

# 500 extras join Plymouth in Karras' 'Word of Honor'

By YERI BANAS

Don't plan on being discovered at the filming of "Word of Honor" in Plymouth later this month.

The casting director for the TV-movie — slated for location shooting in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sept. 20 — says 500 extras will be used, but Plymouth service clubs have been already tapped to provide the local faces.

"It was done this way for the sake of expedience," said Nancy Kelley, casting director with Studio 12, the Southfield outfit responsible for pre-production work.

"We couldn't just put an ad in the paper and end up with total chaos. We could only use 500 and we wanted a commitment from these people that they'd stay the day."

"If Simon and Garfunkle were writing their song about the search for America today, we know they'd find it in Plymouth Sept. 20," said Ms. Kelley. "There's been a tremendous outpouring of cooperation and warmth."

LOCATION MANAGER Evelyne Orbach said that filmmakers were interested in creating a festival-like scene for the movie. A beauty pageant will also be held in which 10 local young women will be included.

Members of the Plymouth Salem High School pompon squad will be used for this scene, according to Ms. Kelley.

"We'll use only 10 of the squad and the other six girls will be asked to bring their pompoms and just add color," said Ms. Kelley. "The scene will be handled with dignity."

## OU names UAW man to adult ed post

Carroll M. Hutton of Highland, long-time labor education director for the United Auto Workers, has been named assistant dean of education at Oakland University in Rochester.

Hutton will retire Oct. 31 as UAW labor education director, a job he has held since 1960.

OU Interim President George T. Mathews and Lowell Eklund, dean of continuing education, said Hutton will be a consultant for adult, worker and minority education programs and will direct OU's labor education program.

It's during this scene in the movie that actor Karl Malden, who plays the lead as a small town journalist, plans to meet a source. The scene, according to Ms. Kelley, will establish the character as a trustworthy journalist investigating graft in the handling of a state contract for the construction of a nearby highway project.

THE FILM company was given the official go-ahead to begin work in Plymouth Saturday by City Manager Henry Graper.

Since it was decided that Plymouth would replace the city of Birmingham as the main shooting site last week, crews have been in contact with city hall about pre-production arrangements.

Plymouth Police Chief Tim Ford says the "trap" people have been running us ragged.

"They've asked us for the use of a forensic truck and a special services van, but I had to tell them that a department our size doesn't have that kind of equipment."

"They'll have to contact the state police."

Because the city of Plymouth's name will be used in the film, the police department will be supplying production crews with Plymouth Police decals to use on white cars to portray Plymouth Police patrol cars.

Specifically, the cars will be used in a scene to be shot at Wilcox Lake early Sept. 19. This scene will involve the finding of a dead body, that of a runaway teen-ager.

"It won't be done exactly like real life," said the police chief. "The murder scene calls for umpte-ump police cars and men."

"Basically, our responsibility will be to assist the film crew and make things move the way they want it to. They want us to close the park to only the extras and service club members, but they want traffic in the background."

Ms. Kelley said the murder scene will be introduced about 20 percent of the way into the film, but the film is "not about murder itself but about making a difficult decision and its effect on the Malden family."

THE MOVIE is about an investigative reporter on a small-town newspaper who becomes involved in a First Amendment freedom-of-the-press battle while writing about the murder of a teen-ager.

"It's about a moral issue and the First Amendment right. The murder part is the strongest issue we could come up with," Ms. Kelley said.



Bonnie Knaus, a 17-year-old Plymouth Canton High Senior, landed a role in the forthcoming production of "Word of Honor." She will play one of 10 contestants in a beauty pageant. Ms. Knaus isn't bothered by the size of the part, saying it may be small but it will be exciting for someone who has never had a professional acting job. (Photo by Gary Caskey)

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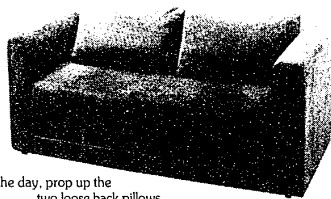
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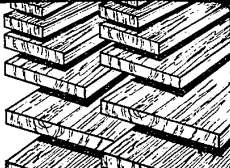


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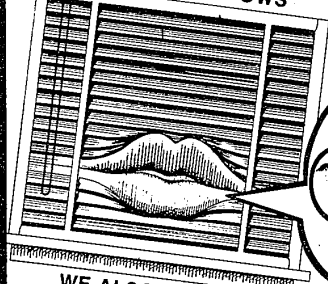
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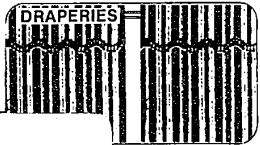
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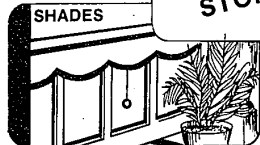


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