

retirement memos

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Moving up on movies

We hadn't really expected that retirement would turn us into movie buffs.

Probably that term is a little strong, since husband Joe and I are not exactly experts on the lore and history of the offerings of the screen. Not yet.

But after a long stretch of seeing maybe a couple of films a year, we're now averaging three or four a week and beginning to become more conversant about the movie industry's output. Well, not its most recent output. We still haven't made it to a movie theater in our new home city. We do our viewing in the living room, so we're not up on the very latest.

But its amazing how much is available with the combination of a television, video tape recorder and a club that rents films. We're really beginning to catch up with that big world of film entertainment that was largely passing us by.

THE RECORDER was an early purchase when we retired. We bought one that matched the equipment already owned by daughter Barbara's family so we could see the movies they took of granddaughter Katie.

So far there has been just one such family tape. They took it so it could go with us to Alaska and keep an aunt and uncle informed on the progress of their niece.

But our recording equipment is staying busy. We have a choice of 29 cable and network television channels, and if we don't watch the films we want when shown we can record them for later viewing. Recently we've seen films as recent as "Missing" and as old as a 1922 Mary Pickford thriller called

OWL celebrates its 3rd birthday

Olivia Maynard, director of Michigan's Office of Services to the Aging was the special speaker for Farmington Chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) in celebration of the national chapter's third birthday.

Her topic was "Women, Aging, and Poverty."

"Older women of today have earned the right to live out their years in dignity," Maynard told her audience, "after surviving the depression, numerous wars and numerous changes in society's transition."

But unhappily 72 percent of the elderly poor are women over the age of 65; the same women who have coped and survived only to face great economic and social hardship in their later years."

Her advocated remedies for change are the same

changes OWL is striving to make in the system through chapters throughout the United States with headquarters based in Washington, D.C.

First in OWL's priorities is bringing about equities in Social Security payments so women will have the same retirement as men.

In addition to this, Maynard listed income sharing of husband and wife, IRA accounts for homemakers, enforcement of civil rights legislation with respect to jobs and wages, equal pension benefits for women and men, and improved employment situations for women during their younger, wage-earning years.

LOCAL OWL MEMBERS, by unanimous vote, declined to serve a birthday cake for the celebrants.

"We are using all the money we have and all

money received from tonight's activities to further the OWL cause," said Virginia Nicholl, speaking for the chapter.

The money the chapter received that night came from the sale of pendants, tie-tacks, notepaper, postcards, and wall hangings all bearing the OWL logo.

In November the group will host a fund-raising auction in the Farmington Hills home of Janet Good, the chapter's president who founded the chapter here and has since become chapter-developer in Michigan.

"The evening ended on an upbeat note," Nicholl said. "Libby (Maynard) volunteered to act as co-convenor for a new OWL chapter in her home town of Flint."

Theater is in its 5th season of live shows

The visitor who stepped into Northville's Marquis Theatre five years ago saw walls of mismatched shades of turquoise and orange. The front hall of the house was void of color, the remainder of rock'n'roll concerts held in the theatre in the 1970s. A wall-to-wall movie screen covered a full stage complete with fly space, basement dressing rooms, and a theater pipe organ.

Five years ago, owner Lage Zayit and director Andrew Henderson, with the help of others, decided to renovate the Marquis to provide the area with a legitimate theater house capable of hosting concerts and live stage shows, as well as films. The renovation began on Mother's Day of 1978, and audiences saw the first live stage show, "Camelot," that same fall.

Classical Artists such as Flavio Varani, and The American Trio, have filled the Marquis with their own special brand of musical offerings. Broadway musicals, plays, and revues have endeared the Marquis to many theatre-goers as an establishment presenting high quality family entertainment.

Today the Marquis Theatre is preparing to celebrate its fifth anniversary by joining forces with a

30 piece orchestra and a company of 57, under the direction of Andrew Henderson, to present "Broadway Melodies," a fully-staged and costumed tribute to the Broadway musicals that have been performed there since its 1978 re-opening.

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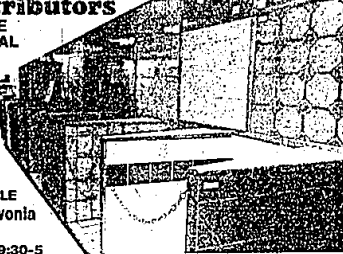
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