REVIEWS

HOLIDAY
Philip Barry

Presented at the Goodman Theater

"Holiday," the current production at the Goodman Theater, is a most whimsical and entertaining comedy. It is most modern in tone, being rich in slang expressions, rapid in action, and diverting as to dialogue.

The play tends to contrast the happiness of wealth with the happiness of living, and has developed this theme with surprising success. Yet this serious undernote is entirely effaced by the clever repartee and banter; that is, one hardly considers the moral of the play until the play is over, for you have no time to ruminate during the swift course of the action.

The play is, throughout, most modern. The players have the characteristics of the average persons of today and behave in a manner most natural to this day and age. One would imagine that it gives the actors a great deal of relief to smoke whenever they so desire, and while what they drink is harmless, the idea is clear.

Barry must be given a great deal of credit for the extreme cleverness that he has shown in his humor; it is clear, enjoyable, and frequent. The characters are often humourously flippant, and never fail to enliven the delivery with a wealth of physical expression.

A large portion of the humor is furnished by the contrast between some of the roles, one group being deadly serious and materialistic, while the other is flippant and gay to the extreme. Yet an example of pure humor is to be found in the speech of Nick Potter (Roman Bohnen) on how he rose to the pinnacles of success by making the bottle the national institution and the housewives' friend. Potter and his wife are ever sending the audience into wholesome laughter by their dialogues and their semi-pantomines.

It has long been a maxim of the theater that their mission is to amuse the audience. I am sure that this play will do that to the playgoer. Its appeal is direct and likeable; the acting is good, and the delivery excellent save in the case of Ellen Root, who tends to give her part so glibly that she occasionally trips into an error. Barry has written a play that will charm all that see it—if the appeal of good humor is appreciated.

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American Chem. Society Hears Prof. Kahlenberg

On Friday, February 21, at 7:15 p. m., the American Chemical Society held its meeting at the City Club of Chicago. Professor Louis Kahlenberg, widely known for his texts, numerous scientific articles, and ability as a teacher and executive, was the speaker for the occasion. His subject was, "Gas Electrodes," which was presented in a most interesting manner.

There were five other group meetings held later that evening. The speakers for these groups were: E. A. Dieterle on the subject of "Gas Making"; T. R. Hogness on "Photochemistry," which was given at a joint meeting of the Organic and Physico-Chemical group; and C. L. Tabern spoke before the Biological Club on "Chemical Contributions to Visualizing the Inner Man."

The Chemical Education group was entertained by Mr. Herbert Smith of the Lake View High School, Chicago. The title of his subject was, "To Study or Not to Study, That Is the Question."

Dr. Scherger Speaker at Church Banquet

Dr. George L. Scherger, head of the History department, was the guest speaker at the sixth annual Father and Son's Banquet of the Salem Evangelical Church, on Wednesday evening, February 12, to commemorate Lincoln's birthday.

Professor Scherger gave a very appropriate address on the occasion to the boys and men of this Southtown community center.

His talk embraced many interesting phases of Lincoln's life and character.

Alumnus Gives Advice to Student

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other branches of Engineering. I might say my work has involved engineering, salesmanship, supervision of construction, law, executive and business administration, together with some design and a considerable amount of industrial and building operation.

I believe any young man contemplating an Engineering course should undertake the work with a keen determination to learn how to think clearly and quickly; how to analyze and compare the many factors entering into the particular problem. Some individuals are much better qualified as designing engineers than to undertake other responsibilities, while other men are well rounded out in their education and although their technical engineering may be a little rusty, they are well grounded in the general principles and possess other qualifications which make them very successful.

If I were to begin again on an Engineering course, and based upon my past experience, I would be inclined to pursue a diversified course, taking up Mechanical Engineering as the base course and introducing as much Electrical Engineering and Aeronautics as possible, and I would also want a fairly general course in business law. I believe the fact that we are in the greatest industrial age the world has ever known, demanding maximum production at minimum cost while producing substantial and serviceable articles or merchandise makes the basic Mechanical Engineering course the more desirable; but the young Engineer who has pursued a well designed course in a technical school earnestly, and who has endeavored to broaden his knowledge by the addition of elective subjects in Electrical, Civil and Aeronautics, which branches would involve some radio engineering, can make himself invaluable.

Too many young men undertake an engineering course without the firm determination to make the four (4) years, and possibly an extra year of post graduate work a serious undertaking. Engineering courses are not easy; they require application, study, and a firm resolve to get the greatest possible knowledge for future use. I believe an Engineering course involving the many subjects which are now included in the first rate schools is without doubt one of the finest college courses.

I know men who have graduated in M.E., C.E. and E.E. courses, also Marine Engineering, who have not strictly followed the work in the course but who have been eminently successful because they have learned to think clearly and possess executive ability.

In the next decade we will see tremendous strides in aeronautics, radio, refrigeration and industrial development; there are just as great opportunities ahead of us as ever before. We will also see marvelous developments in chemical engineering, and it is one of the branches closely related to industrial development.

Many people are of the opinion that a Civil Engineer is a surveyor or lays out and constructs roads and railroads. While it is true that the C. E. course includes all of these items, it covers a much broader field involving buildings, industries, construction, finance, law and many other divisions of activity.

Probably the most outstanding example of engineering mind which possesses other marvelous talents is that of President Hoover. He is not only a fine engineer, but his scholarly attainments in statesmanship, finance, business administration and executive ability have placed him at the head of a nation.

It is not always the technic of an Engineering course that is the most value, but how versatile the young engineer has developed because he has pursued a branch of study demanding clear thinking and action.

You have inquired if I consider the value of an Armour Institute of Technology Engineering course leading to a B.S. degree comparable to that of other colleges. I believe Armour offers as fine an Engineering course in any of the divisions as any school in the country. It has the advantage of being located in the second largest city in the United States, which offers the young Engineer an opportunity to be surrounded by and see big developments. It has the advantage of being a small institution in which more individual opportunity is offered. It is strictly a technical college and non-co-educational.

Armour graduates are today occupying some of the most responsible positions in the country. Other universities and technical schools offer excellent courses in Enginering, but I am sure you can get at Armour everything that you will obtain at any other institution, if you go there as you should with a firm resolve to get everything possible from your course.

I sincerely hope that I have given you some information of value and will be very pleased to answer any further questions which you may desire to put.

Yours very truly,
H. S. WELLINGTON, '08.

Author Gives Unusual View on Locomotives

Justin Sturm, in a novel of his, has a dissertation on locomotives that is herewith given as an example of excellent humor on a very peculiar subject, and should be of interest to civils and mechanicals as an unusual viewpoint on what they might consider as a pure technical device.

"Of all the creatures of commercial enterprise, the railway locomotive is the most delightful to consider. When he is supposed to leave at five-fifteen, he generally leaves at five-fourteen to show his utter disregard for passengers and punctuality. If he has an engagement in the next town at seven-thirty, he arrives at nine-thirty, offering no apologies. He revels in his independence.

"The locomotive stays close to the fire in winter, and never misses a breeze in the summer. He is seldom thirsty, and makes a lot of noise if he is not well oiled. If he does drink to excess, he rarely wanders from the straight and narrow path. When he makes a wreck out of his life, someone else is usually blamed. He is extremely comfortable and he feels no responsibility.

"He travels continually, giving no thought to time or expense. If the hours grow dull, he races an automobile to the next crossing. He always wins, and one can hardly blame him for being all puffed up. He leads a fast life and gets away with it.

"To see a locomotive strolling along, smoking at will and whistling his favorite tune, fills me with envy. He does not have to speak to every one he meets. He worries not of finance. His past is pleasant, and his future is assured. When he is old, he is laid off. He has a drag with the cars. He has many lasting ties. When he dies, he leaves his tracks behind him. His life is ideal."

Boxers Meet Y. M. C. A. Champs at Armour

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er had come through with a dozen good blows.

Since all of the fights of the previous encounter were so closely contested, Coach Weissman put his proteges through an extensive training campaign. He feels now that each boxer has improved to the extent that he can place at least four more punches than he did in his last match. If the men are improved to that slight extent, then Armour should win five of tonight's six battles.

Armour's staff this evening will be composed of Captain Buehling, Whitfield, Ustryski, Schlossberg, Montesano, Morowitz, Taylor and Donnelly.

FRATERNITY NOTES

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Following a week of probation, these men were initiated last Saturday night, February 15th: Robert Belford, James W. Juvinall, John H. Miller, Harold A. Peich, Ellsworth E. Eberth, and Herbert F. Vallette.

DELTA TAU DELTA

T. R. Schueler, F. P. E., '31, is going to Lawrence, Kansas, to attend the Western Division Conference as Gamma Beta's representative. The Conference will extend over a period of two days, February 28 and March 1.

THETA XI

G. A. DeBolt, president; R. E. Long, Don Heller, an alumnus, and R. H. Smethells, a pledge, attended the annual convention of the Theta Xi fraternity last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Iota Chapter, St. Louis, Missouri.

One of the features of the Convention was the initiation of several pledges from various chapters, among whom was Harry Smethells from Alpha Gamma.

Sunday night nine other pledges began probation week, they are: G. R. Belton, R. W. Carlstrom, W. D. Jackson, T. Leavitt, W. R. Mulroney, C. A. Nelson, J. R. Pechman, J. T. Sorenson and W. W. Tylor.

Last Sunday afternoon a tea dance was held at the Chapter House. The dance was attended by several returning delegates and about eighteen active members and pledges.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

Sigma Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu wishes to announce the pledging of Herbert Kreisman, M. E., '33.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

A dance was given by the pledges on Saturday evening, the 22nd of February, during which the pledges presented an extremely skittish skit.

Saturday night was also the start of probation week which will end with the initiation ceremonies, Saturday, March 1. An initiation banquet will be held the same evening at the Morrison Hotel.

PHI PI PHI

At a special meeting for the election of chapter officers for the year 1930 held Tuesday, February 11, the following men were elected: President, C. J. Robin, '31; vice-president, H. F. Leichtenberg, '32; secretary, E. C. Erland, '31.

The National Council of Phi Pi Phi fraternity recently announced the induction of Upsilon Chapter at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon.

TRIANGLE

Probation period started Monday for the following pledges: Bobinson, F. P. E.; Bergland, F. P. E.; Dufour, M. E.; Kenner, F. P. E.; Oberbeck, E. E. The initiation banquet following the two weeks of probation will be on March 2.

Everyone who attended the radio dance, held at the House Saturday, February 22, voted this type of dance a huge success.

Burnham Library Gets New Volumes

Among the latest books to be received by the Burnham Library, Art Institute, are: "Tudor Homes of England" and "La Ferronnerie," by Samuel Chamberlain; "Metal Crafts in Architecture," by Gerald K. Geerlings; "Architectural Design in Concrete," by T. P. Bennett, and "Examples of Modern French Architecture," by Howard Robertson and F. R. Yerbury.

A group of foreign publications, including "New Hotels, Hospitals and New Shops" by G. Henriot, and several reprints of other books are listed.

"Bridges," by Charles S. Whitney is especially recommended for both the architectural and engineering students. The author is a member of the American Institute of Consulting Engineers and of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The book includes a great wealth of photographs and sketches of bridges from the times of the Romans down through the Dark Ages, Renaissance and 18th century to the modern times. There are illustrations of wood, stone, concrete and steel bridges.

Riflemen Discuss New Range Plans

The Armour Tech Rifle Club held its first meeting of the Spring semester last Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Physics Lecture Room at 12:45. The business transacted dealt mainly with getting the club started for another semester. The highlights of the meeting were the announcement that dues were "due," the decision of again taking a space in the Cycle and the discussion concerning the new range.

The latter point is of great importance to the club. For the past few weeks members of the A. T. R. C. have been constructing a firing range in the basement of Chapin Hall. Except for the fact that the door which enters upon the range is not as yet protected from stray bullets, the range is completed and is being used. Temporarily a system has been devised by Range Officer R. A. Hess, '31, to prevent calamities when one enters the door. By the system all firing has to stop when the person wishing to enter knocks. It was decided to let only those who were members of the club and who had paid their dues use the range continuously. New men are of course welcome to visit the range and become acquainted before joining.

Richardson Talks About Magnetism

Professor Richardson, in a meeting of the sophomore electricals at 10:30 last Wednesday, related some interesting facts concerning the effect of magnetism upon navigation.

Professor Richardson, who has seen service on a submarine, told of how ships are built to avoid magnetic effects; of how magnetic compasses on board ship are calibrated, and of how gyro and earth inductor compasses work.

Professor Richardson remarked that in building ships they are preferably laid out in an east and west direction. The reason that they are not built in a north and south direction is that the intensive hammering in the earth's magnetic field would tend to magnetize the ship.

A magnetic compass is calibrated aboard ship by taking a vessel into a region of quiet water or its equivalent and accurately locating a point on the shore. Using this point as a reference mark the ship is pointed at definitely known directions and the compass accordingly marked. This process, Professor Richardson said, is called "swinging" a ship.

We watched the swimmers in action last week at the University of Chicago while they went through their water dog antics. One thing about the swimmers, after a short practice period a fellow comes out nice and clean.

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