

CLASS ACTORS ARE ADEPT AT THESPIAN ART

Senior Play Presented at Illinois Theatre With Professional Foise.

And they even knew what to do with their hands. The high school star actors who played in "A Pair of Sixes," by Edward Peple, the senior class play, presented at the Illinois theatre Thursday night, were exceptionally good. The accomplishment of being perfectly natural is the highest test of real actorship, and without exception the members of the cast displayed an unusual amount of ease and poise back of the footlights. One would have thought that they were anything but ingenues.

The play is a comedy in three acts, one of the kind that calls for much action and several tense moments, which young actors can carry out to perfection. The cast included 12 characters, the two business partners, Boyer Fisher as George B. Nettleton, the senior member of the firm manufacturing the violet-colored sugar-coated pill, and Earl Paddock as T. Boggs Johns, the junior partner. As the story goes, these two men loved each other about as well as a mouse loves a cat, and they were constantly airing their grievances and quarreling, much to the amusement of the audience. Finally, as they are about to disband, the firm's lawyer, LaForrest Dizotelle, steps in and succeeds in gaining the consent of both parties to play a show-down hand of poker, the winner of which will run the business for one year and the loser agrees to serve as butler in the other's household for the same length of time.

"Pair of Sixes" Win.

Nettleton wins the game by a pair of sixes, and Johns therefore is made the butler. The play reaches a climax when the butler's sweetheart arrives at the Nettleton home one day for dinner. Following are many very amusing incidents, and the situation is all cleared up when the butler's sweetheart, Miss Florence Cole, taken by Miss Aileen Trent, consults a "real lawyer," as she says, and finds that a contract based on a poker game is illegal and the agreement through mutual agreement.

The play opens at the office of the Eureka Digestive Pill Manufacturing company, where T. found a typical gum-chewing, light-headed

stenographer known as Miss Sally Parker. This part is very well played by Miss Eleanor Soudera, while John Day took the part of Krona, the bookkeeper, who is certainly between two fires when trying to please his two employers.

His part is not an easy one to portray, but he does it well. And there is the red-headed office boy who has to be told to pick up his feet, and Herbert Thollander carried out this part very satisfactorily. John Freeman was indeed a typical talk-

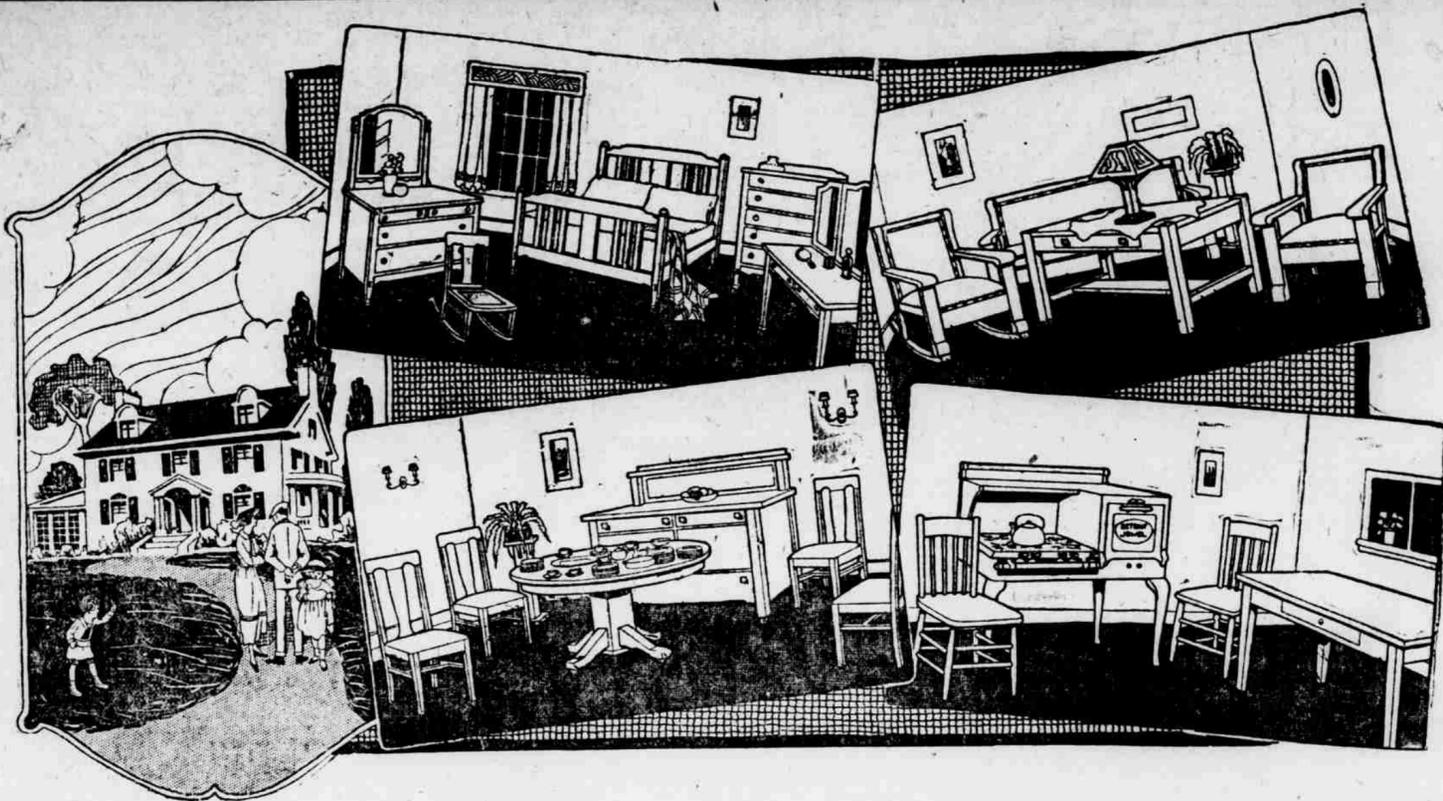
ative Tony Toler, the firm's salesman. Bernard Andrews took the part of Mr. Applegate, the prospective big deal representative who decided not to place his large order with the firm whose heads were continually fighting. Richard

Ullemeyer was the shipping clerk. Too much cannot be said for the splendid acting of all the characters, but probably a great amount of the credit for the success of the first performance is due to Earl Paddock as T. Boggs Johns, Miss

Aileen Trent, his sweetheart, Coodies, an English maid of all work played by Miss Marguerite Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Nettleton. Miss Nadean Drury played the part of Mrs. Nettleton, and her portrayal of an angry woman was

very cleverly and realistically done. T. Boggs Johns was a typical business man, and when he was forced to play the butler's part was equally as splendid. He was ably assisted by Miss Trent. Following the second act Miss

Trent and Miss Mary Alice Hill, the director, were presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Miss Hill was assisted in directing the production by Miss Helen Moore. The comedy will be given again tonight.



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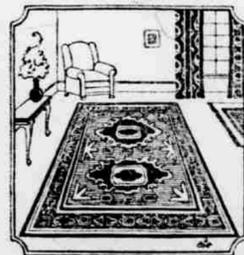
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