



The 20 Mercyaires chosen for their singing, dancing and instrumental talents pose for their official school picture in their striking red and black costumes. The group chosen for the 1985-

86 school season will be doing double duty with additional performances on the calendar staged especially for the Mercyaires silver anniversary.

## Double anniversary at Mercy

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make it an educational experience," he said.

As each student is auditioning individually, Teevens, his choreographer and director are marking notes on their clipboards and the performance is simultaneously being videotaped.

"We use the videotape to go back and check our notes in making selections and we also use it for any unhappy girl who wants to know why she didn't make it. If she asks she can get a personal critique of her performance," he said.

As for the girls who do make it, "She'll have at least five professionals behind her working with her from now until show time because we want her to look good. She's got to be good to make us look good," he said.

OF ALL OF THE events planned for the double anniversary celebration Teevens said he will be involved in about "89 percent of them because that many will have to do with music."

When the "Annie Get Your Gun" roles are filled, Teevens will be auditioning soloists for the Christmas program, and then more soloists for the reunion concert in May. There is the reunion reception to be planned for in the spring and the "Spagetti, Jams and Jeans" night for alumnae in February.

One of the school's special events that does not involve music is a speaker's series, drawing on the talents and success of 40 years of women graduates.

Meanwhile the regular yearly schedule for the Mercyaires continues with performances for the handicapped, in Cass Corridor, in rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, in Cobo Hall for the Builders' show this year, and for private clubs and organizations. "We're self-sustaining," Teevens says of the Mercyaires. "We balance out the sched-

ule to keep going with about 60 percent free performances and about 40 percent where we ask for an honorarium. And for those people who pay us we make very sure they know that we are using their money to bring entertainment to people who just don't have any dollars for entertainment."

The performance of the Mercyaires is always dictated by the talents of the

girls chosen for the group each spring, who go into their first rehearsal in mid-August for the coming school year.

"We accent the dance or the instrumentalists, or whatever it happens to be for the year. This year we happen to be heavy on soloists," Teevens said. The one factor that never changes is the Mercyaires' lively, bouncy, action-filled, up-beat performances.



### 32nd Degree

William J. Robertson (at left) of Farmington and Walid J. Habbo of Farmington Hills were among the 80 Masons who received Scottish Rite Freemasonry's 32nd Degree at the 299th semiannual reunion of Detroit Scottish Rite Bodies this month. The event took place in Detroit Masonic Temple.

## club circuit

**SIERRA CLUB**, Detroit Group, meets at 7:30 tonight in Northwest Unitarian Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway Service Drive, between Nine and 10 Mile Road, in Southfield. Ardith and Don Dickason will present a travelingogue on their recent trip to Spain, and the club celebrates the holiday season with homemade treats and refreshments.

Guests are welcome. No charge. Inquiries are taken by calling the club's hotline, 532-2659.

**AMERICAN LEGION**, Groves-Walker Post 346 and its auxiliary meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the post home, 31775 Grand River.

**ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA** chapter of Alpha Chi Omega meet for a holiday cocktail party 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the home of Sue Hoffman. Inquiries are taken by Ellen Newville, 540-6777.

**FARMINGTON COUPON TRADERS** meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the downstairs room of Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The meeting is open to all persons interested in trading coupons, forms and qualifiers. Inquiries are taken by Nancy Rankin, 624-6886.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**, Three Flags Chapter, meet for a Christmas party at noon Monday, Dec. 9, in the home of Mrs. Ronald Zumbunnen, in Plymouth.

Following the business meeting, led by Mrs. Morley Foster of Farmington Hills, several chapter members will describe Christmas customs and folklore of European countries.

Mrs. Stuart Elliott of Southfield has chosen Scotland and Ireland; Mrs. Ralph Fenske will speak on Germany; Mrs. Bernard Marsh has chosen England; and Mrs. Paul Fairbrother of Farmington Hills will tell about Dutch traditions.

**WOMEN'S AGLOW**, Farmington Chapter, meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 in Sweden House in Farmington Plaza, Grand River west of Orchard Lake Road.

A period of fellowship with hors d'oeuvres and coffee will be followed by guest speaker and singer Sandie Frankenstein. She has ministered at several Women's Aglow meetings, in churches, on television, for chapters of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellows and that organization's World Convention.

She will talk about becoming prosperous by giving. Women's Aglow has no membership. All meetings are open to all Christian women in all surrounding communities without charge.

**MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK** meets at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 in Ramada Inn, on Telegraph Road south of 12 Mile in Southfield, for a program called "Networking Action." The meeting is open to guests. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 851-9441.

**AMUTEE SUPPORT AND SERVICE GROUP**, Farmington Hills Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Farmington Family Physicians Building, 23800 Orchard Lake Road. The meeting is open to all interested persons. Inquiries are taken by Bev Cornell, 553-8974.

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Sinai Hospital's Zuckerman Conference Room, 6747 W. Outer Drive. Guests are asked to park free in the visitor's parking lot, located east of the hospital. Program for the afternoon is called "Yoga and Related Exercises."

**PLYMOUTH CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** begins its seven week Lamaze series of classes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Newburgh Methodist Church, 38500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Registration information is given by calling the association, 459-7477.

**BNAI B'RITH WOMEN**, Morgenthau Chapter, meet for lunch at noon Wednesday, Dec. 11 in Know-In-the-Woods Clubhouse, Southfield.

Guest speaker for the afternoon is Dr. Brad Sewick, a psychologist at Sinai Hospital's Mental Health Center. His talk is called "How to Make the Most of a Faltering Memory."

Reservations are necessary and must be made by Dec. 8 with Annette Furstenberg, 355-2084, or Phyllis Horowitz, 855-2041.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**, Quakerette Chapter, meet at noon Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Farmington Hills home of Mrs. Michael J. Davis. Her co-hostess for the day is Mrs. C. Harold Dolph.

Becky Davis will display and tell the history of her antique cookie cutter collection. The speaker received her master's degree in education at Wayne State University and taught in the Crestwood School District, Dearborn Heights. She is a past president of Farmington Genealogical Society and vice president of Henry Ford Museum Collectors Club.

Members will bring Christmas cookies for a exchange with the members earmarked to provide Christmas gifts for young boys in Michigan Mooney-Goddard Cottage at Tamasee DAR School in Tamasee, S.C. Tamasee is both a boarding and day school for fourth-sixth graders with a kindergarten and pre-school for tots.

**FARMINGTON-FARMINGTON HILLS PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK** meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. The after-breakfast speaker is Dr. Raquel Schreier, director of Women's Recovery Unit at Woodside Hospital in Pontiac. Her talk is called "Dealing with Burnout Positively."

Reservations are for guests and must be made on or before Tuesday, Dec. 12, by calling the center, 477-8404. All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33202 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

## Some self-protection hints

There were 84,000 rapes and 685,000 aggravated assaults reported in 1984. It may be possible to reduce your risk of becoming a statistic.

Here are some suggestions from the National Safety Council:

- When you go out at night, wear

shoes and clothing which will not hamper your ability to escape from an assailant.

- If someone pursues you in a car, run in the direction opposite to the way the car is headed. Try to run toward people and lights.

- Don't risk personal injury trying to protect your purse, briefcase, or property.
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