Laderoute Thrills Sunday Audience At Matinee Concert

By FENTON MATHEWS

The Will-O-Way Youth Orchestra played to a capacity house Sunday afternoon and produced an exquisite program that was intelligently musical, musically intelligent and artistic.

Joseph Victor Laderoute, the young Canadian tenor who has the leading role in the play, "The Ninth Minute," which opened Tuesday night, was the guest soloist as a compliment to Celia Merrill, the director, that being her birthday.

The Mozart "Ein Kleine Nacht" Serenade for string orchestra showed the perfection that this group of young players has attained in its intense study the past two months under the skilful direction of Celia Merrill.

Mr. Laderoute, a young concert singer who has appeared with the large symphony orchestra, has a magnificent voice. With an engaging personality, combined with a voice of expressive sweetness and wide range, Mr. Laderoute impressed the audience as attested by the ovation given him.

"La L'Arlesiane" by Celia and "Morgen" by Richard Strauss were chosen for the first group by Mr. Laderoute.

Debussy Played

The Debussy "Third Movement" for string quartette showed the orchestra at its best. The muted strings rising from a whisper to piano seemed more like a harp with a soloist than a group of young players displaying such perfection.

"A Dream" by Grieg and then "Song to Celia," an old English air, were the concluding numbers by Mr. Laderoute. An insistent audience again heard the lovely Strauss number, "Morgen."

Many comments were heard from members of the audience concerning the excellence of the program, one comment coming from a member of the Henry Ford orchestra.

Radio Artists Meet

That amazing Merrill family, creators, designers for living and non-conformists deluxe, played hosts Friday evening to a lively group known as "AFRA" which, reduced to simplest terms, means American Federation of Radio Artists.

This group in Detroit for its fourth annual convention, national in scope, bought out the Will-O-Way Theatre for the evening, had dinner at the Merrills', remaining for an Afterglow following the play.

Lawrence Tibbett is President, Edward Arnold and Jean Hersholt are Vice-Presidents of this group. The convention was held at the Book Cadillac in Detroit and among those present were John B. Hughes, Virginia Payne "Ma Perkins," Phil Lord, Everett Clark the New York singer; Ann Seymour better known as "Mary Marlin," Emily Holt, Wade Barnes announcer of Cleveland station WTAM, Carlton Kadell of Chicago, Hollywood sent True Boardman, and Al Hodge, "The Green Hornet," was there with his buzzer wide open. London, England produced William Stark; Wayne Short from St. Louis; George Hellen from New York; Coleta Power; Pom Pray; Glenn Forshee and many others. The Lone Ranger was also there.

Furnish Own Entertainment

A large birthday cake was cut and then the members furnished their own entertainment. With the knowledge people of the theatre have of human nature it is no wonder that they are usually pretty happy and are free thinkers. If a shortcut to heaven can be devised, it is not unlikely that these people shorn of sham and hypocrisy will have the pole position and will be welcomed there because of their frankness and general fair-mindedness. It was nice to meet so many of these jolly "Afra's" souls and the blessing of this department follows them to their next conclave.

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Knocking on Wood

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Europe to get back on its feet. One would normally assume that Britain and France, having gone through hell for four years, would be darned sure that it would not happen again.

Why This War?

But, it did happen again, and it could have been stopped, easily. Why wasn't it?

Because England has been ruled by a selfish reactionary class which fostered Hitler because it feared Communism.

That was the 20th century's most colossal piece of stupidity and criminal selfishness.

Now, the world is upset, and ironically, the feared Communists are fighting theirs and Britain's battle. What a theme for some Shakespeare writing a thousand years from now!

That, instinctively, is why the American people are so emphatically against war. Sympathetic, they hope Britain will win. Practical, they are doing much to help. But, possessing a sense of values handed down through 165 years of freedom during which time they avoided international intrigue and, instead, devoted their time to constructing a new nation, the American people are not yet convinced that this inexcusable conflict is **morally** our war. If we do get into it, it will be through the back door, because of "incidents" which will not permit our backing out; or, because, we feel that our security is so threatened that active intervention is necessary. When that time comes, if it does, The American people will not be reluctant to fight.

Our Relative Security

Is our security threatened now? Of course it is. Every big army and navy in the world, no matter who owns it, is a potential threat to the United States, just as we are a potential threat to Canada and Mexico.

But the danger was infinitely greater when Germany overran France and was ready to pounce on Britain, just recovering from Dunkirk, and relatively helpless.

Now, Britain and the United States are much, much stronger than they were a year ago, while Germany's strength is being spent in the Russian campaign. Japan threatens to upset the Far East, but no one is really scared about that.

No, common sense would indicate that our national safety is now less in peril than at any time since the start of the war, and that our status will improve as our huge preparedness program gets under way.

But, watch the Russian campaign closely. If Russia collapses—and it does not look as though she will right now—that blow may be the one used to push through a war declaration.

Useful

Some prejudices are very useful—especially among people you can't reach with reason.—St. Louis Globe-Dispatch.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of Petition of Frank Meier and Edith T. Meier, his wife, Kenneth R. Olson and Elizabeth Olson, his wife, et al to vacate part of the plat "Woodland Park Subdivision."

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, praying for the vacation of that part of plat "Woodland Park Subdivision" consisting of that part of plat as follows:

1. That part of Aberdeen Avenue commencing at the north line of Cambridge Avenue and extending to the south line of Catalpa Drive.

2. All that part of public alley parallel to and immediately north of the Eleven Mile Road.

3. All that part of public alley parallel to and immediately south of Catalpa Drive.

That said Woodland Park Subdivision is located in the Township of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, and recorded in Liber 37 of Plats, page 5.

That the application based upon said petition will be made to said Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on Monday, the 15th day of September, A. D., 1941, for an Order vacating part of the plat as above described, at which time and place any person in any manner interested in said application, or in the Township of Southfield, or otherwise interested in the immediate adjoining premises to that part which is proposed to be vacated may appear and oppose the same.

Dated: July, 1941.

OTTO F. BRIDE,
EDITH T. MEIER
KENNETH R. OLSON
ELISABETH OLSON,
Petitioners.

OLIVER H. KIRK,
Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Birmingham, Michigan.

20-21-22.

Mrs. Stringham Goes To New Position

Mrs. Margaret Stringham, who has been supervisor of the University of Michigan correspondence courses here, has been transferred to the Workers' Service Program in Detroit. Mrs. Alma Osborne is taking Mrs. Stringham's place as correspondence study supervisor. Office will be in the Baldwin Library Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, and Wednesday afternoons.

Another Crash at Merrill and Henrietta

Another crash has occurred at Merrill and Henrietta streets. Last Thursday morning, Lathron Mitchell Wilkie, of 20420 West 12 Mile road, driving a taxicab east on Merrill, collided with a car driven north on Henrietta by Charles Orzechowsi, 23 years old. The latter said the cab was going fast enough to spin his car completely around.

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Report from the manager of condition of Esty Pond and River Rouge adjacent to Birmingham together with recommendation for improvement.

Hearing set for Sept. 2 to consider improving Brester Avenue east of Torrey.

Initial Merchants License issued to Brown Cleaners.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

East Of Birmingham

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gower and daughter, Mary Winifred, have moved into their home on 16-Mile road, east of Crooks. The Gowers were formerly of Royal Oak.

The Carl Walters, Mr. and Mrs. and Gladys and Bob, who lived on Delemere street for a good many years, have moved to 18-Mile road, west of Livernois.

Miss Marjorie Eyler, of Cranbrook, spent Saturday with Mrs. Gordon Webber, Jr.

The electric poles are up on Alpine St. and on Muer Ave. and all the new houses are lighted evenings. Another new house is started on Muer.

Oakland County Farmers picnic, sponsored by the Grange, Farm Bureau, Agricultural Conservation, and rural extension service, is being held today at Dixieburg Park. The principal speaker is Prof. Howard Rather of Michigan State College.

Mrs. Albert Johnson is convalescing at her home following an operation at the Helene Mienke Hospital of Hazel Park.

Mrs. Stanley Smith of Crooks road entertained the Poppleton Stitch and Chatter Club at her home Wednesday evening.

Probably Was

We do not feel qualified to help out the information man in explaining the make-up of the Japanese Diet, but from the way things have been going lately we wouldn't be surprised to find out that it was mostly raw meat.—Boston Herald.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of August, 1941.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie Watt, Deceased.

Carl B. Westerby, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court his petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the ninth day of September, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be fixed as the time and place for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy)
FLORENCE DOTY,
Register of Probate.
JOHN P. McKAY,
Attorney-at-Law,
Birmingham, Mich.

20-21-22.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

THE MORRIS M. HALSTEADS returned from two weeks spent at Menominee Beach, near Harbor Springs. They brought their two boys, Billy and Bob, who have been at Northwoods Camp on Douglas Lake, back with them.

THE C. R. EATONS and their daughter, ELEANOR, have just returned from a three week motor trip to California. They spent some time visiting with Professor and Mrs. Elliott G. Reid, at Leland Stanford University.

THE LYNN D. HALSTEADS and Mr. and Mrs. Forest B. Tweedy, of Summit, N. J., are spending three weeks at Teelaw Ranch at Bayfield, Colo. They left Birmingham last Thursday.

MR. AND MRS. B. W. HATHAWAY, of Chicago, are moving into their new home on Gilbert Lake this week. While the last touches were being put on the house the Hathaways have been staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Buell, of Willow lane.

JANET BROWN left Friday for her home in New York after having spent a week here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Bennett.

THE RUSSEL A. SANDERS left last evening for a long week end in central Kentucky where they are visiting friends and relatives.

ALBERT A. CLARK, who was injured in falling from a horse several weeks ago, is still at home convalescing.

PAT SANDERSON, daughter of the DAVID SANDERSONS, has just returned from a month at Chippewa Lodge.

JERRY JOHN, son of the W. A. P. JOHNS, spent last weekend in Grand Rapids as the guest of Mrs. E. J. Frederick.

On Sunday MRS. S. GORDON SAUNDERS returned from a two-week stay at Vanderbilt Lodge, Vanderbilt, Mich.

THE ALBERT A. CLARKS are entertaining Richard and John Combes, of East Lauderdale, Fla., for a few weeks.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE H. WHITTLESEY left Tuesday on a three-week trip to National Glacier Park, Mont.

MRS. CLAY E. HERBST, of Oxford drive, is entertaining a group of friends at luncheon this noon in honor of Mrs. Frank Tyson's mother, Mrs. E. S. Crewell, of New York, who is visiting here.

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