

Thursday, August 21, 1980



Playing the bagpipes is an impressive sight, during Celtic Pipes and Drums concert.



If clothes make the man, costumed pipers and drummers have much to recommend them. The musicians marched to Shain Park, where they performed, along with the Highland Dancers. (Staff photos by Stephen Cantrell)

Pipers parade in the park

It was a colorful scene when the Celtic Pipes and Drums band made its way down the street Thursday night at Birmingham's "In the Park" outdoor concert series in Shain Park.

The concert, sponsored in part by St. Catherine's Guild of St. James Church, also featured the Highland Dancers.

Three more evenings of entertainment remain in the series. The Birmingham Village Players will present "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," a musical in one act at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The show is based on the play by J.M. Barrie and adapted by David Rogers. Set in London during World War I, it tells about an old charlady who is alone in the world and pretends to her friends that she too has a man away at the war, a son in the Black Watch Regiment.

SUDDENLY, the man whose name she has used turns up on leave. At first angry at being used, the gruff soldier, alone and lonely too, learns understanding, respect and love for the charlady before he is forced to return to war.

This story of a brave Scottish soldier adopting a mother has songs described as ranging from haunting to hilarious.

"The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" is directed by Jim Robertson, musically directed by Joan Bowes and produced



Families, from tots to parents, are part of the crowd relaxing on the grass at In the Park.

'By Strouse' opens run at OU Musical Theatre

The Broadway musical revue "By Strouse" opens a 10-performance run Aug. 28 at Oakland University near Rochester.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. Aug. 28-30 and Sept. 5, 6; 2:30 p.m. Sept. 1. Shows are at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 7.

The show, a collection of hits by award-winning composer Charles Strouse, opens the 1980-81 season for the Department of Music's Musical Theatre.

The student production will be presented each night in the Studio Theatre at Varner Hall. Tickets are available at

the door or in advance by calling 377-2000.

The revue offers songs from many Strouse hits including "Golden Boy," "Applause," "Annie" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

THE COMPOSER has won three Tony Awards. Lauren Bacall, Sammy Davis Jr., Josh Logan and Carol Burnett are among the superstars who have performed in Strouse musicals.

Performers are drawn from the membership of the Meadow Brook Estate, the university's jazz and show choir. Director is Stephanie Rivers.

by Maureen Cook. Apprentice to the director is Carol Burton, who also designed the set.

The cast includes Jack Hassberger, John Lorne (Hassberger's great-nephew), Del Moore, Margaret Remondino,

Alice Tabor and Martha S. Welton.

In case of rain the performance will be held at the Village Players playhouse at 475 S. Hunter, Birmingham.

Other "In the Park" concerts will include the Quadrille Square

Dance Club on Aug. 28 and the Executives big band, Priscilla Benson vocalist, Sept. 4. The latter evening is sponsored in part by the Birmingham Rotary Club. Both events will feature community dancing.

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