

Broadway Hit Is Good News

It really is a little hard to imagine a Broadway opening causing a stir in a Midwestern suburb.

But the opening of "No, No, Nanette" certainly created a good deal of interest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davidson of Garden City, as well as among their friends.

The Davidsons' daughter-in-law, whose stage name is Ellen Elias, is one of the dancers in the revival of the 1925 musical. After hearing about the success of the Broadway opening, the Davidsons were really excited when Ellen's picture appeared this month with two national newsmagazines.

DANCING plays an unusually important part in the show, which brings Ruby Keeler back to the stage. Busby (Buzz) Berkley supervises the dancing.

"No, No, Nanette" is doing



ELLEN ELIAS
Dancer

LARRY DAVIDSON
Trumpet Player

very well indeed and is expected to have a long run on Broadway.

It was a little more than two years ago that Larry Davidson and his bride de-

cided to tackle New York City, and they too have done very well indeed.

Larry, a trumpet player, is currently lead trumpet for the renowned Rockettes in Radio City Music Hall.

Ellen is a native of Flint, where she started her career in ballet. She was a soloist with the Flint Civic Ballet and the Musical Performing Arts Assn. Ballet.

Then she began to appear in performances in the Musical Tent in Flint. There in 1966, when "The King and I" was running, she met the young lead trumpet player, Larry Davidson of Garden City.

They continued to work summers at the Tent until their marriage in May 1969. After that summer, they decided to head for Broadway.

THE BIG STEP was just a short trip for Larry, who

when attending the University of Michigan's School of Music, toured Central and South America with the U-M Jazz Band. This was in 1965. He has also toured with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Paul Mauriat, Theresa Brewer, Buddy Hackett and others.

Both Davidsons toured with Yvonne DeCarlo in "Hello, Dolly" and were in the Ethel Merman version of "Hello, Dolly" on Broadway.

Larry started his trumpet career in the seventh grade, studied with Don Haas of the Detroit Symphony and went to Interlochen four years in a row. He won two scholarships to Interlochen, one from Garden City and one from Interlochen.

And in New York City, he still takes private trumpet lessons, while Ellen brushes up on her tap dancing and singing skills.

Amusements

Railroad Buffs Hold Open House

Steam and diesel HO scale model trains will operate on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, South Oakland Division, at the SOC Model Railroad Club Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28.

Hours of the show will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Each visitor will receive a souvenir railroad ticket as a memento of his tour of the model railroad, located in the Grand Trunk Western RR station, Eton at Maple, Birmingham.

THIS IS National Model Railroad Week.

During the past 16 years, the 35 members of the club have created an extensive operating layout patterned after the Detroit to Durand

section of the GTW.

Some artistic license has been taken in the form of mountains, tunnels and winding curves not found in southern Michigan.

ALL TRACK, including 22 crossings and 220 switches, has been built by the members, and many of the model structures are patterned after actual buildings found along the right-of-way.

There is no admission charge to the show.

The SOC Model RR Club is normally in full operation and open to visitors from 5 to 10 p.m. the third Friday of each month. Groups may arrange for special showings by calling R. P. Brinkman, 626-1091, or C. J. Bopp, 542-5739.

Area Students Are In Play

Several area students will be on stage tonight, Feb. 24, through Feb. 28, when the Eastern Michigan University Players present "The Visit," in the Daniel L. Quirk Auditorium, Ypsilanti.

In the cast are Rick Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Underwood of Garden City, a junior drama major who plays the Painter; Linda J. Eagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eagle of Livonia, a junior drama major, as Frau Schill; and Robert L. Hellstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hellstein of Livonia, a freshman drama major, playing Mike.

Certain time is 8 p.m. for all performances except for 7 and 10 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26. Tickets are now on sale in the Quirk box office.

The Tigers had two Canadians on their 1970 team — Pitchers John Hiller and Mike Kilkenny.

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