

## DRAMATIC PAUSE MARS 'THE HERO'

**Individual Work, However,  
Is Excellent**

The most recent production of the North Shore Theatre Guild was "The Hero," by Gilbert Emery, on May 2 and 3. It seems particularly commendable for the Guild to produce this play for it is one of the most interesting and deserving of modern American dramas. It is a realistic and logical presentation of the theme that among the many disastrous spiritual consequences of war is the glorification of the spectacular and melodramatic in human beings at the expense of appreciating the deeper courage born of self-sacrifice and self-mastery in daily life. With the glamour of the war still upon us, a sincere presentation of this theme is in its own way truly courageous.

The two contrasting men's roles in "The Hero" were admirably presented by the North Shore Theatre Guild. The debonair young Ne'er-do-well Oswald Lane was played by Mr. Ogden Cook. In the first act the romance of his coming home wounded naturally inspires the audience with the popular illusion that this "Hero's" shortcomings have been purged by the refining power of trial by fire, but the situations that follow prove that, instead, the last inhibitions of decency, the last gleams of responsive manhood have been swept away in this young man and left a spiritual wreck as terrible and pitiful as the maimed bodies from which we cannot but turn with a shudder.

These scenes were played by Mr. Cook with consistency, simplicity and sincerity that carried conviction.

Mr. Howard's interpretation of the elder brother was also excellent. The familiar figure of a man lacking in outward charm but with those homely virtues of gentleness, industry and honor we are perhaps given to taking for granted in his type.

Mrs. Bell played the querulous old mother of these two men with admirable skill. The two younger women's parts were interpreted sympathetically by Mrs. Heilman and Mrs. Faxon. Young Master Warner Robinson, who played the small boy, was very likeable and human in his frank, unaffected stage manner.

I never cease to wonder at the ambition of the amateur troupe that does attempt in a few hours of leisure that artistic achievement in which so many professionals fail even with the devotion of their whole time and experience. Nevertheless one wishes that a production, in many respects so worthy as this one, might be carried one step farther. In spots the play dragged almost unbearably. The two or three dramatic pauses called for were utterly ineffective, for no device known to dramatic art has ever been more overworked by amateurs than the pause.

The Guild has established among us a high standard of excellence for amateur productions; to maintain that standard and satisfy a never increasingly critical public, requires constant vigilance with the attention of the most skillful director. It may not be as agreeable for the amateurs in rehearsals to submit to persistent direction, but it is the price at which smoothness of execution and aesthetic unity may be purchased.

## SKOKIE SCHOOL PLANS JUNE MUSIC FESTIVAL

An evening musical concert will be given the first week in June at the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, Skokie school. The concert will be under the direction of the musical department of the school.

According to present plans every organization or class of a musical nature will have something to do in the concert. The Boys' and Girls' glee clubs, the student orchestra and the school chorus will contribute to the entertainment. It is also planned to introduce solo numbers.

In the main, the concert will be representative of the regular musical instruction at the Skokie school.

## Week's Permits Indicate Slight Building Drop

Six building permits issued last week by the village authorities show a decline in the building operations. The six permits represent investments totaling \$15,150.

F. Gordon Ross received a permit to build a \$13,500 frame and stucco house at 1032 Ely road. It will be a two-story structure. Permits for additions to houses were granted to George J. Bell and J. W. Eberlein. The former will spend \$2,000 on his home at 23 Warwick road, and the latter will make a \$900 addition to his home at 892 Cherry street.

Permits for the construction of private garages were granted to E. G. Brochu, 1415 Scott avenue; John P. Metcalf, 1082 Cherry street, and J. F. Nelson, 317 Walnut street.

## An Appreciation

*Editor's Note—Accompanying is a beautiful tribute paid Sebastian Hinton, popular Winnetka citizen, who died suddenly Sunday, April 29, while on his way to Massachusetts. It is "An Appreciation" from the hearts of "the friends of Sebastian Hinton."*

### AN APPRECIATION

In the death of Sebastian Hinton, Winnetka has suffered a loss which is hard to measure. Those who knew him well felt in him the promise of very rare achievement. He held an unswerving devotion to the ideal that it should be the duty of every human being to add to the sum of human knowledge or to prepare the way for some other to do so. His ideals were not for individuals but for humanity. The important theory to his mind was not what you are but what you are able to do for others. Because he believed that playground apparatus had not kept pace with other branches of education in helping towards the development of the child, he devoted much time and thought to the problem, resulting in the invention of the climbing frame called the "Jungle Jim" which is giving joy to many children not only in the schools and homes of Winnetka, but all over the country. Mr. Hinton believed in the great joy and benefit of handiwork and wished his own carpentry shop to be used by the community. His shop was constantly in use by various groups who depended on his tools and help so generously given. After a childhood and youth filled with many difficulties and problems, which were met with unconquerable courage and ability, he became a suc-

cessful patent lawyer in Chicago. He was, however, at heart a scientist and naturalist, spending long hours in the accurate observation of the habits of bird, fish or the smallest insect. With the teacher's ability of telling of these interests, he awakened in many of his friends his own keen enthusiasm in all forms of life. It is seldom that such brilliance of mind is combined with such kindness of spirit and, added to this, a delicious sense of humor and a rare gift for friendship." He scarce had need to doff his pride or slough the dross of earth, E'en as he trod that day to God so walked he from his birth. In



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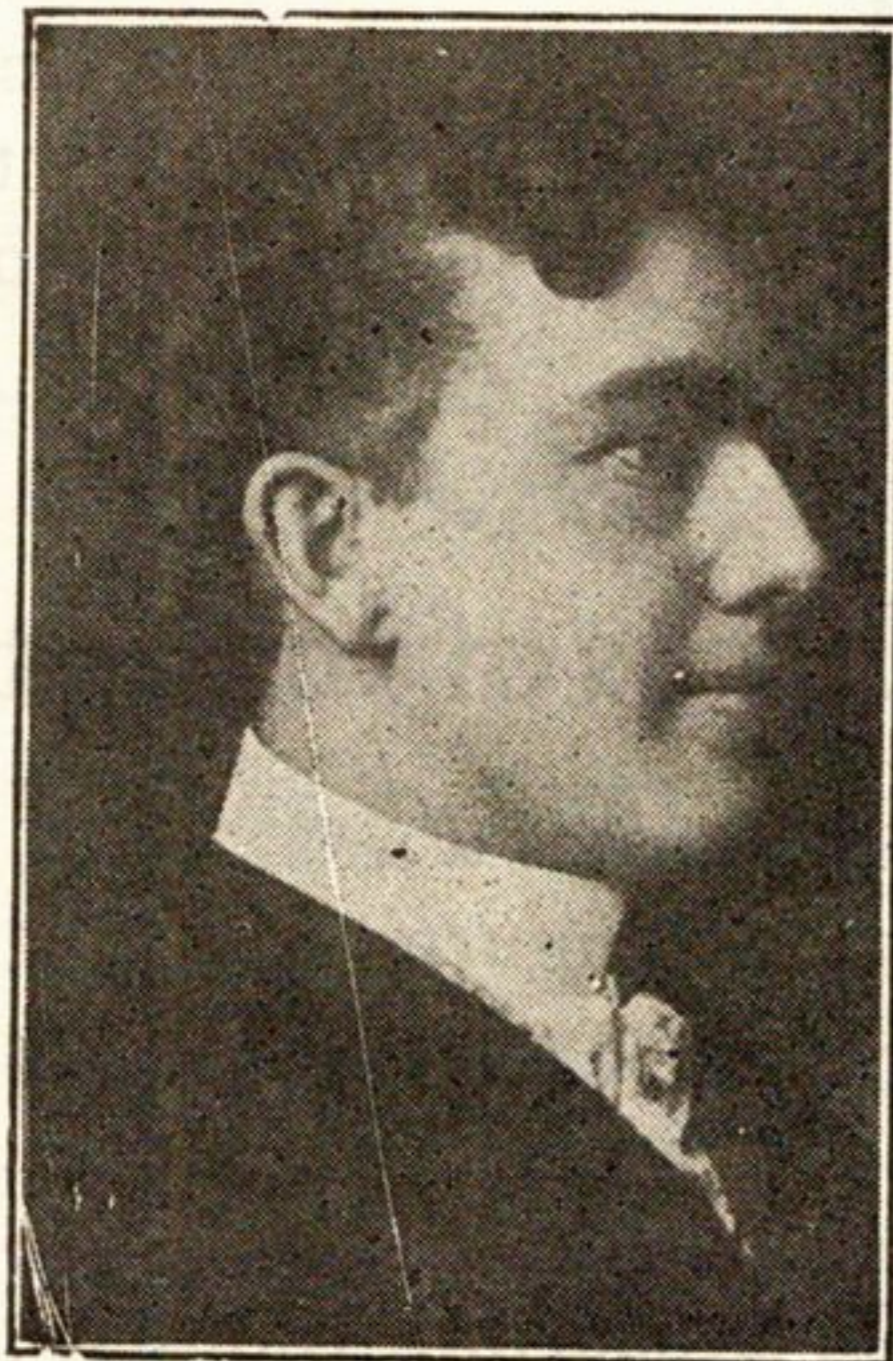
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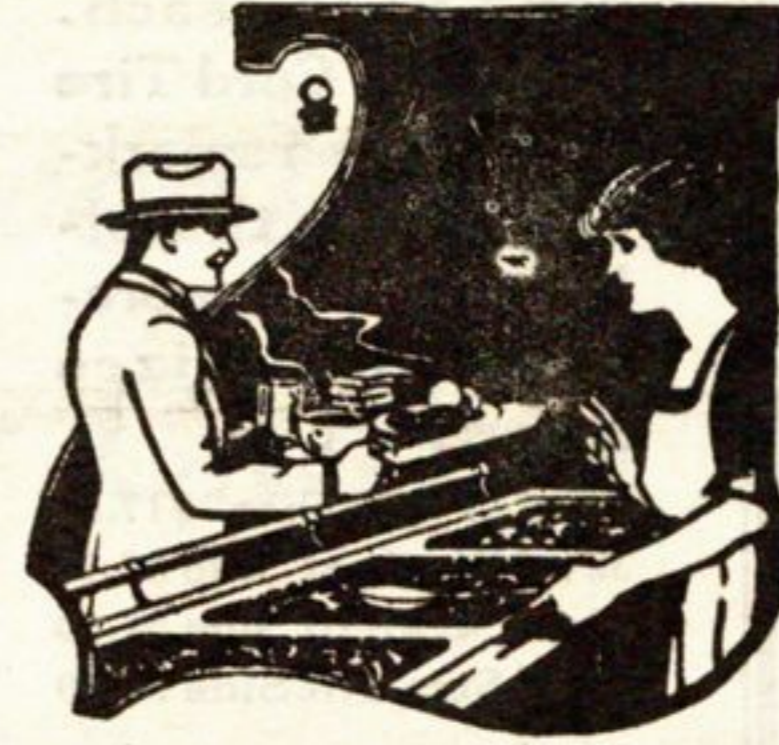
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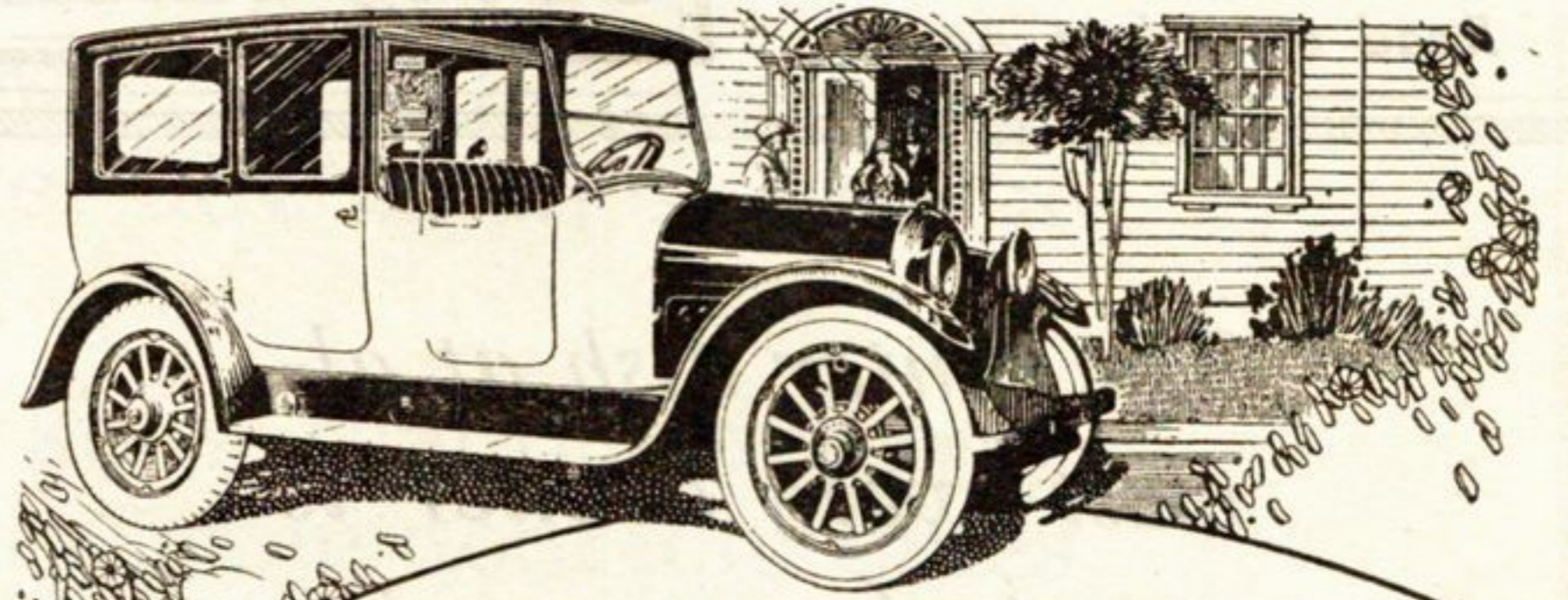
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