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Soviet Trip Big Event But Home Looks Good To U of M Band Member

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD HILLS — "I wouldn't start out again tomorrow," sighed Marge Stettbacher who is still catching up on her sleep after a rugged 10-week tour of the Soviet Union and middle East with the University of Michigan Band.



Marge Stettbacher strums a Russian balalaika, a memento of a trip through Russia and the Middle East.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stettbacher, Marge is the clarinet since she was in the fourth grade at Pierce School. Her instructor was Robert Kutcher, present orchestra director at Groves High School.

"I wanted to play the trumpet," Marge said, "but Mr. Kutcher said the clarinet was a better instrument for a girl."

BY WAY OF CONTRAST, she recalled that she had been singled out in a Russian conservatory of music and invited to give an "on-the-spot" performance with her instrument.

"They consider the clarinet very unfeminine for a girl over there. It so happened I didn't have it with me that day, so I couldn't play for them, anyway."

When we boarded the Russian plane in London, headed for Moscow, the first thing we noticed was the contrast. The plane was strictly practical, not the least bit luxurious.

Even the smallest was foreign, the U of M coed said. "At that point, we girls were in the fourth grade at Pierce School, numbered 67 to 27, by the boys."

BAND MEMBERS were warned they might be followed in the Soviet Union. "I don't believe we were," Marge commented.

They visited 11 Soviet cities and towns over an eight-week period. During the tour, five weeks, they made concert appearances in Cairo, Jordan, Greece before going back behind the Iron Curtain.

They played in Bucharest and Brosov, Roumania, and then made a series of two-night stands in Poland. Band members found Roumania very beautiful, but Russia very drab.

Poland would have been lovely, also except for the war, the Beverly Hills coed remarked.

"WE LIVED IT UP when we got to Frankfurt. It was the most westernized place we had been in for weeks and weeks—and did we shop and tour and eat."

Their music received an enthusiastic response wherever they went but the band was accorded "hard Man's curve" south of 13 Mile Road on Franklin.

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The Soviets preferred light show times, Marge said, especially jazz, which is not allowed there. "George Gershwin's 'Summertime,' and songs from 'My Fair Lady' were always popular but the Red favorite was 'The American Party' included members of the 94-piece band, plus a doctor, nurse, press representative, Revelli and the assistant conductor, George Cavender, a business manager from the State Department and four others."

"WE WERE ALLOWED complete freedom in Russia," Marge said. "But one thing stands out. Dr. Revelli said, before we went, that we would probably return with a greater appreciation of our country than we had ever had before."

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"VERY FEW POLITICAL questions came up. We were not stopped from talking to any of them but we did learn that two Russian girls who tried to arrange a visit with some of the band members were prevented and told not to try and see any of us again."

"The Russians were very curious about us. I remember at a concert in Moscow someone from the audience yelled out, 'we like Americans!'"

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Councilman Edward Green recommended that a letter be sent to the Franklin Church trustees advising them that in view of village attitude, prospective sale of the building now being used by the Christian Science Church should not be contingent upon rezoning.

VILLAGE MARSHAL John Donaldson reported that four serious accidents occurred during the sharp curve on Franklin Road, south of 13 Mile.

The council agreed that State Police, county road officials and AAA engineers should be consulted for a solution to the hazardous conditions.

Although the curve is well posted and the drivers involved in the accidents are obviously in violation of the situation warrants immediate attention, Donaldson said.

He has been asked to make a two-year summary of accidents in that area for council review. Councilman Eugene Kelly suggested that change in the road grade might be necessary, however county traffic engineers will be requested to make a survey.

THE COUNCIL deferred action on approval for the transfer of the liquor license with dancing permit for Rosemond Hills Inn until its next meeting, in two weeks.

Hot Idea Leaves Young Cook Cold

BEVERLY HILLS—Ten-year-old David Ball is all cooked out. Last Thursday evening, David's parents went shopping, leaving the child in charge of their own George Jr. 18. While they were gone, David decided to cook his own dinner on the portable barbecue.

It wasn't such a hot idea. The grill was too close to the back porch and two bamboo blinds caught fire.

WHILE DAVID heatedly fought the blaze, his sister Janet, 13, ran to a neighbor who called the fire department. Another neighbor rushed over to help and the fire was quickly extinguished. Damage was minor and no one was hurt.

But David can't kindle any enthusiasm over cooking his own meals since the episode. The mere idea burns him up.

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INCUMBENT TED MINKE, returned to the board with a count of 1,040, scored one vote less than Kenneth Larsen's winning 1,047.

ONLY 1,545 VOTERS, out of about 15,000 who are registered, turned out for the election, as compared to 4,833 voting last year out of about 11,900 registered.

Minke was elected to the board last year to fill a one-year vacancy. He is president of the local Kiwanis Club and member of several other organizations.

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Beverly Hills Man Chairman, Speaker At Sales Meeting

BEVERLY HILLS—Raymond E. Fisher, 31323 Pierce, Beverly Hills, will be chairman and principal speaker Sunday through Wednesday at the National Society of Sales Executives meeting at Williamsburg, Va.

A member of the society since 1957, Fisher will speak on "Intelligent Planning to Control Expenses."

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Incumbents In, Pool Out In Hills School Election

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Students in Bloomfield Hills School District will have to get along without a swimming pool.

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Crowds Create Parking Problem At National Open

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—With only a small amount of business to transact at Bloomfield Township board meeting Monday night, board members discussed parking problems raised by National Open Golf Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club.

THE BOARD postponed action on a DD liquor license for Bloomfield Park Store, 2113 Woodward, until its July meeting.

IT PASSED a resolution eliminating a \$24,000 bond issue for constructing a sewer and storming plan sanitary sewer as construction plans are not ready.

AFTER HEARING a discussion by the board, Chairman Norman Dabney said he was opposed to the parking problem raised by the golf tournament, the board instructed Dabney to propose to residents allowing a commercial parking in their yards, unless permission has been given by the police department. Some residences facing Maple have parking permits to allow parking in their yards.

TICKETS will be issued as zoning restriction violations.

WHO SHOULD PAY for the cost of enforcing a dog ordinance? This became an issue in board discussion of the proposed ordinance.

DR. DONALD STRATTON, appearing before the board as a representative of the Beverly Hills Property Owners Association, proposed that under dog license would pay for a single dog warden. This plan would call for elimination of a dog pound, with dogs picked up to be boarded at Oakland County dog pound.

ANOTHER suggestion from the audience that dog licenses fees be raised to pay for enforcement costs brought a guff from board member Henry Hogan.

Said Hogan, "Enforcement costs are going to come from the complaints of residents who pick up dogs... perhaps the burden of cost should be borne by them."

A final decision by the board was postponed until its next meeting, June 26.

Franklin School Summer Lending Book Program Set

FRANKLIN—Launching a summer lending program, the Franklin School library, under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Dieffendorf, will be open Monday, noon to 4 p.m. for six weeks.

Beginning June 19, all children who live in the community are welcome to borrow books and use the library's services. No fee will be charged except the usual two cents per day overdue book penalty and cost of lost or damaged books.

IT IS HOPED that the availability of the many books acquired through PTA and student efforts will encourage village children to participate in the Franklin Community library summer reading program.

THE public is invited to attend the meeting.

Franklin Council Names New Village Treasurer

FRANKLIN—The appointment of a new village treasurer and awarding of a \$81,170 road contract, highlighted the agenda of a council meeting Monday.

Also discussed was a third request for the rezoning of the old Franklin Community Church on German Hill Road and a transfer of a liquor license for Rosemond Hills Inn.

The full and incomplete agenda also focused attention on the increasing incidence of accidents on "Dead Man's curve" south of 13 Mile Road on Franklin.

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Lowest of eight bidders, Lynn Excavation scored with its bid of \$81,170. Highest bidder was Fyke Company with \$41,940.

THE COUNCIL decided not to act on the request of Harold R. Wright, William H. Gillett and J. Macdonald Jacobs to have the former Franklin Community Church rezoned to an education, office, research classification.

Reviewing previous actions taken by the council, planning commission and voters, the council agreed not to propose rezoning of the building now being used by the Christian Science Church should not be contingent upon rezoning.

Firemen Promoted In B'field Twp.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Lt. John Moysey and Capt. Al Landino received promotions from the Bloomfield Fire Department, effective Monday.

Landino was promoted from lieutenant rating to Captain. Acting as fire inspector, his duties will involve fire marshal work.

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Chief N. Dehnke Speaks to Group In B'field Twp.

Norman Dehnke, Chief of the Bloomfield Township Police Department, spoke to a group of 75 young people at the annual spring meeting of the Bloomfield Berkshires Improvement Association.

Chief Dehnke discussed the measure homeowners take to cooperate with the police officers against the expansion of their work of his organization, which he directed, to combat larceny and robbery problems of recent months.

ON THE SUBJECT of juvenile activity, he recommended that each association within the township consider the sponsorship of "teenager" dances periodically to offset delinquency and to provide supervised recreation for the younger groups.

Fenton Lusk of East Greenway Drive and James Bestwick of Old Mill Road reported on efforts to improve and beautify approach to the subdivision. P. Gormery of Jackson Park Drive, president of the association, presided and introduced the speakers.

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Royal Oak City Car Damaged in Collision In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Two cars, one of them belonging to the city of Royal Oak, were extensively damaged in an accident Tuesday morning at the corner of Lusher and 13 Mile Road, according to police. No one was injured.

The Royal Oak car, driven by the city's attorney, Allan Hertler, was struck by a vehicle driven by a Detroit woman, Kathleen C. Salmon, 30, Police said she ran the red light. Hertler was traveling west on 13 Mile. The other driver was headed north on Lusher.

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