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Wagner Inspires Absorbing Novel About His Career

By Linde Moore

One of the greatest personality riddles of all time was Richard Wagner. Argumentative, didactic, possessed of a violent temper, he exploited and then betrayed the men and women who helped him to become famous. He treated his wife shamefully for years and then eloped with the daughter of Franz List, who was then married to Hans von Bülow. Henry Handel Richardson has woven the theme of that ancient scandal that shook the musical world to its foundations, as the basis of his novel, *The Young Cosima*. He searches into the psychological motives of the principles involved to make an absorbing story.

Harlequin House, by Margery Sharp. A gay, utterly impossible and very merry story concerning Lisbeth Campton, whose chief duty in life was to be charming and decorative, until it became necessary for her to rescue her brother from his own foolishness.

The Story of the Road, by J. W. Gregory. Not always could the word "road" conjure up the picture of a broad smooth concrete highway dedicated to the great gods. Yet there have been roads since the world began and so clearly do the conditions of roads shape the character of a nation that they may be used as an index to the civilizations that produced them. Mr. Gregory has produced a fascinating book. He describes the old Roman roads in England, some of which are still in use, and discusses why Roman roads were straight and why Chinese roads twist and turn so many times in a given mile.

My Wife and I, by Sidney Homer. The memoirs of one of the best loved figures in the modern musical world. Composer of innumerable songs, Homer is an important figure in his own right but his book is gallantly more about his wife's career than his own. Louise Homer was a famous contralto who made her debut as Leonore in 1897, and sang with the Metropolitan Opera Company for many years.

The Best One-Act Plays of 1938, edited by Margaret Mayorga. A collection of plays consisting of American plays and including several bibliographies of foreign plays, other collection and lists of plays.

Neutrality for the United States, by Edwin Borchard. A calm appraisal of the position of the United States in relation to Europe. Borchard considers the arguments for and against the United States becoming involved in European trouble, and appraises the possibilities for remaining absolutely neutral. Although based largely on the happening of the World War, it contains much that is applicable to present day situations.

Shaker Furniture, by A. D. Andrews. A book for those who love the simplicity and beauty of hand wrought furniture. The book is profusely illustrated.

Great Catholics, edited by Claude Williamson. A collection of biographical sketches of some of the great men of all time. Beginning with Paul the Apostle, it includes the stories of such men as Hildebrand, Thomas More, St. Vincent de Paul, Leo XIII, Gregor Mendel, Francis Thompson and Aubrey Beardsley.

Only One Card Is 'Official' Field Office Advises

There is only one official social security account number card, and that is issued by the federal government.

This statement was made today by Walter B. Redman, manager of the Social Security Board field office in Pontiac. He reported that recently several persons have contacted his office to inquire whether metal plates or other permanent devices now being sold by private interests may be regarded as "official" social security account number cards.

"In the beginning social security account numbers were issued by the post office throughout the country. They are now being issued in more than 300 field offices of the Social Security Board. Either the number obtained originally by the applicant, or the duplicate if the original has been lost, is the only official number to be used in identifying the persons who are covered by old-age insurance."

"If workers desire to record their names and numbers on metal plates or other devices that is a matter in which the Social Security Board has no part. These devices often contain errors and cannot be regarded as official social security account numbers," Mr. Redman added.

He advised anyone who has lost his original account number card to obtain a duplicate through the Pontiac field office which serves the counties of Oakland and Macomb.

OXFORD—Walter Behm, 43, was injured at the Ford graveyard at Oxford while at work Sunday morning. He suffered a broken leg and crushed hip, and was taken to Pontiac General Hospital.

Oakland County Briefs

ROYAL OAK—Suzanna Galpin, 9 o'clock. Search revealed his pet two-year-old daughter of Patrolman J. Galpin, around and between two open manholes. Police were called and after a brief search started to call for more city employees to go into the sewers to look for the lad.

The search ended abruptly when a call from police headquarters reported a small boy, later identified by Mrs. Peterson, had been brought in by Walter Noack, 1723 Houston avenue. Noack had discovered the child sitting on the Grand Trunk railroad track on top of a 20-foot embankment and moved from the track a minute before a fast passenger train was due.

Suzanna, who will undergo plastic surgery to avoid a permanent scar, began taking Pasteur treatments as an anti-rabies precaution. The dog is being held for observation.

PONTIAC—Pontiac's public schools will continue the present term without interruption, closing for the summer on June 2. This procedure appeared certain following a meeting of the teachers' Friday afternoon at Pontiac High School.

FERDIALE—Joseph Froelich, 1419 Central avenue, Detroit, was attempting to turn into his driveway at 10-50 Friday night when his car was struck by another car. The second car turned over on its side and the driver was assisted from the machine but immediately disappeared. When sheriff's officers investigated they found the second car had been stolen from a parking lot at Perry and Pike street just a few minutes before the collision. Robert Willis, 272 East Boulevard South. The car had been badly damaged.

Boucher was removed to Pontiac General Hospital where it was found he had a possible skull fracture, brain concussion and a possible fractured left shoulder.

ROYAL OAK—When the Royal Oak township water department office was completed, Frank Neuss, township resident all of his life, will begin his duties as its superintendent. He was appointed by the township board.

Neuss' experience includes 19 years as owner and manager of a Hotel Park grocery store and four years as a tool maker for the Ford Motor company. He was born Nov. 4, 1899, and lives with his wife and daughter at 320 East Woodruff avenue.

PONTIAC—William M. Hartzell started on that second hundred years Sunday. He completed the first 100 Saturday and a week-end celebration drew scores of friends from the United States and Canada and congratulatory letters and cards by the hundreds.

"That first 100 years isn't so bad as they tell you," Hartzell asserts, his eyes twinkling. "It's just a simple matter of living one day after the other."

But twice within recent months, illness has threatened to prevent Hartzell from reaching the century mark. However, he had so fully recovered from his birthday anniversary that he was able to take the daily walk which has made him a familiar figure to most Pontiac west sides.

ROCHESTER—Charles G. Seed, 20, son of Charles S. Seed, 329 Walnut street, Rochester, received internal injuries, possible rib fractures and cuts on the right leg and ankle when he lost control of an automobile while driving on Rochester road a mile and a half south of Rochester at 10:55 o'clock Saturday night. The car was ditched and rolled over, brought to Pontiac General Hospital, Jack Allen, 21, Rochester, a passenger received a back injury but did not require hospital care and another youth in the car escaped unhurt.

Oakland League To Hold Annual Meeting May 10

"Responsible Citizenship in Oakland County" will be the subject of an address by Carl H. Chatters of an address by Carl H. Chatters, Municipal Officer, Association of the Oakland Citizens League to be held Wednesday, May 10, at 8 p. m., in the Board of Commerce building in Pontiac. Mr. Chatters is executive director of the Municipal Officers' Association of the United States and Canada.

Prior to the address, there will be a business session when four directors will be elected, and action taken on amending the League's Constitution. Reports will be presented, and future plans discussed for the League.

The main event will be Mr. Chatters' address. The speaker is widely known for his experience in dealing with affairs of government. Formerly he has been director of Finance for the City of Flint, director of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan, member Board of Review, Federal Public Works Administration, member, Advisory to Director of U. S. Census; consultant to various cities, states and national groups; municipal consultant, Tennessee Valley authority; secretary, National Committee on Municipal Accounting, and is the author of many publications on governmental problems. The meeting will be open to the public, and all interested are invited to attend.

About Your Public School

This information is furnished by the Birmingham Board of Education in cooperation with The Eclectic.

Q. How do delinquent tax monies affect the financial problems of the schools and what does the future hold in this respect.

A. Delinquent tax money is that unpaid part of the real property tax returned to the County Treasurer's Office for collection each year after the deadline date for the tax payment has been reached. During the years of 1933 and prior to it is obvious, because of the economic condition generally, that large tax delinquencies would accrue. However, portions of these delinquencies in our district have pledged for debt retirement which leaves only a relatively small amount to be used for operating purposes. Each year this source of revenue for schools is lessened. The following figures will show the rapid decline in the amounts received from delinquent tax sources:

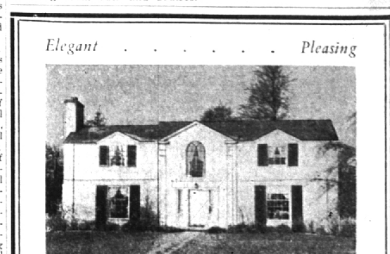
1935-36	\$79,907.26
1936-37	\$7,539.88
1937-38	\$1,423.14
1938-39	\$1,293.32

In the not too distant future it is reasonable to assume that little will be derived for school purposes from this source.

ROCHESTER—Workmen were to start Wednesday on the construction of the \$54,779 sewage disposal plant, contracts for which were let last week, it was announced Sunday.

The plant, PWA financed, was authorized last year by voters after the State Stream Control Commission had complained that the village was polluting the Clinton River. Pontiac, warned at the same time, has had its plant under construction for several weeks.

HOLLY—Rev. and Mrs. Frank Church were injured between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon when their car and one driven by Willard Long, of Holly, were in collision about two miles north of Holly. The Churches were brought to their home in an ambulance, suffering from cuts and bruises.



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