

# Birmingham Turns Its Sights on Opera Season



EARLY ARRIVALS SEEK REFUGE IN SUNNY LIVING ROOM

## Teacher-Advisor Is Honored

Over 600 people attended a tea Sunday honoring Carolyn Wolf-Levin of City and Country School, Bloomfield Hills. But when the invitations were first received, a number of them did a double take and raced to the phone to be sure that this was really "Curley" Levin.

It's been so long since she's been called anything but "Curley," people had to make sure. So, for weeks, the phone at the Levin home on Franklin Road rang and rang, while even the recipient of the calls was trying hard to get used to seeing her formal name again—and also the idea that her 15 years as teacher and advisor with City and Country should warrant such a fuss.

A graduate of Vassar, she became affiliated with Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit when she first arrived in these parts as the wife of Abraham J. Levin, attorney, and a young mother of a five-year-old. The Levins have lived on Franklin Road, just north of the village and near Mill, since 1930.

In the ensuing years she has raised five children of her own and taught and guided legions of pre-school aged children and their bewildered parents—first at Merrill-Palmer and then at City and Country School. And she still had a place in her heart to offer a home to a foster child snatched from the furnaces of purgatorial Europe during the war.

Among the many words of glowing affection that were said Sunday, perhaps George Roeper's tribute was most pertinent. "Curly is a person who values moral standards, yet she would never recite them to a child or dismiss a child because it would not live up to them."

"It is the secret of a good teacher to be a moralist without being moralistic. To understand with empathy the depth of immorality without lowering one's own moral principles. Curly is a teacher not because of what she teaches but because of what she is."

THOUGH CURLY is no longer actively teaching, she will continue to function as an advisor for the school she helped to launch and, together with her husband, A. J., now retired, she will devote her time to writing, thus enlarging the scope of her influence on the leaders of tomorrow.

**THE FORMALITIES** and occasion were befitting a woman who has been listed in the International Who's Who and the Who's Who of American Women for many years.

She has distinguished herself in many ways by being an authority on what's what for three year olds. Education of the preschool child has been her prime professional field.

## NORTH ADAMS

### 100 Travelers Plan Trip Around Globe

By ELIZABETH YATES  
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When the group of 100 Birmingham, Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe residents depart in March on the world trip with the John Kinneys of Hyland drive, they will be prepared.

Since September, groups have been meeting to study the countries they will be visiting and their customs. They have also been meeting at evening parties.

The last of the series of parties are now being hosted. On Saturday the Claude Sprunks of Sandhollow Way greeted their guests in Japanese costumes. The John Kinneys were in oriental costumes and other guests were dressed in the costumes of the countries they will visit. Cocktails and oriental foods were served by the hosts.

**THE GENE BOWLES** of Green Lake entertained 60 of the travelers at a Sunday brunch. Even though the Les Joes of Farmington won't be going along on this trip they will be entertaining at a cocktail and dinner party for the group. Their party is slated for the evening of March 9. The "Kinsey tour group" will be departing from their U.S. on March 22.

**THE HOWARD L. BEERS** of Burnley Drive will be leaving Friday for New York and then on an ocean hop to Genoa, Italy, where they will begin a two-week eastern Mediterranean cruise. They will be stopping at many ports on the scenic journey.

Arriving home for the weekend before their departure was their son, Louis, a freshman at Harvard University. Accompanying Louis was a friend from Radcliff, Dana Smith of Lincoln, Pa.

Visiting the Edward Hopkins of Meadowlark Drive and Detroit friends for a few days are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rowell and

daughter Jane of Melbourne, Australia.

The Hoppers met their guests in Calcutta in May of last year while they were on a world trip. The Rowells are traveling out to Switzerland where their daughter has been enrolled in school.

**VISITING** The James Browns of Meadowlark Court in October and then again for 10 days recently was Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Doris Hooeycott of Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Hooeycott is planning on a return trip in June when her sons and their wives, the Jack Browns and the Buster Browns of West Corona, Calif., will be here for a two week stay.

**CONCORD GREEN** Garden Club members and friends held their February meeting at Dunstons Flower Shop in Pontiac on Monday evening.

Mrs. Dunstan demonstrated many areas of flower arranging and gave tips on preserving florists' flowers, as well as garden flowers. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Mrs. D. J. Stans and Mrs. F. A. Arcar.

Planning the informative evening was the club's program chairman, Mrs. William Lee.

**THE WILLIAM CARYS** of Square Lake Road entertained at a dinner party for 25 guests, all members of the club, on Saturday evening. Introduced at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, new caretakers of the trout fishing club located on the south branch of the Ausable River.

Birmingham and Bloomfield guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Covert, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Remington, Mr. and Mrs. John Butler and Tex Campbell.

**MRS. DONALD HITE** of

Lampighter lane invited a group of friends for cocktails and a buffet birthday party honoring her husband on Saturday evening.

The party was a "kids affair" with paper hats, noise makers, streamers and loads of balloons. Among the guests were Concord Green subdivision neighbors and area residents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ball, Mr. and Mrs. James Stragess, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Brook and Mrs. Hites parents from Grosse Isle and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cardwell.

On Saturday the Hites will join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hite of Waddington Road, and depart for the five-day master photographer dealers association convention.

After the convention, the Hites seniors will return home while the Donald Hites will motor to Florida. They plan on making stops in Daytona Beach, Sarasota and Fort Lauderdale during their tour of the state.

**THE VINCENT J.** Prices of Dryden Lane are enjoying their little new comer, Lisa Mary, born Jan. 10.

Baby showers have been given in Lisa's honor this month. Mrs. Bill Goff of Walled Lake entertained at a surprise shower inviting relatives to congratulate Mrs. Price on the evening of Feb. 4. On Thursday evening, Mrs. Richard Guillot of Birmingham hosted a shower for the baby.

Lisa was christened at Holy Name on Sunday and then taken to the Village Women's Club where a champagne christening was held.

The William Armstrongs of Orchard Hill drive are changing addresses in March. Their new home will be on Brookdale Drive.

**THE HENRY** Whittings, Jr. also made a move from Orchard Hill Drive. Their new address will be Bloomfield Village. Moving into the Whitting home (See TRIP, 6-C)



MRS. RALPH FOX (LEFT) AND MRS. RICHARD PURDY ENJOY PUNCH LABELED BY HOSTESS MRS. R. JAMISON WILLIAMS

## Comprehensive Program Set For Local Participation

Because members of the Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills Metropolitan Opera Committee have been working so diligently to organize their pace-setting pre-opera season activities, a gala kick-off luncheon to salute them was given Wednesday by Mrs. R. Jamison Williams of Yarmouth Road, Bloomfield Village.

Among special guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Florence Willets, Mayor of Birmingham; Mrs. John S. Burgess, wife of the Mayor of Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema, general chairman for the 1963 Detroit Opera Season; Mrs. John E. Gordon, general co-chairman, and Frank W. Donovan, president of the Detroit Grand Opera Association, and Mrs. Donovan.

Workshop Series. This also will be open to the public.

**OTHER BIRMINGHAM-**Bloomfield Hills activities include an especially designed program for junior and senior high school students. Working with Mrs. Ralph Fox on this project are Mrs. Richard Purdy, Mrs. Henry Whiting, Jr., Mrs. John R. Phelps, Jr., Mrs. Donald Green, Mrs. Richard Ruppel and Mrs. Phillip R. Flanders.

A speakers bureau has on its roster Mrs. Willy S. Wagner, Mrs. Charles Himelchock, Mrs. E. Steven Bauer, Mrs. Kenneth W. Cunningham, Jr., Mrs. Robert Reynolds and Mrs. Loren C. Spelman.

A poster and brochure program is headed by Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg. Working with her are Mrs. John S. Judd, Mrs. William H. McCaughey, Mrs. Theodore Guething, Mrs. Glen Miller and Mrs. Richard Kern.

Others lending their efforts on various committees are Mrs. Darrell Roberts, Mrs. Harry Hoyt, Mrs. Richard O'Reilly, Mrs. George McClellan, Mrs. Robert L. Graham, Mrs. Howard E. Hallas, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mrs. John W. Sanders, Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis, Mrs. John S. French, Mrs. George T. Trumbull, Mrs. Gilbert Richards, Mrs. Roy Abernathy and Mrs. Richard Meurer.



BUFFET LINE INCLUDED MRS. ROBERT GRAHAM (FROM LEFT), MRS. RAY PERRING AND MRS. LYNN TOWNSEND

**The Birmingham Eccentric**  
Thursday, February 28, 1963

Being proud of a personal achievement is a widespread trait in human nature. Being the possessor of vanity, too, is also evident among human beings. But to be vainly proud is the mark of weakness... for one such trait really militates against the other, with the weaker one assuming the most importance. Pride, leavened with suitable humility, is a reasonable goal; self-esteem, self-reliance are its offsprings.

**BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN SECTION CC**

**Amateur Theater Draws Localites**

A number of Birmingham women are taking part in "The Return", one of three one-act plays to be presented by the Theater Arts Club of Detroit Friday afternoon, March 8, at the playhouse on E. Jefferson Ave.

Mrs. Dean Coffin is directing, with Mrs. Leon H. Hanselman doing lines and costumes. In the cast are Mrs. Claude M. Cora-rauger, Mrs. M. Colton Hutchins and Mrs. Richard Allman.

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