

Housing Costs Outstrip Income

WASHINGTON times its annual gross income on housing and not more than 2 1/2 times. To afford a \$25,100 house in 1971, a family should have a gross income of \$12,500.

In light of these facts, it appears that one of several events must occur before the "average" family (assuming there is only one breadwinner) can afford an "average" new house: (1) family income must increase, (2) cost of housing must decrease, or (3) the average size of houses must decrease.

Average price per square foot of single-family houses is estimated to be \$19.92 in 1971, according to the April issue of Finance Facts, a monthly newsletter on consumer financial behavior published by the National Consumer Finance Association.

This is an increase of \$3.77 from the 1969 average price per square foot of \$16.15. Average price of a new home was estimated at \$25,100 in 1971.

It is generally agreed that a family may safely spend two



DONALD NIEPORTH of Farmington has been promoted from executive vice president to president and chief operating officer of Union Investment Co., Detroit-based financing and mortgage banking firm. Nieporth served in the U.S. Army in the middle and far east during World War II, is a member of the Research Institute of America and is active in the United Foundation. He replaces J. Richard Cooper, who was elevated to board chairman.

Jazz-Popular Series To Feature 10 Artists

Ten of the world's great jazz and blues artists will appear at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in the Friday night jazz-popular series, it was announced today by Sandor Kallai, festival manager.

Eight of the artists are new to the Meadow Brook stage, while two, Ella Fitzgerald and Pete Fountain, return following triumphant sellout engagements last year. Each of the stars will appear for one night only.

APPEARING for the first time will be Ray Charles, Peter Nero, Count Basie, and "Doc" Severinsen and his Now Generation Brass, among others.

The Jazz-Popular series, now in its third year, has brought the largest audiences of all to Meadow Brook, including several sold-out sessions last year when even lawn space was not available, according to Kallai. "There is an unprecedented revival of enthusiasm for jazz right

now," he said, "and we expect the coming season to be our most successful."

"Doc" Severinsen and his Now Generation Brass are scheduled to lead off the series on June 30. The colorful musical director of Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" and his trumpet will headline a show that features the Meadow Children, his young swinging and dancing ensemble.

An exciting double attraction has been planned for July 7. Multi-talented Mel Torme will share the Meadow Brook stage with Woody Herman and the Young Thundering Herd. Singer-composer - arranger - writer Torme not only takes songs battered by age and sings them anew, but updates his repertoire with hits from the best of the new young writers.

Herbert's contribution is his evolution of a new "jazz" phonetic version of rock and the best of the best band era.

SINGER AND PIANIST Ray Charles will be the guest artist on July 14. The famous raspy Charles voice will sing his own inimitable style songs rooted in the tradition of blues, spiritual, and gospel melodies.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band with Billie and De De Pierce will bring original New Orleans jazz to Meadow Brook's Baldwin Pavilion on July 21. Billie, a protégé of the legendary Bessie Smith, is considered one of the world's greatest blues singers; and her husband, De De, who is Cajun by descent, answers on his wailing cornet. Together with drummer "Cie" Frazier, clarinetist Willie Humphrey, trombonist Jim Robinson, and

Allan Jaffe, tuba, who are mostly in their 60s and 70s, they create the authentic sweet and melodic Bourbon Street jazz.

PETER NERO, whose sensitive arrangement of the theme from "The Summer of '42" ran high on the charts in recent months, will take the stage on July 28. Equally adept at classical, jazz, and popular music, Nero is one of the top concert attractions around the country today.

Ferrante and Telcher will headline the Aug. 4 concert. A duo-piano team whose recording successes include the theme from "The Apartment," "A Man and A Woman," and "Midnight Cowboy" as well as their famous rendition of "Exodus," Arthur Ferrante and Louis Telcher will perform a sophisticated concert of the music of today.

Count Basie, who has established himself as a music immortal in the 25 years he has been a bandleader, will play on Aug. 11, along with his entire orchestra. Basie's loyalty to the blues as a basic beat, and his swinging piano styling coupled with a driving rhythm section have won him world acclaim wherever he plays.

Pete Fountain, who with his gifted clarinet was a sellout at Meadow Brook last year, returns again this year on Aug. 18, born and bred in the birthplace of jazz, Pete Fountain calls his music "New Orleans jazz," performing the same style that characterizes his appearances in his own Bourbon Street cabaret, the French Quarter Inn.

The Jazz-Popular series will conclude on Aug. 25 with the appearance of the peerless Ella Fitzgerald.



A SPEECH LESSON is conducted by Henry Higgins (Dale Place), in the Studio Company of Oakland University's production of Shaw's "Pygmalion," to be staged April 18 through 23 in the Studio Theater. His wide-eyed pupil is Eliza Doolittle (Renee Mizgalski).

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Shaw Plays To Open

ROCHESTER Mrs. Gasoir Wins Award

Two comedies by George Bernard Shaw will round out the season for the Studio Company of Oakland University's Academy of Dramatic Art the last two weeks in April.

The ever-popular "Pygmalion" will be staged six nights April 18 through 23 in the Studio Theater, Varner Hall.

April 27, the theater will reopen with a four-night run of the rarely-performed, yet equally amusing Shaw comedy, "Getting Married."

Curtain time is 8:15 each night, except the two Sundays April 23 and 30, when it will be 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the box office. Theater parties may be arranged by calling the university.

3 Opera Stars To Be Heard

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform its last concerts of the season Thursday and Saturday, April 20, and 22, in programs which will feature three stars of the operatic world.

The three are Phyllis Curtin, soprano; Jess Thomas, tenor; and Ara Berberian, baritone.

Curtain time each evening is 8:30, in Ford Auditorium. Tickets are available at the box office, Hudson's and Grinnell's.

Jewish Music

OAK PARK "Folk Songs of My People," a salute to the Shtetl (old country) is a program of Jewish folk music which will be presented in the Oak Park Public Library, 14200 Oak Park Boulevard, at 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 19.

The program will be presented by Cantor Harold Orbach of Temple Israel.

Institute Tour

The Detroit Institute of Arts will be the subject of a major documentary - visit by television this month. Two half-hour shows of the museum will be shown April 19 and April 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on WWJ-TV (Channel 4).

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