

First Nighters Sparkle As Crew Awaits Cues



LOCALITES MAKING AN ENTRANCE
From left are Mimi and John Albrecht, Gretchen Neuman and Mary Bowden, wife of one of the stars of the play.



WAITING FOR THE SECOND ACT
Bowen Brock, Peg Kropschot and Joy Brock during intermission.

A small-but-peppy cast of four set the spark of laughter in St. Dunstan's "The Moon is Blue" Friday night. The real "spirit of the majority," however, came through up front and on stage.

A full house enjoyed the merry dialogue of the tongue-in-cheek comedy, which starred Pam Guest, Robert Woodruff Jr., Garvin Bawden Jr., and Martin Strandbergh.

The male members of the audience (including Mrs. Guest's proud father-in-law, Bud Guest) filled the Village Players' Playhouse with hearty and robust laughter at this "man's play."

ELEGANTLY-GOWNED ladies, meanwhile, flitted back and forth greeting old friends during intermission.

A gala dinner at the Robert H. Scotts ushered in opening night, while entertaining Saturday night were the Franklin Donagans and the Garvin Bawdens Jr.

Backstage, crew and cast alike were calm, waiting for their cues and duties, all with the air of the assured.

Forgotten was the frantic spree the day before when producer Pegge Strandbergh discovered to her horror that the whole set, painted a bright orange in honor of Halloween—completely blinded the audience.

She gathered her loyal helpers, which included Peg Gallagher, Irene Klopp and Dean Warner, and repainted the whole set the day before opening night! **MARY BAHN**



A GAME OF CARDS HELPS TO RELAX
So says actor Martin Strandbergh (from left), Jean Smith head of costumes and Shirley Howson of the make-up department.

B'field Welcome Wagon Club Hosts 75 at First Luncheon

The newly-organized Bloomfield Welcome Wagon Club held its first luncheon meeting yesterday at the Rotunda Country Inn on Pine Lake.

About 75 women were welcomed by President Mrs. Richard Scheldorn of Wilshire Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Membership in the club is open to recent newcomers in the area west of Lahser Road that is covered by Welcome Wagon hostesses, Mrs. Kenneth Crumb of Ballantyne Road, Birmingham.

OFFICERS of the club, in addition to Mrs. Scheldorn, and Mrs.

Crumb who serves as honorary president and consultant, are Mrs. Gordon Garrett, vice president; Mrs. Richard Rapp, secretary; Mrs. Harry Kimmaker, treasurer; and membership secretary, Mrs. Jack Blanton.

Luncheon meetings will be held bimonthly. Tentative plans are under way to hold the January luncheon at Kingsley Inn.

On alternate months there will be a get-acquainted coffee at which the "newest" newcomers will be introduced to each other and to the older residents.

A **BOWLING** league with 72

members bowls Thursdays mornings at Strike 'n' Spare.

A bridge tournament with 22 participants will start this month. Two groups are taking bridge lessons, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

Last Thursday evening, Wilfred Gill of W. E. Hutton Co., discussed the stock market with a group of members and their husbands at a gathering held in the meeting room of the new Birmingham Savings Bank, Maple and Lahser.

Thirty-two women have signed up for a golf league in the spring; and a dinner dance is planned for February.



A VITAL JOB
That's Script Girl Virginia Heideman.

the Detroit Athletic Club Friday evening, and Mrs. C. Theron Van Duden will entertain members of the wedding party and out of town guests at a bridal luncheon in her home the day of the wedding.



THEIR JOB IS DONE — AND DONE WELL
Relaxing are crew members Peg Gallagher (left), in charge of properties, and Babe Witmeyer of the costume department.



EVEN THE PRODUCER MUST LOOK GOOD!
Backstage 'artist' is Pegge Strandbergh.

Pre-nuptial Parties Honor Susan Flint

A luncheon and bridge party, given by Mrs. Everett L. Mills at the Birmingham Country Club, was the first in a series of parties that have been given in honor of Susan Elizabeth Flint, whose marriage to David Sanford Cooper will take place at Christ Church Cranbrook on the afternoon of November 28.

Two of Susan's bridesmaids, Mrs. Eldon Bosman and Mrs. Macon Traube, were colobesses at a kitchen shower, given at the home of Mrs. Carmen Adams, mother of Mrs. Traube.

A dinner and gadget shower for the bride and her fiance was given by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Stevenson and Mrs. John B. Poole entertained at a luncheon and linen shower.

DR. AND Mrs. Avery Bartlett and Dr. and Mrs. John Bartlett will cohost a supper and miscellaneous shower for Susan and David. Mrs. James Cooper Jr. and daughter Christine will give a luncheon and round the clock shower. Mrs. James Cooper, grand-

mother of the bridegroom, will hostess a luncheon at her home in Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Flint will entertain for their niece at dinner and the theatre.

Susan's sister, and matron of honor, Mrs. Marcus Cunningham, Jr., will give the spinster dinner at Bloomfield Hills Country Club the evening before Thanksgiving, while all the men of the family will be the guests of Mr. Flint for a day's hunting and bachelor dinner in Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Cooper will give the rehearsal dinner at

Premiere Opening Is Impetus For Gaiety



MRS. ROBERT WINTER



THE HARRY J. NETHERLANDERS

Birmingham-Bloomfield's love of the theater is demonstrated continuously throughout the season. Makes no difference whether it's local groups—St. Dunstan's or the Village Players—or professional fare as presented down in the Big City, turnout is enough to warm the cockles of any producer's heart. So it was a week ago when members of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SHAW

Orchestra took over the entire Fisher Theater for the world premiere of Buddy Hackett's "I Had a Ball." Pre-curtain dinners, cocktail parties and late suppers surrounded the gala event toward which dozens of localites gravitated. Junior President Mrs. George McClellan and her husband were among hosts who entertained at home before trekking downtown. Others, like the Harry J. Netherlanders, used



THE DAVID DEMARESTS

their clubs for gatherings. The Nederlander group of over 100 rallied at Bloomfield Open Hunt for cocktails and buffet dinner. Following the final curtain call much later in the evening, cast members and a number of other invited guests walked across the street to Topinka's for a final fling before curfew. The David T. Netherlanders were hosts.



MRS. MARGARET MAXON