

## West Keansburg troop to make bicycle trip

W. KEANSBURG

Boy Scout Troop 149 will make a bike hike from W. Keansburg to Englishtown Sunday, with free passes to Raceway Park issued to scouts who finish the trip.

The hike is a warm-up, according to Scoutmaster Vincent Forgiore, for a longer trip to Great Adventure, Jackson, which is currently being planned.

Fifteen Scouts 10 to 16 years old will ride to Englishtown, he said, taking in historical sites along the way.

They will be coached by Tony Schiavo, owner of The

Peddler Bicycle Shop, Long Branch. Schiavo has also

donated two bicycles for underprivileged scouts to use on the trip.

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# Entertainment

Hamilton's Dracula tragic, hilarious

## 'Love at First Bite' fine comedy

By Lee Duigon

Some day people will stop making Dracula movies. It wouldn't be a bad idea to wrap up the Count's saga with "Love at First Bite."

"First Bite" is a comedy. It will make you chuckle or laugh out loud once every couple of minutes. But in spite of all the sight gags, Lugosi quotations, and leg-pulling, the film shows a certain appreciation of the subject seldom found in straight horror flicks.

George Hamilton (who also co-produced the film) does a bang-up job as the vampire, poignantly and hilariously

complaining about "going around for 700 years dressed up like a head waiter...subsisting entirely on a liquid protein diet...never tasting potato chips, mallomars," etc. Being Dracula is not without its disadvantages.

It's funny because Hamilton is so genuinely melancholic. Contrary to tradition, his is not an evil Dracula.

Hamilton speaks every line with a pure, stacy, mock-Transylvanian accent. He never falters, never seems inwardly amused by his own jokes. It's a splendid comic performance.

The tragic Count is accom-

panied by the madman Renfield, who eats live insects and small animals. Arte Johnson is outrageously funny in this role.

In the Thirties, Dwight Frye devoted his film career to playing Renfield and several other maniacal "servants" to classic horror figures. I would have thought it impossible to parody these performances, but Johnson does it. He makes a liberal use of the insane, wheezing laugh of Frye's Renfield. It certainly doesn't do much to put his fellow airline passengers at ease.

"Love at First Bite" is

Dracula's swan song. When the communist government of Rumania decides to transform his castle into an Olympic training camp, the Count decides to go to New York to pursue a model (Susan Saint-James) he has loved in her several previous incarnations.

Naturally, he is totally out of place in the Big Apple. Black hoodlums try to mug him; an unemployed Puerto Rican family tries to eat him (they identify his bat-shape as "a black chicken"); and his lady love, at her first sight of him, informs him that she's already ordered.

There's just no place for mystery and romance in the banality of the Seventies.

The only one who's scared by Dracula is the model's crazy psychiatrist (Richard Benjamin), grandson of the Count's old nemesis, Dr. Van Helsing.

Benjamin turns in his usual excellent performance. He plays his part with a manic intensity which is grating at first, then side-splitting. By the time he hits his stride, he's getting a laugh with nearly every line.

Benjamin teams up with a cynical, middle-aged cop (Dick Shawn) to stop Dracula. Shawn is a tough, worldly-wise old cop who can't get anybody to be afraid of him. It's very frustrating for him and very amusing for the audience.

Ms. Saint James is given the task of playing straight man to all these lunatics. It's a good thing she's up to the challenge. The film would be bedlam without her.

Don't miss "Love at First Bite." You'll be cheating yourself if you do.

## CFPA to pick club officers

MIDDLETOWN

The County Foster Parents Assn. will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Monmouth Family Center, 270 Route 35 (near Pine Street).

Election of officers will be conducted. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, according to club president, Janice McCarthy.

Mrs. McCarthy, one of the founders of the eight-year-old organization, has been club president for three years, and before that, vice president for four years. She said she will not seek re-election.

## Society to hold doll program

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

"Dolls, You'll Love 'Em" will be the theme of a program to be presented 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Atlantic Highlands Historical Society.

The meeting will be held at Borough Hall.

Antique, glazed china, and porcelain dolls, and collector's items from the 1860s to the turn of the century will be displayed.

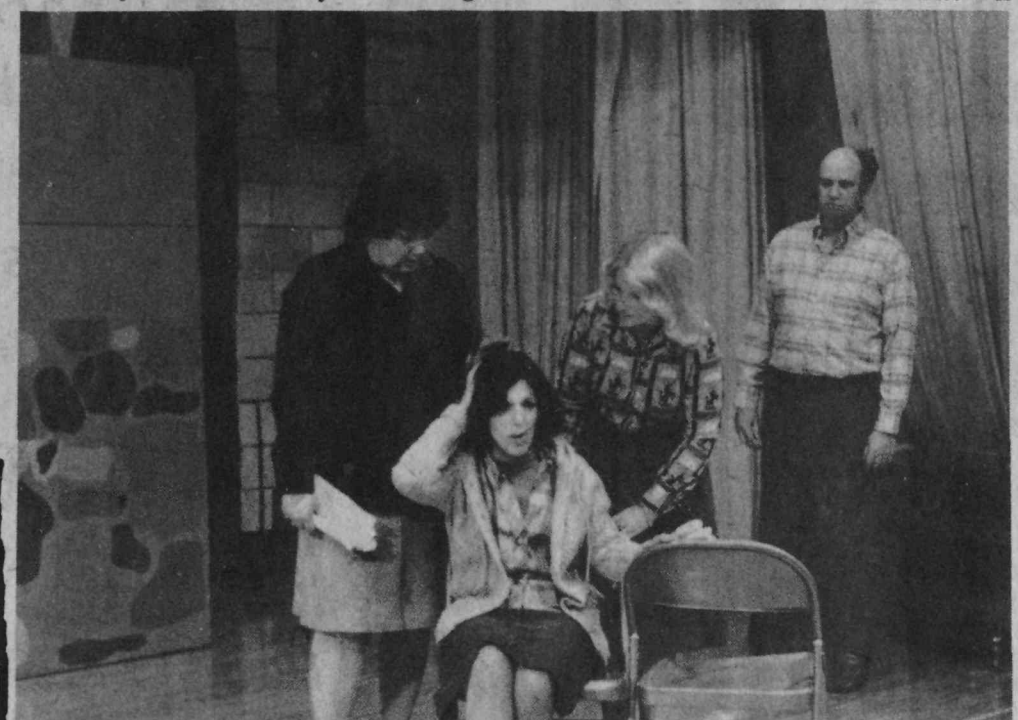
## Church group sets yard sale

MIDDLETOWN

The Old First Church Women's Fellowship will sponsor its annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the church, 69 Kings Highway.

Featured will be a table of homemade foods, including breads, cakes, and soups.

Rain date is June 23.



## 'Murder In Company'

Old Bridge Theater Guild players rehearse "Murder In Company," a mystery thriller to be presented Friday and Saturday on June 7 and June 9 at the Carl Sandburg School, Route 516. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. The players are (from the left) Sandy Gittleman, Louise Eisenberg, Lori Burgess, and Gary Stern. The play is directed by Florence Wallace and produced by Barbara Boyler. Tickets, \$3, may be obtained in advance by calling 360-2151.

## Shaughnessy to headline Arts Center's Irish festival

HOLMDEL

Comedian Mickey Shaughnessy, veteran movie and television star and night club performer, will headline a host of entertainers at the Ninth Annual Irish Festival to be held Sunday, June 24, at the Garden State Arts Center.

Shaughnessy, who won fame as the funny sailor in "Don't Go Near the Water," one of his 37 movies, will serve as master of ceremonies of a two-hour Irish variety show.

The Irish Balladeers, a group of musicians and folk singers from Scranton, Pa., will top the list of stage performers. The group has recorded several albums, including "The Molly Maguires," which tells in music the story of immigrant Irish coal miners in Pennsylvania.

Other performers include Michael McFarlane of Hack-

ensack, Broadway musical star; the Noel Kingston Trio of New York, featuring the Sound of Ireland; singer Gabrielle O'Hara from County Cavan, Ireland; "An Claidheamh Soluis" (The Sword of Light), musicians from the Irish Cultural Arts Center, New York City; and Irish Step Dancers from the New Jersey Schools of Fedelmia Davis and Jimmy Friel.

The all-day festival will kick off at 9 a.m. with a colorful display by 10 Irish pipe bands, which will compete for trophies for piping and drumming excellence.

A large tent housing many Irish cultural exhibits opens at 10 a.m. The displays, arranged by the Irish American Cultural Institute of New Jersey, will include Irish crystal, tal, arts and crafts, and historical themes. Irish soda bread will also be available.

At 11 a.m. Msgr. John P. McHugh, a native of County Roscommon and associate superintendent of education of the Paterson Diocese, will be the principal celebrant of a mass for peace. A Gaelic choir will sing parts of the mass.

Two groups of Irish lads will compete in a game of Gaelic football at 12:30 p.m. It will match players from St.

Thousands of families are expected to picnic on the spacious lawns around the complex. For the first time at an Irish Festival, two vendors will offer fish and chips, a combination popular in Ireland.

Tickets range from \$3 to \$10. Special rates are available for groups and children under 12.

Proceeds from the festival are contributed to the Garden State Arts Center Cultural Fund, which provides free programs for New Jersey's school children, senior citizens, disabled veterans and the blind.

For more information: 442-8600, ext. 221, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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The Hazlet Recreation Commission will sponsor a production of the dance fantasy "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Raritan High School. Among the stars in the production are (from the left) Kate Fay, Patty Celestino, Ellen Barbieri, and Suzanne Madden.

## 'Snow White' dance show to appear at Raritan

HAZLET

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a dance fantasy featuring 75 area dancers, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Raritan High School, Middle Road.

Sponsored by the Recreation Commission, the dance program will be performed to the traditional show music and passages from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty," Beethoven's "Für Elise," Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," Offenbach's "Gaité Parisienne," Strauss's "Village Swallows," Clementi's "Sonatas," Beethoven's "Faust," and Delibes's "Sylvia, Coppelia, and Violin Concerto.

The cast, which includes members ages 6 to adult, are all Dance Shoppe students.

According to Yvonne Scudieri, the producer, featured dancers will be Audrey Oldoerp (young Snow White), Patty Celestino (adult Snow White), Greg Yetka (the prince), Ellen Barbieri (the queen), Casey Grady (the witch), and Erin Lowman (Snow White's sister).

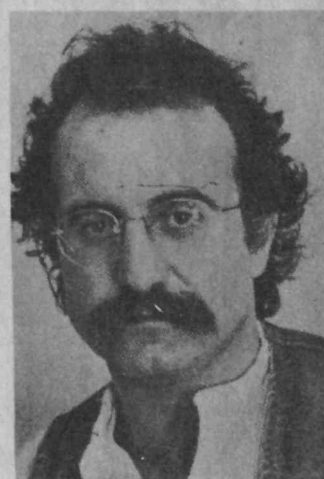
Also, Kate Fay (Snow White's sister as an adult), Nicole Kotlan (young Brettel), Suzanne Madden (adult Brettel), and Judith McCarthy (a mirror).

Costumes for the show were designed by Gail Rogers, Highlands. Nancy Levin, a Brookdale Community Col-

lege drama student, also assisted with the production. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



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## Park system sets two-man art show

LINCROFT

The Monmouth County Park System will sponsor a two-man art show by Nicholas Aristovulos of Locust and Stephen Bradacs of Montclair from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road.

Aristovulos and Bradacs will be exhibiting their works from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July 8.

The exhibit is part of the "Accomplishments in Art" series established by the park system.

## Dining Guide

BUTTONWOOD MANOR, Route 34, Matawan. Dining in a charming lakeside setting. Specialties: duck dinners, seafood, and prime ribs of beef. Lakeview Terrace dining room. Cocktail lounge & bar. Music Wed., Fri., Sat. Cuisine: American Continental. Prices: Luncheon a la carte \$1.50-\$4.25. Dinners a la carte \$3.95-\$10.50. Hours: Luncheon, noon-2:30 p.m.; Dinner, 4:10 p.m. (Sat. 11 p.m.) Sundays, noon-9 p.m. Day Closed: None. Parties: to 300. Address: Rte. 34. Phone: 566-6270.

CHURCH ON MAIN STREET, 74 Main St., Matawan, 583-5100. Former Trinity Episcopal Church converted to restaurant, featuring Italian cuisine and historical motif. Lunches start at \$1.50, dinners at \$3.50. Bar separated from dining area. Open 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

COLTS NECK INN, Route 34 & 537, Colts Neck. 462-0383. Smorgasbord luncheon Mon. Fri., noon to 2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. BankAmericard, Master Charge, American Express accepted. Cocktail hour 4:30-6 p.m., hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, dinner served from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., weekends to 11 p.m. Entertainment Wed., Fri., Sat. Now featuring Dick Richards at the organ, with two pianos.

BURLEW'S CLIFFWOOD INN, Route 35 and Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood, 583-1126. Luncheon specials 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., spaghetti and ribs, pizza, seafood platters, soup and sandwich, hot and cold sandwiches, chicken, and steak. Daily specials. Steamed mussels and pizza to go. Open 7 days. Dinner menu, cocktail lounge.

MAGNOLIA INN, Route 79, Matawan, 583-9200. Tues., Wed., and Thurs. specials 5:11-30 p.m. from \$1.85 to \$2.85. Sunday specials 3:11-30 p.m. from \$1.85 to \$4.25. Children's menu \$1.25 to \$2.50. Cocktail lounge.

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DON QUIXOTE INN, Route 34 (at the windmill), Matawan, 566-7977. Luncheon noon to 3 p.m., Tues. Fri. Closed Mondays. Dinner 5:15-10 p.m. Tues., Thurs., 5:10-15 p.m., Fri., 5:11 p.m., Sat., 1:19 p.m. Sun. Catering service available. Banquet facilities to 300 people. Most credit cards accepted.

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SHANTY INN, Route 79, Matawan, 583-9220. Luncheon specials, every day, blackboard specials. Specializing in seafood. Dinners served noon to 12 p.m. daily. Entertainment Wed.-Sun.

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