

B'ham Plays Part As Symphony Opens Tonight



MRS. GEORGE McCLELLAN (LEFT) AND MRS. CECIL AKROYD

Eccentric Photo by Bill Thom

With two local women at the helm, tonight's glamor opening of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is more representative than usual of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. New president of the Women's Association, Mrs. Cecil Akroyd of Pembroke Drive, and her counterpart for the juniors, Mrs. George McClellan of Lake Park, will lead more than a score of localities into Ford Auditorium to hear Sixten Ehrling conduct the first concert of the symphony's Golden Anniversary Year. Prelude to a festive evening will take place at the DAC, where dinner parties, large and small, will be augmented by a subscription party for members of the Women's Association and their husbands and friends. Driving into town with Dr. and Mrs. Akroyd will be the Donald Waltons and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Thompson. Planning small dinner parties are Mr. and Mrs. John Prepole of Harsdale Road and the LeRoy Dahlgrens of Lone Pine Road. Others from the area who will entertain preceding the concert are Dr. and Mrs. Herman Scarney of Orchard Lake, who will have among their guests Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Wellock, Mrs. Evan Heil and Mrs. Evan Steventon, Mrs. Gunnar

Karlstrom of Colonial Ct. will head another subscription group of eight planning to dine at the DAC. Mr. Ehrling recently returned from Europe where he conducted several orchestras during the past summer. He also received critical acclaim in this country during the summer as a result of his appearance at the Meadow Brook Festival, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl and with the Chicago Symphony in Ravinia. Incidentally, when Mr. and Mrs. Ehrling stepped off the SS Bremen from Europe a couple of weeks ago, they were squired around the World's Fair (guests of G.M. Corp.) by their great good friend Mrs. Andre Kostelanetz. Following the pattern of numerous notables, Mr. Ehrling was invited to switch the switch which beams the most powerful searchlight in the world out across Flushing Meadows. Mrs. Ehrling recently returned to Stockholm, where her youngsters are finishing school. Contributing a continental touch and additional sparkle to this evening's glitter is the news that champagne will be served during intermission and following the concert.

People Are Talking...

About the number of Birminghamites . . . Mrs. John L. Wiant among 'em . . . who conscientiously head for the World's Fair and never make it . . . such is the lure of Manhattan that Sally (Mrs. W.) and teenage daughters Judy and Macki ignored their British walkers . . . settling, instead, for the spike-heeled world of Twenty-One, the Forum, Tower Suite and the Colony; theater, museums and shopping . . . Flushing Meadows scheduled for NEXT summer . . .

About B'ham families whose phones are strangely silent these days . . . no jangle straight through a (now lonesome) dinner hour . . . what with young fry off to college . . .

About the movie version of John Gielgud's "Hamlet" . . . something less than the smash hit it was on Broadway . . . hazy pictures and foggy audio not doing a thing for the audience OR Burton . . .

About the band which held forth at a recent dinner party given by the Jack LaVans . . . recruited from the ranks of daughter Gloria's college friends, it kept 60 oldsters on their toes 'til the small hours . . . trippers including the E. G. MacMartins (en route to Florida), whose swank emporium at Harbor Springs . . . men's clothes only . . . is a sartorial trap for many a dashing localite . . .

About change of personnel in the Social Secretary Dept. . . . with the retirement of Agnes (Mrs. Francis) Brossy in Grosse Pointe, Mary Margaret (Mrs. McAlpine) Merry is taking over . . . and now that B'ham's Marabelle Parker is the new Mrs. Elmer Sylvester, her frothy duties have been assumed by June (Mrs. Burl) Schmidt and Tina (Mrs. Hans) Scheive . . . two of the season's prettiest weddings handled by these talented gals, respectively: Dewitt-Weckler and Flint-Knudsen . . .

About TAE Association provisionals . . . which busy group includes Maggie Pioch, Elaine Horigan, Ann Armstrong, Pamela Gilarly, Alberta Savonuzzi, Mary Sharon McDaniels, Musette Racine, Sally Sutherland, Marilla Corwin, Abbie Forster, Susan Wetherby, Linda Davenport, Rita Riley . . . and their sponsors . . . already making plans for an annual Christmas dance honoring all youngsters in the area . . .

About that ruby red '65 Wildcat consistently parked at the entrance to Fox and Hounds . . . belongs to restaurant manager Herb Crow . . . who acts as if he'd just discovered Christmas . . . so do the wistful gents hovering over it en route to lunch . . .

About the all gold and white party given at the DAC Saturday . . . where Mr. and Mrs. Stuart A. Cogsdill received guests for cocktails and dinner marking their 50th wedding anniversary . . . beaming sons-in-law and daughters standing in line with them were the Robert E. Pifes and Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. White . . . younger generation represented by grandchildren Pam, Robert and Katherine Fife . . . Cynthia and Stuart White . . .

About the R. C. Nordstroms of Beverly Hills . . . still glowing and showing (pictures) of their recent trip through England, Scotland, Denmark, Sweden and as far north as Narvik, Norway . . .

About Bloomfield Hills High graduate Doris E. Bowler, daughter of the William C. Bowlers, who's recently been graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing . . . is currently on staff of same and living . . . with three other local gals . . . in a cute apt. way down in the Big City . . .

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Oriental Art Symbols To Theme Meeting

Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will have its annual fall luncheon Oct. 12 at the Birmingham Community House. Mrs. James Hunter will introduce Betty Roberts who will show slides and speak on "Symbolism in Oriental Art". Mrs. Roberts is a traveler and lecturer and an authority on the Orient.

THE BIRMINGHAM Branch is giving special recognition to Mrs. Alexander and her assistants who spent two hundred hours this summer working with boys at the Pontiac State Hospital. The boys harvested five crops for which they received blue ribbons at the Michigan State Fair.

Mrs. Leon Jackman and Mrs. Stewart Cram are the social co-chairmen. A committee formed of new members is using fall flowers as table decorations. Reservation chairman is Mrs. T. S. Lawton and Mrs. Fred Henney is chairman of the day.

The new president, Mrs. Marvin Katke, who is also state vice president and national recording secretary, will preside. Mrs. Katke has appointed the following committee members: bulletin, and flower show, Mrs. George Cutler, civic improvement, Mrs. Robert Mason and conservation, Mrs. Vernon Schneider.

EDUCATION chairman is Mrs. Carl Abbott; exhibits, Mrs. Robert McVeigh; garden center, Mrs. H. S. McFarland; historian, Mrs. Lett R. Eise; horticulture, Mrs. D. H. Goldsmith; horticultural therapy, Mrs. J. Reed Alexander; hospitality, Mrs. Richard Kaltz and Mrs. L. B. Boyd and international cooperation, Mrs. Fred Finkenauer.

Junior gardening chairman is Mrs. Richard Baur; membership, Mrs. Charles Davison; photography, Mrs. Russel Olin; program, Mrs. James Hunter; publicity, Mrs. Ralph Schuch; revisions, Mrs. George Dixon; social, Mrs. Jackman and Mrs. Cram and special projects, Mrs. Norman Berry.

Gardeners Exhibit

Mrs. James Sweeney, 4927 Cinnamon, Bloomfield Hills, is among area garden clubbers who will exhibit at the Federated Garden Club show at Warren's Oct. 14 through 16.

Participating from Birmingham will be Mrs. William Haase, 3245 Sheridan and Mrs. William Dehm, 16045 Dunblaine.

Volunteers Honored By March of Dimes

An appreciation tea was held in Greenfield's Wednesday to honor all 1964 mothers march chairmen for the National March of Dimes and to introduce 1965 chairmen.

Gold pins in the shape of keys representing the key to medical research for birth defects were presented to the chairmen.

The tea was served as a means of expressing the appreciation of the Oakland County chapter for the success of the 1964 Mothers March. All 1964 colonels and captains also were invited.

Mrs. Ella Campoli of West Bloomfield Township is the Mothers March coordinator.

B'ham AAUW Journeys to Area Confab

Members of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women shared an exchange of ideas and discussion with members from other area branches at an area conference last Tuesday.

Fair Lane, the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, now a part of the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan, was chosen as the meeting place. Mrs. Benjamin Vandenberg, Dearborn branch president, was chairman of the committee that made arrangements for this get-together.

Mrs. Robert Kaag, area representative for cultural interests, guided the discussions to show the opportunities offered by the new approach to programming as set forth by the national organization of AAUW.

MRS. H. S. McFARLAND, Birmingham branch president, worked on the registration committee. Mrs. Frederick Pinta, area representative for education, participated in an afternoon session "Developing a Branch Program" as branch leaders planned a program development meeting.

Attending from Birmingham were Mrs. Herbert Dakin, Mrs. Dorman Dickerson, Mrs. George Green, Mrs. Howard Green, Mrs. Richard Henne, Mrs. Charles Hood, Mrs. John Horstzky and Mrs. G. Knight Houghton.

Also, Mrs. M. G. Houghton, Mrs. Raphael Marlin, Mrs. Marvin Marsh, Mrs. Robert McBride, Mrs. George Mosher, Mrs. Joseph Panza, Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. John Thomson, Mrs. Lynn Townsend, Mrs. V. G. Warbeland and Mrs. Preston Weir.

Suburban Members of ORT Plan Tour



MRS. ABRAHAM BECKER

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MRS. PHILIP MINKIN (FROM LEFT), MRS. CARL M. SIEGEL AND MRS. JACK KAUFMAN

The Suburban Hills Chapter of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) will sponsor a house, garden and art tour of seven homes in the area Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be used to help maintain ORT's vocational training schools in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. ORT's network of over 600 installations in 19 countries is at the service of Jewish people. Seventy different skills and trades are taught in its predominantly three and four year technical high school system.

Birmingham School Head To Address Group

The annual fall tea given by the Southern Oakland County branch of the Association for Childhood Education will be held on Thursday, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Kimball High School

The tea is given to honor school administrators, P.T.A. presidents, and A.C.E. members with delegated responsibilities.

The Association for Childhood Education International was formed in 1980 to work for the education and well-being of children. Dr. John Smith, superintendent of Birmingham Schools, will discuss his A.C.E. experiences in the eastern United States.

Host Wiener Roast For Fifth Year

The annual wiener roast invitation is being hosted by the Stranbergers, 1152 Lakeside, Birmingham. For five years the Stranbergers have hosted the wiener roast.

This year will be the last for the Stranbergers in that neighborhood as they are moving to Avon Lane.

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