



A bit of England

With British theme and decor, Meriwether's first restaurant in the Detroit area opened recently at 25485 Telegraph Road in Southfield (north of 10 Mile Road). (Left) Three elegantly decorated booths are within Meriwether's Master Dining Room. Torn-of-the-century antiques are found throughout the restaurant. (Above) The Library is one of six dining rooms Headquartered in Troy, Meriwether's restaurants are patterned after Canada's Crock & Block restaurants, 21 of which have opened in Ontario over the last seven years. Waiters and waitersess at Meriwether's restaurants are clad in Edwardian-style costumes, and bartenders sport vests and derbies.

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Composed mostly of undergraduate music students in the Jazz Sudies and Contemporary Media program at the students to play in an ensemble setting and prepare them for professional music careers.

The most recent concert in the band's busy schedule was held Wednesday in Southfield's new pavilion at the Southfield Orici Center. The concert was part of the Southfield Arts Council's 1880 Performing Arts Series.

"We also been invited to the Mortreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland," said Dick Shearer, director of the Jazz Lab Band since its inception in 1979.

"On 'Detroit Night' when we play, we will have Larry Noerce as a guest solist, and we will be premiering an original composition by Dr. Jim Hart-way called 'Motor City Sequence'."

BEFORE THE BAND heads for

val, it will perform to assist in raising money to pay its way. One such fund-raising performance will be at 8:30 p.m. June 5 at the Community Arts Au-ditorium on Wayne State University's

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Shearer built an impressive career as a professional trombonist before joining Kenton by playing with the bands of Si Zentner, Ter Beneke, Louis Belkson, Billy May and Jerry Gray.

"Our band," Shearer said, "yes signed to train students to be proficient in playing in a large consemble with the profice of the profice of

42nd Street Players stage musical revue

The 42nd Street Players, a new group, will present a musical revue at the installation of officers of Metropol-itan Detroit Chapter of Hadassah at 12:30 p.m. June 3 at Hamilton Place in Southfield.

Phyllis Newman of Birmingham will

Phyllis Newman of Birmingnam will act as the installing officer. The program will feature the 42nd Street Players in "A Little Bit of Broadway." The company recently was formed by actor, singer, director Tom Emmott, who owns and operates the Performing Arts Studio in Birming-ham.

Emmott also is active in local productions including the Michigan Opera Theater.

Other members of the group include soprano Maria Cimarelli, alto Pam Powley and baritone Mark Von Drak. All perform both locally and in New York

3 puppet troupes perform at museum

Three international puppet theater companies en route to the World Festival in Washington, D.C., will appear two days in a stellite festival at the Detroil Institute of the Stellite festival and 7:30 pm. Tuesday. Three separate performance areas within the art institute will be used to enable audience to see all three shows.

Tickets for all three shows may be purchased in advance through the museum ticket office (832-2730) and at the door.

Included in the festival will be the internationally acclaimed Figurentheater Triangel of the Netherlands, which specializes in faptasy hand and rod puppets, masks and marionettes used in stylized movement to encourage spectator interpretation.

WHEN NOT TOURING the company attracts audiences from all across Eu-rope to its home in the small town of

rope to its nome in the summ. Wheppel.

Representing cultures of three distinct areas, an East Indian troupe will illustrate the use of puppetry in preserving its heritage.

The repertoire will include kathputli, or wooden sculpture puppets animated by attached strings, a form which archeological evidence indicates originated 4,000 years ago.

RAMAYANA, intricately carved shadow puppets made of leather, will tell tales of traditional epic drama he-roes, gods, clowns and villains of south-ern India.

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Manipulated out of sight of the audience, the images of the puppets appear on backlighted screens, in a process similar to modern rear projection.

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