

Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Chuckwagon fun at Hilton

The mood is informal, and that's part of what makes the fun at the Troy Hilton's new Saturday night chuckwagon dinner packages.

Round tables for eight are set in the enclosed courtyard adjoining the outdoor pool. Sipping drinks from a terrace bar, you listen to sounds of jazz to "Deep in the Heart of Texas." The guys in the group wear Western hats, kerchiefs around their necks, and boots, with their casual shirts and pants.

The chuckwagon cook presides over a grill where T-bone steaks sizzle and

periodically send up a cloud of smoke. Salad and relishes, barbecue beans, corn on the cob, baked potatoes and fried apple pie are what you line up for buffet-style when you get hungry.

Some hotel guests whose balconies face the courtyard sit out to enjoy the music from below. As the night came out, there was dancing under the stars.

Your evening begins at 7 p.m. and can go on until 11:30. The cost includes everything but drinks, served by cowgirls, from a cash bar. There'll be three more T-bone Stamp-

pedes coming up, on Aug. 2, 9 and 16. THE COMMUNITY House in Birmingham has switched from steak to

prime roast beef and added dessert to the menu for its Friday night Dinner theater programs. Also included in

the meal is salad and a carafe of wine.

Entertainment features musical selections by "Fat Bob" the singing plumber, and Lynda Weston. Dancing follows the show.

THE VINEYARDS in Southfield has done it again—come up with a fine dining award from Holiday magazine. The summer issue of Holiday contains a center section of top award winners. Michigan choices are Joe Mauer's, the London Chop House and Pontchartrain Wine Cellars, all in Detroit; Win Schuler's at Marshall, and the Vineyards.

Holiday enthuses about Frederick Gracely's Vineyards. "It's delicious foods of an eclectic order, roast pork with sweet and sour sauce the Number One item."

I've dined on the roast pork in the Vineyards' unhurried atmosphere and can attest it deserves special note.

And for diners who are Win Schuler's fans, there's one right in West Bloomfield, serving up specialties of the Schuler family kitchen.

Holiday comments on the menu and the Bar-Schee—served and sold by the crock—that "nearly every customer takes home." I buy it in the supermarket, too.



Combo plays at Troy Hilton's T-bone Stampede. (Photos by Doug Ashley)



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T-BONE STAMPEDE

