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'BROTHER PAUL'

New Organization To Present Magic Shows With Meaning

Two area couples have formed a new educational entertainment organization for children.

"Brother Paul's Educational Entertainment Missions" is registered as a non-profit society dedicated to furthering safety instruction and religious education through the media of magic and allied theatrical arts and crafts.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mugridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Richards formed the organization, and their services will be available at no charge to area churches, schools, and other public and private institutions.

Mr. Richards has been known professionally as "The Great Richelli - master magician," escapologist, illusionist and promoter of magic and allied arts. He and Mrs. Richards toured the United States in 1968 and while employed by the Safety Council was known as "Seymore Safety - the school magician."

The letter-head for the new organization contains such phrases as School Safety Magic Acts, Religious Fund Raising Programs, Magic With A Heavenly Touch, Catechism Illustrated Holy Gospel Illumi-



GERALD S. RICHARDS

nated and Ecumenical Educational Entertainment.

In the new organization, Mr. Richards, producer of stage and fund raising shows, will be producer and director of the church and school activities and will also serve as secretary of the group. Mrs. Richards, a partner in the original safety show, is president of the organization. Mrs.

Mugridge, vice president, heads the research and development department. Mr. Mugridge is the group's treasurer.

The idea for a complete program on a non-profit basis was conceived when Mr. Richards was contacted by several area businessmen to provide such a service.

"The entire creative effort, talents, stage equipment and flair of the "Richelli Shows" will be incorporated into the new productions," said Mrs. Mugridge.

All members of the company are Episcopalians and the name "Brother Paul" is a characterization of the role played by Mr. Richards as a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and the effort or "mission" to provide the children of the area with an unusual service, she explained.

Programs for entire grades and classes of school children will be sponsored by local business concerns as well as individual sponsors of the church and religious series of programs, explained Mrs. Mugridge.

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