

Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS



Jazz, family flicks didn't sell tickets

In case you wondered what happened, the Buddy Greco concert that was scheduled for last week on the Groves Big Band-Jazz Series had to be canceled because there just weren't enough advance ticket sales. Maybe this talented pianist-singer stylist needed some Buddy Boosters, to back the Groves Big Band Boosters.

AND THE KINGSWOOD Theatre, which was screening everything from Walt Disney films to Elvis Presley flicks, recently had to close its doors showing family film favorites because the attendance didn't meet expectations.

According to Jan Cable, publicist for Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre, it cost \$200 just to open the doors for each screening.

Will-O-Way director Celia Merrill Turner, who heads the Kingswood Will-O-Way Corp., still plans to bring live stage productions to the Kings-

wood next year, even though her movie showing didn't pan out.

Ms. Turner is awaiting word on backing, however, and won't be certain until next February. If she gets the hoped-for financing, the theater will offer shows starring a famous name, supported by a cast of local performers.

THE CHRISTMAS season is upon us, and for all those shoppers in the Birmingham area, during the holiday season, Tweezy's Cafe will be open Wednesday-Fridays for Bistro Supper from 5-8 p.m.

Yvonne Gill Davis, chef and proprietor, said that green tablecloths and candles will grace the tables, for a festive mood.

Tweezy's lunch menu, plus "simply stunning souffles," will be served at the Bistro Supper. Also New College (Old English) Steak Pie.

"We want to encourage people to come when shopping," Ms. Davis said. The suppers will be offered all through December and into next year. If business warrants.

BOB EVANS, the sausage king, has opened another restaurant in his nationwide chain and the second in Michigan, just across the street from the Abbey 1-2-3 movie houses.

The restaurant, in Madison Heights, next door to the Steak & Ale, features that down-home cooking from the Bob Evans Farm in Ohio. The new Bob Evans Restaurant opened Monday on a cold winter's day and was jammed at lunch with diners trying out the hearty fare.

The waitresses in their red-and-white checked aprons over white uniforms were cheery. The laminated tablecloths are patterned in red-and-white checks, edged in scallops.

Dishes with sausage or ham are big on the menu. A complete chicken and noodles main course, with salad, hot biscuits and honey, is priced at \$2.75.

I found the casserole dish filling, though bland, and the floury but home-making biscuits (you get two more than I could eat). The salad can be ordered with Bob Evans Colonial Dressing, which is sweet and flavorful. Didn't get to sample the barbecued sausages, served after 4 p.m. These are a specialty, however, and are the only feature advertised on the sign outside Bob Evans.

ONE OF THE MOST elegant and appealing ways to sample food from 25 metropolitan restaurants was offered a few weeks back at in benefit for Crittenton Hospital in Rochester.

The Gourmet Gala, held at the Pontiac Silverdome's Main Event restaurant, was filled with tables presenting a particular dish from each restaurant.

You could browse and snack, sampling dishes one at a time cocktail-party style, or sitting down to enjoy one or more courses together.

Restaurants ranged from B to Y (Bongiorno's—actually a bakery—in Rochester to Yassos, Greek restaurant in Royal Oak). The Main Event itself provided spinach salad, and crab. George from Ted's Old Town Inn in Bloomfield Hills and prime rib from Victoria Station in Southfield. Crepes beignet for dessert were from the Maple Inn in Troy.

A few of the restaurants offered mini-menus, and the party was a nice way to get ideas about where to dine. Of course, it was an expensive sampling, but all for charity.

This was the first year the event was held. Other places that participated included Carl's Chop House, Chuck Joseph's Place for Steak, Cooper's Arms, Curley's Fruit Market, Inc., Double Eagle, Kingsley Inn, Midtown Cafe, Money Tree, Neale's Pub on the Hill, Oceania Inn, Old Mill, Paradise Cafe, Red Cedars, Rip's, Tenuta's

Villa Rio, and the Meeting Place.

WANT A HOLIDAY drink with a punch in it? Try the famous Fish House Punch, first served in 1932 at the old Philadelphia club. It is served annually at the Greenfield Village Women of the Press, Radio and Television Luncheon.

Combine 12 ounces sugar, 32 ounces lemon juice, 3 fifths rum, 1 1/2 fifths cognac, 2 1/2 quarts water, 6 ounces peach brandy and watch out. It's potent.

The rest of the directions are, dissolve sugar in proper amount of water and cool down before mixing with other ingredients, which have also been chilled thoroughly. Keep under refrigeration until served.

Makes about 1 1/2 gallons, enough for 30-40 people, served in six-ounce cups.

ED ASNER, who plays that tough and tender newspaper editor on "The Lou Grant Show," will play another jolly old gent, Santa Claus, in part one of the Max Davey Christmas special coming to Detroit's Ford Auditorium this weekend.

In part two, Asner, who narrates the song and dance production, will be dressed as a jester. And in part three, well, who knows?

Performances will be held Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. and a special benefit performance to aid the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, at 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket information is available at

the Davey headquarters, Concert Series, Inc., in Farmington Hills, at 476-6276.

THE SOUTH OAKLAND Chapter of Sweet Adelines sang recently, with "Hats Off to Oklahoma," a musical production featuring the songs and story from "Oklahoma!"

For the pleasant show at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, the female barbershoppers called upon a few male babershoppers to fill major co-starring roles. Mostly, however, it was the women who filled the stage, and turn-of-the-century town, set in the Indian territory that became Oklahoma.

Auditions open for ice skaters

Figure skaters in the Detroit area who have a knowledge of the basic jumps and spins of figure skating may audition for jobs as line skaters in the Ice Follies.

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