

First Nighter Has Polished Performance

In one of the most polished opening night performances this season, William H. Brewch and Mrs. George S. (Pat) Dix turned George Axelrod's comedy, "The Seven-Year Itch," into a delightful evening last Friday at the Birmingham Village Players' classic street playhouse.

As a husband battling an elastic conscience while his wife and small son are out of town, Brewch earned his laughs through a realistic interpretation of his role rather than by attempting to portray the character through burlesque.

The nervous mannerisms he employed, the way he used his eyes to express fear or sudden worry, the sudden altering of the tone of his voice all were done so occasionally that he squeezed more chuckles out of the comedy than Axelrod had put in—green though it is a well-written play.

Mrs. Dix—in the role of "the girl upstairs"—gave a convincing and talented portrayal of the young TV actress who knows how to enter an apartment via stairs that lead to nowhere.

Despite one of the most lavish sets of the year, excellent lighting and comedy, and fine performances by the rest of the cast, the show last weekend played to half-filled houses.

Unfortunately, those first two shows during the Easter vacation when half of Birmingham was in Florida or some other resort, led Richard Brown, president of the Village Players, explained.

Two more performances of this amusing show of the Players' 34th season will be presented tomorrow and Saturday evenings at 9 p.m. Saturday evening reportedly is a sellout.

Tickets for Friday evening may be obtained at Grinnell's Birmingham, or by calling Mrs. Marcus W. Arthur, 16061 Dunblaine.

BIRTHS

A son, Robert Barton, was born April 23 to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. KING of St. John Woods, Berkeley. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. King of Fairway drive, Birmingham.

A daughter, Suzette Helen, was born April 25 to MR. AND MRS. DONALD B. WATKINS, 25122 West 14 Mile, Franklin village. Mrs. Watkins is the former Sue Angres.

A daughter, Barbara Shirley, was born April 27 to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON BERESFORD, 1678 Stanley boulevard. Mrs. Beresford is the former Mally Sylvester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sylvester of Snow shoe circle, Bloomfield Hills. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Beresford of Cottontail lane, Bloomfield Hills.

Army to Present Civilian Award To Roger Keys

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Roger M. Keys, former deputy secretary of defense and Bloomfield Hills, Mich. resident, will receive the Department of the Army's award for exceptional civilian service, at a luncheon of the Associated Harvard Clubs Saturday at the Mayflower Hotel here.

The award will be presented by Secretary of the Army Wilb. M. Brucker. Keys, a vice president and director of General Motors, left the company in January, 1953, to serve in the defense post. He returned to GM in the spring of 1954.

On Friday evening, as part of the three-day meeting of the Associated Harvard Clubs, Keys will be one of the speakers at a symposium on "The Role of the University in Government." The other speaker will be Senator John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), while Senator Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) will be moderator.

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Dance Tomorrow Benefits Fund For Scholarships

Western Golf and Country club will be the scene of Kappa Delta sorority's annual "White Rose" dance tomorrow evening. Proceeds go to the group's scholarship fund which benefits students at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Albion college.

Mrs. Edwin Lau of Bloomfield township is general chairman. Among those entertaining at cocktails before the dance are Mr. and Mrs. Tunis Rice of Shipman boulevard. Their guests will include the Robert Girardins, Kenneth Froelich, H. D. Oakes, A. B. Quigleys, William Saldeans and Rex Clossons.

Club Calendar

MAY 2
Bloomfield Hills Camera club, 8 p.m., Cranbrook Institute of Science, prints and color slides.

MAY 3
The Pride of Oakland Rebekeh, 8 p.m., meetings and housewares demonstration.

MAY 7
Birmingham temple 94, Pythian Sisters, 8 p.m., Community House, meetings and housewares demonstration.

MAY 8
Suburban chapter of B'nai Brith, membership tea, home of Mrs. Carl Seigel, 29610 Gilechrist.

MAY 8
Mrs. Alfred Lakin, past president of Kedian chapter, will speak on current events of B'nai Brith. Games, prizes and refreshments are planned.

MAY 9
South Oakland Symphony orchestra, final concert of the season, 8:30 p.m. at Royal Oak Dondero high school auditorium, Hgari Noso will conduct.

MAY 9
Soprano International of Birmingham, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., Devon Gables.

MAY 9
Society of Engineers' Wives, annual meeting, following 12:30 luncheon, Backham building.

MAY 22
Soprano International of Birmingham, card party, Community House, benefit Girls' Ranch.

At California Base

Pvt. Peter D. Mitchell, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Wilson of 493 West Frank, Birmingham, recently was assigned to the 451st anti-aircraft artillery battalion at March Air Force base, Calif. A radar operator in the battalion's headquarters battery, he entered the army last August, after attending Wayne University and Hillsdale college.

Returns To States

Paul H. Elkin, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Elkin of 19661 Midlesex, Lathrup village, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Rupertus, flagship of destroyer division 32, which returned to Long Beach, Calif., recently from the Far East.

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Patricia Kildee Weds Robert W. Walsh, Jr.

Robert Wilson Walsh, Jr., claimed Patricia Dolores Kildee as his bride in a ceremony performed Saturday morning in Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lebanon, Pa.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson Walsh of Bates street, Birmingham. Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kildee of Lebanon are parents of the bride.

and triple-draped bustles. Blue picture hats completed their ensembles.

MARY SCHILLING of Coaldale, Pa., was her cousin's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Joyce Savage of Greeland, Pa., Judy Sedor of Glen Lyon, Pa., and Mrs. Donald Lowry of Levittown, Pa.

Best man was John Slotnick of Bad Baldwin, Pa. Ushers were Donald Walsh, brother of the groom, James Tate of Philadelphia and James Clark of State College, Pa.

When they return from a honeymoon in Washington, D. C., the newlyweds will make their home in Pittsburgh. The bride's going-away costume was an imported tweed suit accented by a pink collar and small blue flowered hat.



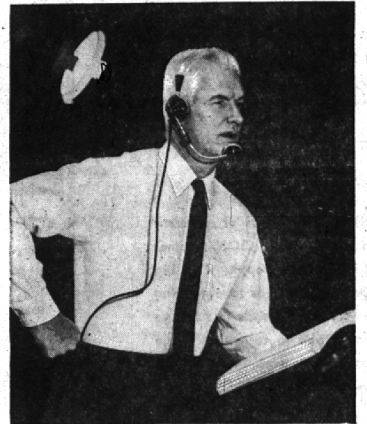
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