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The Western Ontario Drama League

Despite many difficulties which have been encountered since the last Festival, the Western Ontario Drama League and its member groups have been able to carry on and the ninth annual festival is being held this year in Sarnia.

The plays being presented at this festival were chosen upon the recommendation of the preliminary adjudicator, Mrs. G. A. P. Brickenden, of London, from sixteen performances given during the yearly programmes of the Western Ontario Drama League groups. They will be finally adjudicated upon by Miss Nella Jefferis of Toronto, whose sympathetic and competent comments are always welcomed by Western Ontario Drama League audiences.

Much credit is due to Mr. J. B. Warnock of Windsor, the President of the Western Ontario Drama League, for the able manner in which he has filled that position this year and has carried on the organization in very difficult times.

All the member groups of the Western Ontario Drama League report increased activity in war work, including the presentation of plays, skits, and entertainments for the troops and the raising of considerable sums of money for the Red Cross and other war causes.

Acknowledgments

The Festival Committee desires to express its appreciation for assistance and courtesies received from the following:

The Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. W. E. Brush for its part in the evening programme.

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NINTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF
THE WESTERN ONTARIO DRAMA LEAGUE



COLLEGIATE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
SARNIA

Saturday, April 19

ADJUDICATOR :
MISS NELLA JEFFERIS
Toronto

Curtain, Afternoon	-	-	-	-	2.30 Precisely
Curtain, Evening	-	-	-	-	8.30 Precisely



At the close of each performance the adjudicator will discuss the plays presented and the audience is requested to remain during this important phase of the Festival.

This is your programme for both performances. Please retain it.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

THE WINDSOR THEATRE GUILD presents "DEUCES WILD"

A Skittish Comedy in One Act by Andrew Cory
CAST OF CHARACTERS

CLERK OF COURT	Douglas Bake
CROWN ATTORNEY	Thomas Hunt
DEFENCE COUNSEL	Norman King
MAGISTRATE	Ernest Creed
SIAMESE TWINS	Alice Clare Bucke
	Marian Bucke
CONSTABLE KEOGH	Ed. Tomkins
OBADIAH FLATBRUSH	Ken Saltmarche
DR. SOAKEM	James Benton
DR. WILEY MANNER	Hal Usher
MRS. JONES	Dorothy Graham

Place: Police Court. Time: Today.
DIRECTOR

Marjorie Gough, Pixie Cory

THE GALT LITTLE THEATRE presents "THE CASTLE OF MR. SIMPSON"

by John Kirkpatrick

CHARACTERS (in order of their appearance)

MRS. SIMPSON	Madeleine Cooke
ANNABELLE (the youngest daughter)	Dorothy Richardson
MR. SIMPSON	A. C. Anderson
LIL } the other daughters	{ Agnes Bauchop
IRENE }	{ Monica Helliwell
TOMMY WILKENS	Stan Langlade
CHARLES MERRIWETHER	Graydon Clipperton
A STRANGER	Reid Menary

SCENE: The living room of the Simpsons.
TIME: Eight o'clock on an evening in Winter.

DIRECTOR

Cara Malcolm

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Ruth Anderson

STAGE MANAGERS

Jim Cooper, Art Coleman

PROPERTIES

Dorothy Whitney

COSTUMES

Barbara McCulloch

MAKE-UP

Alice and Marjorie Haskins

THE WINDSOR THEATRE GUILD presents "THE PROPOSAL"

by Anton Tchekov

(Free Translation from the Russian by Leo Malania of the Windsor Theatre Guild)

CAST OF CHARACTERS

STEPAN STEPANOVITCH TCHUBUKOV	John Gibson
Understudy	William Cockman
IVAN VASSILYEVITCH LOMOV	Garnet Humphrey
NATALYA STEPANOVNA TCHUBUKOV	Marion Brown

Setting: A living room of a wealthy Russian landowner.

PRODUCTION STAFF

DIRECTORS

Audrey Kerr and Garnet Humphrey

LIGHTING

Douglas Laing

MAKE-UP

Jack Bickle

PROPERTIES

Lena Farrell, Marjorie Gough

PROMPTER

Evangeline Robbins

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EVENING PROGRAMME

THE LONDON LITTLE THEATRE

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"DEAR OCTOPUS"

A Comedy-Drama in Three Acts by Dodie Smith

CAST OF CHARACTERS

CHARLES RANDOLPH	E. S. Detwiler
DORA RANDOLPH	Blanch Tancock
HILDA RANDOLPH	Elizabeth Murray
MARGERY HARVEY	Ena L. Hogg
CYNTHIA RANDOLPH	Margaret Glass
NICHOLAS RANDOLPH	J. G. Richardson
HUGH RANDOLPH	Harding Greenwood
GWEN (Flouncy) HARVEY	Beverley Davies
WILLIAM (Bill) HARVEY	Richard Miller
KATHLEEN (Scrap) KENTON	Elsbeth Houston
BELLE SCHLESSINGER	Margaret Skinner
EDNA RANDOLPH	June Miller
LAUREL RANDOLPH	Erie Ross
KENNETH HARVEY	F. N. Phelps
GRACE (Fenny) FENNING	Christine Thomas
NANNY PATCHING	Marjorie Houston
GERTRUDE	Edythe Hayman

The action of the play takes place at the Randolph's country house during
a week-end in late Autumn.

ACT ONE

The Hall. Friday evening.

ACT TWO

The Nursery. Saturday.
Scene 1. Morning.
Scene 2. Afternoon.
Scene 3. Late evening.

ACT THREE

The Dining-room. Sunday evening.
Scene 1. Before dinner.
Scene 2. After dinner.

DIRECTOR	H. Kenneth Baskette
ASSISTANT	Lena Shortt
STAGE MANAGER	L. C. Smith
ASSISTANTS	{ B. Waterman
	{ John Bissell
PROPERTIES	Florence Smith
ASSISTANTS	{ Doreen Anthony
	{ Evelyn Backman
	{ Gladys Mossop
	{ W. L. Miller
COSTUMES	Sally Greene
ASSISTANT	Peggy Naylor
SETTINGS	Florence Phelps

ADJUDICATION BY MISS NELLA JEFFERIS

AWARDS . . . The Western Ontario Drama League

The following trophies, medals and prizes are competed for annually in the Western Ontario Drama Festival and preliminary performances. The names of previous winners are given.

THE HANNA SHIELD

The gift of Mrs. W. J. Hanna, Sarnia, to be awarded to the group obtaining the highest number of marks at the W.O.D.L. Festival. 1933, Players Guild of Hamilton. 1934, London Drama League. 1935, London Community Drama Guild. 1936, London Little Theatre. 1937, Brantford Drama League. 1938, London Little Theatre. 1939, Windsor Theatre Guild. 1940 (awarded upon preliminary performances) Galt Little Theatre. 1941, (awarded upon preliminary performances) London Little Theatre.

THE FULLER SHIELD

The gift of Mr. H. E. Fuller, Sarnia, to be awarded to the group obtaining the second highest number of marks at the W.O.D.L. Festival. 1935, Border Theatre Guild, Windsor. 1936, London Little Theatre, London. 1937, The Loretto Players, Hamilton. 1938, Players' Guild of Hamilton. 1939, Players Guild of Hamilton. 1940, London Little Theatre.

THE JAMIESON SHIELD

The gift of Mr. D. P. Jamieson, Sarnia, now awarded to the group presenting a Canadian play which obtains the highest number of marks in the preliminary performance of the W.O.D.L. Festival. 1934, Galt Collegiate Staff Players. 1936, London Little Theatre. 1937, Galt Players. 1938, Sarnia Drama League. 1939, London Little Theatre. 1940, London Little Theatre. 1941, Windsor Theatre Guild.

THE MEREDITH ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

The gift of Mr. J. S. Meredith, London, originally awarded to the group making the greatest advance over its showing in the preceding festival as determined by comparing the markings of the adjudicators in the two successive festivals—now awarded for the presentation in the preliminary performances which in the opinion of the adjudicator shows greatest promise of future achievement. 1935, Columbus Players, Guelph. 1936, Galt Players. 1937, London Little Theatre. 1938, Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre. 1939, Guelph Little Theatre. 1940, St. Catharines Little Theatre. (Not awarded in 1941).

THE JORDAN MEMORIAL MEDAL

The gift of Mrs. A. D. Jordan, London, to be awarded for the best performance given by a man during the W.O.D.L. Festival (until 1935 given for the best performance). 1933, Betty Campbell, Hamilton. 1934, Carter McKee, Galt. 1935, Vincent G. Perry, London. 1936, Ernest Creed, Windsor. 1937, Bart G. Sullivan, Hamilton. 1938, W. A. Osbourne, Galt. 1939, Bernard Strong, Hamilton. 1940, G. A. P. Arnold, Brantford.

THE BRICKENDEN MEDAL

The gift of Mrs. G. A. P. Brickenden, London, to be awarded for the best performance given by a woman during the W.O.D.L. Festival. 1935, Lily Waghorn, London. 1936, Anne Board, Hamilton. 1937, Lauraine Hughes, Waterloo. 1938, Hazel Summers Kompass, Hamilton. 1939, Valerie Jones, London. 1940, Mary Linfoot, Galt.

A PRIZE OF \$50.00

A prize of \$50.00 given annually by the W.O.D.L. Executive for the best play, judged as a dramatic composition, written by a person resident in Western Ontario. Originally the play had to be presented in the W.O.D.L. Festival or preliminary performances and the prize was divided between the author and the group presenting the play. 1936, W. Eric Harris, Sarnia and the London Little Theatre. 1937, Herbert J. Bassett, Galt, and the Galt Players. 1938, Phyllis C. Stratford, Sarnia. 1939, Hilda M. Smith, London. (This prize was withdrawn for 1940 and 1941).

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