



GENERAL CO-CHAIRMAN of the silver jubilee symphony concert being presented Nov. 30 by St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford Township are (from left) Eldon Funk, Dominic Mondl, Mary Hickey and Phillip Hickey.

St. Agatha Concert Set As 25th Jubilee Finale

Detroit Symphony members and the Kenneth Jewell Chorale will come to St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford Township Friday,

Nov. 30, in a concert that climaxes the parish's 25th jubilee year.

The parish will present the concert in its sanctuary at

19650 Beech Daly as a gesture of thanks to the community for its support.

Featured in the 8:30 p.m. event will be the Musical Offering of Detroit, 16 members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the 40-member Kenneth Jewell Chorale, known as one of the best singing groups in the country.

A champagne afterglow will follow the concert.

The program will include "O Magnum Mysterium" by Tomas Victoria, Randall Thompson's "Alleluia," "Dies Natalis" by Gerald Finzi, "St. Nicholas Mass" by Joseph Haydn and George Frederick Handel's "Water Music."

Heading arrangements for the concert and afterglow are four general co-chairmen, Eldon Funk, Dominic Mondl, Mary Hickey and Phil Hickey.

General admission for the concert is \$4 and tickets also including the afterglow are \$6. Reservations may be made by calling the church office.

Arts Foundation To Start Drive

The Michigan Foundation for the Arts will kick off its 1973-74 fund-raising drive on Tuesday, Nov. 27, with a cocktail party and entertainment in the Detroit Club.

The foundation's goal for this drive is \$150,000.

With Mrs. William G. Milliken acting as official hostess, the gathering will include a cross section of the Detroit metropolitan area's leading civic, financial and arts figures.

Guests will include Mrs. Edsel B. Ford, honorary chairman of the foundation; Alfred H. Aymond of Jackson, chairman and chief executive of Consumers Power Co.; Philip Power of Ann Arbor, publisher of Observer Newspapers Inc. of Livonia; and Arthur F. Snyder of Grosse Pointe Farms, president and chief executive of the Bank of the Commonwealth and co-host of the event.

Faculty members of the Detroit Community Music School will provide live entertainment at the reception. A film story on Michigan Art-Train's successful tour of the Rocky Mountain states will be shown.

The largest and most successful project was raising

money for construction of ArtTrain.

"We've raised over \$400,000 for this project," Power said, "which has brought the excitement of the arts to people throughout the state of Michigan and has received unanimous critical acclaim."

"There is still much, much more that needs to be done to enrich the cultural environment of our state. The Foundation this year is seeking to make more effective its approach by adopting a 'people to people' method of fund-raising. This is the reason for our gathering in Detroit, and we have high hopes that we will be successful," Power said.

Woman On The Go!

Principal Is A Lady

By MARGARET MILLER

Dr. Helen Ditzhazy of Farmington is one of three women principals of high schools in Michigan — probably the only one in a large metropolitan area school.

Dr. Ditzhazy, for nine years assistant principal at Thurston High in South Redford, took over last June as top administrator in the 717-student Novi High School.

The spot she's in is one she aimed for, despite a climate in educational circles a few years ago that indicated reaching her goal might be impossible.

"I was a stubborn Dutchman and decided to go ahead," she said, speaking of the work on a doctorate in secondary school administration, earned from the University of Michigan in 1972 to qualify her for her post.

"I learned early I was an administrator," she added, "because I worked for more than five years as assistant manager of a university residence hall."

"And I just don't think the work of a high school principal is a man - woman thing — it's a person thing. Right now, I don't know another woman who is interested in administration, and I think that's too bad."

As an administrator, Dr. Ditzhazy considers herself a "process person."

"That means focusing on the problem and methods of solution rather than on personalities," she explained.

"You identify the problem, look for possible solutions, consider the drawbacks and advantages of each and then take the best and apply it."

As a high school administrator, Dr. Ditzhazy has found no problems with either board members or faculty, male or female.

"And none with the boy students, either," she added. "You don't have to be a husky man to handle kids one at a time. And I really like high school kids."

Helen Ditzhazy, whose son and daughter are college students now, earned her bachelor and master degrees at Michigan State University.

It was there that she helped run the residence hall



DR. HELEN DITZHAZY at her Novi High School desk. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

while her husband, Joseph A., was in school.

After he graduated they came to this area, and she taught home economics and then served as counselor at Thurston. She instituted the school's family living and advanced social studies programs before being named assistant principal.

In her years in that post, she saw Thurston go through major growing pains, and that's the kind of situation she now finds in Novi.

"This school was built 10 years ago for 600 students," she said. "We had 583 students a year ago, and had figured we'd go to 680 this year. Now it's 717."

As a result of the fast population growth in Novi, an administrative committee now is working on plans for a new high school. It's hoped

that it will be ready by the fall of 1976.

Dr. Ditzhazy is looking to more growth for Novi in ways other than physical. New educational programs she sees coming involve the schools working closer with the community to use its resources and add to them.

"We already have students doing some tutoring and working with new families," she said. "We hope to set up a program in which they do things like work with nursing home patients on a one-to-one basis — not taking jobs from adults in the community but helping where their help is needed."

She also sees in the high school of the future more skills and occupational training, and more cooperative programs that tie in with subjects studied in school.

Dr. Ditzhazy is an official for accrediting schools by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Last year she worked with the accreditors in Nebraska, and expects to be assigned a different state this year.

She also is looking to being responder to a paper for a North Central Association meeting next month.

The paper will be titled "Towards More Women in Educational Administration — Some Needed Reforms." This lady administrator should be well versed on that subject.

Things To Do And See

MUSIC

Nov. 25, 8 p.m. — The Detroit Metropolitan Orchestra will present its annual Maintenance Fund Concert at the Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit. Soloist will be internationally acclaimed tenor George Shirley, star of the Metropolitan Opera, Covent Garden and Scottish National Opera.

THEATER

Nov. 23-24, 8:30 p.m., Nov. 25, 2:30 p.m. — Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theater will present the musical hit "Promises, Promises" in the theater at 3424 Woodward, Detroit.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 8:30 p.m. — The Wayne - Westland Civic Theater will perform "Cyano de Bergerac" in John

Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Wayne.

LEISURE

Nov. 23-24 — The art department of Our Lady of Mercy High School will hold an art sale from 1 to 5 p.m. both dates. The school is located at 29300 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Nov. 24, 8 p.m. — Detroit's professional indoor short

track motorcycle races will be held on a dirt floor in the State Fair Coliseum, Woodward and Eight Mile, Detroit. It is sponsored by the Northville Downs Half Mile Cycle Race Corp.

Nov. 26-Dec. 1 — The International Art Caravan "Christmas Show" will be held in Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake Rd.