

'Great Decisions' Program Set for Four Suburb Areas

For the eleventh successive year, residents of Livonia, Redford Township, Farmington and Plymouth can become personally involved in the most pressing problems of the world when the Great Decisions program starts in the suburbs in February. Great Decisions is an annual discussion program with citizens meeting informally in their own communities to discuss eight key foreign policy topics of critical importance to the United States.



THE DEBUTANTES from left, Diane Abrey, Jan McClellan, Corinne Helo and Lynn Hawkins are just four of the 300 teen-agers who have joined forces to present an evening of entertainment a month in hospitals and rest homes throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area. The first such show, which is being produced under the sponsorship of the Montgomery Ward's Wendy Ward Charm Class, will be at the Plymouth State Hospital and Training Home in February.

Teens Combine Talent; Entertain in Hospitals

The teens, including both boys and girls, will visit a hospital, undergarment or rest home a month and present a full talent show, distribute door-prizes and serve refreshments.

The first hospital to be visited is the Plymouth State Home and Training School in February. Second on the agenda is the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dearborn.

"All of the teens," says Barbara Loren, who is in charge of project, "are trained and have backgrounds in their fields. The show is really a professional and girls will visit a hospital, undergarment or rest home a month and present a full talent show, distribute door-prizes and serve refreshments."

The 300-man company was culled from the 20,000 entries in the "Talented Teen" contest. Entries came from throughout Southeastern Michigan and the final auditions were held at the Ward store in Livonia's Wonderland shopping center.

Rehearsals for the production are held each week at the Livonia store even though all nine of the Ward stores are participating in the project.

Groups are already forming in this area, and anyone who is interested in the program can join an informal group.

All Livonia, Dearborn, Farmington, Redford Township, and Plymouth, discussion groups will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2, and will continue each Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Wards Gives Promotion To Stanley Hart

S. D. Ward, District General Manager, Montgomery Ward & Company, announced the promotion of Stanley Hart, formerly Merchandise Manager of the Montgomery Ward store at Livonia, to the position of Metro District Fashion Merchandise Manager.

Hart joined the Ward organization in 1957 and has served as Assistant Department Manager, Sales Promotion Manager, Operating Manager and Merchandise Manager in many of the Detroit area Ward stores.

He was graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in Management, is the father of three children and resides in Livonia. He has been active in many civic groups including Junior Achievement, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and Livonia's Temple Beth Am Association.

In addition to supervising the Fashion Department, Hart will also supervise the famous Wendy Ward charm program which originated in Livonia and has since spread across the nation.

Orchestra Member
ITHACA, N.Y. — William W. Youhass of Livonia, is a member of the 66-piece Ithaca College Orchestra, which officially opened the auditorium in the new Music Building with a public concert. The orchestra, composed of students enrolled in the College of Music, is conducted by Don Wells of the faculty. Youhass is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Youhass, 9729 Middlebelt Rd.

Kills to help organize Great Decisions groups are available at the Redford Township Library, Norborne and Elmwood, Redford Township, and the Plymouth Public Library, Main St., Plymouth.

More than 1,000 communities throughout the nation are taking part in the project. The series was started in 1955 by the Foreign Policy Association, a non-partisan educational agency. It has won widespread support by educators, civic leaders and clergymen. The chairman of the honorary committee sponsoring the program for Southeastern Michigan is Walker L. Cliser, chairman of the board of the Detroit Edison Company.

Study material for the discussions comes from a non-partisan fact booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association. This year's topics are particularly conducive to lively discussion. They are:

RED CHINA — Menace or Paper Tiger? week of February 7; GERMANY — Key to Europe? week of February 14; TRADE, FOOD AND DOLLARS — What Policy for the U.S.? week of February 21; SOUTH AFRICA — Threat to Peace? week of February 28; EASTERN EUROPE — End of the Satellite Era? week of March 7; THE UN AT TWENTY — Asset or Liability? week of March 14; VIETNAM — Is Victory Possible? week of March 21; and THE POPULATION BOOM — Can It Be Controlled? week of March 28.

Both radio station WDET-FM and television channel 56 will present Great Decisions programs throughout the eight-week period. Starting February 10 each Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. WDET-FM will present a special program repeated the following day at 8:30 p.m. Each Wednesday WTVS, Channel 56 will broadcast at 7 p.m., repeating each program the following day at 8 p.m.

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Slate Free Dental X-Rays for Suburban Youngsters

To help combat what it terms a trend towards parental neglect of children's teeth, the Detroit District Dental Society is sponsoring free dental X-rays for youngsters during National Children's Dental Health Week, February 7-13.

According to the DDDS, early dental care not only prevents tooth decay — America's number one killer of good dental health—but helps to avoid conditions which lead to crooked teeth, faulty bite and even major dental disorders.

Dr. Henry J. Hergel, president of the Detroit District Dental Society, says that regular visits to the dentist during the years from three to 12 assure "baby" teeth are shed at the right time and permanent teeth are properly aligned.

The free dental X-rays are being arranged with the six year old to the teenager in mind. Under the direction of Dr. Donald Berner of 14302 Wistons, Redford Township, who is this year's chairman of Children's Dental Health Week activities in Detroit, five X-ray stations will be located in the greater Detroit area at Northland, Eastland and Wonderland Shopping Centers. "By locating at these busy shopping areas, we hope to be able to perform dental X-rays for thousands of Detroit youngsters," he said.

"The X-rays will be forwarded to family dentists or neighborhood dentists for review. If any remedial action is required, the dentist can talk to the parents about suggested corrective measures," Dr. Berner said.

Only children accompanied by a parent or guardian will be eligible for the free X-ray treatment. No charge will be requested by the Detroit District Dental Society.

Dr. Berner said that if this year's free dental X-ray treatments are enthusiastically accepted by the public, the society may look into similar programs next year.

Following are the X-ray locations and the hours the dental X-ray units will be open: two locations each at Northland and Eastland Shopping Centers; one store window location at Montclair Shopping Center in Livonia. The units will be open from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday (February 9-10); 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12 and on Saturday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All five locations will be staffed by complete dental teams consisting of dentists, dental assistants and hygienists.

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