

Glimpses of New Recordings

Two brilliant new records, a cheerful group of waltzes of a crisp pair of concerti—here are four new disks you might consider for your record collection. Gilels, Gould, Ormandy and Bernstein are the artists.

BEETHOVEN Concerto No. 2 in B-flat, Opus 33 for piano and orchestra; Emil Gilels, pianist; Fritz Reiner and the Chicago Symphony orchestra—COLUMBIA.

Glenn Gould, a young pianist of unquestionable ability plays both compositions precisely but in a generally prosaic manner. The Beethoven concerto is the least interesting, musically, of the two piano concerti Beethoven wrote; and Gould's interpretation here in no way enhances it. The Bach is played with an acute crispness and moves along spiritedly, but it appears to lack any over-all interpretation. This particular Bach concerto is quite melodious and is a good opener for anyone not schooled in the musical ways of this indomitable contrapuntist wizard. Bernstein's accompaniment is innocuous but rhythmically precise.

PROFIEV Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, Opus 100—Eugene Ormandy—Philadelphia orchestra—COLUMBIA.

This composition, says a composer, is about the spirit of man. It is a profound work, yet one with tremendous humor coursing through its intricate symphonic structure. It belongs to the contemporary world, but technically, but melodically it often reminds one of the simple tunes of the Russian peasant. It was born during Russia's struggle with Germany in World War II, but is an utterance with universal meaning. Eugene Ormandy feels and communicates every nuance of feeling in this great recording—the sound is full and without distortion.

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Random Notes About Town

THEATER
NORTHLAND PLAYHOUSE: The Rose Tattoo with Viveca Lindfors, June 24-29.

MUSIC CIRCLE THEATER: Botsford inn, has Vagabond King with Met. star, Walter Cassel, and Gail Manners. RIVIERA will have Les Ballets de Paris with Jeanmaire and Roland Petit in Carmen and La Dame Dans La Lune, June 29-31 nights only.

MOVIES
BIRMINGHAM: Around the World in Eighty Days with David Niven, Cantinflas, and Robert Newton, one of the most exciting films ever produced.

BLOOMFIELD: June 25-29—Roda; also The Golden Age of Comedy, June 21-25. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; and Day of the Badman with Fred MacMurray and Joan Weldon.

ADAMS: Gigi with Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jourdan, Hermione Gingold, Eva Gabor, Jacques Bergerac, music by Frederick Loewe—lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner of "My Fair Lady" fame.

FOREIGN FILMS:
CLAWSON PLAYHOUSE: June 25-30—Gerard Philipe and Micheline Presle in Devil in the Flesh (French); also Cocktails in the Kitchen with Gene Kelly and Gene Stephens.

KRIM: Marcia Allasio in Poor But Beautiful.

WORLD AND STUDIO: The Adulteress, by Emile Zola with Therese Raquin and Simone Signoret.

TELEVISION:
CLIMAX has Cabin 8-13 with Hurd Hatfield, Alex Nicol, Kim Hunter, Thursday, 8:30 p.m. channel 2.

PLAYHOUSE 90 has Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby—a play about roaring 20's with Robert Ryan, Jeanne Crain, Rod Taylor; Thursday, 10:30 channel 2.

WATCH MR. WIZARD—science experiments with Don Herbert; Sunday, 4 p.m., channel 4.

FRONTIERS OF FAITH has What do you mean—Free?—third in a series of four discussions on Major Anxieties that Affect Us All; Sunday, 6 p.m., channel 4.

WOLFE has The Great American Musical Show with the famed Mousseyev Dance company in hour-long presentation; Sunday, 8 p.m., channel 2.

ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS: Herbert Marshall in Little White Frock; Sunday, 9:30 p.m., channel 2.

UNITED STATES STEEL HOUR has Hidden River with Farley Granger, Richard Kiley and Erin O'Brien Moore in drama dealing with the aftermath of World War II on a French family—Wednesday, 10 p.m., channel 2.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Feeling blue? Bored with routine? Think about Thomas W. Wilson, of 677 Forest, Birmingham, and you will feel so happy for him that your mood will change. Either that, or you'll feel so sorry for yourself. Wilson was graduated this month from Cranbrook academy of art, and leaves soon with his bride to live and work in Italy for a year. Wilson says, "I haven't decided yet, because I haven't been to Italy before. A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Wilson was married Jan. 30 to the former Deborah Light of Nashville, Tenn. Besides studying at the art academy, Wilson taught for several years at Cranbrook school.

The large crowd parked their cars between the islands in front of Birmingham high school, along Cranbrook road where "no parking" signs overlooked them, on every side street and lane for blocks around (many of which have "no parking signs" last Thursday to attend graduation ceremonies at the school. The Wanderer asked a Birmingham policeman if they were going to ticket all the illegal parkers. He replied, "We haven't got that many tickets!"

Final touch was added this week to the remodeling of Birmingham's municipal building! The project, started over a year ago when the city engineer's offices were moved into the second floor area of the vacated fire department wing. It included remodeling and enlarging of the clerk's and treasurer's offices, police department and most other departments. Tuesday it was finished—with new coats of paint for the gold ball, the silver shaft, and new handrails for the city hall flag pole at the Martin-Pierce corner.

They could have saved a lot of money if a young Birmingham couple had driven home together one night recently. Instead, they drove home from a sales meeting in Detroit in separate cars. Breeding along 13 Mile road between Southfield and Labors, first one spouse, then the other, was tailed and ticketed by Westwood police for going 65 in a 45 mile per hour zone. Justice of the Peace Ted Sura of Southfield township fined them \$30 apiece.

Twelve-year-old Moore Davock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Davock, 348 Aspen, Birmingham, is this city's first casualty of summer baseball activity. The Little League broke a leg Saturday sliding into home in an American league farm makeup game at Howarth park. He was taken to William Beaumont hospital to have the bone set, then sent out to sit out the rest of the diamond season.

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Obituary Notices

Richard Byrd, Olympic Athlete
Services were Tuesday for Richard L. Byrd of 131 E. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, former Olympic athlete. Mr. Byrd died suddenly Saturday following a heart attack in his yard. He was 46 years old.

Mrs. K. F. Mann, Former Resident
Services for a former Birmingham resident, Mrs. Katherine F. Mann of Lapeer, were Wednesday from the Grace Episcopal church in Lapeer and buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Mann, 78, died Sunday in the Lapeer County General hospital after a short illness. Born Dec. 23, 1879 in Detroit, she lived in Birmingham for 35 years moving to Lapeer three years ago. She was the wife of the late Roland H. Mann, who died in 1953.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Hupp; a son, Ernest E. Hupp, a long illness. Her two great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Bell Chappell of the W. C. Hamilton Co. Memorial contributions are being made to charity.

BIRMINGHAM YMCA
Further details on these items may be obtained by contacting the "Y."

There are openings for girls and boys six and seven years old in the Little Giant program, which meets from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Group A meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Group B meets Tuesday and Thursday.

The children are taught handcrafts, swimming, boating and outdoor games, and activities include hiking and singing.

Barbara Ritter, Albion college junior, directs the program, assisted by Birmingham high school graduate Pamela Parkins.

The Monday, Wednesday, Friday group has openings in the third period, beginning July 28, and fourth period, beginning Aug. 11. The Tuesday-Thursday group has openings in periods beginning July 8, July 29, and Aug. 12.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were Wednesday for Mrs. Charles McLaughlin of Royal Oak, who died June 17 in Detroit Osteopathic hospital. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reetzke of Birmingham, who is in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

His maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McLaughlin of Berkeley. Arrangements were made by Sawyer funeral home.

MRS. AGNAS C. BELL, 64, of Farmington, died Monday at her residence. She was the mother of Mrs. Jack C. Hutchinson of Birmingham.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Harold Nobel and Mrs. Heather Veros; a son, Ernest R.; 12 grandchildren.

Officer Hired To Serve B'ham Traffic Warrants
To speed up serving of traffic warrants when violators neglect to pay fines for parking and other traffic violators, Birmingham commissioners Monday night accepted Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley's recommendation to hire a warrant officer.

The commission agreed to the appointment on a six-months' trial basis of Wesley J. Skowron, former constable of Southfield township, who has previously served the Birmingham court in that capacity. Moxley said that previous serving of the warrants by Birmingham police could only be handled "sporadically" during months when the police work load is heavy.

Young Heads Lions
Installed at ceremonies last night at Northwood inn, Richard H. Young is the 1953-54 president of the Birmingham Lions club. Young, of 3331 Shallow Brook drive, Bloomfield township (Birmingham), is president of a Birmingham men's apparel store. He heads a state of Lions officers which includes James Cairns, first vice president; Don S. Caputo, second vice president; Donald L. Cummings, secretary.

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