

Wally Roberts GOING UP CURTAIN

The University of Michigan Professional Theater Program returns for a fourth season Sept. 29 at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theater on the Ann Arbor campus. The fourth fall season of plays is scheduled Sept. 29 to Nov. 14.

"You Can't Take It With You," long a favorite with community and high school groups, will kick off the season of three plays to a rousing start. "The Wild Duck," a seldom-seen Ibsen classic, follows and a premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winner Archibald MacLeish's latest work "Hedrales" closes the season.

All three plays will be played in repertory during the eight-week season. Information about performance dates and season tickets can be obtained by dropping a card to the Professional Theater Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Community theater activity in Wayne County gets underway with the Players Guild opening of "Never Too Late" on Oct. 1 at their Playhouse, Outer Drive and Monroe. Curtain time is 8:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"Never Too Late" is a two-hour laugh-fest and has been seen in many community theaters before long. Arthur Godfrey, William Bendix, Fred Clark, Paul Douglas, and a host of other stage folk have played the enormously funny role of the wealthy lumber baron who suddenly finds himself a father once again at an advanced stage of middle age.

At intermission time you will be able to visit the "Never Too Late" set. The Players Guild's clubhouse for a relaxing cup of coffee or Diet Pepsi. Director Bob Wall, most recently with the Plymouth Theatre Guild, hopes a few Plymouthites will join him in the clubhouse and recall fond memories of the Plymouth productions.

Interesting note of authenticity in conjunction with "Never Too Late." As you remember a

George Peppard Stars George Peppard, local Dearborn boy, can be seen in his new adventure action packed film "The Great Spy Mission" co-starring lovely Sophia Loren, opening tonight at the Dearborn Drive-In Theatre.

It is the true life story of one man's suspenseful aim to track down and destroy Hitler's secret weapon in World War II.

Also on the same program, TV's Dr. Kildare, Richard Chamberlain stars in the new delightful comedy romance, "Joy In The Morning."

The theatre is open nightly and the show starts at dusk.

Masons to Meet

The final session of a Fall Royal Arch Festival will be held by Union Chapter No. 55, in the Northville Masonic Temple next Saturday. Both the Most Excellent and the Royal Arch Degrees will be conferred. Chapter will open at 5 p.m. followed by a 6:30 Ladies Night dinner.

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MICHAEL DUNN, right, talks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of 32553 Grenada, Livonia, during a visit last weekend. Dunn appears in the film "Ship of Fools" which premieres in Detroit Oct. 6. He will also be seen over channel 2 this Friday in an episode on "Wild, Wild West."

Michael Dunn Visits Livonia

Michael Dunn is 30 years old and has several acting credits behind him, and his mother spent last Saturday morning ironing his shirts.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of 32553 Grenada, Livonia, Dunn appears in the Columbia pictures release "Ship of Fools" which opens in the area Oct. 6.

He will also be seen this Friday on Wild, Wild West telecast at 7:30 p.m. over Channel 2.

Dunn, whose real name is Gary Neil Miller, spent Friday with his parents and caught a plane to Chicago Saturday morning to open a two-week engagement at Mr. Kelly's. While he talked to The Observer his mother ironed his shirts so that everything would be clean and fresh for his stay.

Dunn is a dwarf who is determined to make it on his own ability. He asks for no favors and is outspoken in his criticism of the "poor little man battling the world" approach to life.

A graduate of Redford High School in Detroit, Dunn attended the University of Michigan and was graduated from the University of Miami.

Combos Win Cash Awards

A group of guitar-strumming, drum-bashing musicians is \$100 richer today, having emerged victorious in Wonderland Center's second annual combo contest.

The cash award was captured by the Deltons, a teen-age quintet composed of boys from Detroit, Dearborn and Livonia.

Sharing the prize will be Wally Knehl, Greg Gentry, Tony Williams, Mike Oppenheimer and Garry Reese. The Deltons are managed by Larry Suiter.

The contest, staged recently at the big 57-store center at Plymouth Rd. and Middlebelt, attracted hundreds of teen-agers. Eleven semi-finalists competed in the seven-hour "rock and roll" contest.

A \$25 second place award went to The Shades, composed of George Sami, Livonia, Mark Snider, Livonia, Dean VanMeter, Livonia, Gary Cole, Garden City, Rick Harris, Livonia.

John Greenberg, Larry Johnson, Ron Fitzsimmons and Bill Millard all of Redford Township, who call themselves the "Wanderers" nailed down third place.

The three winning groups will return to the center in October when Wonderland celebrates its sixth anniversary.

The DEW LINE

The new TV season is now underway. In a few months many of the new shows will have gone under. The ratings have taken on a new importance this year. Not only are the shows themselves concerned with their public acceptance, but also record companies have taken a special interest in the success of many new programs since they have found that a successful show with 40 million viewers often is a springboard to recording success too.

MGM has just signed David McCallum of the popular "Man From U.N.C.L.E." show. Patty Duke has had great recent success recently, and even David Janssen of the "Fugitive" has signed a contract with Epic records.

Some other TV personalities you can see in weekly doses include: Jim Nabors, Dick Kallman of the new NBC series "Hank" Don Adams of "Get Smart," Bill Cosby in "I Spy," Dean Martin, the Smothers Brothers, Steve Lawrence, Robert Horton, Anne Greene, Burl Ives, Richard Chamberlain, Andy Williams, Vince Edwards of "Ben Casey," Buddy Ebsen, Jimmy Dean, and even "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

— Ted Cassidy. All have signed with one recording outfit or another.

The king of them all, meanwhile, Frank Sinatra, will star in a one hour special for NBC titled "Sinatra: The Man and His Music." It will feature Sinatra in a musical review of his 25-year career and airs Nov. 24 in color on Channel 4.

- OBSERVING THE TOP TEN
- (1) Yesterday—Beatles
 - (2) Love's Concerto—Toys
 - (3) On Dancing — Genaro
 - (4) I'm Yours—Elvis Presley
 - (5) Everyone's Gone To The Moon—Jonathan King
 - (6) Treat Her Right — Roy Head
 - (7) You Belong in Magic Town—Lorin Blee
 - (8) Take Me In Your Arms — Kim Weston
 - (9) Everybody Loves A Clown—Gary Lewis
 - (10) Just A Little Bit Better

Colored Sculpture Show Set

Granbrook Academy of Art Galleries has selected as its first exhibition of the season "Colored Sculpture," a show being circulated throughout the country by the American Federation of Art.

The exhibition of chromatic sculpture selected by Sidney E. Smith and displayed at Granbrook, will open on Oct. 5 and continue through Oct. 24.

Like so much that is "new," color has been present in sculpture for a long time. What is new is its pervasiveness, the enthusiasm with which it has been employed, on the art scene.

New, too, is the tradition, the insistence with which color is now used. Gently toned, antiqued or patinated surfaces are absent and instead color is frankly applied in full saturations.

The works of 20 artists are presented in the show. Some employ color in ways that have an ancient sanction and that demonstrate a permanence which contemporaneity does not deny. Others extract from color a new wit, a new accent or a new problem. In certain examples the very nature of the color makes a point.

The Bloomfield Hills' Galleries hours are from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on the weekends. There is an admission.

Wins Cash Award

Airman First Class Carl W. Mau Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Mau, 923 Frederick Drive, Livonia, has been given a cash award at Goodfellow AFB, Tex., for his military improvement suggestion.

A graduate of Bentley High School, Airman Mau is married to the former Judith A. Westfall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall of 33705 Garden River Ave., Farmington.



HAVING BORED her to the point where she obtained a Mexican divorce, and accidentally married another man, Frank Sinatra now tries to win back Deborah Kerr as his wife in this scene from "Marriage on the Rocks" now at the Mai Kai Theatre in Livonia.

Fantasticks' Opens Quirk Theatre Season

The Eastern Michigan University Players will open the current drama season with "The Fantasticks," from Oct. 19-24, according to an announcement made by James W. Goss, self, director of theatre. Produced in association with the departments of music and physical education for women, the play is a musical comedy which is now going into its sixth year in New York as a sold out Broadway hit.

"The Physicists," written by Swiss dramatist, Friedrich Duerrenmatt, presents a complicated plot filled with spies, counterespionage, international intrigue and devious espionage. The melodrama builds to a climax which is unique in excitement and is particularly significant in its implications. This production will be given Jan. 12-16 in Quirk Theatre.

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Scholarships for Singers Available

The Scholarship Committee of the Detroit Grand Opera Association has announced dates and requirements for auditions for the Grinnell Foundation of Music \$2500 opera scholarship and other awards given through the Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Auditions program.

Auditions will be held in the Masonic Temple in Detroit. The first or preliminary audition will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 4. Singers selected will be asked to sing again in a semi-final audition Monday, Dec. 6. Final auditions will take place on Thursday, Feb. 10, 1966. All finalists are also eligible to appear in the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions, which will take place in Cleveland, Feb. 12, 1966.

Applicants must be in the following age brackets: Sopranos 18-35, Alto 18-35, Tenors 20-32, Baritone 20-32, Basses 20-35.

The purpose of these auditions is to help encourage young singers in their careers. The Grinnell Foundation of Music \$2500 opera scholarship provides for advanced study in voice and opera training under the supervision of the Scholarship Committee of the Detroit Grand Opera Association. The Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Auditions also offer many opportunities for young singers.

Applications are now being accepted for the 1965-66 auditions. Completed forms must be returned prior to Dec. 1. Requests for applications may be made by writing Mrs. Sam B. Williams, Scholarship Chairman, Detroit Grand Opera Association, Ford Auditorium, Detroit 48226.

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