

Suspense and Thrills in "Wait After Dark"

by Jenni Ritzler

Meadow Brook Theatre's touring suspense-drama, "Wait Until Dark," will be presented for one performance only at the Alpena High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 24.

The thriller, sponsored by the Thunder Bay Arts Council, is written by Frederick Knott, and will feature a professional cast of actors from New York, Baltimore, Michigan and Illinois.

All of the action of "Wait Until Dark" takes place in a Greenwich Village basement apartment where a young wife, who is blind, is terrorized by a trio of thugs searching for a doll she does not know is in her possession. It turns out that there is something concealed in the doll that these depraved men will do anything to get.

They try to take advantage of her sightlessness through trickery, but shrewd use of her other senses keeps them at bay. After several preliminary demonstrations of torture, the psychopathic leader of the criminals prepares a gory end for the hapless heroine in a scene that all the New York critics agreed provides the most exciting suspense that has been experienced in a theatre for many years.

Bethany Carpenter will play the role of the lovely blind woman who pits her courage and ingenuity

against the desperate thugs. She made her Meadow Brook debut in last season's hit production of Lillian Hellman's "Another Part of the Forest." A popular and acclaimed actress in the Detroit area, she was most recently praised for her performances as Lady Macbeth and as Marta in "Watch on the Rhine" at the Attic Theatre.

New York actor John LaGioia makes his Meadow Brook debut as the leader of the terrifying trio. Most recently he played Fran Geminiani in the Philadelphia Drama Guild production of "Gemini." New York audiences have seen him in many productions and daytime viewers will remember him as Johnny Dallas in "The Edge of Night."

Wil Love, who has been seen this season at Meadow Brook in "End of Ramadan" and "A Man for All Seasons," will play Mike Talman, another member of the criminal trio. Most recently at Pennsylvania's Totem Pole Playhouse he appeared in the world premiere of "Butterfly Days" with Jean Stapleton.

Michigander Phillip Locker completes the trio of thugs. Locker's Meadow Brook credits include the hit productions of "Another Part of the Forest," "Othello," "On Golden Pond" and "A Man for All Seasons."

Andrew Barnicle will play the role of Sam Hendrix, the heroine's husband. This season Meadow Brook audiences have seen him in many productions to include "Hay Fever" and "A View From the Bridge."

The youngest appearing member of the cast, Grace Alexandra Aiello, who plays Gloria, is a member of the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State and is currently earning her Master's degree.

Peter-William Hicks and Trueman Kelley will appear as policemen.

A limited number of free tickets will be available to students at the Besser Tech lobby for this performance. The Meadow Brook Theatre is a cultural program of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

ACC Circle K Awarded

by Katie Corpus

Taking first place for Single Service, Scrapbook, Oratorical and Achievement at the 27th annual Circle K state convention was Alpena Community College's Circle K Club.

Hosted by Michigan State University, the convention was held at the University Inn in East Lansing over the weekend of April 2-5. Stepping down from their district offices were Alpena's Phil Peet and Dave Bolda, governor and secretary-

treasurer respectively. Hi-lighting the weekend, were an awards banquet on Saturday, a governors farewell dinner on Sunday and dances both Friday and Saturday nights with the East Lansing Promenaders giving a special performance on Friday night.

Judge Swallow to Speak at ACC

On April 26, Circuit Judge Joseph Swallow will be speaking at ACC on the structure of the court system. He is speaking on behalf of a request from DeLysle Henry's Political Science class.

The class is now studying the state court system. Each student observes a particular leader in the field and presents an oral report on their findings. Judge Swallow was invited by Norman Idalski and Sue Richards.

The speech will be held in room 110 at Van Lare Hall. Following the speech, there will be a question and answer period.

Library Faces Few Cuts

by Nancy LaFramboise

Despite budget cuts, the ACC Library plans to offer the same operating hours to its patrons. Even with the possibility of a reduction in staff working hours, the library hopes to maintain the same operating hours by stretching the available personnel to cover the openings.

ACC librarian Dennis Muir said that Title II, a federal resource which supplies the library with funds for purchasing material, was cut last fiscal term, Oct. 1-Sept. 30, from \$2000 to \$1200. This 60% cut will cause a reduction in book, newspaper, audio-visual and magazine material available to the patrons. The library does hope to maintain its subscription of present magazines.

Muir says they have requested \$3000 for next year under the Title II program. However, the reply for the request will not be known until weeks from now.

The library is open Saturdays between 11 and 3 but only an average of 4-5 patrons have been utilizing these hours. Since few people are taking advantage, the library may have to look into the feasibility of Saturday openings. It may prove more sensible to apply the funds elsewhere in the department. The library plans to maintain its Saturday openings but the result may depend on how many students will utilize the weekend opening. During the semester's final weeks the Saturday opening could prove to be valuable to students who are working on term papers or other unfinished work.

Dubious Achievement Awards 1982

Compiled by Greg Hurd

* Several wine companies have revealed that due to a larger consumption of white wine rather than the traditional red, they have begun "bleaching" the grapes used in red wine to keep up with the demand.

* The triumphant return of the Beverly Hillbillies set new records in television mediocrity. The Nielsen families were unavailable for comment.

* It's nice to know that England is looking out for the rest of us. Hark Northgreaves, Ltd. has developed a "portable pop-up nuclear fallout shelter". They claim their inflatable plastic system can keep the inside air free of radioactive dust and chemical warfare gasses for several weeks. Hmmm.....

* Singer David Crosby (of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young fame) was

arrested in California after his car struck a highway divider. A search revealed a stoned Crosby carrying a quantity of marijuana, an unregistered .45 caliber handgun, and an unidentified white powder. He was en route to an anti-nuclear benefit concert.

* The Alpena County School District became the first school system since the Depression to close its doors due to a lack of funds. While they did open a short time later, money troubles are still having some effect on the schools.

* After much hoopla about the supposed "Jupiter Effect", not only did the world not come to an end, but the planets never did align on the far side of the sun. Never fear though, this summer a comet (the Swift-Tuttle Comet) is predicted to come crashing into the Earth. Check your local newspapers for

time and possible landing sites.

* It seems like every popular song that has ever been recorded is now on some "Stars on Whatever" record. What's really amazing is how the public is buying this stuff up. The Beatles with a disco beat no less!

* Ever since Virginia Slims made cigarettes for the "liberated" woman, Madison Avenue has been wracking its brain to come up with another status product. The latest creation is "Steel", an 85 proof peppermint schnapps that seems to be made for middle class construction workers. Their ads feature a large "Men Working" sign (establishes roots) and coupled with the theory that the middle class is out to get smashed and could care less about quality alcohol (hence the high alcohol content), this may pave the way for the future.