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Young Billy Merrill Steals the Show In Production of 'Life With Mother'

By AL SELBY

"Life with Mother" was worth waiting an extra week to see. An excellent Will-O-Way cast blasted, flattered and laughed their way through Howard Lindsey's and Russell Crouse's second play about the red-headed Day family at Tuesday's delayed opening night.

The entire cast, both leading and supporting roles, left little to be desired.

Martha Morrison, stepping into Mother's difficult role on a week's notice, gave a fine performance.

AFTER BEING happily married 22 years, she discovers the engagement ring that had never been given to her is being worn by an old flame of Father Day's, Bessie Fuller Logan (Loore Carnick) and as Father Day (John Deery), June Sanderson (Bridgett), and John Beeman (Michael).

The remainder of the cast turned in fine jobs in the following roles: Bruce Richards (Whitney Day), Celia Merrill Turner (Margaret), Janka McClatchey (Cousin Cora), Dianne Barry (John Deery), Gerald M. Harrington (Dr. Humphreys), and Norrie Scott (Mrs. Willoughby).

"Life With Mother" is an enjoyable evening of laughs. It's too bad "Mother's" life is only for a week.

Sidewalk, Street Hearings Continued Until Next Week

Absence of two city commissioners from Monday's meeting resulted in a week's continuance of hearings on continuation of assessment rolls for a sidewalk and street improvement.

Needling five votes to approve the roll for sidewalks on Terry between Lincoln and the new school, now under construction, only four commissioners voted for the project.

Commissioner Milton F. Malender voted "no." Commissioners Garland Talk and Dean Beier were absent.

Confirmation of roll on the improvement of Derby road, from Rion to the railroad, with 37 feet of concrete and curbs and gutters also was held over for seven days.

SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS were in some doubt as to whether this improvement should be made or the city's share of about \$21,000 spent elsewhere.

Approval of a three-way land trade between the city and two property owners involving land on Derby near the railroad was granted by the city which seeks to obtain an adequate site for a new 500,000-gallon water storage tank.

IT IS important to remove places where rats can live and raise families unmolested. Rat-proof cellar walls is one of the best controls. Rat-proofing gages, and other on-building walls is the second step. They will not remain there if they are deprived of comfortable shelter.

Food is important in rat control. All supplies should be cut off. Burn or keep garbage in containers impossible for rats to enter. Care should be taken that no particles of food are left around yards, especially home picnic areas.

HUNGER-DRIVEN rats will eat nearly anything, adding greatly to adequate control and elimination by poisoning. Every resident is aware of the fact that certain types of poison are superior to others in that they are comparatively harmless to children and pets. These should be used when anyone has to resort to rat poison.

A call to the sanitation department in the municipal building will place all information available at the service of anyone who needs help in rat control.

"Our entire program is to eliminate these rodents from Birmingham and we shall be only too happy to cooperate with any person desiring our help," Johns said.

Five million farm homes use "bottled gas" for everything from cooking and heating to brooding chickens and sterilizing milk cans.

A Mid-Western manufacturer is producing plastic chairs at less than \$15—first ever mass-produced to sell at such a price.

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QUEEN IRENE—This is one of the first pictures of Irene Dunne as Queen Victoria, the famous ruler whose name has been stamped upon a entire age of history. The U. S. film actress plays the difficult role in forthcoming English movie which caused make-up men many a headache as they struggled to

Commissioners Look Over New Report On Springdale; Will Discuss It Monday

A new report on Springdale park by City Manager Don Egbert is being looked over by members of the City Commission this week. The report will be discussed at Monday night's meeting.

Completes with recommendations and proposed budget, the five-page report reviews Springdale's past, discusses its present condition and outlines ideas for its future. It says the physical properties of the park are not at all in good condition and need the following improvements:

1. New water system.
2. New equipment building.
3. Revision of a portion of the course.
4. New club house.

ACCORDING to Egbert, the park has returned a profit to the city ever since its acquisition on a self-supporting basis.

The proposed budget contemplates:

1. A modest increase in green's fees.
2. A decrease in merchandise sales.
3. A decrease in the purchase of merchandise for resale. (The gross profit on these items approximates 45 percent.)
4. A reduction in labor costs below the average of the last three years.

Springdale park was originally developed by Bloomfield township in about 1928. The City of Birmingham was at that time a part of the township, separating from it on April 3, 1933 by adopting a charter, changing it from a village to a city.

THE ASSETS and liabilities of the old township were divided among Bloomfield township and the cities of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham. Ownership of the park was transferred to the City of Birmingham as a result of this division of assets. The park property was later actually annexed to the city.

The park contains a nine-hole temporary golf course, tennis court and a playground for children. Also on the grounds is a temporary building serving as a golf equipment salesroom, refreshment stand and registration booth for the payment of green's fees.

The future of the park was

To help conserve the nation's oil resources, research experts of American industry are investigating the possibilities of burning kerosene in a gas-turbine electric locomotive.

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BOARD MEMBER Hugh White brought the matter to the attention of the board. He said it was a matter of "primary importance and can't be delayed."

He added it was high time "we as board members begin to seek the proper committees to see that Southfield will be prepared."

It was felt by some members that Southfield has a definite problem of civilian defense because of its nearby location to Detroit.

Among the persons suggested by White to be included on the committee are an experienced former army man who resides in Southfield as chairman; the township fire chief; a member of the sheriff's department; a board of education member from both Birmingham and Southfield; a member of the township water board; two Red Cross women; and representatives of the following companies: Detroit Edison, Michigan Bell Telephone and Consumer Power.

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Southfield To Form Civilian Defense Committee At Once

A civilian defense committee will be formed in Southfield township as a result of action taken by the township board Tuesday evening.

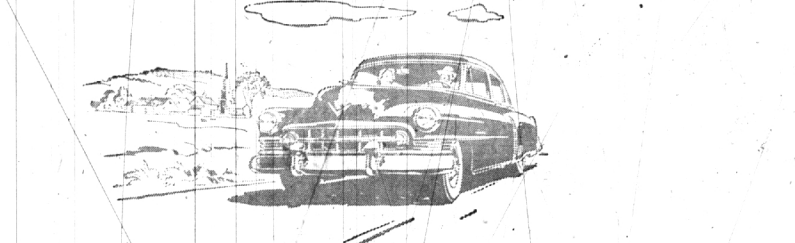
A special committee of board members will contact State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard as soon as possible, to arrange for a meeting with him to discuss plans.

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