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Bennington, Vermont - May 23 - Sinclair Lewis, author of eighteen novels over the past twenty-five years, will speak at Bennington College on Thursday, May 29, at 7.35 PM in the College Theatre. The title of his talk will be "How Not to Write Popular Novels". Mr. Lewis, from the time he graduated from college in 1907 until 1916, was a newspaperman and editor of fiction magazines. His first novel, "Our Mr. Wren", was published in 1914 and four other novels followed this before he galvanized the world of the '20's with his detailed and ironic description of smalltown life in "Main Street" and "Babbitt". After these, novel followed novel in rapid succession - "Arrowsmith", "Mantrap", "Elmer Gantry", "Dodsworth" and many others. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1930. ~~_____~~

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His latest book, "Bethel Merriday", a story of the theatre, was published last year. His interest in the theatre goes back to 1919 when he wrote his first play, "Hobohemia", which was produced in New York. The dramatization of "It Can't Happen Here" was produced by twenty-one companies of the WPA Federal Theatre Project from coast to coast. For the past few years Sinclair Lewis has been acting in summer stock at Cohasset, Ogunquit, Skowhegan and Provincetown. He has appeared in two of his own plays - "It Can't Happen Here" in summer stock, and in the road company of "Angela is Twenty-two" written in collaboration with Fay Wray.

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