

## Suburban Scene

### Glittering Salute Set For Opera Devotees

#### We Shall Have Music!

It isn't only symphony that's coming, via Meadow Brook, to Suburbia, but opera as well.

Granted, the latter will be a one shot deal as opposed to Meadow Brook's "season", but plans revolving around it sound as impressive as they are gay.

Invitations went into the mail this morning for Opera in the Country, a dazzling salute honoring those whose untiring efforts continue to make Metropolitan Opera Week in May a sell-out. The party will take place Friday, March 20, at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, cocktails and dinner to be followed by entertainment in the ring.

Dorlene McNelly and Russell Smith, who have performed in the Overture Series now being presented throughout the area, will sing a duet from Don Giovanni followed by Miss McNelly singing "The Jewel Song" from Faust.

The indoor ring will be blacked out for this part of the program, with a committee already busy planning and building a small stage to face the dining room and upstairs lounge so guests won't have to fight the tan bark in order to see.



MRS. GREEN

Mrs. Ernest A. Jones, chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area for DGOA, is being assisted by Mrs. Charles Himelhoch, chairman of this special event; Mrs. Robert Green, Mrs. Worth Kramer, Mrs. Harvey Kresge, Jr. and Mrs. George Russell.

Others include Mrs. Ted Ragsdale, Mrs. Robert Jones, Karen Vanderkloot, Mrs. Darrell C. Roberts and Mrs. Robert Fisher.



MRS. KRAMER

#### Stars in Their Crowns

Just a few of the honor guests who've been invited to attend the black tie event are Mayor and Mrs. William Bur-

gum, Mayor and Mrs. Gerald Cavanagh, Gov. and Mrs. George Romney, Chancellor and Mrs. Durwood Varner, Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, the Howard Harringtons of Grosse Pointe; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gardner, the Paul Averills, Mrs. Gunnar Karlstrom, the Graham John Grahams, Mr. and Mrs. John Coplin, the Harry Hoeyas, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald O'Grady, Rev. and Mrs. Harold C. DeWindt, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fruhauf and Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Sexten Ehrling.

Incidentally, the latter couple, along with Goran Gentele, director of the Royal Opera in Stockholm, will be honored at a tea to be given by Mrs. John F. Gordon Feb. 21 in her home in Bloomfield Hills.

Mr. Gentele is in this country to attend, among other things, a symposium that evening in the Rackham Bldg. entitled the "Arts and Culture of Sweden"—his sponsors, the Detroit Swedish Council.

#### Dynamo in Our Midst

Lou (Mrs. Frank R.) Chapman must have lived on Wheaties as a girl!

Charming and capable, her energy is unending and it's been put to use for innumerable organizations all across the state.

Currently she's involved with some 300 women from the Michigan Division of WNFGA, all of whom will rally Feb. 20 at Oakland Hills Country Club for their annual midwinter luncheon. Lou has been asked to give the invocation.

State President Mrs. Frederick G. Garrison no doubt chose her for about 40 different reasons. Well known in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, this Rochester gal with four children, all graduates of Cranbrook or Kingswood, has been state president of the club and continually held some national office in Farm and Garden.

Through the years she has globe-trotted to meetings of the Associated Country Women of the World as a WNFGA delegate. Currently she is membership chairman of the Village Woman's Club.

Her delightful home, often filled with visiting grandchildren, was designed by her husband and reveals a flair for color and a knowledge of art. A dinner there is a memorable affair.

By MARY ELLEN MEAD

MRS. CHAPMAN

## AAUW Puts Accent on Style



MRS. JAMES OLSON (LEFT) AND MRS. DOUGLAS GETTEL

### Fashions for a Project

Birmingham chapter of AAUW will present an afternoon of fashion, beauty and music in their "Gallery Couture" Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. in Cranbrook Auditorium. Mary Morgan, CKLW-TV, will act as commentator for fashions and stage settings provided by Jacobson's of Birmingham.

Serving as co-chairmen of this year's spring benefit are Mrs. Richard Lindgren, 4823 Wye Oak, and Mrs. John P. Thomson, 5085 Middlebelt Road, Orchard Lake. Assisting them in many months of planning has been a committee of 21 women.

Models have been recruited from the membership by Mrs. Richard Kendall, 29896 Fall River Road, Southfield, and Mrs. Douglas Gettel, 2866 Yorkshire. Among the group are Mrs. H. K. Berg, 4349 Far Hill Drive; Mrs. Ralph Fox, 855 Ridgewood Road, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. John Harnett, 17989 Dunblaine; Mrs. Richard Hartle, 1035 N. Woodward and Mrs. Donald Herbein, 29759 Spring River Drive, Southfield.

Other members modeling will be Mrs. Howard Kehrl, 3870 S. Millerway; Mrs. James Olson, 2265 Bedford Road, Pontiac; Mrs. N. J. Rakas, 1234 Glengarry Road; Mrs. Wilson Richards, 392 S. Glengarry Road; Mrs. John Sirich, 1598 Southfield; Mrs.

Preston Weir, 333 Bryn Mawr; Mrs. Robert J. Whitney, 1051 Woodlea and Mrs. Stephen Williamson, 3836 Oakhills Drive.

Daughters of members modeling sub-teen clothes will be Tracy Thomson, 5085 Middlebelt, Orchard Lake, and Diane Dickerson, 6005 Wing Lake Road.

Proceeds from the fashion show support one of AAUW's most important projects—the fellowship program. Each year more than 80 American and foreign women are assisted in graduate study with such funds. Thirteen local teachers benefited from grants for advanced study this year.

Music by the "Jills" of Bloomfield High School will enhance the afternoon program. Members of this group are Joan Alker, Connie Booth, Carol Dameron, Linda Pegley, Carol Fullerton, Candy Hershburger, Jean Jeynes, Julie Rupe and Carol Sarnes.

Twenty-five dollars in gift certificates for Jacobsons will be given as door prizes. Tea will be served under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Townsend, 5991 Orchard Bend, following the fashion showing.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, Jr., and Mrs. Robert W. Whittall. They will also be sold at the door.

### Spring Hats To Bloom for Newcomers

Newcomers will view new spring millinery and hair styling from Jacobson's salon at their Feb. 20 meeting at the Community House.

The 12:30 luncheon will be preceded by a social hour beginning at 11:30.

Prospective members may make reservations by calling Mrs. Howard Bradley by noon Monday, Feb. 17.

New executive officers of the club are Mrs. Paul E. Rathgeb, Jr., president; Mrs. J. Richard Frye, vice president; Mrs. Glenn Stenberg, secretary and Mrs. Russell Cresson, treasurer.

The newcomers Book Review Group will meet Thursday, Feb. 27 at 12:30 in the Mary Griffith Lounge in the Community House. Mrs. James H. Van Doren and a panel of members of her A A U W Book Study Group will review "Ulysses" by James Joyce.

### DAR Celebrates With Birthday Tea

Pietly Hill chapter of the DAR held a birthday tea on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Birmingham home of Mrs. Joel Watkins, 1101 Puritan.

Dorlene McNelly spoke on "The Robert Shaw Chorale in Russia." Assisting Mrs. Watkins were Mrs. John Hauser, Mrs. Charles Baer, Mrs. J. Vinton Birch, Mrs. Robert Simpkins, Mrs. William DeWolf, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. John Wasselick, Mrs. Irene Ljarsda, Mrs. Morris Holsted, Mrs. Charles Harnett, Mrs. John Hubert and Mrs. Reed Dewey.

### Business Women Hold Meeting

The Birmingham Business Women's Club held its February dinner meeting at the Community House Feb. 6. Speaker for the evening was Dr. Robert Pool of Pontiac. General chairman is Gertrude Keenan.

## Beaumont Goes Into Action



MRS. WILLIAM O. MEESE (FROM LEFT), MRS. MILT HEY, MRS. COURTLEY PARKER, MRS. PAUL CHENNAULT, MRS. ARCHIBALD McNAUGHTON, MRS. RALPH BACKUS AND MRS. NORMAN REUTER

It was a festive evening at William Beaumont Hospital Friday as members of the Women's Service Committee combined fun, music and a little business.

Highlight of the gathering was a skit entitled "It Can't Happen Here—We Hope." Written and directed by Mrs. William G. Meese of Birmingham, the skit satirized a few of the many situations which arise in the volunteer office.

Mrs. Charles Ervin, Jr., another Birminghamite, was cast as the lead, ably supported by Mrs. Ted Willis, Mrs. Norman Reuter and Mrs. Milton Hey. "The Gals in Blue" chorus line included Mrs. Courtley Parker, Mrs. Paul E. Chennault, Mrs. Jack Dunke, Mrs. Horace Shank-wiler and Mrs. Ralph Backus, all of Birmingham. Mrs. George Porter of Bloomfield Hills was accompanist.

Beaumont's musical medley, "The Heartbeats," played before and after the skit.

On the business agenda was the election of five new directors to serve three-year terms.

### Alpha Xi Delta Sets Philanthropy Fair

A national fair featuring exhibits on national and local philanthropic projects in combating juvenile delinquency will be held by the Birmingham chapter of Alpha Xi Delta alumnae for their Feb. 17 meeting at 8 p.m.

A white elephant sale will also be conducted in the home of Mrs. William Reddig, 186 Hawthorne, Birmingham. Mrs. Leo Brewer and Mrs. Wayne Murphy will assist.

## Goings On Round The Town

Following mid-winter recess, Oakland Hills Country Club will reopen Saturday night at a festive, black tie dinner dance.

Ingredients for festivity revolve around Valentine decorations, the "magic hour" (cocktails served at bargain rates from 7 to 8) plus a good orchestra and candlelight dinner featuring filet mignon.

Those responsible for all this elegance include the Carter Chamberlains, the Ed Jolys, Mr. and Mrs. John Picou, Mr. and Mrs. John Ahern, the Gary Hogans, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Gunn.

YOU CAN be a "first nighter" (if such is your aim!) at the Detroit opening of a play that has been a sell-out on Broadway for the past two seasons.

At the same time, Birmingham-Bloomfield Junior Symphony members point out you'll be making a contribution to their annual pledge to the Detroit Symphony. The play is "Never Too Late", starring William Bendix and Nancy Carol and the date is Feb. 24 at the Fisher Theater. Call Mrs. Herbert Graebner of Puritan Road for reservations.

BRIDE-ELECT Nancy Seelye has recently opened and is operating a Kelly Girl office in Ann Arbor but will take time off this weekend to attend her first pre-nuptial party—a tea—to be given by Mrs. Morris C. Purdy in her home on Glengary Road. Mrs. Jack Seelye will share honors with her daughter.

Nancy and Bob Brookman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brookman of Broadway Blvd., will speak their marriage vows June 6, after which they'll take off on a bicycle tour of Europe. On their return, Bob hopes to enter law school at U. of M., making it possible for Nancy to continue her new business venture.

### Rotary Anns Slate Symphony Preview

"Backstage with the Symphony" is the program slated for the Feb. 17 meeting at 1 p.m. at the Birmingham YMCA of the Birmingham Rotary Anns.

Serving on the luncheon committee are Mrs. Robert Thom, Mrs. William Beck, Mrs. Erik Bergsagen and Mrs. Ross A. Wagner.

### It's A Girl!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Hawkins of Torrance, Calif., (Shirley Abbott, formerly of Birmingham), announce the birth of a daughter, Marjorie Diane on Jan. 17. Their two other children include Nancy, 4 and Dean, 2.



MRS. RICHARD KENDALL



MRS. JOHN THOMSON (FROM LEFT), MRS. LYNN TOWNSEND AND MRS. RICHARD LINDGREN