

Retiree Hopes To Help Make Symphony Grow

By BETTY MASSON
The Redford Civic Symphony is this year drawing on the talents of a too-often neglected resource ... the senior citizen.

The senior is E.C. Weiss, who was chosen in September to head the Redford Township Music Society, the symphony's sponsor. The former president, Mrs. Donald Kory, resigned because her husband was transferred.

Weiss is anxious to emulate Plymouth, which is known

nationally for the excellence of its symphony, and has some plans for accomplishing this.

THE SYMPHONY opens its season Sunday, Oct. 24 with a 4 p.m. concert in Redford Union High School, under the direction of its conductor John Gajek.

As a first step in broadening the base of support for the symphony and creating more interest in it, the society is urging its members to bring guests. They'll be admitted

without charge on members' cards.

This has been tried before according to Weiss, but never stressed as much.

Weiss will also be talking to township officials. "I don't think we have enough support from our township," he comments.

This is a familiar route for Weiss. Ever since his retirement in 1963, he has taken a keen interest in township government. For three years he was president of the Redford Township Council of Civic Associations. He was also chairman of a committee investigating the need for senior citizens' housing and still is interested in this project.

"We also want to stress the talent in the township," he said. This has been done through awarding of scholarships and through having student soloists at concerts, but Weiss hopes to expand both of these areas of endeavor, and also make a greater effort to interest more young people in attending concerts.

HE REVEALED that the society is sponsoring a performance by Musical Youth International May 21 in Thurston High School. This is the choir and orchestra group which toured Europe during the summer, and which includes six youngsters from the township. By charging only \$1 for the concert, the society hopes to attract an audience of 1,200.

Weiss would also see the symphony expanded from its present membership of 50 to 60 players. "We would like to get all the instruments represented. Sometimes we have to go out and hire people for a particular piece," he said.

He is also convinced that bigger audiences can be attracted if the symphony plays the music people like. He doesn't think audiences like "heavy" pieces.

"I'd like to have people go away saying 'This was a great concert,'" he said.

With an energetic retiree at the helm, it should be an interesting year.

Moog Is Coming

Gershon Kingsley and his First Moog Quartet will appear in concert at Schoolcraft College Friday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. They will be heard in the main gymnasium.

Tickets are \$3 for the general public and \$2 for Schoolcraft students and staff. They may be purchased at the door the night of the concert or at the student activities office.

Amusements



DISCUSSING the new Westland Civic Orchestra are (standing from left) Mayor Eugene McKinney, Recreation Director Melvin Bailey and (seated) Charles Heard, named the orchestra's first director.

Westland Gets Civic Orchestra

WESTLAND interested musicians may call Melvin Bailey, recreation director, at the recreation center.

The orchestra will give its first public concert next March with the Rackham Symphony Choir as guest artists.

Heard, of 6200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland, is director of the famed Rackham Choir, the official choir of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

He has a master's degree in music from the University of Michigan.

IN APPOINTING Heard, McKinney said that the city is "extremely fortunate" to have such a qualified experienced musician take on the responsibility of getting a city orchestra underway.

Heard's ability "is well known both by the parents and students in the Wayne-Westland schools and the thousands of Westlanders who have enjoyed his concerts," the mayor added.

The plans for the orchestra call for it to be self-sustaining and that "requires strong community backing," McKinney concluded.

Schoolcraft Stage Band Has Openings

Richard Saunders, director of fine arts at Schoolcraft College and also director of its area-wide stage band, reports three openings remain in the band which launched rehearsals in September.

"Even though we presently have limited needs," Saunders said, "we'd like to hear from anyone interested in playing with the band." He added that there will always be future opportunities.

The three current openings are for a fourth trombone, fourth trumpet, and an alto saxophone.

Acceptance is through audition only. Registration fee is \$20 for 16 weeks. Rehearsals are from 7:30-9:30 Thursday evenings in the Schoolcraft Forum Building. Auditions can be arranged by contacting Saunders at the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Stamp Club

The Motor City Stamp and Cover Club of Detroit is now offering collectors "Last Day" Detroit Riverboat Mail Service covers. The service ends when the Detroit River freezes solid, usually in December.

Cacheted covers are 35 cents each or three for \$1. Self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelopes should be sent to Mrs. Laura Goldberg, 1313 E. Harry, Hazel Park, 48030.



TONY MARTIN, Cyd Charisse and George Kirby will give a single "in person" performance Sunday, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. in Ford Auditorium, Detroit. The occasion is a benefit for the Hillel Day School, 32000 Middle Belt, Farmington. Tickets may be obtained by calling the school.



TWO FROM OBSERVERLAND are now calling themselves a group. The "Old Buck" and are becoming popular on area campuses for their country music. Playing the mandolin (left) is Mike Colone of Livonia. The guitar player is Joe Braus of Farmington. They'll give a concert Sunday, Oct. 24, at the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus, beginning at 6 p.m.

5-Hour Concert Fails To Dismay

By BETTY MASSON

Mike Colone and Joe Braus were surprised but undaunted this week when they were told they were expected to play a five-hour concert Sunday evening, Oct. 24.

"We can do it," they said. "A lot of our pieces run long."

Mike and Joe are "Old Buck" and "Old Buck" is "one of the hottest groups in the metropolitan area right now," according to a student government representative at the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus.

They've been delighting college audiences since they first started working together just last July.

THEY MET AT Wayne State University, where Mike is still studying music, majoring in the theory and composition. Joe is presently teaching guitar in a music studio. Before switching to the study of music at WSU, he was an English major at Oakland Community College.

He's a graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School, and one of his recent engagements was playing his classical guitar for Rt. Rev. Thomas Beahan's farewell mass last month.

According to Mike, "Joe does some classical guitar picking and I play the recorder ... it's not really baroque, but it sounds a little like it."

They like to play tunes by Bob Dylan, such as "Easy Rider" and "Tomorrow's Such a Long Time." One of the current favorites is "Spoon River" which they obtained from a California group and rearranged.

So far they've played gigs at the Southeast Storage Room at Mercy College, Detroit, the Buffalo Esquire in Kalamazoo, and The Hinge on the Dearborn campus, plus an art show there.

"We stick mostly to coffee houses," they say. "We don't want to get into bars or anything for a while." They have taken their name from an old guitar Mike received as a gift several years ago, and dubbed "Old Buck."

Concert Set For Oct. 24 At Ladywood

"Autumn Notes," a fall concert, will be presented at Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh, Livonia, Sunday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m.

Music will be by the high school orchestra, under the direction of Francesco Di Biasi; the concert choir, directed by Sister Caroline Marie; and the girls' choir, directed by Sister Mary Alexis.

Three senior orchestra members, Annette Beam, Kathy Meyers and Lynn Krych, will also conduct the orchestra.

Di Biasi will solo on the trumpet in Morton Gould's "Pavane."

No admission will be charged.



DICK BENSEK

Elegant wine (surely the drink of the Gods) gives an aura to a meal; and that meal is doubly enhanced if the dinner is prepared from that self-same bottle. Usually, 1/2 to 1 cup in the cooking process is enough. Once the liquid comes to a boil and is then reduced to a simmer, the alcohol is burned off; and thus, only the flavor of the wine remains. Be sure you pair your cooking table wine with the dish you are preparing ... full bodied and red for your favorite beef dinner or stew and light and dry for a chicken or fish dish. Hamburger too, takes on a new perspective when a little wine (one tablespoon to a cup of liquid) is added to the gravy preparation. The whisper of wine turns an ordinary dish into a gourmet experience and it is wise to try several kinds of wine in the different categories before settling on the ones that please both your budget and your palate.

Pleasing your palate is easy when you dine at DANISH INN, 32308 Grand River Ave., 476-5320. We have several kinds of dishes including many Danish selections, plus a fine choice of wines for your selection. Our beautiful supper club atmosphere is conducive to celebrating happy occasions and we'll be glad to provide a cake for birthdays or anniversaries.

HELPFUL HINT: An excellent basic salad dressing can be made by mixing three parts salad oil with one part wine vinegar and salt and pepper to taste. (For a heartier taste, let a peeled garlic clove rest in the oil for a while before shaking the dressing and then remove.)

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