

To Recreate Victorian Christmas

The Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society will recreate "A Victorian Christmas at Pine Grove" for the holidays. Pine Grove, the 1845 Governor Moses Wisner House, 405 Oakland, Pontiac, will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9-10. In addition to Victorian period trimmings throughout the house and a parlor tree, two special exhibits will be on view through the week. The dining room will have on display a set of Victorian china, arranged and loaned by Rex Lamoreaux, and there will be a display of 19th and early 20th century Christmas cards, prepared by Mrs. Charles Hudson. On Sunday, holiday music by local groups, community carol singing and traditional refreshments will be featured. Admission is by donation.

By WALLY ROBERTS

'CURTAIN GOING UP'

Turkey and the stuffin', sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce plus heaps of gustatory trimmings make our annual feasting day a real production from the opening clock of glasses to the closing bang of the refrigerator door. On the Broadway scene, producers and directors shy away from any mention of "turkey" as it implies the show might be ready for the junk pile. How this show business term came into popular use indicating a show as a flop remains a mystery. Is the turkey a symbol for failure since its life is destined to end ignominiously before it really starts? Or does the term "turkey" have geographic connotations? REGARDLESS of its semantic

history (it's obvious), each season more "turkeys" turn up in New York. These shows all start with high hopes that the knife will never touch their innards. Yet somewhere between the opening rehearsals and that night the critics and public savor the productions' delights, something disastrous happens. Many times too many cooks baste the theatrical bird too long and too heavily. Other times not enough attention is paid to the show since all the theatrical personnel feel none can know the show as they do, it's their "baby" and they become overprotective. Broadway's current crop of "turkeys" includes "Maggie Flynn," "The Filp Side," "The First Roman," "A Mother's Kisses," Noel Coward's "Sweet Potato," "Lovers and Other Strangers," "Rockefeller and Red Indians," and "We Bombed in New Haven."

Before the 1968-69 season finishes, you can be sure that a score or more shows will be added to that list as new theatrical failures struggle to justify their existence. Do these radiantly beautiful peacocks suddenly become grizzled old "turkeys" from the searing, caustic works from the newspaper critics? Are they alone responsible? The public still calls the shots in the theater. A critic once in a great while will "roast a show" to the point that it could hurt the box office. Clive Barnes of the influential New York Times exerts such power

at times. Singlehandedly, he has kept "George M." in the black on Broadway. Of course, the many Cohen fans in the New York area help, too. No, you still need the public to talk about your show to be satisfied, to be thoroughly entertained. It's that day following the show when they talk to their friends that makes the big difference. Word-of-mouth advertising beats even a good rumor.

"GOLDEN RAINBOW" with Steve Lawrence and Eddie Gornes has done top business for almost a year now. The critics did not buy this show, but the public likes Steve and Eddie. Every year Broadway gets a couple of shows where the public overrules the critic and his opinions. On the horizon though, several good shows are coming to town for the Christmas holidays. "Zorba," "Promises, Promises" and "Dear World" are presently selling out at their tryout spots. Normally, this is a good indication. "The Great White Hope," "Plaza Suite" and "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" are the only three plays doing better than 50 per cent capacity right now. Two of the shows are from last season, "Great White Hope" is the only new, true hit of the new season's crop of straight plays. Broadway has little to be cheerful about as they sit down to such a barren table. Maybe now you'll understand why those producers are ordering Egg Foo Young on Thanksgiving Day.

'Messiah' Features 2 From Area

The Handel masterpiece, "The Messiah" sung by a quartet of soloists and an all-city chorus drawn from more than 40 Dearborn area churches will herald the Christmas season in Dearborn as the Recreation Department presents the sacred concert for the third consecutive year. The oratorio will be sung on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. in the Dearborn Youth Center Dome Room.



RUSSELL BECK

GUEST conductor for "The Messiah" will be Joel Eber, sole, choral and instrumental director at Detroit's Mercy College. The choir and orchestra, representing a fine cross-section of churches from the Dearborn area, numbers nearly 160. The four soloists are: Fay Pantera, soprano; Alona Moon, alto; Robert Cassidy, tenor; and Russell Beck, bass. Mrs. Pantera will perform the four narrative recitatives "Rejoice Greatly" and "Come Unto Him," Miss Moon of Farmington will sing "Behold A Virgin Shall Conceive," "Then Shall The Sinner Be Condemned," and "He Shall Feed His Flock."

able at the Youth Center, and the Recreation Department, City Hall Annex East.

ALONA MOON has varied singing experience with many churches throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area. A graduate of the Detroit Bible College, she holds a bachelor of music degree and is currently pursuing her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University. Russell Beck has been one of the featured soloists with the McKenney Chorists and sang the part of King Melchior with the group recently. He has done extensive solo work with St. James Methodist Church and the Church of the Master and presently sings with the Montclair Presbyterian Church. Beck was a member of the Ford Motor Chorus where he did the character part of Senator Lyons in "Of Thee I Sing." Beck took vocal training from Messiah Conductor Joel Eber, sole and Mrs. Edna O'Connor.

Jack Harris Opens At 24-K

Jack Harris, singing star of the popular "Jack Harris Show" on Detroit radio station WJR, returns to the 24 Karat Club for two weeks beginning Monday, Dec. 2. He will be joined by the internationally-known Holly Sisters, Polly and Joy, who will be starting a five-weeks holiday run at the same time. Also on the bill will be the veteran Harry Harris, 76-year-old original partner of Jimmy Durante, singing songs and parodies of the gay 90's, and the Lemmie Schick Quartet.

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Sands On OCC Bill

Former convict and author of the best-selling "My Shadow Ran Fast," Bill Sands will be presented by Oakland Community College at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, in West Bloomfield High School, Orchard Lake Rd., north of Maple. The fourth attraction of the OCC Contrast Series, Sands was for two years the cellmate at San Quentin of Caryl Chessman, the "Red-Headed Bandit" of California. Sands, who served a term for armed robbery, is now dedicated to the prevention of crime -- at both the juvenile and adult level -- and is founder of the National Seventh Step Foundation, an organization devoted to constructive methods of prisoner rehabilitation. Tickets are available at Hudson's Grinnell's and OCC ticket offices at the Auburn, Hills, Highland Lakes and Orchard Ridge Campuses.

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