



IN ORDER To win his love, Garry Riecke has to face three fencers. They are (left to right) Jerry Thomas, Marty Moorehead and Riley Tadlock. Ann Button, 35042 Hees, is ticket chairman for "The Fantasticks," the first musical to be staged by the WWCP in six years.



ALL SORTS of strange things happen in "The Fantasticks." Here the young lovers are separated by a wall, but the wall happens to be a human being, Juan Pablo Verde in real life. Lydia Droz and Garry Riecke play the lovers.

'Marigolds' To Play At U-M

ANN ARBOR presented by the University of Michigan's Professional Theater Program on Dec. 23 Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds, will be Performing Arts.

There will be afternoon and evening performances, and advance tickets are on sale at the PTP ticket office in the lobby of the Michigan League weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. They are also on sale at Hudson's.

"Marigolds" deals with a brilliant, but plain, young girl who is dominated by an embittered mother and a beautiful, popular sister.

Zindel, who struck it rich both financially and critically with "Marigolds," has also found success with his second play "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little." His newest work, "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild," starring Maureen Stapleton, has just opened in New York.

AAUW Will Stage Musical

The Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women will present a musical version of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2.

It will be staged in Birmingham's Seashell High School Auditorium, W. Lincoln and Cranbrook Roads. Tickets are \$1 each.

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Westland Civic Players Ready Musical Fantasy

Tickets are now on sale for the Wayne Westland Civic Players' production of "The Fantasticks," to be staged at 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, in John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Wayne.

"THE FANTASTICKS" is the first musical comedy to be staged by the WWCP in six years, and includes such songs as "Try to Remember," "Soon It's Gonna Rain," "Plant a Radish" and "Never Say No." The music is by Harvey Schmidt and the script is by Tom Jones.

The story centers on young love and how it grows to maturity. It's a fantasy and a child's jungle gym will be used by the players to help create the aura of whimsy and make-believe.

"It's an intimate type of show," says Lois Tobin, the director who is also drama teacher at John Glenn. "The actors talk directly to the audience."

Riley Tadlock of Belleville will play the role of the narrator or El Gu. He's a romantic, Latin American swashbuckler.

GARRY RIECKE, a John Glenn student, plays the boy, and Lydia Droz, a Franklin High School student, is cast as the girl. Carl Schuman of Livonia and Floyd Guernsey of Wayne play the two fathers

Amusements



FLOYD GUERNSEY (left) and Carl Schuman discuss horticulture and love in this scene from the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater's production of "The Fantasticks," playing Dec. 1 and 2 in John Glenn High School. This scene revolves around the song "Plant a Radish." Guernsey and Schuman play the plotting poppas of the young lovers. (Observer photos by Dewey Jenkins)

who plot to bring the couple together.

Other characters in the play are The Mule, played by Juan Pablo Verde of Ypsilanti; the Shakespearean actor, Gerald Thomas, a John Glenn drama teacher; and the Man Who

New Pianist Will Perform

DETROIT Pianist Grant Johannessen, who appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Carnegie Hall on Nov. 10, will replace pianist Bruno Leonardo Gelber as soloist for the Detroit Symphony's performances in Ford Auditorium on Nov. 24 and 25.

Gelber, who lives in Argentina, asked if he could withdraw from the engagement due to scheduling problems.

Johannessen is a native of Salt Lake City, and studied with Robert Casadesu.

Tickets for the concerts are on sale at Hudson's.

Westland Club Now Has Daily Lunches

Westland's Over 21 Club, once a meeting place for matinee-going matrons, has revamped its menu and is now offering lunches five days a week.

And if you'd like something that's not on the menu, the club's manager, Yale Aronoff, will see that you get it if possible.

The club, located atop the Quo Vadis Entertainment Center, at Wayne and Warren Roads, is still catering to the Wednesday matinee - goer, but is also hoping to attract area businessmen who want to eat in a quiet, intimate setting.

THE CLUB has also inaugurated a "happy hour" daily from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Most lunches are around \$2, including daily specials. All are served with a delicious tossed salad that's almost a meal in itself, plus a loaf of the club's own bread.

For a Victorian delight, there is a steam corn of onion soup served with a loaf of warm bread and a glass of wine. This goes very well in the club's opulent red and black 1890s decor.

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