

Old Operettas Revived in City as Contribution to New Sense of Living

Miss Pauline Schellschmidt Will Present 'Volks Oper' at Dinner Musicale in All Souls Church.

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AMERICA is in the mood to be gay. It's no longer smart to talk of depressions; it's time to look up. New York society is expanding with a new sense of living. Women are dressing brilliantly. Billboards are promising musical extravaganzas, the Russian ballet and light musical operettas. New York is waiting to "come out in the open" with "clarinet-warmed" suppers and "wine-brightened" conversation.

The spirit is infectious. It is reflected in the social activities of Indianapolis. One of the first to provide an outlet for the eagerness to be gay is Miss Pauline Schellschmidt, who is reviving the fanciful operettas of the nineties in her musicales; the kind of operettas she says that send you home with your heart and lips singing their lilting waltzes.

For organizations of All Souls Unitarian church, she will revive the Viennese "Volks Oper" at a dinner musicale on Dec. 13. Acting as commentator for her ensemble, she will inject into her remarks the fanciful and merry spirit of the operettas.

The program will follow the dinner, according to the Vienna custom. In Vienna, people go to the opera leisurely without the bustle of appearing in "grand style." That custom expresses Miss Schellschmidt's idea for the program she has arranged for the dinner musical. Business men, who love operetta music for its frivolity and merriment, may go without dressing in formal style. They may relax and revive their spirits with the gay music.

Miss Schellschmidt will inject the humor of dia- logue into her comments on selections from Boccaccio, "Fra Diavolo," "Ermione," "The Fortune Teller," and Strauss' "Die Fledermaus." Miss Schellschmidt has heard versions of these operettas in European capitals where she has visited with famous musicians. She has heard them in her own home, made a musical center of St. well known here for years as a music teacher.

Famous musicians visited the family home when they stopped in Indianapolis on their tours. They called for tea and afterwards grouped around the piano and sang tuneful songs of the operas in which they were playing.

Educated in Europe

Mr. Schellschmidt sent all of his six children to foreign conservatories to study. Miss Schellschmidt enrolled at Leipzig in Germany; two studied at Cologne and three at Brussels. Mr. Schellschmidt himself had his musical training at Aix la Chapelle.

Miss Schellschmidt and her sister, Mrs. Louise Schellschmidt Koehne, harpist in the ensemble, have "lived" the music which promises to fit in with the modern mood of gayety. "There is nothing like a singing heart," says Miss Schellschmidt. "The tunes of these operettas with the pungent wit of their dialogue will stimulate laughter and song."

Uses Old Scores

Miss Schellschmidt is directing the singers, Mrs. Ruth Devin, Mrs. Lissa Cox and Mrs. Robert Blake; Mrs. Koehne, harpist; Miss Louise Dauner, violinist; Miss Marcella Schell, cellist, and Mrs. Frank Edenbarter, pianist.

When Miss Schellschmidt presented a similar program last spring at the Propylaeum club, it revived memories for Mrs. Frederick Loomis. She played one of the leading roles in "Ermione," presented by the Lyra society in the eighties under the direction of Alexander Ernestine.

Miss Schellschmidt is using Mrs. Loomis' scores in her preparation for the All Souls' musical.

Sororities

Miss Elsie Lipp, 3500 South Meridian street, will be hostess for the regular business meeting of Alpha chapter, Sigma Delta Zeta sorority, at 8 Wednesday.

Beta chapter, Sigma Delta Zeta sorority, will hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner dance Thursday at the Lincoln. Miss Ruth Baase is reception chairman and Miss Mildred Fuile is in charge of entertainment.

Beta chapter, Theta Mu Rho sorority, will hold a business meeting tomorrow night at the Antlers.

Miss Mary Wabnitz will be hostess tonight for a bridge party, to be given by Theta Zeta Delta sorority. She will be assisted by Misses Roslyn Blanchard, Dena Mae McCormick, Peg Knokie and Mrs. Paul McKinney.

Miss Helen Raasch will entertain tonight with a dinner and bridge party with members of Delta Kappa Theta sorority as guests.

Miss Myrtle Turnring, 4706 Washington boulevard, will be hostess at 8 tomorrow for a meeting of Beta chapter, Omega Kappa Phi sorority.

Miss Beta Chi sorority will be entertained tonight at the home of Misses Norma and Marguerite Rodewald, 547 North Keystone avenue.

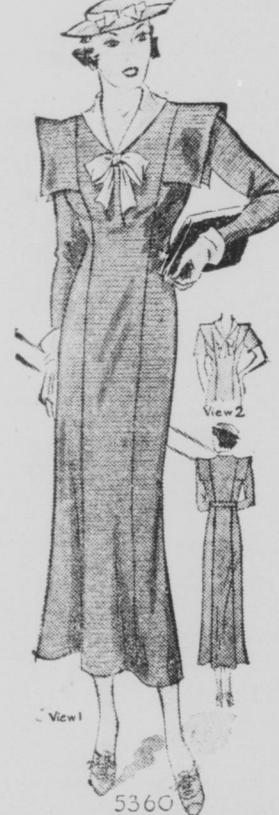
Daily Recipe

CHOCOLATE CAKES

1-2 cups sifted cake flour
1-2 teaspoons combination baking powder
1-2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
2-3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg, then chocolate, and blend.

Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in greased cup cake pans in moderate oven (500 degrees F.), 20 to 25 minutes. Makes two dozen small cup cakes.



PLANS DANCE



Black and White Glamor

Judith Allen as she arrived at the opening of a new picture. She wore a glamorous black velvet evening gown and a white ankle length wrap. Her hair was held in place with a new Alice in Wonderland rhinestone bandeau.



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Don't "res" Jane Jordan! If you do not agree with the opinions you find published in this column, write a letter which tells why you do not!

Dear Jane Jordan—Which soul for the sake of obeying his mother. We are planning to get married as soon as we are of age. We are not engaged now, but have agreed not to go out with others. I feel as though we should not go steady, as she is so young, although she has been with many other fellows and was quite popular. The question is do you think we are too young to be going steady or to be engaged?

Answer—Your question is not altogether clear. Most people believe that the laws of organized society were instituted by God, and that to obey the one is to serve the other. You evidently see some discrepancy between the two.

As your question reads, you believe that conventional behavior is at variance with religious conviction. This does not seem to me to be true. Therefore, I am at a loss to know how to answer you.

If you had asked whether or not a person should forsake the social set-up in order to pursue some inner value of his own, or whether he should seek goodness by doing as he is told, I should say that depended entirely on what kind of person he is.

A simple and naive soul is influenced tremendously by collective behavior. For him it would be a serious mistake to fly in the face of what other people believe.

A person with a more highly developed idea of himself as an entity instead of a member of a group, refuses to be the puppet of his times. For him there can be no real development in mechanical obedience to group morality. He must determine his conduct on a more fundamental conception of true morality.

These exiles are well-equipped to take care of themselves. For them departure from external authority does not mean freedom from internal restraint. However, the average person is not equipped to steer his bark in troubled waters alone. He needs the support of his group, and failure to receive it spells complete personal defeat.

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Answer—If I were in your place I'd enjoy the young woman's company half of the time without reference to the other suitor, and look around for another young woman to take up the other half of my time. If marriage is your goal, then perhaps my advice is a little too frivolous to be of any value. In that case, I'd propose to her and abide by her decision. If it was unfavorable, I'd take up the search for a partner elsewhere. But to demand all of a girl's time with no serious intent is to be unreasonably possessive. I don't blame her for refusing to be monopolized by either of you grabby young gentlemen.

Other committees are:

Dinnerettes, Misses Mary E. Woods, Lorna Udel and Katherine Ross, Russell Potter and Richard Kautsky; party, Misses Naomi Gud, Sue Anna Messing, Mary Frances James and Virginia Lett, Thomas Fittz, Merle Miller, Robert Chupp and Sherwood Blue; program, Misses Dorothy Montague, Mary Alice Free and Marjorie Watkins, and Frank Newland; invitations, Misses Mary Risk, Margaret Marky Pike, Louise Harshman and Mary Jo Ross; financial, Ellsworth Maxwell, Gaylord Allen, Harry E. Wood and Miss Marian Schleicher, and publicity, Misses Louise Eleanor Ross and Katherine Herberts and Karl Wood Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Fetrov, Chicago, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harold T. Ames and Mr. Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richey, Worcester, Mass., have returned to their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richey.

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