

Scene on the Screen, What's Playing!

Observer AMUSEMENTS

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UP GOING CURTAIN

"My boy, life is one long lunch," exclaims General St. Pe to his male secretary, Gaston. Annouilh's comedy contains gem after gem of wildly funny dialogue that pop up gaily like multi-colored crocuses.

The Meadowbrook production of Annouilh's "Waltz of the Toreadors" is a most pleasurable evening. All technical and staging aspects blend to give this John Fernald Company presentation every semblance of being a solid hit.

It may take an extra minute or two to drive over to the "Oakland University" campus, but to see "Waltz of the Toreadors" old Wally advises that extra effort. "Toreadors" will provide a thousand laughs and enough provocative satire for your entire party to discuss for many a week.

In most of Jean Annouilh's plays laughter walks hand in hand with tears, illusion with reality. This wry blend gives rise to many interesting effects and sets your thought-machine into active participation.

"Waltz of the Toreadors" is probably one of the finest works of Art General St. Pe, fast approaching sixty and not wishing to give in to the ravages of age, tries to look at his dashing past and plan for as active a future.

The General has an invalid wife, two slightly added daughters, and a visit from a woman that has been admiring him for the past 17 years. Complicated? Well, as Annouilh constantly points out, this is a comedy and perhaps even more so.

Gaston, who the General has employed to write his memoirs, inadvertently falls in love with the visiting daughter and the comedy is off to a hilarious start.

Curt Dawson, once again,



CASTS AND CREWS are busy preparing for the two local productions of the comedy, "A Shot in the Dark." At the Farmington Players Bar, John Wilson and Bob Sheulin hang the draperies on stage. The Farmington Players open April 28 at their

Mercy High Group Slates 'King and I'

"The King and I" will be presented by the drama and music departments of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Township. The production opens April 21 in the school auditorium at 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

Additional performances are scheduled for April 22 and 23. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. A 1 p.m. matinee is scheduled for Saturday.

The 90 person cast is under the direction of Romina Messini, drama instructor.

Director Ray can, indeed, be quite proud of this production. "Toreadors" moved beautifully. The peeing, the nostalgia had the precision and beauty of a delicate mosaic.

Supporting actors such as Brooker Bradshaw, Jill Tanner, Paulene Reynolds, Barbara Caruso, George Guidall, and Lorna Lewis provided zestful backing so that the entire evening had a magnificent three-four time punctuated by happy humor.

"The Waltz of the Toreadors" is not to be missed. Plan now to take the trip to the campus of the Oakland University and enjoy, enjoy a first-rate production by a seasoned group of actors.

Production dates are June 8, 9 and 10 at the

headquarters in Farmington Township for a three weekend run. The Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild opens a three night stand of the same play May 6 at Livonia's Stevenson High School.

Cast of 10 Announced

Don Atkinson is the director of the Bulman Theatre, Group's production of "The Curious Savage" opening April 21 at the Redford Union High School. An additional performance is scheduled April 22.

Included in the cast are: Enid Seghi, Mrs. Savage; Helen Antilla, Mrs. Paddy; Diane Veale, Parry May; Kay Walsh, Florence; Jim Walsh, Hannibal; Tom Walsh, Jeffrey; Sharon Orr, Miss Willemina; George Carlton, Samuel; George (Scotty) Freeland; Titus; and Pat Kenrich, Lilly Belle.

Proceeds from the production will be used for a scholarship fund. For tickets call 537-9344 or KE 1-3958.

THE TERRACE LIVONIA'S LUXURY THEATRE

"BORN FREE" and "THE PROFESSIONALS" Monday thru Thursday Open 6:45. Friday & Saturday Open 5:45. Sunday Open at 12:50.

SPECIAL ALL AGES SATURDAY MATINEE - Saturday Only Open at 12. Women Arrive! Arrive! Arrive!

"BORN FREE" and "TRUTH ABOUT SPRING" Heine Mink - James MacArthur. STARTS WED., APRIL 26. "Casino '007" Reprise! GA 7-1200 KE 3-5400



Rosalind Russell, tell her 23 year old son Robert Morse, a hilarious bed time story in the Technicolor Comedy Farce, "OH DAD, POOR DAD, MAMA'S HUNG YOU IN THE CLOSET AND I'M FEELING SO SAD," opening an Exclusive, Engage ment today at the Livonia Cinema II Theatre.

"HOMBRE" starring Paul Newman, Fredric March, Richard Boone, all new western drama opens today at State Wayne, Livonia Cinema I Theatre.

"HOTEL," continues for another week at the La Parisen, and added for your enjoyment is "NEVER ON SUNDAY," starring Melina Mercuri.

"SOUND OF MUSIC" continues at the Mai Kai for a 10th record breaking week, starring Julie Andrews.

"DOCTOR ZHIVAGO" winner of six academy awards continues at the Quo Vadis Theatre, starring Alec Guinness, Geraldine Chaplin, Rod Taylor, and Omar Sharif as Dr. Zhivago.

"DOCTOR YOU'VE GOT

TO BE KIDDING" a new

technicolor comedy, starring Sandra Dee and George Hamilton opens tonight first run at the Alcyon, and Dear

is also showing at Plymouth's Penn Theatre.

'Pinocchio' Puppets To Open April 29

"Pinocchio," classic tale of a wooden puppet who wants to become a real human boy, will be presented by the Heredith Bixby Marionettes when they visit the Detroit Institute of Arts Puppet Theatre Saturday, April 29.

The six-act Bixby version, the long-nosed puppet falls in and out of one predicament after another. A spectacular sequence occurs at sea when the huge whale allows the marionette. Then comes an unusual scene in the stomach of the big whale when Pinocchio is confronted by an erudite tuna fish. The puppet's breathless escape from this peril and his final triumph as the beautiful Blue Fairy transforms him into a real boy, add up to a thrilling experience for youngsters attending the shows.

Performances of "Pinocchio" are at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the Detroit Institute of Arts Ticket Office and J. L. Hudson Ticket Services. For information, telephone 832-2730.

Named GM Comptroller

The Board of Directors of General Motors elected Thomas A. Murphy Comptroller of the Corporation, effective May 1, 1967. Mr. Murphy had been an Assistant Treasurer of General Motors since August 1, 1959.

Drama Workshop Set At Schoolcraft Friday

Two experimental movies and three one-act plays written, produced and performed by drama workshop students at Schoolcraft College, will be presented at a Creative Arts Festival in the college library at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

The festival will coincide with the publication of the Creative Arts Journal, a review of prose, poetry and art work of Schoolcraft students.

The two movies are "Flight of the Dodo," and "Happy Valley." "Flight" was made by Paul Wheeler, Livonia sophomore, and members of the Masque Players, Schoolcraft drama group. "Happy Valley" also filmed in color, uses torn paper images to tell its story. It was made by members of the Drama Workshop.

The three plays are "Holy and Zinner," "By Jungle Rule," and "Surprise! Surprise! or Mustard and Pickles."

"Holy and Zinner" was written by Wheeler and will be performed by Beverly Spieglek, and Dan Fitzpatrick, both of Livonia. Arthur Blake, Livonia, is the author of "By Jungle Rule," and will also be in the cast with Patrick Jones, and Cheryl Babbitt, Northville, and Linda Rasmussen, Livonia.

"Surprise!" is a theatrical experiment in which the cast works from an outline script and "creates" the action on stage. In the cast are James, Larry Green and Cathy Stager, both of Livonia; Greg L'Veille, Garden City; and Les Hoffman, Doug Fleming, Mary Ann Swierczynski, and Eric Kuusisto, all of Detroit.

The festival is open to the general public, according to Ralph B. Kelley, chairman of the English Division and faculty adviser to both the Drama Workshop and the Masque Players.

10TH WEEK - NEW SCHEDULE

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

PERFORMANCES

Evenings, Monday-Friday at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday at 2:00-3:20-8:40
Sunday 1:30-4:45-8:00

Extra Wednesday Matinee at 1:30

ADMISSIONS POLICY - EVENINGS

Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.00
Matinees
Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00
(Adults \$2.00 Saturday till 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday till 3:00 p.m.)

NO ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED

THE PENN THEATRE

Plymouth, Michigan

ONE WEEK - Wed., thru Tues, April 19-25

Doctor, you've got to be kidding!

Nightly Showings - 7:00 and 9:00
Saturday Showings - 5:00-7:00-9:00

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - April 22 and 23

MATINEE -

"Little Red Riding Hood and the Monsters"

Saturday, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
Sunday Once Only, 3:00 "The Road Runner"

NO PASSES HONORED THIS ENGAGEMENT

BEING "STRONGER-THAN-DIRT" ALL DAY SURE BUILDS UP AN APPETITE FOR THE SKIPPER'S TABLE!

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EXCLUSIVE SHOWING

The blockbuster story of a fighting marine

that comes screaming out of green hills and jungles!

TECHNICOLOR

FIRST TO FIGHT

BEST OF THE MARINE CORPS BLOCKBUSTERS!

ALSO

She has to choose a husband in a hurry!

SANDRA DEE Doctor, you've got to be kidding!

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NO PASSES HONORED THIS ENGAGEMENT

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CONTINUOUS SHOWINGS DAILY FROM 12:00 NOON BARGAIN PRICE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 50¢ TIL 1 P.M.

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COLOR

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HOMBRE

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NOW EXCLUSIVE SHOWING LIVONIA Cinema II

Never kill your husband on Father's Day - Father's Day is not the proper time.

Rosalind Russell Jonathan Winters

Robert Morse Barbara Harris

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TECHNICOLOR

NO PASSES HONORED THIS ENGAGEMENT

WINNER OF 6 ACADEMY AWARDS!

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DOCTOR ZHIVAGO

IN PANAVISION AND METROCOLOR

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