

# "THE ROMANTIC AGE," OPENS GUILD SEASON

**A. A. Milne Comedy Drama to Be Staged in Various Villages Beginning Novmeber 8**

With the staging of A. A. Milne's "The Romantic Age," the North Shore Theater guild will swing into its seventh annual season of activity, Tuesday, November 8, when its first tour begins at the Highland Park Woman's club. The play is scheduled for Winnetka, at the Skokie school, on November 11 and 12. It will be produced in Lake Forest, at Durant hall, November 9; Glencoe, Central school auditorium, November 10; Wilmette, Shawnee club, November 15; and Evanston, Woman's club, November 16 and 17.

"The Romantic Age" is another one of those delightful, chatty English comedies of an author who has already been well received by north shore audiences. Milne's "Ariadne" and "The Truth About Blayds" have already been presented by the Theater guild. "The Romantic Age," however, is considered by qualified critics to be the drollest and most satisfying farce this playwright has written.

### Wide Selection of Talent

As the outstanding little theater group of Chicago's north shore, from Lake Forest to Evanston, the Theater guild draws its talent from all the other amateur organizations that now exist in the various communities. The Community Players, the Threshold Players, the Playshop, and many other local dramatic societies contribute the pick of their membership to the success of guild productions.

All the plays of the Theater guild are put on by a professional director who devotes himself almost exclusively to the work of giving these productions the smoothness that characterizes the professional theater. In the past, many of the plays have been produced contemporaneously with their New York presentation, while others are produced for the first time by any except the original company. Former guild plays include such notable works as "The Red Robe," "Fashion," "The Duenna," "Autumn Fire," "Plots and Playwrights," "Pygmalion," and "Henry IV."

### Well Suited to Facilities

In "The Romantic Age" the Theater guild has chosen a vehicle well suited to its talent and facilities. The play abounds in situations that are uproariously absurd. The longing of a moon-smitten maiden for something more gallant in the way of a lover than a derby-hatted member of the Stock Exchange, and the romantic destiny that awaits her, affords a broad opportunity for Milne's exquisite dialogue.

David Owen directs the piece, taking up the work of Alexander Dean who has gone to join the Dramatic department of Yale university. Owen's extensive career on the professional stage has equipped him to handle his groups with a sense of stagecraft that brings out the best in both play and players. His first work with the Theater guild will be watched with interest.

Season memberships for the guild, entitling holders to two seats at each of four yearly performances, may be obtained by calling Mrs. Merritt Lum of Winnetka.

John P. Altgeld was the only governor of Illinois who was born in a foreign country. He was born in Cologne, Germany.

## R. Clarence Brown Heads Better Government Body

R. Clarence Brown of Glencoe has been elected president of the Better Government association of Chicago to succeed Thomas E. D. Bradley, formerly of Wilmette, who has been president since the organization of the association. Mr. Bradley retired upon removing his home to De Kalb county. Vice presidents are Edward T. Lee, Charles E. Coleman, F. E. Short, and D. L. Gilday; secretary, Lorin J. Roth; treasurer, John Rudin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cable of Glencoe, who have been traveling in the West for several weeks, were recent visitors at the Del Monte lodge at Pebble Beach, Cal. Mr. Cable returned to his home last Sunday, but Mrs. Cable stopped in Tucson, Ariz., for a short visit with friends before her return.

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