

New Child Guidance Clinic Holds Open House Nov. 15

The public is invited to an open house at the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic located at 6221 Merriman Road in Garden City on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 6 p.m.

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The idea for the clinic grew out of a study conducted by the Wayne County committee of 12 which was appointed by the metropolitan branch of the United Community Services to study the treatment needs of children with emotional problems.

Under the direction of Mrs. Origin Hammond the clinic began to emerge as a going concern. It became a branch of Children's Center of Wayne County and the State Legislature recognized the clinic in 1963.

Until July, 1964 - when the

State began to give partial financial assistance the clinic was solely dependent on local contributions for its income. The bulk of these local funds came from many of the school boards in the areas to be served who contributed 25 cents per enrolled child. Other contributors were the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, the Plymouth Community Chest, service and professional groups, and individuals.

Currently the State pays only the salaries of a specified number of professional workers. All other financial responsibilities are to be assumed locally.

The recent move to Garden City was necessary due to the increased case load requiring a larger staff which outgrew the three offices rented at the Wayne County Health Center.

The large, old frame house on Merriman Road is of Victorian Architecture and the reception room is decorated in the Victorian manner. The five offices downstairs are done in modern but the upstairs is expected to be also finished in a Victorian decor.

The enclosed back porch is planned to be eventually used as a play area.

The house is 100 years old so much work was needed to make it suitable for a clinic. The original timber supports are solid enough to last at least another 100 years.

The members of the board of directors volunteered their time and effort to renovate the old house. Those who were especially diligent were Dr. and Mrs. James Oliver of Dearborn Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Crispin Hammond; of Northville; and the Joseph Hunter family of Redford.

The Hunters (including sons Don and Ken, students at Schoolcraft Community College and Redford Union High School, respectively) cleared away bushes of debris and prepared the way for the carpenters. Mrs. Hunter's advice to oversee the problem of getting the work done and was personally responsible for getting approximately \$10,000 worth of materials and labor donated.

The citizens of Garden City put their shoulders to the grindstone also. Electricians donated their time and materials, with the blessing of the business office of the Electrical Union. Much of the lumber was bought at a good discount.

Jaycees of Garden City did the backbreaking task of painting the outside of the house.

A board member of the clinic donated the shrubbery. The drapes were made of donated car upholstery material.

The complete effect of the clinic is one of a lovely old home and is a pure delight to see.

It will be well worth one's time to attend the open house, see the result of the tremendous effort put forth and learn of the clinic's many facilities. Board and staff members will be on hand and coffee and cookies will be served.

Plymouth DAR Meets

The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at 1457 Carol, Plymouth.

Hostess at the meeting will be Mrs. Ellis Wylie. She will be assisted by Mrs. Stewart Oldford, Miss Mary Severance and Miss Sally Sample.



AN OPEN HOUSE will be held Sunday, Nov. 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the new Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic at 6221 Merriman Road. The 100-year-old house, originally built during the Civil War, has been renovated while maintaining the atmosphere and charm of the Civil War period. The public is invited to the open house.

To Women It May Concern

By MYRA COX
(Editor's Note: Myra Cox is currently on vacation.)

By SUE SHAGNESSY

On the entertainment page in this week's issue of The Observer you will find notices of several amateur theatre productions opening this weekend.

These notices have once again prompted the all-too-familiar reaction that "all actors are kooks."

Impossible, you say. The statement is a generality and as such must be false. I agree. However, many individuals still believe this.

Actors are just as normal or abnormal as any other individuals.

In community and amateur theatre groups such as the Nankin Mills Players, the Redford-Livonia Theatre League, college dramatic societies, etc., the membership is composed of hard-working, sober citizens whose part-time avocation is the theatre.

These part-time thespians are no different from the person who paints as a hobby, the stamp collector or the bridge fiend.

Occasionally one discovers in the community theatre real talent. Sometimes, but not always, this talent leaves the productions "on a shoestring" for the glitter and glamour of Broadway and/or Hollywood.

The point of all these observations is simply that community theatre—often good theatre—does exist in this area. Without bugging from the four communities covered by this newspaper one can experience the joy of participating in an actual art form.

If the area is broadened to the Metropolitan Detroit region the possibilities for enjoyment are countless.

However, the continued existence of these groups depends upon community support. For a nominal sum an excellent evening's entertainment can be had.

A prime example of the necessity for community support of the legitimate theatre is the story of the Vanguard Theatre in Detroit. This group, which billed itself as "the only resident professional theatre group in Detroit," produced some excellent productions. However, because of lack of community support the organization was forced to close its doors during the past year.

How about it? Tired of doing the same old things on your evening out? Consult the entertainment page of this paper or contact your local group and take your pick of serious drama, comedy or tragedy or musical comedy.

As an art form, true theatre demands something not only of the participant but of the spectator. For true enjoyment and understanding of a play the observer must maintain what is called "a conscious suspension of reality."

In other words the audience must accept and judge the play solely on its merits. Is the plot consistent? It doesn't matter that such a thing could happen in real life. Are the characters portrayed consistently? No other frame of reference holds in true enjoyment. Of course, if the playwright has a message or moral to present and does it effectively so much the better. This is an added bonus.

Community theatre runs the gamut from excellent to horrid. However, if the legitimate theatre is to survive anywhere in the country, and especially outside the New York area the community theatre movement must prosper.

Christmas Cards Sold by Blind

In its continuous effort to raise funds, the Blind Service Center of Metropolitan Detroit is selling Christmas cards again this year. Purchase of the cards will enable the Blind Service Center to continue its many service programs to blind citizens of the tri-county area.

The cards are of heavy quality, antique finish paper and each card states "Proceeds from the sale of these cards help support the Blind Service Center of Metropolitan Detroit."

The cost of the cards is income tax deductible, since the Blind Service Center is a charitable organization.

Especially designed for the Blind Service Center by talented artists, the purchaser will find the variety of choice enables him to express individual taste in either social or business use of these cards.

Two of the cards are of modern design in contemporary style, using colors of orange, black and white on a dark green background, single folded to 3 1/2" x 7 1/4". One of them has a cover design of a silhouette view of Detroit's skyline from the waterfront on Christmas eve, with illuminated trees. It is in shades of blue, red, black and white, with border of red. The other traditional card has a cover design of the first Christmas night, with Mary and Joseph at the entrance gates of Bethlehem, in shades of dark brown, blue and yellow.

For samples of these distinctive cards or for further information, please call the Blind Service Center of Metropolitan Detroit at TRINITY 5-1000.

The John D. Pierce Junior High School will hold its annual book fair during the week of Nov. 16-20.

Paperback books for all ages, with emphasis on the junior high level, and ranging in price from 35 cents to \$1.25 will be on sale to parents.

Hours of this portion of the fair are Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 to 10 p.m.; and Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m.

During these three days, Nov. 16 through 18, parents will be able to make selections from the more than 200 book titles including a collection of best sellers geared only to the adult level.

Students, on the other hand, will be able to select books during the entire week that are geared to the junior high level.

The book fair is sponsored by the Pierce PTA. Mrs. Betty Harris is in charge of all the arrangements.

To err is human—and a great many people find it virtually impossible to forgive.



Judith Ann Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Zeldon S. Cohen of Warrington Drive announce the engagement of their daughter Judith Ann, to Mr. Leonard J. Lipkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Lipkin, of Peoria, Illinois. Miss Cohen, a senior in Art History at the University of Michigan, is also a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Dental Hygiene. Her fiancé, a graduate of Oberlin College, is a doctoral candidate in Mathematics at the University of Michigan. A January wedding is planned.

Auction for Plymouth State Home

The Detroit and Dearborn chapters of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae will hold a joint meeting Nov. 16 at the home of Mrs. E. E. Llaen, Jr., at 16834 Shafsbury, Detroit.

Beginning at 8 p.m., the short business meeting will be followed by a "Do It Yourself" Auction. Proceeds from the auction, which will include baked goods, hand sewing and garden products, will go to the children at the Plymouth State Home.

For further information about the auction and reservations call Mrs. Robert Bulio at GA 7-1276.

On Nov. 18 the alumnae will hold a special birthday party for the children of the Home. Mrs. Clifford Harris of Greenview Ave. is chairman. For information call her at KE 7-8845.

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Mothers To Meet

The Wayne County Mothers duces by the Acme Quality of Twins Club will hold their Paints, with guest Mr. George Nov. 16 meeting at the bank Johnson narrating. Anyone in-building, Telegraph at Cherry interested in attending this meeting. Highlights of the evening will be a color film entitled PA 1-7598, or Mrs. Russell Max. "Color Newsreel of '64," pro-well, GL 3-437.



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