

Charles Wingert To Sing in Oratorio in Pontiac Church

Charles Wingert, tenor soloist at Kirk-in-the-Hills, Bloomfield Hills, will take part in a presentation of the Christmas Oratorio by J. S. Bach at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Pontiac, on Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. The work will be accompanied by organ and orchestra and the performance will be under the direction of Edgar Billups, organist and choirmaster at All Saints'.

The performance will include sections five and six in addition to the first three sections instead of following the common practice of presenting the first three sections only. The performance is open to the public. No matter what you have to sell, Birmingham Eccentric classified ads will do the best job for you. The cost is low, they are easily prepared and usually bring desired results.

Obituary Notices

Capt. Richard Pierce

Captain Richard E. Pierce of Wurtsmith AFB, was killed when his jet plane crashed and exploded Friday evening about a mile east of Danville Airport. He leaves his wife, Kathryn James Pierce, daughter of Mrs. Norman James of Burnley Drive, Birmingham; daughter, Nancy and a son, David Andrew; also his parents, the Henry Pierces of Mexico, N. Y., survive. Funeral services will be today in Mexico, N. Y.

Mrs. Earle Wilson

Mrs. Earle B. Wilson, 1314 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, died Wednesday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital after a long illness. She was 75. Mrs. Wilson was a former member of Birmingham Garden Club and took an active part in the Birmingham Community House. She was a former member of the Village Players. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. George T. Whitmore of Birmingham; a son, Earle B. of Birmingham; a brother, Bernard Swope of Cleveland and a sister, Miss Estella Swope of Zanesville, Ohio. Services were Saturday from the Manly Bailey Funeral Home with burial at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Clara Mae Fast

Mrs. Clara Mae Fast, 219 S. Glenarry, Birmingham, died Christmas Day at Henry Ford Hospital after a long illness. She was 66. A resident of Birmingham for seven years, Mrs. Fast was a member of Zonta Club and Highland Park OES. She attended First Methodist Church of Birmingham. She attended Kent College and Northwestern University for seven years. Surviving are her husband, Norval B.; her mother, Mrs. W. H. Parker of Birmingham, two sisters and three brothers. Private services will be Friday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Ella D. Sevald

Mrs. Ella D. Sevald, 5345 Hickory, Birmingham, died Christmas Day at Carmel Hall in Detroit after a long illness. She was 85. Survivors include two sons, Frederick and John, both of Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Mary Connel of San Francisco and two grandchildren. Private services will be today from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Memorial contributions are being made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Walter Serenberg

Walter H. Serenberg, 18785 Glenwood, Lathrup Village, died suddenly Saturday. He was 73. Mr. Serenberg was a controller for the Fisher Co., for 35 years. He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, a Mason, Palatine Lodge F&AM and King Cyrus Chapter, Moslem Shrine. Surviving are a daughter, Miss Carol M. Serenberg; three sisters and three brothers. Services were Wednesday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions are being made to the Heart Association.

Mrs. W. E. Blythe

After a long illness, Mrs. William E. Blythe, 803 S. Bates, Birmingham, died Saturday at Henry Ford Hospital. She lived in the area for 38 years. Mrs. Blythe, 66, attended Syracuse University. She was a member of First Church of Christ Scientist of Birmingham. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. John W. Gowan of Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. W. A. Schmitt of New Hartford, N. Y.; a brother, John Marsaglia of Clinton, N. Y. and two grandchildren. Services were Wednesday from Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions are being made to the Michigan Heart Association.

E. Guy Sanders

E. Guy Sanders, 2931 Acorn Road, Bloomfield Hills, died Friday at Grace Hospital after a long illness. He was co-owner of Pontiac Industrial Plating Co., since 1944. Mr. Sanders was formerly with

Adjusted Study Plan's for 'Fighters'

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

"A naughty boy" is what one Birmingham student loudly called himself. From a visitor's viewpoint, he was very accurate. But to his teacher and the staff of the Birmingham Schools Special Services Department, the super-charged youth was displaying behavior that marked him as material for the adjusted study program.

IN THE FALL of 1959, the Oakland County Special Education Department decided to start an experimental program for aggressive acting boys whose behavior is negative and hostile. Birmingham is one of five communities chosen for the experiment. The boys picked for the program do not benefit from normal classroom situation. If anything, they cause chaotic conditions that make problems for both fellow students and the teacher.

BERNARD MASLANIK, head of the Birmingham Special Services, explains that youngsters in the program try to gain status by teasing, bullying or fighting. "They refuse to comply. They are just negative about everything," he said. Maslanik continued, "is due to the fact that these boys have never really experienced success. Both their academic and social attempts have continuously failed."

All of the boys, he pointed out, are of normal and often above average intelligence. The adjusted study program in Birmingham consists of two classrooms. Only one, however, is in operation this year. For boys from 8 to 14 years old, the class has a maximum of 10 students.

It is taught by a man—one with a lot of patience and understanding—one who can command the respect of the boys.

THE TEACHER GIVES each student extensive individual attention. Most of the boys have problems with basics—reading, writing and arithmetic. They are tutored and encouraged in the small class situation which in most cases leads to an improved attitude and improved behavior. "The teacher's approach is strictly unacademic," Maslanik pointed out. "But because the students have low frustration tolerance levels, there is much flexibility. If the boys are on edge, they may go outside and run off a little energy."

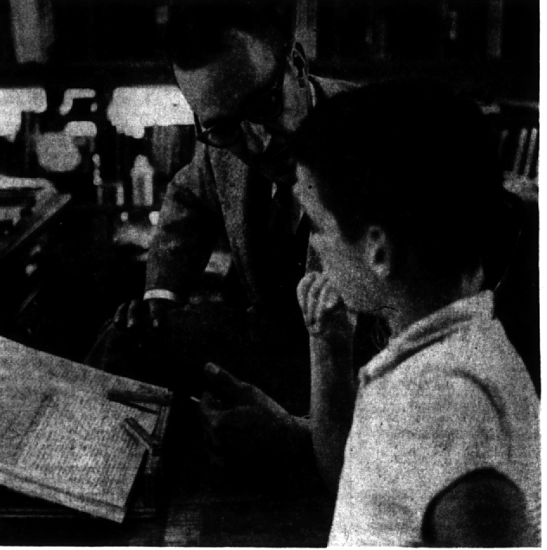
When the rebellion subsides a little, Maslanik said, it means the students are on the way to finding out "they CAN" do something right, something positive.

THE BOYS WERE placed in the program following a screening process. The "pre-requisites" include: at least a two-year history of aggressive acting tendencies noted by teachers and principal; there must be academic difficulties; they must be evaluated psychologically; they must be referred by a joint decision at an Educational Planning Conference.

After placement, a very close account is kept of the child's performance—both behavior and academic. There are numerous conferences and then if the teacher feels it is time, the boy is returned to the regular classroom.

DURING THE TIME the program has existed in the Birmingham school system, about 35 boys have been processed and returned much better behaved and educated. The data gathered from five such study programs in the county indicates positive results. Like most boys when they finally find the ball of success—they "pick it up and run with it."

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The remainder of 1961 enlistees may request and will be granted Christmas leave, with pay, to expire Jan. 3 Wednesday. Ex-Navy men and new enlistees may contact Chief Petty Officer Richard McCarty at the U. S. Navy recruiting branch station in Royal Oak.

Naturalist to Present Films at Meeting

Dr. Watson Gilpin, president of the Detroit Audubon Society, announced that the group will present an all-color motion picture of wildlife, mountain trails, Indian villages and the Teton Mt. range in coming by naturalist Charles Hotelka. The film will be shown Jan. 6 at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Rackham Memorial Auditorium. The public is invited to the 9 p.m. program. Admission will be charged.

Mrs. Mary Hall

After a long illness, Mrs. Mary Hall, 16179 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, died Friday at William Beaumont Hospital. She was 59. Surviving are her husband, Jesse G.; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Weber of Beverly Hills; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Kelley and a brother, James Armstrong, both of Seranton, Pa.; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were Tuesday from Our Lady Queen of Mary's Church and burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were made by William Vasu Funeral Home.

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Speed Limit Stays the Same On West Maple

The speed limit on West Maple Southfield Road and Cranbrook will remain at 35 m.p.h., and for a lower limit on a 24-hour basis. During the hours of 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. the cars are on patrol; when they observe the limit only when police speed limit between Southfield and Royal Oak is reduced to 25 m.p.h.

Commissioner Ralph A. Main Moxley Reported that Surveys on Maple Revealed no Need for a Change at This Time.

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