

Classical Guitarist To Play in Concert

The first of a series of five concerts to be presented in the 1963-64 season by the South Oakland Community Concerts Association will feature Roy de la Torre, classical guitarist. The concert will be held Monday.

A resident of New York for many years, he annually tours the U. S. and Canada. He also occasionally tours Europe, South America and the Orient.

BORN IN HAVANA, he was a child prodigy—a pianist when 5 years old and a guitarist when 10 years old. In 1941, he made his debut at New York Town Hall, the beginning of an intensive schedule of concerts, broadcasts and television appearances.

His albums are distributed throughout most of the world. He has appeared as a guest on the "Jack Paar show," the "Today" show and the "Tonight" show on television.

His concert here will be held in the Oak Park High School auditorium; it will begin at 8:15 p.m.

AT THE RAVEN

Critic Calls One Hit, Two Strikes

Reviewed by Annetta Wonnberger
Current entertainment at the Raven Gallery features a reading production of three one-act plays written by Norman Wexler, a former Detroit.

Presented by the Raven Readers Theatre under the direction of Norman Zieve, the plays offer an

interesting evening accompaniment to the good food, coffee and pleasant surroundings of the gallery's dining room.

PLAYWRIGHT Wexler's strength lies in his ability to construct dialogue.

He achieves his greatest success in the first play, "The Rope." His parody of preoccupied egotism in

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times overwhelming for the intimacy of the small theatrical area. Mariette Schwartz is too constrained by the script to give her abilities full play.

ONE OUT OF three is a good score for a new playwright. An evening with the Readers Theatre is an interesting experience; and Herb Cohen, owner-director of the gallery, is to be complimented for giving this second group of new plays a hearing. Entertainment at the gallery varies, but the Readers Theatre will return again later in the fall with a new production.

STAGING PRESENTS some difficulties which director Zieve has not entirely overcome. The paraphernalia of lighting rigs, script stands and oversized script in-drawers distractingly between actors and audience.

The lack of a covered approach to the stage destroys some of the dramatic illusion in the gimmick ending of "The Rope."

In spite of these handicaps, the actors give an entertaining performance.

MARY LOU ZIEVE brings vitality to her characterizations, in addition to her natural charm. She shows skill and sensitivity in the variety which makes her four roles (two in one play) believable without the customary aid of costume and make-up changes.

Paul Stolarzky also reads with variety and assurance.

Jay Michael brings the full force of long professional experience to his portrayal of Torero with the result that he is some-



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DOING A READING of one of three new one-act plays by former Detroit Norman Wexler at the Raven Gallery are Mary Lou Zieve and Paul Stolarzky. The readings were given last week and repeated this week at the Gallery, which is located at 136 Brownell, Birmingham. The final performance will be tonight.

DOWN TO EARTH

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Old Paris Gets Face Scrubbed

PARIS, FRANCE—Ah, this town of perpetual youth and romance; it has the spirit of the 75-year-old Maurice Chevalier. What a city!

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Mrs. Burlingame

cars, cars, cars. But where to run them? Each person seeks an open pocket of space and rushes to occupy it.

Autobahns all over Europe are being speedily constructed to relieve the pressure.

Will the quaint places be bypassed and forgotten as the traveler hurries toward a dead-end of mileage, not recalling the joy of exploring quietly pockets of beauty and studying the basic culture of our forebears?

To secure the flavor of the town after the commuting traffic has subsided.

AFTER YOU are a seasoned European traveler, be sure to follow a specialized interest. It can be art, seeing the creative products of craftsmen, or viewing famous cemeteries. Travel time is never so wasted as by the person who floats from country to country without a committed interest.

For example, if you appreciate beautiful stained glass windows, visit St. Chapelle near the Palace of Justice. There you will see in this Gothic masterpiece, built by Louis IX to house the Crown of Thorns, magnificent stained glass windows.

THE CEILING of the church is a beautiful blue; the world-famous stained glass windows depict some 1500 Biblical scenes. There are rich colors of dark reds and blues which dazzle you as the sun streams through the glass.

Antique shops and art galleries line the narrow byways with small cafes which invite you to enjoy their hospitality and provide you with an opportunity to get acquainted with the people.

We always chuckled to see the French bread, the loaves about three feet long, carried unwrapped tied on bicycles, dragged along by children, through the milling crowds. We decided that French bread must be waterproof.

THE TIME arrived to drive toward Le Havre and the SS France. As we went over the highways, through the villages, the scenery looked like areas in Kansas and Iowa—very fertile flat land with well cultivated farm crops and bulging cattle. There were many truck farms.

The gem of towns we drove through was Rouen, which is where Jean d'Arc was burned at the stake. The entire town is a living museum having the charm of Oxford, in England, with its beautiful, quaint buildings. Rouen is a town one must star for a later visit.

THE CAR behaved like a fire-horse as we approached the wharf at Le Havre. Our thoughts focused toward home and we know that in our pocket of beauty, which is the Birmingham area, we, too, have tubes which are expressed in art, culture, progressive research and homes with a history as compiled by The Eccentric.

Area Music Clubs Convene in Detroit Next Wednesday

The southeast district meeting of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs will be held at the Women's City Club in Detroit Wednesday. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour and conference in all departments of federation work.

The luncheon will be at 12:45 p.m. with Mrs. Vernon L. Venman, Michigan State Federation President, as guest of honor and speaker. Mrs. Venman will present a special merit award to the club having the most members in attendance over 10.

Mrs. Richard S. Shannon is the President of the southeast district. Those interested in attending the meeting please call Birmingham President Mrs. Roland E. King.

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