

# Theater guild does a mystery



Kim Daniel Cooke (left) is Giles, Kim Dresbach is Mollie and Bill Krebs is Christopher Wren in the First Theater Guild production of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

The First Theater Guild of Birmingham will present Agatha Christie's mystery play, "The Mousetrap," for five performances opening at 8 p.m. April 8 at Knox Auditorium, First Presbyterian Church, 1609 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Other performances are at 8 p.m. April 9, 15-16. A senior citizens matinee will be held at 2 p.m. April 9. Tickets at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and children are available at the door. For further information, call 642-8374.

"The Mousetrap" originally opened in London in the fall of 1952 and starred Richard Attenborough, the man behind the current movie presentation of "Gandhi." It is considered the longest-running play in London.

PRODUCED BY JUDY Trippett of Birmingham, the play is directed by Bill Haycock of Troy. The story takes place in an old English mansion, which is being converted into a country inn by a young Giles and his wife, Mollie. As a winter storm howls outside, intrigue and murder stalk the residents inside.

Starring in the play are Mollie and Giles are Kim Dresbach and Kim Daniel Cooke, both of Bloomfield Hills. Randy Burnett portrays Mrs. Boyle, with Bill Krebs as Christopher Wren, Kirk Litz as Paravelli and Dick Trippett as Major Metcalf. All are from Birmingham.

Valerie Imus of Southfield plays Miss Caswell, and Mark Walters of Troy is Sgt. Trotter.

## Gasoline prices up Easter weekend

Motorists will find all Detroit-area gasoline prices increased this Easter holiday week, while costs along main state travel routes dropped or remained stable, reported the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The Auto Club's weekly "fuel gauge" survey of 300 stations along main state travel routes shows full-serve no-load fell 0.4 cent to an average \$1.328 per gallon, 1 cent less than last Easter. It ranges between \$1.109 and \$1.699.

Full-serve regular averages \$1.263 per gallon, down 0.5 cent from last week and 1.6 cents less than last Easter. It costs from \$1.049 to \$1.849.

A check of self-serve gas pumps shows no-load and regular prices unchanged from last week, with no-load averaging \$1.153 per gallon. It is priced 16.5 cents below full-serve and is 6.4 cents less than last Easter. Costs vary from \$1.069 to \$1.338.

REGULAR AVERAGES \$1.097 per gallon, 16.6 cents less than full-serve and 6.2 cents below last Easter. It ranges from 99.9 cents to \$1.258.

The Auto Club's survey of 100 metropolitan Detroit stations shows full-serve no-load increased 0.5 cent to an average \$1.359 per gallon. It is 0.5 cent less than last Easter and prices vary from \$1.078 to \$1.729.

Full-serve regular averages \$1.299

per gallon, up 0.5 cent and 0.1 cent below one year ago. Prices run from \$1.016 to \$1.689.

Self-serve no-load rose 0.4 cent to an average \$1.123 per gallon, 23.6 cents less than the region's full-serve price and 5 cents below last Easter. Costs range from \$1.019 to \$1.169.

Regular averages \$1.057 per gallon, up 0.5 cent, with prices running from 99.9 cents to \$1.099. It is 24.2 cents below full-serve and 4.1 cents less than last Easter.

DIESEL FUEL SOLD in Michigan averages \$1.245, down 1.1 cents from last week and 4.4 cents less than last Easter. The price range is from \$1.019 to \$1.52.

The Auto Club's survey along main highways shows the following breakdown of station hours over the Easter weekend:

Good Friday (April 1) — All stations checked open daylight hours, 51 percent after 9 p.m. and 13 percent past midnight.

Saturday (April 2) — 99 percent open daylight hours, 51 percent after 9 p.m. and 13 percent past midnight.

Sunday (April 3) — 67 percent open daylight hours, 34 percent after 9 p.m. and 14 percent past midnight.

## Esser, Bredius together open in 'Hotel Brel'

"Hotel Brel," a musical revue created by Phil Marcus Esser, will open April 8 at the Book Cadillac Hotel in downtown Detroit.

The show starring Esser and Barbara Bredius will feature a selection of Jacques Brel songs never before heard by American audiences, translated from French to English by Esser.

There will be two shows each Friday-Saturday evening. A dinner show will include dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8:30. Tickets are \$18.50 per person, plus tax and tip. A cabaret show will have seating at 10 p.m. and show at 10:30. Tickets are \$5. For reservations,

call 961-1403.

Esser first started singing Brel at almost 10 years ago, with his long-running production of "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." Since then, he has written and produced more than 10 other musicals, returning to the Brel show in 1978.

"Hotel Brel" is a new show, but the voices of Bredius and Esser may make it seem like old times, as they take audiences through an emotional experience, just as they did in 1973. That year more than 30,000 people came to see their shows in a basement room at Mercy College in Detroit.

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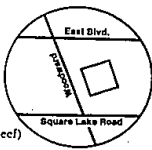
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