

Theatre Guild Presents

"The Autumn Garden"

In readying its second production of the current season, The Kent County Theatre Guild is so far advanced that for the first time in the history of this local organization, the cast will be able to complete rehearsals on a completed set. The stage production crew, under Alan Hunn, has constructed the set and has hung it on the stage of the Wesley College Little Theatre over the past weekend.

The play to be presented by the Guild is Lillian Hellman's "The Autumn Garden", considered by numerous critics to be her finest effort in playwriting for the American stage. The cast, being directed by Bella Ward, promises to show area playgoers some familiar faces, along with many who will be making their local debuts. Among those who have been seen before are: William Hughes, Director of Public Relations and Instructor in English at Wesley College, who has directed quite a few, including last year's "The Importance of Being Earnest". In the part of Nicholas Denery will be seen Nowell Jones, a teacher at the East Dover School, whose appearances in more than a half dozen earlier plays have brought enjoyment to viewers.

Also appearing on local boards for the second time, in the part of Frederick Ellis, is Peter Powell, an employee of International Latex, who is remembered also for his performance in "Earnest". Nine Denery is to be enacted by Jane Smight, a veteran of two past productions, namely "Bus Stop" and "The Chalk Garden". Mrs. Mary Ellis will be portrayed by Pollye Simpson, who was seen last year in "Duet for Two Hands."

Also recalled will be Joe Del Farra, of M. A. Hartnett Co., and Joyce Ann Mullins, who played Francesca in "The Seventh Veil". Joe was seen in "The Seventh Veil" also, along with the afore-mentioned "Bus Stop".

Among the newcomers to the acting company of The Kent County Theatre Guild will be found Peggy Wagner, wife of Major Robert L. Wagner, of the Dover Air Force Base. Mrs. Wagner has had previous acting experience with Little Theatre groups in Orlando, Florida, and Savannah, Georgia. Marjorie Avery, who with her husband Herbert, runs the Standard Electronics, will be seen for the first time in the part of Carrie Ellis.

Also making debut perfor-

mances will be Tootsie Quillen, a native Delawarean; Esther Witek, a teacher from Chicago, Illinois; and Roland Mintz, a student from Dover. The latter two actors will be playing parts of servants.

"The Autumn Garden" will be presented the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday January 24th, 25th and 26th at 8:30 p.m. The place will be the Wesley College Little Theatre. Ticket prices are \$1.80 with students to be admitted at half price.

Opportunity Center Has New Location

Golden Opportunity Center, Inc. lower Delaware's workshop for the handicapped has moved to a new location in order to obtain more floor space. The new location is 126 West Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, Delaware, where the Noble Hardware used to be. This is to be a temporary location, until other larger and more permanent quarters are located.

"This move was necessitated", said Earl Canter, Director, G.O.C.I., "due to the urgent need of more floor space for vocational training."

The workshop will be doing general furniture repair including simple reupholstering, refinishing and wood repair on furniture, as well as simple repetitive work, packaging salvaging, collating, stuffing of envelopes, etc.

The workshop began operation in its present location on Route #13, So. DuPont Highway, Dover in July 1962. Since then they have grown to 14 full time handicapped employees, with many more waiting for training and employment.

One of the stated goals of Golden Opportunity Center Inc., is to train the handicapped to take their rightful place in competitive employment with an opportunity to earn a living wage and maintain their self-respect.

