

St. Dunstan's Rehearsing 'Send Me No Flowers'

A rollicking three-act comedy entitled "Send Me No Flowers" is now in rehearsal at St. Dunstan's with the first public performance set for Oct. 20. It will be the first

show of the '61-'62 season for St. Dunstan's, which ended last year's schedule with highly successful production of "Cats and Dolls."

"Send Me No Flowers" concerns



Busy rehearsing for a three-act comedy entitled "Send Me No Flowers" scheduled for Oct. 20 at St. Dunstan's Playhouse are (above) Maurice Smith Jr., and (from left) James Schneider, Mrs. James I. Stalker and Mrs. Frank Donagan.

a solid suburbanite who has a severe case of hypochondria. The role will be portrayed by L. James Schneider, a Birmingham actor, both at St. Dunstan's and at the Players in Detroit. The part of his wife, who seems to do most of the suffering for hubby's illusions of ill health, will be played by Mrs. James I. Stalker.

SUPPORTING leads of a sympathetic neighbor, an old friend and a cemetery salesman will be played by Maurice F. Smith Jr., Weston Meyer and Garvin Rawden, respectively.

Other cast members include Mrs. David Lawrence, Mrs. William Reynolds, Mrs. David Raymond, James Stalker, Frank Coppin, Patrick Beece and Henry Hogan. The play will be directed by Mrs. Franklin Donagan, veteran of both the amateur and professional stage. She will be assisted by Mrs. C. D. Scribner and Mrs. Albert Remington.

SET DESIGN for the show is by Mrs. John Warner and set construction headed by John Dixon. Mrs. Harry Wise, Jr., supervising properties, Mrs. Richard T. O'Reilly has costumes and Mrs. Charles Himecho, hair make-up. Lighting will be supervised by William Holmes. Mogens Klapp will be stage manager. Ticket chairman is Mrs. Roy Nelson.

There will be public performances at 9 p.m., Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28 in the playhouse on Lone Pine road. On Oct. 25 there will be a benefit performance for the Village Women's Club Junior Auxiliary with proceeds from the play scholarship fund for Camp Oakland Girls' Ranch.

2 Plead Guilty In Ring Theft

A Detroit man charged with possession of stolen property and a Garden City man charged with simple larceny pleaded guilty at their arraignment Wednesday before Judge John C. Emery Jr. Sentences will be handed down next week.

James E. Farman, 30, of Detroit, and Anthony Dougherty, 22, of Garden City, were involved in the theft of a ring owned by Judy Combs, a domestic employee of Mary Barker, 2385 Dorchester, Birmingham. According to police, \$27 cash was also taken.

McFarland Is Guest Speaker

Harold S. McFarland, 323 Lakewood Drive, Birmingham, director of Personnel Services, General Motors Corp., will be the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Personnel Women of Detroit tonight at the Harlan House. His topic will be "The Image Is You."

McFarland is a graduate of the University of Chicago. He joined General Motors shortly after graduation, starting with the Oldsmobile Division at Lansing as an hourly rate worker and advancing to director of Labor Relations.

4 Residents Attend 59th AAA Confab

Four area residents were members of the Michigan delegation to the 59th annual convention of the American Automobile Association in Seattle, Wash. this week.

They were Roy M. Hood, 1888 Riverside Drive, Beverly Hills; Frank J. Howlett, 1160 Hillside Drive, Birmingham; Clarence J. Otter, 2201 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; and William G. Walters, 1440 Hillside Drive, Birmingham.

All four are members of the board of directors of Automobile Club of Michigan, and Walters is currently second vice president of Auto Club.

THE PERSONNEL WOMEN of Detroit is a professional association of women engaged in personnel and industrial relations work in the Metropolitan Detroit Area. The purpose of the group is to promote the principles and practices of sound personnel administration, and to develop and advance a medium through which those engaged in the field of personnel may exchange ideas and experiences and pursue and continue self education.

B'ham Residents Plan Association

Twenty-eight Birmingham residents recently met to discuss organization of a formal association in the interest of maintaining their neighborhood as a desirable residential area.

The group consisted of residents of Knox, Oakland, Poppleton, Ridgedale and Worth Streets.

An interim board of directors was appointed until a general membership meeting is called within the next six weeks. At that time, permanent directors will be elected and by-laws adopted.

Troy Presbyterians Plan Family Night

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy will have a Family Night pot-luck supper Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The program will include congregational singing of old favorite folk-songs under the direction of Roy Taylor (who also doubles as church choir director) and his Combs.

Brief Family Devotional

A BRIEF FAMILY devotional period by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wheeler, who are in charge of the program, will conclude the event.

A nursery for pre-school children will entertain the youngsters while their parents see a movie on missionary work among children in the Far East. Home movies of past congregational events will also be shown.

At the meeting were Mesdames John Bagley, Frederick Erb, C. Carey Maloney, G. Bretnell Williams, Clark Matthews, John Armstrong, Helmut Heuser, John Martin, Thomas Hubbard, Ronald Kasperak, Nicholas Martin, W. K. Downey, Leslie Durgin, Frank Allen, Paul McKenney.

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Birmingham Junior Leaguers To Present Fall Follies

Nov. 15 and 16 are exciting dates for the Birmingham Junior Leaguers. On those two nights the girls will temporarily retire as suburban housewives and turn into glamorous Las Vegas showgirls for a follies at the Birmingham Theatre.

There has been continuous interest in presenting a follies since the Birmingham Junior League gave its first in 1956. The warm reception of the community and the excitement of producing a large scale show made it second inevitable.

THE BIRMINGHAM League has long been interested in helping Pottier State Hospital with its children's program. It is only in the past few years that the hospital has

LAST SPRING the League hired



Birmingham Junior Leaguers are busy working on their annual fall follies scheduled for November. Discussing the show are (from left) Mrs. James O. Nordlie of Burning Bush Road, Mrs. Brink Chickering of Buckingham Road and Mrs. Hugh R. Moek Jr., of Pilgrim Street.

been able to separate the living quarters of the children from the adult patients. They are now trying to properly furnish the children's wing of the hospital.

This need, plus the occasion of its 10th anniversary this fall, inspired League members to undertake the show this year.

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Gross Earnings Are Up; So Is Cost of Living

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK—How is the average Birmingham worker making out financially?

His gross earnings have been going up, so that he is better off from that standpoint, than he was five years ago.

But his living costs have also been rising. Taxes, rent, apparel, food and services are all higher than they were then.

Where does he stand after all the pluses and minuses?

From a study made by the Tax Foundation, it appears that he is somewhat ahead of the game. He is able to buy more goods and than he could in 1956.

THE PURPOSE of the study was to determine how much work-

ing time goes into meeting the bills that are incurred in the course of normal living.

The typical worker, it shows, spends more of his time earning his taxes than anything else. The extent to which taxes dominate expenses is to be seen in the fact that they now take more than food, clothing and tobacco combined.

According to the national findings, the average worker in Birmingham needs six days every month just to keep up with his taxes—Federal, state and local.

WHAT THAT boils down to, in terms of family income, is \$290 per month per household for taxes. The figure is based on the average gross income locally in 1960.

To pay the food and tobacco bills for the month takes four days of work, equivalent to \$194 per house-

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