



## Giving recital

Elsa Hilger, near-legendary principal cellist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, 1935-1969, will give a benefit recital at 4 p.m. Sunday at High Meadows Estate, 2851 Casey Road, Metamora. Joining her in the program of Bruch, Faure, Bach, Peralichetti and Tchaikovsky will be Catherine Merena Baird, native Do- troiter and University of Michigan Mu- sic School graduate. Tickets, \$10, and directions are available through the sponsor, Clarkston Conservatory, 625-3640, (days), 678-2549 (evenings).

## Wee Bees

Miniature makers mark 'Dream' week

"Come Dream with Us" is the theme of the first National Dollhouse and Miniature Week, Oct. 10-17. The Miniature Makers Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, will be celebrating all week and is hosting the annual Wee Bees' Miniature Show Oct. 16-18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 on Sunday.

Included in the exhibition are dollhouses, furnished with scaled miniatures, room boxes with both contemporary and traditional themes, collectible miniatures, hand-crafted by recognized artists and dolls made to scale.

An imaginative room setting, in which the artist, Betsie Robinson of Birmingham, has placed hand sculpted, dressed and painted clowns, a collection of miniature horses, with intricately

tooled leather bridles, pulling sleighs or carriages and an old time miniature traveling puppet theater are among the treasures on display.

Twelve-year-old Melissa Weither has several pieces of needlepoint and plastic canvas furniture she made in the show. Her mother, Sue, is a charter member of the Wee Bees.

The Wee Bees, a local chapter of N.A.M.E. (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts), is a non-profit organization. The admission charge is \$1.50.

A portion of the money collected will go to the club's 1987 philanthropic endeavor, the Adam Walsh Fund. In addition, the Wee Bees offer their services to various museums and institutions, using their expertise to refurbish dollhouses and displays. For information, call 549-0643.

Need help?  
Call us.  
Want to  
help?  
Call us.



Red Cross  
is counting  
on you.

IN THE CITY...



IT'S HARD TO GET A  
DREAM OF FRESH AIR

AT RAMBLEWOOD MANOR HOMES  
IN FARMINGTON HILLS...



IT'S PART OF THE ATMOSPHERE!

THE RAMBLEWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUMS are set amidst 100 acres of untouched beauty, green rolling hills and peaceful streams. Privacy and security are provided with a 24-hour professionally staffed gatehouse entry. You'll be living 5 minutes from the best of West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills shopping, restaurants and entertainment.

You'll be living in a magnificent RAMBLEWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUMS are surrounded by private and exclusive homes. From \$115,900. (Selling opportunity on a few select units).

Model Home  
Open 10-5 p.m.  
Call 661-8200  
or 661-8200  
Selling Opportunity

## Woodcliff on the Lake... Is Truly Spectacular

Lakefront and wooded sites on a beautiful hillside together with the Herman Frankel Organization's attention to environmental and architectural details are creating a new kind of community. THE LAKE AN INCOMPARABLE Cluster Condominium Community.

Information available at the Woodcliff on the Park sales office.

2 and 3 bedroom cluster condominiums from \$297,500. Information at 626-3502. Main Office 626-3500. Sales office open noon to 6 p.m. everyday except Thursday.



herman frankel  
ORGANIZATION

## German-American Day — Ja!

By C.L. Rugenstein  
special writer

Italians have Columbus Day, the Irish have St. Patrick's. Now the first-ever German-American Day, recognizing contributions made to American life and culture by Americans of German descent, has come to pass.

It was Tuesday, but while the day was celebrated by community leaders and politicians locally at the Bavarian Chateau, (formerly the German-American Cultural Center), the day probably passed unmarked for many German-Americans.

Part of the reason for that is its timing. Passing of the joint resolution in August caught Michigan's German community off guard.

"Many of the clubs were on hiatus," explained Knut Beth, publisher-editor of Michigan's second oldest newspaper, the Detroit Abend-Post. "It takes time to put together a program and many people were out of town then."

Also, for the moment, German-American Day is a one-time event. Backers of the resolution, including U.S. Rep. Tom Luken, D-Ohio, and U.S. Senators Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Donald Riegle, D-Mich., have to take the proposal back to Congress and have it proclaimed an annual event.

There are other reasons, however, that many Americans of German descent failed to mark the day. The ease with which many German immigrants assimilated to American life is one of them.

"A LOT OF people, especially the Germans, came from Europe because they wanted to start a new life," Beth said. "And the Germans never had a problem with the language; they learned English very fast, and therefore spread out."

"German-Americans are not joiners, not ethnically minded like the Italians or Polish," added Ingrid Grotlow of the Abend-Post's circulation department. "They seem to like to blend into the woodwork, to be one of many."

Part of that desire for anonymity is a direct result of two world wars, Beth said.

"Between the wars I have heard that a lot of Detroit's judges and politicians were German-Americans," he said. "But with World War II, that all changed: Germans were the enemy again."

They felt that they shouldn't be involved in politics, Beth explained, so they held back.

The trend continues to the present, according to Beth. There is much representation of German-American young people in the fields of business and education, but very few future Luk

ens, Riegles and Gerhard Mennen Williamses.

Michigan's German heritage is well represented in the auto industry by men like the late Walter Reuther and UAW president Owen Bieber.

Other names of German origin stand out in Michigan's history.

For his contributions to the civil and political life of the city as well as his work in medicine, Dr. Hermann Kiefer has a hospital named in his honor. Few people realize that Hamtramck, heart of Detroit's Polish community, was named after a German. The parents of Col. John Francis Hamtramck, first governor of Hamtramck in 1812, hailed from Treves in the Rhineland.

Frankenmuth, one of Michigan's favorite tourist attractions noted for its German heritage, was founded in 1848 by German missionaries to the Chippewa Indians.

THE FIRST GERMAN settler to Michigan did not arrive willingly, however. Michael Yax came here via Kentucky as an Indian captive in 1720 and was ransomed by the French commander of Detroit. His family was granted land in what is now the Grosse Pointes where many Yax descendants remained into the 1950s.

But German immigration seemed to peak at the turn of this century and then begin to dwindle. Beth cites this as another factor in the diminished interest in their heritage by young German-Americans.

"The people are dying away and there are no more coming to replace them," Beth said. Most of the young people become Americanized quickly like their predecessors and lose interest in the German cultural community.

Clubs like Detroit's second largest German Club, Carpathia, try to counter this with programs geared to their youth. Folk dance groups, soccer clubs and choirs are some activities they offer.

Beth said plans are being developed to encourage more young Americans of German descent to consider law and poli-

tics as a profession. The German-American Cultural Center contributes to a student exchange program between Wayne State University and the University of Munich.

But should the day become an annual occurrence after this year, the German community will be ready for it, Beth promised.

After all, German-Americans are no different from any other ethnic group when it comes to enjoying a party — especially when it's in their honor.

## Chamberlain REALTORS

"Serving the area's finest communities since 1938"



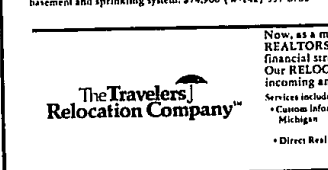
THE RAVINES/ONE ACRE WOODED LOT  
CUSTOM FOUR bedroom brick Tudor offering formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, central air, kitchen with breakfast nook, family room with fireplace and attached garage. This home offers an OPEN FLOOR PLAN and is great for entertaining. \$159,000 (T-226) 557-6700



SOUTHFIELD CAPE COD  
Large spacious brick home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large family room with gas fireplace, built-in bookshelves and new carpeting. Spacious master suite with adjoining nursery, walk-in closet and full bath. 2 1/2 car attached garage. \$84,500 (L-281) 647-6400



REDFORD  
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY is offered on this well maintained brick ranch with attached garage. This home is located in an excellent family area and features 1 1/2 baths, central air, natural fireplace, basement and sprinkling system. \$74,900 (W-142) 557-6700



FARMINGTON HILLS  
This quad-level home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with family room plus fireplace located on a quiet street, this home overlooks large treed back yard. Close to schools, swim and tennis club. \$132,000 (F-301) 851-6400



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL  
Great curb appeal! This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial has family room with natural fireplace, first floor laundry, library and two car attached garage. A real family home! \$137,700 (B-288)



COTTAGE STYLE CHARM  
Is one of the features of this tastefully decorated 3 bedroom English Tudor located in Pleasant Ridge. Completely updated kitchen, formal dining room, fireplace living room, family room. Additional insulation, basement and garage. Extra deep backyard and more. \$83,900 (11-006) 547-2000

Now, as a member of The Travelers Realty Network, CHAMBERLAIN, REALTORS Relocation Services Division provides the many benefits, expertise and financial strength of THE TRAVELERS RELOCATION COMPANY. Our RELOCATION SERVICES DIVISION offers personalized assistance for the incoming and outgoing transferee.

Services include:  
• Custom Information kits about Detroit Suburbs & Michigan  
• Corporate Relocation Counseling & Group Move Assistance  
• Our exclusive 51-page Book filled with information about schools, shopping, cultural events, (factual information & more)

• Direct Real Estate Referral to destination city.

(313) 643-8543

Out of State • Toll Free 1-800-643-8500

BIRMINGHAM  
647-6400

ROYAL OAK  
517-2000



ROCHESTER  
651-4100

BLOOMFIELD  
641-6788

SOUTHFIELD/LATHRUP  
557-6700

TROY  
613-8500

WEST BLOOMFIELD  
851-4400

For a career in real estate contact any of the offices above