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PLAYERS PLAN "JANE CLEGG"

St. John Irvine's Realistic
Production To Be Given
Here Early in June

MISS LANDIS IN CAST

Performance Will Be Win-
netka Legion Benefit

Winnetka's Post of the American Legion is sponsor for the next production by the North Shore Players, vivid in the minds of the playgoers for their splendid performances of "Peg O' My Heart" and "Three Live Ghosts." Early in June Winnetka will see, at the instance of the Legion, St. John Irvine's "Jane Clegg," one of the most favored plays of the past decade which enjoyed two solid years on Broadway.



Jessie Royce Landis

Jessie Royce Landis, director of the North Shore Players, has agreed to take the leading role in "Jane Clegg," a fact of singular significance in view of her great success in "Tangle" and other great local successes of recent years.

Realistic Play

"The last two or three plays staged by the North Shore Players have been three-act comedies, with possibly a touch of pathos," said Sidney Spiegel, president of the Players, in commenting on the forthcoming production. "After each performance people have asked me why we have never attempted anything serious, and I have always replied that the North Shore Players belonged to the people of the north shore, that our popularity depended upon giving those people what they wanted.



Sidney Spiegel

"An extensive investigation has brought us the conclusion that the sentiment for comedy and serious vehicles was about equally divided. Half of them liked the comedies we gave; the other half were well enough pleased but expressed preference for the more serious type of drama. Therefore, since we had thoroughly satisfied half of our patrons, we decided it about time to consider the other half. St. John Irvine's "Jane Clegg" is the answer.

Human Interest Play

"In 'Jane Clegg' we have found three acts of real human interest. We found human beings portrayed as they are in real life, not merely as pictured in some playwright's imagination, and we found a play that will satisfy those people who say 'Let us have something artistic instead of something that is a box office success.' And 'Jane Clegg' is just that and even more. It is an artistic production and a box office attraction at the same time. In offering to the public 'Jane Clegg' we offer a 100% show, one that played on Broadway for a period of over two years.

Mrs. Landis Heads Cast

"Jessie Royce Landis, who directed both 'Peg O' My Heart' and 'Three Live Ghosts' for the North Shore Players, will not only direct 'Jane Clegg' but will appear in the title role. Her work as a director is beyond dispute, and as an actress her years of experience alone prove her merit in this direction. She will have an equally strong supporting cast. For example, Harlan Ware, who played 'Jimmy' in 'Three Live Ghosts' will create the part of Mr. Muncs, and Miss Fanelma Schudmeyer, who created such a sensation in the role of 'Sweetheart' in 'Three Live Ghosts' will appear in a role very similar, that of 'Mrs. Clegg.' Others in the cast are Benn Carswell, of Northwestern, M. Hawley Mertz, Ruth Bushnell and Gordon Delay.

VIEW OF INDIAN EXHIBIT

The first grade of the Horace Mann school visited the first grade of the Country Day school yesterday. During the visit the guests were entertained by an Indian exhibition.

MASONS WILL FROLIC AT FELLOWSHIP FEAST

Men only will be admitted to the first annual Fellowship dinner to be given by the Winnetka Masonic lodge Thursday evening, May 17, at Community House. The members of the local lodge are expected to be on hand for the festivity which starts promptly at 6:30 o'clock, in the gymnasium. Several members of the Grand Lodge and visitors from neighboring lodges will be among the guests, it is announced.

While the plans for the evening's program have not been definitely arranged, it can be announced at this time that Clyde Jewell will be the toastmaster, that there will be some good speakers, a lot of singing and entertainment of genuine merit.

Reservations must be made not later than Monday, May 14, with G. W. Batey, secretary of the lodge. There will be no admittance without reservation, it is stated, and, to repeat the language of the introductory statement, "Men only!"

EXHIBIT HEARTH AT CEREMONIAL

Camp Fire Girls Contribute
Novel Fireplace

One of the most interesting features of the Camp Fire Room, which is to be in the addition to Community House, is the fireplace which will be not only the financial but also the material contribution of the Camp Fire Girls of Winnetka.

When the plans for the new building were drawn, and the girls found that they were to have a room of their own, they were very eager to put into its construction a real expression of themselves and their organization. Their thought naturally soon centered on a fireplace, for fire, typifying the hearth and home, is the symbol of Camp Fire. A design was made by Miss Ruth Pease, one of the Camp Fire guardians, for a very beautiful fireplace. The tiles of which it is to be built have been made by the girls themselves under the able and inspiring direction of Miss Pease. Each Camp Fire girl has an Indian name and a symbol which stands for that name, and it is these symbols which form the designs on the tiles; so every girl in the organization is putting into the fireplace a direct expression of herself which she has actually created. There are also larger tiles bearing the symbols of the various groups and the Winnetka association, and a very beautiful plaque for the center of the chimney piece inscribed with the Camp Fire Law.

The tiles and sketches of the fireplace will be exhibited at the Camp Fire Grand Council Fire, which is to be held in Community House, on Saturday, May 19, at 3 o'clock. At that time Miss Pease will be glad to go into detailed explanation of the designs and plans which are the result of her skill and creative ability.

Drug Store to Occupy Aitken Building Site

Hubbard Woods will not have a new bank just now, but it will have a new drug store. The corner store of the new Aitken block has been leased by the Snider and Cazal Drug company, of Wilmette, and will be opened for business about June 15.

For sometime Hubbard Woods citizens expected a new bank to be located at the corner site. The proposition was being backed by William Aitken, G. L. Zick and other prominent residents of the village, it was said. Because of unforeseen obstacles it was deemed impossible to carry the project through to completion at the present time, according to statements made by persons interested in the venture.

Country Day Children Make Study of Animals

A lamb and a full grown sheep have been added to the animals owned by the pupils of the Country Day school. The sheep have been placed in the barn constructed for the animals by the boys of the school. The second graders claim the sheep. They are studying weaving and expect to card some of the wool and spin some thread.

The fourth grade pupils own some rabbits, and some guinea pigs are included in the list of second grade possessions. Ring doves also belong in the group owned by the first and third graders. Recently two of the doves were presented to the Skokie school.

LEGION HOLDS BUSY SESSION

Decide All Future Meetings
Shall Be Opened with Pre-
scribed Ceremonies

INDIAN IS SPEAKER

Appeals for Recognition of
Indian Vets

Future meetings of Winnetka Post No. 10, of the American Legion, are to be opened with impressive ceremony as the result of action taken at the regular session of the Post Tuesday evening of this week at headquarters in the Winnetka Woman's club building.

The Post, it is announced, has secured a new Stand of Colors and it was decided to at once appoint a committee to work out a definite ceremony for the opening of meetings.

Appeal for Dues

At the business session it was announced that a long list of delinquent Winnetka Legion members has been received from the American Legion Weekly. Names included in this list, it was explained, were automatically dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. An appeal was made for prompt payment of dues by members in arrears in order that they may be reinstated without delay.

Plans for the forthcoming Legion benefit production to be given early in June were discussed. A. F. Gedge is general chairman of arrangements for the play to be given by the North Shore Players and every member of the post is working diligently to make this last benefit event of the season a big success.

Indians Seek Recognition

Tuesday's meeting terminated with an address by Charles Roberts, a Cherokee Indian who appealed to the Legion to aid in securing more recognition for the 12,000 Indians who served in the late war. He also asked that local Legion men appeal to Indian Commissioner Burke to withdraw his proposed plan to abolish Indian Pow-wows. The Pow-wow, Mr. Roberts explained, is a tribal custom of longstanding and affords the only opportunity for the Indians to meet in their chosen manner.

The members of the Post requested that further information in this matter be sought from Commissioner Burke.

MAY 26 IS DATE OF MAY MARKET

Garden Club Makes Elaborate Preparations

Preparations are going forward rapidly for the May Market to be held on the Village Green Saturday, May 26, under auspices of the Winnetka Garden club. Funds from the market will be directed into a fund to promote the beautification of public grounds in the Village by the planting of flowers and shrubs.

Mrs. Hathaway Watson is in charge of the "little garden" plan in connection with the market which has for its purpose the stimulation of a love of gardening among the school children. A silver cup is to be presented to the school whose children have the greatest success with gardens.

Garden products, including flowers, shrubs and vegetables will be on sale at the market. These will be donated by interested persons. Mrs. George C. Forest is chairman of the committee on donations and Exchange.

Mrs. Walter F. Wallace will have charge of the vegetable department. Mrs. Harry Barnum has secured the co-operation of nine nurserymen who will have fine specimens for the "little gardens," in which Mrs. Barnum has interested the children.

Mrs. Donald Dallas and Mrs. Frank Bersback are to be in charge of the grounds. Mrs. Perry Bradstreet will conduct a table for garden accessories and Mrs. Ralph Hobart will direct the sale of attractive baskets. Mrs. Marcus Richards is chairman of the Refreshments committee and Mrs. Lloyd Whitman will sell ice cream cones to the little tots.

Mrs. Frank R. Fuller is president of the Garden Club of Winnetka and Mrs. Ezra Taylor is general chairman for the May Market.

FORSAKE CLASS TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT "BOYS"

The Men's Sunday Morning Class last Sunday enjoyed a very active discussion of conditions in Winnetka as they affect the growing life of the boys of the community. The discussion comprised nearly the entire class hour usually devoted to the Biblical lesson of the day, but the sound, wholesome and unanimous conviction expressed on such a fundamental matter proved an entirely adequate substitute of practical religion for the announced subject. Willard Beatty, principal of the Skokie Public school, and Dr. J. W. Davies, associate pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church and director of Community House, were the speakers.

Tomorrow, in the Neighborhood room of Community House, the class will continue discussion of the life of Christ, with particular emphasis upon "The Climax of the Messiah's Mission" and with a view to asking whether it marked defeat or victory. The hour of the class session is 9:30 o'clock and all men of the village are welcome.

'PUT FOOT DOWN' ON PROGRAM ADS

Chamber of Commerce Acts
for Business Men

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, at its first business meeting Wednesday evening of this week at Community House, "put its foot down" on program advertising.

Complaints of various merchant members of the organization to the effect that programs for entertainments and similar events for which advertising is sought at frequent intervals represented an unwarranted expense to the merchants. Following a general discussion on the matter, resolutions were adopted stipulating that, in the instance of entertainments of real merit, the Chamber of Commerce will take one advertisement covering its entire membership. Application for such advertisement is to be made with William T. Wersted, chairman of the Civics and Advertising committee, who will in turn secure the sanction of the Chamber of Commerce. It was voted to send copies of the resolutions to all members of the organization and to the officers and committees.

In addition to hearing reports of committee chairman, President Earl Weinstock announced Merritt Starr, who joined the Chamber of Commerce, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Starr talked in the interest of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college, setting forth its mission and ideals and calling upon the members of the Chamber of Commerce to co-operate heartily in the current campaign for funds necessary to bring the college to the north shore.

At the conclusion of the address President Weinstock appointed a committee to co-operate in the campaign. The committee comprises Lloyd Hollister, chairman; Merritt Starr, C. T. Northrop, Dr. Delbert W. Poff and Sanborn Hale. The committee will solicit support for the college among the business men of the village.

Council Committees For 1923-24 Are Announced

Winnetka Village council committees for the year 1923-24 were announced as follows this week:

Finance: Edwin E. Brown, Jerome N. Frank, J. D. Pierce; Judiciary: Jerome N. Frank, Henry F. Tenney, L. Sherman Aldrich; Streets, Drainage and Forestry: L. Sherman Aldrich, Mary A. Langworthy, Edwin E. Brown; Public Utilities: Henry F. Tenney, Jerome N. Frank, L. Sherman Aldrich; Health and Safety: Mary A. Langworthy, Henry F. Tenney, Edwin E. Brown; Water and Light: Edwin E. Brown, J. D. Pierce, L. Sherman Aldrich; Plats and Zoning: Mary A. Langworthy, Henry F. Tenney, J. D. Pierce; Public Buildings and Grounds: J. D. Pierce, Edwin E. Brown, Mary A. Langworthy.

Recommend Zoning Change of Hubbard Woods Tract

The Winnetka Board of Appeals on Zoning Tuesday of this week recommended to the Village council, in regular session, the passage of an ordinance changing the provisions of the Zoning ordinance regarding the property at North and Linden avenues, a portion to "B" Residential and a portion to "C" Commercial.

The recommended ordinance was referred to the Plats and Zoning committee of the council for consideration.

SEVERAL PLANS FOR DRAINAGE

Storm Water Drainage Matter
Under Consideration
Council Committee

NO DECISION IS MADE

May Revive Old Drainage
District, Report

The question of securing storm water drainage in the Skokie regions is occasioning lively discussion in the village and, in view of the fact that considerable misunderstanding of the Village's plans in that regard, the Talk this week secured authentic information from officials emphasizing the fact that several plans for storm drainage are under consideration by the Village council.

The matter is now in the hands of the Streets, Drainage and Forestry committee of the council which has to date made no definite report in the matter.

Cites Causes

As a result of the change in character of the areas in the western portion of the village from farm land to subdivided residence property, and because of the menace to health resulting from the construction of sewage disposal plants west of Highland Park, which discharge effluent into the Skokie, the attention of the Village council has been directed to the necessity of evolving some comprehensive plan to take care of flood conditions, it is explained. As a result of a petition received by the council several weeks ago from property owners in the western portion of Winnetka, the Village Engineer has been instructed to submit a plan to relieve the storm water conditions. This plan has been submitted by the engineer and has received some consideration by the Streets, Drainage and Forestry committee of the council, which committee also has under consideration several proposed solutions of the problem, one of which involves the reviving of an old Drainage district formed to improve the natural outlet into the North Branch of the Chicago river.

No Definite Decision

The committee has made no definite decision in this matter and will not do so until after the fullest consideration, the property owners are assured.

Only Another Instance of "Moon" and Gasoline

Herbert Williams, 725 Deerfield avenue, Highland Park, was fined \$10 and costs and four other men were given fines of \$15 in Justice Nelson's court this week for driving an automobile while intoxicated. The four men were Earl Erickson, Raymond Johnson, Elmer Williams, and Harold Krieger, all of Highland Park.

The five men were in an automobile on Center street, returning from a party in the general vicinity of Glenview. Williams was driving the car. Three bottles, partly filled with wine, were found in the machine when it was brought to police headquarters.

When the men were searched an almost complete outfit of saloon accessories was found stowed away in their pockets.

Clean-up Week Proves Successful This Year

Winnetka's recent Clean-up week worked out very effectively, according to reports at the Village hall. The property owners co-operated very well, it was said, and the amount of material collected was estimated at fifty percent in excess of the collections in previous Clean-up weeks.

In order to handle the collections, two trucks were placed in service and used throughout the week in removing the accumulated material.

Several of the local improvements associations co-operated by cleaning up a number of conspicuous vacant lots, particularly in the vicinity of the railroad stations.

Village officials desire to inform new residents of Winnetka that the Village provides a free collection service for ordinary household rubbish such as cans, bottles and broken crockery. Collections are made on regular schedule every two weeks.

The Village does not collect building material left from alterations, paper which can be burned, grass cuttings, etc. Disposal of material of that kind must be made by arrangement with local teaming contractors.