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Celebrities to Appear . . .

Grand Opening Slated At Valley Ridge Center

All roads in the Minnesota Valley will lead to the Valley Ridge Shopping Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday as merchants sponsor a gigantic grand opening in their newly expanded facilities.

A thousand Twins batting

helmets will be given away beginning at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) to youngsters twelve years old or younger with a valid coupon. No purchase is necessary.

DANNY THOMPSON of the Twins, Bill Brown and Karl Kassulke of the Vikings, and Bill Goldsworthy of the North Stars will meet and greet their fans beginning at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in a giant Sportsnite event.

Hot dogs, cake and coke will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. both Thursday and Friday night at a cost of 15 cents. Shoppers are urged to bring their families and have a picnic.

FRIDAY NIGHT has been designated Family Night, with music from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. by Jules Herman and his big band, featuring Lois Best, Lawrence Welks's first Champagne Lady.

As a special added attraction, Bill Carlson of WCCO-TV and Nancy Nel-

son of WTCN-TV will appear on stage.

Saturday is Kids' Day, with Clancy of WCCO-TV and Casey Jones of WTCN-TV on hand to greet the kids with prizes and surprises, as well as a performance by Smith's Canines, an all-star dog act.

COUPONS ARE printed in a circular being delivered to SUN readers this week which may be deposited in each store in the Valley Ridge center, making signers eligible for a long list of merchandise prizes.

Included are a wrist watch, dinnerware, a pony, a decorator elephant, a diamond ring, a car stereo, a mirror, a tape deck, a television set, and gift certificates.

MERCHANTS throughout the shopping center are featuring special buys for the occasion, as well as free refreshments, coupon specials, prizes and surprises.

With the addition of a number of new shops, the roster at Valley Ridge shopping center is an impressive one. It includes Animal Farm, a barber shop, Bob's Skelly, Coast to Coast, Corner Carpet, Crosstown Liquor, Crown Auto, Cue Club, the dance studio, David A. Johnson Realty, and Delmonica's Studio.

FASHION CAROUSEL, Gilt Edge Decorating Service, Hearth Side, Ida's Cleaners, Kathy's Magic Mirror, Karl Mickes Insurance, Leibs', Oddens' Jewelry, Ole Piper Inn, Posh Pourri, Robby's, Slumberland, Sullivan's Super Valu, and Valley Ridge Drug.

SUN readers are urged to visit each of these shops during the gala three day grand opening and discover the broad scope of goods and services available to them and their neighbors.