

L-R Guild Musical:

'Roar' Conveys The Message

ROAR OF THE GRASSPANT—SMELL OF THE COCKED by Anthony Hewley and Leslie Bricusse. Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild production directed by Leonard Fawcett, musical director Jack Fitzer, choreographer Sherry Boudreau. Performance Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at Livonia's Bentley High School. Curtain 8:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., on Sunday. For tickets contact Mary O'Neil at OA-11972.

by SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Ten orchids assure one and all that there is "a beautiful land" in the opening scene of the musical "Roar of the Graspant—Smell of the Cocked" by Anthony Hewley and Leslie Bricusse.

The problem the orchids caution, is finding this land. The orchids serve as the chorus in "Roar". In the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild production of the musical-comedy-satire, there is no doubt that this beautiful land exists and how one can find it. That's good because if the message didn't come through in any production of this work, the evening would be nothing but a collection of gibberish.

Cocky, the "establishment drop-out" character, finally discovers that the establishment is no more correct or settled than he is. A new element enters the picture, however, when a Negro happens upon the scene and plays the game.

Both Olnakowski and David McIntosh (Cocky) have pleasant, if not strong, singing voices, but Laurie Young (Oln) really belt out the lyrics and, at times, reminds one of a young Ethel Merman.

O'Neil Says Senate Race Still Under Consideration

Livonia James F. O'Neil held a press conference Tuesday morning to announce that he was still considering making a bid for the United States Senate seat currently held by Democrat Philip Hart.

Air Pollution Battle Aid From Grant

Wayne County has received a \$1 million federal grant to fight air pollution, according to an announcement from 19th District Congressman Jack McDermid.

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"ROAR" is a demanding play for the audience. It not only requires a "reaction suspension of reality," but the setting, dialogue and lyrics punch holes in many of society's sacred cows.

THE TRANSFER of the basic elements of the situation to contemporary society is easy. This is not a light, happy musical. It's Army and the songs are great, but the play isn't froth.

A NEWCOMER to the Guild stage, Ron Olnakowski, dominates the production as Sir. This domination is due partially to the character of Sir, but mostly to Olnakowski's performance.

'Ceremony Of Carols' To Open Sunday Concert

Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" is the featured number on the Dec. 7 Christmas Concert sponsored by the Suburban Chorale.

Playing the harp for the Britten work will be Ellen Baumgartner, a student at Michigan State University who is currently practice teaching at Clarenceville High School.

The spirit is medieval with the language of the carols being Old English. "Ceremony" had one of its first performances in the Detroit metropolitan area last year when the Detroit Madrigal Club staged the number.

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ON THE HARP - Ellen Baumgartner, a student at Michigan State University, is soloist for the Dec. 7 Suburban Chorale Christmas Concert. (Observer photo)

Club Sets Stamp Auction. The West Suburban Stamp Club will sponsor a stamp auction for members at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth Community Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth. Formed two months ago, the club currently has a total of 40 members from western Wayne, southwestern Oakland and Washburn counties. The club has announced plans for a 150 frame stamp show and auction on May 16 and 17 in Plymouth High School. The purchase will be limited to 20 centers.

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