

SEMTA Gets Grant For Buses

SEMTA (Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority) will ask bids in two to three weeks on 160 new buses for a Detroit-suburban transit system.

Expected cost is about \$6.7 million. A federal grant of \$4.4 million was announced last week by U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.).

The buses are expected to be on the streets and freeways by the end of this year, according to SEMTA Chairman David F. Breck.

The grant application was made in January and approved by the urban mass transportation administration of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

THE FEDERAL grant of \$4,442,000 matches on a two-to-one basis local funds from the State of Michigan \$921,000; the City of Detroit \$1,000,000; and three suburban bus companies (\$100,000

each from Great Lakes Transit Corporation, Lake Shore Coach Lines, Inc., and Metropolitan Transit, Inc.)

The total of \$6,663,000 will purchase approximately 160 diesel transit buses of 50-passenger capacity, equipped with two-way radios and air-conditioned. Average cost will be approximately \$41,000.

Ownership of the 160 buses will be divided, with the DSR owning 86 buses, and SEMTA retaining ownership of the remaining 74. SEMTA will lease 32 of its new buses to the DSR and the remainder to the three suburban bus companies, all without charge.

"THE PROBLEMS of mass transit, require a team effort and mutual understanding among the various levels of government if we are going to solve them to-

day for the benefit of tomorrow," Breck said.

"At the state level, there is a growing awareness of the congestion on our freeways during peak periods and the needs of many people who do not have private transportation available to them."

Engineers Pick Kesling

William L. Kesling of 36720 Pinetree, Livonia has been elected treasurer of the Standards Engineers Society, a professional international society concerned with the use and development of technical standards in industry and commerce.

Kesling is employed by Burroughs Corp., Detroit. He served formerly as chairman and director of the Detroit section of the society.



DR. COPPELIUS
(Dale Black)

CAROLE VALLESKEY of Livonia plays the role of the doll, Coppelia. She is shown with other dolls from Dr. Coppellius' toy shop and the imaginative doctor.

Plymouth Symphony To Play For Severo Ballet April 17

This year's long-awaited appearance of the Severo Ballet Company in Observerland is less than a week away.

The company will present the humorous ballet "Coppelia" by Leo Delibes Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m., in Churchill High School auditorium, Newburgh at Joy Rd., Livonia.

This performance is being presented by the Plymouth Symphony Society, with the

assistance of Schoolcraft College's Community Concerts Series.

The Plymouth Symphony, conducted by Wayne Dunlap, will play the musical accompaniment.

Tickets are on sale at branches of the National Bank of Detroit in Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington, or by writing to Mrs. Roger Zerby, 41063 Russet Lane, Plymouth, 48170.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

THE BALLET IS of special interest in this area because six from Observerland are in the cast, including the lead, Holly Doty, who comes from Plymouth.

And, of course, Sandra Severo, the director, who has been teaching ballet for many years and has seen her students go on to win fame in national and international companies, is now a Livonian. She lived in Detroit until almost two years ago.

Holly will take the part of Swanilda, the young girl who tricks the mad scientist Dr. Coppellius into believing that she is his Coppelia doll come to life.

Playing Coppelia will be Carole Valleskey of Livonia. She also takes the role of Dawn in the third act.

Carole and Holly alternate the lead roles in performances of "Coppelia." Carole will appear as Swanilda in the company's staging of the ballet in Clarenceville High

School, Sunday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Mrs. John Slatin, 20394 Louise, Livonia, for this performance, at the same prices. The Plymouth Symphony will also play.

Two other Plymouth residents, Elizabeth and Jeff Bailey, are in the 25-member cast as villagers.

Carole Cotter of Redford Township and Mary Hammel of Farmington play Swanilda's friends, as do June Krenz and Karen Camille of Bloomfield Hills.

"COPPELIA" is a ballet which calls for acting as well as dancing skill and the Severo Ballet has received excellent reviews following its four previous performances this season, two in Muskegon, one in Kalamazoo and one in Detroit with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Pierre Hettu.

First produced in Paris, in 1870, it is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, of ballets based on the theme of a doll's coming to life. The story contrasts the quiet beauty of the life-like Doll, Coppelia, and

the charming liveliness of the heroine Swanilda.

Her fiancé, Franz, danced by Ronald Jones of Detroit, falls in love with Coppelia, much to the chagrin of Swanilda. All ends happily when the hero rediscovers his love for Swanilda and their betrothal is celebrated.

"Coppelia" is the first ballet in which the Hungarian folk dance, the Czardas, is danced, and its success did much to popularize the introduction of numbers based on national and folk dances. It also has a Mazurka.

SATURDAY EVENING'S star is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Doty. Holly is a 13-year-old 10th grader at Plymouth High School.

She began her studies of the ballet in Louisville, Ky., eight years ago. She has also studied piano and flute, but had to forego school musical activities because of the demands of ballet training.

All members of the company practice five days a week, sometimes six, commuting to the Severo Ballet Studio in Highland Park.

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Exchange Planned

A new exchange program for students between 17 and 22 is being started in the Observerland area.

Sponsored by the German Society for International Understanding, Inc., the program is a "double cultural exchange."

Students from area high schools and colleges are eligible to spend four weeks living in Germany followed by a two-week tour. Upon completion of the tour, the American students will return to the states with German students.

Maria Schneider, an English teacher at Oakland Community College, is acting as the American "agent" to arrange the cross cultural exchange.



COMING SOON — Holly Doty of Plymouth plays the lead role of Swanilda in "Coppelia," the ballet being staged by the Severo Company Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m., in Churchill High School auditorium, Livonia. Ronald Jones of Detroit plays her fiancé, Franz. They are shown in the wedding pas de deux in the last act.