

# Bringing Music to Many Makes Life Full, Rewarding

By BETTY DUPUIS

Love of music has had not only a strong influence on the life of Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom—it has been, as well, a powerful force in bringing more and better music to the Detroit metropolitan area. Her positive approach has enriched the lives of all in this—her adopted locale.

After the death of her husband, three and a half years ago, Mrs. Karlstrom sold her Detroit home and moved to the Colonial court terrace, Birmingham. She has a long record of service with the Detroit Symphony orchestra and with the Detroit Grand Opera association.

As a volunteer, she served as treasurer, vice president, then president of the Women's Association for the Detroit symphony. She was also local treasurer of the National Federation of Music clubs' biennial convention at Detroit.

Today she is engaged by the Detroit Grand Opera association on a professional basis as coordinator of activities and secretary of the board. Locally, she is a member of the board of trustees of Cranbrook Music guild.

SHE and her husband shared an interest in music and her three sons reflected the family heritage as former members of St. Paul's cathedral choir. Mrs. Karlstrom still maintains her membership in the Detroit church.

Her boys are Carl-Gunnar, a junior at Cranbrook; Olof, a student at University of Michigan, and Lars, who is married to the former Ann Neffer and the father of twin boys, Kurt and Karl.

Mrs. Karlstrom also finds time to devote to the American Red Cross and the Jenny Lind club, Detroit, of which she is a founder and past president.

RIGHT NOW she is busy with arrangements for a two-day visit here by Erich Leinhardt and other New York Opera company artists. They will arrive Sunday for the announcement of next fall's opera festival, opening November 7 at Masonic temple, Detroit.

It is little wonder, then, that during a recent four-week trip to Europe, she heard eight operas, several concerts and watched an operatic agent rehearse. Primarily, she traveled abroad to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sven Bengtson, who live near Gothenburg, Sweden. But she also made

one of the greatest, witnessing warm welcome received by Detroit's Paul Paray in his homeland when he conducted the Orchestra National in Paris.

On other memorable occasions she heard a dress rehearsal in the Royal Opera house at Stockholm, Faust at the Theatre National de l'Opera in Paris, Joel Berglund in the title role of Philip II and Tito Gobbi in Girl of the Golden West.

SHE WAS delighted to learn that a good family friend, Oscar Tarsen, was living in Rome and felt she couldn't have a better guide to cultural spots there. Another highlight was a visit to the estate of Carl Milles, a place of beauty near Stockholm.

Nevertheless, she insists, the best part of a trip is coming home to the family—she admits being a proud mother and grandmother. "My life is full and rewarding," she said, "I have a deep feeling of gratitude to the many volunteers who have responded so willingly to aid in my work. It is a privilege to be of service to your community."

time for a week in Italy, four days in Paris and two operas in New York before sailing.

Although she has traveled extensively in Europe, this was Mrs. Karlstrom's first visit to Italy and she was fascinated by its beauty and its warm-hearted, talented people. She expects to return and seriously intends learning the language.

SHE FINDS the appreciation of European audiences—their bravos, applause and demonstrations—tremendously satisfying. At the Teatro Alla Scala in Milan, following a gala performance of La Traviata, she recalls a tremendous sight—at the end of the performance, a deluge of flowers were tossed to Miss Callas from high up in the balcony. She reports many other thrills;

**THE ENGAGEMENT** of Jacqueline Mast to Robert E. Thoreson, son of the Reider Thoresons of Forestbrook Hills, Farmington, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mast of Royal Oak. A September 1 wedding is planned.

## Luncheon Planned For Garden Branch

The North Woods branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will hold a 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting, Friday, May 18, at the home of Mrs. A. G. Helgeson, 3155 Broadway boulevard, Bloomfield Village. Mrs. P. Russell Olin will assist the hostess.

For the May program, Mrs. Clara Diebrow will talk on "Floral Arrangements."

## Tri Deltas Plan Pansy Breakfast

Birmingham Alliance of Delta Delta Delta have planned a pansy breakfast for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the home of Mrs. W. D. Cowgill, 355 Manor road, Birmingham.

Installation of officers will follow. Mrs. E. Sedgewick Staggs will head the group as president; Mrs. Norman W. Diehrich as vice president; Mrs. Ralph Sather, secretary; Mrs. R. J. Blackhall, treasurer; Mrs. C. B. Quillen, recommendations chairman; and Mrs. John Canavan, panelistic delegate.



MRS. VINCENT J. RAYMOND, JR.

## Mary Ann Pickering Weds Vincent Raymond

Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Vincent John Raymond, Jr. will reside at Scott Air Force base, Illinois, when they return from a Nassau honeymoon.

The bride is the former Mary Ann Pickering, daughter of the Frederick Richard Pickering of Pontiac. Her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Raymond of Detroit.

SP. HUGO of the Hills church, Bloomfield Hills, was the scene of the Saturday morning nuptial mass with the Rev. Father Glenn Spillman of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, officiating. Mary Ann's gown was fashioned of white organza styled with short sleeves and waist-length bouffant skirt over taffeta and tulle petticoats. The bodice was embroidered in a flower spray motif. A Victorian crown of iridescent pearls centered with brilliant secured the bride's court veil of silk illusion. She wore sheer organza gauntlets and carried a bouquet made up of lily-of-the-valley.

THE HONOR ATTENDANTS were gowning in pale blue and white. The bridesmaids had square necklines, cap sleeves and waist length embroidered skirts. The tuxedo bodice extended into a blue crushed taffeta em-

## Saturday Newlyweds Honeymoon in South

Agnes Helen Baynes of Southfield Township, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Baynes, and Charles Edward Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Larson of Farmington were united in marriage on Saturday evening in the First Methodist church, Birmingham, by Dr. Arnold F. Runke. Bouquets of white gladioli, magenta daisies, greens and candleabra flanked the altar for the double ring ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her brother, Arthur Barnett Baynes, was gowning in white lurea silk with gold threads running through. The softly tucked bodice featured a V neckline. Long tapered sleeves formed lily pointing over the hands. The wasp waistline featured a crushed cummerbund of nylon crystalline with a love knot bow in back and the full skirt formed a sweep.

A fingertip veil of imported French illusion cascaded from a seed pearl trimmed cap. The bride carried an arrangement of stephanotis centered with an orchid, a seventy-five year old lace trimmed linen handkerchief, and wore her mother's pearls.

MRS. RAY Stevens of Webster, Birmingham, a niece of the bride, was matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were another niece Mrs. Edmund Gunter of Clarkston. Mrs. Henry Mahoney of Farmington, sister of the groom, and Suzanne Larson, niece of the groom, were Farmington.

Artie Stevens, a great nephew of the bride was ring bearer, and Henry Mahoney of Farmington, brother in law of the groom, and Allen Jones, a nephew, of Farmington.

THE BRIDES attendants were dressed in shaded pink nylon crystallette with bodices featuring a boat neckline edged with accordion pleating. A love knot bow accented the back of the dresses. Matching sweetheart headpieces, gloves and shoes completed the ensembles. Their flowers were contrasting bouquets of pink carnations.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the club parlors. Mrs. Arthur Baynes, sister-in-law of the bride, wore a French blue sheath gown with navy and white accents, and Mrs. Larson, mother of the groom, wore

light blue lace with pink accessories. Their flowers were pink roses.

For traveling the bride wore an aqua suit with beige accessories and an orchid from the bridal bouquet. After a southern honeymoon, the newlyweds will live on Telegraph road, Southfield township.

## Named President Of ASSE Group

Women's Auxiliary of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers, Detroit chapter, held their annual meeting and election of officers, combined with their regular monthly dinner meeting at the Ft. Shelby hotel last Tuesday.

Mrs. William Mulcahey, 1292 Puritan, Birmingham, was elected president to serve from May 1956 through December, 1957.

Local persons named to the board include Mrs. Jerome Geisler, 5620 Wing Lake road.

The National association celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, and the Detroit goal is to have 50 new members by the time the annual convention is held in Chicago in September.

To begin the membership drive Mrs. Herbert Dusenford, national president of the Women's auxiliary of the ASSE will open her home at 3145 Sheridan drive, Birmingham, June 5 for a tea at which the board members will honor all new members and prospective members.

## Buxom Belles Club Plan First Meeting

Buxom Belles club, suburban group is being membership drive. For overweight women, this is a chartered, non-profit weight-loss club.

Anyone interested in losing weight through group therapy is invited by the planning committee to an introductory meeting next Thursday, at 8 p.m., in Birmingham Community house.

Have You Met... Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Ryan, Jr. of Shipman blvd.? They formerly lived in Louisville, Ky. Their sons are Tommy, 12, and Douglas, 6, Ryan is general manager of Avon Investment Co., a building firm. He is a Mason and a member of the A. F. O. E. reserve. They attend Kirk-in-the-Hills church and enjoy swimming, golf and flying. Mrs. Ryan does modeling.

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