

Plans Are Being Completed For Detroit Opera Festival

By FRAN MAIER

With the arrival in Detroit Sunday of Maestro Erich Leinsdorf, general director of the New York City Opera company, plans for the 14th annual opera festival at the Masonic Temple, November 7 to 14, are being completed with Detroit Grand Opera Association officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Leinsdorf, along with music educators in the surrounding area together with some board members, were guests Sunday evening at a supper party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Allman of Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Village. Mr. Allman is president of the Detroit Grand Opera Association.

AMONG the guests were Mrs. Philip C. Baker, chairman of the board, and Mr. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Carey, Walker A. Williams (Mrs. Williams, chairman of the Women's committee is in California), Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Poole.

From New York, besides the newly appointed director and his wife, were Mr. and Mrs. Barry Morell and Miss Jacquelynn Moody. Miss Moody and Mr. Morell are members of the Opera company and last year Mr. Morell sang in "Madam Butterfly" with Dorothy Kirsten and Miss Moody in "Cinderella" as one of the "curly sisters."

ON MONDAY afternoon the New York guests visited Cranbrook Institutions and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Baker entertained for dinner.

Tuesday afternoon, vice chairman and division chairman of the women's committee were entertained by Mrs. A. H. Gershenson in her Palmer Woods home.

Mrs. Leinsdorf announced plans for the coming season and members from Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills attending were Mrs. E. Stever Bauer, Mrs. Ralph L. Polk, Jr., Mrs. Roy E. Hawkins, Mrs. William G. Moore, Mrs. Richard B. Darragh, Mrs. Paul J. Shine, Mrs. Robert N. Woodruff, Mrs. James G. Wright, Mrs. Herbert B. Gardner, Mrs. Matthew Cammerari, Mrs. John S. French and Mrs. Robert G. Harris.

ON TUESDAY Sept. 25, Mrs. J. J. Nance will be inducted into the local membership list for the Women's Committee.

Opening night, Wednesday, Nov. 7, will offer Just Sjöstrand, who will appear as the Duke of Mantua in "Bohème."



NEWLY APPOINTED director of the New York City Opera co. (from left) Erich Leinsdorf with Mrs. Leslie C. Allman, Mrs. Leinsdorf and Mr. Allman.



CHATTING with the chairman of the board, Mrs. Philip C. Baker (right) are Mrs. Barry Morell and Walker A. Williams.



SIGNING THE GUEST BOOK are (from left) Jacquelynn Moody, Mrs. Richard Allman, Mr. Allman, Barry Morell and Miss Bertha Seifert.



AMONG THOSE at the buffet supper were (from left) Miss Florence Trojan, Mrs. Walter Poole, Mrs. Homer Latgasse, W. L. Warner, Mr. Poole and Harold Arnold.

Bloomfield Group To Present Plays

West Bloomfield Township Players, amateur theatrical group, will present three one act plays June 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the West Bloomfield high school auditorium on Orchard Lake and Commerce roads.

The organization is currently having a membership drive with Mrs. Burke M. Bartlett of North Evansdale road, Bloomfield township handling information requests.

A business and social meeting is scheduled at 8:30 o'clock tonight in the West Bloomfield town hall on Orchard Lake road.

The production next month is titled "Three for One." It will include "Terror at Dusk" directed by Franklyn Donegan with Judy Carran, Mogens Klupp, Phyllis Batta and Denis Rainville making up the cast.

Muriel Donegan is directing the second play, "The Witness," with a cast of Dorothy McArthur, Leo Rainville, John Batta, Dick Laver, James Beall and Peter Unick.

Acting in "Finders Keepers" will be Irene Klupp, Ann Wehrer and Burke Bartlett, under the direction of Bob Thompson.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Couple Married In Church Ceremony

Marjorie Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stephens of Pontiac, became the bride of Robert J. Olin Sunday afternoon, May 20, at the Congregational church in Pontiac. The groom is the son of Mrs. Beulah Petersen, 684 Pierce, Birmingham.

After a reception at the home of the bride's parents the couple left for a honeymoon in Upper Michigan. When they return they will make their home on Shirley street, Pontiac.

Stephens Alumnae Discuss Projects

Stephens alumnae club of Birmingham met Wednesday evening in the home of retiring president Mrs. Arthur Brown, Jr., on Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. James Fuson of Birmingham, who serves on the rehabilitation committee at Herman Kiefer hospital, presented suggestions to the group for a philanthropic project, after which plans were discussed for the fall program. Contributions were made for stained glass windows at the Stephens college chapel.

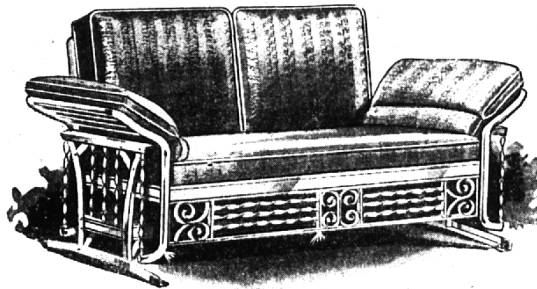
Members will bring guests and gift-wrapped items for a Chinese auction to be held June 20 in the home of Mrs. Bill Flanders, Franklin road.

Hostesses for next month's meeting are Mrs. James Downey, Mrs. J. W. Fenn and Mrs. A. D. Granthorpe. The calling committee will take reservations.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—the society editor about them.

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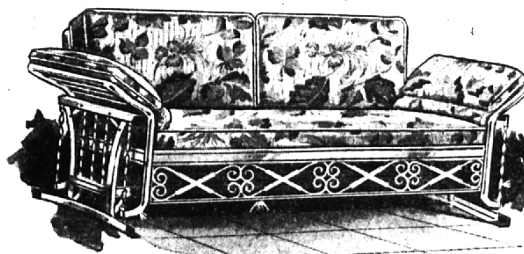
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