"The Conversation" (1974), 8 tonight on Ch. 59. Originally 113 minstes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.
Francis Ford Coppola's reputation as
a director is beyond reproach, as his
qualifications as a screenwriter should
be. Coppola's writing credits include
"This Property Condemned," "You're a
Big Boy Now," "Patton" and "The Conversation," the latter one of the most
haunting illms of the 70s. Gene Riackman stars as a surveillance expert
caught in his own tangled web of cavesdropping and mistrust. Allen Garlied,
John Cazale, Harrison Ford and Fredcrick Forrest co-slar in wonderfully
wrought character parts, women's
roles are less interesting but still convincing. Terf Garr and Cindy Williams
albo co-star.

"Rhubarb" (1951), 1 p.m. Friday on Ch. 50. Originally 95 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.
"Rhubarb" Isn't all that fump, but there's something infections about this film in which a cat becomes the owner of a baschall team. Maybe it's Ray Milland's exasperation, Gene Lockhart's bemusement or the cat's meow, but chances are you won't be disappointed by this offering, Jan Sterling co-stars.
Rating: \$2.80.

"Bride of Frankenstein" (1935), 11:30 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 2. Origi-nally 75 minutes. TV time slot: 85 minutes.

minutes.

James Whale must be the only director (with the possible exception of Sylvester Stallone in 'Rocky III') to parody an earlier film of his own and improve upon it at the same time. "Bride of Frankenstein" is essentially a burdeque of Whale's "Frankenstein" (1931), complete with slight gags and

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role reversals that lampoon the origi-nal, Boris Karloff is back as the mon-ster, with Colin Cilicy as Dr. Franken-stein. Elsa Lanchester co-stars as the bride, and Ernest Thesiger is delightful as a mad scientist even madder than Frankenstein himself. The marvelous marical scope is hy Franc Wayman. usical score is by Franz Waxman. Rating: \$3.30.

"Spirits of the Dead" (1909), I Soturday night on Ch. 50. Originally 117 minutes. T' time slot: 133 minutes. This week's waste of celluloid award goes to directors Federico Felluli, Louis Malle and Roger Vadim along with co-tars Brightie Bardot, Jane Fonda, Peter Fonda, Terence Stamp and Alain Delon for "Spirits of the Dead," three separate, would-be tales of horror that are, in fact, three of the deadest and most pretentlous movie segments ever filmed. Tune in for laughs only. Rating: 10 cents.

"The D.I." (1957), noon Monday on Ch. 9. Originally 106 minutes. TV time slot 120 minutes. TV time slot 120 minutes. TV The Los Angeles group Vixen will perform at 9 p.m. Friday, July 27, at he did for the police—which is to say the portrayed members of both outflis with cold-hearted nonchalance—in this film that he also directed. If you want to be turned off joining the Marines and P.J.'s Used Records in Ann Arbor ripes tune in.

Program variety produces dilemma

The Meadow Brook Festival presented in fourth program Sanday. It was the second one with maestro David Ziaman and planish Ivan Morarce was the second one with maestro David Ziaman and planish Ivan Morarce was the short, with yoncerio for orne was the short, with yoncerio for orne was the short, with yoncerio for orne that the devidence of the short with yoncerio for orne part of the contemporary Russian composer Roddon Shehedrin. The more traditional selections were Grieg's plano concerto and the Symphony No. 5 by Protofice.

The fact that the Thursday and Sunday programs this season consist of different selections has one obvious positive aspect — wider musical variety. However, a certain compromise becomes evident as the series progresses. Since the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has to prepare two programs per week instead of one, this inevitably results in less rehearsal time.

This takes its toll even when the orchestra is in the capable hands of maestro David Ziaman. This is especially true when the composition is extensive in its dimensions and fer from routine, as in the case of Prokoflev's Fitth Symphony.

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The pageantry of medieval flag throwing will be presented when the Shandleratori del Leone Rampante from Cori, Italy, performs at 6:30 pm. Friday, July 6, at the Italian Riverfront Festival at Hart Plaza in Detroit. The three-day festival, which kicks

Flag throwers highlight event

Vixen to appear in Ann Arbor

an immediate appeal and charm. Its message is quite direct and uncomplicated. This performance succeeded in conveying the light-hearted humor. One possible explanation as to why Grig clicin; write many large-scale and extensive compositions is that his and the state of the composition in the state of the composition of the light of the composition of the light of the composition of the light of the composition of the properties of the prope

of the important components of the pianor repertion;

While the work is undeniably flashy
and very technical, Moravec didn't lose
sight of its music. To be sure, Moravec
does possess an impressive technique.

The double octaves, the oscilating
chords and the laviship arpeggiated
passages didn't fail to dazzle the audience. But this technique was used as a
tool towards an artistic end.

ONE MIGHT argue, with some justification, that in terms of musical content Greig's concerto deem't approach that of Beethoven's fourth, which was performed on Thursday, But this performance demonstrated that Griegs's concerto is much more than a technical showpiece. Embedded in the technical

off with opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., continues through Sunday, July 8.

The flag throwers have performed at many international festivals. The art of flag throwing was prevalent during the Middle Ages when there were tournaments among the various villages.

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Vixen, which has just returned from a tour of the Far East, will be playing Ann Arbor for the first time. The group recently did the soundtrack for the movie "Hard Bodies."

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feats were strands of artistic glitter.

The Prokofiev symphony proved to be a stumbling block. This isn't to say that the performance was a failure or a disaster. In fact, there were many rewarding aspects, in particular furthe second and fourth movements. However, the musical direction wasn't always clear.

IN THE first movement, for exam-IN THE Birst movement, for exam-ple, there was a frequent feeling that the raw notes were played out of con-text. There was lack of balance in the tumultuous clirasetic passages, which tended to sound disorderly, not merely disconantic, as they inevitably are. Judging by those passages that were more successful, there was no lack of aplitude on the part of the conductor or the orchestra. The shortcomings have to be attributed to lack of rehearsal time.

These recent programs pose a chal-lenging difemma. Two obvious but painful solutions that could enhance the level of the performances would be ei-ther to return to the two identical programs concept or to reduce the scope of the selections.

Those who are in charge of the event will, we hope, come up with a better solution.

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