

# 1,690 Voices Training for 'City' Choir

The herculean task of blending 1,690 voices into one chorus falls to Arnold Berndt, Birmingham high school music director, and area teachers this week.

They are wedding together chorale groups from 17 schools in the district for the All-City Choral festival, Thursday, June 4, at 8 p.m., in the BHS gym.

event, this year's is the third presentation of local students' ensembles.

It is the outgrowth of normal classroom instruction," Berndt said. "It gives us a goal toward which to shoot, and serves as a demonstration of our collective abilities to parents and any other interested persons," he added.

The program includes students from fifth grade through senior high school.

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## School District of the City of Birmingham Oakland County, Michigan

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the annual election is to be held in said school district on the 8th day of June, 1959;

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Friday, the 29th day of May, 1959 up to 5:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said election.

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township clerk, need not re-register.

Amos F. Gregory  
Secretary of the Board of Education

Dated: May 19, 1959

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual school election will be held in the School District of the City of Birmingham in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 8th day of June, 1959, from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of electing two members of the Board of Education for terms of four years expiring June 8, 1963, for which offices the following persons have been nominated:

Francis H. Allen  
George W. Coombe, Jr.  
George J. Fulkeron  
Albert H. Giuliani  
Richard L. Halsted  
Kathryn T. Loomis  
Granville C. Ryan  
Theodore J. Szymke

and for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Education for the unexpired portion of the term expiring June 30, 1960, for which office the following person has been nominated:

Mary B. Beier

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the voting places for said election will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1—Adams School  
Precinct No. 2—Quarton School  
Precinct No. 3—Baldwin School  
Precinct No. 4—Pierce School  
Precinct No. 5—Franklin School  
Precinct No. 6—Bloomfield Village School  
Precinct No. 7—Walnut Lake School  
Precinct No. 8—Midvale School  
Precinct No. 9—Torry School  
Precinct No. 10—Pembroke School  
Precinct No. 11—Beverly School  
Precinct No. 12—Harian School  
Precinct No. 13—Greenfield School

Amos F. Gregory,  
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Dated: May 29, 1959.

# BHS Reporter Meets Met; Interviews 'Carmen' Star

By ANN BUCHANAN  
Special Writer

It was a rush to get from school to the Detroit Leland hotel in an hour one afternoon last week, but the experience proved to be worth every minute of it. After all, it isn't everyday a Birmingham high school senior gets to interview Rise Stevens, Metropolitan opera singer.

When I arrived, I took my place among some 40 other high school and Detroit journalists. Because Miss Stevens had not yet arrived from the airport, Francis Robinson assistant manager of the Metropolitan opera, filled us in on some of the background of the company. He said that the Metropolitan is the "biggest company that moves except the circus" having a special train with 18 sleeping cars and 22 baggage cars. Transporting 365 people plus scenery and costumes, Robinson said the company takes "all but the opera house."

WHEN I ASKED him how singers are chosen for roles, Robinson compared the performers to a baseball team, saying that there are always four or five singers prepared to fill a particular role. This is insurance against illness or injury. He also stated that artists sometimes believe they should sing roles for which they aren't suited, thereby causing some need for guidance.

Miss Stevens has been singing Carmen, which is performed in Detroit, for 12 years, and according to Robinson, "has made it almost her own."

QUESTIONED ABOUT personal turnover in the opera company, Robinson said it is "wonderful to see young singers come in. Ten to 12 new singers are employed in each year, causing 'enough turnover to keep the Met alive.' Most members begin in what are commonly called pit parts, but he maintained, "There are no small parts, just small artists."

It is often a mystery to Americans why American opera is slow to catch on, but Robinson explained it very simply in saying that American composers are new.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2, that the annual election will be held on Monday, June 8, 1959, in the following precincts of the Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2:

1. Bloomfield Hills High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
2. Bloomfield Hills Junior High, 4200 Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
3. Vaughan Elementary School, 1060 Vaughan Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
4. Wing Lake Elementary School, 6490 Wing Lake Rd., Birmingham, Mich.
5. Eastover Elementary School, 1101 Westvign Rd., Birmingham, Michigan
6. Hickory Grove Elementary School, 2800 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
7. Pine Lake Elementary School, 3333 W. Long Lake Rd., R#2 Orchard Lakes, Michigan

For the election of one member for the Board of Education term expiring June, 1962. The candidates who have filed proper nominating petitions are:

Mr. David W. Lee

The polls for the said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M., on Monday, June 8, until 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, of the same election day.

Jan B. Martz, Secretary  
Bloomfield Hills Board of Education

Dated May 11, 1959

prise, however, when I discovered Miss Stevens to be perfectly natural and friendly as well as interested in what we were doing. What we had expected to be a formal interview turned into an almost informal conversation.

WE DISCOVERED that Miss Stevens enjoys tours to small towns because of the personal contact with the audience. "Almost all of them come backstage."

Although most operas she sings are in French, the star "prefers Italian and adores German." She has studied in Germany several times.

Miss Stevens says something goes wrong in almost every performance, but in a relieved tone she added, "Thank goodness, I've never lost my voice."

I HAD ALWAYS wondered if opera singers became completely involved in the role they were singing or if they remained conscious of the audience. Upon questioning Miss Stevens on this point I discovered that she remains very conscious of the audience and admitted that the company "must somehow give more to less demonstrative audience and vice versa."

After 20 years with the Metropolitan opera Miss Stevens says she still finds rehearsals stimulating and prefers stage to television performance. She added that television adaptations are inferior to stage presentations.

Asked about her philosophy of life, Miss Stevens said that she lives by no proverb, but feels that it is necessary for a singer to possess a certain attitude, which is very different from normal people. She emphasized that it is necessary to make adaptations, particularly concerning health, rest and diet.

THROUGH her closing remarks Miss Stevens gave us even more respect for her as a very unpretentious person. She says the feeling in one of the finest forms of musical expression, but she also believes in ballet and the theater as true forms of musical expression. Further revealing her open-minded attitude, Miss Stevens said she is not fond of rock and roll because it is "monotonous," but she enjoys almost all other forms of music.

Also making an appearance was Mrs. Richard Ford II general chairman of the opera's stay in Detroit, who emphasized that although the Metropolitan opera had been here in 49 years, it is up to Detroit to decide if the visit will become an annual one.

The French consulate in Detroit presented awards to two Birmingham high school students in special ceremony at the Consulate last Thursday afternoon at 4:00. Those receiving medals were Seniors Colin Grant Waters and Steve Taylor. Both boys were accompanied by their parents and their teacher, Mr. George Cochran.

TWO MEMBERS of the Birmingham High School debate team, Dave and Steve Taylor, and debate coach, Mr. Timmer, attended the Detroit Metropolitan Debate League's awards convocation at Troy high school last Wednesday afternoon. Awards were presented to each team in the league for participation in debating, and trophies for first and second place.

JUNIOR RIFLEMEN will be coached for the 4th season by Bart Gano. A University of Virginia senior, Larry Turner will instruct the team for the third year. Richard Ryley hopes for a season in the woodcraft department.

Jim and Kent Cardwell, campers and counselors for fifteen years, will spend most of the summer on canoe trip through the lakes and rivers of New Hampshire and Maine.

Camp Kineowatha is calling six girls for the summer. Carol Decker, expert swimming, canoeing, water skiing and ballet, and Red Cross work will return to the waterfront as well "Pump" Le Mesurier and Carol Weston to the tennis courts. Miss Weston will start at Smith college next semester.

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## Award for the 'Safest'

State finals are next for Road-E-O champion (left), general chairman for the Road-Richard Lundy, (second from left) 1509 E.O. Look on while Richard Benson, 984 Solon Lake drive, Bloomfield Hills, Lundy, Brooklawn, Birmingham, J.C. President, and a BHHS senior took first in the Birmingham Jay Cees' Safe Driving Road-E-O, May 16. Roy Bannister, Ford Motor Company truck driver, supervisor, present the first place award. Jim Willoughby, 1904 Yosemite, Birmingham.

**BIRMINGHAM HIGH**

**MAPLE MATTERS**

By STEVE TAYLOR

Student Congress election campaigns will get off to a running start next Friday with the annual elections assembly followed by the voting for all candidates. Running for the various offices are: Bob Brookman, president, Judy Gipping Otto Laula, vice president, Jane McKinley and Pauline Craig, secretary, and Anne Talbot and Jane Slater, treasurer. There will be no primaries due to the small number of candidate running.

Jack Mitchell, Birmingham high school senior, was awarded the John Lewis Brumm scholarship by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association luncheon held recently at the University of Michigan.

Mitchell, a member of the Birmingham High School journalism staff, was also honored by the high school when he received the diamond star award as the most valuable member of the "Piper" staff. He has proved outstanding in journalism throughout his career at the high school.

The G.A.A. awards banquet was held last Monday at Sylvan Glen country club to present all members of the G.A.A. for the year. Girls were awarded either a small "B", "H", or "S", or a large "B" according to the service done for the club and the amount of athletic activity performed by the member.

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**Hi Life by Tom Manhard**

**Palm's READ**

MR. DRUMMOND planned and held a buffet dinner for all students who took part in any way in the play which was presented Tuesday May 15. The party began at 5:30 and was to include dinner, dancing, and a movie, "The Captive." This was held on Friday May 22.