

Pinza Likes His Daughter's Music Career

Famous Baritone Approves Her Choice

By Jean Mergan
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NEW YORK—As far as Ezio Pinza knew until recently, he was the only singer in the family. Then his daughter Claudia, sequestered in Italy during the war, emerged singing Monteverdi's "Orfeo" at the La Scala Opera in Milan.

Her bass baritone father was never on hand to hear her, however, until she arranged with the Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company last fall to sing in Havana, Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Her father was in the audience for "La Boheme" in Washington and conceded: "I am not what you would call enthusiastic by nature but I think she is doing the right thing. She doesn't let the beginning go to her head."

The upshot of Miss Pinza's concert is an engagement next September for seven weeks to sing with her father at the San Francisco Opera Company. Talk is that they will do "Faust."

Miss Pinza, a blue-eyed, 22-year-old brunette, was so mindful of her father's presence when she sang before him for the first time in Washington that she confessed: "I was less nervous when I made the audition at the Metropolitan." So far there is no official news of that audition but old-timers around the ancient canary cage say she's good.

The young lyric soprano was born in Buenos Aires and raised in New York until 1935, when she went to Italy. As a child she was around the Metropolitan Opera House with her father, and she says in those days she was a coloratura.

Miss Pinza is living with her father, his second wife, Doris Lenk, and their two children in Rye, N. Y.

Miss Marian Benn, Dr. Nathan Somers Married March 30

LYNCHBURG—The wedding of Miss Marian Benn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benn, of Lancaster, Pa., to Dr. Nathan Somers, son of the Rev. D. M. Somers and the late Mrs. Somers, of Lynchburg, took place March 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benn, in Lynchburg. The bridegroom's father officiated. Miss Sevin Benn was her sister's maid of honor, and Aaron Somers was best man for his brother. Dr. and Mrs. Somers will live in Lynchburg.



Miss Margaret Elizabeth Dixon Mrs. John Porter Griffin

Miss Dixon, Mr. Bartlett To Be Married

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Dixon, of this city, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, to Samuel Benson Bartlett, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bartlett, Jr., of Warsaw, N. C. Mr. Bartlett is now attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg.

The wedding will take place in late summer.

Rita Johnson To Play One Lead In Suspense Drama

HOLLYWOOD—Plans to fly East to discuss stage offers were canceled last week by Rita Johnson as she signed for one of the two leading female roles in Paramount's suspense drama, "The Big Clock," starring Ray Milland and Charles Laughton under John Farrow's direction. Miss Johnson had planned to leave this week for an extended Eastern stay, but has postponed her trip indefinitely for the unusual role of Pauline Dolan, chic Park Avenue playgirl whose death involves Milland in a strange and unusual manhunt.

Woman Follows Grandfather's Hobby in Coins

Collecting coins is the hobby of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Baltimore, Md. All coins are kept in envelopes and filed systematically. Two of the rarest coins in the collection are gold dollars, dated 1853 and 1856. Her penny collection includes coins dating from the year 1775, when pennies were first minted in the United States, to the present year. The rarest of these is the flying eagle penny of 1856—a coin handed down to her by her grandfather, who was also a coin-collecting enthusiast.

Garden Club To Have Program On Easter Hats

Easter bonnets of Spring flowers to be worn by and judged on the exhibitor will be one of the special features of the meeting of the Westham Garden Club Tuesday at 8 P. M., at 208 Wood Rd. Mrs. Hansford Rowe will be guest speaker and Mrs. D. Sam Perry and Mrs. M. E. Carver will be hostesses. Nosegays and garden flowers will also be shown.

Ruth Woolard, John Griffin Wed Yesterday

In a ceremony performed yesterday afternoon at North Side Baptist Church, Mrs. Ruth Healey Woolard was married to John Porter Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Griffin, of Dillwyn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans Healey, of this city. The Rev. R. Wade Kay officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white-wine dressmaker suit, with a matching hat, trimmed in white, and black accessories. She carried a white prayer book topped with an orchid.

Her sister, Miss Jeanne Marie Healey, of this city, was the maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a black gabardine suit, with matching accessories and a white orchid corsage.

The bridegroom had for his best man his brother, Harry E. Griffin, Jr., of Dillwyn. Ushers were Robert Fitzgerald, of Dillwyn, and Oakley Harrison, of Raleigh, N. C. Immediately following the ceremony, a small reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Banks To Be Bride Of Dr. Bell

GRANTVILLE, GA.—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Banks have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Dr. Cecil Cooper Bell, Jr., lieutenant, USA, son of the Rev. C. C. Bell, of Lynchburg, and the late Mrs. Bell.

Miss Banks is a graduate of Gulf Park Academy and Gulf Park Junior College, Gulfport, Miss. She attended the University of Alabama, where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and completed her education at the Helen Norfleet School, New York.

Dr. Bell is now stationed at the United States Veterans Hospital, Keesoughan. He is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, and the School of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia. He is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Chi Beta Phi honor fraternities, and Phi Chi medical fraternity.

Martha Dunaway, Married March 22

DITCHLEY—The marriage of Miss Martha Pearl Dunaway, daughter of Mrs. William K. Dunaway, of Farmham, Richmond County, and the late Mr. Dunaway, and Jay Gould Gill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould Gill, of Lancaster, took place March 22, at Lebanon Baptist pastorial, with the Rev. J. L. Waldrep officiating.

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Short Jacket Stays in Style

In spite of the excitement about long-coated suits, there are still plenty with short jackets. The reason is that they are far more becoming to the small woman, and they have too much style authority to go out of fashion in a hurry. Such good designers as Nettie Rosenstein, Adele Simpson and Maurice Rentner made quite a feature of them in Spring collections, bringing out new details and lines in these useful little suits.

The short jacket goes well with a full skirt, and that is another reason for its perseverance. Nipped in at the waist with tiny pleats, it is the perfect accompaniment to the full-pleated skirt or the full circular skirt. Adele Simpson puts them at the top of a skirt with double pleats all around, a skirt that swirls like a dancer's skirt with every motion.

Equally good looking is the simple jacket with slim skirt, as Rentner does it. Such a wearable combination is youthful, and shows no signs of giving place to pleated or flared skirts. It will be worn this Easter and Spring in many types of woens, and in versions that are both casual and formal.

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Your Baby and Mine

By Myrtle Meyer Eldred

One of the first things any new mother is asked about her baby is: "How much does he weigh?" While the modern pediatrician doesn't put too much emphasis upon weight it still remains the one sure index of how the baby is "doing."

Mothers used to make a weekly ceremony of weighing—some still do—but quite as often they do not know what the baby has gained until they make a visit to the doctor.

If the baby is fine, obviously happy and well, drains his bottle and is satisfied, then the weight he is gaining is not terribly important.

But, if he cries after his bottle is empty, or he stops nursing, if he acts fussy an hour or so before every feeding, if he does not sleep well daytime or night, then it is essential to know how he is gaining so as to have some idea of what is amiss with him.

There used to be a rule that babies doubled their weight at five to six months and tripled it at one year. He may not follow this rule exactly but if he is doing well you may expect that he will gain six to eight ounces weekly the first five or six months, dropping to about a pound a month after the sixth month and to three-quarters of a pound at around the tenth month. After the first year a half pound a month is an adequate gain. These gains may not be regular, for the baby might gain only four ounces one week and ten the next. A monthly weighing is satisfying from that angle.

If your baby doesn't make these gains then it is wise to discover why not. Perhaps the baby needs a change of formula. He may need some of the extra foods, or need them in larger amounts. A common habit is for a mother to continue any program which seems satisfactory without regard to the

baby's increasing weight and therefore increasing needs.

The nursing baby might do better if he had a complementary bottle. Or, he might show a better gain if he nursed both breasts at each feeding, or had his nursing when he wakened for it, which might be every three instead of every four hours. As the demand increases so does the supply. One excellent way to help a mother to secrete more milk is to nurse both breasts each time or to shorten the periods between nursings.

Beyond infancy children begin to fall into family patterns of body build. Some of them may be natural "skinnyies," as are all members of their family. Children belong in tall thin, short thin, tall fat and short fat groups according to body structure and habits of eating. The newer attitude is that it is not to be expected that all children of a certain age will weigh the same, but that all children properly fed will make regular rates of gain according to their own classification. Their gains are in relation to themselves, not to some group unrelated to them.

One can take weight too seriously, and also too casually. There is danger in both situations. Gains in weight do tell a definite story of whether your child's rest, nutrition and general health program are suited to his needs.

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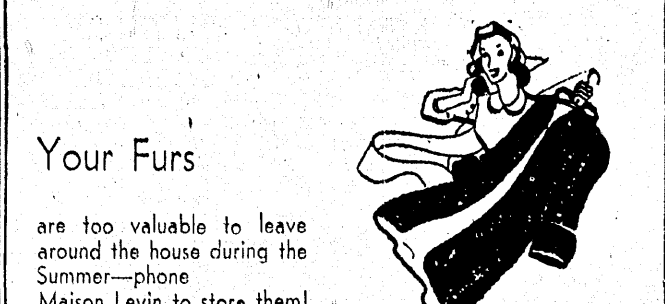
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