

# They're 'Not The Same'

By MARY PADEN

You enjoyed the gentle grassy slope, the trees and open air, the 1967's ice cream parlor, the strolling ladies in long skirts, the families lounging on the grass and the young couples drinking vin rose at Meadow Brook.

So why not try the newer, bigger outdoor amphitheater at Pine Knob ski resort? More of the same?

Not quite.

PINE KNOB IS (WHAM MY!) Meadow Brook gone (SHAZAM!) wild.

Where Meadow Brook is a country fair, Pine Knob is a circus, a Coney Island, all pink and orange and blue with rows of round lights around carnival booth exhibits.

Instead of ice cream sundae, they sell water bucket size cartons of hot, buttered popcorn.

Meadow Brook has been it.

## amusements

drawing patrons to Oakland University for the past six years to see the Detroit Symphony, jazz bands, ballets and a procession of folk and blues singers. The atmosphere is informal but gentle and the parking lot is a mess when it rains. The idea is to look cultured rather than commercial.

An audience of 2,138 can sit under the pavilion and 5,000 more can picnic and lounge on the grass.

Pine Knob, which opened in late June, has a capacity of 10,000 and leaves culture to its big sister. Pine Knob is a bold lady who knows exactly what she wants (money) and has planned out every detail to get it.

The season opened with David (sigh) Cassidy followed by a week of Andy Williams. Then the last performance of Detroit's Smokey Robinson with his Miracles (Smokey is informal but gentle and the parking lot is a mess when it rains. The idea is to look cultured rather than commercial.)

I SAW teenagers try to mob Isaac Hayes (right-on-tell-it-like-it-is-leave) in mid-July, but I doubt if anyone rushed the stage after the performances of Sergio Mendes and Brazil 77 and the Ballet Folklórico the following nights.

August will continue the well-mixed program of big

names with Chicago, the Fifth Dimension and Blood Sweat and Tears; offset by Judy Collins, Dionne Warwick and Liza Minnelli; offset by the '60s revival - Sha-Na-Na and the Beach Boys; offset by Liberace.

Pine Knob goes park in a huge blacktop lot. And that's not all. When you return to your car there is - would you believe it - a map on the windshield showing three alternate routes to I-75. Lots of local police and Pine Knob employees are on hand to direct you to one of them.

On the other side of the map is the schedule for the remaining Pine Knob performances. Pine Knob is located just east of Clarkston on Sashabaw Rd. and I-75 - easily accessible from either I-75 or (from Observerland) Telegraph Rd.

And they have skiing in the winter.



COUNTRY AND WESTERN stars Tommy Cash (left), Penny DeHaven and Hank Williams Jr. will be among the more than 30 appearing in a country and western jamboree at the Michigan International Speedway Aug. 11-13.

## MIS Plans Country Jamboree

More than 30 country performers will be featured at Michigan International Speedway Aug. 11-13 in a country and western jamboree.

Country talent such as Hank Williams Jr., Ferlin Husky, Tommy Cash, Mel Tillis, Skeeter Davis, Don Gibson, Sherry Bryne, Lefty Frizzell

and Liz Anderson will perform outdoors at the MIS grandstand near the Irish Hills. They will start their performance at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Cost of admission is \$6 per person per show. There will also be a reduced price of \$10 per person for both shows and free camping at MIS starting Friday night at 6

The professional shows will be the main attraction, but country fans will be entertained throughout the days and nights by local country talent, dancing and carnival activities.

Tickets may be purchased at all MIS ticket outlets including Hudson's or by calling MIS.

## Singletons To Meet

The Dearborn-Livonia Singletons will hold their next dinner social on Friday evening, Aug. 11, in Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington.

The evening will start with a social hour at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30.

Persons who are interested in learning more about the Singletons may receive a newsletter outlining future activities by writing P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48124.

The Singletons is the only national organizational limited in membership to unmarried men and women between the ages of 25-45. Chapters engage in civic and welfare activities as well as a social program.

The Dearborn-Livonia Chapter encourages membership from the western suburbs.

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