

# 4 Communities Join in Benefit for Opportunity Center

A mammoth benefit, the like of which has never before been presented in Western Wayne County, is expected to attract more than 2,500 to Roma Hall on Wednesday, May 25 and raise as much as \$15,000 for the Community Opportunity Workshop, located at the intersection of Newburgh and Ann Arbor Roads in Livonia in the old Newburgh elementary school.

There'll be Lions, politicians, business and industry leaders, government heads from the lowest to the highest level, entertainers and the plain common folks who believe in the Sheltered Workshop for retarded adult and are willing to use a

benefit of this type to make contributions.

Matter of fact there is a possibility that a few Tigers will be in the audience if the proper arrangements are made with Detroit Baseball Company officials to have some of the players appear.

The benefit, started two months ago by Mrs. Rosalie Bales of Plymouth, has caught fire in the past two weeks and now appears almost certain to become the biggest money raising program for the Sheltered Workshop since it was opened to retarded in the communities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford Township last September.

Originally started by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, the workshop quickly spread into the four communities and has plenty of applicants for work—but as expected from a still very young group, lacks financing.

It was this financing that Mrs. Bales noted was missing and personally decided that something should be done. She contacted scores of workers in all four communities to volunteer, personally made contacts in high places for speakers and for high ranking personages to appear, arranged for Roma Hall and then finally saw her idea begin to jell in the past two weeks.

The principal speakers—and there is an unusually large list of protocol definitely committed to appear—are Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of Gov. Romney, and William Patrick, Jr., former Detroit City Councilman, and now legal counsel for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Each is a dynamic speaker and each is expected to go into

the needs and value of a sheltered workshop. Both are well aware of the problems that face most communities in finding work for retarded adults and each is in full accord that the Community Opportunity Workshop is just that—an opportunity to make the dreams of persons who might become blighted on the various communities.

But that's only a sample of the list of persons.

Senator Robert Griffin, who only this week was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Patrick McNamara, will appear. There is a possibility that he may be influenced to give an insight into his visit to Viet Nam.

Then there is Mrs. Elly Peterson, Republican national committeewoman and head of the Michigan Republican Party in Michigan. Nell Starbier, Democratic National committeewoman who is Mrs. Peterson's counterpart in the state for his party.

Former Governor G. Mennen Williams, who is a candidate for the Senatorial seat, will be represented by his wife and son Gary.

Detroit Mayor Jerry Cavanagh will be represented by

Dr. John Hanlon, Wayne County Health Commissioner, who is a candidate for a state senatorial seat.

Others in the political field include: State Representative Congressman Weston Vivian, Mary Stempfen, State Representative James Turner, State Representative Edward Robinson, who represents the Livonia, Redford Township and part of Farmington.

Mayors Harvey Mockle of Livonia, Mike Allen of Northville, James Hook of Plymouth and Township Supervisors John McEwen of Plymouth and Jack McDonald of Redford Township will be in the audience.

The various school districts will be represented by Superintendents Benton Yates of Livonia, Russell Hubert of Redford Union, Alex Nelson of Northville and Merlin Roe of South Redford.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas Foley of Plymouth, will be the master of ceremonies.

And to add a bit of frosting to the already sweetened cake, the Detroit Lions will have a six or eight man delegation present to autograph programs and generally add to the spirit of the evening.

The list includes Bruce Mahler, Gail Cogsdill, Daryl Sanders, Tom Watkins, Pat Sludstill, Joe Schmidt, Frank Taylor, Jim Gibbons and Wayne Walker.

Just to give the youngsters something to think about, the Detroit Lions have donated several packets of football pictures and they will be presented to the kids as long as they last.

Additional sports personalities are expected from the Detroit Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings but no complete confirmations have been made. So it's a question of if they show, then they'll be there, if they don't, then they won't be.

Of the Sweet Adelines, one of the areas most popular singing quartets, will furnish some of the entertainment with more groups expected to join the parade during the next few days.

It will be a night to remember. Nothing too formal, a couple of speeches, a chance to meet and greet outstanding persons from all levels and generally an opportunity to aid a worthy cause, have a good meal and a good time.

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DOING THEIR BIT to aid the Community Opportunity Center benefit, Wednesday, May 25 in Roma Hall, are members of the Detroit Lions who are shown visiting the Sheltered Workshop. They are: (standing in rear) Tom Watkins, Frank Taylor, Pat Sludstill and Bruce Mahler with Foreman Peter Setoski. The footballers will be in attendance at the benefit to autograph programs and generally enliven the occasion.

## Honored for 18 Years as Superintendent

Area educators, government officials, and friends will gather on Monday, May 23 to honor Clarenceville's Superintendent Louis E. Schmidt. Schmidt will leave the Clarenceville School District on Aug. 31, following 18 years as Superintendent.

The Appreciation Dinner, to be sponsored by the members of the Board of Education,



Louis Schmidt

ation and the Junior Senior High School P.T.A., will be held in the high school gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale in all school offices and the Board of Education office on West Eight Mile Road at a cost of \$2.50 per person. Tickets may also be purchased from members of the Board of Education.

For further information regarding tickets or plans for this dinner call any of the Clarenceville Schools or Harold W. Keivitt at 478-4620.

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## Trout for All at Livonia Mall

The Livonia Mall Shopping Center has decided to do as Mohammed had done and brought the trout stream to the city. Thousands who have never had the opportunity to fish for trout can try it between now and Saturday.

The huge portable pool will be installed inside the enclosed shopping center and fishermen of all ages, male or female, will be able to fish under ideal weather conditions.

"Actually this is an angler's dream come true. The would-be fishermen don't have to travel out-of-town to do his fishing and he is guaranteed that there are hundreds of hungry trout right before his eyes to catch," said Jerry Silberman, president of the Livonia Mall Merchants Association.

"We even provide fishing tackle," Silberman added.

In addition to keeping all the trout that a fisherman catches, a special bonus of \$100 in cash will be awarded to the one who catches "Zebo" the bandit

trout. The huge four-pound trout has been caught before and in all likelihood will be caught during his stay at the Livonia Mall.

The pool will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until closing every day. The shopping center is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 9 p.m.

"There's always excitement around a trout pool. It's fun to come and just watch if you don't care to fish," said Silberman.

"We're making a nominal charge of 10 cents for children under 14 and 25 cents for adults in order that those who really want to fish for trout will be able to do so without being overcrowded.

All net profits will be given to charities, according to a spokesman for the Livonia Mall.



## Meet Your Carrier

Michael Finkbinder, 11, of 23505 Prospect, Farmington, has been a carrier for the Observer Newspaper Group since the Farmington Observer was started in 1964. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Finkbinder.

Michael is a sixth grader at Our Lady of Sorrows School where he has his favorite subjects are: mathematics, spelling and geography.

He has ambitions of attending college with the goal of becoming a teacher or a businessman.

His hobbies are model cars, gas planes and slot cars. He is a member of the Boys' Choir under the Farmington Recreation Program and is a regular member on the school's honor roll.

U of M Man to Speak Duane A. Morris, major one of the big ones. Trout fishing starts at the popular enclosed Mall today and continues through Saturday night. The hungry Black River trout are contained in a huge pool more than 60 feet long and 25 feet wide. Lucky anglers are allowed to keep as many of the trout as they catch. A nominal charge of 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults allows the fisherman several minutes fishing time.

## Consumers Sponsors Car Checkup

Consumers Power Company will hold its annual Vehicle Safety Inspection beginning May 24 through May 25 at the Livonia Service Center, 11801 Farmington Road.

To kick off this program a pancake breakfast will be held Tuesday morning for all employees.

Joel Labo, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police James Jordan will be the guest speakers on the advantages of vehicle safety. Other guests will include Sgt. Ed Johnson from the Michigan State Police and J. R. Dohr, the General Safety Supervisor for Consumers Power.

J. P. Thomas, division manager, said that during this period 150 company vehicles and all employees personal cars will be inspected. Banners, posters and placards will remind Consumers Power employees of the significance of vehicle safety. Mile-O-Grams and litter bags will be given to each personal vehicle inspected.

A contest at the end of each day will be held for all employees' personal cars inspected and the winner will receive a set of seat belts. All cars will receive a "safety checked" emblem.

Some of the areas to be checked will be brakes, all lights, steering, tires, exhaust, glasses and mirrors, washers and wipers, horn and seat belts.

Thomas would like to invite the public to have their personal cars safely checked at the Service Center between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m. on Friday, May 27.

The Division Manager is urging all employees and the public to participate in this safety inspection, especially with the holiday weekends and vacation season approaching.

**Joins Association** Kansas City — Big Rock Ranch, Livonia, has been named membership the American Hereford Association, the world's largest purebred registry organization with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

## PLYMOUTH MAIL, FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE

## Philip Power Acquires Two Strickland Papers

An agreement to sell two well-established metropolitan area weekly newspapers to Philip H. Power, of Ann Arbor, has been announced jointly by Power and Russell S. Strickland, of Bloomfield Hills, the present publisher. Involved are the Farmington Enterprise and the Plymouth Mail.

Strickland, who was sole owner, is transferring his entire interest to Power, who will become publisher of the papers. Power, who is a descendant of the pioneer who founded Farmington in 1824, last December acquired the Observer Newspaper Group, which is based in Livonia and publishes community papers in that city and in Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Westland and Farmington.



HAPPY MOMS — Ready for a shopping spree at Wonderland Center are winners in a Mother's Day contest. Each of these ladies won merchandise certificates following a drawing held at the center. They are: (from left to right), Mrs. Carolyn E. Law, 15191 Garden, Livonia; Mrs. Virginia LaGrow, 11704 Brownell, Plymouth; Mrs. Ann Markovich, 15070 Inkster, Detroit; Mrs. Geneva McAfee, 25070 Midland, Detroit and Mrs. James Reeder, 9950 Seltzer Avenue, Livonia.

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