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THE MAYNARD ANDREAE FAMILY of Ridgewood, Bloomfield Hills, were sure that "Silk Stockings", the show that leaves the Shubert Saturday and opens on Broadway Feb. 24, is "terriffe musicale." But they're especially hoping to see the opening, for Mrs. Andreae's niece, Gretchen Wyler, will'be on stage in a star's role instead of understudying. The Andreaes invited Gretchen's mother here for Sunday's staging, and when she arrived, her daughter had just learned of her new star status. Gretchen, who visited the Andreaes when she was here in "Guys and Dolls." is happy to replace Yvonne Adair in the comedy, musical lead, while her predecessor is reportedly as happy about her expected child.

A NEIGHBORHOOD ice ballet staged Sunday evening at the Burmaster home, 1045 Suffield, netted 92 cents for the local polio fund. Ten little girls between 8 and 11 years made their own costumes, prepared the show and invited neighbors to watch. The program consisted of dancing, figure skating and a short skit, "The Perfect Tree".

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW ZONING MAP, just out this week, couldn't be more up-to-date. Included are the latest city acquisitions—the 234-car parking lot at Pierce and Merrill, and the one parcel the city has bought in the block just south of Shain park. Copies of the map are available for 20 cents each at the office of City Clerk Irene Hanley.

THERE ARE "INSIDE" and "outside" job classifica-tions in many businesses, but the "outside" man in the City of Lathrup Village must be really versatile. In hir-ing Vernon Hodges Monday night for city duties, City Administrator Leonard Watchowski listed a few of the new man's duties as maintaining culverts and ditches, street signs, dog policing, grading streets, etc. Hodges, who will start with the city March 1, will be paid \$4,800

WHEN THE ANNUAL musical program of the Detroit Roundtable of Catholics, Jews and Protestants is presented Feb. 23 in the Rackhan building, the 19 members of Birmingham's Holy Name boys' choir will be among the singers. The choir is also slated to appear soon on a program sponsored by the League of Catholic Women. The group, under the direction of Gilbert Gervais, is becoming increasingly well-known and popular.

DURING FIVE DAYS of the past week, the traffic light at Long Lake and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills has been set to operate as a blinker because snow and slash made road conditions dangerous. The steep southbound grade makes it difficult for motorists, especially truck drivers, to stop at the bottom of the hill. The same grade makes it next to impossible for northbound drivers to get up the hill, once they have come to a stop. Therefore, they are permitted to cross without interruption, while east and west-bound traffic waits for a break in the flow.



MEMBERS OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS in this area cited the work of State Senator William S. Broomfield, 18th District, (center) for his help to the organization. Presentation of the plaque was made Sunday, Feb. 13, at the DAV Post in Royal Oak with John Cruse (left), state department commander, making the presentation. Fitured at right is Matthew Kubia, post commander. (Photo by Lowell

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