

WOMEN and THE HOME

MUSICAL COMEDY IS GIVEN BY CHOIR

Empress Avenue Chorists Present "The Bells of Cornville—Realistic Scenery.

An exceptional entertainment was afforded an enthusiastic audience last night, when the choir of the Empress Avenue church presented the clever music comedy, "The Bells of Cornville," frequently known as "The Chimes of Normandy." In the auditorium of the Empress Avenue public school.

It was a big undertaking for the choir, but it did not seem as much to those who watched with fascination the plot of the story. With some very realistic stage settings, the players carried their auditors across the seas to the coast of France, where a delightful story was woven around the servants of that section of the country.

The story itself is based on an old custom of Normandy. Years ago all servants went to the annual fair, where they were rehired by their masters, or hired by someone else. The opening scene was the seashore and the time was just before the fair. The servants were gathered together ready to take the boat for the market place. Some very attractive choruses opened the play, and throughout the entire production the music was of the best.

As the story developed it was discovered that Germaine (Mrs. S. Orth), by refusing to marry the Bailie (Leslie Lucas), makes her uncle furious, so he hired herself as a servant. Germaine (J. F. Chapman), who had also infuriated the uncle, hires himself, too. And so it happened that Henri, the Marquis of Cornville (Arthur Rossiter), after an absence of 20 years came to the market place to obtain servants to open his new chateau. About this time it was learned that old Gaspard, the uncle (Charles Robinson), was left in charge of Henri's estate, but that he had been a very poor manager and things were well upset. Then came a scene in the lovely chateau, and here the scenery was something out of the ordinary, with its handsome stained glass windows, when the name of the Marquis de Lucenay was mentioned. From this point on to the end of the play were some very exciting situations, but each was overcome with grace and ease by the actors, of which too much cannot be said.

Miss Hazel Taylor was the directress of this decidedly successful play. Supporting the leading roles with enthusiasm and charm, were Miss Eva Metcalfe, who excellently portrayed Serpolette, a wail, who caused most of the trouble throughout the play; Gobo, the Bailie's shadow, Jack Smeltzer; George Cook, as the clerk of the court; S. Parson, the notary of the court; George Cook, who also portrayed Christophe, the marquis' shadow, as well as the clerk of the court, and the Misses Helen Bowle, Nellie Warner, Margaret Boyie, Merle Mitchell, and Missie Lucas and Mrs. Leslie Lucas, who prettily portrayed the peasant girls. The play will be repeated this evening.

MRS. ANDREW GILLESPIE, WOODSTOCK, IS FOUND DEAD

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, April 22.—Mrs. Andrew Gillespie, who was in her 80th year and was born in Blandford township, was found dead in bed this morning. The discovery of her body was made by a neighbor who had arranged to do some housework for the aged woman. A local doctor was called and stated that she had been suffering from heart trouble for some time, and that death had taken place about six hours before the body was discovered. Surviving her are five sons and two daughters.



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Dorothy Dix

Shall Good Women Forever Remain Aloof From a Woman Who Has Sinned.

Dear Miss Dix—I know a woman who, in her very early girlhood, through love and ignorance, stumbled off the straight and narrow path. For eighteen years she has tried to atone for her mistake by living an almost perfect life, but the sense of her wrongdoing has made her very shy and reserved, and she leads an extremely lonely life.

Now, some of my friends and I have talked this matter over and we think that this woman is as good as we are, and we want to ask her to join our club, but we have decided to put the question up to you. Shall we?

MRS. K.

Answer:

By all means do so. It would be a kind, and gracious, and Christian thing to do. Christ said to the repentant Magdalen, "Neither do I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more." And certainly we can do no less than follow his example.

But certainly it would be a red-letter milestone in woman's advancement when a woman's neighbors, instead of tearing her to pieces in cruel gossip over their tea cups and drawing their skirts away from her when she passes, are big enough in heart and soul to blot out her past with their sympathy and take her by the hand and welcome her into their sorority.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am just 20 and am going to be engaged to a very nice girl quite soon. But just now I am not capable of supporting a wife, and I positively will not marry until I can give one a good home and the comforts of life. I am working for my father, who is well off and has a good business in which I will have an interest some day.

Do you think I should ask the girl to wait for me and tell her just what my business prospects are?

L. C. W.

Answer: Of course, you should tell her all about your business affairs. L. C. W. A man who does not give an honest and truthful statement of just how much money he is making, what he has and what his outlook for the future is to a girl before marriage deals very unfairly with her.

Some men don't do this because they want to seem rich and prosperous in the woman's eyes. And so many a girl marries a man, thinking I am not capable of supporting a wife, and I positively will not marry until I can give one a good home and the comforts of life. I am working for my father, who is well off and has a good business in which I will have an interest some day. Do you think I should ask the girl to wait for me and tell her just what my business prospects are?

Therefore, the man saves himself as well as the woman when he lays all of his cards on the table in the days of courtship and lets her see just what sort of a partnership she is going into. For you must remember that when a woman marries she puts all she has in the firm.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I am a young woman, old enough to marry, but I don't want to marry and am determined not to, but I want love. I want some man to love me and be true to me. Can't I have love without marriage?

PUSS.

Answer: Certainly, if you are willing to enter into an illicit relationship with some man. But this has all the objections and none of the advantages of matrimony. Also it puts a woman without the pale of society.

The idea that romance is killed by marriage is nonsense. It is the daily companionship, the sharing of the vivid details of everyday life that disillusion men and women, and they get this just as much when they are unmarried as they do when they are husbands and wives.

For what we get we must pay. This is true, even of love. It is not fair for a woman to expect a man to give her love of his heart, faith of his soul and work of his hand, and for her to give nothing in return.

Believe me, you are a selfish woman, Puss. You want love, but you do not wish to give love; and, as a matter of fact, you have never been in love. When you are you will want to marry the man you love.

DOROTHY DIX.

PORT STANLEY CHURCH. The A. Y. P. A. of Christ church, Port Stanley, met last night in the parish room for a paper chase. Sides were chosen and a chase lasting an hour and extending over two miles was greatly enjoyed. The members were well satisfied with the event and it was decided to hold another similar event in the near future. It was also unanimously decided to have a practice for the softball team of the A. Y. P. A. next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the diamonds on Willow Beach, Port Stanley. The best players will be picked out and a crack team chosen to play St. Thomas and London A. Y. P. A. teams.

HIGHLAND CLUB IS PLANNING EVENTS

Ladies' Committee Arranges For Two Field Days Each Month.

Meeting this week, the ladies golf committee of the Highland club, planned an interesting program for the coming season. Opening with the field day this afternoon, the program will include a field day on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except in July and August, when only the monthly medal round will be played.

The women players will join the men on May 25, July 1 and on Labor Day. These competitions will include approaching and putting, driving and mixed ball foursomes. The play for the Vining cup in the spring handicap match will begin the second week in May.

Arrangements are under way for an inter-club match with the London Hunt women's golf club, the Stratford club and the Union golf club of St. Thomas.

CENTENNIAL WOMEN HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Splendid Reports Are Given—Silver Basket Presented to Mrs. A. E. M. Thomson.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the Centennial Methodist church was held Tuesday afternoon in the Sunday school room, with Mrs. Sinclair, the retiring president, presiding. The opening devotional exercises were led by Mrs. H. Walton. Very gratifying reports were given by all the officers and group leaders, and the treasurer's report showed a membership of 88 annual members and 22 life members. Receipts for the year amounted to over \$300.

Much regret was felt by the women at the loss of Mrs. Sinclair, who has found it necessary to resign from the presidency. It was through her untiring efforts and efficient service that the auxiliary has reached its high standard of efficiency. The services of the retiring treasurer, Mrs. Collinson, and of the superintendent of little light bearers, Mrs. Doan, were also very much appreciated.

Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, the pastor, conducted the election of officers, and read the following: Hon. president, Mrs. L. W. Wicketts; hon. vice-president, Mrs. A. Allan; president, Mrs. H. Walton; first vice-president, Mrs. Sinclair; second vice-president, Mrs. T. B. Wright; third vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Read; treasurer, Mrs. O. Pirie; secretary, Mrs. Dunlop; assistant secretary, Mrs. Pruss; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. P. Dundas; strangers' secretary, Mrs. Liddicoat and Mrs. Russell; superintendent of Christian stewardship, Mrs. R. Tufts; superintendent of watch tower, Mrs. Braithwaite; superintendent of mite boxes, Mrs. A. E. Sherlock; superintendent of little light bearers, Mrs. Edwards; superintendent of shut-ins, Mrs. J. W. Showler; superintendent of Henry Castle fund, Mrs. Watkins; temperance herald, Mrs. Wright; convener of outlook committee, Mrs. Gowan; press secretary, Mrs. Joseph Cake, and pianists, Miss Read and Mrs. Rawlings.

At the conclusion of the election Mr. Thomson installed the new officers. During the afternoon the officers of 1924 presented Mrs. Thomson with a lovely silver basket, accompanied by a kindly worded address, expressing the appreciation of the members for her faithful services and also their regret of having to lose her so soon, and wishing her God's blessing in her new field of service. The address was read by Mrs. T. B. Wright, and Mrs. Wicketts made the presentation. Mrs. Thomson charmingly replied, thanking the ladies, and wishing for them success in all their efforts. Mrs. Sinclair was appointed the delegate to the W. M. S. convention being held in Sarnia in May.

ST. GEORGE'S WOMEN ORGANIZE NEW W.M.S.

Members of Auxiliary Enthusiastically Plan Work—New Officers Are Elected.

The women of the continuing Presbyterian churches of the city are very energetic, and enthusiastically they are going ahead with their work. Missionary work will not be neglected, even while the churches are waiting for June 10, and no women are working harder than those of the non-concurring churches to aid the work in the foreign fields.

One of the outstanding groups to carry on is that of St. George's Presbyterian church. In order that the missionaries will not suffer in other lands, a meeting of the women's missionary society of this church was called yesterday afternoon. The members met in the vestry of the church and Mrs. J. Hosie presided over the meeting.

The meeting was arranged for the purpose of abandoning the auxiliary as constituted before the confirmation of union. The following resolution was read and adopted: "That we, the officers and members of St. George's auxiliary of the women's missionary society of the Presbyterian church in Canada, both individually and as an auxiliary, having determined to be and continue to be members of the women's missionary society of the continuing Presbyterian church, by whatsoever name it may be known, do hereby disband this auxiliary as part of the existing women's missionary society and sever our affiliation with and membership in

such society from this date." The resolution was signed by the president.

Following this meeting of disbandment another meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a new society of the continuing Presbyterian church. Mrs. J. McLeod presided over this gathering. The following resolution was read and adopted: "Be it resolved that we, the women of St. George's Presbyterian church, organize a women's missionary auxiliary in affiliation with the provisional Presbyterian of the continuing church by whatsoever name it may be known." This, too, was signed by the president.

The new officers were then elected and include: President, Mrs. J. McLeod; vice-president, Mrs. J. Hosie; secretary, Mrs. F. D. Hardie; treasurer, Miss Mary I. Veir; strangers' secretary, Mrs. W. Adams; home helpers' secretary, Mrs. G. Wallace; supply convener, Mrs. George Cairns; mission band president, Miss E. Moffatt, and press correspondent, Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor.

Mrs. W. E. Kelley, provisional president, was present, and in a short address presented some very helpful and interesting facts to the women. At this session arrangements were also made to send the bala of linens and clothing to Matthewson hospital in June instead of in September as formerly arranged. There was a large attendance.

The women of St. George's church will be the guests of the Elmwood avenue Presbyterian ladies at their church-home this afternoon, when the latter women will entertain at their first at-home.

AUTHORS' CLUB TO COLLECT PETER McARTHUR CLIPPINGS

Will Also Make Autographed Collections of Canadian Writers.

IN WESTERN LIBRARY

The Western Ontario branch of the Canadian Authors' association, which meets in this city, is planning an interesting program of work for the coming year. Among other things, the members will begin a collection of Peter McArthur material, books, clippings, anecdotes, and so on, to be placed in the library of the university of Western Ontario. The public is being invited for contributions to this collection. The source of the contribution will be credited in the collection. Miss Jennie Fidler, 24 Belgrave Place, secretary of the organization, will be pleased to receive articles toward the collection.

Another interesting activity of the club next year will be a collection of the writings of the authors of Western Ontario, bearing autographs. The suggestion is that this collection will also be put in the library of the university of Western Ontario. The club has begun an interesting autograph book, which will bear the names and a brief statement from visiting members of the writing profession.

An interesting meeting planned for next year will be meeting to discuss and study all the phases of Canadian literature, and to study the sources of material in the district. The object of this very attractive

Spring Song

Softly at dawn a whisper stole Down from the Green House on the hill, Enchanting many a ghostly bore And wood song with the ancient thrill.

Gossiping on the country-side, Spring and the wandering breezes say, God has thrown Heaven open wide, And let the thrushes out today. WILLIAM GRIFFITH.

club is to encourage the art of literature in the district. And although voting members are confined to writers of copyrightable material, the association includes associate members interested in the art of writing and sister arts.

MRS. WARNER McROBERTS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Special to The Advertiser.

Lucan, April 23.—Mrs. Warner McRoberts, of this village, died this evening after an illness of several years' duration. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Haskett of Biddeford, and was widely known. She was in her 35th year, and was a member of the Methodist church. She is survived by her husband.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, Friday at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in St. James' cemetery, Clabedoye.

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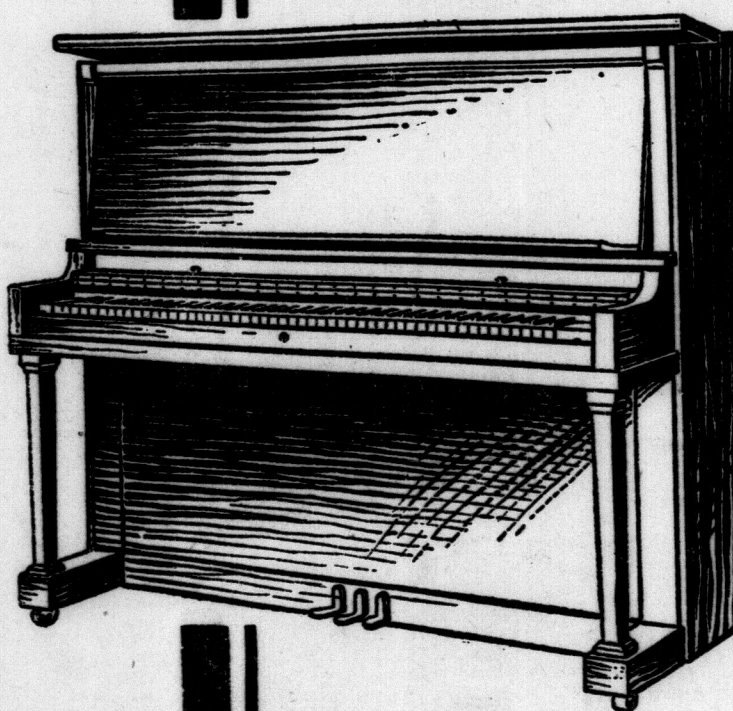
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Place any number from one to fifteen in each of the Horseshoes shown above in such a manner that when added horizontally, vertically and diagonally, the total will be 33. It is possible to do this correctly and not use any number more than once. When you have solved the problem, mail the answer to the Canadian Selling Agents at the address given below. Mail your answer promptly, for in case of tie the prize will go to the first answer received.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Answers may be submitted on this or on a separate sheet of paper, or any other material. There is no limit to the size of the solution. Only one member of each family should send a solution. Employees of the newspapers carrying this announcement should not enter this contest. Persons engaged in selling pianos should not enter. This is a Piano and Phonograph advertising campaign, and our hope is that the beautiful Piano and Phonograph will be awarded to families who do not now own a piano or phonograph; for this reason families who are supplied with pianos should not enter. All solutions entered are, and shall remain, the property of the Canadian Selling Agents. Each and every contestant entering a reply hereby agrees to abide by the decision of the judges, from which there shall be no appeal.

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