

# Area Women Aid Symphony's "Buy a Share" Fund Campaign

With the appeal "Buy a Share in the Future of Your Orchestra," the Detroit Symphony for the past month has been conducting its first major campaign for funds in three years. Goal is \$100,000 to be raised by 2,000 women directed by Mrs. J. Bertram Bell, maintenance fund chairman for the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony.

Workers are selling "shares" in the orchestra's future to raise funds. Each share, priced at \$5, will pay "dividends" in the form of admission to a special concert and membership in the Society of Friends of the Detroit Symphony.

## Pre-nuptial Parties Fete Bride Elect

Pre-nuptial parties are honoring Lois Ann Kennedy who will become the bride of Esmig Edward G. Leitch on April 3 at Kirk-in-the-Hills.

Lois Sheldon and Helen Rein of Detroit entertained at a dinner and miscellaneous shower while Mrs. William Kuwonen was hostess at a bridge luncheon and kitchen shower.

Another shower honoring the bride-elect was that given by Mrs. B. Gleason at her home in North Roseville Park. The Grosse Pointe Farms home of Mrs. Cyril J. Barrett was the scene of a tea.

While a houseguest of her attendant, Mrs. Carl E. Withers of Warrenville Heights, O., a party was given in her honor.

Aunts and uncles of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wettlaufer of Grosse Pointe, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wettlaufer of Pontiac will be hosts at the rehearsal dinner on Friday.

## Churchwomen Will Learn Their Roles in Civil Defense

At a meeting open to the public, the United Church Women of Birmingham will hear Mrs. Bradlee Pruden speak on "The Part of Church Women in Civil Defense."

She will discuss what arrangements have been made toward the care of the public in the event of any major disaster, either because of war, storms, fire and the like.

The meeting will be held at 10 p. m., in the First Baptist church parlor.

## LOIS ANN attended Hathaway-Brown school in Cleveland, O., and was graduated from the University of Michigan. She was president of her sorority, Delta Zeta, and elected to Scroll.



STRICKEN MOURNERS at CHRIST'S TOMB  
Typical scene from Easter drama (Eccentric Photo)

## A Cappella Choir On Concert Tour

James B. Hildebrand will be a member of the 60-voice a cappella choir of Albion college when it meets 11 concert engagements in Michigan and Illinois April 4 through 11, with Professor David Strickler conducting. The Albion choir will present an all-sacred music program, appropriate to the Lenten and Easter period.

Hildebrand will sing in the bass section of the choir. A freshman, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hildebrand, 481 Pleasant.

## On Spring Vacation

Mary Alice Robertson, a junior at the University of Michigan, will leave today for Florida where she will spend her spring vacation. She will be among 30 college students flying to Ft. Lauderdale. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Covert Robertson of Lake Park.

Most of us, each day, repeat in routine fashion, what most previous days require of us, either at home or on the job. He and she are adding much to their lives when they engage in conversation, hobbies, entertainment beyond routine demands.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

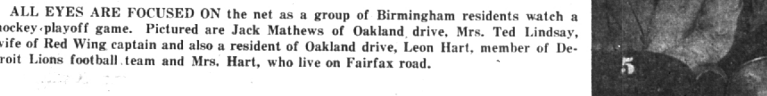
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THE WIVES ARE WAITING, and so is the bus. The Red Wing hockey team doesn't stay out very long during playoffs, always just coming into town or just leaving. The only way players' wives can see their husbands for a quick hello and goodbye is to wait for them after a game at Olympia—so wait they do. Standing from left are: Cindy Pronovost, Julie Witt, Mrs. Walter Crossman, Colleen Howe, Nita Leswick, Pat Lindsay and Teresa Belvechito.

## ALL EYES ARE FOCUSED ON the net as a group of Birmingham residents watch a hockey-playoff game. Pictured are Jack Mathews of Oakland drive, Mrs. Ted Lindsay, wife of Red Wing captain and also a resident of Oakland drive, Leon Hart, member of Detroit Lions football team and Mrs. Hart, who live on Fairfax road.



## Easter Pantomime To Be Seen Tuesday

The Easter pantomime to be presented April 6, at 1:30 p. m., in the Birmingham Community House is described as "a contribution of the Woman's Club, to the residents of Birmingham."

Under the direction of Mrs. Treasa Mary Merrill, who prepared the script after long hours of Bible study and research, members of the club and several of their children are making the presentation "a real religious experience."

"WE'VE TRIED, without undue expense, to get costumes such as were worn at the time of Christ. We have remembered that they people were not rich, and so we have avoided the use of fancy fabrics and elaborate gowns."

From the high school drama department, under the supervision of Angelo Angelelli, a group of boys will take the roles of the Disciples. Victor Ulrich will direct the 50 a cappella choir in the grand finale.

Mrs. Merrill has been assisted by Mrs. Frank Kutz, Mrs. Earle Steele, Mrs. Ira Brownell, Mrs. Forbes Haswell, Mrs. Edward Sikorski and Mrs. Irving Brown, in charge of costumes.

Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Jr., has had charge of musical background arrangements, with William Way Merrill, managing lighting.

PRIOR TO the program, the club will hold its regular April meeting, beginning at 1 p. m.

Mrs. William Anderson will have charge of the tea which will be served after the pantomime. Her committee includes Mrs. Matthew Merrill, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. E. H. Cunningham, Mrs. R. J. Detmers and Mrs. Jacobson.

Woman's club president, Mrs. C. H. Rice, will preside at the tea tables with Mrs. Charles James, Mrs. Glen Coley and Mrs. P. J. Burnett.

## Engagement Told At Family Supper

Mr. and Mrs. L. Irving Woolson of Glenary road, Bloomfield Hills, announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Louise, to William Plevich, at a family supper March 28. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Plevich of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Helen was graduated from Birmingham high school in Jan. 1950, and both are now seniors at Cornell University.

An early August wedding is planned.

## Active in Denison Theater Production

Students at Denison University, Granville, O., from Birmingham took part in a recent theater production of Elmer Rice's "Street Scene."

They are Thomas Hawley III, sophomore, son of Mrs. Charles D. Hawley, 1377 Lyonnhurst road, and Robert Whitlatch, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Whitlatch, 707 Lakewood.

## Miami Frosh Pledge

Joseph Glass, Jr., has just pledged Phi Kappa Tau at Miami University, Oxford, O. A freshman in the school of business administration, he is a graduate of Birmingham high school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Glass, Sr., 1689 Norfolk.

# Wives To See Hockey Husbands on Ice Only For Next Few Weeks

Hockey wives turn into "stage door Jannies" during the Stanley Cup Playoffs, as they wait (not too patiently) for their husbands down at Olympia stadium. A scant five or ten minutes after home games is all they see the busy players, as the "Wings live 'down under' in Toledo at play off time.

A chartered bus brings the team into Detroit just before game time and takes them back to Toledo immediately after the game.

But the sport game isn't so bad. In fact, vivacious Pat Lindsay says she "wouldn't change her life for the world." Although the Wings are out of town a lot during the season, they are also home for part of the time. And when they are in town, they can usually spend most of their time at home with wives and families. During summer months, there are no obligations to hockey whatsoever, so players are on their own to do as they please.

Mrs. Lindsay, who lives with husband Ted and son Blake at 3975 Oakland drive, is fascinated by everything connected with hockey—the game itself, the crowds, and especially the excitement. She was introduced to the Red Wing captain by a mutual friend in January of 1951 and they were married May 3, 1952.

Lindsay is now an American citizen, so the couple has made a permanent home here in Birmingham. However, other players who have not taken out their papers must go back to their Canadian homes no later than June 15.

When asked what his plans for the coming summer were, Ted just sighed and looked around his new home. "I really haven't much choice this year," he said. "It looks like putting a lawn in and landscaping the yard will be all I'll have time for."



## Adams PTA Has Election

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## Home from Florida

Mrs. Walter Simons and daughter, Cheryl Ann, returned to their Wooddale road home after a month's vacation at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and Hovey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

## Players List Plans of Last Production in Current Season

While the Village Players do not expect to establish any 255-performance plus an extensive touring record, they do anticipate a great deal of fun as they prepare to present "Personal Appearance" on April 30, and May 1, 2.

This production, open to the public, will bring to a close the Players' current season.

A smash hit on Broadway, "Personal Appearance", as the Players will stage it, is being directed by Mrs. W. Carleton Scott, with rehearsals starting this week.

## IN FINAL COMMUNITY CONCERT

Charles Kullman and Rondoliers close 1953-54 concert season.



panies of three of Broadway's finest musical shows, "Annie Get Your Gun," "As You Like It" and "The Boy in the Woods."

## April 4 Vocal Recital Ends Concert Season

South Oakland County Community Concert Association will present the final concert of the 1953-54 season at 3:15 p. m., Sunday, April 4, at Royal Oak high school auditorium.

Charles Kullman, well known singer, will appear in joint recital with the Rondoliers, a popular male quartet. Kullman has made his debut in all musical media—opera, concert, radio, television and the screen. He is perhaps best known for his career at the Metropolitan Opera, although other opera houses also claim him. Concert audiences like him for his naturalness as well as his musicianship and ringing voice.

IN the spring of 1934 he paid the first of many annual visits to Covent Gardens in London, and sang that summer at the Salzburg festival under Bruno Walter. The following autumn Toscanini chose him as soloist in the Verdi Requiem, which the Maestro conducted in Vienna.

THEN CAME his long-awaited return home. The Metropolitan signed him to a contract which has been renewed each year since. He made his debut as Faust on December 20, 1935, and went on to sing 40 roles, there are no other opera companies, such as the San Francisco and the Cincinnati. He makes many concert appearances throughout the country, as well as appearing in joint recitals with The Rondoliers.

This group of young singers has a wide variety of concert, stage, radio and television experience and their joint appearances with Charles Kullman have received high critical acclaim.

TENOR Robert Davis spent five years in the infantry in World War II and saw combat duty in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He resumed his interrupted career and soon was graduated from the Juilliard School where he was leading tenor in the Opera Theater. Numerous appearances on radio and TV have been highlighted by such shows as the Show of Shows, Toscanini Opera Broadcasts, and the CBS performance of "Hansel and Gretel."

Baritone Thomas Head was soloist with the Great Lakes Training Station's nationally famous "Blue Jackets Choir" during the war. After graduation from Milwaukee State Teachers College in 1950 he became assistant conductor and baritone soloist with the Milwaukee Pops Orchestra. Shortly after that he concentrated in the middle west and on the west coast.

Recently he has been a special student at the Juilliard School Opera Theatre in New York.

Lewie Brooks, bass, has sung leading roles in the national companies of three of Broadway's finest musical shows, "Annie Get Your Gun," "As You Like It" and "The Boy in the Woods."

These roles he has been one of the field with five full summer seasons and starring singers in the nation's leading companies.