NEW DRAMATIC ERA IS COMING

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Not Broadway, but "the sticks" is the hope of art in the drama, believes Jesse Lynch Williams, the playwright. The man who wrote "Why Marry?" and other substantial successes is here as the holder of the 1926 fellowship in Creative Arts at the University of Michigan.

"Art is right enough in its way," Mr. Williams said, "but I am afraid its way lies far from Broadway. In the drama there is a cold dollars-and-cents proposition. Every contract contains a stop clause, which means when your play fails to net $8000 a week at a popular theater, out you go and somebody else moves in.

"New plays are falling like autumn leaves, and some of the old hands have been afraid to come into New York at all.

"That is why I believe the little theater is going to have a profound influence on the future of the American stage. There, financial success is of but little moment, and new things may be tried out without fear of ruin."

The New York producer shuns experiments, says Williams. When the order of the day is a bedroom farce, he produces only bedroom farces. When the vogue happens to be —as it has been—wierd importations from Europe, dealing with brutal realism, Williams points out the mad scramble for brutally realistic scripts.

"That's not the way to achieve better things eventually," continues the playright. "It is a mistake for the playright to give the public what it wants. I believe we ought to make the public want what we have to give. We must create, not merely art, as it is called, but our audiences who are capable of appreciating it. That, in my opinion, is exactly what the neighborhood theaters are endeavoring to do."

Mr. Williams thinks that most of the imported plays deal with the grosser side of life and that such are merely evidences of "a sick civilization." He characterizes as "pure bunk" much of the current "small change that passes for the principles of art."

"Self-expression the only aim of art? Nonsense! What has self to do with the matter? You are quite unimportant in the scheme of things. It is what you have to say in what you can interest people that really matters."

The Fellowship in Creative Arts was created in 1921 by an anonymous friend of the university, who since then has offered annually the sum of $5000 to be paid as honorarium to some exponent of the arts who, it was felt, should be relieved of the necessity for earning a livelihood for a year and allowed to devote himself to purely creative work.

Holders of the Fellowship have no duties at the university. They meet informally with those advanced students who are interested in literature and, as Mr. Williams explains, "just sort of talk things over."

AMERICAN WOULD HALT EXCAVATION OF CARTHAGE

ITHACA, N. Y. (AP)—Excavation of the site of Carthage should cease until the French government controlling the Tunisian takes steps to end construction of homes there and to convert the site into an archaeological park, similar to that at Pompeii, Dr. Francis W. Kelsey director of the Franco-American excavation of 1925, told the 27th annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America here Wednesday. A real estate boom has sent the prices of land so high that private enterprise cannot meet the initial cost, said Doctor Kelsey, who is director of Near East excavations for the University of Michigan.

FARM DISCARDS HORSES

WASHINGTON (AP)—The extent to which modern farm machinery continues to supplant the horse on American farms was revealed Wednesday in figures made public by the census bureau, showing that the number of horses on farms decreased 16 per cent during the last five years, or from 19,767,161 in 1920 to 16,535,759 in 1925.

The number of mules, however, increased more than 5 per cent, or from 5,447,391 to 5,746,695, during the same period.

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Coast Stations Will Not Enter International Test

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two Los Angeles radio broadcast stations, KFI and KHJ, will not participate in the international radio week tests between a European and American stations January 24 to 30, unless present intentions are changed. These stations will be on the air as usual during the hours 5 to 9 p. m. on Pacific time.

Would Plant Christmas Trees.

WENATCHEE, Wash. — A proposal by the Kiwanis club that an evergreen tree, six or eight feet high, be planted in Library square so that it could be used as a permanent community Christmas tree is being looked into by the city commissioners. Each year a large tree is brought down from Squilchuck canyon. The effect the tree might have upon traffic at the intersection of the five streets is being considered.

Louisiana Opposes Nominations.

SALEM, Ore. — Members of the Oregon public service commission were requested to send telegrams to Senators McNary and Stanfield asking them to vote against the confirmation of Richard V. Taylor and Thomas F. Woodlock as members of the interstate commerce commission. The request came from the public service commission of the state of Louisiana.

Renamed Chamber President

KELLOGG, Idaho—M. H. Sullivan was reelected president of the chamber of commerce; J. E. Sturdevant was chosen vice president; M. M. Eaton, secretary, and V. O. Straight treasurer. Santa Claus, in the person of W. S. Newport, Coeur d'Alene, distributed presents to officers and members.

Adah Losh Rose, pageant director of Portland, Ore., addressed the chamber on the possibility of getting on a historical pageant here next summer. A committee was named to consider the proposition and report at the next meeting.

WILBUR WOMAN IS BRIDE

WILBUR, Wash. — Miss Lila Shanlin, daughter of Mrs. August Von Behren, and Luther Tilson, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tufts, were married at Davenport.

Mrs. Tilson is a graduate of the Wilbur high school, studied at the Cheney State normal school and has taught school in this region several terms. She is teaching north of Almira. She is a member of Buttercup circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, here. Mr. Tilson is engaged in farming near Sherman.

CAT STEALS GOLDFISH

OREGON CITY, Ore. — "Moggies," a cat that has taken up her headquarters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchings of Gladstone, desiring to present her master and mistress with some token of appreciation for her care, brought home a handsome goldfish on Saturday, calling to the family as she crossed the yard while carrying the fish in her mouth.

Mr. Hutchings investigated and found the cat carrying the fish which was still alive. The cat dropped the fish as soon as her master appeared, and after it was placed in a dish of water was as "good as new."

The Hutchings family has been trying to find out who owns the fish.

START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ROCKFORD, Wash. — A special class has been organized in the Sunday school of the Methodist church for high school pupils. Officers elected are Casper Tewinkle, president; Howard Hanson, vice president; Annie Mae Oliver, secretary-treasurer. Foster Dill will serve as teacher for the present.

F. W. Girard, for the past year proprietor of the Rockford confectionery and restaurant, has sold the business to Mrs. A. Dragoo, of Spokane. She will take charge at once.

Ebell Leaves $22,000 Estate.

BAKER, Ore. — The estate of George Ebell has been admitted to probate here, his widow, Margaret Ebell, petitioning to be appointed executrix of the will. The value of the real property is estimated to be $12,000 and the personal property $10,000. His widow and children are the heirs.

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3 TINS
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20 BARS
83c

Creme Oil Soap
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Old Dutch Cleanser
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49c

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FOUR 15c TINS
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BROKEN SLICE—NO. 2½ TINS
3 TINS
72c

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NO. 2½ TINS—3 TINS
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Every Day Necessities
Heinz Ketchup
3 PINT BOTTLES
85c

Shrimp
AMERICAN BEAUTY
4 TINS FOR
57c

Tender Peas
4 TINS
56c

SOLID PACK
Tomatoes
LARGE NO. 2½ TINS
4 TINS
75c

TOMATOES
STANDARD NO. 2½ TINS
6 TINS, 85c

Corn
SWEET AND TENDER
4 TINS
55c

Pork and Beans
6 TINS
49c

Raisins
15-OZ. PKGS.—4 PKGS.
49c

Corn Starch
1-LB. PKGS.—4 PKGS.
55c

Sugar
BEST CANE—PER SK.
$6.64

Strawberry Preserves
TALL JARS—REG. 40c GRADE
3 JARS
$1

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TEA GARDEN BRAND
REG. 40c—LB. JAR
3 JARS
$1

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ALL FLAVORS—PER PAIL
$1.69

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4-LB. TIN
99c
8-LB. TIN
$1.89

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6-LB. PAIL
$1.59
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LARGE SIZE TIN
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W. Karo
NO. 10 TIN
77c

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NO. 10 TIN
69c

Honey
PURE STRAINED
10-LB. TIN
$1.54

Salmon
TALL TINS
4 TINS FOR
58c

Wesson Oil
QUART TIN 55c
½ GAL. TIN $1.05

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QUART TIN 48c
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