

Players in Profile

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Number three in our series of Profiles throws the Players' spotlight on Stuart Orman. Stu lives with his wife, Cecile, and his children Julie, 4, and Peter, 14, in a delightfully decorated house on Leyte Ave. in Farmington. He was born in Pontiac on the 24th of June and attended Eastern High School, where he had his only previous encounter with the theatre as "Pie" in the lead in the Senior Play "Great Expectations." Stu enjoyed this experience a great deal; but if the bug bit, it caused a greatly delayed reaction.

With the exception of acting as M.C. for Fraternity Societies, dances and things of that nature, Stu buckled down as a serious student at the University of Michigan, where he majored in Political Science with minors in history and English. Stu received his B.A. in 1954 and entered the U. of M. Law School which he attended for three years, to graduate in 1957.

member for the Players and is currently Vice-President of the group. He also has been instrumental in the transaction recently, resulting in the Players' purchase of the Barn. He has been Chairman of the Play-reading and Casting Committee and active in all phases of production.

When asked if the children show any flair for the theatre, Stu beams and tells how little Julie, who is a doll, comes to many of the rehearsals and performs instantly for all who will watch—and all will. It may not be long before three Ormans will be entertaining you on the stage of the Players. Until then, don't miss Father Stu as "Newton Fuller" in "George Washington Slept Here" at the Players Barn on February 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 26. For reservations call Harry or Fran Kereta at GR. 4-7367 or purchase tickets at Welsby's House of Music in downtown Farmington.



CALVIN J. WERNER, general chairman of last week's Eagle Scout Recognition Program of the Clinton Valley Scout Council, congratulates Eagle Scouts Steven Brooks of 458 Skeel Avenue, Selfridge Air Force Base, and Dirk Delange of 29750 Woodbrook, Farmington. The former is a member of Troop 76; the latter, Troop 116.

Other Farmington Eagle Scouts in attendance at the program were Dale Casper, 26225 Middlebelt, Troop 116; Tom Charlesworth, 32500 Wayburn, Post 45; and Steven Showell, 26249 Middlebelt, Troop 116. They were among 33 Eagle Scouts recognized for scouting's highest accomplishment at the dinner program at Oakland University.

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STU NOW HAS HIS own office for the general practice of law at 18321 W. McNichols Rd. in Detroit.

While Stu was at Ann Arbor, he met a flashing-eyed, vivacious beauty named Cecile Friedlander. "Ceci" was a Liberal Arts Major and studied Drama, Radio and T.V. at U. of M. Stu and Ceci were married on August 24, 1958, and Stu practiced law with a Mt. Clemens law firm.

After moving to Farmington, Ceci taught 5th and 6th grades at Longacre School and it was here that the paths of the Ormans and the Farmington Players met. In one of her classes Ceci had an enthusiastic little girl named Linda Perry. Linda's parents are Mary Ann and John Perry, two of the Players' charter members. After listening to Linda relate many tales about the Players, Ceci decided that it might be just the outlet that the Ormans could enjoy together. They joined in 1961 and have been two of the most active and enthusiastic members ever since.

THE ORMANS HAVE appeared together in "Sabrina Fair," "Warrior's Husband" and "Come Back Little Sheba." In addition, Stu has played "Caesar" in "Julius Caesar," "Hortensio" in "Taming of the Shrew," the father in "Famed Oak," a soldier in "Barretts of Wimpole Street," and "Horace" in last season's production of "The Little Foxes."

Anyone who has seen Stu in several of these parts can tell you that he is a versatile and excellent actor. His favorite part is "Sapiens" in "Warrior's Husband," and quite a challenge it must have been. Stu is tall, masculine and has a strong, decisive personality. "Sapiens" is the dominated, effeminate husband of one of the Amazons and Stu admits it was "quite a ball."

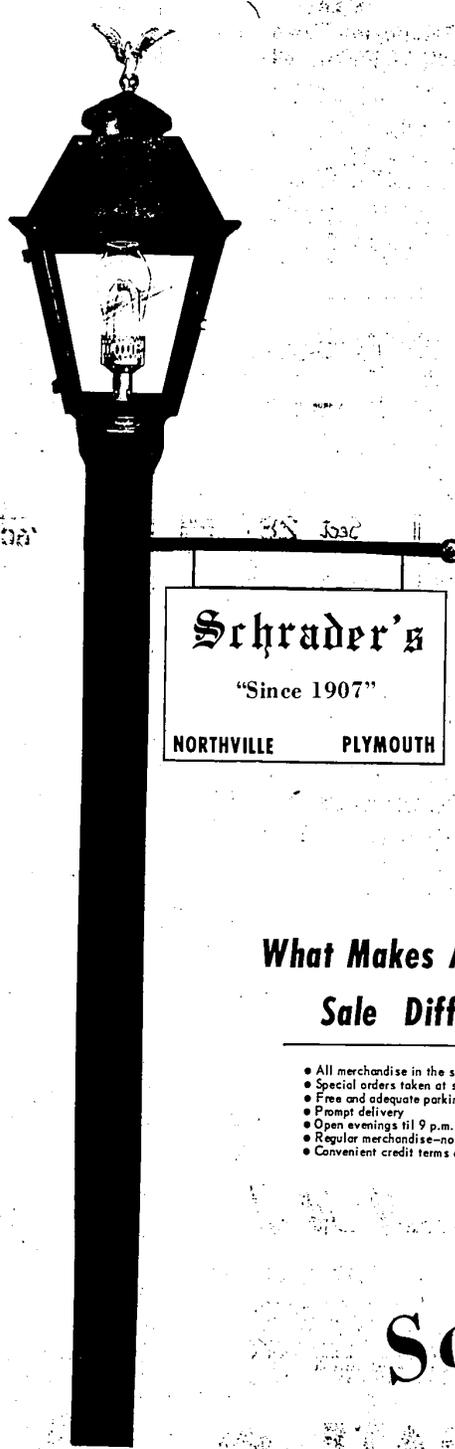
As "Doc" in "Come Back Little Sheba," Stu gave one of the most memorable performances seen on the Players stage. He is currently being seen in "George Washington Slept Here," which is now playing at the Barn. This makes the seventh major production he has appeared in for the Players and it will certainly not be his last.

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