

### NOT ENOUGH SEATS AT CHILDREN'S CONCERT

#### Ravinia Thursday Afternoon Program Patrons Overtax Capacity of Opera House

By Rutheda L. Pretzel

The second of the children's afternoons at Ravinia park, which was on Thursday, July 7, was just about ideal in every way. The weather was perfect, the orchestra program one that sent the children away humming snatches of famous compositions, and the second half of the program was composed of picturesque dances by the Ravinia Opera Ballet, a real treat. The only "but" for the afternoon was that there weren't nearly enough seats to go around!! Many children and grown folk who didn't care for the doubtful comfort of standing were obliged to return home. Others draped themselves around the railings and refused to let the mere absence of comfort keep them from enjoying the privilege of hearing the Chicago Symphony orchestra under the direction of Eric DeLamarter. Let those who sniff at these Thursday afternoons attend one and realize the enthusiasm of the children, their keen attention and spontaneous applause.

#### "William Tell" Overture

Rossini's overture from "William Tell" opened the program, followed by "Grand Pas des Fiancées," by Glazounow, both of which were immensely enjoyed, if applause means anything. Several hundred funny bones were tickled with Moussorgsky's gay "Ballet of the Chickens in Their Shells." The final number was a very familiar one, Strauss' lovely "Blue Danube" waltz, which set shoulders hunching in time and feet swinging.

After the intermission came the dancers. There was disappointment at the announcement that charming Ruth Page would not appear, but there were so many other lovely dances, one had to be content. There was a colorful ballet scene from "La Traviata," with tambourines and much twirling around. Music for this as well as for other dances was played by Miss Pauline Pettibone. Little Red Riding Hood and a droll wolf in afternoon frock danced through the wood on the way to grandma's; and then a lovely lady gave a graceful dance; followed by a ridiculous clown, who fell all over his bright colored balloons. Some Creole dances came next, and then a dancer in colorful Russian costume gave a Russian folk dance. A demure miss in pink fluff followed with a waltz, and last came the Spanish dancers in the graceful abandon of the "Jota" rom "La Vida Breve."

Next week Thursday the orchestra is offering works by four of the great composers, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Haydn. The children of the Oak Park playgrounds will present their playground band, which has a personnel of forty-six boys, and a pantomime of the awakening of a modern girl and boy to fancy and beauty.

#### GARDENS OPEN SATURDAY

Lake Forest gardens are to be opened Saturday, July 16, for inspection by the public. Those which will be on exhibition under the auspices of the Lake Forest Garden club are the gardens of Cyrus McCormick, Mrs. James Viles, Mrs. Hugh J. McBirney, and Mrs. Philip D. Armour, III.

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