

Evelyn Erikson In Play At New Haven

Mrs. Evelyn Erikson, Decatur's well-known theatrical performer, will be starring in "Life With Father," a three-act comedy to be presented April 17, 18 and 19 by the New Haven Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, beginning at 8:15 p.m. A 2:30 p.m. matinee is scheduled for Sunday, April 19. All performances will be held in the New Haven school auditorium.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained by calling 749-4416, or by stopping at the ticket office located in the Broadway Lanes in New Haven. All seats are reserved and tickets are priced at \$1.50, \$1.25, and \$1.

The New Haven Jaycees are presenting the play with plans to use a portion of the proceeds to promote the city of New Haven at the state Jaycees convention in Fort Wayne in May, and will use the remainder to finance a civic improvement project.

Lead Roles

With Mrs. Erikson in the role of mother and Jack Sweet playing father, two veteran performers will be playing leads opposite each other for the first time. Mrs. Erikson, with her many years of dramatic experience, promises to be one of the brightest spots in the show. In addition to her lead role, she is also directing the play.

One of the most widely known actresses in this area, Mrs. Erikson has been associated with the Civic theater for many years, and has played the feminine lead in such Civic productions as "Macbeth," "Hedda Gabler," "The Desk Set," and many, many others.

She was awarded the actress of the year award for her portrayal of Elizabeth in "Elizabeth the Queen," and has had work in radio, television, movies and summer stock.

First Seen In 1939

"Life With Father" is a family comedy set in the Clarence Day home, on Madison Ave. in New York in the late 1800's. It was first seen on Broadway in 1939, and its record of over 3,200 continuous performances still holds



Barbershoppers To Hold 'Open House'

Eddie Ewell, president of the Adams county chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., (society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America), announced plans today for a big open-house type meeting to be held next week in Decatur in observance of "Harmonica Week."

The 35 members of the local chapter are joining some 30,000 other men in North America to celebrate the founding of the society. "It's the 26th anniversary of our society," explained Ewell, "and there will be over 600 chapters holding special meetings during the week to commemorate our anniversary and sing 'the Old Songs.'

The open-house will be held at the Youth and Community Center Thursday evening, April 16 beginning at 8 o'clock. "We will sing up a storm at that time," Ewell promised.

Everyone Invited

Everyone, including non-members and the ladies, are invited and urged to attend by the local chapter. There will be audience participation and a light meal will be served—and there is no charge.

The county chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is looking for new members to make the organization grow. There are four voice classes, tenor, lead, baritone and bass.

"You don't have to read music, or play an instrument," Ewell exclaimed. "All you really need is a desire to sing."

The local chapter is part of a 30,000 member singing fraternity devoted exclusively to men who want to sing four-part barbershop harmony.

Founded in 1938

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. was founded by Owen C. Cash in Tulsa, Okla. April 11, 1938. Twenty-six men attended the first meeting, and at present, the society is probably the largest all-male singing organization in the world.

There are nearly 675 chapters of the organization in the United States and Canada, with 15 geographical districts. The largest chapter is in Dundalk, Md., where 197 men belong to the chapter.

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Retarded Children Association Meets

The Indiana Association for Retarded Children, Inc., will hold its seventh annual meeting and conference on mental retardation April 10-11 at the Continental Hotel, 410 N. Meridian, Indianapolis.

The conference will open at 1 p.m. Friday, and continue through Saturday afternoon.

James Keyes, Columbus, president of IARC, will preside. General chairman of the conference is Mrs. Lex Phillips, Indianapolis.

The opening address, "Gearing a Complete Community Program," will be given by Michael C. Kreider, executive director, Michigan Association for retarded children, Detroit, Mich. Following Kreider's presentation of an overall picture of programs for the retarded, the conference will be divided into workshop sessions.

At 7 p.m., there will be a banquet in the ball room with Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Mayo served as chairman of President Kennedy's panel on mental retardation.

Saturday morning, two special breakfasts are scheduled, one for presidents and executive directors of local units for the retarded and the other for teachers in special education.

The annual business meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday



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