

# Potpourri

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The overture sounded familiar to the Henry S. Booths when they attended what they thought was going to be a ballet in Antwerp, Belgium.

"That's American music," said Mr. Booth to Mrs. Booth. They were in an opera house early one evening during their recent trip to Europe.

"It's Victor Herbert," said Mrs. Booth to Mr. Booth. When the curtain went up, they knew the performance was not what a misleading Belgium newspaper ad had implied it was.

It was not ballet. It was a Victor Herbert operetta. That wouldn't have been too bad if the Booths had understood the language it was sung in, which was Flemish. It was like buying a ticket to a chamber music concert and finding yourself at a Mexican hootenanny.

**THE BOOTHS**, who live at 700 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, sat through two acts of Victor Herbert in Flemish, in a stumped state of curiosity about which operetta they were seeing.

Far more successful was their evening at the Glyndebourne Festival in England. To attend the opera in Sussex, the head of Cranbrook Foundation and his wife dressed in the required formal wear and left Grosvenor House in London at 2:15 p.m.

A few minutes later they joined a throng of formally attired Londoners and tourists waiting on the train platform at Victoria Station.

They rode 45 miles to Lewes. Then a bus took them to the Glyndebourne Opera House on the beautiful country estate of John Christie, Sr.

**THE STORY** goes that Mr. Christie built the 550-seat opera house so that Mrs. C., a soprano, could have a place to star. The Christies' son now runs the festival, which has become a favorite musical mecca for British nobility and celebrities. In true British fashion, they seem to enjoy the formality devised by John Christie when he built the opera house in 1934.

According to Mr. Booth, opera-goers arrive in time for refreshments and a stroll around the lovely gardens before the first act. During intermission at 5:30 p.m., nearly 500 people are served an elegant meal fit for a queen.

Then it's back for the last act of Debussy's *Pelléas and Melisande*, back to the bus, onto the train, and thence to London and Grosvenor House by midnight. The Booths took their formal clothes all the way to Europe just for that lovely day, and they say it was worth the trouble. P.S. The opera was good, too.

**ANYONE WHO** has seen her in action previously knows that Sue Tabor must have been great in the role of Tiffany in "Mary, Mary."

The Potpourri pipeline says that's the way it was when our talented, terrific local girl played at the Fisher Theatre during the final two weeks of the Kerr comedy run.

The local resident who would have enjoyed Sue's performance most of all—her mother—was in Europe and missed it.

Sue lives in New York City now and is Mrs. Thomas Wahman. She's the daughter of Mrs. Lawton Tabor, 18280 Devonshire, Beverly Hills.

**THE POTPOURRI** nomination for best title of the week goes to Dr. J. E. Farris of the department of psychology, Wayne State University. He's lecturing on art today at the 11th annual regional exhibition and are conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His title: "Art: Free, Freud or Fraud?"

The conference coincides with the annual Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, which will line S. University St. through Aug. 20.

Paintings by several Birmingham area artists are hung in the invitational show of paintings from regional Michigan shows. It's at Rackham galleries, Ann Arbor, through Aug. 1.

Local artists featured are Rosemary Allen, Ann Cutter, Sally Robinson, Marianne Gilmore, John B. Tabb, George Greathart and Mrs. Herbert Gardner, Jr.

## Brother and Sister Travel to Europe With College Choir

Two local young people left yesterday for a concert tour of Europe with the Suomi College Choir. They are Gale Stierma and her brother John H. Stierma, both of whom are students at Michigan State University. Both are alumni of Suomi College, Hancock (Mich.), a college sponsored by the Lutheran Church of America. The tour choir consists of 46 singers selected from students and recent alumni of Suomi College, the Bloomfield Hills Schools, and the group will present concerts in Germany, Stockholm, Belgium, Holland, France and Finland, including appearances at the Fourth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki on Aug. 7, 8 and 9. The group will return on Aug. 19.

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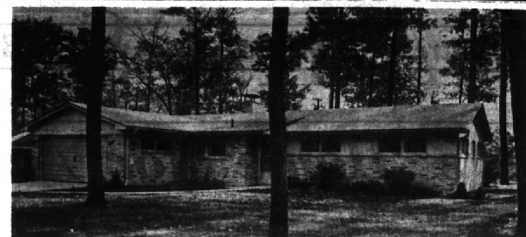
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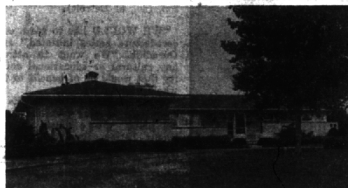
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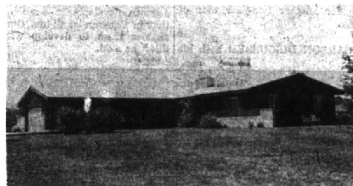
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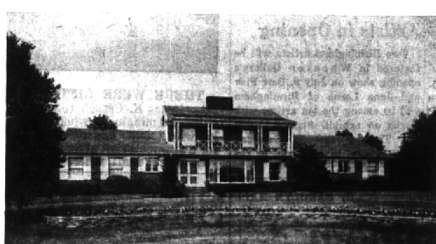
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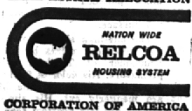


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