

Franklin players staging 'The Gazebo'



Karen Katz is Neil and Clyde Pritchard is Harlow in the Franklin Village Players production of "The Gazebo." (Below) Katz, Barish and Pritchard have a little discussion about a gun.



The Franklin Village Players, in its 30th year, will offer five performances of "The Gazebo," to help raise money to help pay for construction of a real gazebo in the village center.

The three-act mystery-comedy by Alec Coppel will be presented at 8:30 p.m. June 11-12 and 17-19 in Franklin School on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

ROB SICKELS has the role of Thorpe, a construction engineer who discovers a body under the gazebo.

Karen Katz, a Franklin Village Council member, makes her stage debut in the female lead as Nell. Betty Lee Sweatt of Franklin is Mrs. Chandler, a real estate woman, and Rose Galley of Franklin plays the maid Matilda.

Profits from the benefit performances will be donated to the Franklin Community Association to build a gazebo on the village green in the historic district next door to the town hall near the baseball fields.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and full-time students. The price includes dessert and beverage served at intermission.

Tickets can be ordered by sending a check to the Franklin Village Players, c/o Bill Herrick, 4383 Oak Grove, Bloomfield Hills 48013, or by calling 626-5728. Table assignments will be made on a first-come basis.

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The FCA launched a \$15,000 fund-raising campaign for the project in May. Construction is planned to be completed in time for dedication ceremonies at the annual FCA Labor Day Round-Up celebration Sept. 6 in Franklin Village.

Diane Lake, chairwoman of the Franklin Planning Commission, is director of the production, with Cathy Hadrian assisting. Debi Green of Birmingham is producer.

The cast includes three Detroit attorneys. Bill Barish is Elliott in the male lead, "a wildly imaginative, impractical dreamer." Clyde Pritchard, who is a trial attorney in real life, has the role of Harlow, a prosecuting attorney.

Pritchard says he plays it straight because "Lawyers are on stage all the time anyway."

President of the players, John Green of Birmingham, is Jenkins, a tough detective. Cops are played by real-life Franklin policemen, Ed Girardot and Ben Davis.

Soeren Gormanian of Farmington Hills is Louie, a Brooklyn crook. John Lake of Franklin is Dook, his gangster buddy. Bill Anderson of Pontiac is Dr. Wyner, who delivers a last-scene punch line.

Franklin residents Stephanie Graf and Jean Vilter are in charge of properties. Sandy Barth is handling set design.

Set construction is by E. Paul Miller of Warren, who is an Oak Park freelance motion picture, TV and stage producer. Miller's biggest task is to build a collapsible gazebo with slats that pivot so it can be removed and resurrected for each performance.

DAVE ROBERTS, a local veterinarian and veteran play actor is stage manager. Annetta Evans has costumes. Rose Galley and Kay Kennedy-Galley are in charge of set decoration. Phyllis Young is house manager. All are Franklin residents.

Bill Herrick of Bloomfield Hills is in charge of tickets. Maryann Hovsepian of Birmingham is in charge of refreshments.

"The Gazebo" was made into a movie in 1960 and starred Debbie Reynolds, Glen Ford and Carl Reiner.

The Franklin Village Players started



John Lake (standing) is Dook, a gangster, and Bill Barish is in the lead role of Elliott, a wildly imaginative dreamer.

as a fund-raising venture for the Parent-Teachers Association, offering "East Lynne" in April 1952. Its first production was repeated in the fall of that year in the Birmingham Baldwin Elementary School as a benefit for the YMCA. The group organized with by-laws in 1954 with Anita Hard as its first president, and the group has continued to operate without a playhouse of its own.

The Franklin gazebo has been de-

signed by Franklin architect Robert W. Stine to accommodate outdoor theater and concerts, with removable side railings and two entrances.

"The Gazebo," last old acquaintance be forgot, was also the 14th production of the Franklin Village Players in December 1950. The cast at that time included General Motors corporate attorney Nick Rosielo; Cal Thomas, who became village president; and Fay Hawk, who became village clerk.

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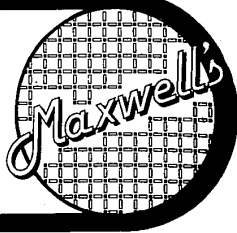
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