

« « FOOTLIGHTS » »

IBSEN'S "DOLL HOUSE"

To director Darrell Larsen and a competent cast we are indebted for an interesting version of Ibsen's "Doll House," which was presented by the Division of Dramatics last Friday night, July 16th, at 8:30 o'clock in the Little Theatre.

I say interesting because when a willing ambitious director and cast cooperate to put on an Ibsen performance within a week's notice, they have either signed their own death warrant or merited the highest es-

teem of a theatre-going audience. We may well credit them with the latter alternative. May I at this point pay a well-deserved tribute to Director Larsen whose untiring efforts made possible this play. His sincerity and whole-hearted interest in any production which he undertakes, brings about a transformation in the entire cast. By his own vigorous participation in the action concerned, the cast seems to be inspired to actually live the character which he portrays for them. Orchids to you D. L. We see the play in its polished finished state, yet well do we realize the energy expended in your desire for a well-planned fine performance—and now for the cast itself.

The show leaned heavily on Augusta Farnham for her exceptional talent in the role of Nora Helmer. It was she about whom the action centered, for she lived and breathed her role from start to finish. Her diction was excellent and she succeeded in achieving the hardest thing to do on a stage; namely, the sufficient registering of facial expressions without being "stagey" or artificial. Too often an actress may overdo gestures and expressions in order to impress an audience. She was graceful, perfectly at ease and most convincing as the "doll" who left the "Doll House" in a pathetic attempt to regain her faith in the man she loved. A good sport and good trouper, she should progress far in her field.

Outstanding for her role as a disillusioned, embittered woman, but loyal friend, Christine Linde, as portrayed by Charlotte Lord presented the sob story element without being weepy. Her stage presence was excellent. She was inclined in parts, however, to give too monotonous a rising and falling inflection of the voice in an effort to create pity and utter despair. As a character she was well received by the audience and the rest of the cast, for she relieved the tenseness in some of the more awkward situations. Her success lies in her appreciation and sympathy of the person she typifies, and as such, the result is most gratifying.

Leslie Heath, as Nils Krogstad, was undoubtedly the suave distinguished bank clerk, whose one blunder in a business transaction, haunted any career which he undertook. He was the perfect shadow of the man who might have been.

And now let us consider the merits and demerits of Edward Binns, as Torvald Helmer, the husband. To my mind he was far surpassed and overshadowed by his leading lady. He was

Excursion Goes At 8 Tomorrow

The sixth of the Summer Session excursions, under the direction of Prof. William R. White, of the department of agricultural correspondence, will leave from in front of Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The tour will take students to Penns Valley View and Penn-Roosevelt Park.

Penns Valley View is located on Thickhead Mountain and until recently was reached only with difficulty. A new road was constructed to the view two years ago, and since that time hundreds of sightseers have visited the place. It is located on one of the highest mountains in Centre County and from there can be seen one of the best views in Central Pennsylvania. The view at this time of the year is particularly picturesque, according to Professor White. One can see green meadows, golden grain fields, and forests in mountains and valleys. Swimming Pool at Park

Penn-Roosevelt Park is a new recreation center. A large, clean pool offers those taking the trip a chance to swim. There is no charge for swimming in the pool.

Those taking the excursion should take a lunch with them since there is no opportunity to purchase meals along the way. The only expense for the trip will be transportation. Arrangements have been made for those taking their own cars to drive faster than the bus.

slow in picking up his cues, and as a last resort decided to snap into character. Too often he called, "line" in a stage whisper which was most audible. He seemed to be groping his way through the play rather than living the part of Torvald Helmer, the ludicrous defender of his honor. I had the feeling that Miss Farnham was constantly pleading with him by her actions, to play up to and support her in her role. Do not think, however, that the writer was absolutely unaware of Mr. Binns' better bits. His braggadochio was excellent and his voice laden with the bravado of the pompous, exalted lord and master of his house.

Equal honors may be shared by Molly Barber and Maude Jamison, as the maid and nurse respectively. Miss Barber entered the stage each time as if she had actually been busily engaged in household routine in an adjoining room.

Miss Jamison exhibited the true protective attitude towards her charges as well as a non-plussed appearance at the unusual proceedings of her mistress in wanting to leave home in the hopes that her children would soon forget her.

Others in the cast included Morton Schneider, as the porter, and the three children, played by David Bishoff, Eddie Watson and Mary Alice Barker—the latter three showing a naturalness becoming to children.

The stage setting was typical of its period in not being too modern, and though I wondered at the ornate pictures in the alcove of the room, realized that every family is entitled to one "Chinese Nook."

Special credit must be given to the stage technician, Wilfred Washco and the other stage crew members for their lighting effects and their part in contributing to the fineness of the play. May we hope for more productions of the same calibre!

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor T. Waugh

College Goes on Daylight Saving Time—For a Day

If you had a date with one of the girls in McAllister Hall, Grange Dormitory, or any girl living in any of the women's centers on east campus and she disappointed you, don't blame her. That is, if the date was on Tuesday night. The clock in Old Main tower, facing east, tried a new stunt on Tuesday and Wednesday. It went on daylight saving time without sounding the slightest warning. The other three remained on standard.

The hands on the east clock continued to move an hour ahead of the others until Wednesday afternoon. Someone notified the department of grounds and buildings and the hands were turned back an hour. The College continues to function on Eastern Standard Time.

500 Educators To Convene Here

How the schools of America are meeting today's challenge to democracy will form the major theme of the 15th annual Superintendents' Conference to be held here on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Five hundred superintendents and principals of the major secondary schools in the Commonwealth will attend the sessions and hear addresses by officials of the state department of public instruction, Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, sociologist and newspaper columnist, and his fellow administrators who will discuss the inter-relationship between education and democracy.

Trabue to Speak

Dr. Marion R. Trabue, dean-elect of the School of Education, will deliver the keynote of the conference. He speaks on "Significant Trends in Modern Education." Dr. Trabue will be introduced by Dr. Will Grant Chambers, dean of the School of Education and director of Summer Sessions, whom he will succeed when Dean Chambers retires Aug. 31. Dr. Chambers has been elected dean emeritus of the School.

Other educators who will speak include the following members of the state department of public instruction: Dr. Clarence E. Ackley, director of the bureau of administration and finance; Walter E. Hess, advisor for secondary education; Dr. Paul L. Cressman, chief of child accounting and research; and Dr. Walter B. Jones, chief of industrial education. Chambers Presides

Dr. J. G. Flowers, president of Lock Haven State Teachers College, and Dr. Joseph F. Noonan, president of Mansfield State Teachers College, are among the speakers.

Presiding at the various sessions will be Dean Chambers, Superintendent Alvin F. Kemp of Berks county schools; John E. Platt, supervising principal of Wyoming public schools; Herman E. Grose, superintendent of Erie public schools; Superintendent Frank H. Painter of Lycoming county schools; Dr. A. G. W. Schlegel, supervising principal at Red Lion; Superintendent Charles F. Maxwell of Westmoreland county schools, and Dr. Charles C. Maderia, superintendent of Sunbury city schools.

ON THE FRONT PAGE

Joseph T. Robinson is gone, Senator Barkley has been elected the new Senate majority leader and the fate of President Roosevelt's court bill still hangs in the balance. Barkley's victory by one vote (38-37) has been interpreted as a victory for the administration forces inasmuch as he is committed heart and soul to the court change bill. Pat Harrison, the other candidate, while pledged to support the court bill, has been considered lukewarm toward it. Consequently, pro- and anti-court factions lined up back of two candidates, with Barkley winning.

Mr., Mrs. White Speak Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry White have been scheduled to present a program of illustrated lectures in Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock next Thursday night. They will discuss "Highlights of Chinese Civilization."

The entire program will be illustrated with colored screen pictures. The deep red of the woodwork in Chinese architecture, the multi-color design under the eaves, the brilliance of yellow, green, or blue porcelain tile roofs make the Chinese buildings inspiringly beautiful.

The lectures touch a wide range of topics in which are presented various phases of Chinese life and culture. The approach to the "Highlights of Chinese Civilization" is made through the arts to a more appreciative understanding of the life of the people. Wear Chinese Costumes

Mr. and Mrs. White will point out that the Chinese during the 4,000 years of their existence have made great contributions to the world and were really leaders in art, literature, invention, and philosophy. The lectures include backgrounds of their various arts, including architecture, painting, pottery, sculpture, the art of gardening and garden arrangement, the literature of their ancients as found in proverbs and poems and the structures of their written language.

Religious backgrounds are also explored, beginning with China's prehistoric Worship of Heaven, down through the ages to the days of the great Confucius and his followers.

Kistler To Speak On Sunday Night

The Rev. Raymon M. Kistler, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Rochester, N. Y., will deliver the address at the Vesper service in Schwab Auditorium at 7 o'clock Sunday night.

Reverend Kistler is a graduate of Westminster College of New Wilmington. He holds three degrees from that school. In 1912 he received his bachelor of arts degree and later in the same year his bachelor of divinity degree. In 1928 he received his doctor of divinity degree.

Served at 4 Churches After serving as pastor of the Eleventh United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh from 1915 to 1918, Reverend Kistler became pastor of the South Side Presbyterian Church in the same city where he served until 1921. In 1921 he accepted the position of pastor at the First Church at Warren and in 1928 became pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church at Rochester, N. Y.

Reverend Kistler was Moderator of the Erie Presbytery from 1925 to 1926 and of the Rochester Presbytery from 1932 to 1933. He was president of the New York State Council of Churches from 1930 to 1932, the Rochester Ministerial Association from 1931 to 1932, and the Rochester Federation of Churches from 1934 to 1935. He also served as Vice-Moderator of the Synod of New York from 1932 to 1933 and chairman of the committee on the United Promotion of the Presbyterian Church since 1933.

College Oil Research Praised by Companies

The petroleum research work done by the staffs of the three schools of the College has been praised by the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association in a resolution adopted by its membership.

Members of the various staffs of the Schools of Chemistry and Physics, Engineering, and Mineral Industries were thanked for the "loyalty, energy and intelligent application manifested in the solution of problems affecting the membership of this association in the past year." Personal letters of appreciation were written to the deans of the schools and those involved in the research.

Breakfast Planned

Members of Pi Lambda Theta that are on this campus for the Summer Session have planned a breakfast to be held at the home of Dean and Mrs. Will Grant Chambers, 333 W. Park avenue, at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Members of any chapter of the fraternity are invited to attend.

However, the Communists withdrew their scattered forces deep into China and there have carved out their own state and gradually regained strength. Again, they are a powerful force in China and to be seriously reckoned with by the government.

Their decision to go along with the government against a mutual enemy, Fascist Japan, adds to China's case materially.

We say "Fascist Japan" advisedly. In spite of the recent election in which the militarists were defeated, the army is still in command and pursues its end, although both civilian parties are against such imperialistic tactics at present.

Will China stiffen its backbone and actually resist Fascist Japan's latest demands or will it instead bluster a little and then give in to the latest grab of the Nippon war-makers?

This question has for the moment dimmed the world's interest in the Spanish conflict.

Japan, seeing that Russia was having a little trouble at home, and expecting Hitler and Mussolini's Spanish war to keep British and French attention, started on another encroachment program. This time, however, the Chinese government, strengthened by assurances from Communist forces that they would back it against Japan, has thus far resisted Japan and in turn made counter demands.

The Communists are the only opposition group recognized by the Chinese government. Chang Kai-Shek was originally a leader of the Chinese Komintern, financed by Russia. He, however, after firmly entrenching himself, repudiated his Russian backers and in many cases crushed ruthlessly the Communist elements.

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