

On Farmington Stage:

Pearl Briggs Creates Clutter-On Purpose

Can you duplicate the clutter of the combined office-apartment of two erratic bachelors? That's the job of Pearl Briggs for the upcoming Farmington Players production of "Star Spangled Girl."

Briggs for the upcoming Farmington Players production of "Star Spangled Girl." The play's setting is a back-

elior apartment in San Francisco which serves both as an office for an underground magazine and the lodging for the magazine's two-man staff.

When the All-American girl moves into the apartment next door, the problems of the young journalists are compounded. Carol Long, Dennis Broadhead and Pete Turgeon have been cast as the unlikely triangle.

FOR EVERY ACTOR, however, there are twice as many persons behind the scenes providing backup and technical services.

That's how Mrs. Briggs comes into the picture. As the person in charge of gathering the props, Mrs.

Briggs keeps tabs on 200 to 300 different items that are either on the stage or carried on by the actors.

These range from a typewriter to a paint can, a telescope to a life-size picture of Albert Einstein, a bag of gourmet food, a pan of fried fritters and a marijuana plant.

All of the props will be authentic with the exception of the marijuana plant. Mrs. Briggs says that an ordinary plant will be substituted.

WHERE DO YOU find all the props?

Mrs. Briggs starts with the filled trunks in the Players Barn and then goes to "the junk here at home."

From these two sources, Mrs. Briggs says that she usually finds two-thirds of what is required for any show. The rest is made, purchased or borrowed.

Big need for "Star Spangled Girl" is a telescope. "I can make one with a tube and black paint," she explains, "but the boys (Broadhead and Turgeon) want a real one. People just don't lend telescopes," she concluded.

Simon's comedy, "Star Spangled Girl," opens for an eight-performance run in the Players Barn on May 8. Noral McNeely is taking ticket reservations at 476-2749.

Slate Auditions

The Farmington-based Suburban Concert Ballet will hold auditions for its performing company at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9. You must be at least 13 years old to audition.

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