

New Acting Company Plans Auditions Dec. 22

A group of high school and college students who are trying to form a repertory company are holding preview auditions in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington, from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22.

All interested college and high school students may

come in some time during the afternoon.

EIGHT MEMBERS of the new acting group will perform an adaptation of Charles Schulz's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for the Hawthorn Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Sunday Tours Set At Oakland

ROCHESTER Meadow Brook Hall, the magnificent 100-room Tudor mansion, which was the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Wilson will be open for public tours every Sunday, during the winter and spring except Jan. 16 and April 23 and 30.

Tours through the mansion, complete with its original treasures and furnishings, will continue during its conversion into a residential and daytime conference center.

General admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Entrance to the hall is made via the west gate on the Oakland university campus. Since the hall receives no state support, its operation and maintenance must be provided by revenue from activities sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Guild, tours, courses and conferences offered by the division of continuing education, OU.

Daytime tours for groups of 10 or more may be arranged in advance for \$2.50. Lunches also can be served for an additional charge. Arrangements for private tours may be made with Mrs. Margaret Twyman, manager of Meadow Brook.

Center and other children's groups over the holidays. Anyone interested in sponsoring a performance should contact John MacColl at the Community Center or Don Cardwell, 33750 Macomb, Farmington.

MacColl, who is majoring in psychology at Michigan State University and minoring in theater, is director of the play and author of the adaptation. He also takes the role of Schroeder.

Cardwell, a theater major at Denver University, plays Linus. Jeff Foran, a pre-law student at Alma, is taking the title role.

Others in the cast are Deb Mossamer, a theater major at MSU, as Lucy; Bonnie Shuster, a junior at Harrison High, Snoopy; Linda Foran, a junior at Harrison, Sally; Jill Daumler, theater major at MSU, Frieda; and Margaret Timma, an MSU student, Pig Pen.

MacColl, Cardwell and Miss Mossamer are trying to form the repertory group mainly of Farmington high school students to perform in Farmington next summer. Assisting them will be Michael Rasmussen of North Farmington High School.

Each of the four plans to direct one play, which will be performed during August after a two-month rehearsal period.

A company size of 30 is the goal. Each member will be selected according to interest and ability in both acting and technical fields.

It is hoped that the preview audition will act as an indicator as to the number of persons interested and the levels of ability are available. One of the goals of the group is to do four plays of different levels of difficulty and let all members of the company learn by acting.



THESE STUDENTS HAVE A PLAY. All they need is a place to perform. Deb Mossamer as Lucy is shown "pawing" Charlie Brown, played by Jeff Foran in an adaptation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Linus, played by Don Cardwell, looks on with his ever-present blanket. Eight Farmington high school and college students are presenting the play free for anyone interested during the holidays. (Evert photo)



TWO LIVONIANS, Mrs. Patricia Struthers (left) and Mrs. Marie Westberg, turn out these pictures in their kitchens, with the help of wood-burning kits. (Observer photo by Bob Wooding)

2 Livonia Housewives Are Reviving An Old Art

By BETTY MASSON

If one of the kids' gifts from Santa this year is a wood-burning kit, it might be worth while to take it away from him and use it yourself.

The kits aren't for kids anyway, according to Mrs. Patricia Struthers and Mrs. Marie Westberg, two Livonia housewives who have become wood-burning enthusiasts.

Most of the boards sold in wood-burning kits are too hard for even adults to work on, let alone children, they say.

Now their wood burnt plaques are on display and

sale in shopping mall art shows. From their kitchens, where they work, a whole new world of arts and crafts is opening up.

It suits them because it's a "neat art," with not much clutter, and because they "love wood."

They start with a piece of pine board, which Westberg cuts up and makes into frames of various sizes. Pine is best, they've found, because it's a softer wood and easier to work with.

They start by drawing the picture on the wood.

And the more intricate the picture, the better they like it. This is one reason, they favor sailing ships. They have learned to "carve" out details with the burning equipment, and can make the masts and sails stand out beautifully. Also they like Early American themes.

AFTER THE picture is

burned in, it is stained and varnished. It takes about two days to complete each picture. They call themselves the Pinecrest Woodburners.

"You may burn yourself a few times," says Mrs. Struthers, "but it's fun." And there's nothing like winning a blue ribbon. Mrs. Struthers recently took one of her pictures to her father in West Virginia. He entered it in a local fair and it took a blue ribbon, much to her delight.

At the art shows, they've had old-timers stop and compliment them on reviving an ancient art. But there's no doubt modern electricity helps a lot.

You don't have to bar the children completely, according to Mrs. Westberg, who has four. They can help a lot, especially with the sanding, and being patient when mealtime conflicts with finishing a mast.

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STATE-WAYNE PA 1-2100
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ALGIERS Drive-In WESTLAND GA 2-8810
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NO. 1 ARTHUR HILL
"THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN" (G)
NO. 2 CHARLTON HESTON
"THE HAWAIIANS" (G)
NO. 3 RICHARD HARRIS
"A MAN CALLED HORSE" (G)

WAYNE Drive-In I WAYNE PA 1-3150
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STARTS CHRISTMAS DAY
3 BIG COLOR WITS
No. 1: Jennifer O'Neill
"SUMMER OF '42" (R)
No. 2: CHARLTON HESTON
"THE OMEGA MAN" (G)
No. 3: ARLO GUTHRIE
"ALICE'S RESTAURANT" (R)

WAYNE Drive-In II WAYNE PA 1-3150
WAYNE PA 1-3150
GRAND OPENING CHRISTMAS DAY
NO. 1: STEVE MCQUEEN
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Amusements from the balcony

Films listed in this guide are showing at area theaters. Check the theater listings for the specific theater and time of showings.

LADY AND THE TRAMP—Disney's 1955 animated full-length cartoon about a cute cocker spaniel and her boyfriend should win a new generation of fans. (GP, A-1)

200 MOTELS—The title refers to the motels occupied by rock touring groups. The movie follows The Mothers of Invention during an average year. (R, C)

HAROLD AND MAUDE—Ruth Gordon plays a madcap old lady in love with life, and Bud Cort is an unhappy young man in love with death. (GP, none)

S-Warren Beatty plays a bank safety expert, who meets Goldie Hawn, a girl-about-town. Object, bank robbery. (R, none)

THE DEVILS—Oliver Reed plays the hypocritical priest, and Vanessa Redgrave, the priestess, in this adaptation of Huxley's "The Devils of Loudun." (X, C)

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER—Sean Connery is back as the legendary James Bond, for the sixth time. (GP, none)

Photo Contest Offers First Prize Of \$100

The Pontiac Creative Arts Center is holding a photographic competition and exhibition from Feb. 18 to March 4. A prize of \$100 will be awarded for best of the show.

All professionals and amateurs are invited to submit works for judging by sending them to the center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, 48053 by Feb. 1. An entry fee of \$3 has been set.

Slides will not be accepted for competition, although they will be accepted for jury if the work is too large for convenient transportation.

Judges will be Balhazar Korab, Robert Viglietti and Carolyn Hall.

Art Films

DETROIT Four films on art will be shown at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26. There is no admission charge.



JUST FOR LUCK! Charles Shafer (right) buys the first ticket from his brother, Martin, prior to the opening of the new Wayne Twin Drive-In Theatre, Michigan Avenue, 1 1/2 miles west of Wayne Road, Wayne, Dec. 25. The theaters are owned by the Shafer family and operated by the Wayne Amusement Co., of which Charles is president and Martin vice-president. They will be showing "On Any Sunday," "Gimme Shelter" and "Joe."

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