

## TRIBUTE TO MRS. FREDERICK K. WEYERHAEUSER

With the death of Vivian O'Gara Weyerhaeuser on June 6 of this year, the world of Opera and particularly the Metropolitan and its National Council lost a devoted and loyal friend.

Her interest in the Met was first kindled by her good friends Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sloane and in addition Mrs. Belmont. The Chicago-born lady became a Council member in December of 1952, vice-chairman in 1955 succeeding in later years to chairman and president. During her tenure, she was a dedicated and inspired leader who organized the Council's national organizational structure, and the first Regional Auditions which were held at the University of Minnesota early in 1954.

Vivian Weyerhaeuser was not only a striking woman but one was always impressed by her delightful sense of humor,

her kindness, straightforwardness and ability to get things accomplished under the most trying conditions.

The last time I saw her was a few years ago in Hobe Sound, Florida her winter home. She was already very ill, having been in failing health since her husband's death. It had been a perfect marriage, a happy family life with their two daughters.

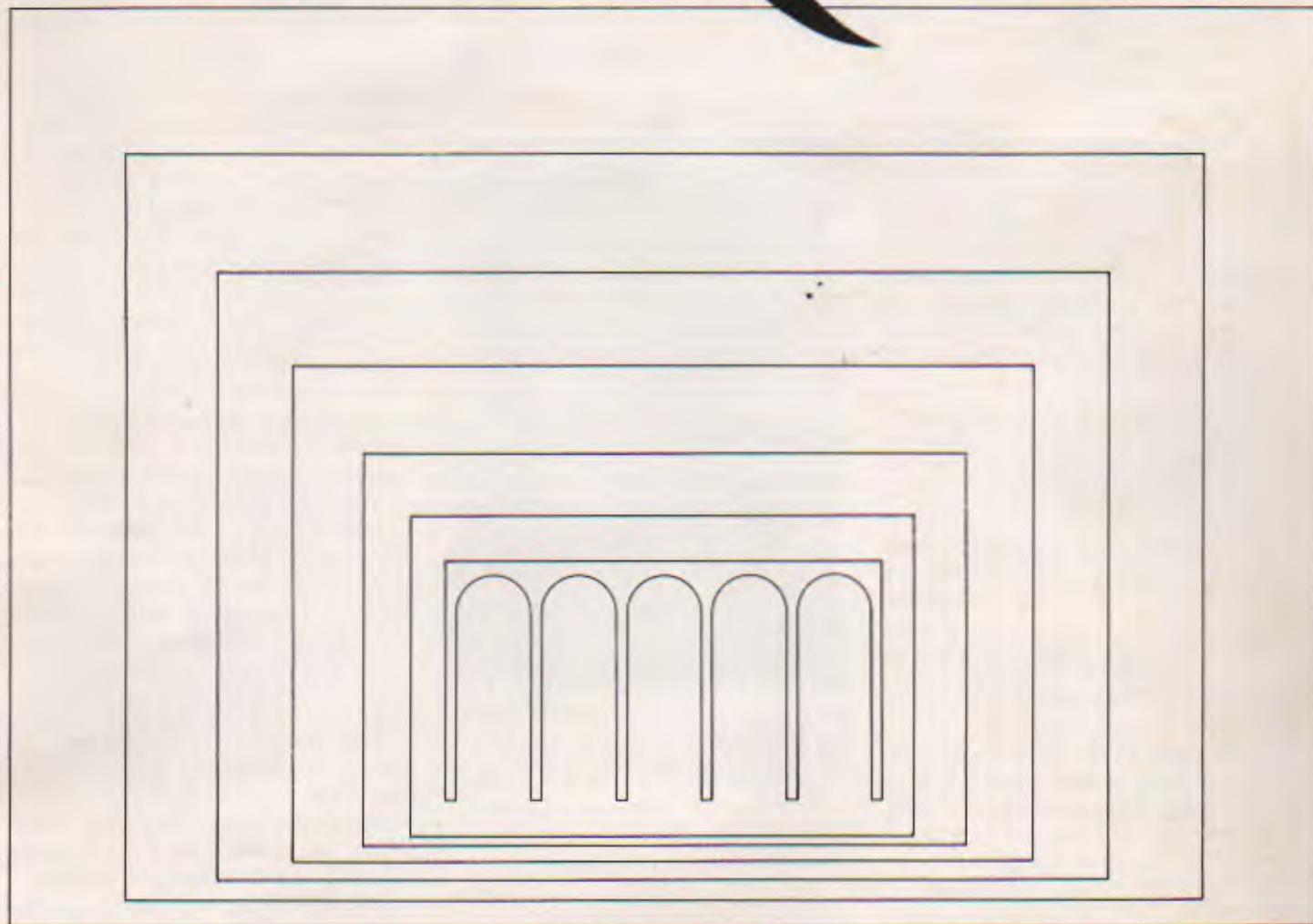
All of us who love the Met are truly indebted to her, as she was a true believer in, and an indefatigable worker for, the Metropolitan Opera as a national institution.

She was thoughtful of the Met in many ways but her generosity through scholarships and cash awards to young singers who participated in the National Council's Regional Auditions program will never be forgotten.

*Howard J. Hook, Jr.*

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