

In life's unending contest there always is the endeavor to win... satisfied with... and being fair. Success by such means never brings real satisfaction. One's "inner voice" or conscience, cries against such measures. Only fairness brings successful success.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Section 3

Thursday, January 26, 1956



A CHANGE of scenery calls for a helping hand offered by Brenda Blanchard and Bonnie Kneeland in turning the revolving stage, a feature of the new apprentice theater.

Revolving Stage is Feature Of New Apprentice Theater

Performances have begun at the new Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater on Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, which is nearing completion.

Laboratory theater productions, open to members of the families and friends, ran for five consecutive days and evenings last week. The new workshop with a seating capacity of 200 has a 34-foot proscenium stage, however, the unique feature is the 20-foot revolving stage. This allows for a complete stage setting while another scene is in "action."

CELIA Merrill Turner, director, has been associated with the theater since early childhood, first train-



Kenny and Robin Turner in rehearsal.

ing under Jessie Bonstelle at the Detroit Civic Theater. Dramatic training was received at Michigan State university and through many years of private instruction. Appointment as director of the apprentice theater was made in 1948.

Mrs. Turner served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, doing both music and dramatic service. As assistant to Merceh Wilson she worked in both music and dramatics in the production of hundreds of broad-Radio Service. Serving with Major John Schubert, Mrs. Turner trained USO troops for overseas assignments.

In addition to extensive dramatic training, stock company experience and teaching, Mrs. Turner is an accomplished violinist, conductor, composer, having received a diploma in Conducting from The Juilliard Graduate school, while working on a fellowship.

WILL-O-WAY Playhouse is the oldest active professional summer theater in the state of Michigan. Established in 1940, the Playhouse has achieved the distinction of being listed by Variety Magazine as one of the top 10 summer theaters in the nation.

During the early years of the playhouse, apprentices served in all tasks from building and painting scenery, running errands, observing rehearsals to the oft hoped-for experience of winning a small part in the plays during the summer season. No formal training was given during these years, and when the need for it was recognized, The Apprentice Theater was formed. The Apprentice Theater was established in 1948 and was licensed by the Michigan State Board of Education as a Trade School in Theater.

THE Apprentice Theater offers certificates in all phases of the theater — acting, stage design, lighting, production, stage managing, speech and the opportunity to compete for roles in the professional theater during the Playhouse season. All casting assignments are

Have You Met

The residents of 3500 Laber road, Bloomfield Hills? Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin have moved there from Detroit with their children, William, Jr., 14, Andy, 13, David, 11 and Margaret, 7. The first two are attending Bloomfield high and the latter two go to Vaughan school. They are members of the Detroit Athletic club and Christ church, Detroit. Both are graduates of DePaul university, Greenacres, Ind. Mr. McLaughlin is author of a book, "American Automobile Album" which was published by E. F. Dut-

Appear in Recital At Olivet College

Two Birmingham students took part in Olivet college's conservatory of music end-of-semester recital. The program of vocal, piano and instrumental music was given in Olivet Congregational church Tuesday evening. Joyce Hocking, Hartland avenue, presented "Spring Came" by McArthur, while Carl Urdiga, California street, did "Andalucia" by Lecuona.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Kelly, who are now living at 888 Bloomfield drive, Bloomfield Hills? Former residents of Bronxville, Westchester county, N. Y., the Kellys have a married son and daughter. Mr. Kelly was transferred here from the New York office by General Motors. Mrs. Kelly has done administrative work for the American Red Cross for 18 years. As chairman of the art department she has organized art group programs and art exhibits for Westchester county and the Bronxville Women's club. Both are graduates of Columbia university.

Staying in Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moss, Maunderdale street, Birmingham, are vacationing at the Hotel Ramer in Mexico City.

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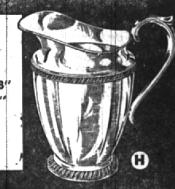
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