# The Players' Club Filumni of the University of British Columbia

## Present

## THE ADDING MACHINE

by

### ELMER RICE

## DIRECTOR - GARFIELD KING

(By special arrangement with Samuel French (Canada) Ltd., Toronto)

Tuesday, May 13th \* Wednesday, May 14th

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the University Theatre at 8.30 p.m.



"The Adding Machine" is concerned with the balked ambitions of a clerk. Briefly, it is a comment on the effects of social cruelty and as such has the stuff of drams in it.

. . . "Experiment on Broadway" by Kenneth McGowan, Theatre Arts Monthly.

Expressionism has two chief aims: to fling the inner life of the dramatic figures immediately upon the stage; to synthesize, instead of describing, their world and their universe into symbolic visions that shall sum up whole histories, moralities, cosmogonies, in a bried minute and a fleeting scene. If this form of art is to be effective and beautiful it must be very sensitive and very severe at once. The symbolic masses must glow with a clear irradiation from within, otherwise all is murky and muddled. Intellectual grasp of material must be firm, definite, complete.

... Ludwig Lewisohn in "The Nation".

After the curtain falls a symposium on the play will follow. Taking part will be Andrew Allan, Dr. A. F. B. Clarke, Mr. Stuart Keate, Mr. F. E. L. Priestley, Dr. G. G. Sedgewick, and Miss Dorothy Somerset. Participation by the audience in this discussion is invited. Here are some of the points that are suggested: The place of expressionism in the modern drama—its exponents—Eugene O'Neil, Ernst Toller, John Howard Lawson, Ibsen, Sophoeles, Euripides—sociological versus dramatic purpose—objective reality or inner significance—the place of expressionism in radio technique—Is expressionism a physical and spiritual caricuture of life?—theological implications—satire and burlesque——

What do you think of the Fifth Scene?

# the PLAY

Mrs. Zero Lorraine Johnston
Mr. Zero Lacey Fisher
Daisy Diana Dorothea Devore Ellen Harris
The Boss E. R. Chamberlain
Judy O'Grady Esme Caydzien
Young Man C. I. Taylor
The Policeman J. W. B. Shore
Mr. Shrdlu Rodney Poisson
A Head William Rose
Charles David Macdonald
Joe
Mrs. One Margaret Ecker
Mrs. Two Joan Wilson
Mrs. Three Josephine Kennedy
Mrs. Four Elizabeth Norrie
Mrs. Five Estelle Chave
Mrs. Six Jean Salter
Mr. One Douglas Dawson
Mr. Two R. C. Harris
Mr. Three David Macdonald
Mr. Four
Mr. Five William Rose
Mr. Six Cyril Chave



Scene One . V A Bedroom
Scene Two . /: An Office
Scene Three
Scene Four A Court of Justice
Scene Five
Scene Six A Pleasant Place
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Sets Designed by Lew Parry.

#### committees

Business Manager Mary Moxon
Properties Betty Buckland
assisted by Mary Fitz-James, Pamela Runkle, Jean Meredith
Costumes Jean Salter assisted by Mary Nicholson, Isobel Elliott  Joan Wilson.
Make-up Beatrice Wood assisted by Alice Mather.
Stage Scenery Constructed by Paul Mathews and Painted by Molly Lamb.
Publicity Margaret Ecker

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