

Playwright Bradford, Visiting City, Tells of Drama to Open in Fall

Author of "Ol' Man Adam and His Chillun" Is Collaborating With Jacques Wolfe on Musical Show, "John Henry."

By VIRGINIA MOORHEAD MANNON

Roark Bradford is in Indianapolis "to gab." It is taken by consent that he came this way because Indianapolis is the old home of his wife, formerly Mary Rose Himler, and that a few nights' conversation with Mr. and Mrs. John Mellett, their hosts, is well worth the trek from New Orleans.

"The author of 'Ol' Man Adam and His Chillun,' the book upon which the play, 'Green Pastures,' was based, Mrs. Bradford and their six-year-old son, Richard, 'have no particular plans except to go home.' They brought along their cook to make the thick Southern home. Mr. Bradford drinks every hour with condensed milk and quantities of sugar. That's probably the cause of the effect of their being such bitter-enders about going to bed. The Bradford test of congeniality is the ability to stay up all night and talk. 'The stupid people drop off about 11 or 12 o'clock,' the author simply stated. 'The good ones stay up late.'

The phobia about not going to bed is a carry-over from the days when Mr. Bradford worked on a New Orleans morning newspaper and knocked off work at 2 a. m. 'It would have been as silly for me to go to bed then as for a man whose job is done at 5 p. m. to jump into bed when he gets home,' he said.

He's just completed the libretto for "John Henry," which, he explained, is what the Greeks call a drama with music. "I looked it up," he said, "and it's really a melodrama." When he was feeling homesick out in Santa Fe in 1930 he wrote the original book. He did the libretto in "doggerel free verse" and aspired to write the music himself. This ambition led him to rent a piano and take music lessons from a nun in a convent until he found he'd "really have to work to learn music." Four years ago Lawrence Tibbett suggested that Jacques Wolfe do the music and that's how he and his collaborator met. "John Henry" will probably be produced this fall in New York with an all-Negro cast. "We think we've found the man in New Orleans to sing the title role," he added.

Now Showing in Patagonia

"Green Pastures," the stage version of which played to its biggest business at a Wednesday matinee at English's theater here, is still going strong as a movie. This week it's showing in Patagonia.

Up to now Mr. Bradford has written only one play which has been produced. It started out to be a skit poking fun at the French Quarter for the Group Theater in New Orleans. "One of the girls with a walk-on part wanted something bigger and what with one thing and another I finally found myself with a three-act play," he said. The title, aptly conceived by Mrs. Bradford, was "Lousy with Charm."

As a shining example of the simplicity that goes hand in glove with genius he wrote a line in the play: "Does anyone want to buy a house in the French Quarter?" It was just a little scheme to draw attention to the fact that he wanted to sell his own house in the Lousy-with-Charm section of New Orleans. "Every time I turn my back the termites eat it up and it's probably eaten up now," he explained. As luck would have it he still owns the house, but the play was a great success. "We invited the right people," he said, "and there was no admission charge."

Uninformed people may think a good, steady downpour is reason enough to call off a picnic, but Back Stage Club members who sampled the rainy day hospitality of Wallywood Saturday afternoon and evening know that the best parties of the season was a success in spite of the elements. The general dampness which might have proved catastrophic in less adequate surroundings only added to the gaiety of the crowd who wandered from Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O. Lee's golf course, swimming pool, country house and stables to the rustic log cabin among the trees where the membership supper and informal business meeting took place. The club, which is composed of active Civic Theater workers, chose Saturday to wind up its festivities for the year.

Heading the organization next season will be George Potheringham, who was elected president at the business meeting. Mrs. Charles Martin is the new vice president and Mrs. H. H. Arnholter secretary and treasurer. On the nominating committee were Mrs. John Gordon Kingham, chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Shappert and Richard Hoover. Mr. Lee is to head the Civic Theater membership drive in the fall. The seven prizes which were to have been given for outdoor contests at the "Blow Out" are to be the inspiration for similar events at a late summer membership drive meeting.

To Mr. Lee, retiring Civic Theater president, the club presented a plaque bearing a horse's head to be hung in the clubhouse of the Wallywood stables. Luggage was given to Mr. Hoover, theater publicity director, who is to become assistant director of the Pittsburgh Playhouse in the fall. J. Perry Meek, retiring vice president, made the presentation.

Miss Estelle Raulh Burpee will give a dinner at the Columbia Club this evening for Miss Janet Noyes and Frederic M. Ayres Jr., whose marriage is to take place Saturday, and for Miss Judith Chambers and Charles Edward Test, who are to be married June 23. Out-of-town guests, who have come for Miss Noyes and Mr. Ayres' wedding, will include the Misses Elizabeth King, of Cleveland and Miss Virginia Bradley of Detroit, who are visiting Miss Noyes, and William Townsend of Greenwich, Conn., who is visiting Mr. Ayres. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stafford are to entertain from 5 to 7 o'clock tomorrow at Woodstock Club for Miss Noyes and Mr. Ayres.

Society Plans to Attend Outstanding Horse Shows

Indiana horse lovers are eagerly perusing a full and interesting calendar of horse show dates. Ten outstanding ones will attract spectators and entrants from Indianapolis.

The Arlington Horse Show will be held Wednesday through Saturday evenings at the Robert H. Brown Stables, 46th St. and Arlington Ave. In the five-gaited division there are to be seven open classes and three stakes: The \$500 stake Five-Gaited Stakes for Stallions, Mares or Geldings; the \$250 Stake for Fine Harness Stallion, Mare or Gelding; and the \$250 Junior Stake for Five-Gaited Stallion, Mare or Gelding.

The Three-Gaited division will include nine open classes and two stakes. The \$500 stake is open to all three-gaited horses that have shown in one or more of the open classes. The other, \$250, is open to all three-gaited horses suitable for and shown by a lady and which must also have shown in one or more of the open classes.

The Hunter Division is open to all horses that have shown in one or more of the open classes and includes five classes with a \$250 stake.

Open June 25
The fourth annual horse show of the Franklin Polo and Saddle Club is to be held the evening of June 25 and the afternoon of June 26 at the Johnson County Fair Grounds. This is the first year for a two-day show sponsored by the organization. Entries close Saturday and are to be mailed to Ray Adams or Miss Martha Wheeler, Franklin.

The Muncie Fair Horse Show will be July 31 and the Richmond Horse Show date is July 29. The shows at Noblesville and Shelbyville have been set for Aug. 8 and 9 and Aug. 7 and 8 respectively.

Additional premiums, added classes and innovations will enhance the annual State Fair Night Horse Show, Sept. 4 to 6. This year the show will offer six Arabian classes and the Indiana Saddle Horse Association will sponsor Weanling and Yearling Futurities in addition to the \$19,150 premiums. The annual Boys and Girls' 4-H Filly Club special will be held Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3.

The South Bend show will be held Sept. 18 at the Red Fox Stables and Sept. 25 and 26 are the dates for the Ft. Wayne Horse Show at Covington Downs, Ft. Wayne. The date for the Indiana Saddle Horse Association Roundup at Gregg Farms has not been set.

W. C. T. U. to Go To San Francisco

Times Special
EVANSTON, Ill., June 13.—Leaders of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will convene in San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 4-19 for their 63rd annual meeting. The organization's general offices here announced today.

The group will complete plans for a million dollar national Temperance Education Program to coincide with the world-wide centenary celebration of the birth of Frances Willard, American temperance leader.

A national teaching seminar on the Alcohol problem will precede the convention with five sessions Wednesday and Thursday conducted by Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, national director of the Department of Alcohol Education.

Party Is Arranged For Harry Weaver

Ralph Hook is to entertain this evening at the home of his father, John A. Hook, with a stag party for Harry Weaver Jr., Miss Catherine Louise Vogel and Mr. Weaver will be married next Saturday.

Guests are to include John A. Hook, William D. Vogel, Harry Weaver Sr., Oscar Perine, David Vogel, Edwin Manogue, Pat Bone, Jack Gulling, Paul McDonald, Ralph Bradford, Verne McClellan, Gayle Shollenberger, John McPheters, Bill Spickelner, Chief Sivers, Lyman Hunter, Frank Reissner and Frank Lamb.

Lichtenauer Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Emil M. Lichtenauer announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Anna, to Richard Louis Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Curtis. The wedding is set for July 30 at 4:30 at the Zion's Evangelical Church. The bride-to-be attended Butler University and is a member of Phi Beta Phi Sorority. Mr. Curtis is also a Butler graduate and is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Tri Delts Arrange Country Club Dance



Miss Roberts Conreux (right) was completing Delta Delta sorority dance which is to be held tonight at the Ulen Country Club, Lebanon, by the Butler University chapter. Assisting her are Miss Lorraine Buchanan (left) and Miss Catherine Bingham.

Club Meetings

The Municipal Gardens Woman's Department Club held a regular business meeting and covered-dish luncheon today.

Annual reports were read at the 11 a. m. business meeting. A covered-dish luncheon and a card party followed.

Hostesses included Mesdames Grace Willis, Burt Knight, E. E. Russell, E. A. Coapstick, Joseph Crawley, Arthur Negley, E. C. Ball, O. S. Snyder, Frank Hall, C. E. Ornders, Gaylord Lutz, F. J. Wiltz, H. H. Rothman and Emil Scholten.

The Cornelia Cole Fairbanks chapter, D. A. R., will meet tomorrow with Mrs. Frank D. Stalnaker. Annual reports are to be presented and delegates to the state conference elected.

Miss Julia Harrison Moore is to speak on "The Star-Spangled Banner." Assisting the hostesses will be Mesdames Thomas C. Howe, William H. Insley, Arthur V. Brown, Mansur B. Oakes and Albert P. Smith.

Mrs. H. B. Custer will be hostess to the Irvington Friendship Circle meeting tomorrow, assisted by Mrs. David Linder.

The new officers of the Inter Artes Club are to be announced at the 7 p. m. meeting tonight of the group at the Indianapolis Country Club. They are: Miss Elizabeth King, president; Miss Ruth Anne Carson, vice president; Mrs. Harold Reinecke, secretary; and Miss Miriam King, treasurer.

Mrs. Royer K. Brown is chairman of the arrangements committee, assisted by Miss King and Mrs. Muriel Adams.

The Active Girls Club of the W. R. A. will hold a rush party tonight at the home of Mrs. Ethel Resinger. Miss Loretta Marshall is president.

The Vi-Mi Club will hold a pitchin luncheon tomorrow noon with Mrs. Hettie Bell, 206 N. Gale St.

The Theosophical Society of Indianapolis held a tea at 6:30 p. m. yesterday at the Lodge rooms in the Pennsylvania Building. Newly elected officers were honor guests. They are: Fred William Renz, president; Miss Emma Lou Murray, vice president; Mrs. Flora B. Feder, corresponding secretary; Miss Alice Hollingsworth, recording secretary; Miss Minnie Able, treasurer, and Gilbert Parker, librarian.

The Monday Club was to hold its June outing at the Ulen Country Club, Lebanon, by the Butler University chapter. The conference will close with installation of officers and a council meeting.

Mrs. Frances Bilyeat, Indianapolis, is the president's chief of staff, and Mrs. Henrietta Neal, Indianapolis, is inspector. Mrs. Ella Almond, Tent 9, Indianapolis, is a member of the convention committee.

Miss Isham Engaged
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Isham, 1232 N. Tuxedo St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marian Elizabeth, to Robert B. Shafer. Mr. Shafer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shafer. The wedding is set for June 22 at the home of the bride-to-be's parents. Miss Isham was graduated from Butler University and is an instructor at School 85. Mr. Shafer was graduated from Purdue University.

The Woman's Rotary Club is planning a June party at the Ulen Country Club, Lebanon, June 18. Dinner is to be served at 6:30 p. m. The members are welcome for golf or bridge at the club in the afternoon. Miss Edith L. Hoffman is chairman of the entertainment club.

Phi Omega Kappa, 8 p. m. today. Miss Alyce Courtot, hostess. Chi Beta Kappa, 8 p. m. Wed. Miss Margaret Welch, president, hostess. Mrs. Richard Tibbs, assistant.

Aftermath, 12:30 p. m. Thurs. Mrs. Fred W. Shideler, Brendonwood, hostess. Mrs. Henry von Grimstein to speak on "Who's Who in Indiana." Installation. Indianapolis Dental Assistants, 7:30 p. m. today. Crutcher's Dental Depot. Business meeting. Dr. L. Thayer Waldo to speak on "Surgical Procedure and Dental Anatomy." June Circle, St. Philip North Altar Society, 12:30 p. m. Wed. Luncheon and cards. Busy Bee, Druids. Wed. Noon. Hall. Luncheon and cards.

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Notre Dame University Club Members Hold Dance Tonight

Several parties of Notre Dame University Alumni and out-of-town students from the school are to attend the summer formal dance to be held this evening at the Severin Skyroom by the Indianapolis Club of Notre Dame.

One group of alumni will include Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas Humphrey, Robert B. Moynahan, Michael J. Duffey, R. Michael Fox and Mr. J. Albert Smith. Others of the alumni who have made reservations are Messrs. and Mesdames Arthur C. Shea, William J. Mooney Jr. and Robert E. Kirby.

Chairman to Attend
Thomas G. Gillespie Jr., general chairman of the dance, will have as his guest Miss Louise Smith. Other members of the party will include the Misses Maryellen Garland, Margie Sheerin, Jean Smith, Maryellen Sweeney and Marvin Martin of Detroit, Mich., James Roop Jr., Edwin Kinderman and John Courtney.

The Misses Mary Anne Leach, Dorothy O'Brien, Marguerite O'Neill, Dorothy Naughton, and Eloise Hamant will attend the dance with William Barton, John Burns, Russell Finch, Richard O'Connor, Raymond Schnorr.

Notre Dame students from out-of-town who will attend the dance include Lloyd Barron, Edward Jacobs and Donald Currier, Detroit, Mich.; Robert Sasse, Louisville, Ky.; Charles Callahan, Boston, Mass.; William Costello, Elizabeth, N. J.; Frank Rehme, Shelbyville, and James and Frank Garland and George Milford of Marion.

Louise Lowe and her orchestra will play for dancing. William Barton club president and Thomas Gillespie Jr. is general arrangements chairman.

Union Veterans' Club Will Meet

KOKOMO, June 13.—The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were to officially open their convention here today in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic annual encampment.

Today's program was to include registration, council meeting, dedication of a memorial at the courthouse and exemplification of the ritual by Helen Wolfe of Tent 7, Mishawaka.

The opening business session will be tomorrow and will include a memorial service, appointments, past presidents and presidents' luncheons, nomination of officers, department officers' dinner and public reception.

Wednesday is to include a parade, fathers and daughters banquet and a Camp Fire. The conference will close with installation of officers and a council meeting.

Mrs. Frances Bilyeat, Indianapolis, is the president's chief of staff, and Mrs. Henrietta Neal, Indianapolis, is inspector. Mrs. Ella Almond, Tent 9, Indianapolis, is a member of the convention committee.

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Prenuptial Events Hold Popularity

Relatives and Friends of June Brides-to-Be Plan Parties.

Prenuptial parties for June brides-to-be continue as the most frequent items in the news of society events. Relatives and friends of Keresek Hickman are entertaining for them with showers.

Miss June Danford will entertain with a personal shower tomorrow in honor of Miss Ruth Gingery. Miss Gingery's wedding to Donald Leukhardt is set for Saturday.

Decorations are to be in pastel shades and the hostess will be assisted by her mother. Guests are to include Mesdames A. C. Leukhardt, Louise Meyers, Harry Alford, William Johnson, Mary Bayless, Ed Bayless, Allan R. Stacy, Allan B. Sutton, Walter Gingery and Misses Mildred Hauser, Edith Carter, Leola Kaylor, Mary Bush, Mildred Wallace Virginia Showalter, Etta Scherp, Elizabeth Hester, Betty Beckman, Marion Jones, Edith Gingery and Miss Ruth Sherman.

Miss Mary Koehler entertained recently at the Indianapolis Athletic Club with a grocery shower in honor of Miss Gertrude Hardesty whose marriage to Roger Shiel is to be June 25.

Guests include Mesdames Harold Todd, Robert B. Moynahan, Scott Fogarty, Robert Bolles, J. C. Hardesty and Miss Patricia O'Connor.

Miss Zelma Cummings and Mrs. E. S. Cummings entertained recently with a luncheon at Hollyhock Hill for Miss Grace Shelton. Miss Shelton will become the bride of Keresek Hickman, Oak Park, Ill., on Saturday. Guests included Mrs. E. E. Shelton, the bride-to-be's mother, and her sister, Mrs. Ervin Barnes, Western Springs, Ill.

Miss Lyndall Raper was honored at a recent linen shower at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bussell, 2450 Madison Ave. Miss Raper's engagement to Dr. Kemper Venis was recently announced.

Appointments were in pink and white. Guests with Miss Raper included Mesdames Harriet Miller, Viola Miller, Paul Miller, John Lacey, George Biers, Bertha Berkenbine, Dorothy Ball, Frank Gaskela, Lawrence Wise, Gladys Roberts, Harry Ball, Bessie Phipps, Howard Reed and Misses Christine Adams, Irene Lustig and Mariana Miller.

Mrs. Richard Law, Chicago, and her mother, Mrs. J. L. Schmidt, 1236 N. New Jersey St., will entertain tonight with a miscellaneous shower and bridge for Miss Myla Dan Smith.

Miss Smith is to be married Saturday to Leroy Hines.

Decorations tonight are to be in dresden flowers. Mrs. Law arrived in Indianapolis Saturday.

Miss Ruth Duckwall, 3446 N. Meridian St., entertained 60 guests recently at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Mary Blanche Lennon. Miss Lennon's marriage to Charles Brown is set for June 17.

Decorations were in pink and white. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Paul Duckwall.

Miss Mildred Kennedy today announced the attendants for her June 25 wedding to Clifton Milby, Evansville. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mrs. John H. Kennedy.

Miss Ruth Kennedy is to be her sister's maid of honor and little Lois Jean Dunkelberger, Knox, a cousin of the bride-to-be, is to be a flower girl. Wayne Wilson will be best man.

Hostesses Named For Luncheon Bridge
The Hillcrest Country Club will hold a ladies luncheon bridge at 1 p. m. Wednesday.

The bride will be Mrs. Peter Lambertus and Mrs. Court Allis, assisted by Mrs. Louis Fehrenbach and Mrs. Arthur Gould.

Plan Marionette Show This Week
A marionette version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be presented at Block's auditorium this week by the Daylight chapter 553, O. E. S.

The presentation of the Sue Hastings production is under the direction of Charles Dosch, formerly of Indianapolis.

Mrs. J. McDonald Young is general arrangements chairman. The performances will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 3:30 p. m. and on Saturday at noon and 1:30 p. m.

Hoosier Tourist Club Will Hold Guest Day
The Hoosier Tourist Club will observe its annual guest day with a luncheon tomorrow at the Marriott Hotel. Mrs. J. E. Andrews is to review "The Fearless Town," by Caroline Dale Sudeker.

Mrs. Frank C. Robinson who founded the club 24 years ago, will be the honor guest. Mrs. D. T. Brownlee, retiring president, will present "The Fearless Town."

Hostesses will be Mrs. Peter Lambertus and Mrs. Court Allis, assisted by Mrs. Louis Fehrenbach and Mrs. Arthur Gould.

"The Fearless Town" will be presented by the club to the Central Library. The program theme for next year's club study includes "Tour of Scandinavian Countries."

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Pi Phi Alumnae To Fete Seniors

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi Sorority will honor Indiana and Butler University chapter's seniors at a luncheon Saturday at the home of Mrs. Noble Ropkey, Traders Point.

Mrs. Walter Hiser, arrangements chairman, is assisted by the Mesdames Richard T. Hill, Alex L. Taggart Jr., Sheldon Miner, Lawrence Shappert, Lewis O. Ward and Edward Gallagher.

Butler coeds who will be guests include the Misses Jean Booth, Louise Edwards, Marian Gaeren, Jane Ludwig, Marcella McDermott, Mavilla Rainey and Martha Reynolds.

Wedding Dates, Engagements Are Announced
Rice and old shoes await several couples whose engagements were announced this week-end and who are to be married soon.

The engagement of Miss Helen Grace Selva to William F. Noblitt has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Selva.

The wedding will be June 26 in the Broadway Methodist Church.

Miss Mariemina Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Gorman, is to be married to Charles L. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gilbert, Cedarville, O., June 18.

After July 1, the couple will be at home in South Charleston, O.

A Friday wedding will be that of Miss Lillian Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Schaefer, to Wilbur C. Engel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Engel.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chatham have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gillian, to Raymond G. Gill, son of Mrs. Jennie Gill. The wedding will be at 3:30 p. m. June 19 at the Broadway Baptist Church.

Miss Maxine Lucille Cushman will marry Dr. John Carr Hunt June 25, the bride-to-be's mother, Mrs. Hattie A. Cushman, announced today. Dr. Hunt is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee F. Hunt, Anderson.

Persons
Mrs. William Coleman Atkins was expected to return today after spending the week-end with friends at Chicago.

Miss Martha Julian Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher B. Coleman, 4314 Central Ave., has left for Aurora, N. Y., where she is to attend the Wells College reunion. Miss Coleman was graduated from the college in 1936. She is to be accompanied by Miss Mary Ann Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sweeney have returned from Georgetown, D. C., where they attended the graduation of their daughter, Miss Margaret Sweeney.

Miss Joanne Henry, daughter of Mrs. Florence Henry, 4849 N. Illinois St., was graduated yesterday from the Principia Upper School, St. Louis.

Miss Ruth Marie Price, 612 E. 21st St., left Saturday for study at the University of Southern California for summer session. She will attend the national convention of Delta Zeta Sorority in Pasadena, July 5 to 9, and the Theta Sigma Phi conference Aug. 18-20 in Los Angeles.

Miss Yvonne Powell, 3302 Ruckle St., was to leave today for New Orleans where she will sail on a Caribbean cruise. She expects to be gone two weeks.

Announce Wedding Of Roesch-Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Evans, 3740 Guilford Ave., announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Florence Elizabeth, to Jerry F. Roesch. Mr. Roesch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Roesch, 3302 N. LaSalle St.

The bride was graduated from Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. Mr. Roesch also graduated from Lake Forest and is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was graduated at the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy.

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