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# THIRTEENTH CHAIR QUITE A THRILLER

In Arden Player's Performance on  
Thursday Night A Man is  
Mysteriously Slain

"The Thirteenth Chair," a mystery play, was presented by the Arden Players, the College dramatic organization, Thursday night, in Carney Hall auditorium to a large audience. The College orchestra furnished music before the performance and between the acts.

The play was unusual in that the entire action took place in one evening and only one scene was used for the entire three acts.

Madame La Grange, a spiritualistic medium, had been brought to the Crosby home to hold a seance in order that the murderer of Spencer Lee who had henceforth eluded the police might be apprehended. Edward Wales, a friend of the Crosbys, had been instrumental in bringing about the engaging of the medium.

While the house guests were seated in a circle about the darkened room, Madame La Grange passed into a trance and as she was about to reveal the name of the murderer of Lee, Wales who was seated with the group, was stabbed in the back and slipped to the floor dead.

Immediately, the lights were turned on and an unsuccessful search was made for the assassin's knife.

A police inspector was called and the rest of the play centered about his efforts to discover the guilty one.

Suspicion fell upon Helen O'Neill, daughter of the medium and fiancée of Will Crosby, son of the man in whose house the scene of the story was laid.

## Helen O'Neill Accused

Slowly but surely the chain of evidence seemed to weave a net about the beautiful young girl who stoutly maintained her innocence but refused to divulge her former relationship with Spencer Lee.

Just as the inspector was about to close the case and declare Helen O'Neill guilty, the medium asked to be allowed to hold another seance. This time, she apparently got into communication with the spirit of Edward Wales. Doors mysteriously opened. The lights flashed. And down from the ceiling dropped the knife that had killed Wales.

Apparently unnerved by the seer's powers, Phillip Mason, one of the guests, stepped forward and admitted his guilt and of course the story ended happily.

Marie Parks, as Madame La Grange, did remarkable work in her interpretation of the difficult role of the medium.

Elden Werner as Will Crosby, Zenia Chambers as the accused Helen O'Neill, and T. R. Harvey as Inspector Donahue also did good work in their heavy roles.

The College orchestra led by "Ben" Franklin, played four numbers.

Miss Muriel Phillips directed the play.

The cast in order of their appearance follows:

Helen O'Neill	Zenia Chambers
Will Crosby	Elden Werner
Mrs. Crosby	Kathleen Mason
Roscoe Crosby	Howard Latta
Edward Wales	Raymond Booker
Mary Eastwood	Norine Traylor
Helen Trent	Vivian Lough
Grace Standish	Maurine Dickey
Braddish Trent	Arthur Bitner
Howard Standish	Richard Hull
Philip Mason	Hoyt Hostutler
Elizabeth Erskin	Althea Smith
Pollack	Merle Jackson
Rosalie La Grange	Marie Park
Tim Donahue	T. R. Harvey
Sergeant Dunn	John Gamble
Doolan	Merle Jackson