

Salute to the Metropolitan Opera

May Party Marks End Of Season

Many local young people are getting their best bib 'n' tuckers ready for the grand finale to their dancing season with Miss Florence Schoolfield Young. Their classes are held at Oakland Hills Country Club, Vaughan School and Rosedale Park Clubhouse in Detroit. Miss Young's May Parties are as traditional in our area as the Pilgrimage is in the South. Friday, May 25, is the night of this year's May Party and Red Run Country Club is the place.

The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. The Grand March begins at 8:30 p.m. and is being led by Miss Young and Edgar A. Guest III. (Mrs. Guest is busy with a part in "Gigi," so is loaning Eddie for the evening—nice to have him back, too.)

Mrs. Earle S. MacPherson heads the list of patrons and patronesses. Others from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPhail, Mr. and Mrs. George Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. John Piccu, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Frey, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Tomlinson and Dr. and Mrs. Harold E. Clark.

STILL OTHERS include Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Guest, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Naylor, Mrs. Harry Menard, Dr. and Mrs. John Wiant, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Cronin, Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Cawleton A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Bush and Judge and Mrs. Harry Dingeman.

Some of the young people sure to be on tap are Carolyn Cooper, Mike Carpenter, Barbara Badger, Jeff Dearth, Peggy Bush, Dan Singleton, Bruce Naylor, Janet Fuller, Kitty Winston, Richard Dooley, Jodi and Pat Cronin, Annette Slavsky, John Tomlinson, Bob Newberg, Maureen Judge, Judson Kalis, Bert Lyon, Ann Mahoney, Douglas Booth, Melanie Baer, Melinda Churches, Mike Dorman, Barry and Ginger Goodwin, Barb and Pete Sobelton, Betty Finley, Diane Hardesty, Martha McNaughton, Bob Mills, Cathy Mooney, Debra Nurme and Craig White.

Mrs. R. T. Purdy Hostess to Group

Mrs. Richard T. Purdy of Wellesley Drive, Birmingham, entertained members of the Libre Club for luncheon May 14.

Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Alvin Lambert, Mrs. George T. Trumbull, Mrs. Richard Wagner and Mrs. John G. Wood. Following luncheon, Mrs. Phyllis Gentile spoke on "The United Nations."



Mrs. Raymond T. Perring (from top)
Mrs. John Blomquist
Mrs. Gilbert Richards

THEY'LL WALK IN BEAUTY, GOWNED IN SPLENDOR
Formality will reign opening night

Mrs. Robert L. Graham
Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg (right)

Suburban Scene Acknowledges Local Participation

By MARY ELLEN MEAD
Society Editor

With curtain time scheduled for May 21 for the Metropolitan Opera Company's fourth season in Detroit—fourth season since 1959, that is—Suburban Scene bows to those committee women throughout the state (almost 500 strong) whose talents, time and energy have brought great music to our doorstep.

From every walk of life, business women, professional women, the civic-minded and housewives have rallied in dedicated fashion to keep Opera Week a continuing part of what critics currently say is "a country-wide awakening in the field of the arts."

Time was that, outside of a trip to New York, closest mid-westerners could get to the Met was a drive to Cleveland. This lake-side center of music—long famed for fine symphony—supported Opera through even the lean years of the Depression. But even if Detroit had then been receptive to Opera (and many were), there was the "250-mile-clause" to contend with: In those days the Met would not perform within that specified distance from another tour city.

FOR TOO MANY years, then, Detroit's exposure came the vicarious way—arm chair consumption of reviews put on the wires by that competent trio of Metropolitan newspapermen, Russell McLaughlin, J. Dorsey Callaghan and Harvey Taylor.

Whether it was a change of heart or a change of contract or both doesn't matter now. Suffice it to say that for the past four years New York has brought one of its greatest mediums of entertainment into our own backyard.

This was not motivated, however, without a campaign stemming from the Detroit Grand Opera Association and enlisting the aid of hundreds of dedicated workers—fundraising just one facet of an organization reaching into every corner of the state.

BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMFIELD HILLS and Franklin women have been involved from the first, and a no more efficient twosome could be found than Mrs. George Romney and Mrs. John F. Gordon, both of Bloomfield, who, as this year's General Co-chairmen, have directed the corps of women working under them. They, in turn, give all credit to their diligent committees.

Among that group are the women pictured today, all of whom have worked unendingly since the first of the year, all of whom can feel justifiable pride in knowing that the SRO signs (proof of the pudding!) are polished and ready to be hung.

Marshall Fredericks, renowned sculptor and opera devotee, loaned his studio on N. Woodward Ave. for posing the women in gowns they will wear opening night. Always a glittering affair socially, opening night is the dressiest. Generally, formality is not maintained throughout the rest of the week.

Others from this area who have devoted long hours to making Opera Week the magnificent occasion it's been in the past are Area Chairman Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema and her co-chairmen Mrs. Carl Sundberg, Mrs. Gilbert Richards, Mrs. Max Fisher and Mrs. Harvey Kresge Jr.

MRS. SUNDBERG heads the Schools Committee, whose function has been to take full charge of all opera promotion in public, private and parochial schools. Working with her

are Mrs. Richard T. Purdy, Mrs. Ralph M. Fox, Mrs. Richard Barnard and Mrs. John H. Longley.

Special Events Committee, headed by Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Kresge, includes Mrs. Howard B. Barker, Mrs. Warren S. Booth, Mrs. James H. Carmel, Mrs. Robert Chambers, Mrs. Riger M. Kyes, Mrs. Ben D. Mills, Mrs. John B. Poole, Mrs. Edward A. Proctor, Mrs. Elwood Engel, Mrs. Robert C. Fisher, Mrs. Ernest A. Jones, Mrs. William Kalin, Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. Frederick S. Strong III and Mrs. George Trumbull.

Mrs. Robert L. Graham and Mrs. Raymond T. Perring have been in charge of publicity, and working with them are Mrs. Morgan D. Douglas Jr., Mrs. Henry C. Johnson and Mrs. Edgar Farrell.

And so the lists go on—to a point where it seems the entire community has a finger in the pie!

Additional workers—and there are many, more—include Mrs. Richard Teel, Mrs. E. Steven Bauer, Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, Mrs. Willys Wagner, Mrs. Paul J. Shine, Mrs. Theodore Guething, Mrs. John S. Judd, Mrs. William H. McGaughey, Mrs. George R. Squibb and Mrs. Rinehart S. Bright.

Fun Stars Jr. League Calendar

The Junior League of Birmingham's Sustaining Group is ending its year in a burst of activity.

On Wednesday, May 16, members will hostess a tea for new provisionals at the home of Mrs. E. Jamieson Williams of Yarmouth Road. Planning the tea are Mrs. Wesslau Wright and Mrs. John Dinman.

Those pouring will include Mrs. Robert Lee Graham, Mrs. William T. Gossett, Mrs. John K. Stevenson, Mrs. Warren Booth, Mrs. Otis Thompson, Mrs. William Bachman, Mrs. George R. Squibb and Mrs. John Saunders, all presidents at one time of either the Junior League or the Sustaining group.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, is the date of the Sustainers' annual dinner dance which will be held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Mrs. Franklin Butler is chairman of the affair assisted by Mrs. John Paige and Mrs. John Rumsey. Reservations have been made by the R. L. Polks, the Albert Jelles, the R. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Bachman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wise Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh, the John McLeans, the Thomas Yarnalls, the Burt R. Shurlys and Mrs. Robert Lee Graham, Jr.

On June 21 the Sustainers will hold their final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. James Berensford in Metamora. Luncheon around the pool and swimming will be included on the agenda.

Miss Terrill Wins Place in PTA Hearts

A reception for Miss Lydia Terrill will be held in the Multipurpose room of Beverly School on Sunday, May 28, from 2-4 p.m. Miss Terrill is retiring from teaching after 41 years of service. She comes from Ishpeming, Mich., graduating from high school there. She received her teacher's Life Certificate from Northern State Teacher's College, and her B.S. degree from Wayne State University. She has taught in Palmer Michigan Elementary School, Sault Ste. Marie Elementary, and in Birmingham since 1923 at Barnum, Pierce and Beverly.

Because of her devotion and influence on the children privileged to have been in her classes, Beverly School PTA is taking this opportunity to honor her and to invite her friends and present and former pupils to attend.

Mrs. Earl Stavelly, of 17415 Locherie, is heading the committee on arrangements. Assisting her are Mrs. Jack Copeland, Mrs. Dalton Lamb, Mrs. Douglas Wood and Mrs. Jarl Andeer.