

Amusements

Singles Dance Will Be Feb. 5

The Dearborn-Livonia Singlets will hold their winter membership dance Friday evening, Feb. 5, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The dance will be at the Continental Room of the Lincoln Inn, Southfield and Dix Roads, Lincoln Park. The Johnny Carr Combo will be featured. Admission is \$4 at the door. No reservations are necessary.

'Haunting' Should Be Great, Claims Director

By BETTY MASSON

If "The Haunting of Hill House" isn't a great show, it's all Jacques Guernsey's fault, according to Jacques Guernsey. This is what she said as she relaxed after school in her Wayne home by listening to eerie music. It's not her usual choice of music, but she's helping in the search for suitable background music for the play. "The Haunting of Hill House" is the next on the agenda of the Wayne Civic Players and will be presented in John Glenn High

School Feb. 5, 6 and 7. With Mrs. Guernsey as the director.

Mrs. Guernsey claims the play has to be good because she has "a great cast," and because she has some "goodies" lined up.

SHE HAS directed many plays in her nine years with the Civic Players. Her most recent is the children's play, "The Land of the Dragon," which was staged in December.

It's a job she enjoys. "I function well as a director, when I listen to everyone," she says. She finds that she gets creative ideas through listening to others, but with her wide background in theater she started in theater through playing ingenue parts as a high school girl in Fenton. She knows what will "work" and what won't. "Directing is a fascinating field," she claims. "In reading a play, you can visualize how it will look and sound, and then six weeks later, there on stage is the result of your imagination. It is a very, very rewarding business."

The "goodies" for "The Haunting," a real supernatural thriller, include the eerie background music, which



JACQUE GUERNSEY
'Haunting' director

through the use of several tape recorders will come from several parts of the auditorium, a collapsible staircase and an evil pounding which will come closer and closer and make doors

"If it's done right, it should be a very scary show," she says with glee.

THERE'S AN added bonus for Mrs. Guernsey in the present play. "It's nice to be a high school drama teacher, but it's also nice to work with adults."

Mrs. Guernsey went back to school after having four kids, and now teaches drama at Lincoln Consolidated High School in Ypsilanti. She also teaches one evening a week for Wayne County Community College at John Glenn.

When she isn't directing a show, she goes to choir practice with her husband, Floyd, and second son, Gordon, primarily to spend an extra hour with them. She doesn't claim singing as one of her talents.

Mrs. Guernsey has both her BA and MA in speech and

drama from Eastern Michigan University. She earned her MA in 1968 after receiving a teaching fellowship in speech.

She supports the community theater because she is a woman who is looking ahead.

"In this day and age when we have so much free time and labor-saving devices, use of this spare time has to be directed into constructive areas," she says. "There is a basic human need to create and it's a question of whether young people are going to live vicariously in front of the television set or get into community theater, a very congenial and representative group."

Jazz Quartet Is Featured

The Dearborn Orchestra Society will present its third subscription concert of the season Friday, Jan. 29, at 8:30 p.m. in Edsel Ford High School Auditorium, Rotunda Drive, Dearborn.

The Jack Brokensha Concert Jazz Quartet (vibraphone, piano, bass and drums) will be featured with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Nathan Gordon.

Concert tickets are available by calling the society at LO 1-2524 or 563-0104, or at the door.

Gives Recital

Beverly Sills, internationally famous operatic coloratura soprano, will give a recital in Hill Auditorium, the University of Michigan campus, Saturday, Jan. 30, at 8:30 p.m.

HER HUSBAND is her main convert to the theater, as well as a tremendous help at home. "Ever since we were first married every bit of housework has been on a 90-90 basis. That's why I can do all I do."

Outside work has been shared too. She helped him when he entered college after serving in the USAF, by working as a substitute teacher—and going to school. Now he plays comedy roles for the Players and is also their president.

Of their children, the old-

est, Neel, is primarily interested in airplanes and is now a student in aeronautical engineering at the University of Michigan. The others, Gordon, Nicole and Glen, are interested in sports, ballet and acrobatics respectively, but they help backstage and have had walk-on parts.

They'll be listening to the eerie music for "The Haunting of Hill House," and if the play's a success, he scared along with the audience.

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