

Family reunion to take place at Ice Capades show

Helen Avery of 4279 S. Seeger Street will be viewing the Ice Capades show at the Saginaw Civic Center Saturday with more than casual interest.

Her grand-niece, Leigh Ann Davis, is a featured performer in the show.

The show will be a family reunion of sorts. Mrs. Avery will be attending the show along with her sisters from Sebewaing and Mount Clemens and their husbands, her son Bruce and family from Pleasant Lake, and assorted cousins and second cousins,

a total of 20 people.

After the show, they will be meeting with Leigh Ann and her parents, Don and Marilyn Davis, who will be flying in from California and staying with Mrs. Davis' aunt in Midland.

Leigh Ann is only 18, having graduated from Paramount High School in Paramount, Calif., last June. She was born in Yuma, Ariz., and her hometown is Huntington Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Avery's brother, Walter Wissner of Yuma, is her grandfather. He is originally from Michigan, as are Leigh Ann's parents.

Leigh Ann began skating at age 7 and competed in several southwest regional and Pacific coast competitions for junior novice and intermediate women. In the top meets, she placed as high as second behind Linda Fratianne, who won a silver medal in the Olympics Saturday.

According to Mrs. Avery, who last saw her grand-niece when she was 16, Leigh Ann decided after graduating from high school to turn pro, rather than continue with her amateur career. The Cass Cityan has never seen her skate.

According to her Ice Capades biography, the 5-foot, 5-inch blonde Californian was a little shocked when she found she had been chosen to be a featured skater in her first year with the show.

"I would have been very pleased if I had just gotten a job to skate in the line," she

explained, "but then they said they wanted me to skate a solo number, and I just couldn't believe it."

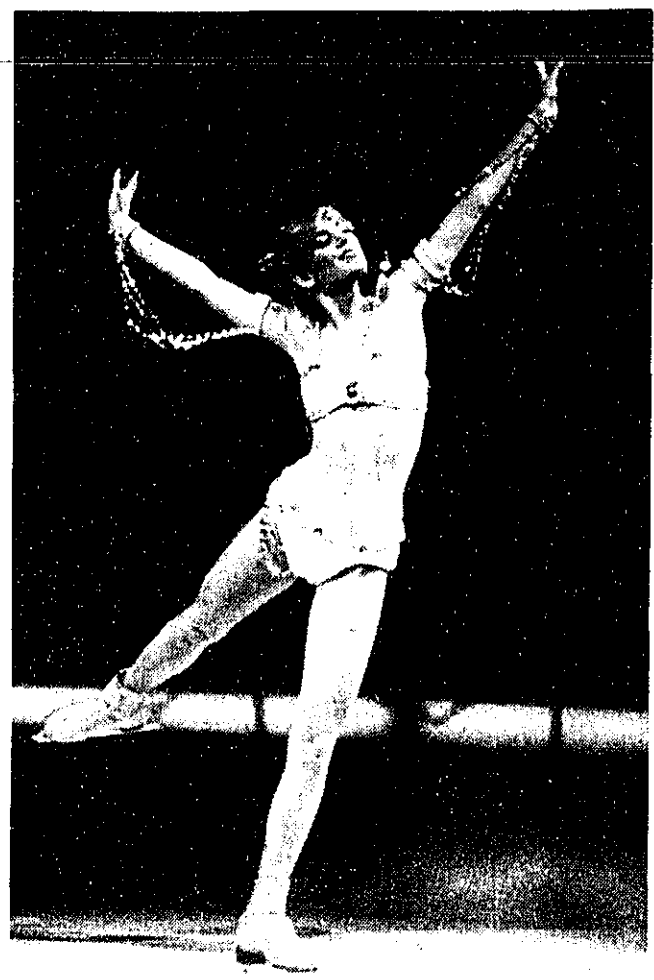
Miss Davis portrays "Miss Galaxy" in the "Celestial Voyage" number, in which the skaters journey to the interplanetary Ice Station Zebra.

In addition, she also performs the show's featured solo when the Ice Capades' star performer, Dorothy Hamill, does not perform. The 1976 Olympics gold medal winner does not trav-

el with the show the entire season and won't be performing in Saginaw. The show will be there through Sunday.

Leigh Ann sees the show as an opportunity to see the country before she some day settles down, gets married and teaches skating.

"I've always enjoyed traveling, but except for a few vacations, never had the opportunity to do very much. I intend to do as much sight-seeing as possible."



LEIGH ANN DAVIS, performing in the Ice Capades show.

Tait announces for sheriff nomination

Bruce C. Tait of Caro has announced that he will be a Republican Party candidate for the office of Tuscola county sheriff.

Tait, 54, is presently undersheriff with the department, having served under Sheriff Hugh Marr since January, 1973. Marr recently announced that he will not seek re-election. He

has been sheriff since 1963. A native of Caro, Tait graduated from Caro High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Army a month after his graduation. Twenty-two years of continuous military service followed with his Army retirement taking place in June, 1965.

Returning to his hometown, Tait was hired as a

deputy sheriff in October, 1967. He worked as a correction officer for approximately nine months before assuming road patrol and dispatch duties. He was promoted to detective sergeant in January, 1972, and was named undersheriff the following year.



Bruce Tait

Since joining the Sheriff's Department, Tait has obtained an associate degree from Columbia College, Mo., through a program offered by the Veterans Administration, and attended conferences and seminars in jail administration, fingerprinting, first aid, civil disorders, traffic patrol, arson, bank robbery and hostage situations, bomb threats and police supervision.

As undersheriff, Tait has been involved directly in jail operations, personnel management, public relations and law enforcement education.

He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Post No. 7, Caro Lions Club, American Red Cross, Republican Party, and the National and Michigan Sheriffs' Associations.

Tait and his wife, Carrie, have two children and five grandchildren. They reside at 674 Burnside Street.

Two other candidates have announced so far for the Republican nomination for sheriff, both from Caro. They are Earl Scott, 31, and Bernard Lenda, 54. The latter is a former Hamtramck police officer and presently an investigator for the Tuscola County Prosecutor's office.

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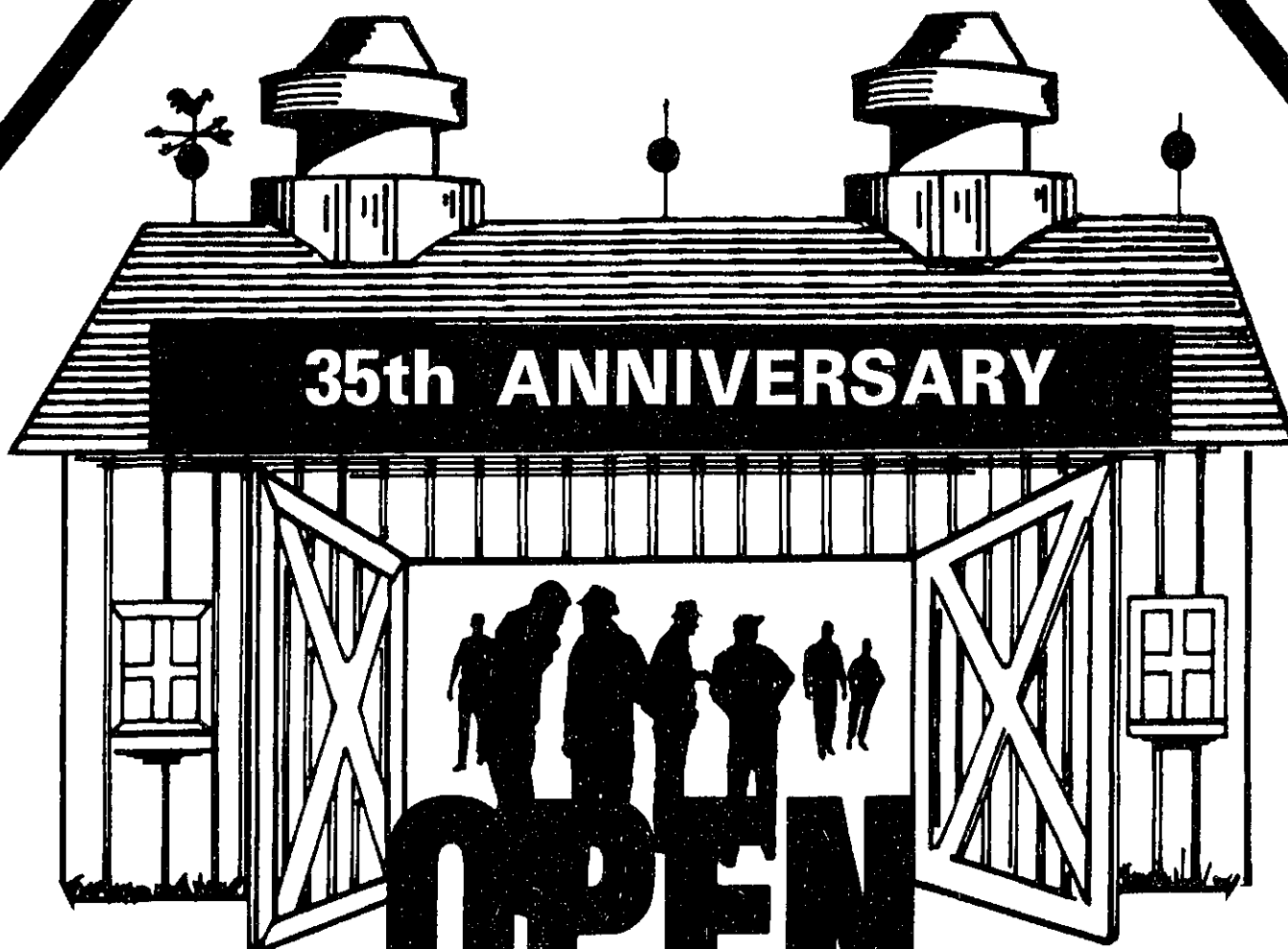
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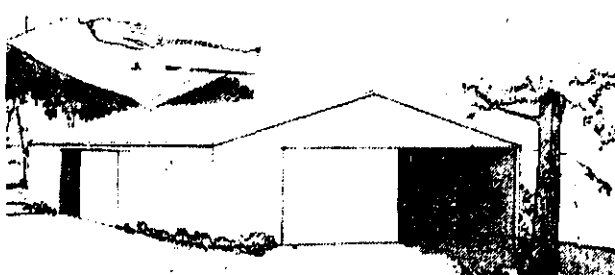
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