

"LITTLE EYOLF" BIG GUILD UNDERTAKING

Ibsen Drama Promises to Be Outstanding Production in Guild History

It is a rather difficult task that the North Shore Theater Guild has cut out for itself in choosing "Little Eyolf" as its next production, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the immortal Norwegian, Henrik Ibsen. As a consequence the acting responsibility has been entrusted to a cast composed of some of the most talented amateurs that the northern suburbs can draw together.

The cast is quite small. There are only six characters in "Little Eyolf." But each one of these is so important in his place, that the casting had to be conducted with scrupulous care.

In the introduction of the standard works of Ibsen, "Little Eyolf" is referred to as being among the very greatest of the dramatist's achievements. It is illustrative of the dualism of the playwright in his attitude toward Nature. In half of his plays, he pleads the cause of Nature. In others, he indicts Nature sternly. "Little Eyolf" falls in the latter class. It is an indictment of the egoism of passion, one of Nature's most potent subtleties.

The Plot

Rita, the self-centered, jealous woman whose domination of her weakling husband completely effaces her instinct of mother love, is the character through which Ibsen brings out his theories of "the law of change." It is a difficult role of complex and conflicting emotions. This part is taken by Mrs. Wm. D. Sidley, of Winnetka, whose splendid work in recent local productions marks her as an amateur actress of unusual attainments. Mrs. Sidley received her dramatic training with May D. Kelso, and was prominent while at Northwestern university in the productions of Oliver Hinsdale, now director of the Dallas Little Theater and winner of many of the Belasco Trophies for Little Theater competition.

Of equal importance is the character of Allmers, Rita's vacillating, egotistic husband—a strange and eccentric personality. In this role Stuart Bailey of Winnetka returns to the ranks of the North Shore Theater Guild after an absence of three years. His last Guild appearance was "Outward Bound," but he has played more recently with the Loyola Community Theater in the leading part of "The Copperhead."

The title role of "Little Eyolf" will be taken by Catherine Muller of Highland Park, a discovery of the Guild

through its recent tryouts. Miss Muller has been seen with the Children's Theater Group of Northwestern university, her most recent work being the leading part in Moliere's comedy, "The Make-Believe Gentleman."

Katherine Trowbridge of Lake Forest plays the part of Asta, in "Little Eyolf." She, also, comes to the Guild by way of the tryouts. Lake Forest knows her for her clever specialties in the intimate programs that are frequently given in the northern suburbs.

The peculiar conception of Ibsen's Rat-Wife, a character supposed to be modeled somewhat after the Pied Piper of Hamelin, has been entrusted to Helen Sanford, principal of the New Haven school, Evanston. Miss Sanford has played with the Guild before, having taken part in "Outward Bound," with Mr. Bailey.

Guild's Greatest Project

Arthur Sexton, of Chicago, has been cast as Engineer Borgheim, a rather lay figure in the drama, who motivates the action of some of the others by his activities as a road-builder in the vicinity. It is Borgheim whom Rita uses as a threat, whenever her husband opposes her demands, saying that she is able to charm the road-builder and run away with him at any time she decides to take vengeance for a fancied grievance.

It is anticipated that "Little Eyolf" will be the best thing that the North Shore Theater Guild has ever done, and with this splendid cast, an accurate rendering of the Ibsen masterpiece should be given.

Mrs. Jennie M. Corbett Dies at Winnetka Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie McClain Corbett, wife of Henry R. Corbett, 78 Abbottsford road, Winnetka, who passed away at her home last Saturday following a long illness, were held from the residence Tuesday afternoon. Burial was at Memorial Park cemetery.

Mrs. Corbett, who is survived by her husband and three sons, Richmond, Paul and Henry, had been a resident of Winnetka for more than twenty years. Previous to her marriage she had been a teacher in the Nebraska State Normal college and in subsequent years was intensely interested in the education of her sons. Both Richmond and Paul are graduates of Northwestern University and Henry is now enrolled as a freshman in that institution.

Mrs. Corbett was active in many circles throughout the north shore and Chicago and through this association and her long residence had gained for herself a vast friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard N. Schoeneck, 555 Ridge avenue, Kenilworth, have as their guests, Mrs. Paul Gilcrest of Forest Hills New York.

New Trier Students Hear Talk by Health Authority

Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, health editor of the Chicago Daily News, and president of the American Public Health association, spoke before the students of New Trier last Friday afternoon. His talk was on health and his pleasing way of presenting facts about his subject was enjoyed by the students. Dr. Bundesen offered to send to any who desired his book, "The Growing Child." Many students wished to have it and the books have been sent for. Dr. Bundesen concluded his talk with a discussion of the mental side of health as related to the physical.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBJECT
"Christ Jesus" will be the subject at the services of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Winnetka, Sunday morning, February 26, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Noble Gillett of Kenilworth has gone east for a week or ten days.

DOMECONS' FROLIC

Domecon, New Trier's Domestic Science club, held a social meeting last Tuesday after school. The entertainment consisted of a song and dance skit by Alta Dee and Martha Belshe, some songs by Kitty Farrar and the Belshe sisters and a few readings by Jean Gerber. After the entertainment the girls all took part in a community sing.

Buster Myers, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Myers of 780 Foxdale avenue, entertained twelve guests Tuesday evening, February 21, in honor of his birthday. Following dinner, the group attend a moving picture show in Evanston.

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