

Society

By Ruth Lenore Fisher

SOCIETY folk thronged to the Grand theater Friday night to see the Drama League players of the Little theater of Portland present "The Stronger," by August Strindberg, "Riders to the Sea," and "The Maker of Dreams" by Oliphant Downs. Three one-act plays, the types of which are most uncommon and are entirely new to Salem. They belong to no particular period of the drama but are very old. They are now being revived in many of the smaller and exclusive theaters over the country. The Drama League players include a group of talented society folk of Portland who are taking a deep interest in the revival of these dramas and also in the new woman's building at the University of Oregon for which the presentation was a benefit. About \$200 was cleared.

The simplicity in the setting of these plays is noteworthy as are the artistic features. They are of three distinctive classes and each was very finished in presentation. Salem folk were delighted with them. Particularly "Riders to the Sea" which is classed by critics as the most wonderful of the tragedies.

Mrs. Dent Mowrey, under whose direction the plays were given, took a prominent part in each play and her ease and dramatic ability were of keen pleasure to the audience. She has made an extensive study of the drama and her work was finished. In each she was superb and as Pirrot in "The Maker of Dreams" she most refreshing.

Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett as Mlle. in "The Stronger" was remarkable in her portrayal of emotion in perfect silence. She did not speak once in the whole act. In "The Maker of Dreams" in which she took a prominent part, she again showed her ability as a versatile artist. Her costume was very striking.

Miss Eileen Brong's characterization of Maurya, the aged and careworn mother of the fisherfolk in "Riders to the Sea" was excellent. She displayed much talent. She held the sympathy of the entire house during the pathetic scene of her son's death.

All the players are charming folk personally. They left yesterday afternoon for Eugene where they will present the same plays.

While in Salem they were the house guests of prominent members of the social set. Mrs. John J. Roberts entertained Miss Evelyn Cheely and Miss Eileen Brong, Mrs. Clifford Brown entertained Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sheely Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. William Burghardt, Jr., had as their



MADAME WINIFRED FAHEY

Who will be Soloist for the Apollo Club Concerts this week.

guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Mowrey, and Mrs. W. P. Lord and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lord, entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger.

A number of box parties were formed for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Andrae entertained Mr. and

Mrs. Louis Leadbetter in one of the boxes. In another were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kay and Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Thielsen who had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Young of Albany with Mr. and Mrs. William Burghardt, Jr., occupied a box. Colonel and Mrs. E. Hofer, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bynon, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hofer were in another box and in another were Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mrs. W. P. Lord, Miss Elizabeth Lord and Paul Wallace.

Mrs. John Withycombe had as her guest for the week-end and for the plays, Mrs. C. H. Lee of Corvallis.

The committee in charge of the presentation was Miss Mabel Withycombe, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. William H. Burghardt, Jr., Mrs. Frederick Thielsen, Mrs. Clifford Brown, R. Monroe Gilbert, Paul Wallace and Carl Gabrielson.

HOLDING its place as the leading event of the week is the second final concert of the Apollo club's third season, to be given in the Grand theater Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Much approval is being expressed by the associate members of the club over the return to the Grand theater, even though the additional performance is required to accommodate the large assemblages which these concerts call forth. The same program will be given each night.

Winifred Laurin Fahey, soprano, whose voice and charming personality won for her a host of admirers at the club's first concert last year, will again be the soloist and will undoubtedly have added much to her splendid ability because of her debut recital and numerous other successful appearances in New York during the past winter.

Many appreciative press notices by prominent New York musical critics rewarded Mrs. Fahey for her first New York recital, which was in Aeolian hall, February 18.

"A singer who has a voice of such proportions and range as Madame Fahey ought to be able to attain a position of much value in the musical world," commented the New York Sun-Herald.

Richard Aldrich of the New York Times wrote of Madame Fahey as being the "possessor of a voice of more than common capabilities—a voice of excellent natural quality of richness of range and of abundant power at both extremes and in the intervening part; a voice offering assuredly large possibilities and with abundant potentialities."

It is promised that Mrs. Fahey's share of the program on these two evenings will be both generous and highly pleasing.

Mrs. Ben W. Ocott and Mrs. William H. Lytle motored to Corvallis yesterday to attend the pageant presented by the students of Oregon Agricultural college.

One of the most delightful meetings of the P. E. O. sisterhood for many months was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Moore on North Church street, when the club held the annual Mother's day meeting. For the occasion the rooms were beautifully adorned with yellow and white blossoms which emphasized the club colors. Baskets filled with long-stemmed Scotch broom, marigold, intermingled with spiraea, graced the rooms.

A short Mother's day program was given. Mrs. F. W. Selee read a paper, "A Tribute to Mother," Miss E. E. Fisher gave an article on the painting, "Mother," by Whistler. Miss Gertrude Aldrich accompanied by Miss Lois Nye sang a group of suitable songs. Each member responded to roll call by giving a quotation on "Mother." In serving a dainty luncheon, in which the white and yellow color scheme was used, Mrs. Moore was assisted by Mrs. E. Huffman and Miss Laura Grant.

Guests of the club were Mrs. E. Looney, Mrs. C. B. McCullough, Mrs. C. E. Case, Mrs. E. Cradock, Mrs. M. S. Hathaway, Mrs. Romeo Hunter, Mrs. B. L. Steeves, Mrs. C. Chapel, Mrs. G. Dusenberry, Mrs. Julia Head, Mrs. S. M. Endicott and the members present were Mesdames S. W. Selee, William McGilchrist, R. J. Miles, E. Huffman, G. W. Laffar, Gerald Volk, J. B. Littler, W. H. Byrd, A. T. Woolpert, E. E. Fisher, W. T. Kirk, Miss Lora Grant and the hostesses.

Many of the younger folk have gone to attend the merry-making of Junior week-end at Oregon Agricultural college. Among those who have gone are Miss Eulalia Lindsay and Miss Amelia Eabcock, who are at the Chi Omega sorority house. Miss Edna Ackerman, who is at Waldo hall, Miss Miriam Swartz, who is a guest of the Phi Beta Phi, Miss Helen Rose and Miss Catharine Slade are also visiting friends at the college.

Miss Hilda Tillinghast is a guest of Miss Ila Spaulding at the Chi Omega sorority house.

Motoring to Thomas Creek Sunday, a group of folk spent the day picnicking and merry-making. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spears and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fry, Jr.

Mrs. Fred H. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Utter and Mrs. Grover C. Bellinger were joint hostesses Friday night at the Fred H. Thompson home on North Summer street for a buffet lunch to the members of the Rapherian club and their husbands. The dining room, where groups of small tables were placed, was done in yellow and white. Large baskets filled with yellow poppies graced the room and each table was centered with bowls of various summer blooms. The living room, where cards and music were enjoyed after the lunch, was brilliantly adorned with baskets of red Hawthorne. Those present were Colonel and Mrs. Carl Abrams, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bates, Messrs. and Mesdames H. V. Compton, Alfred Shramm, James Heitzel, Roy Shields, Alpheus Gillette, Elmo S. Whites, Cecil Hawley, Frank Reeves, Roy Smith, Lee Unruh, Walter Winslow, Guy Smith, Albert Stewart, Otto Wilson, John Evans, Ronald Glover, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Utter, Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Bellinger and Dr. and Mrs. Thompson.

The graduating exercises of the music department of Willamette university will be held Friday evening in the First Methodist church when Miss Lucille Ross, a graduate of pipe organ and piano, and Miss Evelyn De Long, a graduate of pipe organ, will give their graduation recital. Both are students of Pro-

fessor T. S. Roberts and of Miss Alice Holman. Miss Lou Briggs will also graduate in public school music from the university this spring.

Miss Elizabeth Levy, Salem's exceptionally successful violinist, and her mother, Mrs. S. Levy, will leave early in July for a tour of Europe, the object on Miss Levy's part being to further her musical training by taking the most advanced courses afforded in Europe. While there they will attend the Olympic games at Antwerp as the guest of Mrs. Levy's brother, Guillaume van Stratten, a prominent citizen of that city.

Miss Levy's admirers in Salem who have watched her develop from a child violinist into one of the most successful soloists in the west, will be pleased to learn that Miss Levy's ambition is to be realized in the taking of these advanced courses. She has been before the Salem public as a violinist for more than 15 years and has won wide recognition. She took the liberal arts course in Willamette university and in September, 1918, was offered the position as head of the violin department of the institution which she was obliged to decline on account of her activity as a private violin instructor and the fact that she had charge of the violin department of Albany College conservatory of music. Miss Levy has been director of the largest violin ensemble in the state. She is vice president of the Salem district of the Oregon State Music Teachers' association, and for two years has been a popular musical attraction at the Oregon state fair, appearing in solo as well as director of her violin ensemble of over 40 pupils.

Among the numerous prominent engagements filled by Miss Levy was her appearance in solo for the Pacific fleet at Santa Monica, Cal., last August.

The duration of their trip has not yet been definitely decided.

During their stay in Portland of the Willamette university boys' glee club, Miss Evelyn De Long, accompanist, and Mrs. John R. Sites, chaperone, Mr. and Mrs. Merton R. De Long gave a reception to honor the visitors who were in Portland on Wednesday, to give a concert in the Rose City Methodist church. The reception was given at the De Long home after the concert. Mrs. Sites and Edwin Socolofsky, as well as Miss De Long, were also their dinner guests that evening.

The presence of ex-President William Howard Taft in Salem next Saturday evening when he will give an address is of more than usual interest. He will be entertained during his brief stay in Salem by the Salem Commercial club for luncheon. It is also interesting to note that Dr. and Mrs. John R. Sites of Willamette university are personal friends of the former president and Mrs. Taft. During the former residence of the Sites in Cincinnati ex-President Taft and Dr. Sites often enjoyed golf, which is Mr. Taft's favorite recreation. Mrs. Taft was president of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra association and Dr. Sites was a member.

The Girls' Friendly society of St. Paul's Episcopal church sponsored one of the most successful of the informal benefit dances which have been given for several weeks Tuesday evening at Moose hall. Much of the success for the evening is due to the patronesses and to Miss Sarah Lansing for her untiring enthusiasm.

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MISS ELIZABETH LEVY

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