

'Mousetrap' makes nice catch

By JAN WILLIAMS

Success strikes again for the Farmington Players, this time with Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," which opened last Friday.

The story is quite a thriller and it's easy to see why it has lasted for 21 years on the London stage. Director Pete Turpin and his entire cast and crew have done it justice on the Farmington stage.

Ticket holders for this sold-out performance, which continues March 1 and 2, should be sure to show up or pass their tickets on to someone else. It was disappointing to see several empty seats for which someone had tickets that could've been used by a more willing theatergoer.

The play involves the tracking down of a murderer in a country boarding house a few miles from London.

The murderer is presumably one of the guests at the boarding house.

There were a few newcomers for this production. Among them were Mary Ellen Detmer as Mollie Ralston; Vestus Spindler III as Giles Ralston and Tim Phenoey as Major Metcalf. Although making first appearances on the Farmington stage, all are theater veterans. They've proved some other theater's loss was a definite gain for Farmington.

Ronald S. Merkin as Christopher Wren was nothing short of spectacular. If he didn't just happen to be a natural for the part, he certainly has a talent for characterization.

Lois Hill, making her sixth appearance on the Farmington stage, was a definite credit to this production as Mrs. Boyle. Let's hope she keeps returning to the stage.

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Other cast members were Peggy Sisto as Miss Caswell; Lee Ross as Mr. Paravicini; and John Powers as Detective Sergeant Trotter. They each deserve praise for performances well delivered.

An added touch of entertainment is provided in the program. It lists the suspects and allows the viewer to check whom he thinks is the

Casting Call

The Wayne - Westland Civic Theater will hold open tryouts for "Butterflies Are Free" March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal



SANDRA RAYMOND (left) of the Artrain committee, discusses plans for a concert to be given by the Ravin' Blue, at the Artrain site on March 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. Members of the group are (left to right) John Tartar, John McPherson, Nancy Martin, Bob Taylor and Andy Tartar.

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