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For Immediate Release

VETERAN ACTORS TO APPEAR IN U PLAY AT MORRIS

The University of Minnesota Theatre players/^{who} will appear in Morris on Friday, April 7, have had a wealth of dramatic experience in professional theatre as well as summer stock and community theatre work.

The University company will travel from the Minneapolis Campus to present Thornton Wilder's comedy, "The Matchmaker" at 8 p.m. next Friday in Edson Hall on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus.

Playing the leading roles in the production are Helen Backlin and Robert Snook, both graduate students and instructors in theatre at the University. Miss Backlin has toured professionally in Europe and the Pacific and has appeared in several professional London productions and a J. Arthur Rank film. She worked for eight years in Television and for BBC radio in England, in New York television and radio and in summer stock.

Robert Snook has appeared in the Broadway production of "Season in the Sun". He has also directed and acted in summer stock in Massachusetts and Bermuda and spent one season at Stratford-on-Avon, England. A veteran of University Theatre productions, he won the 1960 graduate acting award and has acted two summers on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat.

Tickets for "The Matchmaker", at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students, are available at Sarlette's Music Store in Morris or at the Business Office, University of Minnesota, Morris.

In 1950 he was again a war correspondent, this time in Korea where he arrived a few days after the "police action" had begun. He returned to Korea during the war in 1951, covering its last phase. Through the years, other assignments have taken him to Malaya, a two-week residence in Communist East Berlin, the Scandinavian countries, Alaska, Turkey, Greece, Burma the Soviet Union, and the jungles of Ecuador and Peru.

Mr. Grim has been decorated by the Chinese government and the U.S. Defense Department and has received awards for his newspaper writing and his radio and television newscasts and analyses.