

Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

It's easy to dance the night away to the rhythms of Richard Maltby and his "Sounds of Seven" orchestra at downtown Detroit's Top O' The Pontch in the Hotel Pontchartrain.

Among Maltby's own compositions is the tuneless "Top O' The Pontch," which he has introduced from the bandstand of the popular rooftop restaurant and cocktail lounge.

Maltby, and his music till the late hours, will continue through New Year's.

A new Wednesday night feature at the Top O' The Pontch is the presentation of local talent from 5 to 8 p.m. on "T.O.P. Showcase." Just a few Wednesdays ago, a vocal and instrumental group called Now got its place in the spotlight.

ONE OF THE customers who raved about the group was Doug Jacobs, a banjo player whose Red Garter Band is heard about town. Jacobs loved their musicianship and also was impressed by the group's choreography. He said he thought they were of professional quality.

Iris Bell, keyboard and vocals, with her group will perform on Dec. 10. Lorraine Paxton opened the Showcase series. The Melting Pot appeared Wednesday.

All the groups have been selected by music connoisseurs.

JACOBS who used to own and play at the Red Garter, now operates the Detroit Tonight Tours. His band will be playing New Year's Eve in the Orleans Room when London double-decker bus tours visit two night spots in Detroit.

The Red Garter Band really gets around. Monday night they were featured at VIP Night at Somerset Mall in Troy. On Sunday, Jacobs and his band will be the attraction for the weekly concert series at Bobbies Pub in Bingham Farms.

SUNDAY, Dec. 14, the Brookside Jazz Ensemble with Ursula Walker will be starred at Bobbies. There will be no concerts over the holidays, but the spring series will begin Jan. 18, again with the ensemble.

Sounds at The Pontch

Appearing Wednesday through Saturday at Bobbies is the Matt Michaels Trio, with Don Palmer and Jack Brokensha and vocalist Ursula Walker. Singer and pianist Amy Jackson performs Mondays and Tuesdays.

Cocktail hour entertainment is provided by vocalist-pianist Susan Michaels, from Monday through Friday during December.

WHAT THE Top O' The Pontch is to downtown Detroit—with its spectacular view of city lights, the river and neighboring Canada—the Ronde-View Revolving Restaurant in Southfield offers to the northern suburbs, with a circular look at the burgeoning landscape.

Dancing to the Ray King Trio has been added in the Ronde-View at the Holiday Inn. Ed Heims and the Sounds of Simply continue for dancing and listening in the inn's Perality Box Lounge.

THE INSTRUMENTAL vocal quartet Lorio opened Tuesday for a nine-week engagement at Gatsby's in Ted's Old Town Inn, Bloomfield Hills.



Cheryl Giannini and Eric Tavaris in 'Arms and the Man'

Theater slates satire

"Arms and the Man," G. B. Shaw's tongue-in-cheek satire on the outrageousness of war, will be presented at Meadow Brook Theatre's holiday production. It opens next Thursday, (Dec. 4) at 8:30 p.m. and runs through Dec. 28.

Directed by Terence Kilburn, the comedy romance takes place about 1885 and gently spoofs military gallantry while unspooling a love story of humor and spirit.

The production features attractive Susanne Peters as Raina, while her pompous fiance, Major Saranoff, will be played by favorite Eric Tavaris. Making his Meadow Brook debut as romantic Captain Bluntschli is one of Canada's busiest young actors, David Schurmann, coming to Meadow Brook directly from the starring role in "Sluth" in Vancouver.

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