

## Spoon River in One Night Stand at U. of D. Sunday

The hit Broadway show "Spoon River" comes to the University of Detroit for a one night stand Sunday, (March 7). The play, part of the U. of D. "Town and Gown" Celebrity Series, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Hallroom on the McNichols Road campus.

Called "a glowing theatre experience" by the New York Times, "Spoon River" is the only non-musical production of the 1963-64 season to win unanimous rave reviews from the Broadway critics.

The spirit of America, as masters felt and conveyed it, was open and optimistic, though he was well aware of how often the promise was betrayed. He appreciated the comedy and tragedy around him. The sinner and sinned against of Spoon River make amusing and touching company.

"Spoon River" was conceived, adapted and directed by Charles Aidman. Aidman, a veteran of Broadway, Hollywood, and television, also co-authored the play with Edgar Lee Masters.

Based on Edgar Lee Masters' classic of American Literature "Spoon River Anthology," "Spoon River" presents a haunting, hilarious and heartwarming portrait of life in the American middle west at the turn of the century.

## CURTAIN GOING UP

By WALLY ROBERTS

Snow use talking about the weather. Those nasty flakes ganged up on all of us and left many a theatrical attraction realizing that the show doesn't always go on. The Livonia-Redford Players Guild cancelled their performance last week and will reschedule two performances of "GIGI" for this week (Friday and Saturday) at the Redford Union High School Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling GA 2-8339 or KE 7-8108.

Guild president Jerry Pemberton indicated that about 100 seats still are available. "GIGI" is a fast-moving comedy and will provide a full evening of laughter for the audience. Tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling GA 2-8339 or KE 7-8108.

"Cinderella," next on the theatrical docket for the Livonia-Redford Players, has been getting buckets of exposure lately. TV's Channel 2 had an hour-long color production with Lesley Warren. The Plymouth AAUW Children's Theater division finished a five performance run of "Cinderella" and will be putting on a guest performance of the play in Ann Arbor this weekend.

No amount of exposure can dim this greatest of all fairy tales. The conflict between good and evil plus the underlying winning out has retained its charm from the first telling of the tale. No matter what your age might be you can enjoy "Cinderella."

Several of the adults that accompanied their children were seen showing immediate signs of approval of the action on the Plymouth High School stage at the AAUW's brilliant presentation of "Cinderella." The sets each year become more professional under the guiding hand of Nancy Messerly. Costumes were resplendent. Dorothy Smith, Kay Devereaux and Ruth Campbell can take a deep bow for the hours spent behind the scenes machines.

Director Shirley McKenzie did a yeoman's job in pulling together this fast-moving children's show. Her liberal use of the aid of the audience to base some of her action was commendable. I'm sure if the AAUW will look at next year's production through more realistic spectacles the results will be twice as good. More action can be worked in if a few more are thrown to the production. Old

**Aids in Kazoo Play**  
KALAMAZOO — Robert Staff, of Plymouth, is in charge of lighting for Kalamazoo College's forthcoming production of "Androcles and the Lion." Staff, a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stiermer, 41339 Ivywood Lane, Plymouth.

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## "Cinderella" Is Rescheduled Due to Weather Conditions

"Cinderella," the children's show production by the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild Juniors, has been subject to rescheduling because of some 22 shows that he has directed. I've always felt that this Shaw piece could be done best with an open background and showing fragmentary sets in quickly. Well, we shall see what Mr. Bird does on Wednesday night.

One noted note on "Discipline" if William Moore who is playing Reverend Anderson seems to be in pain. He is, on one occasion, the may to rebel last week he had an automobile accident. Result: one badly mangled arm, a broken ankle, and several cracked ribs. Rumor has it that fractured or not, Mr. Moore will limp via an encased ankle through his role since as we said at the beginning of the column — the show must go on!

The March 6 matinee performances will be rescheduled at a future date.

Following the Family Night production the play will follow the previously announced schedule of Saturday performances. These are:

March 13, Thurston High School, 9:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 2 and 4 p.m.; March 20, Franklin High School, 11 a.m.; 1 and 3 p.m.; April 10, Bentley High School, 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m.

## BILLBOARD

(Week of March 3-10)  
Fishermen — "PLEASURES AND PALACES" — New musical prior to Broadway. Could have some good music since Frank Sinatra is the tunesmith. Will open on Thursday, March 11 for four-week run-up prior to Broadway.

Redford Union Audubon — "GIGI" — Two performances scheduled this week as a result of heavy snowstorm last week. Opens on Friday night, March 5, closes following night.

Harmonia Theatre — "LOSS OF ROSES" — William Inge play that is a winning item at the Hotel Walverley location. Detroit's answer to 3 more weeks. Will run for 3 more weeks.

Hilberly Classic Theatre — "GALLI-LEGG" — Repertory is complete with the addition of this marvelous French play. Lyle O'Brien does a magnificent job. Recommended all of the five plays. Call 815-1511 for tickets and information on which play is to be performed.

Quirk Theatre — "THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE" by G. B. Shaw play with ring and dash instead of words of dialogue. Don't miss this one. Opens on Wednesday for a University of Detroit Theatre — "G.B. SHAW'S 'MSSALLANCE'" — Spring repertory opens on March 5 and 6. Will play for two months.

Madison Theatre — "GIGI" — Wayne State players announce final weekend for the famous Paddy Chayefsky drama. Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. on March 7 is final performance.

Harmonia Club Meets  
The Livonia SPAH (Harmonia Club) will hold its semi-monthly meeting Wednesday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. in the Livonia Police Administration Building on Farmington Road near Five Mile Road. All persons interested are urged to attend.

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## IN LIVONIA

## Arthur Schutt Installed As Senior Citizen Head

New officers for Senior Citizens Club of Livonia have been duly installed. Mayor Meekle did the honors with a group of 11 members as witnesses among them as our guest, John Dufour — Supt. of Parks and Recreation.

The new officers are: President, Arthur Schutt; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Irene Apel; Secretary, Mrs. Freda Thomas; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Wagar. Sincere thanks to retiring officers and committees for a job well done.

Wednesday the club will meet at St. Andrews Church as usual. Members are to bring lunch, after which they will be escorted by Mr. Dufour to Townsend Towers in Dearborn to inspect retirement housing.

The club was saddened by the recent death of one of the active and generous members, William Forsythe.

Be sure to come out, pay your dues and receive your nice new 1965 Membership card.

## Bridge Winners

The following were winners at the weekly meeting of the Duplicate Bridge Club, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Livonia.

North and South — 1st, William O'Brien and Bill Deutschman; 2nd, Val and Wally Temple; 3rd, Clarice Gordon and Don Enderby. East and West: 1st, Ann Thomson and June Day; 2nd, Dot and Bill Helleskin; 3rd, Bill and Ruth Breugh.

All bridge players are welcome to attend the weekly meetings of this club which are held on Thursdays at Whitman Junior High at 7:45 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 2, will be visitors' night and registration for the "Spring Tune-up" course at 775 W. Loos Lake Road near Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Instructor is Emily Kay Murray.

A new area to be covered in the spring session is the proper use of the hands. "So many people don't know what to do with their hands," says Will-O-Way Director Celia Merrill Turner, who helps actors work out hand problems on stage at the apprentice theatre.

Also to be covered is the art of hostessing—hints on table-setting and the proper organization and execution of a good party.

Other sessions will be devoted to clear speech and the art of conversation, diet and weight control, hair-styling, make-up, walking and wardrobe.

The junior high group, from 13 to 15, will have classes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Tuesday. The 16 to 18-year-olds will be coached from 7:15 to 9:15 and the adult classes begin at 8:30 and end at 9:30 p.m.

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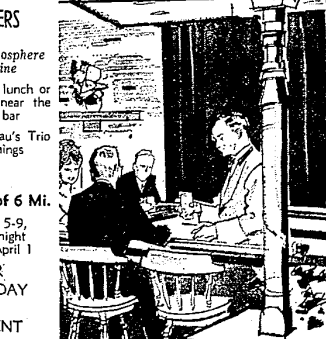
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