

Wally Roberts UP' GOING CURTAIN

"Sweet Charity" is a honey-bun of a musical. It drips, oozes, and swims in an ocean of entertainment. Gwen Verdon dances, sings, tears your heart out, and then sends you home with a chuckle in your throat.

"Sweet Charity" is Gwen's show from the opening swirl of her protective lips to the final fling of her bedraggled trench coat. She struts, runs, and jumps about the stage as



TOMMY KIRK co-stars in "Village of the Giants" now showing at the Plymouth Art Theatre. The Embassy Pictures thriller is in color.

though she owned every board. And she does. Her boundless energy catapults "Sweet Charity" from scene to scene and infects all the actors working with her.

He said... he loves me. At last, somebody really loves me," shouts Gwen as Charity Hope Valentine. Gwen makes every mistake in limiting herself to "he" and "somebody." Doggone it, Gwen, everybody loves you as Charity Hope Valentine.

Believe me, "Sweet Charity" is a luscious lulu of a show. It makes you laugh uproariously, get misty-eyed, and sets your feet tapping at the catchy, melodic songs by Cy Coleman spin their merry way. Dorothy Fields' lyrics have a breezy, meaningful quality too long absent from the musical stage.

Bob Fosse's direction and dance numbers propel the show along in modern, modern. Sonic bombs punctuate the show; no jags or equipment failures exist. "Sweet Charity" is a Fosse-filled confectionery delight. His rich man's Frug, "The Alot," is a hilarious, motion-filled lampoon. His "Big Splendor" is a hilarious, motion-filled lampoon. His "Big Splendor" is a hilarious, motion-filled lampoon.

The evening at the Fisher was one long series of thundering applause pauses; those happy theatrical moments known officially as show-stoppers.

Neil Simon's dialogue, Robert Randolph's sets, the zesty taste of the producers in hiring singers as well as actors, Helen Gallagher and Thelma Oliver for their costuming, and in two minor roles, Irene Sharaff's costumes, Fred Werner's musical direction each in their own way brought the audience to the ovation stage of appreciation.

What is "Sweet Charity" all about? The adventures of a dancehall hostess looking for genuine love rather than the temporary bedroom on again off again variety. You quickly forget any roamy quality such a character may have. Charity becomes Everywoman in her arduous search for true love. The heartache, ambition, and the pile of dirty dishes always present to be cleaned project this musical, "Sweet Charity," into a larger than life frame of reference.

Rate this musical right along with the glads of yesterday: "South Pacific," "Sound of Music," and "My Fair Lady." Old Wally predicts a minimum of a three year run on Broadway.

Run, don't walk to the Fisher and get your tickets for one of the performances during its three week stay. This marvelous, magnificent musical is the big one you've been waiting for. You'll enjoy every minute and go home humming songs like "I Always Cry at Weddings," "I'm a Brass Band," "Baby, Dream Your Dream," "If My Friends Could See Me Now," and "Too Many Tomorrows."

John McMartin in the leading male role gives a many-faceted interpretation of a character that could be difficult. As Oscar Lindquist, he sings and acts on a par with Gwen Verdon. The two of them provide many creative sparks during the evening as they play out their wild romance.

"Sweet Charity" is a musical welfare plan good for all ages and will be with us thankfully for some time.

Casting Call

The Theatre Guild of Livonia - Redford will present "Lullaby" on Feb. 25 and 26. This is the very successful play which starred Eli Wallach on Broadway.

The local production will be cast on Tuesday, Jan. 4, and Thursday, Jan. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Newburgh Church Hall at Newburgh Rd. and Ann Arbor Trail. This scenic production of the Guild will be directed by Edgar Guest III.

The Junior Guild will cast their children's show, "Pinocchio" on the same two Jan. dates.

Everyone is welcome to read for both shows. For additional information about "Lullaby" call Judy Peterson, GA 4-8888, about "Pinocchio" call Jackie Javor, GA 4-8873.

Cranbrook Establishes Scholar Chair

A Visiting Scholar Chair has been established at Cranbrook Institute of Science to bring to the Detroit area distinguished individuals who would like to participate for from three months to two years in its program of promoting scientific literacy through publication, broadcast, lecturing or museum exhibits.

The program is flexible and well suited to persons on sabbatical or newly retired from academic life who wish to continue active in education, in research in one of the natural or physical sciences or in the promotion of conservation.

Only one appointment is to be granted in any particular period and will carry with it both a stipend and the use of the newly developed Thomas Alva Edison all-electric House on the Cranbrook campus.

First appointment will be for the period beginning Sept. 1968. Further information regarding the project may be obtained by addressing The Director, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, 48013.

Poker Film Opens

Steve McQueen gambles on Ann-Margaret, Edward G. Robinson, Karl Malden, Joan Blondell in the action drama, "The Cincinnati Kid" opening tonight at the Dearborn Drive in Theatre. Co-feature for the New Year's attractions will be the life story of country music singer Hank Williams, "Your Cheating Heart."

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY?

OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE
OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY
CHICKEN-BUCKET
11 pieces of chicken plus 6 rolls and pint of gravy. \$3.95
BARREL OF CHICKEN
21 pieces of delicious, fresh fried chicken. \$5.25
COL. SANDERS' SECRET

Kentucky Fried Chicken

North America's Hospitality Dist...
27524 Plymouth Road 1-Block West of 538-6100
27238 Grand River 1-Block West of 538-7400

Tiepolo Work Named Painting of the Month

A lavish canvas with tremendous visual impact is The Detroit Institute of Arts Painting of the Month for January: "Alexander the Great with the Women of Darius" by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo.

Glowing color, rich texture and expert draftsmanship characterize Tiepolo's interpretation of a dramatic episode in the life of the Fourth Century B. C. conqueror. A very young but regal Alexander the Great dominates the left side of the canvas, cloaked in red and wearing a gold helmet. On the right are the daughters of the Persian general, Darius, whom Alexander has defeated in battle. They lean toward Alexander, as if drawn to a magnet, imploring him with telling gestures to have mercy on the Persians.

is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Mondays and holidays.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! TO ALL!
Ray and Lucille
Special Buffet Dinner
Reservations Still Open for...
GARRETT'S GALA NEW YEARS PARTY!
KE 5-0050
No Cover Charge
Ray and Lucille Garrett
VETERAN RESTAURANT
30325 West 6 Mile Rd.

Observer AMUSEMENTS
MOVIES - DRAMA - RESTAURANTS
Page 6-B * Wednesday, December 28, 1965

SWING INTO '66 WITH US!
66c LUNCH
● Breaded Veal Cutlet
● Deep Fried Lake Perch
● Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
DANCING 7 NITES TO RAMON CEDRA TRIO
● Businessmen's Lunch ● Banquet Rooms Available
LIVONIA PENTHOUSE
31135 Plymouth Road HUGH GEDRICH
Just West of Merriam Your Host GA 7-3380

DINING and ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Your Restaurant or Nite Spot Could Occupy This Space
Call GA 2-3160 for complete information.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!
COME CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH US...
RAY REID'S LOUNGE
13090 Inkster Road at Schoolcraft KE 2-0505

PETE'S LOUNGE Businessmen's Luncheons Evening Dinners Entertainment
27554 W. WARREN 425-9651
Between Middlebelt & Merriman

FRESH NOVA SCOTIA FILLETS
SERVED EVERYDAY EXCEPT MONDAY
HOPE'S FISH & CHIPS
FINEST IN LIVONIA
28370 Joy Rd., in Shopping Plaza GA 7-2130
Between Middlebelt and Inkster

DE'GIOVANNI'S PIZZERIA
17146 FARMINGTON - BURTON HOLLOW SHOPPING CENTER
We Cater to Parties Tues., Wed., Thurs. 4-12, Fri., Sat., Sun. 10-12
For Carryout or Delivery Call 261-1000 Closed Mondays Open New Year's Eve 10-5 a.m.

PULICE'S COCKTAIL LOUNGE RESTAURANT
52826 FIVE MILE GA 1-4388
BIG NEW YEAR'S PARTY
● DANCING ● ENTERTAINMENT
● Noise Makers ● Hats and Horns
● NO COVER CHARGE
Come One... Come All! Breakfast Served at 2:30 a.m.

LIVONIAN BEEF HOUSE
28205 Plymouth Road
Across From Fisher Body
DAILY 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. CLOSED MONDAY

HANNA'S HUT Businessmen's LUNCH
33991 Plymouth, East of Wayne Road Carry Out GA 7-1560
Open 5 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturdays 6 p.m.-3 p.m.

MOY'S CHOP SUEY
16911 Middlebelt Road, Corner Six Mile and Middlebelt GA 7-3170

LIVONIA CHIN'S GARDEN CITY **KITTY'S**
GA 1-1627 28426 PLYMOUTH RD. 3632 MIDDLEBELT RD. 425-9651
2 Bks. E. of Middlebelt Finest in CANTONESE and AMERICAN FOODS.

DELMONICO'S PIZZA
27028 Plymouth Rd. KE 4-0443 or KE 4-0444
For Fast Delivery (Delivery Charge 35c)
★ CLIP AD - GOOD FOR 50c OFF ON ANY SIZE PIZZA!
TACOS - 30c Planning to buy special discount on orders for \$10 or more!
Carry Out and Delivery Only

Friendly MERRI-BOWL LANES
Restaurant & Snack Bar
● COCKTAIL LOUNGE ●
BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH 95¢ to \$1.35
30950 FIVE MILE ROAD at Merriman - GA 7-3900
● Fast Service ● Carry Out ● Home Cooking

WE ALL WISH YOU...
A PROSPEROUS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YEARS PARTY!
● DANCING ● FAVORS ● FOOD
Open Till 4 a.m.
PATTI'S LOUNGE
33653 Five Mile
Just West of Farmington Road

FROM ALL OF US...
at Dino's. Warmest wishes for A Happy New Year.
FRANCES * MARY ANN
DICK * ARMAND * BETTY
KEN * JANE * KENNY
EVELYN * JANE * ETHEL
JEANETTE * LOREN
RONI * JACKIE
NORM * JEAN
ADINA * NEW YEAR'S PARTY
OPEN HOUSE
No Reservations Required
LENNIE * HELEN
JOANNE * ED * RUTH
HARRY * MARY KEVIN
AL * NICK

YOU'LL NEVER FORGET THIS ONE
Favors for all. No Minimum. No Cover. Regular prices prevail. Dance with favorite girl in our red velvet room.
Music by the **MUSICAL DEAN'S**
It's Been Wonderful... Serving You
Your Host SAM PANICCA
Dino's
42401 SEVEN MILE at TELEGRAPH 538-4688

GOSTANZA'S PIZZA PALACE
Now Under New Management!
DINNERS NOW SERVED IN DINING ROOM
PICK-UP AND DELIVERY SERVICE
OPEN 7 DAYS
Sunday thru Thursday, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday 3 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Phone GA 7-6691
33729 Plymouth Road, Livonia

WAGNER'S
HOPPY'S VELVETONES
Now appearing for your dining and listening pleasure.
538-0189
COCKTAIL LOUNGE
Grand River at Telegraph
Plan to attend our Gold New Year's Party
★ ENTERTAINMENT ★ DANCING

RAFTER FINE FOODS
29195 PLYMOUTH ROAD GA 2-9822
OPEN 7 DAYS - 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mama Mia Restaurant and Pizzeria
"Where the Pleasure is All Yours and the Work is All Ours"
EAT OUT TONIGHT
CARRY-OUT GA 7-1000 DELIVERY GA 7-6800
HOURS: Tuesday thru Saturday 4 p.m.-2 a.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.-1 a.m. Closed Monday
27770 PLYMOUTH ROAD near INKSTER

BUSINESSMENS LUNCHEONS
DINNERS - COCKTAILS
BANQUET FACILITIES
Make Bowling Banquet Reservations Now
THUNDERBIRD INN
14707 Northville Road
Plymouth 453-2200

We Proudly Announce the Return of **EDNA BROWN**
Previous engagement here ran 75 straight weeks
SHE'LL STEAL YOUR HEART

Dancing
Tuesday thru Saturday
Floor Shows
Friday and Saturday
★ Weekend Entertainment on Upper and Lower Level...
Dick Katgen, M.C.

We host a fine menu and you'll find everything to your liking at our peninsula bar.
MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESERVATIONS NOW
We Fill Up Every Year.
Dodson's COPPER DOOR
8701 Inkster Road at Joy Road. 427-6550