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**Winnetka Woman Gains
Renown as Playwright**

Florence Kiper Frank (Mrs. Jerome N.) of 1168 Hamptondale street, has written three delightful plays for children, which have been produced, entitled, "Three Plays for a Children's Theatre."

One of the interesting features of these plays is that Norman-Bel Geddes designed the stage settings, and color schemes, and the frontpiece. Norman-Bel Geddes is well-known for the Miracle stage settings, color schemes and designs that he produced.

Mrs. Frank wrote the first two plays at the request of Miss Aline Barnsdall for the experimental theatre in Los Angeles, and they were produced there under the direction of Richard Ordynski.

The plays are primarily for child actors and child readers and have been published by Harold Vinal.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Schools of Village Hold Yuletide Observances in Programs of Pageantry and Song

Special Christmas programs were given by pupils in the various local schools on Friday. A Christmas ritual, entitled "The Christmas Spirit," written about four years ago by Douglas Whitehead especially for the Winnetka schools, was presented by both the Horace Mann and the Hubbard Woods schools, while the Skokie and Greeley schools presented choral pantomimes.

"The Christmas Spirit" is based on the idea that the greatest gifts that we can give are those that come from the real desire to make others happy. Two main characters, the spirit of the Tree and the Spirit of Service, tell of the real Christmas spirit and ask the aid of the children of the school in making others happy. The children respond by laying gifts at the base of the tree and at the same time singing Christmas carols.

The part of the Spirit of the Tree was taken at the Horace Mann school by Louise Stanton and the Spirit of Service by Ralph Hamil. Gifts made and given by the children are taken to the Lake Bluff orphanage and presented to the children there.

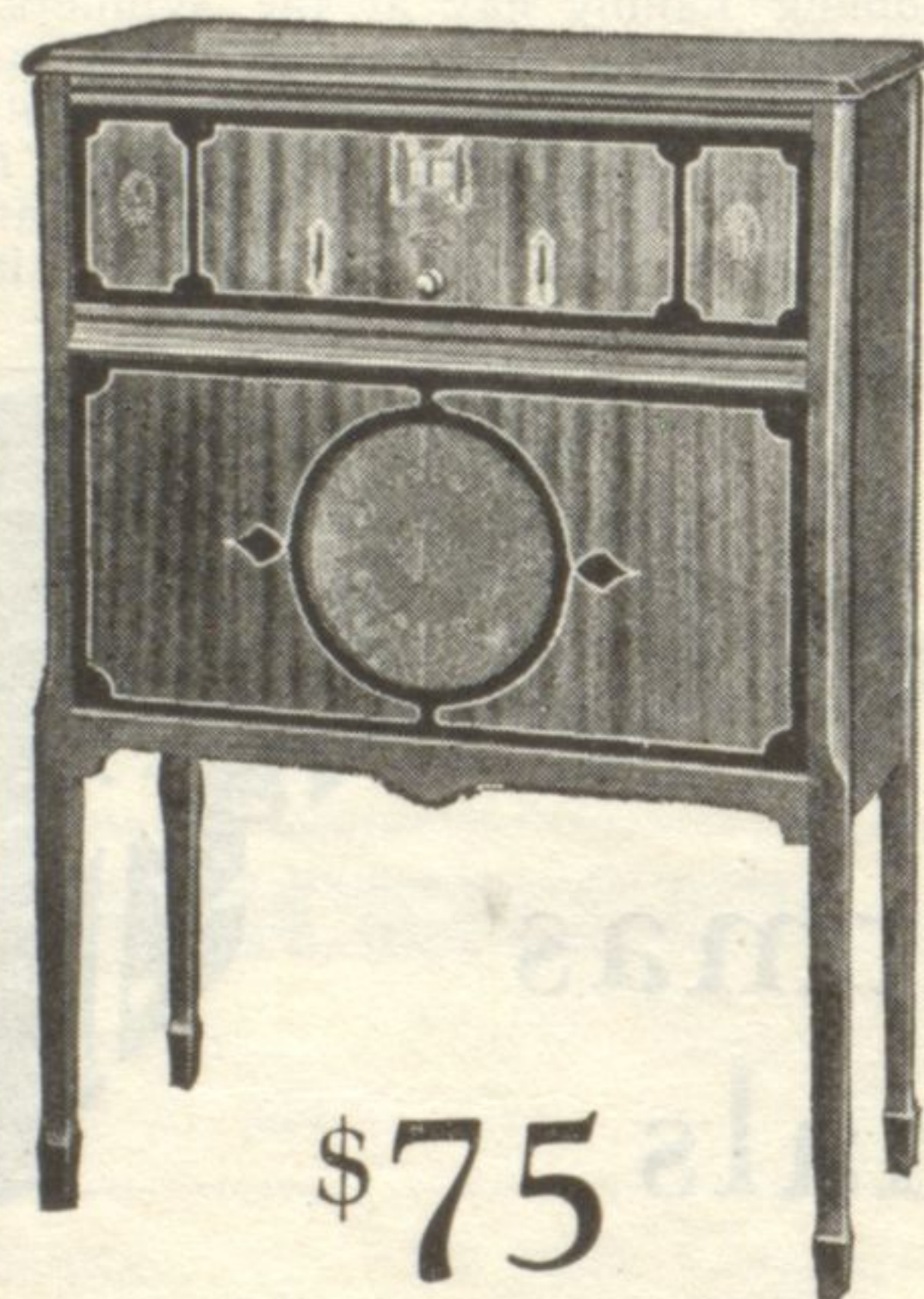
At the Hubbard Woods school the children taking part were as follows: Tree Spirit, Joy Stover; Spirit of Service, Kimball Renwick; Girl Scout, Jane Waidner; Boy Scout, John Ballenger; Camp Fire Girl, Mirian Fetcher; Junior Red Cross, Betty Weston. At this school, about 150 stockings were filled with all kinds of Christmas "goodies" and toys and are to be taken to the children of the first and second grades of the Oliver Perry school near Dauphin park in Chicago. There they will be personally distributed by Miss Carswell, Principal of the Hubbard Woods school, another teacher and one of the mothers, who will act as Mrs. Santa Claus and Santa Claus' helpers.

At Greeley, "Living Pictures from the Carols" were presented, while a chorus sang the carols that were represented. There were five of these depicting the scenes in which the Angels appear to the shepherds; the worshiping of the little Angels at the manger cradle; the coming of the wise men; the Madonna and the child; and the modern Christmas morning. Costumes and stage sets used in the program were made by sixth grade boys and girls.

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**Author of "Spirals"
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Mrs. Herbert U. Nelson, now of 373 Sunset road, and formerly of Winnetka, is the author of the play "Spirals," so successfully presented by the Town and Gown Play shop in the Annie May Swift auditorium of Northwestern university four nights last week.

Mrs. Nelson, who writes under the name of Marion L. Nelson, is an active member of the group of north shore and university people who, under the direction of Theodore Hinckley, have formed a playwriting class, whose three plays were such a success that they were repeated at the Evanston Woman's club Tuesday.

Mrs. William D. Sidley, as "Nita," and Mrs. Solomon P. Perry, as "Mary," were the two north shore women taking part in Mrs. Nelson's drama.

TRUCK TAKES AFIRE

An overheated exhaust pipe on a truck used in the collection of garbage in the village, threatened destruction of the truck, Wednesday morning. The fire occurred in front of 508 Maple avenue, and was extinguished by the Fire department. The damage to the truck was small.