

"MILESTONES" IS PLAY CHOSEN FOR DEBUT OF EARLHAM ACTORS

Every effort is being made by the members of "The Mask and Mantle," the dramatic club of Earlham college, to make "Milestones," their first production, the most complete attraction of its kind ever given at the college. The play will be given Saturday night, Dec. 18, in the Earlham chapel.

"Milestones" is a three-act play by Arnold Bennett and Edward Knoblauch, which met with instantaneous success when first produced in London. It was selected by the club as its first public production because of its uniqueness and its universal appeal.

The action of the play covers a period of three generations and calls for strong character development on the part of the actors. Some of the characters are present throughout the action but as each milestone is passed they are approached and challenged by the visionaries of the rising generations. The ever-present clash between the conservatives of the pasting generations and the radical and progressive spirit of the oncoming generation is shown.

Order Costumes.

Costumes of the first two acts which would be hard to secure because of their antiquity, have been ordered complete from a costuming house. The setting of the earlier periods will be reproduced in every possible detail. The cast is large and has been selected entirely from the membership of the club.

Tickets are 50 cents and are now on sale at the college and at the Westcott Pharmacy. All seats will be reserved and the plats will be opened next Wednesday. Only enough tickets will be sold to fill the seating capacity of the house.

Soldiers Insist on Cooks Using Recipes Contained In Magazines Sent Them

(By Associated Press)

WILLIAMSON, VA., Dec. 10.—Recipes for toothsome things, such as are found on the "women's pages" and in women's magazines, are eagerly read by the federal soldiers on strike duty in this region, and then passed on to the company cook.

This fact was discovered at headquarters here when a lieutenant came in from one of the outlying posts for supplies.

"Any magazines I can take back with me, captain," he asked of Chaplain Haywood L. Winter. "The boys are about fed up on what we have, and want some of these," naming a popular woman's publication, a current magazine of political opinion and a scientific paper.

"And captain," he added, "I don't want magazines with cooking recipes in them. The boys have cut enough recipes from the women's pages to last the poor cook five years and they insist on him trying all of them. I think he'll have to get a paper baker when we break camp."

Circuit Court

Suit for the sum of \$222.40 was filed in the county clerks office against Minor L. Frock, Friday. Attorney Paul Beckett filed the suit on behalf of the Business Men's Finance association. The return date was set for Dec. 27.

Suit for divorce in the case of Edna L. Irion vs. Edgar T. Irion, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment was filed by Attorney Frank Strayer in the county clerks office Friday.

Motion for a new trial in the case of Benjamin and Louvina Addington vs. George and Rose Retter, action to secure a writ of habeas corpus, was overruled by Judge Bond, Friday. The ruling was accepted by the plaintiffs.

Divorce was granted Friday to Fern Young, from her husband Leonard C. Young, on grounds of failure to provide. The plaintiff's former name, Fern Davis, was restored.

Testimony in the case of Leo Benner vs. Marie Benner, suit for divorce, was taken in circuit court Friday morning. The case was taken under advisement.

Sol Meredith Post No. 55, G. A. R. will meet for the annual election of officers in the post rooms in the county court house Saturday afternoon.

In the recent Austrian elections women voted in greater numbers than men, a fact that is attributed to the women's discontent over the great increases in the cost of living under Social Democratic rule.

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Dr. Squier Takes Over Sanitarium Management

Dr. W. McCullen Squier, formerly of Milton, who recently was discharged with the rank of captain from the medical corps of the United States army, has assumed the management of the Glen Miller Sanitarium, says an announcement by officers today.

His appointment involves a change in its entire management of the sanitarium. Dr. Squier is a member of the Wayne County Medical Society and of the Indiana Medical Society. He was a general practitioner at Milton for a number of years, and was stationed at a large military hospital in Detroit when he was discharged and engaged by the owners of the sanitarium to take over its management.

The officers of the sanitarium are: C. C. Gard, president; Lee B. Nusbaum, vice president, and Walter Bossert, secretary and treasurer.

OPEN HOUSE ENJOYED BY CLUB FAMILIES

Elaborate in every detail was the Kiwanis club room Thursday night when they held open house for their wives and sweethearts under the title of Ladies' Night. The program was one round of amusement and fun, and according to every member one of the best times of their young lives was experienced.

The evening's program began with a sumptuous dinner served by the Pythian sisters in the banquet room. This was beyond reproach and the viands placed upon the festive board were the most delectable.

Decorations which carried out the club colors of purple and gold, lights from the massive candelabra arranged tastefully around the room made an attractive setting.

Music during the dinner was furnished by the Misses Miriam Hadley, Katherine Gates and Mary Carmon. The program after the dinner was well arranged by Samuel B. Garton.

The dance began at 9 p. m. and continued until midnight. Music for this was furnished by the Evan Smith orchestra. During the hour of entertainment the program consisted of songs by the Earlham glee club, reading by Arthur J. Berlaut, solos by Edward Price and Frank Funk, and several numbers by the Kiwanis quartet.

Even Lowly Burro Now Classed as National Pest

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The lowly burro, enshrined in western legend as the heroic, inseparable and invaluable trail companion of the lone prospector who wandered the waste in search of earth's treasure has now been officially classed as a "veritable pest" by the United States government.

This animal, and its progeny in countless numbers, abandoned by its former human sponsors, according to Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, has selected the Grand Canyon of the Colorado for its habitat and the availability of the canyon's scenic beauties in consequence, are almost disappearing.

The burro, Mr. Mather said, "destroys the trails, denudes the plateaus of grass and other forage, so that native wild game such as antelope, has been forced out and it is even necessary for working and exploring parties to pack feed for working animals." He adds ominously—for the burro—that "the time is not far distant when radical steps will have to be taken to eliminate the burro evil."

STAPLE GOODS PRICES DROP

The Rapp's Cut Price Co. Blue Pencil Sale offers an opportunity for comparison between the war prices and the prices of today. For instance, Overalls that sold at \$1.89 are now offered at 95c, a drop of 48%. Work Shirts that sold as high as \$1.48, are offered at 85c, a drop of 42%. Work Pants that sold at \$2.98 are offered at \$1.98, a drop of 33 1/3%. Other items are reduced accordingly. See the big ad in this paper today.—Advertisement.

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NAVY OFFICERS QUIT; SERIOUS SHORTAGE, SAYS BUREAU CHIEF

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Declaring that the officer personnel of the navy should be augmented to full strength and placed on a permanent basis "with the least possible delay," Rear Admiral Thomas Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, in his annual report to Secretary Daniels today describes the personnel situation as the most serious problem before the navy. Even though 1,200 reserve and temporary officers are taken into the regular establishment, as permitted by law during the coming year, the shortage of officers May 1, 1921, will be equal to seven years output of the naval academy, Admiral Washington declares.

From present indications and unless remedial legislation is obtained, the temporary appointment of seven rear admirals, 67 captains, 154 commanders and 380 lieutenant commanders will have to be revoked July 1, 1921, due to shortage of officers in the lower grades, the report says.

More attention must be paid to the personnel side of the conduct of the navy, Admiral Washington says, asserting that "this point of view does not now prevail."

Must Consider Personnel.

"The attention of the navy and all those who in any way enter into the activities of the navy must be concentrated equally on the ships and the men who man them," the report says.

"The long period of material reconstruction covering new building programs has diverted too large a share of service attention from questions of personnel."

Commenting on the enlisted man situation, Admiral Washington states that the navy has very largely recovered from the post-war reaction, that virtually stopped recruiting.

At the rate new men are now entering the service the authorized strength will be reached by July 1, next, his report states. Due to the loss of a large percentage of the navy's older enlisted men, however, the report says that the enlisted force has not yet gained normal efficiency.

Resignations during the fiscal year from the officer force have been serious, Admiral Washington says, the line being particularly hard hit. At the end of the year there were more than 450 fewer line officers in the service than on November 1, despite the fact that a class had graduated from the naval academy in the meantime. A total of 606 officers resigned from the regular navy during the year, of which 94 were line officers, leaving a shortage of about 2,400 officers in the permanent establishment.

Grant Dorsey, Aged 9, Hurt on School Merry-go-round

Grant Dorsey, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dorsey, 1218 Sheridan street, is recovering from a painful accident at the Fairview school recently. The boy was playing with a number of companions on the school merry-go-round. In getting off the apparatus to go to the school house he fell and broke the right arm just above his wrist.

GREEK REFUGEES ARRIVE
(By Associated Press)

SALONIKI, Dec. 10.—Twenty thousand Greek refugees from Russia are on their way here and are to be cared for in a camp outside the city. The first shipload of 3,000 arrived recently and a like number will come each week.

The refugee work is in the hands of the American Red Cross. The Greek government will allot to these refugees land in Macedonia and will give them credit, livestock and agricultural implements for which they must pay in several years. The land will be free.

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