

# Rochester's 'Lady Of Music'

By FRANK KELLY

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," quote from William Congreve.

This is a quote that Sue Wigg, a Mercy High and Nazareth College alumna would heartily agree with.

MISS WIGG is a member of the program department at Station WHAM, where she assists on production and programing and is in charge of the record library. She was a music major and drama minor at Nazareth.

Today, Sue uses both music and drama in her work at WHAM and also in her outside activity as music director of Music Theatre of Rochester.

Sue's career since her graduation from Nazareth in 1949 is a most interesting one.

After first being employed in the music library departments at Stations WSAY and WHEC, she left to become a private secretary to Mitch Miller, the famed Rochesterian who is head of Columbia records, a subsidiary of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"But I returned to Rochester after six months," Sue said. "I just didn't like living in New York City."

Since her return, Sue has been with WHAM.

It was about this time, 1954 to be exact, that she and Thomas McCarthy, former president of the Rochester Musicians Union got together to form Music Theatre.

"We both felt that representative musical comedy should be made a part of the music picture in Rochester," Sue said. "We knew, of course, that there would be tremendous obstacles in our way, but we felt that we could overcome them," she added.

AS IS NOW known, these obstacles have been overcome and the group is flourishing as a major part of the presentations to theatregoers of Rochester.

Thus far, the group, under Sue's musical direction and McCarthy's production, have given the public seven musical comedies.



NAZARETH College alumna, Sue Wigg, takes a call on a change in program as part of her duties as a member of the program department at WHAM. A music major at Nazareth, Sue uses her major in both her position at WHAM and as music director for Music Theatre of Rochester.

These include "Song of Norway," "Finian's Rainbow," "Brigadoon," "Wish You Were Here," "Plain and Fancy," "Wonderful Town" and "Carousel." All but the first two were directed by Noreen Carey, also a Nazareth College Alumna.

Music Theatre is not producing any show currently. But, Miss Wigg and Miss Carey are not letting their talents go to waste. They are directing a musical show, "The Boy Friend,"

being presented by Sister Helen Daniel's drama department at Nazareth College this Spring.

## Mercy High School

### Student Named Winner In Magazine Contest

Mary Ellen Baker, a junior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, is one of the five nationwide winners in the Teen Headliner division of Extension magazine's Teen Talent contest.

Miss Baker will receive a \$50 award for her article on "Whisper Days" at Our Lady of Mercy. The "Whisper Day" is a spiritual day of voluntary sacrifice and silence for some important intention, decided upon by the school. Her article was one of 150 entries submitted by Mercy students through their Extension Teen Board representative at Mercy, junior Marie Phillips.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baker, 53 Delray Rd., of St. John's parish and an officer in the school's dramatic society, the Thespians. Last year she was president of the sophomore class. She has also taken part in several school dramatic productions and in school oratorical.

Extension, national Catholic family magazine, yearly sponsors Teen Talent contests in these categories: best cover, best picture story, publicity, and teen headlines.

The four other Teen Headliner winners are from California, Kansas and Montana.

A Mercy student won a similar award in 1953, when Annette Fien won a \$50 prize from Extension for her story on Eileen Malone,

harpist of the Rochester Civic Orchestra.

### Mercy Publications Gain Press Award

The "Medalist" certificate has been awarded to two publications of Our Lady of Mercy High School by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in its 1958 contest.

The publications to receive this, the highest rating in the competition are the Quill, newspaper, and the Mercedes, literary magazine. Of a possible 1000 points, the Quill received 926, and Mercedes, 955.

"Medalist" rank is awarded publications especially selected from the first place group for outstanding quality; however, it is accorded to not more than 10 per cent of all the entries in the class concerned. Editor of the Quill this year is Jeanne Casarelli; Mercedes editor this year is Doris Hamilton.

### Drop Sunday Sales

Detroit—(RNS)—Sunday opening of 200 supermarkets in the Detroit area was suspended following mounting protests by church groups.

## Divorce Yes Or No?

By FRANK KELLY

The secular newspapers carried as one of their feature stories recently an item sent to this country by the Associated Press concerning the possible blooming of the supposed dead romance between Peter Townsend and Princess Margaret.

Although a statement came out denying any new romance, the question of the Anglican Church's stand on divorce in this famous case was recalled.

AS WILL BE remembered, over two-and-one-half years ago, Royal Air Force Captain Townsend, a divorced man, was reported in love with Princess Margaret, and the couple were planning marriage.

But, after their marriage intentions were made known, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Anglican Church, announced his displeasure over the romance.

But, here, it is only a short time later, and the Anglican Church heads turn around and condone the marriage of one of their own Vicars, to a divorced woman.

THIS DECISION caused an Anglican clergyman for 32 years to give up his religion and become a convert to Catholicism.

The clergyman, Charles A. C. Hunt, said that this was "the straw that broke the camel's back." He told newsmen, "I was completely and utterly disgusted."

What we are wondering is where does the Anglican Church stand on divorce and remarriage?

It appears that if some vicar in a remote section of the British Empire wants to marry a divorced woman, it is acceptable to the Anglican hierarchy. We presume that the reasoning behind this is that there won't be too much publicity in such a case.

ON THE OTHER hand, when a person of Princess Margaret's position is doing something that is slightly irregular, this is a horse of a different color — as it seems here.

Fearing that the Church of England (Anglican Church) might get too adverse publicity if she went ahead with the marriage to Townsend, the church heads put their foot down and refused to condone this marriage.

Does the Anglican Church put a double standard on who can and who can't marry after a divorce case?

If not, we would certainly like to know their position and so, we believe, would their own communicants.

One clergyman has already left the Church of England on this account. Will more follow?



BISHOP McNAMARA

## Prelate Holds Record For Ordinations

Washington—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop John M. McNamara of Washington quietly observed the 50th anniversary of his consecration as bishop.

Bishop McNamara was consecrated to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore on March 29, 1928. When the Archdiocese of Washington became a residential See in 1947, he was appointed Auxiliary to Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington.



SISTER BEATRICE

## Scientist

Sister Mary Beatrice, Ph.D., has been awarded a National and Postdoctoral Fellowship Science Foundation Faculty for three months study at Marine Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. She will also attend the Congress on Radiation Research at Burlington, Vt. in August. Hers is one of 54 grants made by the Foundation. She is Professor of Biology at St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn, N.Y. (NO Photos)

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## Italian Reds Charged With Insulting Pope

Vatican City—(NC)—L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, has charged that socialist and communist newspapers in Italy have seized on certain exemptions from Italian taxes which are allowed to Italian nationals who represent foreign nations at the Holy See as a pretext for insulting Pope Pius XII.

IN AN EDITORIAL entitled: "Pretexts for Offense," L'Osservatore pointed out that most of the criticism of the leftist press was aimed at Prince Giulio Paolo, nephew of the Pope and Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Holy See.

Two other Italian citizens also have diplomatic status at the Vatican and are, therefore, exempted from paying property taxes. They are Count Stanislaw Pecci, who represents the Knights of Malta at the papal court, and

Filippo Seripi Crescenzi, Minister of San Marino.

"The three diplomats who are heads of missions and who have Italian citizenship," the newspaper pointed out, "are therefore exempted."

"BUT THE HATRED of the socialists and communists," the Vatican paper said, "directs itself above all at one of the three because he bears the name of the reigning Pontiff. Their aims are always more or less openly to offend . . . the Holy Father, Pius XII, in his person and in his high offices."

The editorial recalled that the Lateran Treaty and the Vatican-Lyons Concordat provide that "envoys of foreign governments to the Holy See continue to enjoy . . . all immunities belonging to diplomatic agents under international law."

## 160,615 Patients

New York—(NC)—Catholic hospitals and related health agencies in the New York archdiocese served 160,615 patients last year, according to the annual report of New York Catholic Charities.

## \$11 Million Fund Raised In Erie


Erie, Pa.—(NC)—Nearly \$11 million was raised in an Erie diocesan school fund drive, which had aimed at collecting \$5 million, Archbishop John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, has announced.

The campaign began February 2 and closed last week. A total of \$9,339,123 in pledges was obtained from laymen in nine diocesan districts. Another \$1,400,000 was obtained from other sources. The fund drive was launched for construction of the new St. Mark's seminary and six regional high schools.

## Youth Adoration Day Scheduled

Washington—(NC)—National Youth Adoration Day will be observed on May 23, Pentecost Sunday, according to an announcement made here by Msgr. Joseph E. Schleder, director of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

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