Staging 'Anastasia' Is Test Of F'ton Players' Ingenuity

When the curtain goes.up on the Farmington Player's production of 'Annatasia' Feb. 2, few in the audience will be aware of how much Yanke lingenuity was required to bring this story of a Russian princess to life.

"Anastasia" is a costume play set in 1926 demanding an unusual set, To create it the Players improvised with skill and imagination. The project for 'Anastasia' required creation of an aura of magnificent grandour on a stage measuring 20 by 15 feet. The new production is set, aided by Dixon, Joanne Kaman and George Notion, Joanne Kaman and Joanne Albert Allest and Joanne Albert Allest and Joanne Albert Allest and Joanne A

was the building of four door-ways in a scaled-down manaton without making the room look as it it were all doors. The four worked until 3 a.m. one morning building acticular staircase with six steps spir-aling downward looking spac-lous and grand in a very lim-ited space.

PEARL BRIGGS and Peggy
State had be problem of making the set look bare and dreary
as required by the first act
and transforming it into an
impressive Russian imperial
court by the third act.
Problems of staging were
compounded by the fact that
the Player's stage in the burn
of -dage space, Prodessional theaters are elaborate and
expensive systems of rigging
over the stage on which to "fly"
furniture and scenery overhead.
To make their set changes
possible, the Players are going to "fly" some of the set
furnishings on homemade, inexpensive and entirely unorthodox rigging flogs to dress
the throne used in the third
act, He created two, tall, impressive candle-lorches, out of
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velvet draparies, purchased years ago at a Cranbrook rummer sale by some far-sighted Player, will be used to upholster the threns and a coucholster of Annatasian required in the country of the country of

TICKETS are still available for performances of "Annatasia," which will be given Feb. 2, 3, 9, 11 and 17, A special half price rate is available to high school students for opening night, Feb. 2, Reservations for all tickets can be made with ticket chairman, Noral McNeely, 474-2749, Tickets are also available at Weisby's House of Magic.

Big Budget

The American Petroleum in-

The institute's annual budget for this purpose has been ap-proximately \$2 million for the past two years. The 1968 total may reach \$3 million.

The exact amount depends on final plans now being made for a new program of air pollution research in which the oil and automotive industries and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare will mathematically and the control of the cont



STARS IN 'ANASTASIA' -- Dennis Broadhead, who in real life is an advertising agency layout man, has the role of the artist, Petrovin, in the Farmington Players' current production of "Anastasia." The drama opened its run of three weekends Feb. 2 in the Players Barn on 12 Mile Rd. west of Orchard Lake Rd.

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This way, he said, cranks and other persons who need help with their problems won't 'get the runaround' which he says isn't intentional but comes from secretaries' lack of professional training.



Women To Prod Judges

A vomen's court watch, in which female teams will maintain critical court-room vigils to observe the conduct of podges and other public officials in criminal trials, will be started in Metro Detroit by State Sen. N. Lorrains Beebe, R.—Dearborn Heights, a member of the State Senate Crime Investigating Committee.

The idea is one originated by Indianapolis newswoman Margaret Moore and is designed to prod prosecution and sentepcing of lawbreakers, in a crackdown on the mounting problem of crime in the street.

Various courts and some judges are under attack, as well as prosecutors, by a growing segment of the public concerned over lackadatiscia handling and soft sentences of criminals, "Never underestimate the power of us women," the lady senator says.

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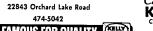


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