

# 2,500 Livonia Youngsters Enjoy Every Minute of Circus



Observer Photographer Gerry Gazda visited the circus with the kids and snapped these candid shots of reactions to the various acts.

## College Board Supports Moelke Freeway Proposal

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, which has expressed a willingness to sit down with the Livonia City Council to discuss the 196 freeway north of Wednesday passed a resolution concurring with the position of Mayor Harvey Moelke.

The resolution reads "The Schoolcraft College Board concurs with Mayor Harvey Moelke's reported position that the proposed 196 freeway should be an urban type sunken expressway."

"The Board also believes the location should be the one the College agreed to before the purchase of the building site at the intersection of Seven Mile

and Haggerty Roads in Livonia."

There has been a report that the Council instructed its secretary to send a letter to the Trustees setting up a joint meeting to discuss the problem. The

letter had not arrived on the campus as late as Monday afternoon.

The highway snarl developed when officials of the State Highway Department sat

down with the Trustees and told them of a proposed plan to extend the highway along Haggerty Road west of the campus.

This involves chopping off a large share of the student parking lot, all of the faculty parking facilities and part of the

visitors' section. It also would slice some 210 feet from the front or western side of the college campus.

The proposal brought roars of protest from the Board which indicated it had been told, prior to the start of construction of the facilities now in use, that

the highway would extend across the eastern side of the campus. Inasmuch as the final decision rests with the Trustees, they informed the State Highway official they would not agree to the proposed plans and asked that they present alternatives that could be studied.

As far back as three years ago, the Trustees were informed by State Highway officials that they should build the campus as close to Haggerty Road as feasible since the proposed freeway would skirt the eastern end of the land.

Acting in accordance with that information, the College Board placed the Administration building facing Haggerty Road with the Library a short distance away south and east.

The student parking lot has an entrance from Haggerty Road as does the visitors and faculty lots.

The plans as proposed would cut off a third of the student lot, half of the visitors and all of the faculty facilities.

It would mean that the Administration building would be in the rear of the campus instead of the front and would force a complete change in the Board's planning.

Part of the reason for the change in the Highway Department plans came when the Livonia Council refused to accept plans for a route at the eastern end of the campus, stating that it would cut a portion of the city away from the rest. Furthermore, the Council pointed out that there are plans for a subdivision of homes in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 class for the area through "which" the highway would pass.

The Councilmen and Mayor Moelke are just as adamant as the College Board that the Highway Department will have to revise its thinking. That's the way the matter stands right now.

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## Livonia Mall to Entertain Ladies, Kids with Programs

"Two major events are on tap this week and next for ladies and youngsters of the area, according to an announcement by the Livonia Mall Merchants' Association.

The famous Puppetteville Players are slated to entertain young children of the area Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon when the Livonia Mall Shopping Center will host youngsters from three to 12 years at three special shows.

All youngsters are invited to attend any one of the three shows in the Community Room of the huge enclosed Center.

The first is scheduled for Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturday, at 10 a.m. and the final at 2 p.m. All seats will be on a first come first served basis, according to Jerry Silberman, president of the Merchants' Association.

Tuesday, February 15, is Ladies Day and a host of surprises are planned for the ladies.

Main attraction is a theater party starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, with free admission to a Hollywood feature film in Cinema 1 located in the Mall.

"The merchants felt they would like to do something for the ladies and have invited them to be their guests at the movie and then spend the rest of the day browsing and shopping in the Mall," said Silberman.

"We feel the girls deserve a day a week away from their household duties. If they can't get baby sitters, we'd like them to bring their under-school-age children too," he added.

A "ladies day" is planned for every Tuesday.



PUPPETVILLE PLAYERS and their friends Peter and Barbara Rekenbeil will be at the Livonia Mall Shopping Center to entertain youngsters between three and 12 years old Friday evening and Saturday morning. The famous puppets which have appeared all over the world were conceived and are operated by the Rekenbeils, shown above with four of their charges.

## Madonna Students Make Plans for Mission Bazaar

A mission bazaar is the Sunday, Feb. 20 benefit project of the Madonna College student body. Games, raffles, tossing, darts, special auctions, will fill the afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will be held in the student center of the college, off Schoolcraft and Levan roads.

Joyce Bujak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bujak, 14875 Haggerty, Belleville, is general chairman. Assisting her as booth chairmen are: Carol Gorney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Gorney, of 1611 S. Van Buren, Bay City; Paula Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Schmidt of Sault Ste. Marie; Marie Orsini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Orsini, of 5639 Eastlawn, Livonia; Sue Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of 4140 Williamson, Saginaw; Frances Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beaver.

11520 Christy, Livonia; and Elaine Gaffke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Gaffke, 8059 Pressler, Livonia.

Prizes will include a 55-cup West Bend automatic coffee maker, a blanket and pillow set, a damask table cloth and napkins, a three-foot high walking doll, and a Felician doll. Proceeds will be donated to the missions, mainly South American and European where the Felician Sisters conduct schools and provide catechetical instructions and do social work.

**Named Manager of New Food Fair Store**  
Gordon Rigault has been named manager of the new Food Fair supermarket at 18257 West 10 Mile Road at Southfield, which opened February 6.



MADONNA COLLEGE Mission Bazaar Chairmen prepare prizes for the Feb. 20 benefit at the college campus. The group (from left) Sue Stevens, Marie Orsini, Carol Gorney and Joyce Bujak.

## Westland Sets Contest With \$400 to Winner

Want to win \$400? And do it the easy way by filling out a coupon and making a guess about the value of a merchandise display?

Then make a trip to Westland Center where the Merchants' Association, which has a "Heart of Gold" on display, is sponsoring the retail cost of the merchandise displayed in the "Heart of Gold." The contestant who comes closest wins the heart plus \$400 in cash.

The "Heart" is on display in the West Coast where coupons are available. The contest ends Saturday, Feb. 12 and the winner will be notified. In case of a tie there will be a tie-breaking contest.

## Clowns, Animals, Acts Not One Child Lost

More than 2,500 youngsters from Livonia and Clarenceville public and parochial elementary schools, all members of the Safety and Service Patrol, had their annual day at the Shrine Circus last week and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the two-hour performance.

It was the 13th annual visit for the youngsters under the sponsorship of the Livonia Police Officers Association, the co-operation of the Livonia Fire Department, and the financial assistance of the Shrine Club, which furnishes the tickets.

It was the 13th time that Sgt. Robert Baumgartner, of the Livonia Police Department, headed the party and he termed it the "biggest and best to date."

"We didn't lose a single child," said Sgt. Baumgartner. "We are quite proud of that since there was a time a few years back when we transported all of the youngsters via a C&O train to the State Fairgrounds."

"Now, it is all with school buses, furnished by the kindness of the Livonia Board of Education and the school administration which also allowed many of the teachers to accompany the youngsters."

A buddy system is used to help assure the safety of the youngsters; each child is assigned a buddy and it is the responsibility of each to make sure that his or her buddy is with him or her when they board the buses for the trip back to the schools.

More than 35 police officers, firemen and Shriners accompanied the youngsters in the more than 50 buses.

The children came from all of the elementary schools in addition to St. Michael's Catholic Church, St. Paul, Pines and Faith Lutheran Churches.

**Local Man Honored**  
Kenneth E. Gardhouse of 16736 Polyanna St., Livonia, was recently honored for his superior 1965 sales and service record at a national conference of a nationally known Life Assurance Society in New York City.

When the call came over the radio a moment later, however, I started for the scene and was there within a moment.

Six pieces of fire fighting equipment were called to the scene and firemen battled the blaze for more than an hour and a half. However, the damage was complete. The Gooses have nothing other than what they were wearing at the time of the accident left.

The explosion which caused the fire occurred while Consumers Power workers were removing a meter in the utility room. Spencer told the Observer that he had obtained a statement at the scene that no one was smoking at the time of the incident and it was not immediately known what the cause of the blaze was.

At the time of the explosion only Mrs. Dora Goese resided in the house. Her husband was at work and the couple's two daughters, Marlan and Ramona, were in school.

Mrs. Don W. Danforth of 22228 Albion, about a block from the Goese home, told The Observer that the parents would be staying with them for the time being.

The two Goese girls will stay with another neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Knoecs at 22185 Albion, just across the street from the Danforths.

Farmington Township officials said that the Goeses could probably apply to the Oakland County Welfare Authorities for aid in relocating.

**License Suspended**  
The Michigan Department of State has suspended the driving license of Milton E. Olds, 22, of 12065 Beck Rd., Plymouth, for an unsatisfactory driving record.

## Explosion Consumer's Power Slates \$2.4 Million Expansion

More than \$2.4 million will be invested by Consumers Power Company during 1968 in its West Wayne Division, headquartered in Livonia, on projects to expand and improve natural gas service in the area.

James P. Thomas, West Wayne division manager for the company, made the announcement.

Thomas said the major project for the year will be the continued expansion of the gas distribution system, with the installation of over 50 miles of new gas pipelines and the addition of 3,800 new gas customers to the division system.

Related projects include the completion of the Farm-

ington road project begun last year. This involves the replacement with new, larger pipeline of the main connecting Plymouth and Elletts Mile roads, necessitated by the widening of Farmington road.

Thomas said the division at present provides natural gas to 65,000 customers in an area encompassing 280 square miles of western Wayne county, including the communities of Farmington, Livonia, Wayne, Northville, Novi and Plymouth.

He said the 1968 construction program is part of Consumers Power Company's state-wide expansion and improvement program, in which the company is investing a record \$134

million this year.

Consumers Power Company has 850,000 electric customers and 700,000 gas customers in a combined service area which encompasses all but one of 68 counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, outside Detroit proper.

**To Become Specialist**

Airman Ralph B. Farquhar III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Farquhar, Jr., 34900 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, has been selected for technical training at Keesler AFB, Miss., as a United States Air Force communications-electronics specialist. The airman is a 1964 graduate of Bentley High School.

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