



### YMCA Banquet Features First Lady

Gentlemen of the YMCA entertained Birmingham's first lady Thursday night when she was a special guest at the kick-off banquet for the Y's annual membership drive. With Mayor Florence H. Willett are (from left) Robert F. Salton, campaign chairman; J. King Harness, Detroit metropolitan civic membership chairman, and C. Gerald Wood, general secretary of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Mrs. Willett urged citizens' sup-

port of the YMCA, regardless of participation in 'Y' activities. "The YMCA deserves generous support because of its contribution to the entire community," she said. A team of campaign workers headed by Dr. Harry E. Lichtwart walked off with honors as a preliminary report showed 15 per cent of the campaign goal of 2,600 memberships had been received in advance of the drive.

### AIA Honors Saarinen With Gold Medal

Eero Saarinen, the Finnish-born Birmingham architect who died last Sept. 1 at the age of 51, has been awarded posthumously the 1962 Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects. Saarinen's father, the late Eliel Saarinen, won the coveted medal in 1947. Eero Saarinen came to this country with his family in 1923 when he was 13 years old. The family settled in Bloomfield Hills where the elder Saarinen designed the buildings for the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

AFTER GRADUATION from high school, Eero Saarinen studied sculpture at the Academie de la Grande Chaumiere in Paris during 1923 to 1930. He entered the School of Architecture at Yale University in 1931, graduating with high honors three years later. The next two years were spent

traveling in Europe on the Charles O. Matcham Fellowship. From 1933 until the death of the elder Saarinen in 1950, father and son worked in close association. Thereafter Eero Saarinen launched his own firm which was just in the process of moving from Bloomfield Hills to Hamden, Conn., when he succumbed to a malignant brain tumor. Father and Son Saarinen both submitted separate entries for the competition for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial for St. Louis, Mo., in 1948. The younger man won and the memorial, a soaring stainless steel arch, is now under construction.

AMONG EERO Saarinen's other still to be completed buildings are the Dulles International Airport in Washington, D. C., the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City, and the Trans-

World Airlines' terminal building at Idlewild International Airport, New York.

Among Eero Saarinen's best known completed buildings are: the Stephens College Chapel, Columbia, Mo. (1954); the General Motors Technical Center, Warren, Michigan (1954); the auditorium and chapel for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1955); the campus for Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana (1958); the David S. Ingalls Skating Rink, Yale University (1958); and the U.S. embassies in Oslo and London (1959).

Eero Saarinen strove to give each of his buildings a distinct and dramatic character. "Our architecture," he has said, "is too humble. It should be prouder, much richer and larger than we see it today. I would like to do my part in expanding that richness."

### Former Resident Feted in Ohio

Anthony B. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight C. Baldwin, 915 Forest Avenue, was named "Man of the Year" by the Euclid, Ohio, Jaycees. Mr. Baldwin, who is the Director of Finance for the City of Euclid, was honored for outstanding community service with the 1961 Distinguished Services Award at the Jaycees annual "Bosses Night" banquet Jan. 15.

Organizations in which Mr. Baldwin is either an official or a member include the Kiwanis Club, the Boy Scouts, East Shore Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Inter-Service Club Council, the United Appeal, the Ohio Municipal League, the Masons, and the Ohio League of Young Republican Clubs.

HE IS ALSO past president of the Greater Cleveland Young Republican Club, the senior Republican men's Ripon Club, the Euclid Coalition Club and a member of the Cuyahoga County Republican Executive Committee.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, Mr. Baldwin was in charge of all the arrangements for the motorcade of President Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, during their Cleveland appearances.

Mr. Baldwin has been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for the offices of either Ohio State Auditor or State Treasurer.

Mr. Baldwin and his wife, Joeri, have one daughter, Kimberly Claire, 1.

### Opera Music Course Set At Cranbrook

"Music of the Opera" is the title of the evening course to be presented at Cranbrook School under the sponsorship of the Cranbrook Music Guild in cooperation with the division of adult education, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

Consisting of eight weekly lectures, the course will begin Feb. 14 and will place special emphasis on the operas to be brought to Detroit May 21-26 by the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Teaching the course will be Glenn D. McGeoch, University of Michigan Professor of Music Literature, History and Criticism. Professor McGeoch has established and taught extensive courses



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throughout the state in the field of music literature and has been active in development of new techniques in the field of adult education.

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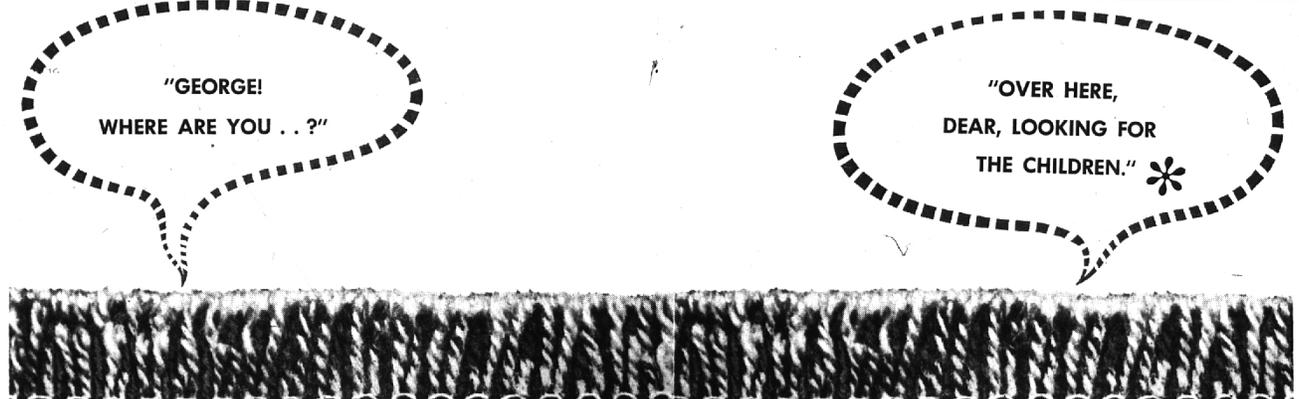
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