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Practice Makes Perfect

Rehearsing the MSUO chorus for its upcoming (Feb. 23) appearance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is Dr. Walter Collins, chairman of the music department at the university. The chorus and orchestra together will give the first Detroit performance of Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." Half the proceeds from the concert, which is co-sponsored by the MSUO Music Committee, will go for music scholarships at MSUO. Members of the chorus (which is only two years old) from this area are Faye Langdon of W. Bloomfield Township; Walt Pasinski, Robert Mastej and Mary Jo Lalomia of Southfield; Geoffrey Burkhart, Lucinda Mann, Chris Peterson and Steve D. Beare of Birmingham, and Sandra Steimlosk of Bloomfield Hills. Ticket co-chairman is Mrs. Walter Skinner of Bloomfield Hills.

FROM THE BOOKCASE

Dos Passos Writes of Men More than Events of 1st War

MR. WILSON'S WAR, by John Dos Passos; Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1962; Garden City, N. Y., 517 pp.; $6.95.

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"Mr. Wilson's War" is another contribution to Doubleday's "Mainstream of America" series by the novelist and chronicler John Dos Passos. In this factual historical narrative he covers the years 1900 to 1920 with an eye to describing America's involvement in World War I.

Probably the most noteworthy feature of this book is Dos Passos' emphasis on men rather than events. In emphasizing the men Dos Passos brings into play his keen faculty for pen portraits and character summation.

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HE BEGINS with 1900 and the opening of the progressive era—the Age of Reform.

The assassination of McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt's ascension to the presidency are the events that marked the beginning of that epoch, with William Jennings Bryan, Robert La Follette and America's role in international affairs all reviewed by the author. Then on to the national political scene in 1912 came Woodrow Wilson the scholar, the reformer, the idealist, and the enigma.

With the world heading for war the international problems of America increased and their solution became more difficult. Wilson, with his friend and adviser Colonel House, was hard pressed to find answers to those problems. They weighed with ever increasing intensity upon Wilson who came to rely more and more on his own judgments.

Wilson's wife died in the midst of that crisis and he was disconsolate at first, but managed to find solace with another woman whom he married. Wilson came to rely on her too, shunning advice from House and others. He alone was the director of America's destiny.

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THE INTERNATIONAL role of the United States was confused further with the outbreak of the war.

Loyalties were divided and direction lacking, which was noted by Wilson's doctrine of strict neutrality in spite of his foreboding of what a German victory could mean.

"Wilson's war" became something more than a term for American participation. It was a struggle of a man with himself and the troubles of the world in an attempt to find the right course of action.

In spite of Wilson's attempts events proved too much and the United States entered the war with a lack of foresight, but with high idealism that proved disastrous in the final peace settlement.

Wilson had reached the conclusion that the United States held the key to a successful peace and that as the leader of the U.S. he must be the guiding force. But the idealism was frustrated for the realist in Wilson was not strong. Thus, much that would have been of advantage at the peace table was lost.

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THE BEST example was Wilson's failure to use U.S. participation as a means of extracting definite promises from our allies for a peace that would not have engendered hatred. The European feeling for revenge was still too strong. Wilson failed and in the end even his own country deserted his ideals. He retired a broken man, physically and spiritually.

The tragedy of Woodrow Wilson is the focal point of the book, however many other personalities are described. It marks no contribution to the scholar's study of history but it provides much in the vein of living history.

If one wants a general background or brief summary of World War I this is what Dos Passos provides.

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Kiwanis Club Gives January Session Notes

The Kiwanis Club of the City of Southfield holds weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

The first meeting of the year was held Jan. 2 at the Southfield Community Building. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Willow Lippert, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Her subject was the history of the Southfield area.

The second meeting of the year was held at Cregar's Pickwick House in Detroit. This was the installation of officers. Lt. Gov. Bill Wilson, a Southfield resident and a member of the Ferndale Kiwanis Club, was the installing officer.

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THE 1962 PRESIDENT, Clarence Reid, Jr., was replaced by **Clifford Thompson. The other officers are Peter J. Cristiano, first vice president; Bernard Gourwitz, second vice president; Donald Hanford, secretary; Donald Cameron, financial secretary; Thomas Myers, treasurer; and the board of directors.**

The outgoing president was awarded a watch, and the incoming president was handed the gavel. President's Awards were presented to Thomas H. Myers, Donald A. Cameron and Bernard A. Gourwitz for outstanding service during the year 1962.

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THE MEETING OF January 16 was held at Kostere's Dining Room in Detroit, and the new president, Clifford Thompson, discussed plans he hopes will be carried out this year.

The meeting of Jan. 23 found five of the candidates for the City Council present, explaining their views and platforms. The candidates were O. David Edwards, John J. Hollywood, James J. Julian, Jean McDonnell and Will J. Oliver. The other candidates will attend a meeting this month.

Car Turns Over On Wattles Road; Girl, 15, Hurt

A teen-age youth and his sister were involved in an automobile accident Saturday at 11:15 p.m. on Wattles Road, just west of Charing Cross.

Michael Hughes, 4581 Burnley Drive, told police that another driver pulled out onto Wattles Road. Michael said that he lost control of the car when he tried to avoid hitting the other vehicle. The Hughes car then turned over. He told police the other car did not stop.

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HIS SISTER Katherine, 15 was bruised and Michael apparently was uninjured, according to police.

Michael was driving west on Wattles, a dirt road, at the time of the accident.

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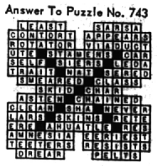

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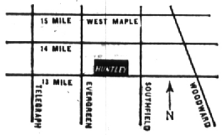

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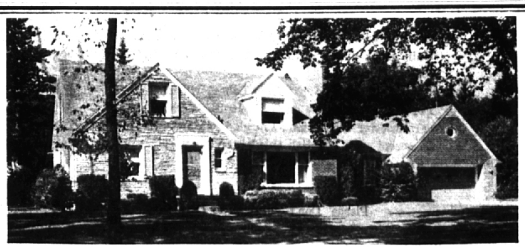

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