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Miss Merrill Plays Lead in Will-O-Way Production July 4

Tressa Way Merrill will play the role of Crystal Hower, one of the two leading parts, in the Will-O-Way Playhouse production of "Two Blind Mice." This will be the second play of the 1950 anniversary season. It will open Tuesday night, July 4, and run for two weeks.

Written by one of America's most prolific comedy writers, Samuel Spewack, who, with his wife Berta has written the librettos for "The Cat and the Canary" and "Kiss Me Kate," the story of "Two Blind Mice" is indeed a wacky one.

THE ACTION TAKES place in the Bureau of Seeds and Standards in Washington, an antiquated bureau which still continues to function under the guidance of the irrefragable Crystal Hower (Mrs. Merrill) and Letitia Turnbull played by Juva Beaman.

The situations and screwy goings on in this fast-moving comedy should provide wonderful material for such Will-O-Way favorites as Gerald M. Harrington, Robert Bryson, George M. Hunter, Fred Taylor, John Beaman, Tom de Graffenried and Milton Todd. Most of those mentioned had an important hand in getting the Will-O-Way season off to a good start, with "Light Up The Sky".

BOB BRYSON is a veteran, having played in Will-O-Way's production of "Room Service" ten years ago and again last year. Others taking part in "Two Blind Mice" are Letitia Beaman, Harriet Stober, Stephen Pope, Robert Jones, Barney O'Rourke and Max Corbett.

Settings and lighting will be done by Harold W. Meinert who is also in the cast, performing again the dual role of actor and technical director as he has in years past. The entire production is under the direction of Bill Merrill.

Social Briefs

Richard H. Grimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Grimm of Lathrup Village left last Saturday to spend the summer at Camp Dearborn in northern Wisconsin. He will be an instructor in fencing. Preceding the departure he entertained at luncheon for a group of counselors with whom he made the trip. Among the guests were Dr. John Keenan Taylor of Detroit, Milton Setzer of Grosse Pointe, Gene Holbrook of Grosse Pointe and Donald Stichter of Toledo.

Ralph M. Dunbar, Jr., son of Mrs. Ralph M. Dunbar of Chester street is attending the AFOTC summer camp at Langley Air Base, Va. He will return at the end of July.

Bride-elect Miss Constance Ruth McGilly daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGilly of Green drive was honored at a kitchen shower given by members of the faculty at Henry School in Grand Rapids, where she was teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. McLeese and daughters, Lois and Carolyn have returned from a ten-day visit in the east where they attended a wedding in Greenwich, Conn. The bride was Mrs. McLeese's brother and family, Dr. A. L. VanHorn of Far Hills, N. J.

Mrs. Lewis Clark Dunn of Gallegos drive has recently returned from a motor trip to Warren, Chardon, Painesville and Youngstown, Ohio. While in Warren she visited her brother, Glen C. Tucker and family. She spent this past week in Saginaw visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Deetz and son, Bill. Last Monday her nephew, Robert Hume of Youngstown, Ohio, spent the day with her. On Sunday Mrs. Dunn entertained Dr. Lewis E. Dunn, Beckley and J. Whitnev Dunn of Detroit and their families at dinner in honor of their father, the late Lewis Clark Dunn.

Among the localites present at the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station dance honoring midshipmen from the Naval Academy last week were the Misses Ruth Oldberg, Sue Manning, Clara Gordon, Sarah Brzezinski, Imogene Powrie and Ann Mock.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Earle Steele of Madison avenue left last weekend for their cottage at Crystal Lake where they will remain for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Shelby arrived Friday to meet Mrs. E. D. Shelby of Riverside drive after which they left for Boston, Mass. and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Soderberg, formerly of Birmingham. The three will then travel north through the Canadian provinces.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Jones of Pierce street gave a buffet lunch last Friday evening in honor of their daughter, Doris Marie, her fiance, J. Robert Dean and the wedding party. The affair was held in the bride's home following the rehearsal.

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Women Painters Hold Exhibition and Tea at Studio



Members of the Society of Women Painters held an exhibition and tea last week in their school house studio on West Maple avenue.

Among those presiding at the tea table was Mrs. J. Vinton Birch, who is pictured above, extreme left, pouring for Mrs. C. Patterson and Mrs. W. Abbott. Exhibiting their work at the affair were Mrs. L. H. Thomas; Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. F. B. Eiter, Miss Mildred Williams, Mrs. W. A. Shaver, Mrs. R. L. Skinner, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Lloyd Galen, Mrs. Ann Stanton, Mrs. George Robson and Mrs. Donald Chaffee.

Others were Mrs. W. Seelye, Mrs. N. F. Viger, Mrs. W. B. Conrad, Mrs. V. J. Snyder, Mrs. Henry A. Manley, Mrs. A. J. Aucterlone, Mrs. J. R. Bartholomew, Mrs. Bireh, Mrs. J. J. Hameel, Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw, Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Schneider, Mrs. T. L. Thurber and Mrs. H. H. Gardner, Jr. (A Joe Wheeler Photo).

AAUW Scholarships Offer Foreign Study

A book sale held by the American Association of University Women makes it possible for the Birmingham branch to participate in the fellowship programs of the national AAUW.

During the war it became apparent that foreign scholars would need aid if they were to be able to continue their work in war torn countries. AAUW made plans to bring scholars to this country soon after the close of the war. This they called an International Study Grant.

TO OBTAIN assistance it was necessary to have a very high scholastic rating and to be able to speak English fluently. In the case of teachers and medical students, the organization helps supply books and medical supplies for rehabilitation where needed.

In 1949-50 the Birmingham branch honored Mrs. Charles J. Shair for her work in the AAUW by naming the grant for her. In 1950-51 the International Fellowship will be named for Mrs. W. A. P. John who was a member of the original executive board.

AAUW ALSO GIVES fellowships to students of our own country. These students do research in their field of study either in universities and colleges of this country or in foreign countries. In 1950-51 some excellent fellows plan to go abroad to study in many countries.

In assisting this program by contributing books and magazines, Mrs. Carl B. Marr, Mrs. William McManus or Mrs. Glen Klyker may be contacted.

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Miss Grier Honored at Round of Parties

Among many parties given in honor of Miss Beverly Grier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Grier of Fairfax street, whose marriage to William E. Douglas will take place August 5, was a luncheon last Saturday. Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. W. Carlton Scott and Mrs. Alan R. Hopkins.

Mrs. J. Woodward Dunivan of Detroit is also giving a luncheon today for the bride-elect and tomorrow she will be honored at a party given by Mrs. Charles D. McCall.

On July 8 Miss Patricia Daily will entertain at a luncheon at her home in Detroit. Mrs. Morgan D. Douglas will give her future daughter-in-law at a tea in her Bloomfield Hills home on July 12.

Mrs. Ervin F. Coveney will give a luncheon in her home on July 13, and Miss Nancy McQueen and Miss Nan Gilbreath will be hostesses at a picnic supper on July 18. Mrs. Richard O. Mead will honor Miss Grier at a dinner in her home on July 22.

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