



Nancy Gurwin
of Southfield.



Edgar A. Guest
of Birmingham.



Barbara Anne Gowans
of Birmingham.



Betsy Baker
of Troy.



Ronald S. Merkin
of West Bloomfield.



Fred Buchalter
of Southfield.

Dinner theater does 'Once Upon a Mattress'

The musical "Once Upon a Mattress" will be presented by Dinner Playhouse beginning Friday at the Burn Steer in Royal Oak.

The satirical show contains 17 musical and dance numbers and played for more than a year on Broadway with Carol Burnett as its star. Two national touring companies, one headed by Imogene Coca, the other by Dody Goodman, successfully criss-crossed the country for another year.

This tuneful, modern retelling of the old fairy tale about the princess and the pea comes to the Detroit area in a brand-new production, with Nancy Gurwin of Southfield singing and dancing the lead role of Princess Winifred.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is directed by Edgar A. Guest III of Birmingham.

Theater

resident director of Nancy Gurwin Productions, Ltd. He is assisted by musical director Barbara Anne Gowans and choreographer Dennis East. Stage and set design is the creation of Timothy Locker, with costumes by Ann Corvill.

In addition to Miss Gurwin, the 13-member cast includes Betsy Baker as Lady Larken, Eric Jones as Sir Harry, Joyce Schultheiss as Queen Aggravain, Ronald S. Merkin as King Sextimus the Silent, Jeffrey Dreisbach as the Jester, Richard Schrot as the Minstrel, Fred Buchalter as Prince Daunt-

less, Charles Goll as the Wizard, Sacey White and Nan Parrish as ladies-in-waiting and Tyrone Secord and Dan Watson as knights.

"Once Upon a Mattress" was written by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller; music by Mary Rodgers, and lyrics by Marshall

Barer. It will be performed Friday-Sundays at the Burn Steer (formerly Alvaro's)—Lower Level, 1824 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak.

Dinner is at 7 p.m. with show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday dinner 6 p.m., show 7:30 p.m., featuring a complete sit-down dinner. For reservations, call 549-2420.

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