

## 'Sleeping Beauty' wakes up an afternoon with youngsters

By MARY WHITING

If you are looking for a delightful way to spend an afternoon with your children, the Southfield Repertory Theater may be the answer. Celebrating its fifth season under the direction of Ralph Valatka, the theater this month took a very contemporary look at "Sleeping Beauty."

Everyone in the cast did a wonderful job in keeping close to the original interpretation of the classic fairy tale but added just enough humor to their roles for the parents to enjoy the show as well. Performances were presented last weekend.

Hal Doyle in his dual role of narrator/Fairy Godfather, gave the show a humorous start that the children loved: a la Tim Conway's old man routine.

The frazzled and near-sighted Good Fairy was played by Terri Seyferth, matching the Fairy Godfather's performance beautifully.

AS A BRIGHT contrast, Peggy Thorpe captured the audience as the deliciously evil Bad Fairy.

Mark Halpin was the wacky but kind King, so concerned for his daughter Princess Beauty, and added a very funny contrast to that of his more stable and sensible Queen.

As the Queen, Barbara Bean was lovely, showing her soothing, motherly

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affection for the young princess. Ms. Bean also displayed a beautiful singing voice in her lullaby to the child.

Wade Kelley was the swashbuckling Prince Charming, wonderfully teamed with Jeanine Head as Princess Beauty. They both presented the perfect picture

every child imagines while reading "Sleeping Beauty."

The March selection by producing director Valatka is "Rumpelstiltskin." With admission at \$2.50, you couldn't find a more pleasant means of sharing the excitement of the theater with your children. Actors and actresses mingle with the audience after the show for the children's further enjoyment.

The theater is in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building on Evergreen Road in Southfield.

## 'Deadly Game' opens at Michigan premiere

"The Deadly Game," a thriller based on Friedrich Durrenmatt's provocative and suspenseful novel "Traps," will open a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theater on Thursday, March 1, at 8:30 p.m. on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester.

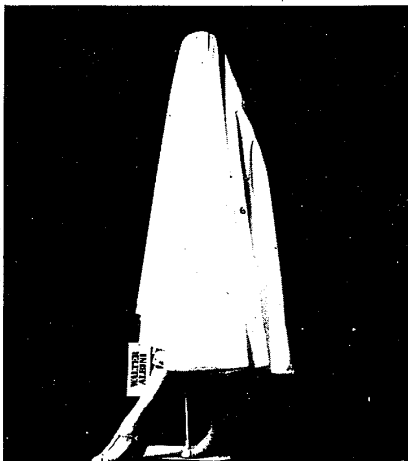
James Yaffe, the mystery writer, has written the play based on the Durrenmatt novel. "The Deadly Game" tells the story of three retired men of law on a remote mountain in Switzerland who amuse themselves by going through the legal ceremony of pro-

secuting strangers who drop in.

A traveling salesman is their guest on a snowy evening. Although their "deadly game" seems foolish to him, he agrees to it to humor his hosts.

After a little social and aimable conversation, the retired prosecutor discovers a plausible case. He accuses the salesman of having murdered his employer.

Tickets for "The Deadly Game," which will run through Sunday, March 25, may be purchased at Hudson's or by calling the Meadow Brook Theater box office, 377-3300.



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### Lions owner talks on show

An interview with William Clay Ford will be aired on Valerie Hilsen's "As You Like It" from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 28, on WJLW-AM (1090).

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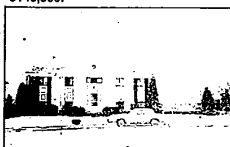
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