

'Whistling in the Dark,' an Underworld Drama, Will Be Offering of Players Tonight

Albert J. Beveridge Jr. to Have Leading Role; Chief Morrissey to Be Guest of Jack E. Harding, Play's 'Gangster.'

By VIRGINIA MOORHEAD MANNON

A gangsters' hideout near Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y., will be the sinister setting for "Whistling in the Dark," the three-act play to be presented by the Players Club's spring committee tonight at the Civic Theater Playhouse. The curtain will rise promptly at 9 o'clock and there will be dancing afterward at the Woodstock Club.

Albert J. Beveridge Jr. will have the leading role in the Laurence Gross and Edward Childs Carpenter drama to be staged instead of the usual pair of one-act plays. Jack E. Harding will play the chief gangster in a cast which includes Mrs. Clifford Arrick III, Mrs. Thomas S. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Mead, Robert S. Wild, Howard R. McClure, Charles E. Buschmann and Albert O. Deluse.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Hood, committee chairmen, are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Loftin, Mrs. Helen Kirtland Dean, Dr. Frederick W. Taylor and Dr. Irvine H. Page. Mrs. Maxwell Copcock is director.

Chief Morrissey is to have the rare experience of dining with a "gangster" chief and several of his henchmen when he joins a group for dinner tonight at the Columbia Club. Mr. Morrissey will be Mr. Harding's guest at the show. Included in the party will be Messrs. and Mesdames Mead, Wild, Norman Metzger, David F. Andrews, Ralph W. Lieber, Walter E. Rogers and Mr. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Covin Munson will give a dinner at their home for Messrs. and Mesdames Thornton Stettini, Paul E. Fisher, Erwin G. Vonnegut, Walton M. Wheeler Jr., Walter J. Stuhldreher, Orland A. Church, Miss Alice Baker and Marvin M. Bastian. Mr. and Mrs. Austin V. Clifford's dinner guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Evans Woollen Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Scott and Perry Lash. Dining with Mr. and Mrs. F. Noble Ropkey will be Messrs. and Mesdames William G. Sparks, John B. Stokely and Ronald S. Woodard. Mr. and Mrs. Hood's guests, who are to dine with them before the play, will be Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Errymson will entertain at dinner for Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas Harvey Cox, Louis H. Haerle and Herman C. Wolff. Dining with Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Myers will be Dr. and Mrs. Cleon Nafe, Dr. and Mrs. E. Vernon Hahn and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Galahue will have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Kurt F. Pautz. Mr. Deluse's guests for dinner and the show will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart. One group attending the performance together will include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferryard Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William W. Garstang and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Turner Jr. Mrs. Dean will entertain several dinner guests at the Marquette Hotel.

Thompson-Stein Nuptials Tomorrow

Of interest to many Indianapolis friends is the marriage of Miss Mary Helen Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Stein Jr. of Palm Springs, Cal., and Indianapolis, and Alan Thompson of Palm Springs which will take place at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow at Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Thompson is the son of Mrs. Katherine Thompson of Palm Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gleason of Los Angeles will be the only attendants at the service, to be held before the family and a few close friends.

Following the ceremony a reception will be held at the Pasadena home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Stephenson, formerly of Indianapolis. After a wedding trip the couple will be at home at Palm Springs. Mr. Stein Jr. who has been spending the winter here, left by plane today for Pasadena.

Debonair Club to Entertain

The Debonair Club will entertain this evening with a hayride followed by a picnic supper and dance at the cabin on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kiger's farm north of Indianapolis.

Hostesses will be the Misses Betty Lieber, Betty Jane Mosiman, Nancy Wohlgemuth, Ann Savies, Beth Anderson, Marilyn Mulvihill and Barbara Kiger. Their guests will include George Deek, William Hanley, Robert Hendrickson, Jack Lindy, Fred Lloyd, Robert Marschke, Robert Meeker and Rasmussen and James Smith.

Miss Sammie Lewis Savies and her sister, Miss Clara Gilbert, entertained with a dinner last night at their home in Gold Hill, and a tea party at English's where Katherine Cornell is appearing in "No Time for Comedy." Guests included Gert and Mrs. William Guy Wall, Mr. and Mrs. James Noel and Dr. and Mrs. Harry C. Kahn.

John C. Ruckelshaus will be home Sunday after two months in the South. In Florida he visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall at Palm Beach, Henry C. Ulen at Miami and William L. Hutcheson at Lakeland and he has been spending the past month at Hot Springs, Ark.

Institute to Give Courses for Missionary Society Leaders

Four courses for leaders of missionary societies, adult study groups and younger groups will be offered in the 10th annual Missionary Education Institute beginning May 1 at the Third Christian Church. Dr. George Walker Buckner Jr., editor of *The World Call*, will give five addresses on "The World Church in the World Crisis" at the general assembly meet-

Dean of Girls Will Speak at D.A.R. Meeting

Mrs. Gertrude Theumler, dean of girls at Tech High School, will speak on "Youth Problems of Today" Thursday afternoon before members of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Conservation of Youth" will be the theme of the program at the chapter house, 824 N. Pennsylvania St. Miss Jeanne Smith, contractor, accompanied by Mrs. Luther J. Shirley, will sing.

Mrs. J. E. Handkins, chairman of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage for girls in county high schools, will present contestants. Medals from the national society and certificates will be presented by Mrs. Fred D. Stutz, regent. Contestants from nine schools are entered.

Mrs. Harry Wade heads the tea committee. She will be assisted by Mesdames William A. Loudon, Captain H. Trulock, John B. Washburn, Badger Williamson and Nellie P. Winings.

Municipal Gardens Club to Hold Dance

Mrs. J. W. Walters and Mrs. Clifford Horney are cochairmen of the recreational program and monthly dance which the Municipal Gardens Woman's Department Club will hold tonight at their clubhouse on Lafayette Road.

The Eddie Brady Guards of the Womankind Circle will present a drill directed by Capt. Louis Mills, as part of the floor show. Bud Stone's orchestra will play and recreational entertainment will include shuffleboard, cards, table tennis, floor checkers and Chinese checkers.

Dr. David D. Baker, St. Louis, director of the Co-operative Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will be leader of the fourth course for leaders of young people. Current texts to be used will include "Right Here at Home" (Frank S. Mead) and "Through Tragedy to Triumph."

Officers to Be Chosen

Luncheon will be served at the church at the noon hour each day.

On the opening day the faculty of the institute will be introduced at the luncheon. The Indianapolis Council of Church Women will be in charge of the program for the second luncheon and officers will be elected at the fellowship luncheon on the closing day of the study con-

ference.

Dr. Joel Lee Jones of the Seventh Street Christian Church, is chairman of the institute, assisted by Dr. Logan Hall, Meridian Street Methodist Church, and Dr. W. R. Jewell, vice chairman. Dr. Jewell also is registrar. Miss Genevieve Brown will be secretary and Mrs. George L. Davis, treasurer.

Saturday Afternoon Club's Election Set

Mrs. George Alix will be hostess at a 1 o'clock luncheon tomorrow afternoon for members of the Saturday Afternoon Literary Club.

Officers will be elected. Mrs. Helen Weesner will be in charge of the program.

Busy Arranging St. Vincent's Hospital Guild Dance



The topic of conversation for these three members of St. Vincent's Hospital Guild? The organization's annual spring dance April 15 at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, of course. Among the active work-

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