

'Share' splits, but the beat goes on

One of the last concerts given by the Sharette family, of Farmington Hills, was performed last night, cabaret style, in the University Hills Church.

The Sharettes, Bev and Roland, their three children, Denise, 16, Dave, 17, and Rick, 18, and three friends who make up the musical aggregation, have mixed emotions about the demise of the group. The friends who were with them on May 21 are Rocky, 12, Greg, 13, Rosette, and Lili Sawyer.

Dave and Rick both plan to go away to college next year and chances are good it may be at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Sharette thinks over the last three years when the group was performing an average of twice a week, conducting rehearsals a couple of hours a week in the fully-equipped rehearsal room in their home, traveled in the United States and Europe, the audiences, the time and every demands and the pressures.

"We didn't want it to be a permanent thing. That's why we stayed locally based. We wanted our children to have a taste of show business and to learn that even though you make an awful lot of money you have to spend a lot to do it."

FUR, A GOOD part of their lives, Bev and Roland Sharette have been show bus-

ness persons. They met when she was 12 and he was 16. He graduated from Redford High School and started at Wayne State where she also was.

He started singing with the Don Large chorus and when a quartet of three men and two women was formed, both Sharettes were in it. This evolved into the Spillbinders, a vocal group which sang on WJR radio. It was the original group on Bud Galt's "Good House" radio show.

The Spillbinders toured the Far East with a USO group and Bev was with them. But Roland was in the army in Germany. They kept in touch until she finally flew to Germany to marry him.

The family musical group, Mrs. Sharette says, "just sort of happened."

Fortunately, all three youngsters were interested in music from a very early age. Rick and Dave both plan to major in music in college and each play several instruments. Denise, a student at North Farmington High School, enjoys art and science, as well as music.

The parents predict that both Dave and Rick will always be involved in music either full or part time. In the three years the Sharettes' who have been called "Share" have been singing professionally, all have contributed suggestions for music

and helped with the arrangements.

"We don't have a set act," says Sharette, "so much time has been spent learning new things and trying new things."

He says the music selected for a businessmen's convention differs dramatically from that for a religious organization, a young people's group or a gathering of senior citizens.

A WEEKLY calendar is one of the secrets to keeping everything and everyone together.

Mrs. Sharette says, "Everything is put down on the calendar. If someone forgets to put someone down, it doesn't happen. We try to get the children to preplan-to think ahead."

Whether out of town or in the area, the Sharettes travel in a GMC motor home which serves as transportation as well as an on-the-go dressing room.

The costumes, musical and sound equipment, food and a large supply of pop are all loaded into the motor home along with all the performers.

Mrs. Sharette takes dinner from her oven and off they go to a performance, usually, stopped by the road to eat.

The trip through central and southern Europe two years ago was done in much

this same style, a different camper, but same idea.

They sang in hotels, night clubs, churches, army camps and and hospitals including a number of impromptu programs on the beach at Monte Carlo and the rounds of the Madrid Palace Hotel.

Just because "Share" may not be in action by next year doesn't mean that they all won't be singing and performing.

Mrs. Sharette is already taking club dates as a hand vocalist although group singing is still close to her heart.

Sharette is deputy director of Michigan Council for the Arts, an administrative position that is particularly challenging.

The family still will probably be doing commercials.

Mrs. Sharette says, "This is a new and fun kind of thing for us. Studio work is completely different from live appearances. All the backgrounds are on tape. There is no time for giggling. There are five of us in a three by three booth. You read it and do it. It's very good training. Because they always stayed so flexible in both outlook and performances, it is easy for parents and children to accept changes. They went into "Share" knowing it would be fun, hard work and full of new experiences."



BEV SHARETTE

ROLAND SHARETTE

I don't think any of us wanted it to be a steady diet," Mrs. Sharette says. But the three years of two weeks per-

formances have enriched their lives and given each of them great resources for future careers.

Bikers pedal for charity along Edward Hines Drive

The American Diabetes Association is scheduling "A Day At Hines Park" for the hundreds of bikers who will take to a 20-mile route down the drive to ride in the association's 1978 bike-a-thon on June 12.

The ride down Edward Hines Drive, originally scheduled in May, with six other routes in the metropolitan area, was rained out.

The association is countering the disappointment by coming back with something of a spectacular," said ADA spokesman Paul Altar. "We've put together a picnic to make it a Saturday event in the park for the entire family, for the entire community in fact."

Radio station WJRQ will bring its cassette to provide music for the riders and its six-foot-tall Funky Chicken will hand out candy bars to those who travel along the route, which runs from Haggerty to Woodbine, just west of Telegraph.

The Michigan Chapter of the High Wheelers, a spectacle themselves, have a couple members who have "guaranteed at least a couple hundred miles each" to pull up the slack to meet the year's budget to fight diabetes.

The high wheelers, sometimes known as a penny-farthing because of its small back wheel and large front wheel, was introduced into this country for America's centennial celebration in 1876.

Club members who have joined the ADA's bike-a-thon are the same who will be riding from Dearborn to Philadelphia this summer for a bi-centennial observance.

giving away a 10-speed bike for the one who collects the most money, and we have special prizes for the youngest rider under seven, and the oldest whom we expect will be over 60."

MORE SUPPORT for the bike-a-thon is coming from a host of local television and radio personalities who have lined up to ride.

Some will be challenged for miles ridden by their competitors, and some by professional sportsmen.

The entire route will be closed off to traffic and patrolled by state police on scooters.

Bikers may enter the ride at any check point along the way at any time of the day, and ride for as long as they like.

Here's how it works: Before the riders go to as many people as they can asking for sponsorship. The sponsors do this by pledging any amount from five cents on up, for every mile ridden.

The name of each sponsor, his address and the amount pledged is written on a sheet of paper that is to be brought with the rider, with the official entry form to any check point along the route on June 12.

WHEN THE RIDE IS FINISHED, each participant will be given an award certificate that shows the number of miles he rode.

The rider then goes back to his sponsors, shows them the certificate and collects the amount promised. Details on this will be furnished when the rider finishes.

"Forty per cent of our budget comes from United Way of Michigan. The rest we have to pick up from benefits, like the bike-a-thon, in order to carry out our program and give funds to research," Altar said.

In 1975 the bike-a-thon raised \$148,000 for the association.

Each year in November the association conducts a statewide diabetes detection program. Public education goes on continually in connection with a speaker's bureau.

Local volunteer group, called units, exist to provide diabetes and their families

with information, fellowship and group projects.

Professional education is provided with both programs and teaching aids, headed by the association's "Walking Professor" project.

THE STATE ORGANIZATION also completely supports Camp Michie, a medically supervised summer camp for children with diabetes where the youngsters develop friendships and understandings that will help carry them through life.

As for research, the association now has requests for funding projects totaling nearly \$2 million for the disease which just recently has been declared the third largest killer of Americans.

The American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate, is located at 631 West Haggerty Drive in Detroit.

MSU graduates agriculturalists

Three Farmington area students graduated from the Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology this spring.

They are Pamela A. Stock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stock, 2551 Nottowood, Michelle Weening, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Weening, 3291 Thorndyke, and Joan M. Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, 3266 Shady Ridge.

The institute provides intensive and practical training for management and technical level careers in agricultural production, business and industry. The 18-month programs combine classroom work with on-the-job work experience.

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Funny face

Joy Parker, known this week as the make-up lady, paints a funny face on Jeff Whitehead during Beachview Elementary School's annual spring carnival. The make-up booth was one of many prepared by the school's Parent and Teacher Organization members for its fundraising event. (Photo by Cyd Abatti)

FIELD KITCHENS will be set up in the park to serve riders hot dogs donated by Lume Restaurants and soda pop donated by Fayco.

Tutti & Associates have printed flyers to flood the western part of Wayne County to promote the event, and some of these will be distributed by another banner to raise funds for the association. Plymouth Little League teams.

WJRQ's "Q Van" will sign up riders and give out the details all day May 29 from Westland Shopping Center. The shopping center is further cooperating in the effort by announcing the bike-a-thon on its marquee.

"Any age can enter," Altar said. "We're

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Route No. _____

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