

English Transplant Finds Herself In English Role



DIANE BROWN

The path was round-about, but a Farmington resident who was born in England finds herself playing an English mother on an American stage.

She is Diane Brown of 21009 Laurelwood, Farmington. Mrs. Brown appears as Helen, the irresponsible, fun-loving mother, in the Group Theatre's production of "A Taste of Honey" opening this Friday, Jan. 9.

The theater is located at 16385 Livernost, Detroit. The production runs week-ends with some Thursday and Sunday performances through Jan. 31. Ticket information may be obtained from the theater box office at 863-8200.

Mrs. Brown's first appearance on stage was at the age of 15 in a drama festival in her birthplace of Chester, England. She took the festival prize for acting for her portrayal of a 50-year-old nun.

Marriage took her to Australia where the family lived for five years. During this time she appeared in an Australian theater group production of "The Goldfish Bowl."

SEVEN YEARS ago the family moved to the States and lived in Kenosha, Wis. While in Wisconsin, she appeared in "Death of a Salesman" for the Kenosha Little Theatre.

When the Browns moved to Farmington in 1964, it was logical for Diane to join the Far-

mington Players. She has appeared on the Players stage in "Ladies in Retirement," "Blithe Spirit," "Sandbox" and "Curtain at 8:30."

Written by Shelagh Delaney, "A Taste of Honey" tells the story of an English working class, adolescent girl, Jo, and her relationship with the other characters in the play: the Negro sailor who makes her pregnant; the homosexual art student who moves into her apartment to help her through her pregnancy; her fun-loving, saloon-frequenting mother; and Peter, her mother's newly acquired husband.

U-M Sets Concert

DEARBORN Four works by modern composers will be performed by the University of Michigan's School of Music Woodwind Quintet on Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. in the music room of the Fair Lane Conference Center.

The concert, open to the public free of charge is sponsored by the Dearborn campus cultural committee.

The conference center is located on the UM campus. Lighted free parking is available adjacent to the center.

Amusements Camping Show Exhibits Top Past Records

The third annual Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show will be the biggest ever, with more vehicles and exhibitors assured and a record attendance expected.

Sponsored by the Michigan Mobile Home & Recreational Vehicle Institute, the Feb. 14 through 22 event has attracted 145 exhibitors who will show some 800 vehicles. In addition, there will be displays on accessories, campgrounds, insurance, and financing.

LAST YEAR'S show attracted 141,225 to the Detroit Artillery Armory on W. Eight Mile near the Northland Shopping Center. This year, 150,000 are expected to attend. The entire floor space of the huge armory is being used for the exposition for the first time this year.

All sorts of recreational vehicles will be displayed—trailer, truck campers, camping trailers, motor homes. In addition, some unique exhibits are expected including a houseboat, travel trailer, a trailer with space to accommodate a smaller vehicle such as a cycle or snowmo-

bile; and a new top-of-car fold-out aluminum unit.

A number of special days are scheduled during the show. They include Family Day Sunday, Feb. 15; Retirees Day Monday; Public Safety Day Tuesday; honoring policemen, firemen, and servicemen; Ladies Day Wednesday; and Club Day Saturday with trailer club members wearing their colorful insignia.

DOOR PRIZES will be awarded, a teen queen crowned, and a king and queen of the road selected. In addition, an award will be made for the oldest recreational vehicle still in use.

Hours will be 2 to 10 p.m. weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission will be \$1.75, with children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. An advance sale will be held, with tickets going for \$1.25. Special admission prices will prevail on some of the special days.

Chairman of the show this year is Joseph E. Eckert. His assistant is Keith Crawford, who is stepping down after two years as chairman. Dan Dowsett continues for the third year as show director.

Ski School's New Session Opens Jan. 29

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The school opens a new program Jan. 29 through March 1. Sessions for the group are held on Thursday and Friday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

In order to qualify for the special rate, the school must turn out 150 skiers on Thursday nights and 250 on Friday nights.

IF YOU participated in the first session of the school, you need not re-register. Your registration cards are valid for the second session.

Mt. Brighton is located just off the I-96 expressway near Brighton. Regular cost including lessons, tow fees and rental of equipment at the resort would be \$11.50.

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