

## "GRUMPY" TERMINATES SUCCESSFUL DRAMA YEAR

Milton Higgins in Skillfully Portraying the Title Role Impresses Audience

By Critic

With the production of "Grumpy" on the evenings of May 4 and 5 the players of the Winnetka Community Drama club closed their season's work. Most gratifying to those responsible for the next season's program was the large number who signed for memberships for 1927-8.

Mr. Milton Higgins' high place in amateur dramatics has long been secure, but his audiences this week were convinced that his particular skill has never been so thoroughly demonstrated as in his masterly delineation of the title role of the play. His "Grumpy" will long be remembered by everyone who saw it.

Great charm and sincerity marked Miss Katherine Shaw's portrayal of Virginia. She was most ably supported by Mr. Kimball Root as Earnest, in this, his first appearance with the Players. Thoroughly enjoyable were the contributions of Mrs. Harry Clark as Susan, Mrs. Dudley Smith as Mrs. Maclaren, Mr. Norman Anderson as Isaac Wolfe. Mr. Robert Carpenter was an engaging villain and the conscientious work of the small corps of attendants was a distinct contribution to the play. These parts were taken by Mr. Donald Morrison, who carried the exacting role of Ruddock, Grumpy's valet, with a fine fidelity, Kane Karnopp and Ralph Arnold, two New Trier students, Mr. Fred Koenipfer, Jr. and Mr. Carl Johnson.

Directed by Mrs. Wersted

The production staff was under the direction of Mrs. William Wersted. Mrs. Louise Sherman had charge of stage settings. Her committee consisted of Mr. Robert Johnson, Albert E. Bechtelheimer, W. G. Taylor, Louis Sherman, Stanford Sherman, Miss Frances Ellison, Mrs. Ruth D. Killips, Mrs. Forbes Cadenhead.

The properties were in charge of Mrs. Merrit Lum, assisted by Mrs. John H. Cadmus, Mrs. Thomas Ratcliffe, Mrs. Milton Higgins and Mrs. Thomas Holton. Lighting was in charge of Dr. Davies Lazear; costumes, Mrs. Roger Ballard; makeup, Mrs. Carleton Washburne. The stage crew was in charge of Mr. John Marshall assisted by Mr. Myron Harshaw, Mr. Albourne Long, Mr. David Lasier, and Mr. Burton Atwood. The stage settings of this and other plays have been greatly augmented by the kindness of Miss Grace Herbst of the Gift Shop.

The thoroughly gratifying success of the performance was due to the complete co-operation of production staff together with a capable cast under the direction of Mrs. John Marshall. Mrs. Marshall's work as a director was, as always characterized by a rare enthusiasm and skill.

## Ask Aid in Clearing View at Street Intersections

Obstruction of the view of traffic by permitting shrubbery to grow to too great a height at street intersections is contrary to an existing ordinance in the village of Winnetka, and the Superintendent of Public Works is empowered to order such shrubbery trimmed accordingly. This is the time of year, especially, when property owners should guard against permitting this dangerous condition, and H. L. Woolhiser, Village manager, in discussing the subject, expressed a desire for a hearty co-operation on the part of all citizens to do their share towards bringing about this aid to safe motor traffic.

## SMALL LOSS BY FIRE

Council Receives Annual Report From Fire Chief; Addition of Two Men Recommended

The Winnetka Fire department by its prompt and efficient service held the total loss from fires in the village during the last fiscal year, ending April 1, to the exceedingly low figure of \$20,315, as shown by the annual report of G. M. Houren, chief of the Department.

Chief Houren's report, to be submitted to the Village council at its next meeting, follows:

"I have the honor to submit for your consideration the annual report of the Fire department for the period from March 31, 1926 to April 1, 1927. Detailed statistics are attached and I wish to point out certain facts as follows:

"The Department has responded to 148 fire calls. The maximum of 52 fires occurred in March and the minimum of four fires in July. There were also four fires in August. Prompt response and use of chemicals, instead of water was responsible for the small loss of \$20,315. Attention is called to the large valuation involved, namely, \$919,200. The amount of insurance carried was \$735,360. The loss on insurance was \$16,251. The individual losses range from \$10.00 (ten dollars) to \$8,525. This latter amount was sustained at the John Stuart garage fire. Only six losses went above \$500, and five of these above \$1,000. The average loss per fire was \$137.26, based on 148 fires with a per capita loss of \$1.93 based on a 10,500 population. The percentage loss based on total value of property involved is 2.21 percent against 1.38 percent last year and 2.37 percent the year before.

"The personnel of the department now consists of a chief, six regular firemen and eleven call men.

"The American LaFrance fire engine gave good service, causing no expense other than regular running expense, new tires, new fenders, and a change in the chemical hose basket.

"The new American LaFrance city service truck purchased last fall has proved to be a valuable fire-fighting equipment.

"In addition to the work of fire fighting I have made 197 fire prevention inspections which have been given in detail in monthly reports of this Department.

"I wish to take this opportunity to speak a word of praise for the co-operation and interest shown by the call men of this Department.

"It is recommended that arrangements be made for two additional full time firemen to go on duty October 1, 1927, if funds are available."

## Post Office Now in New Home in Meyer Building

The Winnetka Postoffice has been moved to its new quarters in M. K. Meyer's new building at the northwest corner of Elm and Chestnut streets.

Postmaster Joseph C. Braun and his assistant J. F. Schumacher and the entire postoffice family moved over, bag and baggage, at the close of business last Saturday, and by Monday morning were again ready for business, in what is conceded to be the finest office room and the most modernly equipped postoffice north of Evanston.

The postoffice for many years was located at No. 547 Lincoln avenue, and folks still forget, and go there.

## CARS COLLIDE

Tuesday afternoon as Mrs. E. H. Wilder, of 687 Hill road, was attempting to turn around on Linden avenue near Elm street, she ran into another machine driven by Miss Mary Noble, smashing the left rear fender of the Noble car.

## Camp Fire Girls to Hold Annual Council Tonight

The Winnetka Camp Fire Girls will have their annual Grand Council Fire this evening. At this ceremonial meeting the girls who are to take rank will receive their honor degrees and emblems. Mrs. Jacob Baur of Chicago will give the address of the evening.

Those who are to take rank are:

Woodgatherers—Annette Baumgarten, Elizabeth Boldenweck, Virginia Klopfer, Elizabeth Olsen, Frances Simon, Louise Varney, Margaret Washburne, Bernice Kassner, Helen Stults, Virginia Dunlap, Mrs. J. M. Winscott, Dorothy Bergh, Ruth Danielson, Vera Anderson, Betty Maddock, Mary McFadzean, Mrs. Philip Fisher, Margaret Meloney, Mrs. Guilford Windes, Dorothy Darby, Jean Whitaker, Virginia Lang, Sally Butler.

Fire Makers—Dorothy Prouty, Olive Eason, June Heyda, Mrs. George Eisenbrand, Ruth Jackson, Emily Eckart, Evelyn Smith, Helen Parsons, Virginia Reitheimer, Lois Goldstein, Isabel Milton, Janet Marshall.

Torch Bearers—Virginia Ogan, Florence Burnham, Emily Nell Simpson.

This Grand Council Fire meeting will be held in Rudolph Matz hall in Community House at 8 o'clock sharp. Parents and friends of Camp Fire are invited to attend.

## Hubbard Woodsites to Stage Novel Get Together Tuesday

You can work in your garden until 7:45 next Tuesday evening, then drop your spade, rake and hoe, and make tracks for the Hubbard Woods school. The neighborly bridge party being sponsored by the Hubbard Woods Improvement association is to start progressive play sharply at 8:15, and in order to turn in scores for high prizes you must be on hand to start playing with the crowd.

The merchants and business men of Hubbard Woods have contributed over 40 splendid prizes. These are being displayed in one of the show windows of G. L. Zick and company on Linden street. Such an array of attractive prizes will surely be worth playing hard for.

Some of the Winnetka and Glencoe village officials have been invited to be guests, and they will be accorded the head tables as play is started. President E. P. Farwell of the association is sending out a special bulletin to all Hubbard Woodsites urging them to come and bring a neighbor. Especially are the new residents invited and it is hoped that no one will be overlooked by the directors as they phone and make personal calls selling tickets.

A group of tables is to be set up for players of 500, and special prizes are set aside for them. It is rumored that the wives of the directors are planning for some "eats." A couple of the directors have an idea that a few college songs might go well with the crowd.

Oh, yes, it's an informal party—just the most neighborly kind—and it is said almost everybody is going.

## Board Postpones Action on Local Improvements

Several matters pending before the Board of Local Improvements were not disposed of at the meeting Tuesday evening, for the reason that the ordinance establishing the Board of Local Improvements of the new council was not yet effective. Later announcement will be made of the pending public hearings on the paving of Edgewood lane and of Locust road.

## VILLAGE NOTABLES WILL ATTEND C. OF C. DINNER

Business and Professional Folk Invite Officials to Annual Get-Together Event

It is planned to bring together at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner on Monday evening, May 9, the largest gathering of business and professional people of Winnetka that has ever been assembled in the village.

To this end, Secretary B. G. Eberle has mailed a call, under date of April 30, in which he says:

"This letter is being mailed to the one-hundred and fifty members of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and to those business and professional men and women who are not members, as we want everyone to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, Monday evening May 9.

"Women are invited to the dinner. This is mentioned because several members have inquired. Your employees are especially invited.

"The program committee, Bob Doeppel, chairman; Lee Adams, Harvey Bowen, Harry Roberts and William Wentz, is leaving nothing undone to make one of the most entertaining dinners you and your employees have ever attended. The program committee has gone down to Benson's and procured the best they have to provide a good time and there will be good entertainment during the dinner and throughout the evening.

Tenney Is Speaker

"We expect to hear from our new village president, Henry F. Tenney, on that evening, as to the relation between the Village of Winnetka and the business men. Every business man and woman should hear Mr. Tenney's talk. We also expect to have short talks from the presidents of the Chambers of Commerce of Wilmette, Glencoe and Highland Park as to how the villages of the north shore can work together for their mutual benefit. The council and village officers of Winnetka, the presidents of the Indian Hill and Hubbard Woods Improvement associations, the president of the Winnetka school board, the superintendents of schools, and the principal of the high school, have all been invited to this dinner. The officers of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce intend to make this one of the greatest get-together dinners that has been held so far.

"A feature is going to be introduced at this dinner which will have a great deal to do with the progress that the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce will make during the next twelve months. There will be a large box on hand, and everyone will be invited to drop in questions or suggestions. Questions inquiring as to how the Chamber of Commerce stands on certain matters, or suggestions as to what the Chamber of Commerce should endeavor to accomplish during the next twelve months will be in order. In fact, any questions or suggestion that will tend toward making the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce of better service to the business and professional men and women and the residents of Winnetka, will be very much appreciated. The questions or suggestions will be preserved and then discussed at the following monthly meeting.

"In regard to the dinner tickets: most of you have received one or more tickets. Please leave the money for the tickets which you have received at the Chamber of Commerce office, or mail your check. As explained in a preceding letter, we must expect you to be responsible for all tickets held out after May 1. If you need more tickets, just phone the Chamber of Commerce office."