

"Once Upon A Mattress" To Open April 30 at FHS

The largest theatrical undertaking of Farmington Senior High is presently under rehearsal with opening night slightly more than a week away.

April 30, and the following night, May 1, will mark the climax of a grueling practice schedule and much "behind-the-scenes" work for the Broadway musical, "Once Upon A Mattress."

William Feucht, the producer, and FHS vocal music instructor, made the comment recently that "it is going according to schedule, maybe a little ahead of schedule." Costumes have been made,

songs and lines are learned, the orchestra is ready, staging and lighting are set, and all that remains now, except for three dress rehearsals, is opening night.

Community reaction to the upcoming production of "Once Upon A Mattress" has been so favorable that the success and performance, May 1, is almost totally sold out. Originally, only the May 1 presentation was scheduled, but because of increasing demands for tickets, arrangements were made for the April 30 performance.

The director for the musical, Lee S. Fred, FHS English and Journalism instructor, describes the play as a "delightful, full of not-so-original, but terribly funny lines."

The cast principals include Sophomore Ruth Clifton, as Queen Aggravaine; Senior Chris McDevitt, as Princess Winifred; the Woebeign; Larry Adcock, a senior, as Prince Dauntless; the Drab; Sophomore Craig Anderson, as King Extremis; the Silent; and Seniors Terry Taggart and Joyce Ray as Sir Harry and Lady Larken. The additional vocal choruses and supporting characters bring the cast number to approximately 30.

The tickets may be purchased from Westly's House of Music, downtown Farmington; or they may be obtained from any cast member, or by calling Farmington High School; and they may be purchased at the door. The performances will be held at the Farmington Senior High auditorium, and will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Dale Carnegie Set to Meet Once a Week

Dale Carnegie Class No. 561, which graduated from the Carnegie course in effective public speaking in Farmington on Jan. 27, 1965, held its first Alumni meeting, recently at the First Farmington Savings & Loan Bank.

Fourteen graduates were present: Donald T. Brann, James Day, David D. Edmonds, William Gladden, Louis Karl (Pres.), Gerald Krane, Lawson Musser, Sylvia W. Nelson, Oris L. O'Daniel, Kenneth L. Penfield, James A. Piesche (V. Pres.), Adolf Schiller, Carlton A. Trestout and Charlene Wisla.

Also present were two of the Graduate Assistants who had been so helpful and inspiring to the members of the class during the course: Judson C. Goltz and William G. Sheek.

The class agreed to meet one Wednesday a month to continue their public speaking exercises. The next meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p.m., at the First Farmington Savings & Loan. Mr. Piesche offered to bring impromptu speech topics to this meeting. A representative of the Dale Carnegie Alumni Association has been invited to present information at the next meeting about the Alumni Association and about how to start a chapter, etc.

Westbrook PTA To Offer Prizes

An eight-millimeter electric movie camera, table model AM-FM radio, and a portable four-speed record player are the main prizes to be won at the Westbrook School picnic supper on Thursday, April 29. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. They include all the pan-cakes you can eat and a chance at the prizes. Tickets are now on sale at the school or may be purchased at the door from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



RUBINOFF AND HIS VIOLIN are coming to Bentley High School at 8:15 p.m. on May 3. Proceeds will go to the American Field Service. The Livonia Rotary is sponsoring the concert. Tickets may be obtained from any Rotarian or at the Hannell Music Store on Middlebelt in Livonia. Dave Rubino is a well-known violinist who plays a \$100,000 Stradivarius.

Paintings Will Be Shown at Marygrove College

Marygrove College students, faculty members and alumni will view, for the first time, one of the few public recognition of the school's arrival in Detroit—the city her husband founded in 1701.

Anyone associated with Marygrove in the past many years immediately became aware of this pioneer woman because of the name of the first residence hall on the campus of the historic College Hall—and a statue of her in its foyer which leads to the campus dining rooms.

Interest in this early settler will be heightened during the week of April 23-30 when an original oil painting titled "Madame Cadillac Arrives at Detroit" will be on view together with 10 other canvases depicting the history of Michigan.

This exhibit will coincide with the Marygrove homecoming weekend scheduled for April 23-25 which time hundreds of alumni, many accompanied by their husbands and children, will return to their college campus.

The 11 paintings which the general public is invited to see will be exhibited in Alumnae Hall in the Madame Cadillac Room, during the afternoon and early evening hours.

Folk Art Exhibited at Museum

A special exhibit of American folk art paintings are being displayed now through April 25 at the Henry Ford Museum.

A group of 37 outstanding pieces are included in this showing. The paintings are being displayed in the Museum and Village collection. These early American paintings are a part of the group that are hung in some of the historic American homes at Greenfield Village or in the decorative art galleries of the Museum.

The collection ranges from an 1800 period portrait of George Washington, used as a sign for Pratt Tavern in Massachusetts, to memorial pictures and religious scenes. The Washington portrait was a gift from Edsel Ford to his father in the 1920's.

The largest painting in the exhibit is a Liberty portrait, done in the period between 1875 and 1900. This picture is painted on an ordinary window shade and is 7 feet in length.

The American folk art paintings are in the special exhibition section of the Henry Ford Museum. This special cultural feature is included in the regular Museum admission charge. The regular hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Clareville Sets Finian's Rainbow Production

"Finian's Rainbow" is slated for production by Clareville High School May 7 and 8 at the Junior High auditorium. Satire and fantasy are the two main elements of the story which revolves around Finian McClellan and his daughter, Sharon, who come from Gloucester, Missouri, USA.

They bring with them a crock of gold, stolen from the leprechaun, and all sorts of complications develop. Some of the hit tunes of the show are: "Hush-A-Thing in the Glocca Morra," "Old Devil Moon," "Look to the Rainbow," and "When I'm Not Near the Girl I Love."

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Farmington Sets 'Rumpelstiltskin' Performance
Two performances of "Rumpelstiltskin" are scheduled for April 24 at the Farmington Junior High School. Curtain time is 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Northville Players production is being sponsored by the Farmington Senior High School Exchange and the Can I Help You Club.

The first performance is geared to the younger set while the second performance is designed for an evening of family entertainment.

Proceeds will be partially used to fund a school which will travel abroad during the summer. Tickets may be purchased from any Exchange or Can I Help You Club member or by calling the Farmington Senior High School.

Brubeck-Ellington Set Dual Concert

A double concert featuring one of America's foremost composer-bandleaders, Duke Ellington, and the world-renowned jazz personality Dave Brubeck, will highlight the University of Detroit Spring Carnival Friday, April 30. The performance will be at 8:30 p.m. in the U. of D. Memorial Building.

Duke Ellington's appearance at the U. of D. marks his second visit to the University campus. In 1951 he joined Ed Sullivan in a Spring Carnival Midway Show and played for the Carnival Ball.

Ellington maintains an impressive list of composer and conductor accomplishments. As "creator" of a new musical idiom, Duke Ellington became the first big bandleader to "invade" Carnegie Hall in 1945. His "Harlem," a longer composition depicting the contemporary American Negro in tone and mood, was commissioned by the NBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini, and was later presented to the then-president Harry S. Truman in a White House ceremony.

Composer Ellington, who maintains that "There's no longer music and no jazz music. There's just music," has also put his name on such successful compositions as "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Mood Indigo," "I'm Beginning to See the Light," and "Sophisticated Lady."

Dave Brubeck, "the symbol of progressive jazz," has gained international attention in recent years for his history-making world travels and the success of the U.S. State Department.

In the State Department Cultural Exchange Program, his work abroad has been acclaimed as "the most successful at carrying the message of jazz to the far corners of the world, bridging language, cultural and racial differences, and creating common ties between people of different cultures."

Ticket information on the Ellington-Brubeck concert can be obtained by calling the U. of D. Memorial Building Box Office at DI 2-1029.

'Tiny Alice' Review Set
The Birmingham Temple will sponsor as its Spring Fund Raising Event, a Book Review by Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine.

It will deal with the book "Tiny Alice" by Edward Albee. The review is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the John Kennedy School in Southfield. Tickets are available either at the door or by calling Ann Ackerman at LI 7-4908.

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REHEARSAL PIANIST Betty Curtiss picks up the bridge for a solo sung by John F. Titus in the musical "Hillzappin'." A cast of 60 Redford Suburban League Theatre Guild members and husbands will also contribute their talents to the April 30, May 1 and 2 performances in the Redford Union High School Auditorium.

Symphony Is Coming To Livonia Schools

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will give a special series of concerts to be presented between May 12 and June 5 at schools in the Detroit metropolitan area under the joint auspices of the Recording Industries (Music Performance) Trust. Funds as recommended by the Detroit Federation of Musicians and The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Inc. This special series was given for the first time last spring. All the programs will be conducted by Valter Porel.

Concerts will be given at Fordson High School in Dearborn on Saturday, May 15; Bentley High School in Livonia on Wednesday, May 19; and at Franklin High School in Livonia on Saturday, June 5.

All these concerts will be at 8:15 p.m. and are free to the public.

The Recording Industries (Music Performance) Trust Funds consist of contributions made by the producers of phonograph records, based on volume sales, and administered by an independent Trustee to pay for engagements of musicians on occasions that are free to the public.

Abe Lincoln Burns Up
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Luncheon Will Honor Civic Leaders

A civic luncheon to mark the first day will be held during the Redford Town Meeting celebration of McLean Week on May 19.

The Chamber of Commerce will host the luncheon at the Kenwood Restaurant and Lounge and members of all civic clubs and community organizations have been invited to attend. Woodward Smith, Vice-President of Central Michigan University, and statewide Chairman of Michigan Week, will speak.

Mrs. Rocchi To Solo April 25

Internationally renowned pianist, Eleanor Rocchi, will give the first solo recital of the Detroit Women's Symphony Orchestra on April 25, at Community Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Nathan Gordon conducts. Mrs. Rocchi, a former Detroit resident, is well known to Detroit audiences for her appearance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Recently returned from Europe, her successful concert tour included Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and England.

"Jack and Beanstalk"

Thanks to the recent sell-out from the play "Jack and the Beanstalk," plus contributions from local PTA's, the Farmington Area PTA Council Scholarship Committee will be able to increase its awards this year to four.

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