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For Immediate Release

The University of Minnesota, Morris drama group, the Morris Players, will present a folk comedy, "Papa Is All" at 8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, in Edson Hall auditorium on the UMM campus.

Tickets for the play, which is directed by T. S. Long, assistant professor at UMM, will be available at the door.

First presented in 1942 by the Theatre Guild of New York, the play is written in Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, the language of the Mennonite settlers who came to Pennsylvania from Germany in the days of William Penn.

Cast in the role of the dominating father of the Mennonite household is Clayton Olson of Badger. The son and daughter, played by Robert Gandrud of Glenwood and Janet Lawler of Morris, are modern in their thought and customs but are inhibited by their stern parent with his religious views and practices.

The mother, Janet Vold of Graceville, a faithful Mennonite, sympathizes with her children but fears Papa's authority.

A touch of broad comedy is injected into the play by Anita Kieffer of Morris as the nit-wit gossip, Mrs. Yoder. The strong supporting role of State Trooper Brendle is portrayed by Steffen Sanvik of Starbuck.

Although it touches on the subject of a murder which never comes off, the theme of rebellion against parental authority is one with which both players and audience can understand and sympathize.