

Symphony prepares for 'The Oasis Night'

Not musicians, but carpenters, painters and construction workers were creating the sound last week in Twelve Oaks Mall as wives of local officials and of Dayton Hudson executives joined members of the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony and the Junior Women's Association for a preview tour of the new mall in Novi.

About 80 gathered for a tea in Farmington's Botsford Inn, and then were taken by bus to Twelve Oaks. Women's Association members and Juniors will be hostesses at "This Classic Night," the official opening for the mall and a benefit for the symphony Aug. 1.

The visitors walked down escalators that weren't yet operating in the two-

level mall, and detoured around patches of freshly ground terrazzo flooring covered with plastic. Throughout the mall around the central court workmen were installing heating equipment, ceilings and partitions at individual stores.

Temporary paper signs indicated that there would be an Olga's Kitchen and a Bonanza restaurant at the entrance adjacent to the Hudson store. The only permanent sign in its place was the one which read Charles W. Warren, jeweler.

AS VISITORS walked around huge grids in the floor, their escort, Pat Hobar, of Dayton Hudson Properties, explained that this week ficus trees would be planted in them.

She assured the women that on the appointed date of the opening, splashing fountains and modern sculptures would be in the courts while Sixteen Ehrlich, former music director for the symphony, would conduct the symphony in the opening night program.

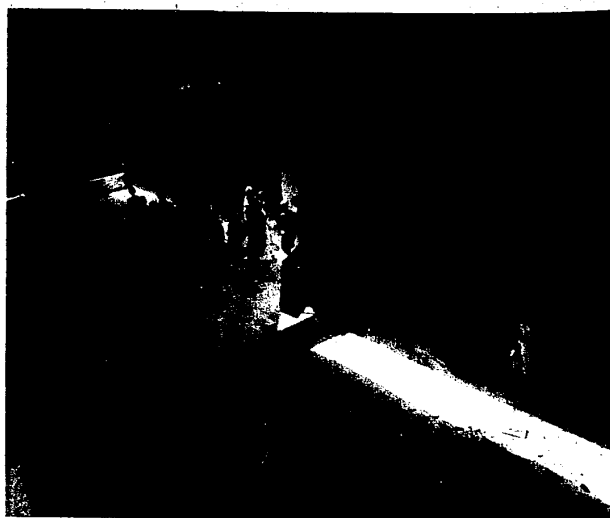
Aurelia Powledge, of Northville, an active member of the symphony association, added that in addition to the music, there will be a fall fashion show that night, coordinated by Hudson's.

Mrs. Powledge attended the detailed planning session for the evening, which includes a Detroit chamber group with percussion ensemble, string quartet, brass quintet and woodwind quintet, to be in each of the courts for strolling visitors' pleasure.

Everyone attending, she stressed, even officials, will have paid \$10 each. Tickets, she added, are tax deductible as a symphony benefit.

"You'll be greeted with a champagne cocktail," she promised, "and be invited to sample hors d'oeuvres. Cash bars will be set up for additional cocktails."

AT ABOUT 9:15 p.m., everyone will gather in the central court to hear the symphony. Tickets for "This Classic Night" are



It appears to have a long way to go, but members of the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony, were assured Novi's Twelve Oaks

Mall would be open Aug. 1. The opening is a benefit for the Detroit Symphony.

now on sale in Hudson's, or they may be purchased from the Detroit Symphony's box office. The mall is located on Novi Road.

at the I-96 expressway. All of the stores will be open and stocked with merchandise by Aug. 1.

Of the gala evening ahead, Mrs.

Powledge said, "It will be well worth dressing up for in your long skirts or dressy pants. It will be both a visual and audible treat."

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Community Calendar

COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, July 26: Commission on Aging, regular monthly meeting, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 2300 Liberty, Farmington. Open to the public.

CIRCUS TIME

Thursday, July 28: "Circus Time," written by writing student Laura McDougall and produced by youths in

the play writing class of Taffy Jones, at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Open to all children in the area. No charge.

GREEK FESTIVAL '77

Friday through Sunday, July 29-31: Greek Festival '77 on the grounds of Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, 2325 Middle Belt, offers Greek foods and wines, authentic imports.

Navy recruit ends basics

Navy Seaman Recruit Charles Wischmeyer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wischmeyer Sr., of 21131 Meadowlark, Farmington, has completed the Navy's basic electricity-electronics course.

The 1976 graduate of Farmington High School joined the Navy in December, 1976. He completed four weeks of study at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., which included a review of basic mathematics.

handcrafted items, jewelry and artifacts with continuous live entertainment of Greek music and dancing, on Friday from 6-10 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. Admission to the grounds is \$1 per person.

SUMMERS SUNDAY EXHIBITION

Sunday, July 31: Summers Sunday Exhibition features prints, watercolors, ceramics, drawings and oil paintings of six recent University of Michigan artists, in Finnish Center Association on Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road, from noon to 8 p.m. No charge.

PLAYCAMP

Monday, Aug. 1: Sixth session of Playcamp opens for 4- to 6-year-olds with options of morning or afternoon sessions. Registration is necessary. The one-act play has been chosen from seven plays written by the students in Taffy Jones' summer class at the center. The production winds up the ten-session course which covered play writing, play producing, casting, directing, acting, makeup, music and scenery.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Monday, Aug. 1: Vacation Bible School begins at 9 a.m. for five days in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, on Twelve Mile east of Farmington

Road, for children from kindergarten through sixth grades. Registrations and transportation requests are being taken now by Audrey Bowditch, 661-0721.

FARMINGTON HILLS PRIMARY

Tuesday, Aug. 2: Primary election for Farmington Hills Council lists 10 residents vying for four council seats. Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CANOEOING COURSE

Wednesday, Aug. 3: Basic canoeing course, sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation includes four sessions at 7 p.m. on the Huron River, and concludes with an all day trip. Registration is necessary through the recreation office, 474-6115. Fee is \$18 for adults; \$16 for children from 10-14 years of age.

THE R DOCUMENT

Thursday, Aug. 4: "The R Document" by Irving Wallace, continues informal book discussions in Farmington Community Library, 2300 Liberty, at 7:30 p.m. No charge. Copies of "Cat's Cradle" by Kurt Vonnegut now available for discussion scheduled for Aug. 18.

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"Circus Time," an original play written by writing student Laura McDougall, will be staged by the Play Creating Class in Farmington Community Center at 10:30 a.m. July 28. The one-act play has been chosen from seven plays written by the students in Taffy Jones' summer class at the center. The production winds up the ten-session course which covered play writing, play producing, casting, directing, acting, makeup, music and scenery.

The class chose Laura's play as the one to produce, and now will combine talents for other youngsters to view, without charge.

Miss Jones is writer and director of the children's Whistle-Stop Theatre and taught several children's classes in the center this summer.

Plays written by others in the class were "Magic Stockings" by Lauren Yessayan, "The Trouble with Time," by Sue Gruier, "The Quest of Joe Son-

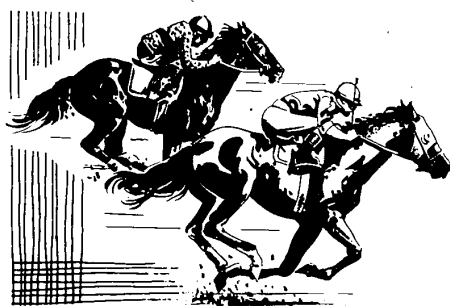
dergrass," by Ron McCoy, "A Road Leading to Trouble," by Scott Stern, "An Odd Tic-Tac," by Kelly McShane, and "Sir Henry Gets a Jab," by Ron Evangelista.

Kevin elected Lodge Chief

Kevin E. Bowditch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bowditch, of 3333 Muer Cove, Farmington Hills, was elected Lodge Chief of Chippewa Lodge 29, Order of the Arrow, in Lost Lake.

His responsibility involves leading more than 200 men and boys in five chapters in Oakland and Macomb Counties for the next year. He will be in charge of coordinating budgets, convales, fund-raising and social activities.

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