

With the acceptance by millions of people of the radio and TV as a means of entertainment, the average home library has diminished in size. What is going to happen in a generation or two, when most people have no knowledge of classical literature?

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SECTION 2

Unusually Cold Weather Mars Visit to Switzerland

By ALICE E. MORGAN

While Birmingham sweltered and dried up, one family traveled thousands of miles on a vacation trip, to find three weeks of rain and unseasonably cold weather wherever they went.

The Ronald Mullers, 1810 Holland, with daughter Suzie, returned last week from visiting their homeland, Switzerland. The purpose of the trip was to introduce American-born Suzie to her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

"It was cold and wet all the time we were there," Mrs. Muller said. "Luckily we were visiting our families and old friends. For sight-seeing vacationers it certainly would have been too bad."

Mrs. Muller's home is near Zurich, "ten minutes drive from the most beautiful airport in the world," she smiles proudly.

Muller, who has been in this country a little over two years, but over in an engineering capacity by a Swiss machine manufacturer, said they had forgotten how clear Switzerland is.

"The streets in the big cities are always clean—they almost look freshly scrubbed. When we first came here we were in, Yonkers, and to us New York seemed very dirty. My work took me all over the country at first, and now I see it in Switzerland."

"WE HAD become used to seeing the not-so-clean streets in this country, so that when we went back we were impressed all over again."

The Mullers said that, since their return, several had asked them about conditions over there, especially whether or not the people were now getting enough food.

"There has always been enough food in Switzerland," they explained. "The people have escaped

the ravages of war and have never known want as war-involved nations know."

"The country is highly industrial, working for the betterment of the person, the family, and so the country."

In Switzerland, they explained, the family unit is of utmost importance.

"FAMILIES LIVE closely together. They work together, play together and get a great deal of pleasure from joint family projects. The children are an integral part of the home and are with their parents as much as possible."

"Since there is little trouble with youngsters there, we cannot help but feel that perhaps this close family tie is the answer. Children do not start out on their own there the way they do here. They are much older before they start having dates, before they start work, and things like that."

"When they do start work, they enter their field as apprentices, not full-fledged workers, and again are in close contact with older, experienced persons."

Mrs. Muller, a former office worker, said she served with an apprenticeship for many months before being considered fully trained. Her husband, as an engineer, served even a longer apprenticeship in learning the basis of his craft.

THEY COMMENTED on a phase of American living which many another person of foreign birth has noticed—the custom of quiet evenings at home, reading a good book, listening to good music or just visiting with friends.

"In this country," Muller smiled, the radio or television set, along with a game of cards, makes visiting difficult. Over there the general laws would curb that, for after ten o'clock at night you cannot play radios or records if the windows are left open."

Returning to the States, in southern Switzerland, the Mullers found unheard of weather prevailing.

"Always we have it warm," he explained. "At night it is often as hot as here in the day. The daytime temperature will be over a hundred most of the time, but being high and with little humidity, it is not an oppressive heat."



MRS. JAMES C. ZEDER, JR.

Grosse Pointe Scene Of Zeder-Bayne Rites

The wedding of Barbara Bayne and James Churchill Zeder, Jr., took place July 29 at 4 o'clock at Grosse Pointe Memorial church. The Rev. Frank Pitt officiated and a reception followed at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emerson Bayne of Grosse Pointe and James' parents are Mr. and Mrs. James C. Zeder of Orchard Ridge road, Bloomfield Hills.

ESCORTED by her father, the bride wore a gown of white nylon tulle made with fitted bodice trimmed in rose point lace and a fan shaped bouffant skirt. Her long veil fell from an heirloom rose point cap and she carried a cascade bouquet of white spray orchids and staghorn lilies.

Mrs. John Howland, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., was matron of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. J. Clarke Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Kenneth Warren of Kalamazoo; Mrs. Albert C. Dickson, Jr., Mrs. John Stephenson, Barbara and Mildred Zeder.

THEY WORE sky-blue organdy dresses with waist length skirts, ruffled neckline and tiny cap sleeves. Three tiny bows were scattered over the fitted bodices and their waltz pieces' matched the gowns. Each carried a cascade bouquet of white baby mums, bouvardia, delphinium and ivy.

Open House to Honor Anniversary Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Cahill of St. Catharines, Ont., arrived Tuesday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Cahill, 6375 West Surrey, Foxcroft where they will be house guests for two weeks.

On Wednesday, the senior Mrs. Cahill celebrated her birthday and an open house on the weekend will honor the couple on their 53rd wedding anniversary.



SUSAN PERRY (inset) JUDY CRAGG CAROL CURRAN MARLENE CRAWFORD JOYCE EDWARDS
Ballets on trip to New York and intensive study course

Five Piano Students New York's Carnegie Hall To Present Recital

Aurelia T. Peralta of Detroit will present her Birmingham piano students in a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence S. Heintz, 932 Pilgrim. Playing in the recital will be Kevin Heintz, Mary Ann Lillis, Mary Lu Heintz, Jacquelyn Kolly and Cheryl Jo Kolly.

Other students who give vocal programs at the Birmingham Women's club.

In New York for the next two weeks of ballet classes are five Oakland County dancers, two from Birmingham, with three of their mothers on combined vacations and chaperon duty.

Four of the girls, pupils of Mrs. Gertrude Jory, made the trip last year. The fifth is Susan Perry, who as an assistant to Miss Irene Mortenson, qualified as a teacher. Mrs. Jory instructs only teachers, and Susan, all 11 years of age, joined the group last winter, and was invited to continue with them on the New York trip and two weeks of intensive study.

Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Perry, 1145 North Woodward avenue, danced in the "Sugar Plum Fairy" in Mrs. Mortenson's recital this spring at Cranbrook. She also joined a group that danced together in "The Swan."

Robin Renfrew Married In Afternoon Ceremony

The Rev. Harold Towne officiated at the wedding of Robin Louise Renfrew and Frederick Griffith Bahr at 3 p.m., July 31, in the St. James Episcopal church. Three hundred guests attended the wedding.

Robin is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Charles Warren Renfrew, 239 Henley drive, Frederick is the son of Mrs. Frederick Bahr of Grosse Pointe and the late Mr. Bahr.

der of Birmingham. Their gowns were the same as the maid of honor's.

THE BRIDE was dressed in a gown of white embroidered organdy over taffeta fashioned with short sleeves, a boat neckline, poplin and a bouffant skirt. Robin's cap was of the same embroidered organdy with a fingertip illusion veil. Her flowers were stephanotis, phalaenopsis and ivy.

Ann Morrow of Birmingham was the maid of honor in a white shantung gown with bracelet sleeves, an empire waist and boat neckline. Her bouquet was of ivy and red carnations.

Bridesmaids were Karin Old, Marg of Birmingham, Mrs. Charles Renfrew of Ann Arbor, Susan Jones of Kansas City, Elizabeth Sherer of Rocky River, Ohio, Jean Bahr and Mary Bahr, sisters of the bridegroom, and Carolyn Snyder.

A garden reception was held in the home of the bride's parents. The couple took a wedding trip to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Robin selected a green shantung suit with white accessories for her wedding trip.

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The exhibition and sale will open at 10 a.m., Aug. 9, running for three weeks. Daily hours will end at 6 p.m., with the entire display open to the public.



MRS. FRERÉDICK G. BAHR

Playhouse Apprentice Has 'Big Time' Debut

Minnie Jo Curtis, well known to area audiences, is making her first 1954 appearance at Will-O-Way in "Goodbye My Fancy," which opened Tuesday evening, August 3 at the Playhouse, West Long Lake road.

Seen with her is the winner of Will-O-Way's current apprentice theater scholarship, Martha Kern Buhs, of Birmingham. Miss Buhs is making her debut in "big stage" shows.

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The Fay Kevin comedy is the story of the reporter-turned-congressman who returns to his New England alma mater to receive an honorary degree.

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All advanced in the Cecchetti school of ballet, they will study at Carnegie Hall where they have a suite choice of instructors. Each girl chooses her own classes and training.

Mothers who made the trip were Mrs. John Cragg, Mrs. George Edwards and Mrs. Thomas left. Mrs. Crawford daughter at a send-off dinner.

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Little Gallery's Outdoor Exhibit Will Open Monday

Come Monday there will be "something in the air" at the Little Gallery, 215 East Maple, as Peggy Decalle opens the unique outdoor exhibit which she plans as an annual attraction.

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Weiss-Schroeder Vows Said In Presbyterian Ceremony

Edward J. Weiss of Bloomfield Hills claimed Eleanor Blanch Schroeder as his bride in a late afternoon ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The Rev. R. W. Gibson officiated at the 6 o'clock rites in the First Presbyterian church. A dinner followed at Devon Gables.

The new Mrs. Weiss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Schroeder, 300 Big Beaver road, Troy Township. She was married in a street length satin brocade ensemble with sea-blue accessories. Her husband is the son of Joseph Weiss of Schenectady, N.Y.

Attending the couple were Ann Range and William Greer, both of Royal Oak.

Upon returning from their wedding trip to New York State, they will make their home at the House Estate, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills. Later residence will be taken up in San Francisco, Calif.

Eleanor was employed by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Edward is with the Chrysler plant as plant engineer.

Cupids Are Setting for Party at DAC

At a dinner held at the Detroit Athletic club for members of the family and close friends announcement was made of the engagement of Nancy Irene Burgess to Dr. Thomas Steadman Torgerson. Nancy is the daughter of Mrs. Magnus Mallory Burgess of Country Club drive, Bloomfield Hills, and the late Mr. Burgess. Dr. Torgerson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emil Torgerson of St. Petersburg, Fla.

A large carved cupid surrounded with white cupid candelabras illuminated by colored lights offered a setting for the dinner party. Expenses filled with pink carnations and cupid medals on each table centered the individual tables. The bride-elect carried her floral arrangements by using her father's favorite flower. The announcement was made on the 35th wedding anniversary of Nancy's parents.

NANCY IRENE BURGESS

Out-of-town guests for the occasion were Dr. Torgerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton M. Barber and James H. Tolhuizen, uncle of the groom-to-be, all of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Taylor of Akron, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Peter O. Peterson of South Bend, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKeown and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haberkorn of Portland, Ind., cousins of the bride-to-be.

No immediate plan have been made for the wedding.



PAPER HATS, BALLOONS AND PARTY FAVORS were in order last week when five-year-old Billy Edwards celebrated his birthday on the lawn of his aunt's home, Mrs. Stanley Dvork of Lathrup boulevard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Edwards. Pictured are Brad Macklin, Judy Jaquillard, Bill, Joy Jaquillard and Lavin Powers. Other guests were Gretchen Moyer, Kim Moyer, Betsy Edwards and Doug Macklin.