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BACKSTAGE VIEW

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those in the wings seemed to enjoy the play almost as much as if they were spectators who had never before seen it. Nearly all of the unseen watchers were laughing silently but nevertheless heartily at the many comical moments in the action.

The second act had soon passed without any alarms or excursions taking place offstage. The youngsters were bringing down the house time and again, and, reassured by success, they had vanquished even the slightest trace of nervousness or uncertainty. In no time at all the third act, too, was over, and the play was definitely a success, judging from the intermittent bursts of loud hilarity that penetrated backstage.

In the last act Penrod's dog provided some comical moments that weren't on the program. Everyone in the wings was in silent hysterics as Penrod, by sheer force, dragged across the stage an unhappy black and white dog that was resolved not to move a step. Penrod himself, like a real trouper, continued to register rebellious indignation, as the play called for, until he had hauled the stiff-legged canine all the way across to the wings, but there he collapsed into stifled, shaking laughter along with the rest of the backstage spectators.

And then at last, before the tired kids could quite realize it, it was all over. It hadn't seemed like such a long evening when all the youngsters were herded out onto the stage to take their last bow, the big curtain had been drawn for the last time, and Miss Tepper and Miss Grovstein had heaved a deep sigh of relief and fallen into each other's arms with the happiness of a job well done. The play had gone off without a hitch or a mistake, and everybody was happy. That big load that had been pressing on the mind of every member of the Footlight Club for several months was removed at last, and—happiest of thoughts—no more rehearsals, no more parts to memorize until another school year rolls around!

ACT PLEASURES

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rod and Sam, played by Walter Andrews and Dick Sampson, were so. However, the members of the cast are not the only people to be congratulated for making the annual play of the Footlight Club a success. The cooperative work of the Art, Manual Training and Music departments were important factors in production. Miss Tepper and Miss Grovstein have displayed superlative qualities as organizers, managers and directors. Realistic that we will never be able to picture them as anyone but these "story book heroes." Eddie Wilbur acted the part of Mr. Dade with all the dignity and assurance of 25 years and it surely is hard to jump ahead 11 years. Ward McConville with his severe, parental voice and his deep, mature laugh, captured the audience's favor.

Senior High Girls Invited To Visit Hospital

All Senior High girls who are interested in nursing are invited to attend a tea given at the Englewood Hospital on May 12. All girls attending the tea will also be given the opportunity to go through the hospital and the School of Nursing.



YOUNG THESPIANS SCORE SUCCESS

The Footlight Club, under the direction of Miss Ruth Tepper and Miss Beth Grovstein, presented "Penrod" at the high school auditorium April 24. In the cast, front row, left to right, are: Robert Shadice, Robert Simon, Mary Baker, Ellen Stone, Miriam Lyons, Richard

Sampson, Walter Andrews and Kingsley Snow; back row: Thomas Hughes, Ward McConville, Dorothy Loyne, Marion McCarthy, Ned Hastings, Walter Colpitts, John Harley and Edwin Wilber.

Courtesy Bergen Evening Record

The 10th grade English classes went to see "Peter Ibbetson" on Wednesday, April 29, at the Shubert Theater in New York City.

Dennis King, whom many of us have viewed on the stage and screen, starred in the play.

The classes also plan to see the opera "Peter Ibbetson" next winter. Miss Smith and Mrs. Netts accompanied the classes.

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