

# amusements

## St. Paul Singers To Be Featured

The fourth concert in St. Paul Presbyterian Church's series will be at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6. Tickets are \$2 each and available in the church office, 27457 Five Mile, Livonia.

The Chancel Choir, augmented by soloists, and the Chancel Chorale will present a program of popular music. The choir will sing selections from "My Fair Lady," "Oklahoma" and "The Sound of Music."

The chorale will be heard in music by the Carpenters and by Simon and Garfunkel. Gladys, Debbie and Cindy Budd will be the featured trio in "The Sound of Music."

"Bobbie Reid will sing 'You've Got a Friend,' and Julie Gordon will sing 'Summertime,' from 'Porgy and Bess.'"

Carl Farquhar will be featured in "Soliloquy" from "Carousel," and Charles Gleason will present his version of the ever-popular "Old Man River." Charles Gleason is the director of the program. George Sperry will be the narrator, and Walter Cory, the accompanist.

## St. John Hosts May 6 Recital

Music for organ, English horn and trumpet will be featured at a recital Sunday, May 6, at 7 p.m., in St. John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Elaine Grover, director of music at the church, will play the organ.

They will play compositions by Bach, Rohlfs, Koetter and Kaufmann. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

# Farmington's 'Suite' Has New Look

PLAZA SUITE, by Neil Simon, being presented in the Farmington Players Barn, 2322 12 Mile, Farmington, May 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12. Directed by June Payne, Pierre (Pete) Turgeon and Perle Briggs. Produced by George Muller. PA tickets, call Dolores Shevlin, 44175 Locust Drive, Farmington.



DOLORES SHEVLIN



BOB GREGORY

By BETTY MASSON

One of the crazy things that makes life so interesting is the different ways people

have of seeing things. Two people can see the same event, and yet their stories can be completely different. Sometimes the change is as

simple as a nuance, a shift of emphasis.

This is one of the things that makes the Farmington Players production of "Plaza

Suite" a delight: Having seen it twice before, the movie version starring Walter Matthau (didn't like) and another community theater production (liked), I was prepared for few surprises.

But surprised I was, in the Farmington Players' second act, directed by Pierre (Pete) Turgeon. This is the one in which the Tenally, N.J., matron meets her old sweetheart, now an important (and lecherous) Hollywood producer.

Because of a slight shift of emphasis, and superb acting by a rubber-faced Dolores Shevlin and a slightly elfin Robert Gregory, the Farmington version is the funniest yet.

Instead of trying to take these two characters seriously at all (something that has always been a problem to me—I don't see how even a suburban housewife married right out of high school could fall for such an obvious line), Turgeon has had them almost bristlegie the roles. And the results are great.

It's a standout in an overall fine production, including the sumptuous set. Marcia Benson, last seen in a memorable performance in "Lion in Winter," proves

she has comedic as well as dramatic ability in her performance as Karen Nash, a woman whose marriage is in trouble. Playing opposite her is a talented newcomer, Wallace Hummon. This well-paced segment was directed by June Payne, who gave such an outstanding performance on stage as Martha in

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" last season. Director Perle Briggs and stars Ellie Jorgensen and Robert Casemore work well together in the final act as the parents of the nutty bride-to-be, who won't come out of the bathroom. A trip to "Plaza Suite" would make a fine Mother's Day present.

## Civic Ballet Company To Star

Farmington and Southfield ballet dancers will be in Dearborn Friday evening, May 4, to perform "Midsummer Night's Dream" with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra.

Members of the Contemporary Civic Ballet, they are Susan Ernestine and Margot Sheer of Southfield; and Cin-

dy and Joan and Janine and Dick Meldrum, all of Farmington. The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m., in the Edsel Ford High School auditorium. The ballet will be narrated by Esther Frank. Choreography is by Rose Marie Floyd, director of the company. In addition to "Midsummer Night's Dream,"

with music by Mendelssohn, the company will perform dances to selections from "Oklahoma."

Tickets are on sale at Dearborn and Dearborn Heights branches of Manufacturers Bank.

## HFCC Will Stage Comedy

Henry Ford Community College will present John Guare's comedy, "The House of Blue Leaves," on May 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19, in Edison Auditorium, 2201 Elmwood. All seats will be reserved. Tickets are \$2 for the general public and \$1 for students and faculty members. Checks, payable to "HFCC," should be mailed to Drama Dept., 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, 48128.

## Stamp Club Meets Friday

The West Suburban Stamp Club will elect new officers at a meeting Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Plymouth Community Credit Union, 506 S. Harvey, Plymouth. There will also be a mini-auction. For its May 17 meeting, the club will have an American Philatelic Society slide program on "Postmaster Provisionals" and will present show awards.

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