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PEOPLE ARE TALKING! ---about OUR TOWN! An enthusiastic audience was torn between laughter and tears during the preview performance of the heartwarming Pulitzer prize winning play held recently at the Milwaukee County Children's Home Theater. The large cast and crew worked hard (and obviously had a good time) bringing to life the delightful comedy-drama that has entertained so many people for so many years. Tickets are going fast for the remaining three performances (by the time you read this newsletter the first two paid performances will be over) and here's how to get them: tickets are sold at the door and are priced at \$3. for students and senior citizens and \$4. for everyone else. A discount for groups of 25 or more is being offered. For all ticket information call Bonnie Torretta at 476-4840 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The remaining shows are Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2 p.m.

PEOPLE ARE ANTICIPATING! ---the next major production of the VPW! The Play Festival, featuring one-act plays by the Third Coast Playwrights and prize-winners from last year's contest will be performed Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17. AUDITIONS for the shows will be held Oct. 2 and 3 at the Milwaukee County Children's Home Theater at 7 p.m. Directors Dave Eggebrecht and Ron Schafer are looking for approximately twenty actors and actresses, ranging in age from "the early twenties" to the "late fifties" - no previous acting experience is necessary and you need not bring prepared material. A brief summary of the plays is as follows: A Memory Play - a middle-aged white man and a young black man come to grips with their cultural differences and become friends - Street - an affluent young executive "drops out" and joins a group of "street people" with both humorous and poignant results - One Sharp and Two Flats - two maiden sisters and an FBI man run into problems with their chamber music group - Expectations - a middle-aged couple develop a crisis in their relationship when he wants to use their savings for business and she wants to use it for her education - Willing Failure - a young married couple have problems, both funny and sad, when they can't agree on a suitable life style - Midwestern Still Life - a story about two aging men being forced to face the realities of their lives. For further information concerning auditions and the production of the plays you may call Dave Eggebrecht at 527-2736 and Ron Schafer at 444-8397 (evenings).

PEOPLE ARE DOING! ---interesting and creative "things" to foster the growth of "community theater" in the greater Milwaukee area! Village Playhouse "members" are not only working on behalf of their "parent group" but are out in the community participating with other community theater groups: a partial list follows: Candace Johnson will appear in The Dining Room with the Sunset Playhouse in October - Dave Eggebrecht will direct Phileton and Linda Jaeger will stage manage for Concordia College in October - Maggie Ley will appear in Crimes of the Heart with the Suburban Players in October - Mark Nadolski will perform as a puppeteer for the Milwaukee Public School series Kids on the Block this fall - Donna Kay Kohls will be performing as a singer and guitarist at local "coffee houses" in the near future - Robert Gee will be musical director of Lil Abner at Dominican High School in November - Charmaine DeNovor will direct Dames at Sea at Bay View High School in November - Bonnie Torretta will appear in A Funny Thing Happened ----- with the Milwaukee Players in November - Gilbert Shine will appear with the Oak Creek Players in Two by Two...just to name a few. If you will be doing something of interest (theatrically speaking!) in the near future - give the editor (of this newsletter!) a call at 475-7569 and we'll list it in future newsletters!

PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING! ---the Village Playhouse to such an extent that it has become an Associate Member of the Wisconsin Theater Association - thanks to the generous donation (that's \$\$\$, folks!) by a "loyal member" who wishes to remain anonymous (?) - and membership "dues" (your annual \$5. donation) are "rolling in" - an obvious expression of "good faith" - for those who have not paid their dues as yet - please see the insert attached to this newsletter. ---and a round of applause and some heart-felt "thank you's" to those who contributed their time, talent, energy, money, and assistance to help make Our Town - the premiere production of the new season - such a successful and productive venture!

That's all, folks!

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