

Former Palace Guard Lends His Accent To Players

An old time Russian Imperial Palace Guard helped lend his talent to the recent Farmington Players production of "Anastasia."

He's Basil Maschenko, a Livonia resident, who served as a guard in the Tsar's Imperial Palace in Leningrad and fought with the White Army during the civil war following the overthrow of Russian Provisional Government in 1917.

In case your history is rusty—the Russian Tsar was ousted from power and a Provisional Government under a "moderate" wing of the Communists was established. However, within months the Bolsheviks under the leadership of Lenin overthrew the Provisional Government. A civil war followed between the Whites and Red (Bolshevik) armies.

HOW DID the transplanted Russian become involved in the community theater production? Actually it's simple — his cousin Janna Kaman is assistant director of the production.

"Anastasia" tells the story of a girl and her effort to establish her identity as the surviving Russian princess Anastasia and thus claim the Royal family's funds.

Bazil, a native of a small village near Moscow was attending Shavarsky University when the First World War broke out. He switched to officer's training at a Moscow military school and as a cadet drew guard duty at the Imperial Palace.

Following graduation, Bazil had combat training in Siberia and was then sent to the western

front near Lutsik. In July, 1917, he was wounded, but returned to his regiment after recuperating in a nearby hospital.

It was at this time that word was received of the assassination of the Tsar, Tzarina and the royal children.

BAZIL RECALLS that the next few months were chaotic and confused. The armies weren't sure whether they should be fighting the Germans or their fellow Russians.

When the Red Army pushed the White Army over the borders into Poland, Bazil crossed Poland and went to Germany.

In Germany he and a friend opened a beer garden, but soon Bazil decided to emigrate to America on the advice of a young American friend.

When he arrived in America Bazil was detained at Ellis Island for several months, and calls the day of his release from the island as "one of the happiest days" of his life.

In New York he met the president of Detroit's International Institute and came to Detroit in Feb., 1923.

WHILE WORKING as a stenter at the Detroit Range Bottle and Steel Bottle Company, Bazil met the president of the Checker Cab Co. who offered him a position as an area manager.

He has been employed with that firm since.

Bazil and his wife, Fern, moved to Livonia in 1948, while that city was still a rural township. At the moment their home is still decorated for Christmas as a Christmas celebration is planned for a nephew who is returning from Vietnam.

Meadow Brook Selects Janice Young's Design

Janice Young, 17 year old senior at North Farmington High School, has been named a runner-up in an unusual theater-cover design contest sponsored by the Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Young, 3011 Old Bedford Lane, Farmington, Miss. Young, 17, has taken first place with her cover design but she elected to do it in three colors. The contest limited use of color to two colors.

Contestants in the initial phase of the cover-design contest for high school students did their covers for the Meadow Brook production of "King Lear," which will run from Feb. 23 through March 24.

IN MAKING THEIR original designs they had to incorporate some specific emotion brought forth in Shakespeare's play.

Miss Young's design was a black and light blue drawing of King Lear, running through a field with the wind blowing his garments, covered all over with a superimposed of drops of red blood.

The young artist did not enter the competition as part of a class project as many of the other contestants did.

She is vice president of the NPH Art Club, treasurer of the Theatre Club, belongs to the French Club, Choralists and the school Drama Club.

Among her school honors is the Oscar that was given her for her portrayal of Mary Warren in the school production of "The Crucible."

Coming up for the senior student is college in the fall, possibly at the University of Michigan and before that the Scholastic Art Exhibit which she plans to enter.

First, though, she will have the pleasure of seeing her cover design on display during Meadow Brook's run of "King

Five Take Offices At Lawrence

Five Farmington residents have been elected to offices in various student organizations at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

They are: Louis Vassiliakos, of 23886 Battlefield, serves as vice president of the Freshman Class. He is studying Mechanical Engineering and graduated from Farmington High School.

Terril O. Tompkins, of 24568 Lincoln Ct., serves as president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is a junior in the school of Architecture.

Steven Shotwell, of 26249 Middle Bell, serves as president of the Freshman Class. He is studying Electrical Engineering and graduated from Farmington High School.

Larry J. Wilson, of 32248 Middle Bell Road, serves as vice president of the Senior Class. He is a senior in Industrial Management and graduated from Farmington High School.

Rich Mark, of 32560 Hearstone Road, serves as president of the Ham Club. He is a sophomore in Electrical Engineering and graduated from N. Farmington High School.



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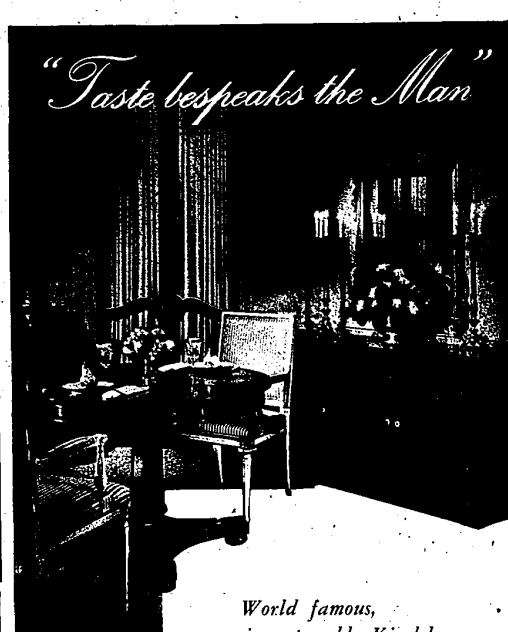
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