



DISMAYED at the thought of being an expectant father again is Carl Schuman, who portrays the male lead in the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater's upcoming comedy, "Never Too Late." He is getting a peek at new baby clothes from his stage wife, Rosemary Moorehead. The comedy will be produced this weekend. (Observer photo by Leonard Poger)

Wayne-Westland Group Stages 'Never Too Late'

Jacquie Guernsey, popular director of last year's production of "Haunting of the Hill House," is directing the comedy "Never Too Late" for the Wayne-Westland Civic Theatre (formerly the Wayne Civic Players).

The play concerns the trials, tribulations and joy of an older couple who learn that the stock has struck again. Carl Schuman and Rosemary Moorehead play lead roles of Harry and Edith Lambert.

They'll be on stage Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at John Glenn High School, 38105 Marquette, Westland. Curtain time is 8:30

Friday and Saturday nights and 7:30 Sunday night. Charlie and Kate, the Lambert's son and daughter-in-law, are played by John Grimoldby and Nancy Carter. Their friend and neighbor Mayor Crane, is Floyd Guernsey.

Others in the cast are Mildred Roy as Grace Kimbrough; Riley Tadlock, as Dr. James Kimbrough; Mark Moorehead as a policeman; and Ed Moorehead as Mr. Foley.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Special group rates are also available. They may be purchased from any

member of the group, the Westland Chamber of Commerce or at the door the night of the performance. Mrs. Fred Butten, 35042 Hees, Livonia, is in charge of ticket sales.

Kids' Comedy To Be Staged

BIRMINGHAM "The Emperor's New Clothes," a comedy for children by Charlotte Chorpenn, will be presented by the Wayne State University Children's Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 19, in the Community House, 380 S. Bates. Two performances will be offered, from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the Community House.

Stamp Show To Tie In With Artrain

The West Suburban Stamp Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the Plymouth Community Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

Gerry Carr will discuss "Canadian Square Circle Cancellations."

The club will also discuss plans for its annual exhibition and bourse, which will honor the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Michigan Artrain. Artrain will be in Plymouth the last two weeks in April and the first week in May, and the club's show will be one of many activities planned for the Plymouth area during that time.

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Pathfinders

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amusements Glockenspiels Plan Concert

"An Evening of Music" will be presented in the Farmington Community Center, at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, by the Glockenspiels, junior affiliate of the Farmington Musicales. The center is located on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

This is the first concert for the youngsters, who will sing, dance, and play pianos, horns, flutes, oboes, xylophones and violins as well as the glockenspiels.

The group's choral ensemble will sing "God Made Our Hands," "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" and "It's a Good Day."

There is no charge for the concert. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Student performers are Russ Crook, Ralph Dingle, Judy and Julie Fair, Chris Hall, Frances and Phyllis Hughes. Steve Humerickhouse, Nicole Kastan, Laura Marshall, Cindy Niemczak, Ken Notestine, Ann Osterdale, Virginia Perry, John Rock, Brad Rogers, Ann Skillman, Marcia and Ted Slaby, Linda Truitt, Lori Varns, Marcia and Marianne Walck and Sandy Williams.

The Glockenspiels meet on the second Sunday of each month to play programs and activities. Musicians members act as advisors only. Students in grades seven through 12 are eligible for membership.



COMPLETE WITH GLOCKENSPIEL, the Glockenspiels, junior affiliate of the Farmington Musicales, are rehearsing for a concert. From left, are Ken Notestine, chairman; Ann Skillman, president; Ann Osterdale, secretary-treasurer; and Sandy Williams, vice president. (Ever photo)

'Lion' Makes Average Man's Life Look Good

By KATHY MORAN

One walks away with a sigh of relief for the average man and a sigh of pity for royalty after viewing the excellent production of "Lion in Winter."

Now being performed by the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, James Goldman's play lets the audience peek into the past for a birds-eye view of Henry II's family and the three power-hungry sons anxious to grab the throne of Britain.

Those who have envied the riches and glory of royalty will gladly settle for the simple life of the average man after watching the furious plotting that goes on in this family.

WITH A SUPERIOR cast and a thoroughly professional production, the play reveals a greedy family in which each member plots against the others for the grand prize during the Christmas holiday season.

Howard Egan portrays the not-died-yet Henry II who favors his youngest son, John (Russ Vogel), for the throne but whose wife favors the oldest son, Richard (J. Craig Collicott).

Since the queen is kept imprisoned by her husband and returns home only for the holidays, the maneuvering reaches its all-time high while she is home, but never reaches a conclusion.

The superb performance by Moya Taormina (who has appeared on television, radio and film) as Queen Eleanor dominates the sometimes witty, often touching and always clever, scenes.

"I can't touch my sons

except in scenes," the love-starved queen says after she has played one against the other to try to capture the throne for Richard and hurt her husband.

THE SADDEST aspect of the torn family is the love the king and queen have for each other but which was let cool and mixed with hate and the desire to hurt each other.

Henry tries and succeeds very well in hurting her by making no secret of the fact that Alais, a French princess, is his mistress. Kati Beddow plays the lovely spoiled young princess who must pit her strength against that of the shrewd Eleanor.

Of the three sons, John is the most immature and childish. Richard is military-minded but Geoffrey (Warren Reinacker) is, by his own admission the most dangerous "because I have nothing to lose."

Hamilton Aldridge Jr. takes the part of the moosey Philip I of France, brother of Alais and a potentially powerful ally to whichever of the three sons who can win his favor.

Directed by Mary Ann Vosgerchian, the play is loaded with great lines and is strongly recommended.

Two weekends of performances are yet to come, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. in the newly-

decorated playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, in Redford Township. Tickets may be reserved by calling Mrs. Daniel Borovik, 34948 Grove, Livonia, or Mrs. Jack Pierson, 15583 Sussex, Livonia.

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OCC Students Set New Play

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Jeff Nahan plays Tommy and Jennifer Skillman is Alice in a play about life in a big city. "The Brick and the Rose." It's being presented this week and next at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Acckroyd, Mike Shannon, Steve Schwartz, Cathy Wheeler, Nancy Mehl, Roy Skinner and Myda Karkizian. Acckroyd will also provide the music.

"The Brick and the Rose" will be presented this week and next at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

The play was written for Readers Theatre and is being staged and directed by Wallace Smith, assistant professor in the speech and theater department.

It will be performed Feb. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at 8:30 p.m. and also at 2 p.m., Feb. 18 and 25.

There is no admission charge. Cast members are Jeff Nahan, Jennifer Skillman, Liz Fleunoy, Bonnie Noble, Craig Anderson, Rick Berk, Mark Segal, Jeff Schudeberg, Pam Armstrong, Bob Conway, Pasquale Cicciociola, Dave

Villella Will Star In Detroit

DETROIT Edward Villella will star with the Boston Ballet Company for an appearance Feb. 23 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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from the balcony

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

DIRTY HARRY—Clint Eastwood and Harry Guardino star in a film about cops and robbers and killers. (R, none)

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER—Sean Connery is back as the legendary James Bond, for the sixth time. (GP, none)

KOTCH—Walter Matthau plays the aged parent in this delightful tale of conflict among the generations. Has both humor and truth. (GP, A-3)

THE BOYFRIEND—Twiggy and Glenda Jackson star in this musical reminiscent of the 30's. Ken Russell is the director. (GP, A-1)

PLAY MISTY FOR ME—Clint Eastwood is both director and star of this chiller about what happens when a disc jockey meets a psychotic fan. (R, A-4)

JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN—A grim commentary on war as told through the mind of young Joe Bonham, who came back minus arms and legs. (R, A-4)

THE FRENCH CONNECTION—The fight against heroin smuggling on a large scale makes an exciting, realistic detective movie. With Gene Hackman. (R, A-4)

TOGETHER—This is a pseudo-documentary which shows how uninhibited and unclad couples "tackle sexual problems before they arise." (X, C)

THE HOSPITAL—George C. Scott and Diana Rigg star in this comedy about a plot to use the hospital system to commit several murders. (GP, A-3)

GOOD FRIENDS—Directed by Otto Preminger, this is the story of a wife's (Dyan Cannon) revenge on her dying husband (Lawrence Luckinbill) for his infidelities. (R, C)

J.W. COOP—Cliff Robertson stars in a story about a Korean veteran who tries to find his place again after spending 10 years in prison. (GP, none)

THE COWBOYS—John Wayne recruits 11 boys to help with the cattle drive when all the adults are stricken with gold fever. A good beginning, but a violent ending in which the boys wind up as the avengers. (GP, A-3)

POCKET MONEY—Paul Newman and Lee Marvin Team their talents in a Western, based on the novel "Jim Kane." (GP, none)

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"DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER" (PG)
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3 BIG COLOR HITS
No. 1 "WOODSTOCK" (R)
No. 2 WILLIAM HOLDEN
"THE WILD BUNCH" (R)
No. 3 JAVIER DELOS
"NAKED UNDER
LEATHER" (R)

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WAYNE GA 3 110
4 BIG CLINT EASTWOOD
COLOR HITS
No. 1 "HANG EM HIGH"
No. 2 "A FISTFUL OF DOLLARS"
No. 3 "FOR A FEW DOLLARS"
MORE
No. 4 "THE GOOD, THE BAD
AND THE UGLY"

3 BIG COLOR HITS
No. 1 "FRIENDS" (R)
No. 2 RICHARD BENJAMIN
"CATCH 22" (R)
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"THE FRENCH CONNECTION" (R)
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PENTHOUSE I ELIZABETH TAYLOR
"X AND ZEE" (R)

PENTHOUSE II Find out for yourself why every
one's talking about
"JOHNNY DEE"
"3 IN THE ATTIC" (R)