

Livonian Is General Chairman

Organ Buffs to Hold Convention in Detroit

Announcement of the national convention of the American Theater Organ Enthusiasts to be held in Detroit over the 4th of July weekend raises the question, "What is a theater organ enthusiast?"

Organ buffs come from all walks of life and their main interest is in restoring, playing or sometimes just listening to the now almost extinct theater organs which graced the movie palaces of the 20's and early 30's. Organ buffs are made up of doctors, lawyers, business men, housewives, or in the case of Al Mason, 15743 Edgewood, Livonia, an insurance salesman.

Al and his wife Betty have long been theater organ enthusiasts. A couple of years ago they bought a three-manual 10-rank Wurlitzer which had been installed many years ago in Indiana. When they built their present home a year and a half ago, they made provision for installation of their organ.

The Masons and their friends are just now completing their installation, and it will be available for tours by delegates to the ATOE convention. Al is so active in the convention planning as chairman of the Motor City Chapter of ATOE, which is the host chapter. Al is also serving as general chairman of the entire convention.

The ATOE has chapters in nearly every part of the country. Local chapter members keep busy restoring former installations or moving theater organs into homes and small auditoriums for the entertainment of chapter members.

This year's convention is expected to attract at least 1,000 and will feature concerts by many local and out-of-town theater organists on the instrument at the Detroit Theater Organ Club, the Fox Theater, the Redford Theater and the Arcadia Skating Rink.

Several of the concerts will be open to the general public including the ones in the Fox Theater at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 4, in the Redford Theater at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 3 and at 1:30 p.m. in the Arcadia Skating Rink on the same day. There will also be a public concert on the organ in the Fort Street Presbyterian Church at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 2.



FISHING PENNIES from a fountain in a Westland Shopping Center store employee, Nancy Rowan, 19, who donated the coins to Westland Muscular Dystrophy chairman, Mrs. Juliette Swartout, also representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 124. The pennies were thrown into the fountain over a period of time by shoppers and children walking in and out of a clothing store. Mrs. Swartout reported that the month-long drive, which ended last Thursday, has collected \$1,000 to date. But she added that this total may reach \$3,000 at several area leaders have not yet reported in with collections.

At Greenfield Village

History Comes to Life

Civil War days will live again at Greenfield Village as costumed sharpshooters gather for the Muzzle Loaders Festival, June 24-25. Commemorative Civil War regiments and members of muzzle loading gun clubs will vie for prizes in team and individual competition during the two-day festival.

These events, plus colorful bands and parades, rifle and

bullet-making demonstrations, costume judging and special events, provide camera fans with a wealth of subjects.

The two-day Greenfield Village Muzzle Loaders Festival, largest of its kind in the Midwest, is included in the regular admission charge to the Village.

The Village and adjoining Henry Ford Museum are located in Dearborn just off Interstate Highway I-94 and the Southfield Freeway.

Sets Recital

Rosedale School of Dance will hold its annual recital Saturday, June 24, in Stevenson High School auditorium.

Approximately 185 advanced students will participate. Choreography has been arranged by Charlotte Needham.

The Rosedale School is at 32124 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

Musical Youth

Prepare for European Tour

Musical Youth International's 1967 Tour Group is now in residence at Saline for three days of intensive rehearsals in preparation for their summer concert season.

After five pre-tour local concerts, where the group received standing ovations from each audience, they will leave from Metropolitan Airport in Detroit on June 23 for five weeks in England, Wales, Austria, Hungary and West Germany.

Musical Youth International is one of the largest teen-club affiliates of People-to-People, and the only club which tours actively as good-will ambassadors each summer. MYI shares a chartered jet plane with 15 People-to-People members on the 1967 tour.

Edith Haladoff, violinist, was the winner in the string competition. Miss Haladoff will receive a cash award of \$200 and will also perform at the November 21 concert.

Folk Concerts

On Plum St.

The Widom Trust Coffee House, located at Fifth and Plum St. in Detroit, will be the scene of a series of summer folk concerts beginning Sunday, June 25.

Sponsored by American Folk Enterprises, the concerts will feature The Chosen Ones, a singalong trio; Jan Johnson, folk singer; Chris and the Cast Thousands, a contemporary folk-rock group; and vocalists Mary Ann Thomas, Cal Courtney and Jim Perkins.

Sunday's show will be presented at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m. Admission for each show is \$1.50.

Wally Roberts

GOING UP 'CURTAIN'

Summer Theater items continues to drift our way as inevitably as the hot, humid days of July loom on the horizon. Latest reminder comes from Gary Schaub and the Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City, Michigan.

Gary would like to invite us all to the Cherry County Playhouse opening July 4 for their 13th season premiere with Vivian Vance, the caustic Ethel from the "Lucy Show." Miss Vance will be appearing in a pre-Broadway comedy, "Everybody's Girl." The Cherry County Playhouse is located next to the Park Place Motor Inn and has been the Playhouse of the Stars in Michigan. If you are going up to the top of our lower peninsula, a visit to this intimate playhouse could be nature's air-conditioned breeze is a real treat.

A quick glance at the schedule: Andy Devine (July 11-15) in "My Three Angels"; Eileen Fulton (July 15-19) in "The World Turns" (TV serial); "Any Wednesday" (July 19-23); Durward Kirby (July 23-27) to play in "Generation" and other film stars are scheduled for the balance of the season.

If you'd like a complete schedule or tickets ahead of time, write to the Cherry County Playhouse, P.O. Box 681, Say that Wally sent you. I'm sure they will give you choice seats.

You know it's too bad that Meadow Brook after its fine first season's start didn't continue on with a short summer season. Director Robin Ray could have recruited a few actors and used the Meadow Brook Theater as a base of operations. Maybe next summer they will have some plays in addition to the fine

concerts already establishing Meadow Brook as the "in" place to go during the summer months.

Oakland University still needs to erect a few hundred signs to better direct the crowds to the Rochester campus. Too many folks still lose their way trying to find this burgeoning cultural center.

If you're staying in town for the next few weeks, you might want to visit Livonia Cinema II and see "Alfie." Or drop out to the Campus Theater in Ann Arbor. They are playing "Cul-De-Sac," the latest Roman Polanski film. Polanski is best remembered for his horror movie, "Repulsion." Earlier he did the drama, "Knife in the Water." "Cul-De-Sac" is a wacky, wild comedy. Some critics have indicated that his sense of comedy is not as fully developed as his feeling for the dramatic. "Repulsion" was one of the best suspense films Old Wally has seen in a decade.

"Alfie" at the Cinema II and La Parillon is fast-paced British drama about a modern day Tom Jones who loves his women quickly, drops them, and looks about eagerly for his next conquest. The young man calls his girls bitches and they fill about his nest with all the agility of our feathered friends.

"Loving Couples," a Swedish film in the tradition of Ingmar Bergman, played the Campus theater last week. It was an advanced adult movie. Not too many forms of sexual perversion were left out by the producers. Yet the movie left you with a somber message of morality. The film was tastefully done which tended to intensify the decadent picture of society being symbolized.

Concept-East Theater in downtown Detroit is doing "Choreologia," a collage of dance, music and drama featuring Aaron Lawrence, Fred Butler, Lafayette King, and David Ben Israel. Shows are at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. "Choreologia" promises to be new, unique, and a different experience in theater. You might want to try a trip to the Concept-East for an adventurous summer evening out on the town.

Greenwich Honors Livonian

Joel Durand, a member of the Livonia Artists' Club, received two honors at Washington Square Exhibition in Greenwich Village, New York City.

Durand was nominated by the Judging Committee of the exhibit for a European Art Scholarship. He was also awarded a commission by Bucher-Meyers and Associates, architects in Washington, D. C., for six paintings for new buildings being planned there.

Durand's artistic talent has been demonstrated in another way. Friends report that his home at 9123 Idaho, Livonia, designed by Durand and his wife, has a magnificent interior—complete with an enclosed garden, patio, and waterfall.

Marine Is Promoted

James E. Wright, of 5642 Cardell Street, Garden City, has been promoted in the Marine Corps. Wright, the son of Mrs. James R. Wright, is a 1953 graduate of East High School, and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is now a supply clerk with the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment at Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile.

St. Raphael's Group Plans Weekend Paper Drive

A paper drive is being held this weekend by the St. Raphael Dad's Club of Garden City to buy new recreation equipment for 'youngsters.' A Dad's Club spokesman said that the drive, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will have residents give their old piles of newspapers and magazines to the club, which will have a trailer parked on the church property. Merriman, north of Ford Road.

Bill Raye, project chairman, said that the trailer will be attended for the three-day period to aid contributors. The paper drive also gives residents a chance to eliminate potential fire hazards by getting rid of piles of old papers in their homes or garages.

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