

'Janus' Joyous Drama

By BOB McCLELLAN
It's a shame that more Oberlin residents weren't on hand to view "Janus," a three-act romantic comedy by Carolyn Greer.

This light, joyous drama was presented three nights over the weekend in Westland's John Glenn High School auditorium by the Wayne Civic Players.

The play was directed by Bob Wagner, a veteran with the Players and former Westland city councilman.

He confided the total turnout for the three nights was about 210 in a theater that will hold a minimum of 250 patrons nightly.

PLOT IS THAT conventional love triangle with several impish twists. But the ending could have been inspired only by the soul of a playwright.

Jessica (Mildred Roy) and Denny (Bob Gregory) have, not known by their spouses, spent several summers in New York City collaborating on the writing of gaudy novels which have hit the best-seller lists and have earned the literary team a bundle of money.

The plot thickens when Gil (Carl Schuman) learns of his wife's, Jessica's, summertime peccadilloes and when Mr. Harper (Floyd Guernsey), an Internal Revenue Service agent, questions the writing duo's joint tax return.

The cast is rounded out by Miss Addy (Ginnie Tadlock), literary agent for the dallying scribes, who serves as the main character for the pure farce in the play.

Although Wagner's vehicle drags in the first act, pace is excellent the rest of the way and the curtain comes down on a hilarious, surprising and satisfying conclusion.

Gil leaves for South America.

agreeing to share Jessica with Denny for the summers. But while the reunited novelists are still basking in the bliss at this fortuitous turn of events, a knock comes on the door of their cozy little nook indicating that Denny's spouse is on the scene.

There the play ends.

ALL THE characters are believable, but Mr. Harper has to be the most refreshing.

All of us have known him: Outwardly a pillar of the state but underneath a lovable con man.

Guernsey is a Players' veteran and president of the group who brings all the necessary evangelistic zeal to his role as an IRS man who is outdubbed to protect the nation against income tax cheaters.

At the same time, he conveys warmth and that touch of human frailty in everyone when Jessica and Miss Addy catch him red-handed cutting a few adulterous capers of his own.

Gregory and Schuman provide perfection in their roles, and it's easy to see why Jessica wants to share her bed with both of them.

Denny earns \$8,900 a year as a prep school French teacher. Gregory makes him come across as a being with the gentle, sensitive soul of a poet.

Gil is a ship builder whose income runs into six figures. Schuman portrays him — and right well — as a bistory Babbit, lovable only because of his strong attachment for his wife.

MRS. ROY, a founding member of the Players, manages to handle her most difficult part quite well.

On all occasions she is credible as the romantic lover, the penitent wife and the determined woman who is out to keep her man-in-this case, men.

In a normal setting, Miss Addy represents the kind of liberated woman most red-blooded American men shun like nightshade.

But Mrs. Tadlock, using a forceful delivery and a mischievous smile, wins everyone over to her side even if they don't quite believe everything she has to say.

Summing up, Fine fare for those who went.

King Henry VI founded Eton College in 1400 and established a still-existing scholarship program. Each year 70 "King's Scholars" are chosen on the basis of tough academic competition. For other students the cost of board, room and tuition is \$1,641 a year.

from the industry

Films listed in this guide are showing at area theaters. Check the theater listings for the specific theater and time of showing.

AIRPORT—Star-studded cast in problems of running a Midwestern airport, includes blizzard and suicidal bomber. (A-3).

THE BABY-MAKER—A first-run movie, it stars Barbara Hershey and Scott Glenn in an unusual treatment of a melodramatic plot. (R, B).

C. C. AND COMPANY—Joe Namath stars along with Ann-Margret and a nude love scene. (R, none).

THE DOWNHILL RACER—A timely look at skiing and stars Robert Redford stars as the American who challenges European racers. (GP, A-3).

JOB—Another generation gap film in which the class gap is also crossed. It has murder and mystery too. (R, A-4).

LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS—Gig Young stars in a fun look at wedding plans, the younger generation and the older set. (R, A-4).

A MAN CALLED HORSE—An English nobleman (Richard Harris) meets the Sioux and proves he can take it. (GP, A-4).

MARLOWE—Humphrey Bogart made a tougher Marlowe, but it should still please hard-boiled detective fans. (GP, B).

MOVE—Elliott Gould and Paula Prentiss star in this first-run movie with a moral. A St. Bernard also stars. (G, A-2).

ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER—Barbra Streisand plays a girl with ESP in this musical extravaganza. (G, A-2).

PATTON—Tells the story of Gen. George S. Patton's career in North Africa. George C. Scott is great as Patton. (GP, A-3).

QUACKER FORTUNE—Has a cousin in the BRONX—Gene Wilder's is a hit again as a Dublin resident who believes in free enterprise. (R, A-3).

SPACE ODYSSEY—A trip through the reaches of outer space in wide screen and stereo. (G, none).

Special advertising rates for general advertising. GP—Approved for general audiences. All Ages Admitted. R—Restricted. Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate for Children Under 16. A—All Ages Admitted. A-3—Approved for ages 13 and over. A-2—Approved for ages 10 and over. A-1—Approved for ages 7 and over. G—General Audiences. All Ages Admitted. B—Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate for Children Under 13. None—No Rating. For more information on film ratings, see the back of this issue.

Witching Hour Set

The witching hour at the Detroit Youth Theatre occurs when soccerer Ken Musel comes to the Art Institute with his Halloween Magic Show, Saturday, Oct. 31.

Singletons Will Meet Nov. 13

The Dearborn-Livonia Singletons will hold their next dinner social Friday evening, Nov. 13, at Angel's, 18900 W. McNichols, Detroit. The evening will start with a social hour at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30.

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