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FRITZI MRS. R. G. HARRIS GEORGE HENRY II
Mother and the twins discuss opera. (Eccentric Photo)

Grand Opera Is A Family Affair

Opera lovers are preparing, now, through ticket purchases, to see their favorite performances when the New York City Opera visits Detroit.

Among those planning for a special opera are members of the Robert G. Harris family, 22095 W. 14 Mile, whose twin youngsters, George Henry II and Fritz, are looking forward to the Nov. 20 staging of "Hansel and Gretel."

Mrs. Harris, divisional chairman of the women's committee for the Detroit Grand Opera association, has been active in music and drama circles all her life. Accordingly, her two children have grown up in an atmosphere where these things are taken for granted.

George, a football fan, and Fritz, a piano student, are no strangers to the opera, attending many performances with their parents.

THEY LIST among their other favorites Carmen and Aida. The Hansel and Gretel performance will feature the internationally known Anna Russell as the witch.

Serving in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area, besides Mrs. Harris, is Mrs. Roger D. Cudini, Mrs. W. V. Rogers, Mrs. John H. Warner, Mrs. Stephen F. Bostin, Mrs. Karl E. Scott and Mrs. Joseph F. Backman.

Mrs. Walker A. Williams, Mrs. Norman H. Strouse and Mrs. Richard B. Barnach are vice chairmen.

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Operas other than the Saturday matinee of Hansel and Gretel will be Tosca, Nov. 15; Der Rosenkavalier, Nov. 16; La Boheme, Nov. 17; La Traviata, Nov. 19; Aida, Nov. 20 (evening); Elgoletto, Nov. 21 (afternoon); Carmen, Nov. 21 (evening), and Show Boat, Nov. 21.

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Modern Home Fails Children; Lacks Feeling of Unity

By HELEN BRUNSON
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

No one knows what causes children from "good" homes to get into trouble, but maybe it's because nobody's home any more.

Take, for example, a typical family with four children, 7 to 16. The mother holds an outside job, so the house is empty when all four come from school.

Then, some of children have "activities" several afternoons a week. But the whole tribe does manage to assemble for dinner. Immediately after, they begin to go their separate ways.

On Monday nights, both parents go to adult education classes. Tuesday night son 15, goes to Scout meeting and father to choir practice. Mother bowls on Wednesday night and daughter 15, babysits.

Thursday night, choir practice for mother. Friday night a concert takes both her and dad away. Saturday and Sunday are full of activities, purely social.

And one weekend mother was missing entirely. She was upstate, attending a conference on "Family Living."

NONE OF THESE activities in themselves, could possibly be criticized. The parents are good Christian people. Nor have their children landed in the courts. But if moral values are taught mainly at home, by parents—how can they be taught here?

Most of the time, there's nobody home but Rover.

Most people belong to so many clubs, they can't attend all the meetings. Each club may also be subdivided into groups.

Conferences, committees and panels meet by the hundreds. All take some parents away from home. Nor is this true only of city life. A rural teacher I know says that farm families are on the go all the time.

NO ONE WANTS to turn back the clock, nor does anyone think that mother should be tied down constantly. But surely values ought to be weighed more carefully.

The value of mother being home

he'll prefer his friends to his parents.

Then mother can partake of all the outside activities she wants to.

Pledges Tri-Delts

Jane McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDaniel of Fairfax, has been pledged to the DePauw university chapter of Delta Delta Delta, national social sorority. There are 13 fraternities and 10 sororities on the campus at Greencastle, Ind.



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