

# 3,300 Members Is Little Theater

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## Goal In Drive Starting Oct. 29

Mrs. Norman D. Merrill of RD 2, Swanson Road, has been named chairman of the 1969-70 Little Theater of Jamestown membership drive which gets under way Wednesday, Oct. 29.

In making the announcement, Dr. Wilson W. Shaw Jr., LT president, said Mrs. Merrill has done an outstanding job for the community organization as performer and more recently as a member of the board of directors.

Dr. Shaw said he anticipates a most successful campaign under Mrs. Merrill's direction.

A circus theme is being utilized this year as the 2,700-member group strives to reach a total of 3,300 this season. It is LT's first membership effort in its new modern plant on E. 2nd Street, former site of Shea's Theater.

Directors said the employment of Gil F. Brand of the Boston, Mass. area as a full time director, and movement into the smartly appointed quarters will be an added drawing card in attracting new members.

Suggested plays for next season include comedies, "A Majority of One," "Cactus Flower," "Don't Drink the Water" and "Dracula." Dramas being considered are "Philadelphia Here I Come," "A Man for all Seasons," and "Wait Until Dark." Musicals include "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," and "Wonderful Town."



MRS. NORMAN D. MERRILL

Brand's first effort with the theater since his arrival here late this summer is "The Impossible Years," currently appearing. The run started last week and will be repeated Wednesday through Sunday.

The general public can see the comedy for one dollar, if they sign up for a membership ticket. Tickets are being sold in the lobby during the run of the play.

For the past six years, Mrs. Merrill has appeared on stage and backstage for LT. Her performances came in "I Have Been Here Before," "Catch Me If You Can" and "A Shot in the Dark."

She has assisted with costuming and props in other productions. Her 3-year term on the LT board of directors began this year.

Mrs. Merrill is superintendent of the Camp Street Methodist Church Sunday School and also serves as assistant choir director there, and sings in the choir. She is a den mother for a cub scout group and has been affiliated with PTA activities at C. E. Smith School.

She is an avid football fan and also enjoys sewing. Mrs. Merrill and her husband, an employe of L. H. Ludwig Construction Co., have two sons, David, 10, and Mark, 8.