

For fund raiser Artists focus on nostalgia

"You, the Night and the Music" will give art lovers, nostalgia buffs and silent movie freaks a chance to wallow in their enthusiasms when the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) presents its fund-raising spectacular at Meadow Brook Hall this month.

Entertainment, vintage cars and bygone radio shows and memorabilia are also part of the evening planned by the association from 7 to 11 p.m. May 22.

"You, the Night and the Music" will emphasize the opulence of the 30s and the 40s with Meadow Brook Hall providing the background for the nostalgic production.

THE GRAND staircase in the 100-room mansion, christened "Stairway to the Stars," will be lined with Ziegfeld Follies girls.

A "Follies Spectacular" planned during the evening will be highlighted by the modeling of artist-created head dresses. Area artists, including Gerry Knodel, Urban Japena, Leslie Masters, Carolyn Hall, Robert Mounsey, Joyce and Don Nagel, Don and Jo Snyder, Caroline Hall and Bill Giffard, have executed dramatic millinery creations with satin, sequins, peacock feathers, jewels and aluminum.

"I asked them to design something gaudy, crazy and whimsical," said Kenneth Gross, director of BBAA, who commissioned the oversized head dresses.

PLANNERS HAVE also designed "The Speakeasy" complete with a singer perched atop the grand piano. Original compositions and Helen Morgan torch songs will be presented.

"The Busy Berkeley Ballroom" will provide a showcase for film clips of Busby Berkeley musicals as well as a spot to kick up the heels to music of the 30s and 40s. A "Silent Movie Pub" will roll nostalgic reels of film and a "Broadway-Sing-Along" lounge will be open for guests who want to try their voices on Broadway favorites.

GUEST celebrities, 30s fashions, vignette performances, Dennis Knight sculptures, vintage cars, a display of Atwater-Kent radios and spider mikes from the early days of radio have also been included in the evening.

Tapes from the bygone broadcasts of Fibber McGee and Molly and Baby Snooks will also be reviewed.

General chairmen of the fund-raiser are Mrs. Edwin Deer, Mrs. O. Ray Philippi and Mitchell Kafarski. Robert Bandsuch is special producer and director.

The benefit is open to the public. For information contact Kelley Gustafson, 647-4928, or Polly Brodigan, 626-2406.

Pre-adoptive session set

The Council on Adoptable Children (COAC), Oakland Chapter, will hold its monthly pre-adoptive learning session from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Hugo of the Hills Community Center, corner of Opdyke and Hickory Grove Roads, Bloomfield Hills.

The meeting is open to the public.

For further information, contact Barbara Loricchio, 363-5815, or write COAC, Box 7, Highland, 48031.

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Ken Dewey's arc of sheet music



Fred Fisher's millinery salad bowl

Party set for Ford

Mr. and Mrs. James Grady of Orchard Lake helped Vice-President Gerald Ford revive some of his college memories last week-end at the University of Michigan (U. of M.).

Grady, president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon alumni organization in Michigan, and his wife organized a reception for Ford and about 40 of his fraternity brothers and fellow U of M alumni.

New pledges and graduates from the late 20s through early 40s met in the close quarters of the DEKE Shanty, the fraternity's meeting house since 1875. There, amidst newsmen and secret service officials, Ford, a 1935 U of M graduate, shook hands and signed autographs on the fraternity magazine bearing his picture.

HE ALSO turned back the clock with his fraternity "big brother," Edward Frey of Grand Rapids, and former roommate, Indianapolis lawyer Earl Townsend.

Ford spent an hour with his classmates after delivering the commencement address. He had requested the fraternity reunion after scheduling the Ann Arbor visit.

Among those from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area who attended the reception were Fred J. Colombo, William E. Desjardins, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Duffield and Robert P. Hubbard.

Kevin M. Cull and Howard Gross, two of 10 pledges at the gathering, were among those who closed Ford's visit with a round of the DEKE house song.

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