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Competition

We offer a first prize of £10, a second prize of £5 and a third prize of £3 for the best letters (not more than 500 words) on the merits or demerits of presenting *The Taming of the Shrew* in modern dress. The last date for receiving entries is Wednesday, 9 March.

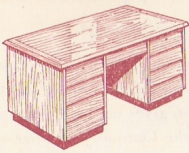
"Point of Departure"

For the week commencing 7 March in place of *Winterset* we are presenting *Point of Departure*, the brilliant play by Jean Anouilh, translated by Kitty Black. We shall have more to say about this production next week but in the meantime we ought perhaps to say that in our opinion it is not suitable for children.

Yours very sincerely

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ACT III

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REPERTORY CLUB NOTES

Many of our members have asked me recently if the best wishes for a quick recovery from his illness had been sent from the Club to Mr. Frank Woodfield. Not only has this been done but I believe many individual members of the Club have visited him or sent messages so we may assume that Mr. Woodfield knows the high regard which we all hold for him.

The meeting last week at Jacklin's Café was most successful and well attended. Mr. Evennett was as usual a master of many parts and his dramatic reading certainly gave him an opportunity of displaying his happy talents. To change from a heavy Edwardian Father to a middle-aged charwoman, thence to a soft Edwardian Mamma, to a wild young Oxonian, and to a magistrate with other parts interspersed is no easy task, but Mr. Evennett surmounted this and other difficulties with such ease as to make it look comparatively easy. But we were not misled by this ease and fully appreciated his brilliance.

While we are talking of meetings may we bring to your notice the fact that on Sunday, 6 March, Lionel Hale is talking in the Theatre about Dramatic Criticism. Mr. Hale, whose fame perhaps rests more on "Transatlantic Quiz" than on his knowledge of the Theatre, is nevertheless very much better acquainted with the Theatre than most people suppose and fame as usual is in this case slightly misplaced. Mr. Hale is a lively and interesting speaker and writer and the Club is fortunate to have secured his services. You are urged therefore to set aside the evening of Sunday, 6 March, as a "Rep. Club Must".

Yours sincerely

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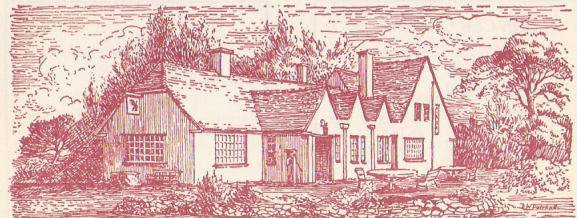
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Week commencing 14 March

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