

University Theatre Receives Grant From O. D. M. H.

Through a grant of funds, made possibly by the Ohio Division of Mental Hygiene, the Youngstown University Theatre has set up a special repertory company known as family plays. Under the direction of the Youngstown University Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts, this group will offer performances of four of the American Theatre Wing's Community Plays.

For the past several years the American Theatre Wing has been producing a series of short community plays designed to help people understand human behavior.

The plays average approximately half an hour. They are designed to be followed by a discussion period -- an essential part of the program. The shock of recognition is the opening wedge in this novel form of adult education. But identification with the play's characters is only a stimulus for the discussion period which follows the play.

Directions for Booking

All groups requesting a booking of one of these plays are expected to:

1. Have an appropriate interest in family life education.
2. Provide a hall of suitable meeting room for the performance. (A room with stage or raised platform is preferable, though not essential. No special props are required.)
3. Have a minimum audience of 50 persons. (Groups which can assure larger audiences will have preference in securing bookings.)
4. Arrange for a discussion leader.
5. Pay a royalty of \$1 per performance directly to: American Theatre Wing Community Plays, 351 West 48th Street, New York 36, N. Y.

Family Plays will provide:

1. A performance by a competent cast at the scheduled meeting hour.
2. A copy of the complete script of the play to be performed -- upon confirmation of the booking.
3. A discussion guide to assist the leader in preparing for the program.

Please remember that the total number of performances for the 1957-1958 season will be limited to 50. For this reason, bookings will be offered in the requesting performances for specific dates.

Bookings will be accepted beginning September 23, 1957. Family Plays must be notified at least three weeks in advance of performance date desired. Booking office hours are 1:00 -- 5:00 pm. weekdays. Written requests for bookings will be accepted at any time.

Please phone your request to:

Family Plays

Riverside 4-8451, Ext. 12

Youngstown, Ohio

or write to:

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University theatre

Department of Speech & Dramatic
Arts

The Youngstown University

410 Wick Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio

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