

Players keep in touch during summer lay-off



Gary Strong (at left) and Bob Moroch are the Farmington Players' Odd Couple. Moroch adapted Act III of the Neil Simon comedy for staging outside during the players' summer workshop and picnic that is expected to become an annual event.

Farmington Players programmed themselves a summer workshop to brush-up on their theatrical skills and keep in touch while waiting for the finalization of the fall line-up.

Three one-act plays were produced for the private audience of the players' 100-family membership, inside the barn and on the grounds of the theater on Twelve Mile.

"It was an experiment," said Sharon Douglas, speaking for the group. "We combined the production with a picnic. Very informal, but such a success we've called it our first annual summer workshop and picnic."

Act One of Anton Chekov's "The Seagull" and Act Three of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" were staged on the lawn; then members moved inside for Act Two of Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam."

THE SCENE from "The Seagull" was directed by Ron Turek of West Bloomfield, and starred John Knock and Judie Tibbitts, both of Farmington Hills.

Ms. Tibbitts also starred in a play-

within-a-play, performing on a platform stage built by set designer Don Briggs.

The players' first performance of a Chekov work also featured Ellie and Walter Jorgensen, Tom Dougall, Bonnie Roy, Maggie Einhaus, Gordon Stadler, Jim Benson, Turek and Ms. Douglas.

Bob Moroch adapted the act from "The Odd Couple" to stage it outdoors as a camping trip.

He directed the scene and starred in it along with Gary Strong, who made his first entrance through the parking lot in his 1958 Mercury. He and Moroch, both of Farmington Hills, took their curtain call in the classic car.

The shadowy dream sequences of "Play It Again, Sam" prompted director Ralph Rossatti to stage the third workshop scene indoors on the players' stage.

Turek and Wendy Reed starred in the scene, which also featured Benson, Sharon Kolbasa, Ms. Roy, and director

Rossatti as Humphrey Bogart. Committee persons have already picked the shows for the 1978-79 line-up. The schedule, along with special-priced season tickets, will be announced before the end of the month.

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MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTION

Saturday, Aug. 19: Model railroads convention with dealers tables for buying, selling, trading, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Sans Souci Hall, Nine Mile near Middlebelt. Admission of \$1.25 asked at the door.

CHILDREN'S SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 19: Registration for children's fall soccer program, sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. Open to all youth from kindergarten through fifth grade who live or attend school in the Farmington area. Registration fee is \$7 per child.

FANTASTICON

Sunday, Aug. 20: Fantasticon, for comic book buffs, with dealers tables for buying, selling, trading, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sans Souci Hall, Nine Mile, near Middlebelt. Admission of \$1 asked at the door.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Aug. 20: Oak Hill Nursing Home holds open house for area persons of all ages to visit with the residents from 2:30 p.m. in the home on Grand River and Gill.

HAM DINNER

Sunday, Aug. 20: Ham dinner, sponsored by Farmington DeMolay, in Farmington Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults or \$1.75 for children at the door.

GARDENERS CLINIC

Monday, Aug. 21: Vegetable Gardeners Clinic, sponsored by Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, at 6:30 p.m. in Southfield Senior Citizen Garden area, in Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen and Ten and One Half Mile. Guests are invited to bring sick plants, learn bug identification, and have questions answered related to vegetable growing problems. No charge.

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