# DRAMA SCHOOL OPENS SEASON

Northwestern University Is Scene of Fifth Annual Drama League Course

#### **NOTABLE INSTRUCTORS**

### Woodman Thompson Is on Teaching Roster

A brilliant faculty of 14 leading authorities in various branches of the drama took charge of their classes Monday morning in the fifth annual Drama League Institute at Northwestern university. The program of courses, numbering 22 is the most complete ever offered by the Institute, it is said.

Woodman Thompson will be one of the faculty. For the past four year he has been a leading Broadway producer, art director and stage designer, and for eight years was with the Carnegie School of Technology. His course in stage craft, given during the last week of the Institute, will be the climax of the course.

Theodore B. Hinckley, editor of the i Drama magazine and for several years director of classes in play-writing at Northwestern university, will teach high school drama. Mrs. A. Starr Best, of Evanston, who is founder of the Drama League of America and for seven years director of the Pilgrim players at the Evanston Congregational church there will teach religious drama.

#### Dean Teaches Directing

Alexander Dean, a member of the Northwestern university School of Speech faculty, formerly at Montana university and the Little Theater of Dallas, Texas, will have classes in play directing and community theater management. George Junkin will be registrar of the school and will teach lighting and community work. He was formerly a professional actor and director, and for five years field director of the Playground and Recreation association of America. He is now National Field secretary of the Drama league.

Cora Mel Patten, founder of, and for 13 years secretary of the league's junior committee, will head junior work in the Institute. Helen Forrest, costume designer at the Chicago Art Institute and Inst tute of Technology, will teach costume. Harold A. Ehrensperger, a field secretary of the league, who recently re-

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Winifred Ward, who is in charge of dramatics in the Boltwood Intermediate high school of Evanston and a ecturer at Northwestern, will teach junior drama. Gladys Hight, one-time premier danseuse of "The Chocolate Soldier" and other Broadway productions and founder of her own school of the dance, will also be on the faculty.

#### Instructs in Make-up

James Church, who is a faculty member of the Northwestern university School of Speech will open his regular class in Make-up to members of the institute. Voice will be taught by Mary Agnes Doyle, who has been teaching this subject at the Art Institute, Chicago She was formerly on the stage in the New Theatre company at the Century Theater, New York, and on tour with Edyth Wynne Matthison.

Among the students of the institute are many north shore people who are

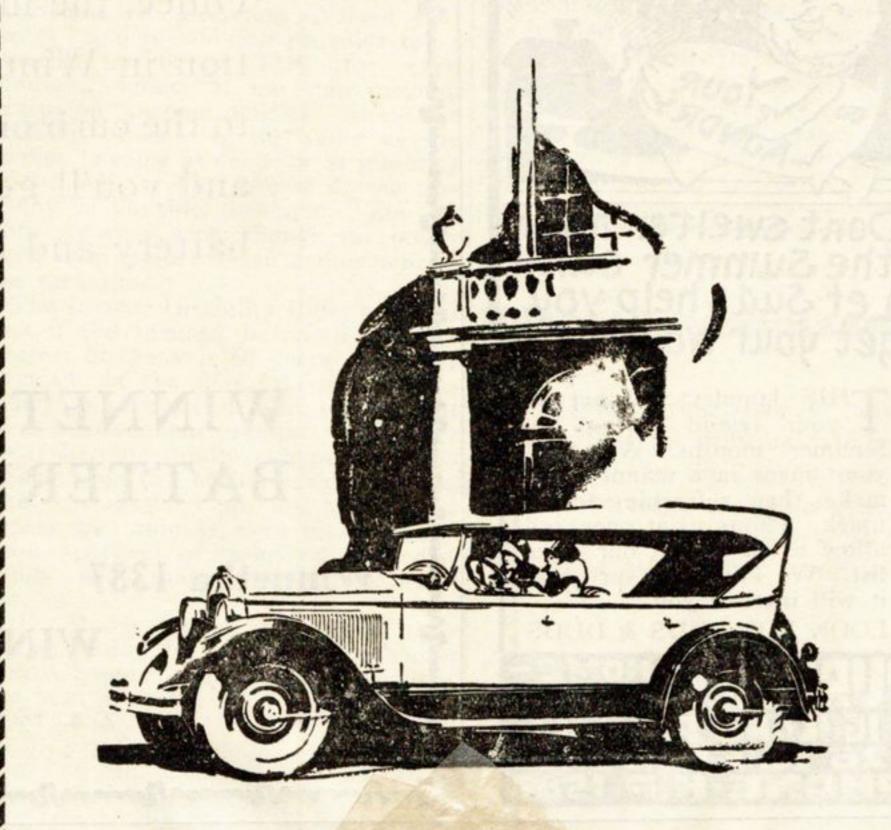
turned from researches in Europe, will planning to assist in local productions next winter. Community, church and school dramatics have enjoyed a strong development in this section during the past few years and the institute is being watched with keen interest by local drama enthusiasts.

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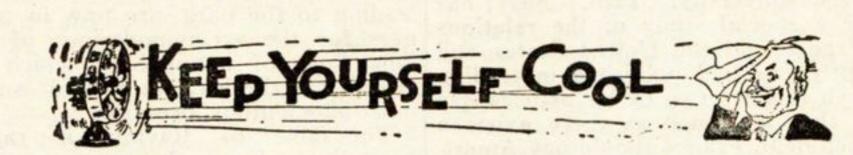
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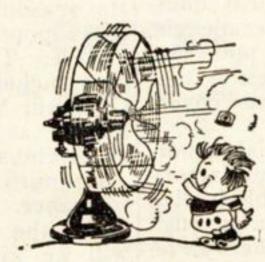
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