Drama Season Rich In 'Star' Tradition

Theatrical 'Greats' Appeared Here

A listing of the stars who have appeared in past Ann Arbor Drama seasons reads like a 'Who's Who' of the theatrical world since 1933, nearly every major name of the current crop of movie stars having been here. Some have won permanent fame; others were just testing themselves toward stardom.

The Drama Season began in 1933 as a civic project of the Ann Arbor Parent-Teacher Association. Directed by Mrs. Erna R. Wood, the plays were presented continuously every spring in the Michigan Union's Union Memorial Theater, except for six years during World War II.

The first season's program consisted of 25 plays. The 25th season will feature 25 plays. The plays are written and directed by Ann Arborites, and are presented by a small group of actors. The group is comprised of students and teachers of the university.

Academy Award Winner: Charles Laughton, recent winner of an Academy Award for his performance in the film "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," directed by Frank Capra, played both Mr. and Mrs. Elisha, last winter. Mrs. Elisha was played by Mrs. Thomas (Mrs. Charles) Laughton.

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LILLIAN GISH was Mrs. Carrie Watts in "The Trip to Bountiful" in 1954.