



Playing the Raven

Jim Post (above), million-selling pop veteran, will open Friday, Aug. 10, for a three-day stay at the Raven Gallery in Southfield. Post's newest album is "I Love My Life," released by Mountain Railroad Records, Inc. The album is Post's ninth, and it's his third recording on Mountain Railroad. Bowling in at

The Raven, before Post's stay, will be Jack Hamilton, whose baritone voice and guitar will be heard Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 8-9. Showtimes at The Raven are Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 11 p.m. Further information is available at 557-2622.

Dick Shawn stars in comedy spoof

For the fifth production of its 25th anniversary season, the Cherry County Playhouse will present Dick Shawn in his comedy spoof "The Second Greatest Entertainer in the Whole Wide World." Shawn will appear at the Traverse City theater for two weeks, Tuesday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 19. The show probes the mind of a down-on-his-luck comic who still has, and always will have, hopes of making it big. The first act finds Shawn in the dressing room of a second-rate night club rehearsing one liners until interrupted by the stage manager with his five-minute curtain time. The second act is a dream sequence in which Al Schenk (Shawn's character) has finally made it big in Las Vegas,

until his fantasy is again interrupted by the stage manager. Shawn carries the show almost alone accompanied only by the character of the stage manager and a myriad of special effects such as several large dummies which magically manage to make music. OF HIS BRAND of humor, Shawn says, "I want people to think on different levels, to realize that we ought to laugh at ourselves, but I do it through humility." Performances of "The Second Greatest Entertainer in the Whole Wide World" are Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 6 and 9:45 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and a Thursday matinee at 2.



Dick Shawn

Show accents vaudeville

The Black Sheep Repertory Theatre in Manchester will stage "Vaudeville," a song and dance show, beginning Friday, Aug. 10 and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 26.

Showtimes are 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Musical runs through month

"Starting Here, Starting Now," hit musical currently in the dinner theater world, has had a change of schedule. The show starring Diana Moskal, Phyllis Wolfe, David McIntosh and Jim Moskal will continue every Saturday night through Aug. 25 at the Machus Restaurant, Mr. Mac's Stable, in the Parklane Towers in Dearborn.

The show was written by Richard Malby Jr. and David Shire and directed by Jude Levinson.

On Sept. 14 the madcap comedy "Good Evening," starring Greg and Del and directed by Michael J. Klier, will kick off the autumn season. Tickets are on sale for "Good Evening."

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