

Library Gets Trostel Plays

German Stock Co. Scripts

The Albert O. Trostel collection of German plays, dated from 1865 to 1930, has been presented to the public library by Trostel's widow, Mrs. Clara Uihlein Trostel, 4684 N. Wilshire rd. The gift of scripts, scores and librettos, most of them irreplaceable because of the war, was formally accepted at the library board meeting late Tuesday.

The collection of more than 3,000 indexed items -- dramas, comedies, operettas, textbooks and play anthologies -- represents the leading European dramatists and composers. The books were once part of the library in the former Trostel home at 3200 N. Lake dr. The home, patterned after a German castle, was a Milwaukee show place until it was razed in 1937.

The German Stock Co. used the scripts and scores in its own theater, the Pabst. The oldest organization of its kind in America, and the pride of intellectual Milwaukee, the corporation was dissolved in June, 1935, after 83 years of service to the city's theatergoers. The company brought to the stage the classics of Schiller, Goethe, Lessing and Shakespeare, as well as the works of the newer dramatists. Sometimes English plays were introduced to Milwaukee in German translation. Such was the case with George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and the works of Oscar Wilde.

The acting editions of these and of the plays of Hauptmann, Sudermann and the "revolutionary" Ibsen are found in the collection donated by Mrs. Trostel. Her husband, Milwaukee tanner, had long been a benefactor of the German theater.

The importance of the collection already has been illustrated in receipt of a letter from Oscar Straus, composer of "The Chocolate Soldier." Straus turned to the Milwaukee library in search of some of his scores, for his own collection was left in Paris when he fled from the Nazis.

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