

Country band going to finals

The Karen B. Newman Band recently won the state finals of the Wrangler Country Starssearch in Benton Harbor.

Newman, an Oakland University senior commercial-music student and vocalist of the Meadow Brook Estate, captured the No. 1 spot before a crowd of 1,000 country enthusiasts at the Community Center auditorium of Lake Michigan College.

Competing against eight other regional winners, the Newman band represented WSMA radio, having been selected in Marine City last November.

A cash award of \$1,000 was presented to the group, as well as an all-expense-paid trip to Nashville, where on April 28 it will represent Michigan at the Grand Ole Opry House and compete in the nationally televised finals from "the country capital of the world."

THE ACT judged as the winner in Nashville, by a panel of noted music industry people, will receive \$50,000 from Wrangler Country Starssearch, a major recording contract and booking contract.

The Newman band's winning performance of "Night Like This" is an original tune written by Phyllis Wolfe, also a Meadow Brook Estate community Center auditorium of Lake Michigan College.

Members of the band include Bruce Florine, Tami Pryce and Rob Yurgens as back-up singers; Don Martin on keyboards; Ella Mieszowski on drums; and Hugh Caley, Steen Hale and Ivon Thomson as guitar.

Newman is a featured soloist at the "By George and Friends" production continuing Friday-Saturday in Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester.



Annie (Bridget Walsh), Sandy, and "Daddy" Warbucks (Rhodes Reason) become a loving family in "Annie," opening Wednesday at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

upcoming things to do

ROMANTIC COMEDY
Preview performances of Bernard Slade's "Romantic Comedy," co-starring Carol Lynley and Noel Harrison, will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Regular performances begin Tuesday for a four-week run of the show, in which actress Lynley and actor/director/singer Harrison play two dramatists who collaborate on everything except their emotions. The cast also features Carol Bruce, who plays Momma Carlson in the CBS series "WKRP in Cincinnati." For ticket information call 644-3533.

KIDS' DAY
All children under 13 will be admitted two for the price of one during four hours 1-5 p.m. Easter Sunday at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. The historic 100-room mansion came to life more than 50 years ago when Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson built the architectural masterpiece at the cost of \$4 million. Adult tours are \$4, seniors are \$3 and children are two for the usual \$2 admission. One child only will be half price. Also on the premises is Knole Cottage, a mini-mansion playhouse. Admission to Knole Cottage is 75 cents per person.

TROUPING SHOW
Affiliated Models will hold auditions for female models for "Be More You," a trouping musical show, Monday-Tuesday, at the Academy of Acting and Modeling, 28830 Southfield Road, Southfield. Auditions for male and female dancers, for the same show, will be held April 20-21. "Be More You" is scheduled to appear in 40 cities beginning in August. For additional information call 558-3110 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

AT TWENTY'S
Live music continues nightly at Twenty's Cafe, 280 N. Woodward, Birmingham. The entertainment schedule includes Cynthia Ferris, flute, 7-9 p.m. Mondays; Christopher Loy, piano, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays; Joe Loduca, classical guitar, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays; David Janeway, piano, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays; Joe Loduca Plus One jazz duo, 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays; and Harold McKinney Duo, jazz duo, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays.

DANCE BAND
Don Beddow & Benton, a four-member dance band, will appear Monday through April 17 at Dewey's in the Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, next to the Northland Theatre in Southfield. The band will perform three sets between 9 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. There is no cover charge.

WAGON WHEEL
Nite Shift plays Monday-Tuesday at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, Rochester Road at Big Beaver, Troy. Proddy appears Wednesday through April 18.

THIRD DAY
The Farmington Hills Christian Center will hold two performances of "The Third Day," musical drama by Michael Parks, at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday and 6 p.m. Easter Sunday at the center, 23233 Drake Road (corner of Drake and Freedom Roads) in Farmington Hills. The presentation of music and drama centers around Jerusalem in the days of Jesus. The program is open to the public without charge. (616)

HOME MOVIES
Richard Gere, co-host of "Wildcats," will be featured in "PM Magazine," a new television series. The show is looking for home movies



Noel Harrison co-stars with Carol Lynley in "Romantic Comedy," opening Tuesday at the Birmingham Theatre.

PINE KNOB
Subscription series tickets for the Michigan Concert Series at Pine Knob in Clarkston are available by mail only. Orders for new subscribers will be filled only after all renewal orders have been processed. The 11th outdoor concert theater season will offer six subscription series. New attractions include Lena Horne, special guest stars Quarterflash, Joan Rivers-David Benner, Bonnie Raitt and Barbara Mandrell. The season opens tentatively May 28 with the Beach Boys for a three-day gig. For more information call the subscription office at 872-1600 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

ANNIE'S BACK
"Annie," the award-winning musical based on the famous comic strip orphan, returns Wednesday to the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The show continues through May 1. Bridget Walsh stars as Annie, Rhodes Reason is "Daddy" Warbucks and Kathleen Freeman is the mean orphanage supervisor, Miss Hannigan. Tickets are on sale at the Fisher box office and all CTC Outlets. A special-priced matinee for "Annie" will be held at 1 p.m. April 15, with all tickets \$12.

DANCE MARATHON
Entrants are being sought for Dance-a-thon III to be held May 7-8 at the Airport Hilton Hotel, to raise money for developmentally disabled persons. The event will start at 8 p.m. May 7 and run until midnight May 8. Entry fee is \$15 per couple, and the winning couple (who dance the 28 hours and collect the most pledges) will receive \$1,000 cash first prize. Other prizes also will be awarded. For more information call the Association for Retarded Children at 937-2350 in Redford or Tri-City at 722-7620 in Westland.

BUNNY BUSINESS
In a salute to spring, Detroit Theatre will present "Bunny Business," a professional puppet show, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater. Individual tickets at \$2.50 may be purchased through the museum ticket office (832-2730) or at the door.



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