

New Bellamy Player Makes Her Bow in Comedy at Evanston

Introducing their ingenue, Roberta Clark, the Bellamy Players score again this week at the New Evanston with their production of Don Mullally's comedy in three acts, "Laff That Off." Miss Clark, in the part of Emmy, the "mopopus," does as fine a bit of character acting as any that has been seen in Evanston in recent years. Her work is of the same high quality that has made the rest of the company such a delightful surprise package for Evanston.

The male lead is divided into three parts—two newspaper reporters and a vaudeville actor, played, respectively, by Ralph Bellamy, Edwin McCarthy and William A. Lee. These three are roommates tried and true at the opening of the play. Then into their lives comes Peggy, impersonated by Frances Morris, a girl who has come to the city to seek a career on the stage and has run short of funds.

She is sheltered by them and passed off as the sister of one and all goes well for almost a year. Then comes the war, and as two of the boys are about to report to training camp, Peggy decamps with all their savings, \$600, leaving a note in the coffee can to the effect that she is only borrowing the money.

The fellows try to "laff that off" and go off to war. On Christmas eve after the armistice a happy reunion takes place, misunderstandings are straightened out and everything is hunky-dory, matrimonially and otherwise.

The show is uproariously funny in places and quite passably humorous elsewhere. All the parts are well cast and everybody plays his role in a very acceptable manner. Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Lee are worthy of especial mention for the naturalness of their work and the genuine understanding of their parts they display. No finer portrayals could be found on any stage, long run or stock. Evanston is fortunate to have the opportunity of witnessing such players in such excellent plays. The increasing size of the audiences indicates that the opportunity is being more and more appreciated.

Minor parts in this week's production are taken by Frank Dane, Alice Delbridge, Laurett Browne and Richard Weight. Next week "Rain" will be presented.

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Miss Virginia MacLeish Gives Bridge Luncheon

Miss Virginia MacLeish, 535 Ash street, entertained at luncheon and four tables of bridge at her home last Thursday. Miss MacLeish is expecting Miss Elizabeth Bottsford of Winona, Minn., who was with her on her trip through the northwest this summer, to arrive to spend this week-end with her. They will leave on Sunday for Smith college. Last week-end Mr. and Mrs. John MacLeish entertained the Archibald MacLeishes of Oak Park for a few days.

Mrs. Arthur F. Marquette, 62 Warwick road, and Mrs. LeRoy Nilles and son of Evanston, returned recently from Ephraim, Wis., where they spent several weeks. Mr. Marquette and Mr. Nilles joined them for a week-end while they were away.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. French and their two daughters, of 503 Hawthorn lane, who were in the East for some weeks, returned home recently. They visited Mr. French's uncle, Herbert G. French, at his summer home in Maine and later spent some time in Boston.

Budget Control Plan Gets O. K. of New Trier Board

The adoption of the principles of budget control for student incidental expenses at New Trier High school was one of the matters decided at the regular September meeting of the New Trier Board of Education Tuesday night.

The action of the board was taken upon recommendation of the student council at New Trier High school, which has had the matter in hand for some time. With the approval of the board, the proposal for a budget control system will be referred to the student council again, so that a definite plan may be worked out.

Miss Bernice Bulley, 220 Sheridan road, Kenilworth entertained four at luncheon and tables of bridge at her home last Saturday.

AGAIN IN WINNETKA HOME

The John B. Guthrie family returned to its home last Tuesday after spending the entire summer at Darts camp in the Adirondack mountains. Miss Priscilla, who is proud of the ribbons she won at the horse show in the camp this year, is returning east in about ten days to go back to Dwigths' school which she attended last year.

MOTOR 6,000 MILES

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hostnick, 890 Willow street, returned a short time ago from a 6,000 mile trip. They were gone five weeks and drove first through the Black Hills, down through Yellowstone, and then continued south through Colorado to New Mexico and Mexico.

Mrs. George D. Smith and family, 1050 Private road, who have spent the summer in New Hampshire, are again at home.

AN ECHO OF TAX REPEAL

An echo of the repeal of the 3 percent government tax on passenger automobiles, which was effective May 29, 1928, is the information that the total amount which will be involved in credits and refunds under the new law will approximate \$10,000,000. This refund is in connection with articles in the dealers' hands at 8 a. m., eastern standard time, on the above date, says a bulletin issued by the Chicago Motor club.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Brown, former residents of Evanston, now are living in Winnetka at 722 Foxdale road. Dr. Brown and his son, Gordon, returned recently from Roaring Brook.

Mrs. Frank Cheeseman, formerly of Kenilworth and now of the Orrington hotel, Evanston, entertained about fifteen guests at a picnic at a Forest Preserve yesterday.



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