

## City's 'Littlest Theater' Carries On; New Group of Young Actors Appears

Nine Children Present Play in Loft of What Was Once Barn of Winslow Home; Capacity House Sees Show.

BY ELIZABETH CARE

A SECOND generation of actors has grasped the standard of Indianapolis' "Littlest Theater" and is bearing it aloft, as last night a group of nine children presented for the entertainment of their public, "Scarecrow, To You."

It was in the theater, originated some years ago by Mrs. Robert Winslow and the late Mr. Winslow, that their daughters, Peggy and Barbara Winslow, with their companions, donned makeup and costumes to portray parts before a "capacity house."

Proud parents and friends entered the attractive white pillared doorway of the theater's entrance over the Winslow's gray shingled garage at 3224 North Pennsylvania street, and climbed the steps to the second floor.

At one end of the paneled room was erected a miniature stage with its row of flood lights, its rust colored draw curtains. Rust draperies covered the windows and rows of chairs lined both sides of the center aisle. Painted in mural fashion on the wall was work from the brush of Robert Hollingsworth, a modern version of "The Mad Tea Party," and situated cowering about a "Treasure Island."

Applause from the audience and on the stroke of twelve (from the gong backstage) the curtain rose on a corn field graced by a pathetic scarecrow, in the person of Peggy Winslow. Her sister was a gypsy girl, as was Mary Lou Kirk, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. C. L. Kirk, and Susannah Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook's daughter. Margaret Rogers, talented young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers made a winsome young hired girl in her patched gingham dress. The George Fleischers' daughters, Molly and Sally; Clara Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McGregor Morris, and Mary Alice Irish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Irish completed the cast.

Last night's was the second presentation of the Thespian-minded youngsters, who banded together last year to present an original show, the proceeds of which they sent to charity. We learned, it was with very little direction from Mrs. Winslow (whose official duties last night included the reception of guests, making up the actors and prompting with lines) that the one-act play was executed.

Miss Rosamond Van Camp, director of the Children's theater, stopped in for a visit with Mrs. Winslow yesterday afternoon, and was one of the honored to witness the dress rehearsal at which last minute costume details were decided, songs were practiced, and lines rehearsed.

Established by the Winslows as a "laboratory," or as Mrs. Winslow expressed it, "we had space, over the barn," the "Littlest Theater" has seen original plays directed, photographed and acted by the Winslows and their friends.

The late Mr. Winslow was assisted by Mrs. Winslow as technician, and by his brother, Walker Winslow; Miss Van Camp as director, Mrs. Elsa Pantzer Haerle and Mrs. Robert A. Adams. For the opening, for which society received invitations several years ago, four one-act plays were presented. The first, "The Spare," written by Mrs. Winslow, had a cast including Mrs. Herman C. Wolff, Mrs. Walker W. Winslow, Mrs. Cornelius Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Tharp; the second, "The Old Shoe," written by Reginald W. Garstang, boasted a cast of Walker Winslow and Mr. Hollingsworth. The cast of "It Might Have Been Worse," written by Herman Earhart, included Mrs. Robert Winslow and Mr. Garstang, and the third, "Machiavelli, the Second," written by Mrs. Henry H. Hornbrook. Mrs. Robert Winslow's mother, was presented by Mrs. Jesse Moore, Miss Anna Louise Griffith and Robert Ferriday.

Five years ago, when the arts and interest division of the Indianapolis Junior League sponsored the filming of motion pictures: "The Golden Ball," "Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Bears," the interiors for the pictures were filmed at the playhouse. The league is distinguished in being the only one in its region to write, direct and produce original scripts.

The Indiana Vassar Club has presented several of its productions in the "Littlest Theater," and casts for the Children's Theater plays now presented at the Civic Theater playhouse, 1847 North Alabama street, often used the stage for rehearsals.

The "Littlest Theater" continues as a workshop, and to its initial band of actors, producers and authors, now may be added, potential Thespians.

### Club Luncheon Set

President's day of the Multum-in-Parvo Literary Club will be observed with a luncheon in the Italian room of the Lincoln Tuesday, Mrs. Adolph Wagner, incoming president, will be hostess. Mrs. Earl C. Clappitt and Mrs. Frank E. Weimer will talk on "The Federal Government," and Mrs. Ernest W. Fullenwider will lead a discussion.

### MISS PRESTON WILL BE FALL BRIDE

At the marriage of her sister, Miss Elizabeth Preston, to Hobson Wilson, which will take place Sept. 29, Miss Preston will be maid of honor. The ceremony will be read in the afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. F. Allison Preston, 3529 Central avenue.

Paul Wilson will be his brother's best man. The bridegroom-elect is a son of Mrs. M. B. Wilson, Newport News, Va.

Several parties will be given preceding the marriage. Mrs. Donald R. Rowles and Mrs. Harold Wright will entertain Wednesday and Misses Mary Mills and Flora Ellen Walters will give a party Sept. 25. Misses Josephine and Betty Reed, Sally Reahard, Mrs. Alan V. Shimer and Mrs. Morris Lanville Brown, also will entertain.

### O. E. S. Meeting Set

Covered dish luncheon meeting of the Irvington chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at 8 Monday night in the Irvington Masonic temple.

### Sesame Club to Meet

President's day covered-dish luncheon meeting of the Sesame Club will be held Monday at the home of the president, Mrs. Bert J. Westover, at White Lick creek near Avon.

### Guild Meeting Set

Mother's guild, Church of the Advent, will hold its fall meeting in the parish house at 1:30 Monday with Mrs. W. B. Peterson in charge.

### Chapter Will Meet

Members of Te-Aro-Ah chapter, International Travel-Study Club, Inc., will be served luncheon at a meeting at 12:30 Monday at the home of Mrs. E. L. McDaniel.

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## Miss Jackson Is Bride



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Mrs. Thomas Williams

The marriage of Miss June Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Stokes Jackson, Greenfield, to J. Thomas Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, took place recently.

### NEW DIRECTOR OF THEATER ARRIVES

Frederick Burleigh arrived from the east last night to take up directorship of the Indianapolis Civic theater. Mr. Burleigh attended the play reading class meeting which was held at the home of Miss Rosamond Van Camp. Included in the group were Mortimer Fuscott, Miss Sara Lauter, Mrs. Kurt Pantzer, Mrs. George Parry and Dr. Ray Newcomb.

### Tourist Club to Meet

"Memories of Summer Days" will be given in response to roll call at a meeting of the Hoosier Tourist Club Tuesday with Mrs. J. N. Hardy, hostess, and Mrs. T. F. Halls, assistant. Mrs. J. N. Hardy will come to present "Syllabus of American Literature."

### SADDLE HORSES TO APPEAR OCT. 14

Indiana Saddle Horse Roundup plans are underway for the second annual event to be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at Gregg farm.

With George M. Bailey, chairman of the judges committee, are Lieutenant Commander O. F. Hesler, Judge Posey T. Kline, Mier Block, Ralph G. Lockwood and Kurt F. Pantzer, and assisting M. H. Fuller with the program are Major J. K. Boles, Charles Latham, Frank J. Haight and Jerry Meek.

Clayton O. Mogg heads the committee for prizes and awards, assisted by Sam Freeman, Jack Adams and S. B. Walker and the grounds committee includes Charles F. Gregg, chairman, Earl Kiger, Woods Caperton, S. R. Harrell, C. F. Stout and John Wheeler.

Merrill J. Richardson is in charge of engineering and equipment and Paul Mathews, music. Assisting William Wemmer on the foods and concessions committee are E. P. Akin, Hal Keeling and Nathan Davis, and the public safety committee members are General Elmer F. Straub, chairman, and Paul Tombaugh, Al Feeney, Mike Morrissey, Charles F. Summer, Frank Hattery, Robert D. Coleman, E. A. Cassedy and Captain Harry Willet.

Tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Sheerin's daughter, Miss Laura Sheerin, will leave for Georgetown Visitation Convent in Washington. She will be accompanied by Miss Mary Sheerin Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis McClellan left Thursday for a visit in New York before going to Cambridge, Mass., to make their home. Mrs. McClellan before her recent marriage was Miss Sarahanne Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Adams.

Miss Jane Adams, another daughter of the William Ray Adamses, will leave Sept. 24 to attend Wheeler College, Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Prentiss Fulmore, Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Kimber, has gone to New York for a visit.

Miss Gertrude Escher will sail today for Switzerland after a year's visit in the United States. While in Indianapolis, Miss Escher was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Burkhardt.

Mrs. William Linn, Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter Slater, Louisville, have returned to their homes after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Daugherty.

Mrs. William VanLandingham and son Billy have returned from a visit in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Dunn are home after spending the summer at Lake Maxinkuckee.

Miss Jane Gent will return Tuesday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cain and their son, George R. Cain, Evanston, Ill.

After a visit with Mrs. Fletcher Hodges Jr., Miss Margaret White left yesterday for Chicago before returning to her home in Summit, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Z. Fults and children Patricia Ann and Floyd William have returned home after visiting in Chicago and in Bay View, Mich., where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Birk and Miss Sarah Birk. William Birk returned home with Dr. and Mrs. Fults.

Miss Maja Brownlee and her mother, Mrs. D. T. Brownlee, are visiting in New York. Miss Brownlee was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Applegate last week in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Z. McMurtie have gone east with their son, William Hogan McMurtie, who will enter Dartmouth university.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Ridgeway and daughter, Betty, have returned to their home, 3844 North High Street, after a trip to California.

Mrs. Irving Fauvre and son, Charles, will leave Monday for a visit in Chicago.

Misses Marion Phipps, Marjorie

### NEWS OF SOCIETY FOLK

Trenton and Millicent Cummings will leave tomorrow for Lake Forest college.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lauck and son Leo have returned home from attending the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lauck, San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Edna Martin and Mrs. L. T. Townsend have gone to Cleveland.

Miss Gertrude Rigney will come Monday from River Forest, Ill., to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan.

Mrs. James Brubaker will leave Monday for Owensboro, Ky., to join a house party for several weeks.

Mrs. D. B. Sullivan and Mrs. J. R. Hunt will arrange garden flowers at the Hillcrest Country Club Monday for the president's and guest day luncheon of the Carnelian Club. Program at 2 will follow the 1 o'clock luncheon.

The program will include readings by Mrs. W. F. Holmes and a group of songs by Mrs. Elsa Vaught, accompanied by Mrs. M. B.away.

Mrs. Wilson B. Parker, club president, announces the following standing committees for the year.

Ways and Means, Mrs. William Swintz, chairman, and Mrs. John Connor, co-chairman, and Mesdames John Lauchs, George Marcus, Fred Gunkle, Iris Swartz, L. A. Fleury, Basi Vaught, John Engleko and T. William Engle; Welfare, Mrs. William Smith, chairman, and Mesdames Elwood Ramsey, W. F. Kuhn and Donald Graham, publicity, Mrs. P. R. Chevalier; transportation, Mrs. John Conley, and, program, Mrs. Engle.

Whispering Winds will be the scene of the Irvington Mothers' Study Club president's day luncheon Wednesday. Mrs. G. H. Marriott, retiring president, and Mrs. H. J. Randall, incoming president, will give brief talks.

Mrs. J. C. Siegesmund, program chairman, will read a paper on the year's activities. Mrs. Charles Bechold will lead responses on "Our Summer Reading."

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### Club Event Will Honor President

Department Group Will Meet for Luncheon and Program.

"A Rendezvous with Women of the Ages" will feature the president's day luncheon and program of the Woman's Department Club to be held Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the clubhouse.

Reception at 2:30 will be followed by a dahlia luncheon in the tearoom. Receiving with Mrs. R. O. McAlexander, president, will be founders, past presidents, state and district presidents, and officers and members of the board.

Taking part in the pageant under the direction of Mrs. Paul T. Hurt, general chairman, will be Mrs. Othniel Hitch as the "Greek Matron, 600 B. C.," Mrs. Fred J. Pettijohn as "A Lady of the Renaissance"; Mrs. Carl Weinhardt, "An American Indian"; Mrs. Everett M. Schaeffer, "A Colonial Dame"; Mrs. Clayton H. Ridge, "The Pioneer Mother," and Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, "The Club Woman of 1934." Mrs. Will C. Hitz, chairman of music, is arranging a program in keeping with the pageant.

Mrs. James D. Ermston, program chairman, will present Miss Frances Belk, instructor of dramatic art at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, at 2:30 in the auditorium, in an arrangement of the tragedy, "Mary, Queen of Scotland."

The committee for the annual party includes Mrs. Hurt and Messes A. C. Barbour, Roscoe C. Leavitt, Henry Leighton, Merritt E. Woolf, Irving Blue, Edgar T. Lawrence, M. B. Hodges, Frank D. Downs, Harry S. Cleden and Miss Bertha M. Edwards.

Mrs. Barbour, assisted by Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. William E. Kennedy and members of the ways and means committee, will be in charge of the luncheon; Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Leighton, will head the committee on decorations; co-chairmen of hostesses in the tea room will be Miss Edwards, Mrs. Blue, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Woolf, chairman of courtesy, will present members and guests with name cards painted in the dahlia motif.

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The couple left on a wedding trip to Michigan and will be at home Oct. 1, at 29 West Twenty-eighth