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The Ladies Take A Bow

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A half-dozen times this season on Broadway big, resounding ovations that rank with ovations of the good old days rang from the prettily dressed first night audiences and echoed in the morning papers.

The cheers were for the ladies. Three of them: June Lockhart, Jessica Tandy, and Ethel Griffies were merely minor theatrical artisans until this season; one of them, Wendy Hiller, was an English movie star; and the other two are our heroic female artists, Katharine Cornell and Judith Anderson.

June Lockhart, stylish first stiff necked, who usually get out of their seats only to go home, rose with full-throated bravos the night Judith Anderson, head reared, eyes flashing, robes flying, opened in "Medea." It is the artistic triumph of her 32 years on the stage.

"Anthony and Cleopatra" is Katharine Cornell's classic triumph. She is quite simply at her best loaded with royal jewels, seated on a throne intoning Shakespeare in her grand queenly manner.

Jessica Tandy has the longest role on Broadway as the rueful heroine whose misery Tennessee Williams records in "A Streetcar Named Desire." Her performance as a nerve-

racked nymphomaniac is accurate, revealing, true. "It is incredible," the papers said after the opening, "that she could understand such an elusive part so thoroughly and that she can convey it with so many shades and impulses."

Wendy Hiller plays the Pygmalionish part in "The Heiress," the young, shy, gauche girl who is transformed into an ice-cold, calculating, cynical, and cheerless woman. Critics raved about the British celebrity, said she is better than the play, pulled the stops out of their dictionaries to pay tribute to her performance.

June Lockhart's comet swooped across the sky the chill November night "For Love or Money" opened. There was a personal demonstration in the audience when the curtain came down and the pretty, 22-year-old daughter of character actors Gene and Kathleen Lockhart took her bow.

All of these performances are rich, exciting; but the performance with possibly the greatest theatrical sapience is old timer Ethel Griffies portrayal of the old mother in "The Druid Circle."

It's a small part, but Ethel Griffies' return to Broadway after 17 years in Hollywood is a treasure of finely wrought tartness, gnarled and ferocious.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY RETOLD.—The above picture was taken at Tileston school, when history students presented their annual Christmas pageant recently under the direction of Pollock Irwin, teacher of history. Mr. Irwin, who lived in the near East for three years, has attempted to duplicate the setting as he saw it in the grotto in Bethlehem by using authentic costumes and a reproduction of the grotto. The part of Mary is taken by Betty Scott. (Staff Photo by Hampton)

Winners Named In Lake Forest Window And Doorway Contest

The window decoration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. MacLennan, 38 Lee Drive, won first prize Tuesday night for being the most artistically decorated window in Lake Forest, it was revealed Wednesday.

The window and doorway contest sponsored by the newly-formed Woman's Civic club of Lake Forest, was, according to the judges, a Christmas fairy land. Everyone connected with the contest was impressed by the cooperation of Lake Forest home owners.

Prize for the most beautiful twin doorway went to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Brock at 67 and 69 Pinecrest Parkway.

Number 7 Lee Drive was judged the most beautiful single doorway in Lake Forest, but owners Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacDonald would not enter the contest for awards. The second most beautiful doorway was that of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff J. Morris, Jr., 221 Lake Forest Parkway.

Winning much notice was the blue and silver lighted window in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed White, 241 Pinecrest Parkway.

One of the most unique twin doorways was that of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walsack and Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Conner at 167 and 169 Lake Forest Parkway.

The judges considered the Christmas decorations of the homes along the hill side of Lake Drive the most effective as a whole.

Judges for the event were James Ferger, Mrs. Ralph Snell, and G. A. Hardwick.

The awards will be made January 1, at the Lake Forest Women's club by Mrs. Boyd Quarles, general chairman of the contest.

Mrs. Durham Honors Burgaw Bridge Club

BURGAU, Dec. 24.—Mrs. E. L. Durham was hostess to her bridge club, Friday night at her home in Burgaw.

Artistic decorations, candlelight, and soft music made it a festive occasion. The guests were presented a miniature Christmas corsages to which were attached bridge talley.

The dining room table was covered with a white linen cover and centered by the punch bowl flanked by blue lights and candles. Refreshments consisted of Christmas salad, canapes, fruit cake, nuts, mints, and punch.

Three progressions of bridge were played. Miss Lucille Betts was awarded the high score prize for the evening. Mrs. W. N. Sparkman won club high and Mrs. Charles T. Pullen Out prize.

The club members had previously drawn names in order to exchange gifts. Mrs. Durham, acting as Santa, presented each one with a gift, after which Miss Margaret Betts played the piano and everyone enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Durham's guests were: Mesdames W. I. Taylor, Jr., E. M. Thompson, D. O. Matthews, W. N. Sparkman, W. H. Young, E. M. Farrow, C. T. Pullen, John Russ, T. C. Deal, and Misses Margaret and Lucille Betts and Dantie Hayes.

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How To Avoid Being Typed Middle-Aged

BY RUTH MILLETT

She is middle-aged so far as years go, but she isn't the type others describe as "a middle-aged woman."

She doesn't have a middle-aged look. She hasn't let herself fall into the habit of buying a dress just because it will do for certain occasions, or because it seems practical. She buys clothes because they are becoming, just as she did when she was young.

She doesn't fall back on middle-aged talk — the house, the children, the high cost of this and that. She is willing to forget her housework when she isn't doing it, and think and talk of other things.

She hasn't made the mistake of limiting her social life to a set little group of friends. She enjoys meeting new people and bringing them into her life.

She knows more and better ways of spending her leisure than by "playing bridge with the girls." On a nice afternoon she is more likely to be playing golf or working in her yard than sitting in on a bridge session.

She takes small troubles with a light-heartedness that makes her a cheerful companion. Small annoyances don't ruffle her good nature.

Because of all these things, she will never be typed in others' minds as "a middle-aged woman."

Miss Warren Complimented

Miss Christine Warren, whose marriage to J. David Grice, Jr., will take place January 3, was honored recently at a desert bridge in the Community center by Misses Helen Linsray, Francis Hayes, and Helen Frost.

The bride-elect's place was marked a gardenia corsage. Hostesses served ice cream in bridal molds, cakes, and coffee, after which the honoree was presented a miscellaneous shower.

Brige was played during the evening and high-score prize winners were Miss Mary Daniels and Miss Lois Cashwell.

About 20 guests attended the party.

The Alpine wall creeper is a beautiful little bird of the creep-er family which is found from the European Alps along the mountain ranges to the Himalayas. During the summer months it makes it home among precipitous rocks, fluttering about the faces of cliffs with queer butterfly movements, and darting hither and thither like a humming bird. Its colors are gray but its song is insignificant.

John Herbert Woollerton, Jr., Seaman 1-C USN, stationed at Norfolk, Va., and having just recently completed a six weeks cruise Newfoundland aboard the USS Fargo, is home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woollerton at their home in Sunset Park.

Mrs. Grace Sanford and daughter, Lina, of Charlotte, have arrived in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McDaniel on Barnett avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and son, Harry, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones in Red Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roudabush have as their guest for two weeks Mrs. Roudabush's sister, Miss Carrie Hausenfluck, instructor of Art at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va.

Max Warshauer has left for California where he will visit relatives in Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco for a month.

Walter L. Pate of New York, former captain of the Davis cup team, has arrived to spend the holiday season with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stearns in Oleander.

Amos Allen has arrived from Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at their home on Nun street.

Mike Morrow, captain of the swimming team at the University of North Carolina, has arrived to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Alice Morrow at her home in Oleander Court apartments.

Mrs. Mary G. Willingham left Tuesday for Richmond, Va., Mrs. Edward G. Willingham and five grandsons Ed Jr., and Jimmy, in their lovely new home in Richmond.

Joe E. Long Mintz and Ronnie Mintz who have been visiting relatives in Florida will spend Christmas with grandfather, S. E. Mintz of 817 South Sixth street.

George D. MacRae of New York is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Donald MacRae at her home on South Third street.

Miss Mable Burkheimer arrived by plane from West Palm Beach, Fla., to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. R. S. Hyman.

William Applewhite, Jr. has arrived from Columbia Tech in Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Applewhite, 2512 Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brinson left today to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. Sandlin.

Eugene Mauney, student at Duke university, is spending the

St. Mary's Church To Hold Special Service Tonight

The program for the Christmas celebration at St. Mary's Catholic church, Fifth avenue and Ann street, will be featured by a Christmas eve midnight mass, with the Rev. Hugh Kennedy, assistant pastor of the church, acting as celebrant.

Father Kennedy will preach the Christmas sermon at 9 o'clock, which will also be highlighted by Christmas carols and opening with the "Adeste Fidelis."

The choir, singing the Mass under the direction of Mrs. E. K. Bryan, with Mrs. Rose Picot presiding at the organ, will sing Kalliward's "Kyrie," Mozart's "Gloria," Miland's "Credo," and Gounod's "Sanctus" and "Benedictus." The "Agnus Dei," by Pietro Yon, is an adaptation from the "Adeste Fidelis," one of the oldest of the carols.

The Very Rev. Cornelius E. Murphy, pastor of St. Mary's, said today that the public is cordially invited to attend the midnight and Christmas masses, saying that all of these services would be commemorative of the Birth of Christ, Whose Nativity will be observed all over Christendom.

The church doors will be opened at 11 o'clock tonight, in order to provide ample time for the seating of the congregation and the friends and guests of the parishioners.

Monsignor Murphy will preach his Christmas masses at the 9 and 11 o'clock masses tomorrow morning. He will stress "Peace On Earth To Men Of Good Will," as heralded by the angels when Christ was born, in both discourses.

The Rev. Allen Roche, assistant pastor of St. Mary's, will be the celebrant of the 7 o'clock Christmas morning mass. Father Roche will preach a sermon on the Christmas theme at the early morning mass.

A special offering will be taken at all Christmas masses for the Covenant of Sacred Heart Orphanage, which is operated by the Sisters of Mercy for homeless children at Nazareth, Begley, former pastor of St. near Raleigh. The Rev. Michael Mary's Star of the Sea on Wrightsville Beach, is superintendent of Sacred Heart orphanage, and also head of the Catholic charities in North Carolina.

An appeal for generous contributions to the orphanage will be read at all the Christmas masses at St. Mary's, this appeal having been written by the Most Rev. Vincent B. Waters, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh, who announced that all offerings taken at the Christmas masses in North Carolina would be devoted to the support of the Sacred Heart orphanage.

The main altar in St. Mary's is attractively decorated with poinsettia plants against a background of evergreen, with myriads of candles diffusing their soft glow in enhancing the sacrificial scene.

crib, depicting the scene at the time of the birth of Christ in the stable at Bethlehem, with miniature images of angels, shepherds and flocks of sheep, doubtless will attract the attention of many worshippers during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hill Hosts To Employees At Party

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hill were hosts to the employees of the Foster-Hill Realty company and the Peoples Building & Loan Association Tuesday evening when they entertained at a Christmas party in the private dining room at the Trade Winds, Wrightsville Beach.

The dining room revealed Christmas decorations of smilax, pine and a Christmas tree. The tables were centered with vases of holly, flanked by red tapers in crystal candlesticks, with favors of the Christmas motif at each place. Dunce caps of silver, gold, red, green and blue tinfoil were given each guest.

Edward B. Ward acted as informal master of ceremonies and during the evening impromptu speeches were made by various guests, and the singing of old favorite songs enjoyed.

At the conclusion of the meal, Charles J. Blake presented a handsome Seth Thomas boat clock to Mr. Hill from his employees and Mrs. Robert T. Batts presented a fountain pen and bill folder to Mrs. Hill from the lady employees.

The following guests attended the dinner party: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Bissette, W. F. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bost, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Batts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McKay, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Narrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Jr., Woodus Kellum, Ernest F. Peschau, Mrs. Marie Spencer, Adolph Solomon, Mrs. Gwendolyn Sibbury, Herbert Schaar, Miss Mona Gordon, Miss Eloise Maulsby, Frank Herbert, Charles J. Blake, Mrs. Ada P. Hadle, and Mr. and Mrs. Edw. B. Ward.

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Places were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. Q. B. Snipes, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Thomason, D. W. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lowrimore, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swart, Dr. and Mrs. James B. Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emmert, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wellott, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allegood, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zapf, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cheatham.

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