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### "THE DUENNA"

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The North Shore theatre Guild, whose performances have been the talk of the north shore during recent years, presented their most pretentious offering in the showing of the "Duenna," Sheridan's operetta which he wrote in 1775. Particularly impressive were the settings employed for the nine scenes, each giving evidence of much care and study. Care also was used in the voices employed for the various songs and while on the subject it might be well to correct the impression that these singers were imported professionals. Those who have followed the Theatre Guild carefully were quick to recognize that these were north shore people; others, however, pointed to the program as proof of their contention that they were concert artists drafted for the occasion.

The story of the Duenna, who poses as Louisa that the latter may fly to the man of her choice, contains many opportunities for comedy moments and Mr. J. W. Macy and Mrs. John Marshall were quick to take advantage of most of them. Unusually excellent was Mr. Macy's performance and his

ability as an actor has not showed to better advantage in any of the things he has done of recent years. Some of the others, however, proved to be far better singers than actors, there being times when it was about as easy to follow the plot through the songs as through the spoken lines. Regardless of this, it proved to be a finished performance in its major moments and I know of no amateur company capable of surpassing the efforts of this group. Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Evanston was one of the out-standing singers and Dr. Davies Lazear was particularly effective in at least six of the songs. Mr. Nicholas Zaichenko, new to the Guild, surprised and delighted the audience with his powerful voice and his knowledge of dramatic work. Add to this trio, Mrs. Dennis Gent and you have a remarkable quartet. The balance of the large cast did about as well as could be expected, each trying faithfully to interpret the characters assigned. There was much good dancing and an effective scene in which eight nuns participated. Nor should one overlook the music provided by Mr. Isaac Van Grove and his Symphonic octette of Chicago.

Presenting the "Duenna" involved much time and effort, more perhaps than the casual observer might imagine and the production was doubtless the most expensive to produce of any the Guild has attempted. Apparently it was appreciated as well it might be.

Mrs. Sherman Goble, 511 Ash street, gave a tea Friday, March 5, from 3 until 6 o'clock, in honor of her new daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Goble. The Paul Gobles, are residing in Evanston at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Butler of Locust road are stopping at the Green Brier hotel at White Sulphur Spring for a short time.

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