



MATTHEWS, FORMER CRANBROOKITE, IN PLAY Localities in "You Touched Me" at Saline

## Localities Sharing In Staging Plays At Old Saline Mill

Barbara Hamel, Cranbrook dramatist who formed the Saline Mill theatre company in 1953, is producing "You Touched Me" by Tennessee Williams in its Michigan premier this week.

Miss Hamel is but one of the localities in the Saline's company this summer, according to Bruce Muncieff, publicity director who is a Cranbrook alumnus.

Jolly Kellogg, a recent graduate of Kingswood is one of two apprentices spending the summer with the stock company in the old Schuyler Mill on US 112 near Ypsilanti. She has the part of Phoebe in this play which ends July 24.

THE APPRENTICES are being trained by Peggy Booth, of Birmingham. She is house manager as well for the company. Going to Saline in the final three weeks of last summer, she enjoyed herself so much she has become part of the company, according to Muncieff.

Intigued with the history of the old mill and the town, where Pottowatomies "resorted" and where the ancient Great Saak trail passed before recorded history, Miss Booth wrote the mill and area's history for the program.

She has been a professional recreation worker for the American Red Cross service in military hospitals and for public agencies in Oakland county, and holds a B.A. from University of Michigan.

MISS HAMEL HAS been in the theatre work since undergrad days at Ann Arbor, where she received her BA and MA. The year following she worked in TV set production for Dumont, managing properties for such shows as Plainclothes Man and Ellery Queen.

She directed the set for Philco Playhouse, Studio One, Arthur Murray and the Jackie Gleason Show before beginning two winters ago to teach speech and acting dramatics. Last year she was at Kingswood School, Cranbrook.

She is a member of St. Dunstan's guild and recently played a part in "Rossini's Universal Robots."

SHE HAS TRAVELED extensively through France, Switzerland, Wales and England, and studied drama at the University of Birmingham at Stratford-on-Avon.

Another former Cranbrookite is Earl Matthews, who is acting in the company. He directed at Kingswood and teaches now at Mumford High school in Detroit. Shown in the photo he is touched by Matilda, who thinks it is her father lying in bed, and she thus receives the magic touch for which the play is named.

"You Touched Me" is a romantic comedy from William's early writings, based on a story by D. H. Lawrence. It tells of a boy, played by Matthews, entering a foster home where an old maid and a prissy young niece henpeck the girl's father, an alcoholic sea captain.

AFTER THE PLAY'S run is up, "Jane" by S. N. Behrman will take its place on the Saline Mill stage.

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The honor guests were Bauers' mother, Mrs. Louis Bauer, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wessel, all of Evansville, Ind.

Local guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mow of Amberly road.

Manners and mores of British society.

The theatre company, a non-profit educational group, give daily performances at 8:30 p.m. except on Monday.

Miss Hamel began to dream of the theatre four years ago, shortly after John J. Hamel, Sr., was intrigued by the rich farmland in the township and bought the mill from Ford Motor company.

He suspended production of an animal feed from local soybeans after several years because of obsolete machinery.

Tilberly and their children, Marvel, Anne, Janet and Graham, went to Harbor Springs in their cruiser last week. They stayed at the Old Trail Inn.

The W. D. Camerons and their family of Yarmouth road are vacationing at Hubbard lake and the Ralph Herschers and family of Tilberly place are spending two weeks at Glen lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reid and their children, of Tilberly are vacationing at the Pere Marquette Hotel and Casino.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blackley of Overhill and their two children, Hew and Fred, left July 16, to spend a few weeks at their lake cottage near Flint.

Paula Struck, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Ralph W. Struck of Hamilton, and Susan Leahy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Leahy of Hupp Cross, who are swimming under the coaching of J. P. Hussey at Canicum lodge in Indian river, will represent the camp at the Women's National Swimming championships at Philadelphia in August. The girls are looking forward to meeting many of the nation's great swimmers.

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