



THE CAST — Among members of the cast for "Kiss Me Kate" being presented by Farmington Senior High at 8 p.m. April 29, 30.

May 1 in the FHS auditorium are (from left) Carol Ditzhazy, Kitty Christmas, Mike Beale, Marcia Perry and Debra Kieling. (Evert photo)



THE CHORUS — Members of the chorus, who are the Villagers in "Kiss Me Kate," taking a break during rehearsals for the April 29 opening night, are (from left) Al Vassiliakos, Chris

Osmer, Rick Colley, Dick McAdams, Bob Brown, Don Holmes, Robert Jahn and Dave Levi. (Evert photo)

A Play Within A Play

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lem, but we know Mr. Roscoe is not looking for Fred Astaire. We just have to be good."

Kacane adds: "Concentration is the big problem. But that's a problem in all ensembles. Some people are more effective when tense. But the more relaxed a performer is, the less tired he becomes during a performance."

CAST MEMBERS and the chorus found that just singing was not enough, he adds, because they must sing with expression and volume. The presence of an orchestra requires volume from singers.

The orchestra was added to rehearsals without difficulty, explains Roscoe, and under the expert direction of Heller has blended in without noticeable flaws.

This year's production will be an even greater learning experience because of an instructional innovation. A videotape machine is being used to help actors criticize themselves. "In this way, they can actually see what was good or bad about their performance and make any necessary changes," says Roscoe.

The school's curriculum bolsters the learning experience in rehearsals with students attending music education, drama and stagecraft classes during school hours.

DIRECTOR ROSCOE feels learning about drama is very necessary at the high school level.

"Much of our culture involves mixing fantasy with reality, and drama can help separate the two and bridge the gap between reality and imagination."

"I don't spoon-feed. My philosophy of working and teaching is that I don't consider the students as babies. I'd rather advise and let them take it from there. Students mean a lot to me personally and I want them to shine on stage."

Miss Mossamer, student director adds: "Mr. Roscoe wants it to be the students' show. He wants to be able to say after the show, when someone might tell him he

did a great job. 'No, they did it.'"

THE CREWS are the ones who actually make the show "happen" by working

behind-the-scenes making costumes, building sets, fixing lights, sound and make-up.

have experienced setbacks and late starting dates but are pushing ahead as opening night nears. John Barrett, FHS English teacher, is also helping with the backstage crews.



CONFRONTS GANGSTERS — Deb Watson, who portrays the lead role of Katherine in "Kiss Me Kate," watches as her former husband Fred Graham (played by Greg Steele) argues with two gangsters. In the rehearsal scene are Miss Watson, John North as Harrison Howell (seated); John Kerastas and Andy Abid, gangsters, and Steele. (Evert photo)

Mills Dies Sunday

LIVONIA
Vernon I. Mills, a member of the board of directors of the Livonia National Bank, died suddenly April 18 while vacationing in Palm Springs, Calif.

Mills, 49, was president and chairman of the board of Mills Products Co., 33108 Eight Mile in Farmington.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn., the Institute of Appliance Manufacturers, the Small Business Assn., and the Pine Lake Country Club.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the William R. Hamilton funeral home in Birmingham with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with tributes to the Michigan Heart Society.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two sons, Herbert of Southfield and Bob of Bloomfield Hills; and his mother, Mrs. Herbert E. Mills of Detroit.



STAGECRAFT — Preparing the sets is setman Brad Read. Brad won't be on stage April 29 when "Kiss Me Kate" opens but his art will. (Evert photo)

Mint Profits Go For Camp

FARMINGTON
Farmington youth wanting to go to summer camp this year can earn their way by selling mints in April.

Fred Lindholm, Farmington Area YMCA program director, announces the sale will begin April 23 and continue until May 8.

A sale kickoff meeting will be held Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the O.E. Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile east of Farmington Rd.

During the meeting, information on the 'Y' summer camp program will be given with slides of past camps shown. Any youngster wanting to earn his way to camp this summer should attend the April 23 meeting.

The mints will be selling for \$1 a box with the youngster receiving the full profit of 35 cents per box from each sale.

On Dean's List

Named to the dean's list at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for the 1969-70 academic year were: Richard A. Yriart, a junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Yriart of 28211 Danvers Ct., Farmington; and Susan Roach, a sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Roach of 28781 Aranel, Farmington.

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