

Farmington Man Opens Engagement At Copper Kettle

A one week engagement in April at Dodsons Copper Kettle on Inkster Rd. in Livonia, has become a rather permanent thing these days for Dick Keegan. The son of Vance Keegan, well known Farmington business man and civic leader, Dick resides with his wife and two sons in Orchard Meadows, Farmington.

Primarily a club date act, Dick began his career in Chicago and since then has appeared in many shows, both "live" and on TV with such stars as Ed Sullivan, Soupy Sales, Homer and Jethro, Betty Clooney,

etc. Like many other entertainers of today, Dick welcomes the change of pace that supper club work affords, plus the opportunity to work with an audience at such close range.

He is well known to many other entertainers of today, he does not believe in the use of "blue" material. "People may laugh at risqué jokes," says Dick, "but basically their good nature will resent it." "I like to give people a pleasant evening that won't leave a bad taste in their mouth." He admits this causes him to work harder and is constantly on the lookout for new

material for the jazz harmonica, boogie-woogie, and light comedy portions of his act.

Although he is at present the only member of his family "on-stage" he is not the only one with talent. His wife, Shirley, designs and makes the unusual jackets which he wears in introducing his act. Ricky, the 12 year old son, is doing so well with his electric guitar that within a year, his proud father hopes to include him in his act. This leaves only the other son to be heard from, and he follows the pattern. It shouldn't be too long before he, too, manages to "get into the act" in true show business tradition.

"Fair" Fun For Cub Pack 785

From the fish pond manned by members of Den 1, with Den Mother Mrs. Wesley Kappler — to the freck show presented by Mrs. James Goman's Den 4 — Cub Scouts of Pack 785 enjoyed every minute of their September pack meeting last evening. The theme for the month was "Come to the Fair," and Grant School's multi-purpose room was turned into a midway, with a sailboat race conducted by the boys of Den 7, led by Mrs. Richard Dole, miniature golf handled by Mrs. William R. Lawrence's Den 8, and an electronic game board, presided over by Cubs of Den 9 and Mrs. Robert Lee.

The number of toothpicks, beans, buttons, etc., in their respective jars was guessed at the booth Mrs. William Lloyd and Mrs. E. C. Cusps planned. Den 3, with Mrs. Fred Peters, produced the peep show, and punch and cookies were served by members of the pack committee.

New Bobcats received into the pack at the meeting by Cubmaster Graydon Chester were Chris Christensen and Robert Snyder. Doug Cunningham and David Schroder received their Bear Badges. Lion Badges were presented to Tom Chester, Mark Bowen and Robert Fortier, with

CURTAIN GOING UP

The University of Michigan's Professional Theater Fall Festival premiered last week with an unusual, attention-riveting production of "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy. A few years ago, noted to translate Tolstoy's epic novel to the screen and failed in the attempt. The APA stage version is a more satisfying, successful translation of this Russian treatise on the uselessness of war.

Donald Moffat, Clayton Corzette, Rosemary Harris, Sidney Walker and Joseph Bird provided brilliant performances in this fast-moving, sweeping account of the Napoleonic Wars. These competent actors made many melodramatic moments truly monumental in their execution. Only a group of well-trained, disciplined actors of such professional stature could accomplish this feat. Directed by Ellis Raab tended to be a bit static at times, but then he was limited by the box-like design of the stage. An opening in a Stratford would have helped.

For fluidity of staging, Designer Peter Wexler utilized large projections of maps, movable raked platforms that soared up and down, on the bias, and out into the audience. Imaginative lighting captured the frantic mood of the piece. Tolstoy wrote an avalanche of words in the telling of the story. The APA used all the technical devices possible to facilitate what could have been a dull, listless spewing forth of dialogue. The evening was a most enjoyable visit with one of the world's foremost classic writers, Leo Tolstoy.

You fully understood the thesis of his "War and Peace" that conflicts, human or between countries, are resolved more by chance than by cunning planning. And we are doomed to keep on killing because we will not reach out our hand to each other and show some love and kindness to each other as human beings. The Narrator appeals to the audience for a declaration of peaceful intent. As he indicates, "How long will such devastation and killing continue?" With cold and hot war clouds steaming up the current windows to the east and west of our horizons one shudders as you view "War and Peace" and wonders how apocryphal this dramatic presentation might be.

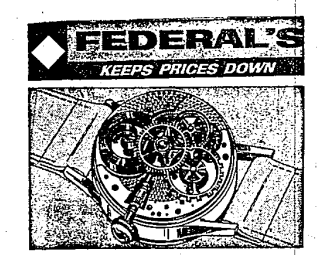
A rollicking, bawdy, free-form farce, "The Hostage," like its author (Brendan Behan), joins the APA resident company's repertoire tonight (Sept. 30). "Hostage" is sometimes coarse, sometimes lyrical, and always alive and vital. The play has hilarious dialogue, situations bold and tender, yet underneath all the shouting, cursing and drinking an element of truth about life runs its steady course. You'll find this play a memorable experience. Old Wally said it earlier in its off-Broadway version and I can assure you it's a real winner.

Another winner lurking in the wings would seem to be an Adult Education class entitled "Geographic Gourmet Club." John Anderson, executive director of Livonia's excellent Adult Education classes, dropped by to remind me that Bob Wall will be directing the class. John

Bar Thieves Get \$584 Cash

Thieves pried open the rear door of Patti's Lounge, 33653 Five Mile Road, to gain entrance, broke into a drawer below the cash register where the key to the register was hidden and then looted the two-drawer cash box of \$584.

That was the report of Patricia Ann Morrow, of 33833 Five Mile Road, to Livonia police.



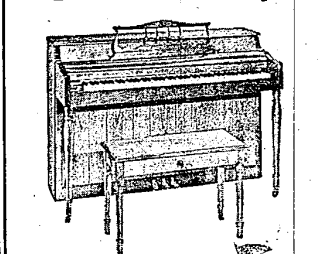
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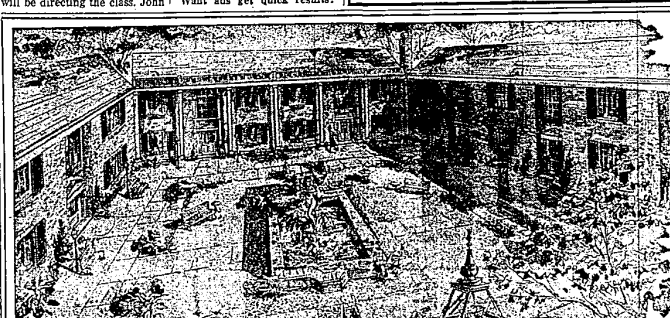
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