

Little Theatre Members Listen To Talks By Visitors

The Chilliwack Little Theatre Association held its first general meeting of the year in the Masonic hall Friday evening, with Miss J. M. Choate, president, in the chair. Business of the evening included the election of Miss Amy Hutcheson as secretary, T. W. Ashton as treasurer, and Miss Dorothy Keenleyside as social convener. During the evening the meeting was addressed by G. S. Scott and Ross Lort, both of Vancouver Little Theatre Association. Mr. Scott, who is on the executive committee of the B. C. Drama Festival, urged the local association to try to enter a play at the next festival, stressing the value of competitive work in amateur dramatics. He then went on to speak on production in Little Theatre work, giving practical hints on choosing, casting and directing a play as well as on costume and theatre make-up.

Following the talk by Mr. Scott, Ross Lort, who is the scenic director of the Vancouver Little Theatre Association, gave a most delightful talk on scenery and lighting, illustrating his points with a miniature stage, with most unusual and beautiful lighting effects and a variety of stage props which could be used for almost any type of play. The modern tendencies in stage craft are getting away from painted flats, and footlights, and are using more and more the art of suggestion,—by neutral colored backdrops, columns, arches, etc., all scientifically lighted by a combination of two or more colors in the side lights.

The meeting was made the occasion of a presentation of a silver cake plate and silver candlesticks to Mrs. John Witherspoon, formerly Miss Winnifred Rushforth, a past president of the association, who is now living in Vancouver, and who was present at the meeting. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments served before the meeting broke up.