

## LEND AN EAR

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Monaural Records

We recently listened to both stereo records on stereo equipment and to some good hi-fidelity monaural records played on stereo equipment. Many times the former came out sounding far the better.

The wonderful thing about stereo equipment is that it in no way makes obsolete one's fine monaural recordings, but actually enhances their sound. Stereo recording techniques are pretty much in their infancy. Many improvements are bound to occur in the next decade. At the moment, we are in the happy position of eating our cake and having it too.

Capitol has released an album of non-French music by French composers—as you might have already guessed, they are “Iberia” by Debussy; “Escapes” by Ibert; “Albaredo Del Gracioso” by Ravel. This is an alluring compilation of music embodying that characteristically haunting Spanish strain that was climaxed by the impressionist era of late 19th and early 20th century music.

THE PERFORMANCE is by Leopold Stokowski and the French national radio orchestra. At no time in his long career could Stokowski have been accused of shunning the melodramatic, and these colorful performances are no exception. They are broadly conceived—not the least bit inhibited. There may be tidier performances of these works available, but Stokowski's flare is especially effective in pointing up the warmly sensuous colors—the deep rhythmic

qualities—the spirit of that which is quintessentially Spanish.

The young pianist, Philippe Entremont, has recorded the difficult Moussorgsky work “Pictures At An Exhibition,” as well as the Grieg Concerto in A Minor on Columbia records. Entremont at present apparently doesn't possess the demonic power to do justice to this exciting work for solo piano.

It isn't a question of lack of technique per se. Rather, it involves a lack of an overall grasp of the gigantic proportions of a work calling for sharp contrasts in mood and dynamics.

ENTREMONT gives a better account of himself in the Grieg. He has a fine singing tone quality which stands him in good stead in the intensely lyrical “Adagio” movement. Unfortunately, the piano often sounds metallic at the end of an arpeggio. This may not be the pianist's fault, but it does nothing to enhance the general impression.

Entremont is young and possesses much ability. Perhaps he would fare better for the present by playing less demanding works than the Moussorgsky. (Horrors, such a suggestion remains for us the definitive interpretation to date.)

BIRMINGHAM  
YMCA

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

## FUN CLUB SESSION

The second session of the Saturday Fun club for boys and girls 7 and 8 years old will begin on March 7th with the opening program at 9 a.m. The program includes a game period, craft period, a club meeting session where parliamentary procedure is learned, and group planning discussion and devotions are included. A maximum of 30 may enroll and present members will be given first choice.

The present 28 boys and girls taking part have had a wonderful time under the leadership of Larry Wittrup and Lynn Zerby. Craft projects have included name tags, modeling plaster vases, painting, and aluminum foil tooling.

The next session will run for a two month period during March and April. Program fee is set at \$2.50.

## SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

A new program beginning March 6th is a series of social dance lessons for boys and girls in the 7th-8th grades. Seven lessons will be offered on alternate Fridays during the month of May under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Samuels. The schedule includes one hour of instruction from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a social period from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Membership is required to enroll and only 30 boys and an equal number of girls will be accepted. Fee for the course is \$3.50, you may sign up by dropping in or calling the “Y” office.

## HANDICRAFT SCHEDULE

The handicraft schedule for March is outlined below:  
March 7—Lanyards.  
March 14—Indian head kits.  
March 21—Belts.  
March 28—Copper smith kits.

## GRAY ACTIVITIES

During the month of March the Gray-Y leaders are conducting an athletic achievement program for boys in the ten Gray-Y clubs.

The achievement tests are:

1. Basketball throw (one minute)
2. Potato race
3. Standing broad jump
4. Hop, step and jump
5. Pushups

One test is being conducted each week.

## SMOKE SIGNALS

Wilson Harbage has replaced Ralph Atkin as chief of the Chemed tribe. Harry Kirk has formed the Creek tribe. Kirk was in Indian Guides at the Fisher branch.

Frank Bens and George Ewing attended the National Indian Guide Mouse in Milwaukee, Feb. 20-22. The graded program developed by Milwaukee and the exhibits were two outstanding features. A complete report will be given at the next Indian Guide Longhouse, March 16, at 8 p.m.

To Hold Open House  
At Will-O-Way

Open house will be held at the Will-O-Way Apprentice theatre, W-Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, March 14 and 15.

The open house is being held prior to the spring term which begins March 18. A limited number of scholarships will be offered for the 18-week term. Those interested may obtain details by visiting the school during the open house.

## People's Column

Newcomer Anxious  
To Meet People

To the Editor:

As a newcomer here in Birmingham your paper is especially interesting. All the local news and suburban areas—so much of interest although I'm a “newcomer” and anxious for good entertainment, friendliness and meeting people in different groups.

The churches too in this community well supply the needs of all the faiths and so many in the walking distance too. Your Community House too, such a friendly place, a beautiful city is Birmingham and all the surrounding areas of Bloomfield Village, Cranbrook, Franklin, Lathrup and everyone of them.

BEAUTIFUL DRIVES and I have enjoyed it all. Would like to get into some of the community clubs . . . it all sounds like fun.

Do you have a Soroptimist club in Birmingham, a singing group like Sweet Adelines? Or a branch of the National Business Women here? Or any Book Reading club?

I am a secretary, love music, plays and clubs.

MRS. MADELINE BOYD

355 Hanna Street  
We're happy to find that you already seem to have dug quite deeply into your new home town environment, Mrs. Boyd. Yes, there is a Birmingham Soroptimist club. Its President is Mrs. Maxine Luscombe of Worth street, Birmingham.

I don't believe there is any feminine barbershop singers. Perhaps the secretary of the Birmingham Musicals can tell you more definitely. No chapter of the Nat'l businesswomen, either. Closest thing we come to a book review group is the “great books group,” inquire at Birmingham's public library—THE EDITOR.

Sontheimer  
Attends  
New Course

James A. Sontheimer, 2509 Pembroke, Birmingham, an associate of the John W. Bode agency, Detroit, of the New England Mutual life insurance company, is attending an intensive two-week course at the company's home office in Boston covering the latest developments in the application of life insurance to business, estate and family protection problems.

He is one of 30 agents from all sections of the country who qualified on the basis of their outstanding field records to participate in the course.

A graduate of Hamilton college, he is a member of the Birmingham junior chamber of commerce of the Detroit association of life underwriters.

3 Area Residents  
Elected to Republican  
Board of Directors

Three area residents have been elected to the Oakland County Republican club board of directors. The board will sponsor the 70th annual Lincoln Day Banquet, to be held in February of 1960.

Those elected were: Ralph Main, Birmingham; Mrs. George F. Taylor, Bloomfield township; and Mrs. Harry Henderson, Franklin.

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