

Fife And Drum Corps On The Move

By BETTY MASSON

If you think you were busy Memorial Day weekend, consider the members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and their parents.

Last Saturday and Sunday, the corps performed concerts for the Battle Ground Historical Corp. at Tippecanoe Battle Field, Battle Ground, Ind.

On Monday, it was on hand for a concert following Plymouth's Memorial Day parade.

The corps has been invited to historic old Fort Wayne in Detroit, to give a concert between 2 and 4 p.m. today (June 2). It is being featured as part of Pioneer Days celebrations. This is its second invitation to appear at the fort.

The group is also lining up a busy schedule for the summer, highlighted by a much coveted invitation to participate in the Deep River Muster on July 21 at Deep River, Conn. Community support will be sought to assist in underwriting costs of this.

On June 17, the corps will be playing at the Jackson Rose Festival and June 23, it will be in Bowling Green, Ohio.

July 4 should also see a busy scheduling, including Plymouth and Northville parades.

While in Indiana, the corps played in such distinguished company as the Tippecanoe Ancient Fife and Drum Corps of Lafayette, Ind., and

the Old Guard of the 3rd Army from Washington, D.C.

The Old Guard was originally created by Gen. George Washington as a morale builder for his troops. It was reactivated in 1960, and serves as the official Presidential Honor Guard and ceremonial music group.

The Old Guard is attired in beautiful red coats, and white breeches and features music for fife, bugle and drum.

The Plymouth Corps was established in 1971 by Mark Petty, percussionist who has tutored the Plymouth High School drummers since 1963.

From a small beginning, when the drummer boys asked some flutists to come to a rehearsal, the group has grown to involve 50 young people from elementary age through college.

The Plymouth Corps has adopted an 1812 nautical theme. Its members are attired in sailor hats, neckerchiefs, striped shirts and white breeches, and play sea songs in addition to the usual 18th century martial music.

In 1972, a group of parents saw that Petty and his new bride, Carol, needed some help in arranging details of travel, chaperoning and fund raising, and so the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps Assn. was formed.

Presently, membership is limited to corps members and their parents, but plans are under way to accept interested persons and groups as non-voting sponsors.

During the 1972 summer season, the corps earned enough (through membership dues, parade fees and parental generosity) to replace the inexpensive (\$1.50) metal flutes with new wooden 10-hole instruments.

The 1973 goal is to earn enough to pay for the beautiful maple shell, rope and leather-trimmed drums which arrived just in time for Michigan Week appearances.

Contributions from interested persons or groups are welcome and should be sent to the association at 7904 Thornwood Drive, Plymouth.

The association's officers are Donald F. Tripp, president; Bob Krieg and Roxanne McTurner, corps representatives; Leonard Garfat, treasurer; and Dr. E. J. McClendon, Jack Krieg, Mark Wehmeyer and Earl Dryden.

According to Tripp, the corps "hopes to provide a catalyst for the reawakening of interest in our American heritage and local history."

"The young people" of the corps have already experienced many exciting re-enactments of historic moments in other locales, and are looking forward to contributing a musical note to the Bicentennial observance in Observerland."

Tippecanoe and Plymouth are among the very few groups outside New England States offering this type of entertainment.



PLYMOUTH'S FIFE and Drum Corps appeared with the historic Old Guard of the 3rd Army from Washington, D.C., at Memorial Day concerts. The Plymouth group is on the

right. The corps has been invited to attend the Deep River Muster in Connecticut in July, and will be seen at several local parades this summer.

amusements



WILLIAM MOORE, Thurston High School's director of drama, is conducting a summer workshop in theater this year. Classes will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. every week day, June 25-Aug. 3, in Thurston High School, 26555 Schoolcraft, Redford Township. All interested may join by registering between 7 and 9 p.m., Monday, June 4, in Pierce Junior High School, 25805 Orangetown. The cost is \$30. The course is being sponsored by the South Redford schools.

Casting Call

Open auditions for a vaudeville show will be held June 12, 14 and 18, at 8 p.m., in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, Evergreen and 10½ Mile. The show will be presented Sept. 14 and 15 under sponsorship of the Southfield Community Players.

All adults and teenagers over 12 are invited to try out. Talent is needed in singing, dancing, instrumental music, comedy, magic and so on. Back-stage help is also needed.

Interested persons may contact Lori Matoff, 28013 Selkirk, Southfield, or Joan Bloch, 16586 Capitol, Southfield.

The players are also looking for directors for fall productions. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Matoff.



AFTER PERFORMING in Indiana on Saturday and Sunday, the Fife and Drum Corps was back in Plymouth for a concert in Kellogg Park Monday. Today (June 2) the group is playing at Detroit's Fort Wayne museum. (Observer photo)

Zelma Lloyd Heads Farmington Musicales

The season's final meeting of the Farmington Musicales will take place in the Holiday Inn, 10 Mile and Grand River, at 12 noon Wednesday, June 6. Members and their guests will enjoy a smorgasbord luncheon, followed by the installation of new officers and a musical program.

Next year's board of directors will include Zelma Lloyd, president; Kay Wilson, vice president; Jean Naukenda, treasurer; Shirley Stevens, assistant

treasurer; Mary Sue Ewing, recording secretary; and Vivienne Manwaring, corresponding secretary. The Farmington Musicales is a member of the Michigan and National Federation of Women's Clubs.

The entertainment will feature the Farmington Musicales Chorus, directed by Sue McCallum, in a farcical skit entitled "I Am Programmed to Correct Misfunction."

The script, written by Farmington resident June Rado, is set in the year 5073

AD and finds the group in suspended animation. The members are brought back to life in order to illustrate a lecture on ancient music.

Mary Behnan will play a sophisticated robot with Karen Kelly as the programmer. Betty Love and Faith Rickey will also have leading roles.

Hostesses for the day will be Shirley Portman and Janet Pfeucke, the social co-chairmen. Faye Williams will be the program chairman.

Students Set Ceramics Sale

DETROIT. An open house, featuring the annual student ceramic exhibit and sale, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at Michigan State University's Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson. The show will continue

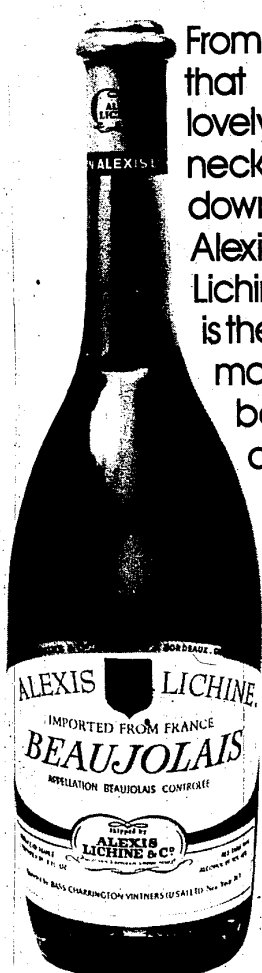
June 3 and 4 and will be open each day from 1 to 5 p.m. Following this, it will continue during the regular hours of the pottery and the Pewabic Museum, afternoons Tuesdays through Saturdays, through July 7. There is no admission charge.

Sharon Group To Sell Art

Sharon Group of Hadassah will hold a fund-raising art auction at Gallery Art Center, 3722 12 Mile, Berkeley. There will be a champagne preview at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3, and the bidding will begin at 8:30.

Tri-Town Club Has Iris Show

LINCOLN PARK. The Tri-Town Men's Garden Club is holding its first iris show today (June 2) at Judson's Southland Shopping Center, Eureka Road and Pardee, Taylor. The show will be open from 1 to 9 p.m.



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