

As Mrs. Lincoln

She'll Be On Television

Little did Louise Martin know when she tried out for and got a role in Bob Wall's original one-act drama, "The Thin Line," how important it would become to her.

In March, Mrs. Martin, a Redford Township resident, was named best actress in the Metropolitan Detroit Community Theater Festival for her portrayal of the tortured Mary Todd Lincoln.

THE PLAY concerns the sanity trial of Mrs. Lincoln. In it, Wall has used materials from Robert Lincoln papers, released only in the 1940s.

Wall and Mrs. Martin show how Mrs. Lincoln was a character more deserving of sympathy than history has accorded her. Besides having diabetes, which affected her mental as well as physical health, she was plagued by worries over money and the health of her children.



LOUISE MARTIN of Redford Township will be seen on television playing the role of Mary Todd Lincoln on July 9. (Observer photo by Bob Wooding)

LAST WEEK, Mrs. Martin found herself in a television studio, faced with three cameras and a lot of lights, again playing Mrs. Lincoln. Mrs. Martin will be seen in "The Thin Line" on Channel 4 Sunday, July 9, from 3 to 4 p.m., in a special broadcast.

Wall's play was the runner-up in a contest for original plays in the festival. The winner, "Sermon of Man," will be presented by a Detroit Company on July 2 in the same time period.

On June 17, the Players Guild of Dearborn will take "The Thin Line" to Vandalia, Ill., for two performances.

One of the state's oldest cultural institutions, the Historical Society of Michigan, is in the midst of planning for the future so that the achievements of the past will be properly honored.

In order to build a society capable of financially supporting statewide services, it is currently engaged in the largest membership campaign in its history. Over the next several months, Frank Wilhelm, the director, hopes to extend a personal invitation of membership to some 40,000 history enthusiasts throughout the state.

Historical Society Plans Membership Campaign

FOR THOSE interested in membership, the annual dues are \$3, for student; \$6, joint-annual; \$8, annual; \$10, supporting; \$25, contributing; \$100, sustaining, and \$150, life.

Interested persons should write to the Historical Society of Michigan, 2117 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, 48104.

Today, the society is making

preparations to harness an increased interest in history at all levels, local, state and national.

Wilhelm points to many reasons for the renewed interest in history, but he believes that two stand out above the others in importance.

First is the Bicentennial Era, inaugurated by Pres. Richard M. Nixon in 1971 to focus attention on the nation's colorful heritage.

Second is the growing concern over the preservation of our man-made environment.

According to Wilhelm, many members of today's active historical organizations see their efforts and concerns as part of the environmental movement. They have organized to speak out in behalf of the threatened historical resources of their communities.

PTP To Feature 11 Major Events



ANN ARBOR The Professional Theater Program of the University of Michigan will present three companies in six productions in addition to the five touring attractions previously announced.

The 11 major dramatic events will be presented in the Power Center for the Performing Arts during the 1972-73 season, executive director Robert C. Schnitzer announced.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS are being offered to students and regular subscribers for a variety of plays and six pay series. Each visiting company will perform a first selection on Friday and Saturday evenings and its second on Sunday afternoon and evening.

The subscription office is located in the lobby of the Mendelsohn Theater and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

In early November, the new Phoenix Repertory Company will present Eugene O'Neill's "Great Day in the Morning" and a new adaptation of Moliere's comedy, "Don Juan," with prominent stars before opening on Broadway.

Mid-February will bring back the Juilliard Acting Company in two new productions after a New York run at the Lincoln Center Theater.

Art Show Focuses On Past

DETROIT A major exhibition of one of the most popular American artists of a century ago opens at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Wednesday, June 7.

"Eastman Johnson: Everyday Life in America 100 Years Ago" will be shown through Sunday, July 23.

Contemporary audiences may rediscover Johnson (1824-1906) in nearly 100 paintings and drawings rich in color and anecdote as well as in humanity and warmth.

Founders Society volunteers will conduct public tours of the exhibition on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Tours will begin at 12 noon at the exhibition entrance South Wing.

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Milan Art Show Set

Westland artists Betty Worting, Dorothy Brian and David Sharp have entered exhibits in the Milan arts and crafts exhibit being held Sunday, June 11.

The event will be held from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in Wilson Park. In case of rain, it will be held in the Milan Middle School on Platt Road.

David Sharp, associate professor in the department of art at Eastern Michigan University will begin the judging at 4 p.m.

The day's events will include a kite contest at 4 p.m. There will also be a clown and children's art circle, a place where children can be left to make jewelry and other artistic creations while their mothers and fathers tour the other exhibits.

The Milan Library will have a book sale as it is in the process of updating its inventory.

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Genealogical Society Meets

DETROIT The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Inc., will hold its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 10, in the Explorer's Room of the Detroit Public Library (Cass Avenue entrance).

Richard J. Hathaway, head of the Michigan unit, department of education, state library services, Lansing, will speak on "Facilities of the State Library for Genealogical Research."

There will be an opportunity for discussion of individual genealogical problems between 9:45 and 11:45 a.m.

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Classes Focus On Flowers

Japanese flower arranging and summer wildflowers are the subjects of two courses to be offered beginning in early June at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens. They are sponsored by the University Center for Adult Education, (UM-WSU), 600 Farnsworth, Detroit 48202.

The course in flower arranging will begin June 7 and will continue for six weeks. The fee is \$22.

The wildflowers course will begin June 8 and will run for five weeks with eight sessions combining lectures and field trips. The class will meet Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Cost is \$27.

Interlochen, closing its 10th year, prepares students for both college and conservatory.

Wayne Singles

DETROIT Wayne Alumni Singles will hold their monthly coffee hour on Sunday, June 11, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Wayne State Alumni House, 401 W. Ferry.

Single graduates from all colleges are invited to attend.

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Vogel To Teach Acting Classes

A summer acting class and workshop are being sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation department. It will be taught by Russ Vogel, head of a new acting company in the area called Production Players.

The four-week course will cost \$10. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Plum Street Players, and sent to Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, 32625 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Registrants should include their name, address and telephone number. Registration closes Friday, June 23.

The course is aimed at children between the ages of seven and 15 and is open to residents and non-residents of Livonia.

The classes and workshop will be held in Frost Junior High School, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft. They will begin the week of June 26 and will be held every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (except the week of July 4) from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Art Institute Will Have Free Tours

DETROIT The free tours of the galleries with masterpieces on public, each starting at 10 a.m. during the museum's six continue throughout the open days weekly commencing on Sunday, June 3, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 1200 N. Wacker Drive, Detroit 48201.

Trained guides, who are 100 Years Ago, will be of volunteer Docents from the fered until the close of the Art Institute's Founders exhibition on July 23. There is no extra admission for the permanent collection Johnson show.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at noon. They will guide visitors through the week when the institute is newly-opened. Regular museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, also starting at 12 noon.



DON F. DEGROOT of Farmington was elected to the board of trustees of the Detroit Historical Society at its 50th annual meeting in the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle.



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**MOVIE GUIDE**

**LA PARISIEN**  
GARDEN CITY GA 1-0210  
"PLAY IT AGAIN SAM" (PG)  
"THE CRUNCHING"

**STATE-WAYNE** PA 1-2100  
"CHARLES BRONSON  
"CHATO'S LAND" (PG)  
"BURY LANCASTER  
"LAWMAN" (PG)

**ALGIERS Drive-In** GA 2-2810  
"1-BIG CARTON PARTY  
"2-ALL WALL DANCE COLE SHOP  
"3-KING OF THE SOUTH (PG)  
"4-STEVE FOREST  
"5-THE COUNTRY" (PG)

**WAYNE Drive-In I** PA 1-3150  
"THE CONCERT OF THE BANGLADESH"  
"RINGO STARR  
"200 MOTELS" (R)

**WAYNE Drive-In II** PA 1-3150  
"CHARLES BRONSON  
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**PENTHOUSE I** 261-8500  
"STEVE MCQUEEN  
"BULLITT" (PG)  
"WARREN BEATTY  
"BOONIE AND CLOYDE" (PG)

**QUO VADIS II** GA-7700  
"EVERY LITTLE CRACK AND  
"FRANK SINATRA  
"DINTON DILLON" (PG)

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**142 Students To Graduate**  
Three Observers students are among 142 seniors who will graduate from the Interlochen Arts Academy on Friday, June 9.

They are Patricia L. Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knox of Steiber, Westland; Charlotte J. McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.F. McGuire of Palmer, Plymouth; and Gregory A. Mathias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mathias of Roslyn, Garden City.

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**Piano Concert**  
DETROIT Pianist Boris Maximov will present a concert at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, in the Community Arts Auditorium of Wayne State University. Maximov is on the applied music faculty at WSU.

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**DiGiorgio Has Leading Role**  
Pietro DiGiorgio, speech teacher at Garden City East High School, has the lead role in Will - O - Way Theater's production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

The play may be seen June 9 and 10 at Will - O - Way, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Reservations may be made by calling the theater. DiGiorgio was recently seen at Will - O - Way in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."