster's department at the fort. The men fled in an automobile in which they are believed to have brought the safe to Elmwood avenue and the lake where they opened it with crow bars.

The police notified authorities at the army post who had not known the safe was missing. A check-up showed that the robbers had obtained only \$40 from the strong box. Cancelled checks and mess records were found strewn about the beach.

Crow bars, with which the safe was opened, were also stolen from the fort, leading the authorities to believe that it was an "inside job." The car was out of sight before the police could be summoned.

John McMurne Gloriously "Lit" on Glorious Fourth

John McMurne, of Chicago, spent a prolonged Fourth of July with several bottles of moonshine. He is now resting in the St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, where Chief Peterson and several assistants carried him Thursday morning.

McMurne was found half buried in some hay in a barn on Center street suffering from poisonous stimulants. He was unable to tell what was wrong with him, but the police sniffed and refrained from further questioning.

GIFT OF AUTOMOBILE TO MISSIONARY PAIR

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Wolsted, the missionaries of the Winnetka Congregational church, who are now on their way to India, are at present stopping in Boston for conferences and other preparations for their work.

They have been greatly gladdened by the gift of an automobile to be delivered to them in India. The gift comes from a family in the Winnetka parish and will greatly enlarge the usefulness of their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolsted and baby Howard sail on the Cunard liner Aquitania August 1. It is suggested that friends will like to send steamer letters and messages to the boat.

'CHIEF' DAVIES SAYS CAMP IS FINEST EVER

Fine Lot of Boys at Lake Hamlin This Year

Arthur Barrett returned to Winnetka last Saturday, having spent several days at Lake Hamlin, Mich., with "Chief" J. W. F. Davies at the Winnetka Community House Scout camp. "Camp activities are in full swing," Mr. Barrett reports, "and you may have the 'Chief's' word for it that the boys are as fine a lot this year as has ever attended camp."

"A new and permanent look-out tower was well under way when I left," Barrett explained. "The structure was up twenty feet. The new tower is close to the old one, but will be sixty feet or more in height when finished. The base posts are twelve feet apart and set in concrete."

Have Kite Craze
"The boys have the kite craze this year," he said, "and some twenty of them are preparing to enter the Kite tournament."

"The Fourth of July was to have been celebrated even more sanely than at home. Races and field events were to make up an interesting program. No fireworks permitted there."

"The new Evinrude boat donated by the women of Winnetka is a finely built and sturdy craft, a worthwhile addition to the camp. The war canoes donated last year are again much in use. Each one can carry eighteen persons and they travel as fast as the small motor boats."

Mr. Barrett was to return to camp this week and remain at Lake Hamlin until the termination of the Boys' camp.

Playfield Golfers Must Have Membership "Tags"

Winnetka golfers who employ the Playfield course in the Skokie are informed that golf membership tags, issued by the Winnetka Park board, are to be secured at the Winnetka State Bank.

Persons who have not taken out their membership in the Winnetka Playfield association are urged to do so this month in order to enable the Park board to know how many tags will have to be issued this year.

It is now absolutely necessary for players to show their membership tags to the starter at the links, it is explained.

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URGE TRACK DEPRESSION AS MEANS TO AVOID RAIL CROSSING DEATHS

Winnetka Village Council Passes Resolutions Deploring Condition and Demanding That Railroad Companies Adopt Measures to Insure Safety of Citizens; President Pens Forceful Letter

Winnetka this week definitely announced a new "Safety First" program.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway were officially notified this week that Winnetka is determined to insure the safety of its citizens by expending every effort to secure adequate protection at grade crossings, and to bring into effect without delay the plan of grade separation and track depression along the right-of-ways of both roads, as recommended by the Winnetka Plan Commission.

Resolutions, passed by the Winnetka Village Council Wednesday of this week, and copies of which were directed to the officials of both railroad companies, together with a forceful communication from Village President John S. Miller, Jr., set forth plainly what the village expects in the way of protection for Winnetka citizens.

The Resolutions
The resolutions, which need no further explanation, read as follows:

"WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Village Council that on June 15th, 1922, Peter Steffen was fatally injured by a North Shore Electric train at the intersection of the tracks of the said North Shore Electric railway with Pine street; and

"WHEREAS, it further appears that the crossing gates at such intersection were not lowered at the time of the accident due to the fault and neglect of the said Railroad company or some of its employees; and

"WHEREAS, it further appears that at various times accidents have been narrowly averted because of the manner in which the gates at this crossing have been controlled by the said Railroad company; and

Depression Essential
"WHEREAS, this condition can not be adequately remedied unless the grades are separated by depression of the tracks,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the continuance of this dangerous condition is a menace to the safety of all persons crossing the railroad tracks at this point and is a condition which the Village of Win-

netka cannot and will not tolerate to continue in the future.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Village be directed to communicate at once with the authorities of the North Shore Electric Railway company and the Chicago and Northwestern railway company protesting against this condition and demanding that every possible safety device be installed and properly operated at this crossing and urging the railway companies to proceed to depress the tracks as speedily as possible."

President Miller's letter to the railroad officials was as follows:

"Gentlemen:
"I enclose herewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council at its last meeting. You will see that this recent unfortunate, and as we think entirely avoidable, accident, has stirred up a very considerable resentment among the people in Winnetka. An examination of the evidence taken by the Coroner shows that the safety device for notifying the operator of the gates of the approach of a train was out of order. At least, this is his reason for not having lowered the gates in time. It does not seem to us that it is very material whether the automatic device was working or not, for any man in charge of this crossing should not be allowed to depend upon this notification, but he should keep a constant lookout himself. If one man is not sufficient to do this adequately, then another guard should be installed at once. There have been a good many instances where these gates were not down when trains passed and it was by the merest chance that serious accidents were averted.

Make Crossing Safe
"As President of the Village, I request that you proceed at once to make this crossing as safe for the public as any grade crossing can be and that you immediately install and man the latest and most improved safety appliances.

"I also desire to call your attention to the fact that the only effective method of protecting crossings is by separation of the grades and I respectfully urge that you give this matter your serious and immediate attention."

PLOT-ENHANCING PLAN ADJOINING C. AND N.W.

A plan of beautification of public grounds in Winnetka was outlined at a meeting this week of the Board of Directors of the Village Improvement association.

Among other places it was decided by the board to improve the circular plots adjacent to the Chicago and Northwestern railroad right-of-way at the intersection of Ridge avenue and Oak street, by the planting of shrubbery and flower beds.

Trees are to be planted on the north and west parkways at the Winnetka Free Public Library, according to the announced plan, and the tree planted some time ago at the northwest corner of the Village Common in memory of James A. Hunt, founder of the association, is to be marked with an appropriately inscribed tablet.

Business Men to Battle Postoffice in Ball Game

A picked team of Winnetka business men is to engage in mortal combat with a representative nine from the Winnetka Post Office Tuesday evening, July 11, at Playfield.

While the melee is characterized as a soft ball game, advance notices from the rival camps have it that the affair will be anything but that.

Rev. Charles A. Tibbals Preaches at Christ Church

Rev. Charles A. Tibbals is to occupy the pulpit at Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning, July 9, at the 11 o'clock services. The sermon subject is "Christian Courage."

Christ church program for Sunday includes Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.

Winnetka Battles Fort Sheridan Men to Draw

Winnetka and the Fort Sheridan Bear Cats battled to a 4 to 4 draw on Independence Day. The game was called in the ninth inning to permit the soldier boys to get away for another scheduled pastime. The game is to be played off Sunday, August 6, at the Winnetka Playfield diamond.

Orwig and Borre hurled good ball in their turns on the mound but their support was wobbly in spots enabling the Army crew to overcome a handicap of 3 to 1 in the sixth inning.

Winnetka meets Wheeling Sunday, July 9, at the farmer boys' home lot. The park is located in the Forest Preserve on the Wheeling road. The game is an official North Shore Baseball league event.

'Pears as if Motorists Respect Winnetka Laws

Careless automobile drivers are becoming scarce in Winnetka, taking the list of arrests for last week as a guide.

Only three arrests were made. W. M. Harvey, of Lake Forest, was fined \$10 and costs for speeding; Frank Haeger, Glencoe, paid a fine of \$10 and costs for a similar offense; W. T. Cameron, of Evanston, was fined \$5 and costs for parking his car without lights.

Hawthorne Lane to have New \$12,000 Residence

Permits for four dwellings and a number of garages were issued last week by the Department of Public Works.

Edward Hohn was given a permit to build a residence at 361 Hawthorne Lane to cost \$12,000. Samuel Southern will build a home at 1087 Pine street, at a cost of \$5,500. At 666 Sheridan road A. F. Sterrett will erect a residence to cost \$7,000.