

Capacity Crowd Attends Benefit Concert Here

By Doris E. Kus

A capacity audience heard with pleasure the annual benefit concert presented by members of the Birmingham Musicale in the Community House last Thursday evening. The program, varied and well selected, was performed with a polish and enthusiasm which highly recommends the organization's talents and ambition.

Perhaps in the future more and more local residents and newcomers will come to realize that the Musicale is capable of an entertaining and enlightening show and warrants the fine support it has received at the annual affairs in the past.

The music was not beyond the layman's comprehension nor was it, on the other hand, made up of too-familiar numbers. There was no requisite of technical musical background and yet the works presented were deep and melodically great.

The Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Gertrude Heinze Greer with Jean Whalley at the piano, chose a group of numbers which included "God, have mercy from the rich 'Miserere'; 'Ora pro nobis', an unusual and striking poem from the Welsh, "How Silently April Takes a Battle-field"; "The Splendour Falls" from "The Princess"; the light and fetching "Swiss Skating Song" and "A Song in the Night".

The group finished with a delightful rendition of the haunting Edgar melody "The Snow". The latter number featured Jean Hobbmeyer and Neva Fossenkemper with violin obligato. Also accompanying the soloists were Barbara Williams, Dorothy Gillon and Alta Lynn Magor.

Delta Delta Delta Adopts Small School

Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority alliance have "adopted" a one-room school in Pleasant Shade, Tenn., through the Save the Children Federation, and have already sent down a large shipment of books.

The organization has received pictures and descriptions of the students and is busy planning further contributions.

Tri-Delta Alliance members will meet Monday, April 3 at 12:30 in the home of Mrs. W. D. Hooper, 608 Vinewood.

Scenes from Operas

Soloists Norma Sherman, Bernice Craig, Alexander Haggard and Harriet M. Toomey not only recited to those unfamiliar with the work of the Musicale, professional voices of high caliber but performed acting roles in scenes from "La Boheme", "Madam Butterfly" and "Cavalleria Rusticana". The sets, though simple, were colorful, effective and well executed.

The finishing touch to the evening was the piano-duo team of Janet Maxwell and Robert Bates who played Geraswin as all of the composer's devotees want to hear him interpreted. Their presentation of Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Arsenky were sensitive and perfected. That Bates stepped in at the last minute to replace Maud Skinner who was taken ill is but one more example of smooth performance and ability.

For those who are newcomers to Birmingham I would like to say that we are fortunate in having an aggregation such as the Musicale.

Plans Wedding

Mrs. H. Paullette Named President of Quanton School PTA

Recently elected officers for 1950-51 of the Quanton school PTA include: president, Mrs. H. E. Paullette; mother vice-president, Mrs. Louella Howe; secretary, Mrs. Lillian M. Burrell; treasurer, Mrs. Doris E. Kus; recording secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Swartz.

Corresponding secretary is Mrs. Durely Lashmore; historian, Mrs. Marshall Keating and teacher vice-president, Miss Carol Stanton.

Skits, written and directed by Clement Penrose, presented by the Quanton fathers highlighting the evening's program last week. The Singing Centennial quartet from Kaiser-Frazer and Frank Long of the Arthur Murray studio were also scheduled on the entertainment bulletin.

On April 4, the dancing classes directed by Mrs. Robert Aldrich will present their review and parents of the participants are invited to attend.

Officers Elected by Barnum PTA

At the regular meeting of the Barnum PTA last Thursday, Mrs. Berrie Ketchum was named president. Others elected to the slate of officers for next fall are: mother vice-president, Mrs. C. V. Crockett; father, vice-president, William Hohmeyer; teacher vice-president, Mrs. Louella Howe; secretary, Mrs. Loid Giddings; treasurer, Ralph Manuel and historian, Mrs. Doris E. Kus.

A skit demonstrating the work of the radio workshop, was followed by Mrs. Monzelle Clark who commented briefly on the workshop and its objectives.

Mrs. Esther I. Middlewe, director of mental health education of the State of Michigan, spoke on "Building Better Home and School Relationships for the Junior High Boy and Girl". The second in her series of discussions will be April 20 at Barnum school.

Lucille E. Meinberg

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Meinberg of Adams road, Bloomfield Hills, have announced the betrothal and approaching fall marriage of their daughter, Lucille to Donald M. Burrell. He is the son of Mrs. Lillian M. Burrell of Detroit and the late Mr. Burrell.

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rogers of Riverside drive are spending their 15th winter vacation at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Mr. Rogers joined his wife who has been in the south for the entire season for the month of March.

Mrs. Donald Babson of Cambridge, Mass., is expected on April 5 for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Averill of Rivetown avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Dewey of Lakeside drive were recent guests at the Shoreham Hotel during a recent visit to Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Nunley of Bingham lane returned last week to their home here after vacationing in Bellisle, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ward had as their weekend guests recently at the Osage Ski Club, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Brown.

Charles McIntyre of Riverside drive spent last week in Washington, D. C., with sixty-five classmates. The trip was held under the auspices of the Principia school of government, a taste of Washington social life, sight-seeing and a series of conferences were included in the spring vacation trip.

Mrs. Burt J. Craig and Mrs. William Warner will be co-hostesses at a personal shower in the Craig residence on April 12 in honor of Miss Betsy Durham, bride-elect of April 22.

On April 11, Mrs. Ralph Lee Tucker has invited friends to her home for a luncheon being given for Miss Betsy Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGovern of Ann Arbor are expected in Birmingham on Good Friday. They will spend a week here visiting with Mrs. McGovern's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cabral of Westchesterway.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Andree will join a group of friends from the University of Michigan show "Lace it Up". Other localities who have already reserved seats are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Andree, Mr. and Mrs. John Shenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rekon, Mr. and Mrs. Max Tomicliffe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Appleford, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Curvey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simons, Dr. and Mrs. Luther Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauck, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dumbille and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mason. The show is being given on April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Patterson of Wadlington road and their daughter, Ann, who is a senior at Kingwood, have returned from a two-week vacation at the Trade Winds in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. James Lowman opened her home on Oakland avenue to members of Beta Sigma Phi Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ward Rowe of Berkeley spoke on her recent trip to Europe.

Mr. Perley Storer has returned to Winter Park, Fla., from Birmingham, Ala., where she spent the weekend.

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CLUB NOTES

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Order of the Eastern Star will meet Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

Present Day Club

Members will meet on April 4 in the home of Mrs. Mary Clark of 14 Mile road. This is the regular monthly business meeting. Mrs. Elma Kidd will speak on "Reading for Pleasure."

Forum of Writers

Birmingham members of the Detroit Forum for Writers are reminded that the annual spring party is being held this evening, March 30, at 8:00 o'clock in Ronco's restaurant.

Metropolitan

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Metropolitan Club, Spirit Nine, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, will meet Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Patrick Tobin. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ambert Peterson, Mrs. Alton Haack and Mrs. Delye Service.

AAUW Child Study

Members will meet Thursday, April 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walter L. Fry, Jr., 413 Golfview. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. David Thomas and Mrs. Robert Hall. Speakers, Mrs. Erwin Darling, advisor to girls at Baldwin and Miss Mabel Brusie who holds the same position at Barnum, have chosen as their subject, "Our Adolescent Children and How our School Cognoscitors See Them."

Kentucky Alumni

University of Kentucky alumni will meet tomorrow, March 31, at the Wardell Sheraton Hotel with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m., followed by bridge of canasta.

Tri-Delt Alliance

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 3 at 12:30 in the home of Mrs. W. D. Hooper, 608 Vinewood.

Gamma Phi Beta

Alumnae will meet at 1:30 on April 4 at the home of Mrs. Gardner Allen, 1715 Pilgrim. Mrs. Joseph J. Cucechi will give a demonstration on making hats. Members of the refreshment committee include Mrs. Richard Altman, Mrs. Robert Leary, Mrs. Hiram Todd and Mrs. Gene Bowles.

Book Study Group

Miss Donna Bolt, a Kingswood teacher, will speak on "India" at the April 2 meeting of the AAUW Book Study Group when they meet in the home of Mrs. W. A. Bourbonnais, 244 West Brown, at 8:00 p.m.

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