

Talented Young Collegiate Girl Completes Course in Dramatic Art

Considering the youth of the artist, remarkable poise and intellectual and emotional appreciation were revealed by Miss Sybil Louise Higman, reader, in her dramatic recital given Tuesday evening in the Central Collegiate auditorium. Still a high school girl, Miss Higman was greeted enthusiastically by scores of her fellow students. In the audience as well were numbers of grown ups, who, since Sybil Higman was a tiny tot, have been delighted again and again by her "reciting" and watched with interest the harnessing of her dramatic talent.

Talent undoubtedly has in exceptional degree, this graceful young girl who possesses an invaluable asset in a musical voice of fine carrying power, color and timbre, a well-controlled vehicle for expression of moods, emotions and ideas.

Assisting in the program were Miss Edythe Vann, soprano, with Miss Verna Dobbey at the piano. In numbers of dramatic intensity in the grave, the witty, just brushed with pathos, Sybil Higman proved herself equal to each mood, the practiced as well as the naturally gifted mistress of the art of impersonation. A spirited and mirth-provoking rendition was given of a scene between "Katherine and Petruchio" in "The Taming of the Shrew." Impassioned more severe demands was the touching scene from David Copperfield, where tragedy fills the heart of the old uncle when he learns little Emily has gone with Steerforth. "Playing With Fire," by Percival Wilde, was a delicious bit of whimsy, a charming love scene all unguessed by the principals, combining a suggestion of pathos with the sparkle of wit. A humorous mornel was chosen from Peer Gynt, the story of "The Party," by Paul Laurence Dunbar, and "The Wheels of Time," Florence L. Barclay, to round out the program.

Miss Gwendolen Anthiel, teacher of Miss Higman, shared richly in the bouquets of the occasion.

Admirably adapted to the clear, flexible soprano voice and interpretative art of Miss Edythe Vann was the Madame Butterfly aria, "One Fine Day." She was also heard in two pleasing groups, "Danny Boy" (Weatherly), and "Just That One" (Weatherly). "There Are Fairies At The Bottom Of Our Garden" (Lehmann), grouped with "Morning" (Benisti). Accompaniment was played so skillfully and sympathetically by Miss Dobbey as to make her contribution a very important one to the artistic success of the evening.

ST. ANDREW'S W.M.S. MAKES BIG ADVANCE

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George Wood President.

With collections for three weeks still due, the Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church reported \$1,700 raised for the general fund for this year at the annual meeting held this week. Already the returns for 1922 exceed by \$480 the total for 1921. The beginning of the year, the week, offering by envelope was adopted to replace the old system of contributing monthly at the meetings, 150 contributors assenting to give their share in this way. The increased amount to be forwarded to the Presbyterian treasury for the general fund indicates the success met by the innovation.

An important feature of this week's meeting was the election of officers, resulting in the return of several of the executive by unanimous choice. Mrs. George Wood was prevailed to accept the presidency for another term. In addition to past presidents, her executive is made up of the following: members of the executive committee, Mesdames R. W. Fraser, vice-presidents, Mesdames F. W. K. Harris, D. C. MacGregor, John G. Smith, A. E. Cooper, Dumas, recording secretary, Mrs. J. H. Cameron, corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. J. Ferguson, messenger secretary, Miss A. Dickson, secretary of supplies, Mrs. F. Rankin, library secretary, Mrs. W. E. Watson and Mrs. Hawkshaw, mission hand representative, Mrs. D. Currie, teen age girls' representative, Miss F. McColl, strangers' secretaries, Mrs. G. Munro and Mrs. W. J. Carson, treasurer, Mrs. E. Cumming, pianist, Mrs. Andrew Robson, auditors, Misses E. Trudell and E. Douglas, convener of program committee, Mrs. F. W. K. Harris, convener reception committee, Mrs. Morley Adams, convener of visiting committee, Mrs. D. C. MacGregor, Mrs. G. Gilmore gave the Bible reading, and Mrs. Fair gave a solo. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

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Fashions by Wire

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Paris, Dec. 12.—A clever idea seen here today is that of the black crepe gown with a few flowers painted upon it by hand. There are usually not more than three or four of these flowers, effectively placed, to each gown. But the flowers are extremely brilliant.

GET EGYPTIAN EFFECT.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The newest notion today is to have the earrings match a cabochon set in the exact center of the front of the hat. If, as often happens, the hat is built along Egyptian lines with flaring satin wings over the ears, the effect of cabochon under the wings is very Egyptian indeed.

CUT LOW UNDER ARMS.

London, Dec. 12.—When the décolletage is cut extremely low under the arms, as frequently is done now, a high point is often left directly in front. This point has no visible means of support, being held in place by adhesive tape. Sometimes two jewelled bands cross at the top of the neck, and go round the neck in a sort of collar.

SLEEVELESS FUR JACKET.

London, Dec. 12.—Sleeveless jackets of fur are used on warm days this winter with woolly street costumes. The jacket buttons high around the neck, and crosses over to fasten on the hip, where it ends abruptly. The armholes are cut very wide. A carcoat jacket of this sort is stunning with a beige velvet gown.

RIBBON IS POPULAR.

New York, Dec. 12.—Ribbons, trimming, forecasters for even more extensive use in the spring, is already widely employed on smart frocks. A little afternoon dress of dark blue tulle, shown by a Fifth Avenue shop today, has 18 rows of very narrow ribbon placed horizontally round the edge of the skirt. Each ribbon is of a different shade and rimmed with gold.

EDGE HATS WITH PEARLS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Some of the restaurant hats are trimmed with nothing but a gauzy ruffle and a quantity of pearls. A hat of black chiffon, fragile and transparent, seen today was effectively edged with large pearls. The same decoration was used in two intersecting rows across the crown.

MONKEY FUR TRIMS GARTERS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Monkey fur is so much a favorite today that it is used in drooping ruffles on satin garters. There are, moreover, some new bodice caps, very lovely affairs in gossamer and white lace, which have a concealed fringe of black and white monkey fur falling around the face.

GOLD KID FLATTERS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Gold kid is one of the latest novel ideas in shoe decorations. It is used in narrow lines on the black velvet pumps and is one of the things which conspire to make the foot seem unusually small.

WANT TO SPEAK FRENCH?

JOIN ALLIANCE GROUP

Western University Professors Directing Conversational Sections of Local Society.

The special general meeting of the Alliance Française, called for this evening at 8 o'clock in the London Institute of Musical Art, has been arranged in order to discuss the program suggested by the program committee, and to organize the conversational groups that are to be the feature of the society for the coming year. Each of these many groups organized under the guidance of one of the professors at Western University will endeavor to serve more practically the needs of those interested in French in London. It is hoped that through these groups renewed interest will be taken in the French language and things French. It is further hoped that these groups will attract those who through lack of constant practical contact with French have found difficulty in attending the meetings of the society heretofore. All meetings of the alliance this year will be conducted entirely in French.

Every effort is being made by the organization to make it one of the most important societies in London. In addition to the business program tonight Prof. Meras will present an illustrated talk on his recent experiences in Paris. Professor Meras has just returned from a two years' stay abroad. During his stay he had the good fortune to meet several eminent Frenchmen of the younger generation. Part of his talk will be centered about his personal recollections of them.

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAROOM AND FETE

W. C. T. U. Launching Christmas Shopping Week Enterprise Monday.

With the claims of Christmas shopping urgent, the W. C. T. U. dispensed with a program at the fortnightly meeting Tuesday afternoon, devoting a short business session to discussion of assistance to be given with the annual supper for the Mothers' Club on Thursday, December 21, and plans in connection with the Christmas shopping week tea-room.

The tea-room is the bright idea of Mrs. J. J. Goodman, convener of the ways and means committee, and while providing a cup of real, refreshing home-made tea and soft refreshment for busy shoppers, will augment the funds of the union to carry on social service and other important activities. Prominent space has been afforded in the Thomas Furniture Company shop at 240 Dundas street, and the committee in charge will be ready to receive guests Monday afternoon, and thereafter all week. Mrs. Elizabeth E. W. Gairns, Mrs. Amy Patterson and Mrs. John Sussan are the first day assistants.

Mrs. S. R. White and a committee are looking after Christmas cheer for returned men, patients in Victoria Hospital on behalf of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. A. J. Chapman presided, Mrs. Carney singing a solo and Mrs. Philip giving a Bible reading.

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Annual Election Night Program Includes Arrangements For Benefit Entertainment.

Mrs. Hector McFEE, 438 Hill street, was the popular choice for commander of Olive Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, at the annual election held this week in the lodge rooms, Alma Block.

Other officers for the ensuing year, who will be installed early in January, are: Past commander, Mrs. E. Lyons; lieutenant-commander, Mrs. B. Glintz; record keeper, Mrs. A. E. Tutt; chaplain, Mrs. E. Meyer; secretary, Mrs. M. J. Fretz; first guard, Mrs. L. Kindree; second guard, Mrs. M. Haldane; lady-at-arms, Mrs. A. Sheridan; sentinel, Miss E. Crum; member, pianist, Mrs. M. Young; convener flower committee and press reporter, Mrs. L. Kindree; captain of the guard, Mrs. Campbell; picket, Mrs. E. Wagoner.

Arrangements were made to hold a eucure and dance in the Alma Block in January, with Mrs. M. Young as general convener, and associated with her on the committee, Mesdames L. Kindree, May Haldane, M. Fretz and A. Sheridan.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful pin bearing the emblem of the order to Mrs. May Haldane for securing new members.

Personals

Dr. A. O. Jeffery, Mrs. Jeffery, Miss Baxter and Miss Henniger leave early in February on the Mediterranean trip.

Miss H. Sutherland goes to Toronto on Friday, Dec. 22, to spend Christmas week with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Dickie, Dovercourt road.

Mr. H. M. Hamblidge, London, was a week-end guest at the King Edward, Toronto, and attended the Musicale on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Duff of Toronto will be guests for Christmas of the latter's parents, Rev. G. B. Sage and Mrs. Sage, St. George's rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. White and sons, James and Arthur, Orchard street, who spent Christmas in Hamilton with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. T. B. Knight.

The annual Christmas dinner of Wellington street Y. W. C. A. residence takes place this week Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at 6:30 o'clock, with Miss H. Sutherland as hostess.

Prof. Meras and Mrs. Meras of the Western University will spend the Christmas holidays in New York City with Prof. Meras' parents, Prof. Jules Meras and Mrs. Meras, returning to London Jan. 2.

Miss Shirley Johnston was the hostess of a miscellaneous shower and tea at her home in Coburne street Tuesday afternoon, in compliment of Miss Hildegard Steven, a bride-elect of this week. At the tea Mrs. J. J. Johnston presided over the tea-table.

A benefit party to be held in the home of the captain, Miss Edith Johnston, on Saturday afternoon next from 3 to 6 o'clock, is an event which the Girl Guides of St. George's Church are anticipating with pleasure, and for which they are making ambitious plans. The proceeds will be used to fill Christmas baskets for adopted children.

Preceding the Christmas bazaar of Worley Road Mothers' Club Tuesday evening a candy shower was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Floyd, 335 Worley road, when the 40 guests who attended donated between 75 and 100 pounds of candy. A musical program included solos by Miss Ruth Lucas, accompanied by Miss Carter. The daughters of the hostess, Loreen and Eleanor, assisted in serving the dainty refreshments.

Miss Margaret Coyne, well-known young newspaper woman of this city, with her father and mother, Dr. James H. Coyne and Mrs. Coyne of St. Thomas, and cousin, Miss Rose Beattie of Toronto, is sailing on Feb. 3 for the Mediterranean trip with many delightful extensions. Stop-overs will be made at the Canary Islands, Gibraltar, several days in Rome and Algiers. Conditions permitting, visits will be paid to Constantinople and Athens. The party will go on to Egypt and thence to Palestine. Return will be made by way of Paris, France, and the British Isles.

A charming post-nuptial reception was held Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Sidney Johnson, formerly Miss Anna Scutar, received for the first time since her marriage, at her home in Tecumseh avenue. The lights were softly shrouded, and cheery fires burned in the rooms, which were tastefully arranged with quantities of mauve mums and Oenothera. Mrs. Johnson was seated in a room in the living-room, where the young hostess received, wearing a graceful frock of sapphire blue velvet, garnished with a cut steel ornament. She also wore a corsage bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Charles Bicknell presided over the tea-table, which was adorned with mauve candles and mums held in a silver basket. Mrs. Bicknell wore a black and white gown, with a smart blue hat with gray tips. The many guests were ushered to the tea-room by Mrs. W. A. McWilliam, wearing a blue cashmere crepe gown, with a corsage of Oenothera and a black velvet hat. The tea-room assistants included: Mrs. David Nichol, wearing a navy blue frock, with a black hat, and Miss Jean Fraser, gowned in black cotton crepe and a black hat. Tiny Beryl Jones acted as door attendant, wearing a white lingerie frock.

CLUB NEWS

A gay and colorful Christmas eve party at the bazaar held by Worley Road Mothers' Club in the school Tuesday evening, attracting throngs of visitors of all ages. Amid holiday decorations, desirable wares were offered for sale in the kindergarten room by attendants in white costumes with fetching green and red caps. A note of novelty was struck in the maple leaf tea-room in the corridor by the adaptation of the cafeteria idea. Patrons dined at long tables laden with tempting refreshments, autumn-tinted maple leaves forming the effective adornment.

The president of the club, welcomed the patrons and guests, Mrs. R. Wray acting as general convener of the event, and receiving a generous share of thanks for the success achieved. Members of the teaching staff gave most valuable assistance to the club, fitting in wherever they were needed to help.

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Mrs. Fred Stevens and Mrs. J. Hamilton guarded the fish pond. J. G. Steele performed the duties of tea-room hostess, assisted by Mesdames G. Upshall, E. Boughner, C. Finch, E. Russell, W. W. Smith, H. Peacock and W. Cole.

READY FOR COLD SNAP. With zero weather due almost any day according to "Old Probs" members of St. George's Church have had an eye to seasonable business when they included warm night clothes as a feature of the Christmas sale to be held today in the church school, beginning at 2 o'clock. In addition there will be many articles, just ideal for Christmas gifts, notably a beautiful collection of the ever-popular and useful bags. Tea will be served in the afternoon, and tempting refreshments in the evening.

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