

B'field Students Get Opera Preview

Bloomfield High students yesterday were given a preview of the coming opera season. Geraldine Montross Giffert, soprano, and Robert Angus, tenor, sang excerpts from the operas, "Tosca," "Aida" and "Madame Butterfly." The program was arranged by Mrs. Ralph Fox, opera chairman of the Bloomfield Hills school area.

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Members of the Congregational Church's Pilgrim Fellowship take a break from the tedious work of syrup-making as one of their crew chops out some wood to keep the boiling pots going for the next shift. Watching Norb Musto, 16387 Beverly, man the axe are (from left, front to back) Jennifer Jackson, 927 Madison; Dolly Meyer, 1041 S. Bates; Kathy Thompson, 275 S. Glenhurst; Don Novak,

16161 Amherst; Rev. Mead M. Bailey, minister of education; Jim Grossman, 1301 Northlawn; Owen DuVall, 15920 Lauderdale; and Greg Goetterman, 16950 Elizabeth. The group is in its third week of transferring maple tree sap to syrup at Telegraph and Northwestern in hopes of raising enough funds through the sale of syrup to finance its annual spring trip in 1963.

Youths

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ment, like wood, cinder blocks, buckets, boiling cans and storage containers, much of which was donated.

OF COURSE, Peterson's occupation as a contractor helped in obtaining the equipment. And the "know how" of the Rev. Mead M. Bailey, minister of education, who comes from the syrup-making state of Vermont, is mighty handy.

"The syrup our group is producing," snarled the minister, "measures up to any Vermont syrup I've ever tasted."

The Rev. Raymond A. Femer, senior minister, who also has been working closely with the project, sees the humorous as well as the serious side.

"IT'S A REAL sweet project," he laughed, "and I think the group's stuck on it."

"I think it's a wonderful project in that kids in our day and age seldom have an opportunity to draw some of God's resources from growing things for the benefit of others."

The rudimentary but effective operation has become quite an attraction for area residents as well as church members who have been bringing their children to the distilling scene for a first hand view of the operation in action.

THE SAP IS collected and boiled daily—then the purified syrup is transported to the church at Euclid and Woodward for canning.

Rather than a hit and miss process, tree tapping requires below freezing temperatures by night and at least 40 degree temperatures by day with March usually providing the best season.

A season generally consists of three sap runs, with each interrupted by a brief cold spell.

THE YOUTHS began the first of these runs about 2½ weeks ago which netted them seven gallons of syrup from some 280 gallons of sap. With last week's transition

from cold to warm weather, the group entered the second run which is still in progress.

A third run will depend on unpredictable mother nature. Upon completion of the three-run sapping cycle, the syrup will be sold at the church by a fellowship committee under the chairmanship of Jim Grossman, 1301 Northlawn.

BOILED DOWN—the group's ambition of financing one of three undetermined social action projects for the spring of 1963 will require between \$400 and \$500—that's a lot of syrup—and a lot more sap.

Prank Backfires On Area Youths

Four youthful painters may soon be engaged in decorating the city offices instead of bridges and streets in Bloomfield Hills Police Captain Walter Sluiter said.

The four were apprehended by police painting a strip of Woodward avenue at 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

They are presently employed in scrubbing their handiwork off three bridges and a private drive, and will be arraigned on "charges of disorderly conduct."

Police said the Sunday morning art work was administered by William E. Fuller and James H. Scott, both 17, of Bloomfield Township; and Neil T. Cook, 18, and Scott L. Wilbraham, 19, both of Bloomfield Hills.

Bridges in Bloomfield Hills have long been a favorite target of teenagers. Sluiter said that he intends to put a stop to it.

City Asked to Take Stand on Airport

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Birmingham city commissioners will be asked next Monday to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed international jet airport in Oakland County.

Mayor Pro Tem William H. Burgum said he would propose such a resolution next week, when he will not be the presiding official. Commissioners held off discussion until that time on a request from Orion Township to join in opposition to the airport.

Elementary School Principals Plan Annual Conference

More than 600 elementary school principals from throughout the state are expected to attend the annual conference of the Michigan Department of Elementary School Principals (MDESP), a department of the Michigan Education Association, at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, April 12-13.

Grant Barber of Quarton Elementary School in Birmingham is past president of the department.

Governor John E. Swainson, along with Dr. Clifford E. Erickson, provost, Michigan State University; and Major Gen. Ronald D. McDonald, adjutant general, Michigan National Guard, will headline the list of major speakers. They will participate in a panel discussion of the topic, "No Place to Hide—Listening In," April 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Key speakers will be Dr. Stanley Idzerio, director of the Honors College, Michigan State University; and Dr. Elton B. McNeil, associate professor of psychology, University of Michigan.

DR. IDZERIO will present the banquet address, April 12, at 6 p.m. on the topic, "No Place to Hide—Value Development."

Addressing the luncheon session on April 13 will be Dr. McNeil, whose subject will be, "No Place to Hide—Who Is Hiding."

Purpose of the two-day session is to develop appreciation of today's crucial issues and to seek new understanding and interpretation of these issues. Conference theme is "No Place To Hide."

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Junior College Could Draw 3,000

According to the first report issued by a citizens study committee, 3,000 students can be expected to enroll if a community college is built in Oakland County by 1965, and 8,000 to 14,000 students can be expected by 1970.

Gerald W. Belcourt who is directing the study, said the figures are based on the present enrollment in Oakland County public schools, and a belief that 15% of these would attend a community college.

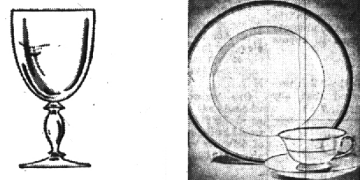
Oakland County school superintendents recommend two such colleges to be built in the county, one in Royal Oak, and one in Pontiac. They are also seeking legislation for a tax supported program.

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