



AT PRACTICE last Monday, Gary Anderson, a member of the Oberlin Area Band, played a variety of percussion instruments, including drums of all sizes and a wooden block. The band practices every Monday at the high school.

Musicians get ready for first concert

After months of practice, the Oberlin Area Band is ready for its first concert.

Although the band, comprising 14 adults, played at the Seeds of Hope Telethon, the members haven't held a concert yet.

The first one will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2, in the Morgan Theater at The Gateway. Director Neal Russell, former Decatur Community High School band teacher, said the band isn't selling tickets, but will take donations.

The group practices at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays in the high school band room.

Last week the group played through each of the songs they would perform in the concert. The members laughed and smiled in between songs.

Director Russell had them go through a few parts of the songs several times to work out things that



WITH HIS HANDS held high, Neal Russell directed the band.

didn't sound quite right or parts on which they had questions.

The band will play music by K. King/J. Swearingen, Mozart/M. Isaac, A. Davis, H. Walters, Bach/Moehlmann, H. Hazelman, A. Parera/H. Walters and Red Skelton/Ferris.

Joan Glading will be the featured soloist on her alto sax during Solo Silhouette by A. Davis.

The band includes Christie Morris and Rhonda May on flute, Deanne Spanier on clarinet, Mrs. Glading on alto sax, Robyn Rouse on bassoon, Gary Anderson and Joy Russell on percussion, Lonnie Weyeneth, Kelly Shields, Joanne Wendelin and Lynn Reynolds on trumpet, Kathy Almquist on French horn, Ken Morris on trombone, Leslie Jones on baritone and Robert Rouse on tuba.

Mr. Russell said other musicians over the age of 18 who know how to play can join the band. Call him at 475-3371 so he can get the music.



ON HIS TROMBONE, Ken Morris (left) belted out a tune during practice. Joan Glading (above) worked on her solo piece on the alto saxophone.



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