



For children only

Children's Summer Theater Festival traveling troupe stops during Founders Festival Days with "Hansel and Gretel." The show stars Southfield residents Stan Gill as The Witch and Shelley MacMillan as Gretel, and Diane Boggs of Oak Park as Hansel. Performances are at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28 in Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. For the little ones who arrive early, there will be time to visit with Gill and his Magic Make-Up Box, where they will be transformed into Wonder Woman or Spider Man. And for every guest before curtain time, there are warm-up exercises for the imagination when the audience becomes part of the make-believe. Admission is \$1.25.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB, Troy-Birmingham Chapter, prepare a special summer meeting hosting Encore II at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Troy's Somerset Inn.

Encore II is a consignment boutique for the discriminating woman, which will stage a fashion show. Bobbie Pugh is the speaker for the day, and violinist Joanne Mahabian will provide the music.

Reservations, at \$5.50 each, must be made by Aug. 10 by calling Mrs. A. Elliot, 649-6658.

The group is without membership. All events scheduled are open to all church women in all surrounding areas.

THE GATHERING PLACE

schedule resumes as usual this week, though some members will leave the senior citizen facility in Mercy Center to man booths during Founders Festival days July 26-28 in Downtown Shopping Center. Yet another contingent will take their spots on a float to ride in the Founders Parade July 28.

Seniors begin classes on "Retirement Planning" at 1 p.m. Monday, July 30, which continues for the next eight Mondays. The sessions are without charge, brought

by members of Oakland University's Continuum Center, made possible by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education.

The sessions are open to all persons over the age of 60. Next special outing on the Gathering Place calendar is a trip to see the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals Saturday, Aug. 4.

Cost is \$4 to board the bus leaving from Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot and take seats in the upper deck along first and third base lines. Reservations are necessary by stopping in at The Gathering Place, in

Mercy Center, on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads. Guests are asked to use Gate 4, on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt Road. Seniors can also pick

up their applications for deferment of summer taxes there, which must be filled out by Aug. 31. The applications are available for those whose

income did not exceed \$10,000 last year.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farm-

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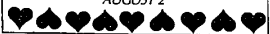
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Hermitage collection due in area in 1982

From the vast collections of Lenin-grad's Hermitage Museum, 400 works of art will be shown at the Detroit Institute of Arts in January 1982.

Director Frederick J. Cummings confirmed that Detroit will be among the five U. S. cities on the special tour which begins next May in Washington, D.C.

Agreement on the U. S. showing was made between the Soviet Ministry of Culture and the sponsoring Control Data Corporation, the Minneapolis-based computer and financial services company, as announced this month in Moscow.

With ancient Scythian gold, rare Greco-Roman ornaments, decorative arts from a score of European civilizations and masterpieces by Rembrandt, Titian, Rubens and Van Dyck, the cornucopia of art represents "the absolute cream of the Hermitage's collection of 2,500,000 objects," according to the exhibition's organizers.

"None of the objects have ever been

seen in America," Dr. Cummings said. "It is the largest and most valuable loan ever made by the U.S.S.R."

"Curators who selected the trove conservatively estimate the exhibition's value at \$100,000,000," he said.

William Peck, curator of ancient art at the art institute, has been assigned to supervise the Detroit showing. The exhibition, tentatively titled "The Hermitage of Leningrad: Doorway to World Art," will open at the National Gallery of Art in Washington May 15, 1980. It will travel to New York, Minneapolis and San Francisco before its final display in Detroit. Tentative Detroit dates are Jan. 26-April 16, 1982.

This showing of Hermitage works is much more extensive than the exhibition of 12 Italian masterpiece paintings from the same source announced for four U.S. cities on March 27 and April 19, cancelled from Detroit by the U.S.S.R. decision to curtail its itinerary.

Swim classes set in August

Registration for August swim classes begins Monday, July 30, and continues through class starting date Aug. 6 at the Northwest YWCA.

Twice-a-week, eight-lesson sessions are available for children from 6 years

and up. Novice, beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are offered. Fee is \$14 and all class participants must have a YWCA membership card.

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