Travel



Thursday, December 11, 1988 O&E



Tiny Tim (Kevin Skiles) and Ebenezer Scrooge (Booth Cole-man) are familiar figures in the Meadow Brook Theatre pro-duction of Dickene' immortat "A Christmas Gerol" which is in a four-week run on the campus of Oakland University.



Be a Christmas traveler in your home town

Travelers are enjoying Christmas celebrations and yuletide events all over the world this month.
They are celebrating Advent in Vienna, Rooster Mass in Puerto Rico, the Festival of Lights in Nilagara Falls and Christmas in Colonial Williamshure.

Falls and Christmas in Colonial Wil-liamburg.
Ohio has 100 special events from candielli tours to Volksmarsches.
For Lauderdale is in the middle of a festival that culminates with the hol-ical participation of the colonial participation. He can lights sparkling in Savannah, Georg-ia and Hershey, Pennsylvania, fron-sec and a Christmas Isoland he World Festival at the Museum Science and Industry in Chicago. Even six Flags Over Texas has to holiday lights on this Christmas. There is a lot of holiday activity all over the world, but don't forget what is going on in your home town.

IF I WAS writing this Christmas roundup in a newspaper in Toronto, Chicago or Toledo, I would include Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmouth, Christmas at Cross-roads Village and all the other great holiday events going on right here on our doorstees.

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I launched my Christmas vacation schedule last week with a visit to Meadow Brook Theater, where Ebenezer Scrooge was stomping around the stage in his nighten being his usual mean and stingy self.
Nobody at Meadow Brook realized that their stage presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" would be quite so popular when they launched it a few years ago. Booth Colman has been plage Scrooge for five years, on a set that ago. Booth Colman has oeen purying Scrooge for five years, on a set that is always full of 19th century re-velers and kids in winter caps. It is a good performance, appeal-ing to every age, and I can't think of



a better way to enjoy the season. A Christmas Carol runs through December 28 on Meadowbrook Theater's usual schedule 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, with 2 p.m. Wednesday mattnees, a 2 p.m. matinee on the fourth Saturday and 4 6 p.m. twillight performance on the second and third Saturday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Meadow Brook Theater will launch "The Rose Tattoo" by Tennessee Wil-llams, more or less on the same

llams, more or less on the same schedule. Henry Ford Museum has its usual good schedule of yuletide events. A Child's World of Christmas foeuese on the toys, trains and special Christmas trees that have always been a museum speciality. It runs through Jan. 4, as do the American Cafe Yuletide Evenings, which includes a candicit dinner and a horsedrawn sleigh or carriage ride through Greenfield Village, and the exhibits of Christmas Past.

You can take sleigh rides through Greenfield Village, snow permitting, through March 13. When there is no snow, you can take a horse-drawn carriage.

Those are two of the biggles in the holiday Rincrary around here, but there are many more events. Mead-there are many more events. Mead-there are many more events. Mead-there are many more events. And you can finish your Christmas Shopping across the way in gift shops and toy stores at Sunset Terrace or visit Santa Claus in Knole Cottage.

Cottage.

TOWER BUS (951-5800) will take you on a Christwas Lights tour, an evening tour of Detroit and Windsor hat costs 258 and includes diamer.

The Detroit Institute of Arts offers breakfast with Santa daily except Sunday and Monday, but it is almost sold out so call 632-2731 tast for reservations.

You don't need a reservation for Snack With Santa noon to 230 pm. daily and from 1-330 pm. Sunday.

The DIA has also scheduled the Wassail Feast for Dec. 12-21, recreating a winter boilday in the court of Quene Elizabeth I. Following refreshments in Kresge Court, complete with minateries, mines and jugglers, you will enjoy a calorie-crunching Elizabethan dimer.

Fair Lane Mansion (633-5590) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Cars

Cruises

has three traditional Christmas dinners scheduled for Dec. 12, 13, 14. You can also tour the decorated es-tates 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays.

what ELSE? The Rosemary Clooney Christmas Show, Dec. 12, 13, 14 and 19. "A Christmas Garol" at Bonstelle Theater Dec. 12-14 and 19-20. The Detroit Symphony Or-chestra is doing the Nuteracker Dec. 12-14, 19 21-24, 26-31. "The Messi-ah" is on Dec. 13 and 14 at Fort St. Presbyterian Church. DSO performs the Messiah Dec. 20-22 at Orchestra Hall.

Hall.

If you are inclined to wander a little further from home, there are activities going on everwhere. Santa Claus and the Antarctle penguins are celebrating the first annual winter festival at Sea World through Dec. 24th.

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24th.
The marine life park will be transformed into a wonderland of wintertime activities including holiday
movies, sea ilon shows, snow flying
ski jumpers, ice skating, daily appearance by Old St. Nick, and holiday bands. If you are going to Aurora, Ohio, don't miss it.

HOLIDAY FESTIVALS around

Michigan include Fantasyland at Kennedy Memorial Center in Lincoln Park, Holly Mart at the Art Center in Battle Creek through Dec. 24; A Victoria Christmas Past in Charlton Park Village and Museum in Hastings, "Hansel and Greete" at Dart Auditorium in Lansing through Dec. 14.

Christmas at the Zoo in Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek Dec. 12-23 and 28-28; Old-Fashloned Christmas Concerned Songer Christmas Concerned New Victorium in Kalamano Dec. 16-17; Christmas at Whitling in Whitling Auditorium in Plind Dec. 17-22; Holiday Pops at Wharton Center in East Lansing Dec. 21.

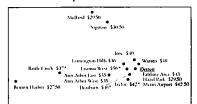
If you really want to see Christmas the way it looks on a Christmas card, however, go to the Upper Peninsula, where the snaw and the trees and the caroling are real. Drive across the Mackings Bridge, with its lights and its sesquicentennial 150 sign.

And start getting ready for 1987, when we celebrate Michigan's 150th birthday. Call toll-free (800)5432-YES.



POLAR PAIR residents of the north and south poles meet? At Sea World in Aurora, Ohlo, where Santa Claus and the Antartic penguins are celebrating the park's first annual Winter Festival. It runs through Dec. 74

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