

Victor Herman to be feted

Victor Herman, the Detroit-born man who spent 45 years in the Soviet Union, will be the guest of Michigan District of Workmen's Circle at a reception in his honor at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Workmen's Circle Center, 26341 Coolidge in Oak Park.

Herman is a charter member of the Workmen's Circle Branch, recently

formed by former residents of the Soviet Union.
Herman was born in Detroit and went to Russia in 1931 with 300 other American families when he was 16. They went to the USSR to build a Ford Motor plant in Nizhni-Novgorod, now called Gorky.
Among the Americans there were

Victor and Walter Reuther. Herman became a pilot, and in 1935, at age 20, broke the world record for free fall parachute jumping. At 22 he fought in the Spanish Civil War in the Lincoln Brigade of American volunteers.
When he attempted to return to the U.S. in 1938, Herman was arrested during the Stalinist purges. Without a trial or charges he knew about he served 18 years in prisons, labor camps and Siberian exile. He was pardoned in 1956.

He earned a Ph.D. degree and became a professor of English in Kishinev. He also won many awards and medals for athletics, teaching and published eight books and a film in the USSR.

In 1976 he returned to the U. S. and has since been able to bring his wife, her mother and their two daughters here as well.

His autobiography, called "Coming out of the Ice" was just published by Harcourt, Brace and Company.

For more information call the Workmen's Circle office at 545-0985.



Civic Theatre's 'Menagerie'

Judy Bednarz and James Thompson portray Laua and Tom in the Southfield Civic Theatre production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" at 8 p.m. Feb. 1-4 in the Parks and Recreation Building. Call John Puchalski at 354-9603 for information.



Vesely-Babyak

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vesely, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, JoAnn, to Christopher Babyak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Babyak, of Ruffsdale, Pa.
The bride to be is a 1974 graduate of Harrison High School, employed as a beautician. Her fiancé is a 1972 graduate of Youth High School, in Mendon, Pa.
An April wedding is planned.

Ramsey-Mullkoff

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Ramsey of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth, to Bruce Allen Mullkoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullkoff of West Bloomfield.

The bride to be is a graduate of Central Michigan University, employed as a secretary for Oakland County.

Her fiancé, who holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan, is employed as personnel manager for Dana Corp.

A May wedding is planned in First Presbyterian Church, Farmington Hills.



Smith-Boutain

Patricia E. Boutain and Gregory J. Smith were wed Jan. 20 in St. Cyprian's Catholic Church in Riverview, Mich. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Boutain of Southgate, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Smith Jr. of Farmington.

The couple was attended by Tamara Bentz and Eric Longman.
After the couple received guests in Symak's Restaurant in Lincoln Park, they left on a wedding trip to Canada.
They will make their home in Saginaw.

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