

## Amusements

### Jazz Classes Open Jan. 18

A 10 week course in the history and appreciation of jazz is being offered through the Clarenceville School District's adult education program.

Classes will meet every Thursday night, at 7:30, in Room 113, Clarenceville High School, 2855 Middle Belt, Livonia, beginning Jan. 18. For advance enrollment, call the Clarenceville Board of Education office. The cost is \$10.

THE COURSE is being taught by Pete Reckenbell, who will bring his collections of tapes to the classes. He will discuss each instrument used in playing jazz and its origins.

He will also describe the history of jazz, and the irony of the fact that the people our free forefathers enslaved gave us the only culture which did not originate in Europe. The African rhythms, the call and

responses of people working in the cotton fields, set the patterns which exist today in jazz. To the rhythms and chants, voice was added, and they devised to imitate the voices and jazz was born.

THE NATIONAL Endowment for the Arts, fearing that jazz might fade from the American scene without its support, has for the past three years awarded grants to non-profit organizations and individual artists for the furtherance of jazz.

Clarenceville received a \$10,000 grant last season for its jazz series, presented through the Clarenceville Entertainment Series.

The jazz class was offered last semester and was very successful. Students included many college, high school and even junior high school jazz fans.



SEVEN YOUNG Israeli cast members of the touring company of "To Live Another Summer" have been receiving warm reviews. They'll be seen in performances in the Jewish Community Center's Aaron DeRoy Theater, 18100 Meyers, Detroit, Jan. 14-21 (with the exception of Jan. 19). Performances will be at 8:30 p.m., except Sundays, when they will be at 8 p.m. There will also be a matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the JCC.

### Meadow Brook Hosts 500 Events In One Year

ROCHESTER Can a 100-room mansion survive in the face of rising costs?

According to Lowell Eklund, Oakland University's dean of continuing education, it can and it is. The mansion is Meadow Brook Hall, which has now been open for more than a year as a cultural and conference center. During the year, some 500 events have been held in the magnificent Tudor building that was home for more than 40 years to the university's benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson.

"The splendid response to Meadow Brook Hall by the community has been beyond our most optimistic expectations," says Eklund.

"THE VOICES of more than 50,000 people have given new life to the hall. In all, 47,719 persons participated in events in the hall from Oct. 1, 1971, to Oct. 1, 1972. The number reached 50,000 on Oct. 12, and is well over that by now."

"Despite these impressive figures, we haven't begun to tax this home's facilities," said Eklund.

"These people attended 24 residential conferences, 26 daytime or evening conferences, 279 group tours, 62 public tours, 38 courses or meetings, 50 special events and 21 events hosted by OU president Donald O'Dowd."

Among the special events was the Detroit reception on April 13 for the table tennis players from the People's Republic of China on their historic visit.

"People tour the hall for a variety of reasons, some because of its outstanding architecture and craftsmanship; some because of interest in the fine furnishings

and art objects; and some because just being there is a cultural experience," states Margaret Twyman, Meadow Brook Hall manager. "And some return several times with guests."

Meadow Brook Hall, built in the style of the great manor houses of England, was completed in 1929 at a cost of \$3.5 million. Many of its architectural details were adaptations of several Tudor and Jacobean mansions. Some of the furnishings and details were incorporated from an unfinished mansion Matilda R. Wilson and her first husband, auto pioneer John F. Dodge, were building in Grosse Pointe Farms when he died in 1929. She and Wilson married in 1925.

In 1957, the Wilsons gave their 1,600-acre farm and an initial \$2 million to Michigan State University to establish a public four-year college. Until their deaths, they enjoyed watching OU grow from its charter class of 470 in 1959. Current enrollment is 8,169.

COLLECTIVELY, the gifts of the Wilsons and from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund constitute the largest personal and private gift (excluding tax-exempt organizations) ever given to public education.

"Meadow Brook Hall offers something to all ages, from elementary school children to senior citizens with their experience and knowledge of the past," states Eklund.

The first group tour was made on Sept. 29, 1971, four days after the trustees of the Matilda R. Wilson fund turned the mansion over to the university to fulfill the request in her will that the hall be operated as a "cultural center."

The great home was officially opened for public viewing Dec. 3-5, 1971, when the Meadow Brook Hall Guild sponsored the first of its special events, "Christmas at Meadow Brook Hall-A Florists' Showcase." The guild's next event was a needlepoint and crewl exhibition.

The guild, conceived by Eklund, now has a membership of 350 volunteers. It is working hard to make the hall absolutely self-supporting. Additional funds were needed to supplement the revenue from anticipated conference center operations. The hall does not receive any state monies for its operations.

According to Mrs. Twyman, "Meadow Brook Hall's finances are in the black, due mainly to the community's willingness to use the hall and to the dedication of the guild's volunteers."

For conferees, the hall combines a stimulating atmosphere with a get-away-from-it-all privacy that makes for a first-rate conference site.

The residential conferences have included company in-training programs, board of directors' meetings, sales meetings, retreat-like sessions and meetings for professional and academic groups.

Over the past year, much conversion work has been done. A mechanical air movement system has been completed, restroom facilities augmented, kitchen equipment updated and improved lighting installed. The former housekeeper's quarters were remodeled to provide an additional dining room, and staff bedrooms were converted to attractive sleeping rooms.

### Club To Audition Women Singers

The Madrigal Club of Detroit will hold auditions for women singers at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the rehearsal room in Covenant Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens, south of Seven Mile, Detroit.

There are openings for all voices in this women's chorus. Persons who can sight read and enjoy performing good music are invited to try out.

Mrs. Neil McCallum, 24197 Twin Valley Court, Farmington, is the audition chairman, and Mrs. E. T. Hart, 18501 Huntington Road, Detroit, is the club president. Many Observerland women are already members.

Regular Monday night rehearsals will begin Feb. 5 for a concert to be given in May. This will include music by Gabrieli, Morley, Purcell, Copland and the first Detroit performance of Robin Milford's cantata "Days and Moments."

### Players Need Help

The Southfield Community Players need volunteers for backstage work for their production of "The Fallen Saved," a comedy melodrama. Anyone interested should contact Sandi Safran, 19740 Dorset, Southfield. A stage manager, stage hands, make up assistants, set designers, lighting assistants and ushers are needed.

"The Fallen Saved" will be presented Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4 in the Southfield Civic Center.

### Livonian Is In Concert

Linda Snedden Smith of Livonia will be among the local musicians participating in the first American Artists Series' concert of the year at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14. The program will be in the Bloomfield Library, Lone Pine and Telegraph.

JoAnne Wheaton, 888 Waddington, Birmingham, is the ticket chairman. Mrs.

### Vienna Choir Sets Detroit Concert Date

DETROIT One of the world's most beloved choirs, the Vienna Choir Boys, will sing in Ford Auditorium, Detroit, Sunday, Jan. 21. Curtain time is 8:20 p.m.

The boys will present a program of costumed operettas, sacred songs, secular and folk music.

The concert is part of the Christian Culture Series. Tickets are on sale at Hudson's and Grinnell's, as well as at the series' headquarters, The Library, 1232 Washington Blvd., Detroit, 48226. Non-members' suggested donations are \$5, \$4 or \$3.

Special discounts are available for groups.

### 'Red Balloon'

BIRMINGHAM A children's film, "The Red Balloon," will be shown at 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Community House, 380 S. Bates.

Tickets are now on sale at the Community House.



TOOTING THEIR HORNS in a rehearsal for their next performance are Garden City concert band members and their director, Dale Werner. Looking forward to the 3 p.m. Sunday performance in the O'Leary Performing Arts Center are (foreground to background) David Hall, James Falk, Mark Kalfut, Paul Schaffenberg and Jerry Buresh. (Observer photo)

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The show will feature the works of more than 125 of Michigan's top professional artists, including many from Observerland. It regularly attracts more than 10,000 visitors to view the more than 3,000 works of art in almost every media.

THIS YEAR'S show will open at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 2, in the Labor Zionist Building, 2855 Middle Belt, north of 12 Mile, Farmington, and will be open to 5 p.m. and again from 8 to 10 p.m. It will run from 12 noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, and from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4.

On Friday evening, visitors will be able to meet the artists in person. Refreshments will be served throughout the

show. Admission charge is \$1. Among the artists are Igor Begunin (of Plymouth and W. K. Heintz of Westland).

Farmington will be represented by Eileen Aboulafia, Joseph A. Deintinger, Harriet Gelfond, Chuck Gelfond, John Glick and Valeria Patrina.

SOUTHFIELD ARTISTS in the show are Barbara Wilton, Linda Zalla, Vera R. Sattler, Leon Schoichik, Avira Robinson, Alexandra Beauregard - Bezou, Marion Beauregard - Bezou, Ben Glicker, Sylvia Chover, Susan Heideman, Irene Meyer, Norman Prady, Marsha Rosenwasser and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Herman.

Committee members include Mrs. Steve Collins, Mrs. Alan Kandel, Mrs. Theodore Sallen and Mrs. T. J. Schloven of Farmington; and Mrs. Karel Bass, Mrs. Jacob

Fisher, Mrs. Irving Edgar, Mrs. Joseph Friedman, Mrs. Sidney Kaye, Mrs. Jack Mandiberg, Mrs. Harry Rother and Mrs. Dan Robb, all of Southfield.

Proceeds will be used for the work of the Sholem Aleichem Institute, which is devoted to the study of Jewish cultural heritage.

At the institute, children are taught to read both Hebrew and Yiddish, so that they can read the works of great Yiddish writers in the original. The art show is its main means of support.



THE CURIOSITY of childhood is revealed by this youngster caught exploring in the yard of a local hardware store. The photo was one of those entered in the regular competition of the Livonia Camera Club, which is currently recruiting new members. Its next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Senior Citizens Center, Five Mile and Farmington Roads, Livonia.

### Saint John's Hosts Concert

Robert Glasgow, professor of organ at the University of Michigan, will be the next guest artist in the concert series of Saint John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.

He will be heard at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, in a program including works by Bach, Brahms, Couperin, Haydn, and D'Andrea.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

### Mercy Offers Free Concert

DETROIT The Jack Brokensha Quartet will give a free concert at Mercy College of Detroit, 8200 W. Outer Drive, at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15.

The performance will be in the sunken lounge of the Student Center.

### The City of PLYMOUTH Dept. of Parks & Recreation WISH TO ANNOUNCE

That Prime time is available to rent at the new ice rink. Resident and non-resident groups are welcome to rent ice for hockey, skating parties, etc.

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