

# There Are 'Sideshows,' Too Artrain Is The Center Of Attention

By FRED DeLANO

PLYMOUTH Just as the sideshow is an important part of any circus, so will visitors to Michigan Artrain find a variety of other attractions at the site as a result of community participation with the Kaleidoscope Plymouth committee.

Artrain itself was pulled into town Thursday morning, and an invitational VIP preview is scheduled Sunday afternoon. The train will be open to the public on the C&O siding at Starkweather beginning Wednesday and running through May 6 according to the following schedule: Weekdays, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays, 12 noon to 8 p.m. Fresh paint on the C&O freight house and covered walkway, plantings of trees and shrubs, and a unique entry way formed from

telephone poles and a 20-ton sewer collar have turned the site into a remarkable creation of beauty. Although it is the Michigan Council of Arts that provided Artrain, local individuals and organizations have gone all out to build sideshow features of matching artistic appeal. These are some of the things visitors will find:

**SCHOOL CHILDREN** of Plymouth have designed and painted 25 murals, each four by eight feet, which have been hung in the walkway. In the freight depot will be an exhibit of approximately 100 pieces of art from the schools selected by art teachers. These will be judged for the Russell Isbister Memorial Award, the beginning of a collection to be added to annually and displayed in the community. Judges are Marilyn Carl, Margie Moon, Graham Martin and Don Sellers.

Under the direction of Jessie Hudson, two large looms have been designed and built by Ed Echols, a PHS student. These will be in the freight house for community weaving. The finished work will hang in City Hall.

Also in the weaving area, Walter Lum will be demonstrating and exhibiting his weaving.

**FOUR BOOTHS** in the freight house will have craft demonstrations in progress at all times Artrain is open. In one of the booths, each day's demonstration will be by students from a different school. Johnnie Crosby is chairman of this activity.

In Artrain's studio car, citizens, students and teachers of Plymouth will be at work on metal crafts, pottery, painting and sculpture. There also will be a group of seven students from Schoolcraft College engaged in plaster sculpturing.

On-site entertainment by musicians and dancers also has been worked into the schedule and will begin April 22. The full list of entertainers will be given in Wednesday's Mail & Observer.

The allied activities planned during the 18-day Artrain stay by organizations throughout the community are listed in the special Artrain section which accompanies this edition.

**MEANWHILE**, judging in two special contests inspired by Kaleidoscope Plymouth is scheduled this weekend.

Judging of paintings submitted in the Three Cities Art Club show will be conducted this afternoon (Saturday) in Dunning-Hough Library. The juror will be Donald B. Goch, professor of design and faculty member of the department of art at the

University of Michigan. Contest paintings will be displayed in Plymouth store windows beginning Monday, with the winning selections exhibited at the Artrain location.

**PLYFOTOSHO** photographic entries also are

up for weekend judging and these pictures will go on display in the library Wednesday, to remain through May 6.

Chairman of the contest is John Gaffield and the judges are Richard Cay of Livonia, who holds the current title of

Michigan's professional photographer of the year; Robert Webber of Northville, former vice president of the Photographers Guild of Detroit, and David Bacon of Plymouth, director of photography for Graphic Communications.



**HENRY J. MCARDLE** of 32928 Hargrove Court, Farmington, has been elected second vice president for the Ford group office in Dearborn by the directors of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. A graduate of Northeastern University, McArdle joined Hancock in 1945 as an agent and became general manager of the Ford group office in 1969.

## 3 Million Use GI Bill

A Veterans Administration publication reveals nearly three million veterans and servicemen have trained under the current GI Bill since June 1966.

## Oakland Budget Up \$9.2 Million

By JACKIE KLEIN

**PONTIAC** The \$48.6 million 1973 allocation budget recommended to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners calls for a \$9.2 million increase over 1972 spending.

The budget, recommended by the finance and personnel practices committees and the County Board of Auditors, will be submitted to the Council Tax Allocation Board to determine the county's share of the 15 mill general property tax for 1973. Based on a tax levy of \$36.8 million (\$5.57 per \$1,000) on state equalized value of \$5.6 billion, an assumed 10 percent rise over 1972, the budget calls for \$30.3 million in salaries, a projected increase of \$2.8 million.

**THE PROPOSED** budget includes provision for 97 new county employees and represents a \$3 million cut-back of departmental and non-departmental requests. The projected increase of \$4.2 million in non-departmental recommendations reflects employee workman's compensation, hospitalization, life insurance retirement fund and social security increases of \$947,000 over the 1972 budget. Also included in the

projected increase are increases of \$106,250 in building authority payments, primarily the Law Enforcement Institute scheduled for construction in 1973; care of the mentally ill, up \$449,000; a \$308,000 hike in the contingent fund; \$700,000 to support county roads; and an increase of \$1.1 million for social welfare. Projected receipts of \$11.7 million, the budget points out, reflect a normal pattern of increase, but disappointing state income tax returns under the new formula indicate a substantial reduction in this area. The lowering of interest rates on investments and the direct state-local disbursement of local income tax money necessitate a decreased estimate of these revenues, the budget states.

## Boosters Set Meeting

A special meeting of Clarencville's Athletic Boosters Club will be held on Monday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the high school. The program is open to parents interested in ABC's program to support and assist the Clarencville athletic department.

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