

Templeton Plays at Murat With Taste and Skilled Tone

By HENRY BUTLER

The woods are full of pianists, but there aren't many Alec Templetons. That's why I'm sorry the house wasn't bigger last night at the Murat when Mr. Templeton gave a fine program, beginning conventionally and ending unconventionally.

As a serious musician, Mr. Templeton is well worth hearing, even

though the serious part of the program last night was not startling. Mr. Templeton plays piano in the best modern British manner—that is to say, with good taste, good tone, good pedalling.

He began with Rummell's piano transcription of the great E minor chorale from Bach's Easter cantata, a piece familiar to many through the recording by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia orchestra. (Incidentally, that's about as good a Bach-Stokowski recording as any to have around the house. Play it often and the kids will catch on. It's better than talk about music appreciation.)

Effect of Beethoven
Continuing with a William Byrd pavanne and Daquin's "Le Coucou," Mr. Templeton finished his first group with the "Appassionata" sonata.

No one will ever be able to estimate the damage Beethoven's satelites have done to music. All those gruesome Peter Lorre folks like Czerny, for example, who wrote big volumes of piano exercises resembling the uninspired portions of Beethoven's piano-writing probably

Alvino Rey Coming



Alvino Rey, coming to the Indiana Roof with his band for a one-night engagement Sunday.

retarded music at least half a century.

The "Appassionata" is one of the best examples of Beethoven's inspiration and simultaneous pedestrianism. If he lived later, he wouldn't have written that way. The themes, particularly in the first two movements, are marvelous. But the last movement, in any man's musical language, is an ugly rat-race.

Group II was a welcome relief from the aridity of that Beethoven allegro. No space to discuss all the offerings, but, passing over the familiar and obvious Chopin C minor prelude, you heard the A flat prelude. That A flat organ point (it takes a nine-foot piano to make it really sound) with the ingratiating and expectant theme is one of the best examples of Chopin's writing. Consumptive Frederic, coughing, no doubt, from the smoke of George Sand's cigars, could light all the musical pin-ball bulbs when he thematized.

Reminded of Wordsworth

Mr. Templeton's improvisations are unique. Let's be deep and literary. What I thought of, while Alec was doing some of those confoundingly brilliant things, was a phrase from Wordsworth's prose writings, where he says a poet is a guy who "perceives the before-unapprehended relations between things." Alec sees and hears connections where most of us don't.

That extraordinarily brilliant insight that combines the apparently incompatible—that takes real brains, folks. The reason people laugh is that here's scrambled truth on several levels, all for the price of one admission.

Any eager beaver can learn the "Appassionata." Any eager beaver can play traditional stuff on the concert platform. But it takes genius of no uncertain order to filter all our musical listening habits and come out with so much fine stuff. The audience roared with delight when Alec parodied opera stars and radio idols.

Virtuosos are, you might say, judging from ads in the music magazines, a dime a dozen. How many of them can do the creative work Alec Templeton does?

NOTED ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT PURDUE

Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 12.—The Philadelphia orchestra, directed by Eugene Ormandy, will appear at Purdue university June 7 and 8. Prof. J. T. Gunn, chairman of convocations, announced today.

The orchestra will play at the first of a series of summer convocations at the university. Other convocations this summer will include Nan Merriman, mezzo-soprano, July 5; the Footlight Favorites, a quartet of younger stars, Aug. 2, and John Carter, tenor, Aug. 9. Several lectures are to be scheduled also, and will be announced later.

Psychic Cartoon of Amber Drawn—It Isn't Flattering

CHICAGO, April 12 (U. P.)—Amber, from the novel "Forever Amber," has had her picture drawn. It isn't flattering.

That's because the picture is of her subconscious. It is a psychic cartoon done by a Chicago artist, Miss Fisher makes money caricaturing the little men who aren't there—the impulses, impulses and panty-waist, which make people act as they do.

In her caricatures of the subconscious, she always represents Conscience as a dull little figure dressed in a panty-waist. Amber's panty-waist lies at her feet—dead.

Before doing a portrait of anyone's mind, Miss Fisher has the subject answer a psychological questionnaire. Many of the questions are embarrassing.

Never Did Exist

But Amber wouldn't be embarrassed at a nudist's convention, and besides she never really did exist, so the artist had her creator, Kathleen Windsor, answer for her. From the novelist's answers Miss Fisher dreamed up the picture symbols denoting Amber's subconscious.

"Amber is conscious, half woman, half beast," Miss Fisher explained. "So I painted her as a leopard with a woman's body and no head. Her head wasn't very important in her life, anyway, so I drew it off in one corner. Where her brain should be, she has a bed."

I. U. Band to Open Show at Garden

Don Pedlow's band from Indiana university will open the newly decorated Stardust room at Municipal gardens from 8:30 to 12 tomorrow night.

A floor show, arranged by Jackie Lawson, will include dancing, singing and specialty numbers. The Naptowners, directed by Carlos Bell, president, will be in charge of the check room. Table reservations may be made by telephone, BE-2552.

This is the first of a series of Saturday night dances at the Stardust room sponsored by the city recreation department.

SWIFT'S BIOGRAPHY IN SCREENING HERE

First local showing of "Red Wagon," a screen biography of meat-packer G. F. Swift, will be given at 8 p. m. today in the American Central Life Insurance auditorium.

Shown locally for Swift & Co. employees and their families, the screening of Swift's role in packing-industry history was produced by Hollywood experts. Starring in the film are John Whitney, as Gustavus Franklin Swift, and Barbara Woodell, as Ann Higgins Swift.

A feature of the film is the story of the refrigerator car's development.

Opening Today

AT KEITH'S—Birthday party, fourth-anniversary show, with the "Grab Bag Revue" featured on the stage. Vaudeville includes Jimmy Ross' Badminton Champs, Jack Waller, Doryce Drew, Spiller's Seals, Belmont Bros. and, as an extra attraction, Roberta's dog and pony circus. On the screen is "The Three Musketeers," with Don Ameche and the Ritz Brothers. Regular Friday talent show tonight at 7:35.

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