

# A Select Crew Spans Age Gap

By EDWARD WENDOVER

Stan Kenton says his music—which he calls "progressive jazz"—isn't for everybody. And perhaps many of the people in the audience, when Kenton and his band packed Clarenceville's Schmidt Auditorium Sunday and Monday nights, were devoted fans who can remember dancing to Kenton's brassy jazz in the outdoor pavilion of the old Eastwood Gardens in Detroit 25 years ago—but not all of them.

Some of us in the audience were babes in arms or only a faint flicker of a glint when Kenton was in his heyday, but we found the Kenton band's music enjoyable; it was hard to keep your feet from tapping.

BUT THOSE who most appreciated Kenton's Clarenceville appearance weren't his devoted fans or the ngn-fans who enjoyed the evening concerts, but some 500 area youngsters who

participated in a Sunday afternoon band clinic where Kenton and his musicians coached the youths in trumpet, saxophone, trombone and drum playing as well as improvisation—the backbone of Kenton's arrangements.

Kenton's arrival at Clarenceville was opened with a concert by members of the Clarenceville Junior High School band. After their performance, the youths talked to musicians from Kenton's band, and the ever-smiling band leader told several of the junior high band members that their performance had been "very good, very good."

Kenton's band then performed some arrangements before spilling the youths up into clinic sessions.

"These guys (the band members) love these kids," Kenton said. "Most of them are college graduates, some with advance degrees, and most have classical (music) backgrounds."

IT CERTAINLY is a mixed bag of musicians to be traveling around the country together, but travel they must, Kenton said.

The band leader criticized record companies and television and radio as caterers only to the majority tastes in music. "There's no room for classical or jazz recordings," Kenton said.

To help get around this problem, Kenton started Creative World recording company, and the band's newest album on that label will be out shortly: it's a two-record set recorded in Provo, Utah.

But traveling is the only way to share their music with those who really want to hear it, Kenton said.

This means a grueling schedule, criss-crossing the country several times on the current three-month tour. Luggage and instruments must be lugged around to each stop and left in piles backstage, a hurried repacking after one performance and a quick dash to the next stop.

"You know what dope is to a dope fiend?" Kenton asked. "That's what music is to us and we have to travel to play our music."

AT SUNDAY NIGHT'S concert, Kenton pulled what he called, "a dirty trick." Knowing that Jerry McKenzie of Livonia, a former drummer in Kenton's band, was in the audience, Kenton asked his old colleague to join them.

McKenzie, who is now a Farmington Township policeman, played "Stompin' At The Savoy," an old Kenton fan favorite featuring a wild drum solo and accompaniment.

"It's always a lot of fun to have Jerry back to play with us," Kenton said.

"If you ask these guys (in the band) tomorrow where they'd played the night before, you'd get 20 different answers," Kenton chuckled.



STAN KENTON cuts the cake at a Sunday dinner for him and his traveling band. It was prepared by the committee of the Clarenceville Entertainment Series, sponsor of the Kenton band performance. (Observer photo)

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Realtor John H. Hussey, of the Hussey Co. of Detroit and Farmington, will be installed Dec. 18 as president of the United Northwestern Realty Assn. / Western Wayne Oakland Board of Realtors.

Installation will take place at the board's annual Christmas party in the Raleigh House, Southfield.

Other officers elected recently by the board of directors include: Vice president, William W. Bowman, Thompson-Brown Co., Farmington; secretary, Lois C. Dicks, Real Estate One; and treasurer, Ansgar C. Johnson of J.L. Mooney Co., Detroit.

## Cemetery Group Picks Meyer VP

Alvin C. Meyer, general manager of Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, was elected first vice president of the American Cemetery Assn. during its recent convention this week in Atlanta, Ga.

The American Cemetery Association is a trade group with members throughout the United States, Canada and other nations.

Meyer has previously been secretary, director and second vice president of the group. He is a past president of the Greater Detroit Cemetery Assn., a member of the Michigan Cemetery Assn., and an elder of the Lutheran church.

Meyer resides at 34409 Six Mile, in Livonia.

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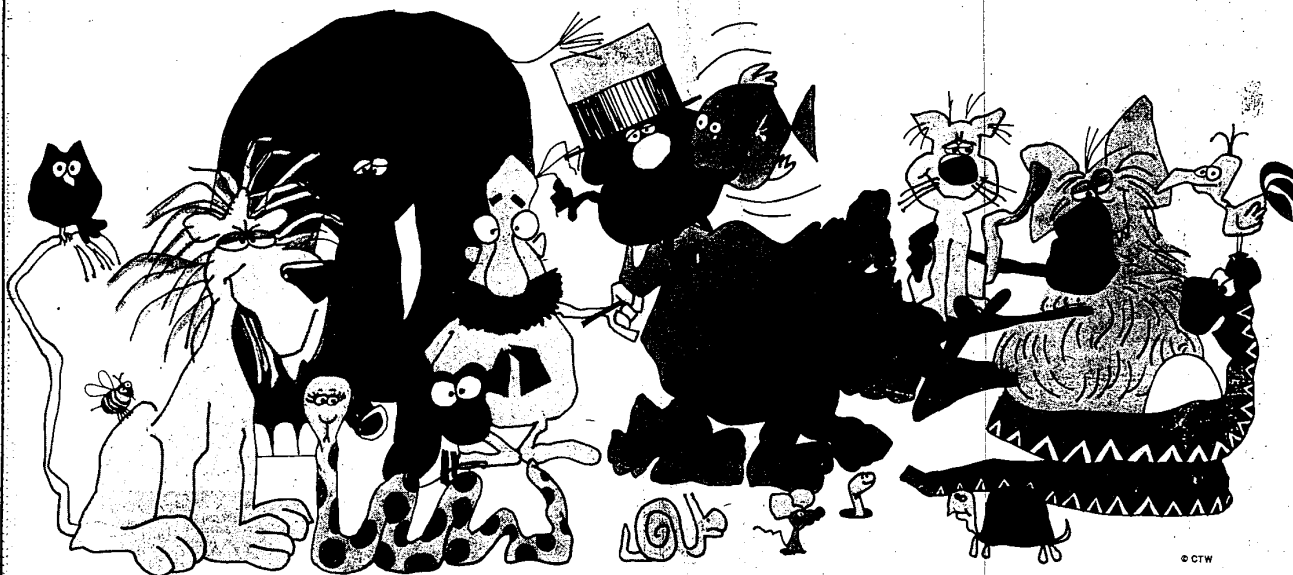
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