

Meadow Brook plans 8-week concert series

An eight-week summer symphony and Sunday pops concert series has been announced by the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

The festival will include classical concerts on Thursday and Saturday and "The Best of the Orchestral Pops" on Sunday evenings. All performances will be held in the Baldwin Memorial Pavilion on the Oakland University campus.

Opening night of the Music Festival is June 27 at 8:30 p.m. when Sixteen Ehrlich will conduct. His guest soloist will be pianist Gary Graffman.

VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY, the festival's artistic adviser and 1974 Grammy award winner, has conceived an impressive classical array to be performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Kazimierz Kord, a young Polish conductor whose North American orchestral debut was at Meadow Brook last summer, highlights the July 4 and July 6 holiday week. His guest artist will be pianist, Lorin Hollander, in his Meadow Brook debut.

Classical ballet will be center stage during July 11, 13 and 14, when the

National Ballet of Washington performs two full-length ballets.

CONDUCTOR WILLIAM STEINBERG, will conduct for the first time at the festival on July 18 and 20. Pianist Eugene Istomin will be guest soloist both nights.

Yuri Ahronovitch, formerly Chief Conductor of the USSR Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra, will make his conducting debut at the festival on July 25 and July 27. Pianist Jerome Lowenthal will perform on July 25. French pianist Michel Beroff will appear on Saturday, July 27.

ALDO CECATO, the Detroit Symphony's principal conductor will take the podium on August 1 and 3. Violinist Ruggiero Ricci will be guest artist for these concerts.

Antal Dorati will conduct on August 8 and 10. His wife, Ilse von Alpenheim, will appear as guest artist at Meadow Brook for the first time.

Anna Moffo, under the gifted baton of Andre Kostelanetz, will bring the classical program to a finale on August 15 and 17.

THE "74 SUNDAY POPS includes outstanding talent and entertainment to suit a variety of tastes.

Opening June 30, Arthur Fieldier conducts "violin-prodigy" Jack Benny for an enjoyable evening of pops and fun.

On July 7, Richard Hayman hosts a holiday concert tour of "Music Around The World." On July 14, the National Ballet of Washington will dance the classic "Coppelia" as restaged by their co-artistic director Frederic Franklin.

MORTON GOULD will conduct an All-American evening of entertainment including his unique "Tap Dance Concerto" featuring Michael Domingue and highlights from "Porgy and Bess" on July 21.

"On Stage, U.S.A." featuring film and stage music will spotlight composer-conductor John Green's program on July 28 that musically spans America from Broadway to Hollywood, and features popular soprano Karan Armstrong and baritone Richard Fredericks.

Pianist Roger Williams will perform August 4. An "Evening in

Vienna" is scheduled for August 11. The collaboration of Munich conductor Franz Allers, soprano Louise Russell and tenor Vahan Khazadrian will create the style for which only Vienna is known.

"AN EVENING IN PARIS" will be the finale of the Sunday Orchestra Pops series on August 18, when Kostelanetz and pianist David Bar-Ilan create the immortal musical gaiety of Paris.

The schedule of popular and jazz artists coming to Meadow Brook Music Festival will be released in the near future.

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Mass transit: when, where

By SUSAN L. SILK

A \$24-million mass transit system, costing as much as \$5.46 billion, may link tri-county commuters by 1990.

The five-phase construction program calling for subsurface and aerial trains and vastly increased bus service was introduced by the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) Thursday.

When fully implemented, the transportation package is expected to be able to move almost 1.4 million people daily, according to William C. Marshall, SEMTAA board chairman.

TWO OF the six proposed "high level" systems—primarily submerged and elevated trains—would directly service Oakland County residents.

The "high level" Woodward line (from the Detroit River to Big Beaver) and the Grand River-Northland line (along Grand River to Greenfield and then north on Greenfield to Nine Mile Road) could carry more than 275,000 commuters daily, according to Marshall.

MAXIMUM speed for the modern trains is expected to reach 80 miles an hour. The average traveling speed, however, would be between 40 and 45 miles an hour, Marshall said.

The "intermediate service system" of 630 buses on 179 miles of either express travel lanes or preferential treatment routes, would complement the high level system, according to SEMTA.

THE SEMTA-recommended construction of intermediate bus lines includes service along:

•Telegraph Road to the Grand Trunk railroad in northern Oakland County.

•The Southfield Freeway north to Maple, jogging to the proposed Woodward Avenue high level service station at Big Beaver.

•East-west lines along Eight Mile Road and I-696.

Phase one, scheduled for construction between 1976 and 1979, will include 23.9 miles of high level service and a minimum of 59 miles of intermediate level transportation, Marshall said.

THE COMPLETE plan also includes "improved local and feeder bus service" utilizing existing surface streets, according to the SEMTA official.

At 1973 prices the 14-year project costs \$2.4 billion. Inflation, however, could bring the final 1990 price tag to \$5.46 billion, Marshall said.

Sources of financing are now being explored while the SEMTA proposal is under study by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). SEMCOG must approve the "thoughtful and imaginative" project.

Romney to speak

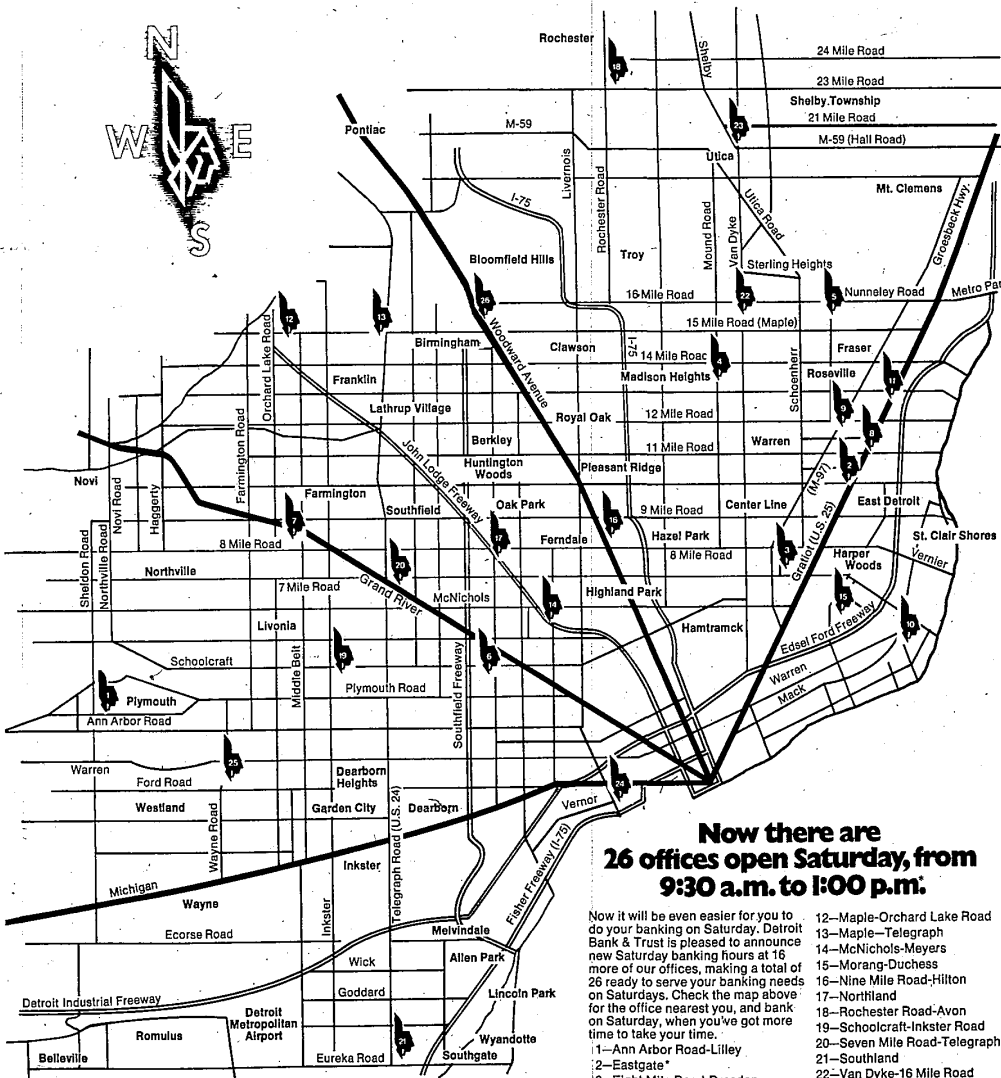
"The American Condition" by Richard Goodwin will be reviewed by George Romney at 12:30 p.m. Thursday (March 28) in the Green Room of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

The review is the second in a series of three book reviews in the library's "Speaking of Books" program.

Goodwin's book focuses on the problem of freedom. He deals with freedom's philosophical, political and historical dimensions and how freedom relates to contemporary America.

Romney has been president of American Motors, chairman of Citizens for Michigan and was one of the most active workers at the Michigan Constitutional Convention.

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