

# Reservations For Guild's "Picnic" Open

Reservations are now available for "Picnic", a cooperative effort of the Ancon Theatre Guild and the Canal Zone College Drama Department. The play will run from October 25 through November 4 at the Theatre Guild.

"Picnic", originally presented on Broadway in 1953, is one of the most admired of William Inge's plays. A lyrically romantic story, it follows the passage of a charming dritter through a sleepy midwestern town. Responses by the local citizens vary from spiteful anger to love, but none are unaffected by the handsome young man. Drama, sentiment and humor combine in a story which steadily weaves its web of summer enchantment.

The original play starred Kim Stanley, Ralph Meeker and Paul Newman, and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1954. The popular film version featured William Holden, Kim Novack, and Rosalind Russell. The latter was nominated for an Academy Award for her performance as Rosemary, an unhappy schoolteacher.

"Picnic" was first presented at the Theatre Guild in 1958. The current production, directed by Bruce Quinn and co-directed by Bill Gonzales, features several new talents, as well as individuals already familiar to local theatre fans. Included in the cast are Rogelio Pretto, Ivonne Smith, Virginia Shea, Tammi Planchon, Sam Scribner, Ann Bennett, Joan Manfredo, Jim Dunworth, Gail Totten, Perry Reitz, and Eugenia Bing.

All are cordially invited to a "Picnic". Reservations may be made by calling 52-6786 on weekdays between 7 and 9 p. m., or 54-5437 at any time.



## **IN GUILD PLAY**

In rehearsal for William Inge's summer romance, *Picnic*, is Rogelio Pretto who portrays the drifter, Hal. The Canal Zone College Drama Department production is being staged in cooperation with the Theatre Guild, Inc. Reservations for the Bruce Quinn directed play can be made by calling 52-6786 or 52-5437.