

#### Watercolors loaned

A large group of watercolors by the British artist Joseph Mallord William Turner, 1775-1851, are now on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Feb. 19. The paintings, on loan from the British, are var-ied in subject, ranging from landscapes and sea-

scapes to the interiors of fine period homes. Turner, best known for massive, dramatic oil paintings, is able, even in his small watercolors, to portray a broad, panoramic view of his subject.

### Obituaries

ABERDEEN L. GERMAIN

Aberdeen L. Germain, 73, of Lathrup Village died Dec. 20, at Henry Ford Hospital.

Hospital.

Mr. Germain was born in Port
Huron and was a resident of the area
for 50 years. He was owner of the
Radio and Sound Equipment Co. in
Detroit which he started in 1935. He
retired in 1965.

ired in 1965. Ar. Germain is survived by his wife by, and daughter Tina (Mrs. Luco) colitti, Danville, Ill. and three sis-

ters.

He was buried at Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron.

#### KATIE M. TOTAH

Katie M. Totah, 85, of Southfield ied Dec. 26, 1977 at Metropolitan Hos-

died Dec. 25, 1977 at Metropolita Hos-pital in Detroit.

Mrs. Totah was born in Palestine and was a prominent member of the Arabic-Christian Community. Before her retirement she was an English teacher with the New York Board of Education.

Surviving are her son Victor P. Totah. M.D. of Southfield and two daughters Mrs. Johan T. Ensign of St. Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Najla T. Naegele of Emmaus, Penetery in St. Louis, Mo. Memorials should be sent to the Amer-cian Ramallah Federation Editation Fund. 6274 Beaverland, Detroit, 48293.



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#### singers needed New

Brenda McDonald is looking for a few good men. Or mediocre men. Even men who think they're

Or measure treats and pretty lossy.

Mrs. McDonald is the director of the Bloomfield Hills Community Singers, a fledgling group that doesn't start official operations until next month. She needs women to, of course. But Mrs. McDonald said that men tend to be more refuctant to join an organization of this type than their wives are

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"I think the men have so much stimulation in their jobs that when evening comes, they have to think twice about going out again," she said.

NUMBERS OF ANY kind are needed. And Mrs. McDonald stresses that you don't have to be a Bloomfield Hills resident to join the group.

"We really would welcome anybody from anywhere to come and sing with us." she said. Although it is an adult group, high school students are welcome.

The group had a preliminary concert at Clinton Valley Hospital in Pontiac on Dec. 21. Ten singers

participated.
"We really need more to start with." Mrs.
McDonald "The 10 people we have now are really
enthusiastic and they're good singers. but they
can't carry it by themselves.
"I would like to have 40 to start with and then it
could go from there. Thirty to 40 would be nice
starting size because nobody feels on the spot. You
don't feel that if you don't know your part, the
whole thing is going to fall apart."

The program will begin with an eight-week class

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culminating in a concert. The nature of the concert will depend upon the quantity and quality of the singers who join.

MRS. MCDONALD said that the "class" will not really have too much instruction involved. "We will be rehearsing. I will not be teaching," she

said. Nevertheless, she expects the practice to improve the voices of the members of the chorus. "Anybody who joins the group can at least be guaranteed that they will become a better shower singer." she said.

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Good singers are generally made and not born anyway, according to Mrs. McDonald, who is also the music director of St. Dunstan's Guid Theatres whistle-Stop Children's Theatre.

"It's really a developmental thing," she said. "I think that if you take a child at a young age you can help that child."

But you shouldn't count yourself out just because it's too late to become another Shirley Temple.

"I think everybody should have the opportunity because even if they're not that good, it does something for them." Mrs. McDonald said. "It doesn't have to do much for the audience if it does something for them.

"I WORK WITH pre-schoolers, elementary, junior high, high school, and adults," she continued. "The fun of the music is universal. The feeling that people get from participating in the music is a universal joy."

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