

Theatre Guild Gives Fine Performance of Truth About Blayds

Subscribers to the North Shore Theatre Guild and interested friends, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoddard of Wilmette Saturday evening, December 12, at the special performance of "The Truth About Blayds" given by the Guild as the gift of the host and hostess at the Byron Stolp school, listened to a finished production by a cast of truly talented amateur actors.

The three act play by A. A. Milne, and considered by many, the playwrights best work, has been given for the eighth time by the North Shore Theatre Guild. At the time of its premier on the North Shore, it was duly lauded, and Saturday's product was splendidly put on, each character well portrayed.

Briefly, the story concerns itself with a small English family of the noted poet, Oliver Blayds, an aged man, approaching the end of life's road, a man (supposedly) of genius still, whose aims and desires have swayed and dominated the lives of his entire family. Percy Eckhart in the role of Oliver, displayed fine acting in his representation of the tremulous old man, mentally alert, with humor still keen, and probably a little bored with all of the tribute payed him by some members of his family, carrying on his bluff until nearly the end, but finally yielding to to his conscience and the confessor that his fame has been achieved through his betrayal of a friend.

His daughter, Isabel Blayds, who has given up her own happiness to be the help and inspiration of one whom she considers a great genius, was played by Erma Blaine McKendry, a wistful, gracious, and charming Isobel, embittered for a time with the realization of her sacrifice, and then yielding to the youth within her. Mrs. McKendry is an actor of ability.

Samuel S. Otis, as the son-in-law, a little pompous, self seeking, and obsequious, lived his part. Mrs. Laird Bell as Marian Blayds Conway, his

wife, Virginia Fitzhug and Melvin Wamboldt as the poet's cynical, blase, and rather inconsistent grandchildren, and J. Williams Macy as A. L. Royce, his daughter's suitor, were convincingly and well played.

Miss Betty Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz of 187 Ridge avenue, led the Junior Prom at Northwestern university with John Dolan, president of the Junior class. Mrs. Schwartz and her daughter entertained 39 Alpha Phi sorority sisters of Northwestern university at a "Cozy" from 3 until 6 o'clock, Friday, December 11.

Want Shoppers' Service Train Continued Daily

In connection with its special holiday shoppers' service the North Western railroad has put on a new southbound train which leaves north shore villages within a few minutes of noon and arrives in the city at 12:40 o'clock. This train will be continued until December 31, it was announced. There has been considerable agitation among business men and women shoppers to have the railroad operate this train permanently as the lack of it will be

felt very keenly. Until recently there was a regular daily train which operated at about the same time and on the same schedule, but it was taken off because, according to road officials, there was not sufficient revenue to warrant its continuance. Various organizations in north shore villages will attempt to persuade the railroad to continue this service indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. William MacCracken, 1427 Edgewood lane, have returned from a fortnight's trip to Washington, D. C., where Mr. MacCracken went on business.



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