

Theater Company To Hold Readings

The Millan Theatre Company will hold open readings from Sept. 6-11. All auditions must be made by appointment.

The theatre company is a professional touring repertory company of adult actors performing plays for children. All plays are music-dramas. Not all roles require singing, although singing ability, though such training is desirable.

The company tours from October to June, performing on weekends and evenings. Rehearsals are also evenings and weekends. For audition appointment contact the company at 26425 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

Lighting can make the outdoor areas around your home safer, more useful and more attractive.

The cost is relatively small. A number of manufacturers produce a variety of fixtures for outdoor use.

With proper lighting, areas and scenes which usually are not visible after dark become useful and attractive.

INTEREST IN outdoor living is increasing and you can enjoy almost every outdoor activity that takes place in the daytime just as much at night—if you provide the lighting.

Artificial lighting gives nighttime scenes completely different effects from their daylight counterparts.

Interesting objects such as fountains, sculpture and specimen plants can be accented; flower borders can be outlined; and pools can be lighted either from below or above the water level.

ALTHOUGH several sources of light besides electricity are available—such as lanterns, torches and candles—their usefulness is limited mainly to where electricity is not available, where a flickering light is desirable or where it is desired to kill insects by drawing them into a flame.

outdoors after sundown if light is available. In fact, the cool of the evening is often the best time to mow the lawn or weed the garden.

Work of this type normally does not require equal light over the entire area. Portable lights will serve the purpose.

Pre-schooler Story Hour

The day to sign up for the Pre-Schooler Story Hour at the Baldwin Public Library has been announced. Applications will be received Monday, Sept. 10, in person in the Boys' and Girls' Department. No registrations by phone will be accepted.

Because of the interest shown in this popular feature, Mrs. Charles Burch, Head of the Boys' and Girls' Department, has announced there will be story hours on successive days, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Wednesday, Sept. 19, and running once a week for six weeks.

THE PROGRAMS will last half an hour, with stories, singing games, and finger plays conducted by Mrs. Burch and other assistants of the Boys' and Girls' Dept.

Each Story Hour Group will be limited to 25 children who are from three to five years of age and live in Birmingham or whose families have Baldwin Public Library cards.

OUTDOOR entertaining is becoming more popular and informal.

Spotlights emphasize specific objects of interest such as sculpture, water features or flowers.

A FINAL consideration in regard to outdoor lighting is safety and protection. Most homeowners have areas that, if lighted, would be safer for the family and guests—such as steps, walls, driveways, pools and slopes.

Furthermore, intruders are less likely to enter lighted areas. Place switches in bedrooms or other convenient locations to turn on outdoor lights quickly.

During the spring, summer and fall, it is often more pleasant to entertain outdoors in the cool air amid pleasant surroundings than to stay indoors.

You can buy fixtures and light bulbs which give you the various kinds of light you need for entertaining outdoors. For example, you will want a reasonable amount of light where people are eating, while subdued light is best to accent beautiful surroundings.

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Players

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who were not members of the Players—would drop in during rehearsals.

"We'd set them to work painting scenery or helping in some other way," she said.

Most of the players remain loyal to the group, taking part in productions until they become too old (most are between 14 and 18 years old) and are off to college.

"Even then they often return to see performances," said Mrs. Hacker.

THE ONLY remaining charter member of the group is its president, John Adams, 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adams, 26455 Willow Green, Franklin, who are also senior advisors to the group.

John said he was in the first play Mrs. Baker ever directed. "I laughed. That's the best comedy I was even in," he said.

Being in Junior Players is really a lot of fun, said John.

Most of the kids interested in amateur theatrics a chance to learn about all phases of it. The kids in "Rebecca" will work backstage for "Harvey" and the cast for "Harvey" will work backstage for "Rebecca."

MARK LACKNER, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lackner, 32577 Wing Lake Road, Franklin, who claims he's "chauffeur of the group," added:

"Kids complain about the crazy hours we have for rehearsal—it takes them away from 'Bonanza'—but in the end everyone is happy with the outcome of the play because everyone pitches in and does his part."

ALL OF THE Junior Players feel that being in the group is a wonderful experience.

Nancy Dozier, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Dozier, 26875 Willow Green, Franklin, who plays one of the lead roles in "Rebecca," was on stage for the first time last year.

"I was scared when I was on stage, but as soon as I was off, I wanted to get back on again," she said.

FOR SOME, Junior Players has been the beginning of a career in dramatics. Among those who plan to go on in the field are Cindy Starratt and Robin Odle.

Cindy, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Furew W. Starratt, 26875 Irving Drive, Franklin, will be studying theater design this fall at the Boston University School of Fine Arts.

Robin Odle appeared as an amateur at Northland one summer and so impressed Burgess Meredith that Meredith took Odle on tour with him for the rest of that summer.

ASKED WHAT they thought was most fun about being in the players, one of the youngsters quickly responded, "the parties."

"The parties" are the cast parties at the Adams home—Cokes, hamburgers and swimming in the Adams pool.

Among those present this year will be Pat Horton, Mary Gidley, Susan Corning, Dick DeVan, Bob Hampson, Judy Kirwin, Mack Lackner, Rob DeLong, Jane Bower, Kay Heideaman, Bill Adams and Pat Sinter—the cast of "Harvey."

"SPEAKING FOR THE Junior Players" at the "Harvey" performance will be Jan Charbeneau while Mary Jane Robertson will serve as prompter and John Adams will handle lights and sound and act as all-around handyman.

Representing "Rebecca" at the party will be Russ Bottlers, Nancy Dozier, Candy Wilson, Ron Kraus, Sue Kirwan, Bob Owens, Pete Casenhiser, Bowie Thomas, Jim Bunsell, Don McIntosh and Judy Rosiello.

"Speaking for the Players" at the "Rebecca" shows will be Pam Sinter. Cindy Davis will serve as prompter.

DIRECTING "Harvey" are Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Adams; directing "Rebecca," Mrs. Philip Price, 32616 Colony Hill, Franklin, and Mrs. Hacker.

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