

Workshop Produces A 'Fair Lady'



By CLAIRE PROCHAZKA, Staff Writer

"This is a totally different opportunity—a very different thing from what we do during the school year. The enthusiasm the kids is really great!" Roy Ernst, musical director of the Livonia Summer Theatre, displays a good deal of enthusiasm himself. This is the third year he and his colleague, Dave Hirvela, have produced a summer musical in Livonia.

This year the play is "My Fair Lady." It will be staged at Franklin High School's auditorium next Wednesday through Sunday, July 26-30.

Last year the summer theatre produced "South Pacific" and the year before the project was begun with "The Music Man."

The idea began, Ernst and Hirvela explained, as an effort to find some sort of enrichment program for kids who didn't want or need regular remedial summer school.

The summer theatre participants are senior high students from all three Livonia high schools. They work on the production from 8 a.m. until noon every day for about five weeks.

ESTIMATES of the number of kids involved in the project vary considerably. The directors say there are about 60 in the cast and orchestra combined, while news releases of the enthusiastic student public relations committee claim 100 cast members and another 50 in the orchestra.

There is general agreement that about 50 students are working on behind-the-scenes committees.

Hirvela, who directs the cast and coordinates committee work, explained some of the advantages of the summer season for a theatre production: "During school, the kids are shot at the end of school day—I know I am, too. This way they're fresh."

"Also, in the summer we don't have to compete with homework and the other clubs and activities. That works the

THE RAIN IN SPAIN... — Rehearsing the vocal lesson from "My Fair Lady" are Georgina Buttigieg (as Eliza Doolittle), Jim Joy (left, as Prof. Henry Higgins) and Tom Nededeau (as Col. Pickering).



CATHEEN DENNIS



EDITH KEFFLER



JACQUELINE HELFFERICH

Mr. and Mrs. Colburn V. Dennis, Jr., of Manford Road, Plymouth, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cathleen, to James H. Derhammer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Derhammer, of Detroit. The bride-elect is a 1963 graduate of Plymouth High School and attended the University of Michigan. She is now employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Her fiancé is employed at Suttons Garden Center, Plymouth. A November wedding is planned.

The engagement of Edith L. Keffler to Terrill J. Haws, son of Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Haws, formerly of Ridgewood Drive, Plymouth, has been announced by the parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Keffler of Arbutus Lake. Both Miss Keffler and her fiancé are graduates of Northwestern Michigan College. A September wedding is planned. Dr. and Mrs. Haws are now living in Traverse City.

The engagement of Jacqueline Carol Helfferich, daughter of Mrs. J. Clive Helfferich, Jr., of Farmington, and the late Mr. Helfferich, has been announced by her mother. Her fiancé is Richard A. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maryann A. Cole, of Clinton, Ia. The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Her fiancé graduated from General Motors Institute in Flint, where he was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

The Daylily: Domestic Bloom That Went Wild

By BETTY FRANKEL, Special Writer

Long ribbons of tawny orange daylilies line the roadside and flaunt their brilliant blossoms at the base of old trees.

They are one of our commonest and best known wild flowers, but they are not natives of this country. Their home is in Asia and southern Europe. They have been cultivated for hundreds of years and were first brought to this country by the early settlers.

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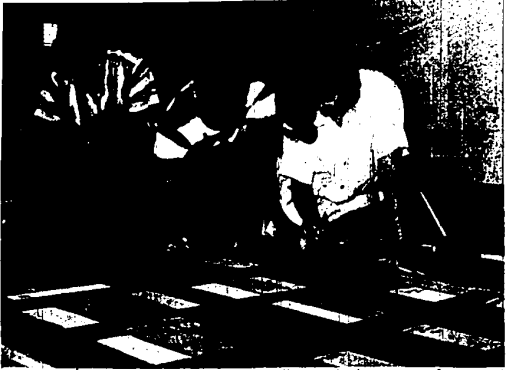
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JOB'S FOR ALL—The audience will see only the stage performers in Livonia public schools' performance of "My Fair Lady," next week, but dozens of other students worked on stage props, promotion and a dozen other production problems.

Fair Lane's Last Concert Set Sunday

DEARBORN—Two great anniversaries will be celebrated together Sunday as the Fair Lane Festival ends its first season on the University of Michigan's Dearborn Campus on an all-Canadian note.

The Stratford Festival Orchestra of Canada will make its first appearance outside of Stratford in afternoon and evening concerts on the grounds of the historic Henry Ford estate.

To go with the all-Canadian spirit of the day at Fair Lane, the Willstead Gallery of Windsor will present a large exhibition of traditional and modern paintings by Canadian artists.

Concerts will begin at 4 and 8:30 p.m. on the meadow of the Ford estate, with gates opening two hours before concert time so that concertgoers can tour the mansion and the Fair Lane grounds and gardens.

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