

Professionals join in cast of show

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host of WDIV's "Bowling for Dollars" and "Pinbusters" shows. He has appeared in more than 130 commercials, 100 industrial films and thousands of photographs for ads and brochures.

Goldsmith cautioned, "What a lot of people don't realize is that this is a business. All most people see of the business is the glamour, the end product. What they don't see is all of the hard work that goes into the end product. Before you can ever perform in this business, you must first sell the business on yourself."

Originally a composer, Goldsmith formed an improvisational comedy group with friends in Los Angeles, and after being spotted by an agent, began "working for money" and doing children's television.

Since returning to Detroit, Goldsmith has worked extensively on radio and television commercials and industrial films. Currently, he can be seen in a Yellow Pages commercial and in several Highland Appliance ads.

With more than 25 years of theatrical experience under his belt, J. Craig Collicott has an extensive resume which includes the roles of

Captain Dan in "The Great White Hope," Finian in "Finian's Rainbow" and the Mayor in "That Championship Season."

WHILE ALL THE professionals agree there is work to be found in the Motor City, they also caution that the road to success can be rather slow.

"The majority of SAG members earn less than \$3,000 a year, which is a great part-time job," Ms. Gorman said. "For those who want to make this their full-time job, you should first make it here in Detroit and then move to either Los Angeles or New York. If you can succeed here, you will probably make it there, too."

"One thing you have to remember is that you can never give up. Even

if you go to 30 auditions and don't get a single job, you can never give up because it will happen to you."

"Detroit is great place to grow," Goldsmith said. "I also think the city is going to flower soon, too. Good things are happening here."

For the aspiring professional, each agreed that locating a good agent is important, as is a resume and a photograph.

"And I push community theaters all of the time," Springer said, "as there are many good community theaters in the area. You learn a lot about yourself and about your craft by getting involved in theater. The training and experience you receive in these theaters is important to a person's development. It also helps the professionals sharpen their skills."



Dancers break during a rehearsal for Birmingham Village Players production of "Kiss Me Kate." They are (from left) Dee Johns Charlton, Diane Lodewyck, Beth Boynton and Diane Evans. (Staff photo)

Benefit scheduled to 'Kiss Me Kate'

The Friends of Oakland County Welfare Rights Organization will sponsor a benefit performance of the Birmingham Village Players musical comedy, "Kiss Me Kate" at 8 p.m. March 20.

The village players' theater is located two blocks south of Maple and one-half block east of Hunter Boulevard in Birmingham, with adjacent free parking. Tickets for the benefit performance may be purchased by telephoning 644-0580 or 647-5713.

The Oakland County Welfare Rights Organization came into being in 1969 during the "war on poverty." Its headquarters are in an old school next door to St. Vincent's Church at 70 Whittemore in Ponca.

Goals of the organization are: to help economically deprived people understand their rights and responsibilities under public assistance, to work for passage of more humane welfare legislation though education of the public on the facts about welfare, and to eventually eliminate the vast welfare bureaucracy by providing jobs and training to those who can work and a guaranteed income to those who are too incapacitated to work.

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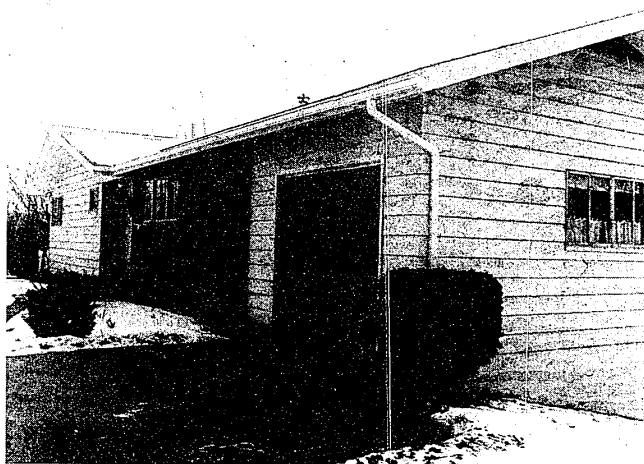
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