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Ella Heimbrodt is not new to Downers Grove, nor to the surrounding suburbs, having been a resident of Western Springs for many years. Ella is the very competent Director of the Children's Theatre in Western Springs, where children enroll at tender ages to participate in creative dramatics. Speech classes are also held each fall under the direction of Ella. With all of these activities she still finds time to be a very talented actress on the stage of the Theatre of Western Springs.

Our first introduction to this wonderful personality was back in 1946 when she directed Ring Around Elizabeth and then came The Male Animal, The Heiress, Gigi, Bell, Book & Candle and now Craig's Wife. We will also be very fortunate in having her with us for our final play of the season, "High Ground" in May.

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Set Design by Edveta Wolf—Virginia Harris

THE CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

Miss Austen	Edythe Brearley
Mrs. Harold	Laura Grant*
Mazie	Virginia Harris
Mrs. Craig	Margaret Burger
Ethel Landreth	Nancy White
Walter Craig	George Hansen
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THEATRE ACTIVITIES

Our Great Plays Workshop had its second meeting in January, plays discussed were "Death of a Salesman" and "Everyman". The next meeting in March will deal with The Tragedy of Fate. The plays to be discussed are "Romeo and Juliet" and "Winterset".

Many people in the group are busy rehearsing one-act plays to be presented at our meetings and to various civic organizations. Our one-acts were so popular last season that we have had to increase our repertoire.

Try-outs for our next play "High Ground" will be held April 4th and rehearsals will begin April 8. This production is a drama with a plot that is rather unusual. This fast moving play has an aura of suspense throughout, and it is one that you won't want to miss, May 23, 24, 25, 26, 1956.

Membership in Civic Theatre is open to everyone. There is always some spot that you could fill, whether it be on stage or pulling the curtain, maybe even General in charge of brooms, but there is a place, be you Doctor, Lawyer, Indian or Chief, we have what you need for that relaxing moment that so many of us postpone indefinitely.

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FOOTLIGHT REMINISCING

In reviewing past seasons, those of you who have followed our productions will vouch for the fact that we have made great strides toward bigger and better productions presenting these shows in several different locations.

The 1948-49 season brought Agnes Bombaugh in as our president and we did "Petticoat Fever" followed by "Our Town" and a melodrama "Pure as the Driven Snow." Mrs. Bombaugh remained president for the 1949-50 season and our first show "Ladies in Retirement" was given at the Avery Coonley school. This was followed by "Papa is All" which was done only one night at the Tivoli Theatre. We wound up the season with the raucous "My Sister Eileen" at the High School.

Bob Lester was president during the 1950-51 season and we gave, "On Borrowed Time", "Angel Street" and "Dear Ruth". This was the season we started selling season tickets and your response was overwhelming.

The fact that we have a definite amount of money to work with each season means that we are better able to budget our finances and thus bring you better theatre.

ACROSS THE FOOTLIGHTS

This spring, as every year, we'll once again announce our selection of plays for the coming season.

So often we are asked how we arrive at these selections. This is a complicated arrangement. Each year a play reading committee consisting of at least 5 members, is set up. It is their job to present 6 selections to the general membership to be voted upon. The final 3 plays are selected by vote and are the ones presented to you each year.

The play reading committee in setting up these plays divide the plays into categories. This year we have 5 categories with several plays in each group.

We are reading, romantic comedies — "Sabrina Fair", "Affairs of State" and "Jason". Comedy Fantasy—"My 3 Angels", "The Silver Whistle", and "The Apple of His Eye". Mystery—"Dial M for Murder", "Guest in the House", "Ramshackle Inn" and "Double Door". Costume plays—"Pride and Prejudice", "Green Grow the Lilacs", and "The Barretts of Wimpole Street". Then a new category, Science fiction, "Message from Mars", "Lost Horizons" and the "War of the Worlds".

We would like you to feel free at any time to bring your ideas to us. If there are shows you would like to see us do, please mention it to any theatre member and it will be given every consideration. For after all, we are in business for your pleasure.

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CRAIG'S WIFE

HIGH GROUND

NOVEMBER '55

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