



Characters in "Ah, Wilderness" are Raye Bush (seated) and standing (from left) Allison Craig, Don Craig and Stu Orman

Farmington Players will stage comedy

The Farmington Players spring production of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness" is set to open April 26.

"Ah, Wilderness" is the only comedy in O'Neill's major works. The play centers around a middle class family in the early 1900s where O'Neill combines warmth, nostalgia and a touch of irony in portraying its problems, as well as a strong love for one another.

It will be directed by Hope Nahstoll, who has been an actress, as well as director, in the players' staging of "Blithe Spirit," "The Chalk Garden," "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and "A Shot in the Dark."

Mrs. Nahstoll and her husband, George, are the only charter members still active in the Farmington

Players. She has also handled the costume rentals for the group for several years.

"Ah, Wilderness" will open April 26 and run April 27, May 3-4-5, 10 and 11.

Due to the demand for tickets May 9 has been added to the spring schedule as an extra performance night and limited tickets for that performance are still available.

Reservations can be made by telephoning Dolores Shevling, 477-8746, or writing her at 24175 Lucust Drive, Farmington. Curtain time for each performance is 8:30 p.m.

All of the players' productions are given at the Players Barn on Twelve Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Allen, of Milan, New Mexico, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mila Louise, to John E. Kempf, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Kempf, of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect and her fiancé are students at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

They plan to be married May 25 in the First Presbyterian Church, in Grants, New Mexico.

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The Southeastern Michigan Prophecy Conference, sponsored by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, will be held from Sunday, April 28, through Friday, May 3, in six area churches.

Participating are Ward United Presbyterian Church of Livonia, Calvary Baptist of Plymouth, First Baptist of Farmington, Highland Park Baptist of Southfield, First Baptist of Wayne and First Baptist of Pontiac.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Bruce Dunn, a radio preacher from Peoria, Ill. Dr. John Valvoord,

president of Dallas Theological Seminary, and Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind.

Several topics will be discussed, including the second coming of Jesus Christ, causes for the Arab-Israeli conflict and God's answer to it, Russia in prophecy and the battle of Armageddon.

The public is invited to attend services in any of the churches participating. Evening sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Those interested are invited to call the churches involved for specific information.

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When I had a weekend in New York coming up, there was naturally some discussion about was the big city as hard to live in as you hear on all hands these days.

So I put the question to my weekend hostess, a former co-worker who made the move a few years back.

It's gone through her mind, she admitted during the fun weekend. There is the high cost of living there and the constant hassle to find a place to put a car and some consideration of safety and the fact she was a bit embarrassed to remind me to hold onto my purse firmly on the subway.

"But you make it a game," she said, maneuvering her car through a narrow street filled with more cars. We were on the way to grocery shopping in a hodge-podge of shops I had to agree were infinitely more interesting than my supermarket habitat.

"There's no point in taking it all seriously," she added. "It would get you if you did."

I could see a bit of what she meant later during a pretty wild cab ride. We were barreling out Ninth Avenue after the opera in the keeping of a most competent driver. He was zooming along at an MPH that made me decide not to look at the speedometer, and I was fascinated by the expense of nothing but green lights up ahead.

They were all green, and I found myself wondering seriously if they were traffic lights or some other kind of illumination.

Then suddenly a car cut in front of our driver and he slammed on the brakes and at the next corner the light turned red. After that they were all red. He turned philosopher. "It was great for a while there," he said. "Sometimes I can get all the way out before I get caught."

My friend obviously feels that the New York game is worth the effort. She knows the rules and keeps playing. I certainly found it a fun game for a couple of days.

Where else could you go to a landmark like the Statue of Liberty and climb it just at closing time and then read the next day that a protest group had managed to stow away inside for the night. We wondered if we had seen the folks.

Or pick up some really great orchestra seats for a musical on the spur of a Saturday afternoon moment and then the next day — after flying home — hear it proclaimed as top musical of the year. I was glad the critics enjoyed it as much as I did.

Live there or visit, there's nothing like the sidewalks of New York.

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