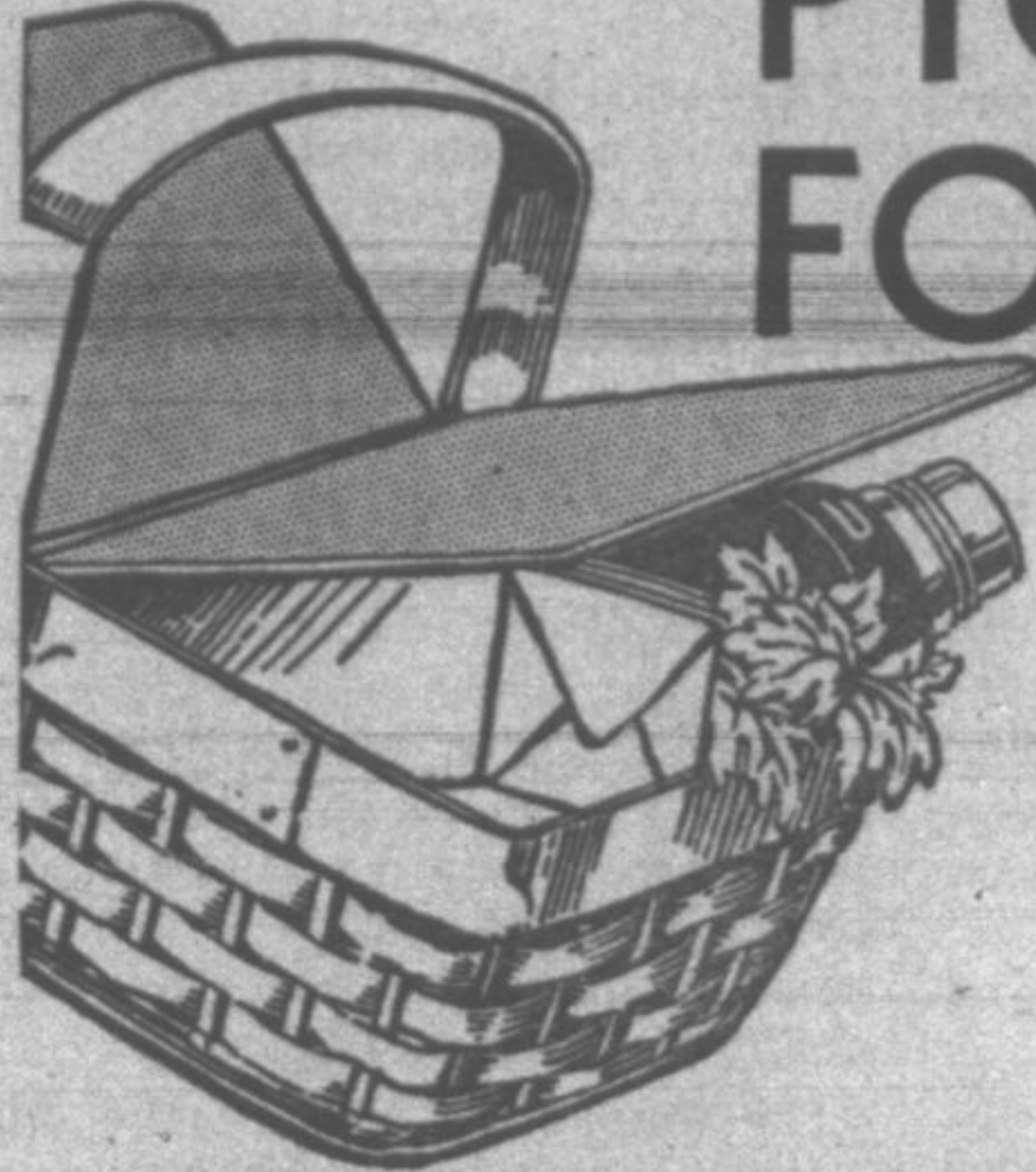


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liners, where they are customarily seen indulging in the inevitable shuffleboard, ship's concerts and crepes Suzette of the luxurious voyage; in fact, a little research discloses the patriotic fact that more than half of them are right in this country.

Lucrezia Bori has clung to America not only because of her long engagement with the Metropolitan tour, but because of the turmoil of her native Spain. The deposed King and Queen were her affectionate admirers, and as marks of their esteem she is entitled to wear the decorations of Isabel la Catolica and Alphonse XII. To be sure, art knows no politics, and the republic will love Bori even as did the monarchy, but things must calm down before this daughter of the Borgias (the Spanish branch spells it Borja) cares to return to a changed country.

Nor has Elisabeth Rethberg gone back to Saxony, though the calls from the homeland were as persistent as in former years. The serene soprano has set up a kingdom in her adopted country, the beauty of her estate in the neighborhood of 279th street, New York, is by no means the least persuasive of her reason for remaining. For that matter, Mme. Rethberg invariably resides in some state, and her Ravinia home is chosen on the beautifully wooded slopes overlooking the lake—a situation which may remind her, in miniature, of her own Ertz Mountains.

Yvonne Gall is still in France, where she has spent a busy winter beguiling her countrymen with the singularly human appeal she lends to classic roles and the joyous fun she bestows upon the more frivolous moderns. Mme. Gall will arrive in ample time for rehearsals, still equip-

ped with the expressively wide-eyed charm which substitutes so winsomely for her limitations in English vocabulary.

Is in Italy

Giovanni Martinelli is in Italy, resting from one strenuous season until another, while Edward Johnson has remained here instead of sailing to his villa in Florence. Mario Chamlee, the tenor from California, is to be found at his Connecticut home, between concert engagements, and Mr. Chamlee at home is not only a singer, but a fairly expert mechanic.

Florence Macbeth is in her New York home, while Gennaro Papi is on the north shore, and others comparatively nearby are Wilfred Pelletier, Ruth Page, Mario Basiola, Leon Rother and Louis D'Angelo. Frederick Jagel, the new tenor, who recently made a hit at the Ann Arbor Festival, clung fairly close to home because he is still recovering from the broken leg which seriously hampered the scheduled casting of the recent Metropolitan season.

Color in Laurels

However, there is considerable color to be found in the globe scurryings of other artists. Giuseppe Danise is in Switzerland, ostensibly to put his children in school, but it does no harm to believe that he may be absorbing Alpine atmosphere for his new Ravinia role, William Tell. Julia Claussen is not in her native Stockholm, but visiting her daughters in England, and Ina Bourskaya has returned to her Russian home, picturesquely known as Gitomir. Virgilio Lazzari is at the Villa Lazzari near his Roman birthplace, Louis Hasselmann is in France and Marek Windheim has gone back to Poland.

But in a few short weeks, ships will sail, aeroplanes will hum, trains will clackety-clack and motors will glide into Ravinia's newly opened gates. Life moves fast for opera stars, and the closing of one season means but a brief respite before the exhilarating plunge into another.



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