



MAUREEN DELANEY seems to be aghast at the thought of spinning all that straw into gold. She's appearing in the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild production of "Rumpelstiltskin," along with Mark Gaudoni as the king and Bob Turchetti as the miller. The play will be staged at 11, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township. This will be the last Saturday in a four-weekend run in the area. Tickets will be sold at the door. Group sales are being handled by Mrs. Edward O'Connell, 29639 Robert Drive, Livonia.

Madonna Will Have 4-Day Arts Festival

A fine arts festival, covering four days of events, is being planned by Madonna College, 36900 Schoolcraft, Livonia. All will be held in the Activities Center and the dates are April 5-8.

The festival will open at 7 p.m., Thursday, with a reception, followed by the presentation of Murray Schisgal's "Love," at 8. This will be also be staged Saturday, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Graduating students, college art students and adult art students of the college will exhibit a wide variety of projects. Their exhibit will be open Thursday, from 7 to 8 p.m.; Friday, from 3 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. There will be a reception from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday.

County Reps Rap Sullivan

Representatives of 22 northern Michigan counties have gone on record supporting the Wayne County commissioners in their opposition to judicial invasion of legislative powers.

County commissioners from the northern counties unanimously adopted the resolution of support at a regional meeting sponsored by the Michigan Assn. of Counties at Grayling.

The resolution complained of a "continual encroachment upon legislative and executive powers by the judicial branch."

It declares that the presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, Joseph A. Sullivan, "arbitrarily and capriciously threatened 20 Wayne County commissioners to jail if they do not bow to his wishes regarding an unauthorized and illegal pay raise to court employees."

The Grayling resolution charged that Sullivan "had tacit approval by the Michigan Supreme Court" and "violated the basic American constitutional principle of the separation of powers." It added:

"The continual encroachment upon legislative and executive powers by the judicial branch can spread to other counties and ultimately to both the State Legislature and the governor."

Where Will 246 Center Kids Go?

By KATHY MORAN

The proposed closing of Wayne County Child Development Center in Northville Township has caused at least a little apprehension among the staff and mildly retarded residents.

Dr. Pasquale Buoniconto, superintendent at the center for 18 years and a member of the task force making the recommendation, doubts if there are enough places to accommodate the 246 residents.

"They have assured me there are enough places for the children," he said. "But it might be a little difficult."

The center is funded primarily by the county. The state pays about \$15 of the \$80 per resident per day cost, Dr. Buoniconto said.

"It will lower the cost as far as the county is concerned, but the county won't get off completely," he said.

The task force has recommended that three committees composed of various professionals screen each resident and determine what type of setting the child needs. The children, ages 7 to 18, will be placed in state institutions, foster homes or small group homes depending on their needs.

Target date for evacuating the old buildings at the center is July 1, 1974.

Just what will happen to the 750 acres and 51 buildings is uncertain, Dr. Buoniconto said.

The center's 275 employees will be able to apply for equivalent jobs in state institutions but will lose their seniority and some fringe benefits unless they can find other county jobs, Dr. Buoniconto said.

His future is uncertain also. According to the county's own rules, Dr. Buoniconto will have to retire when he reaches age 65 on Nov. 1 unless commissioners make an exception.

Since he resides in a home on the center's grounds, Dr. Buoniconto will also have to find a new residence.

"We want what's best for the children, but there will be a lot of questions asked on whether this is best for them," said staff member William Del Campo of Redford Township.

"I've been here 25 years and I've seen a lot of changes since Dr. Buoniconto came here. We've got a good school here," Del Campo said. "Don't let anybody tell you otherwise. It's a good school."

Most of the residents have been referred to the center by juvenile court although others are referred by schools, doctors, families, family service agencies and other groups.

The children attend school and some hold jobs in nearby communities.

Several reasons have been given for closing the center including the fact that most residents are from Detroit and it is difficult for their families to get to Northville Township to visit.

Most buildings date back to 1926 when the center first opened. Many are in need of repairs.

Currently, two cottages are closed while the maintenance and building staff renovate them, Dr. Buoniconto said.

"We are a little community unto ourselves," he said, noting that the center has its own fireman, building staff, kitchens and formerly had its own power plant.

Another reason for the closing is a trend toward smaller, "personalized" wards for residents.

"Today the concept is to place the children in small groups rather than in the large open wards," he said. "Our dormitories have two large wards with 10 to 15 beds on each. When I came here, there were 25 beds in a ward. This has been reduced."

He noted that many buildings are sorely in need of repair but are solid, sturdy buildings. Improvements have been made over the years, such as adding acoustical ceilings to many cottages, tile in place of linoleum on the floors and bright instead of drab colors on the walls.

Although it is still uncertain what will happen to the children, "It will be worth the sacrifice if they can give the children better service," he said.

Marygrove Offers Awards

Marygrove College in Detroit has announced that incoming freshmen are eligible for 13 academic recognition awards. Competitive exams for the awards will be on March 31.

Three awards of \$1,000 and 10 of \$500 will be granted to students entering the college in September. The awards are renewable for four years.

Another renewable award of \$1,000 per year is offered to a person with an associate of arts degree from an accredited community college. All applicants must have maintained a 2.7 cumulative grade point averages based on a 4 point scale.

Test applications are available from the office of the dean at the college. Applications must be received by March 23.

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