

Beaumont benefit

Memorial for a courageous woman

Coffees and teas combined with man-fashion shows will be going on all summer in Oakland County, hosted by doctors' wives who work out of William Beaumont Hospital, leading up to a fall benefit for the Royal Oak hospital's new branch in Troy.

The program set for Sept. 18 in Oakland County's Baldwin Pavilion, featuring the Max Davey Singers, with Roger Williams at the piano and Frank Blair as narrator, is being staged as a memorial for Martha Eichinger, a Farmington resident who died in March.

The benefit was instigated by Margaret Daves, a neighbor of Mrs. Eichinger on Kullreigh Court, who was "looking around for something to do in her name."

The show, called "America I Hear You Singing," is backed by the hospital administration, the hospital's volunteer guild, doctor's wives from the Oakland County Medical Auxiliary and the Troy Jayvees, who are doing all of our leg work," Mrs. Daves said.

SHIRLEY PRUST, a member of the auxiliary, opened her Franklin Village home last week to introduce the idea of the benefit to sister members of the auxiliary, who will serve as a publicity contingent for the show.

Models showing clothes from Fergusons on Detroit's Avenue of Fashion and Gentlemen's Quarters in Lathrup will work with Mrs. Daves throughout the summer where coffees and teas are scheduled to promote the hospital and the fall benefit. The 30-bed hospital is scheduled to open in Troy by mid-1977.

Ticket prices for the show are still in the talking stage, because they are one of Martha's things," Mrs. Daves told her audience this week. "She believed that no one should be deprived of going to a concert because the cost was prohibitive, and she fought for that."

MRS. EICHINGER carried on a battle with cancer for 12 years before her death and because of her volunteer work, her prophetic spirit and faith, she was named Lutheran Woman of the Year in 1973.

As her volunteer work became progressively confined to her home, she took on the job of ticket chairman for her church's concert series. Ultimately, she became bookkeeper, then full-time business manager for the Max Davey Concert Series, working from her home.

In an interview with the Observer & Eccentric newspapers while she was knocking on doors working as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and its Cancer Crusade in April 1973, she said she believed it to be essential that one has to do for others.

"She was the most dynamic and courageous woman I ever knew," Mrs. Daves said.

MRS. DAVEY described "America I Hear You Singing" as the history of America told in music.

She said, "There is hardly an event that has ever happened in America that somebody didn't write a song about."

Throughout the afternoon coffee, Mrs. Daves kept up a running commentary on the man-fashion shows, statistics on the hospital, the program set for the benefit performance, and background information on the Max Davey Singers.



Margaret Daves, who started the benefit ball rolling, will spend her summer promoting the benefit and the hospital.



Male fashions come from Gentlemen's Quarters in Lathrup for the informal fashion shows that will be running all through the summer to promote the benefit and the hospital's new branch in Troy.

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Host Shirley Prust, (left) admires a beige and black ensemble with coulette-styled skirt from Fergusons.

Face lift at city hall needs residents' help

Landscaping around Farmington Hills City Hall will take on a new look after a

new addition to the original structure is completed next year.

But meanwhile, J. Michael Dorman, administrative assistant to the city manager, has sent out a call for residents' help.

"Interested in donating a commemorative or memorial tree or shrub to the city? Perhaps someone would like to commemorate the bicentennial or simply to do something nice," Dorman asks.

"If you are a group or an individual and want to express yourself by giving in this manner, the city is accepting donations of trees or shrubs for planting around city hall," he said.

FARMINGTON HILLS Beautification Commission, anticipating the facelift on the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile, urged city officials to hire landscape architects to lead the way.

Jerome Prystup, the landscape architect who planned Bicentennial Boulevard and Marys Vickers are developing a grounds plan now to serve as a guide in placing future donations.

City Manager George Myrnes said a copy of the plan will be kept on display at city hall (featuring the names of donors along side their respective trees).

It is Dorman's belief that within a year or two the city hall grounds will be highlighted with some 30 additional decorative and flowering trees, chosen to provide color throughout the four seasons.

The existing natural area alongside city hall remain untouched, and only compatible trees and shrubs will be added.

The sign which designates the Farmington Hills City Hall will be backed by evergreens and offset by Canadian Hemlock.

PLANS CALL FOR additional evergreens to be planted along Eleven Mile to screen the city hall parking lot, and several ash trees are to be placed within the lot to relieve the expanse of asphalt and provide shade.

The flag pole will be relocated closer to the building entryway, and a large space will be centrally placed to be used as part of holiday displays.

Persons wishing to join the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission in this program, are asked to call city hall, 674-1113, ext. 82.

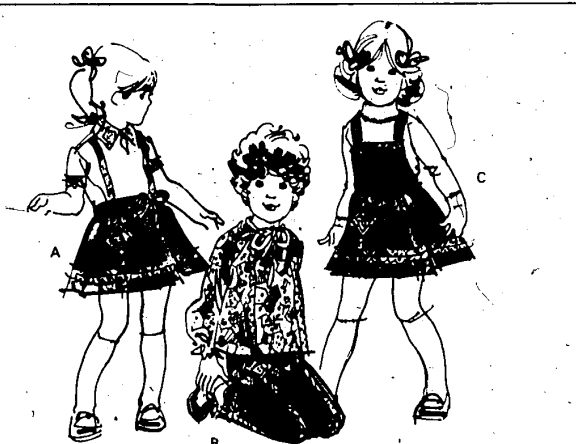
Shockor-Jordan

Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Shockor, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Margaret to Ronald Charles Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Jordan, of Hillman, Mich. An August wedding is planned.

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Jim Menlove, director of development for Beaumont Hospital, attended the first tea, served by Gisela Becker of Franklin.



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- B. Ruffled-cuff smock-top. 97; Patch-pocketed pullon pant. 99.
- C. Apron jumper. 9.50; Calico-trimmed T-shirt. 6.50

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