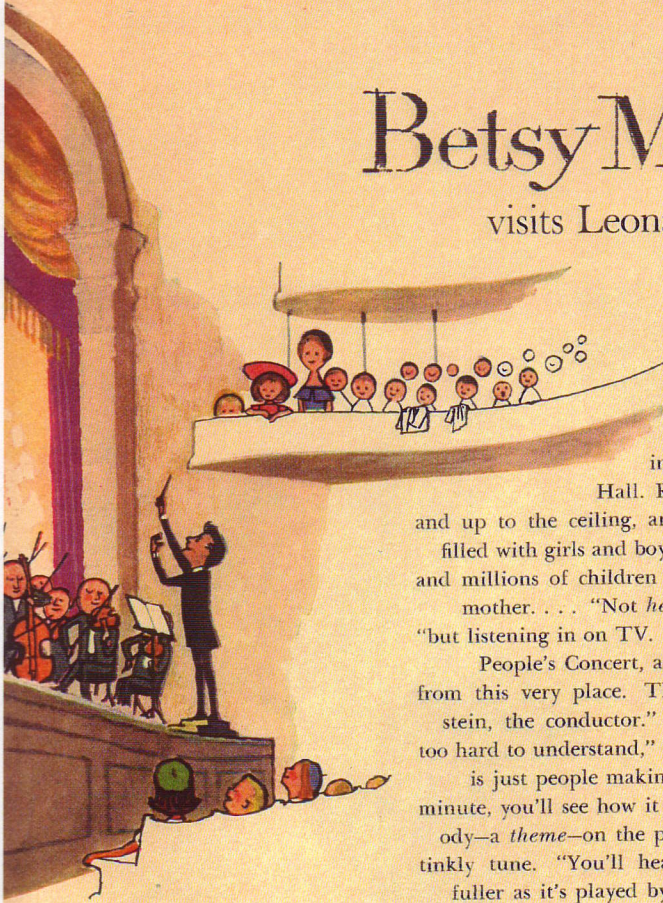


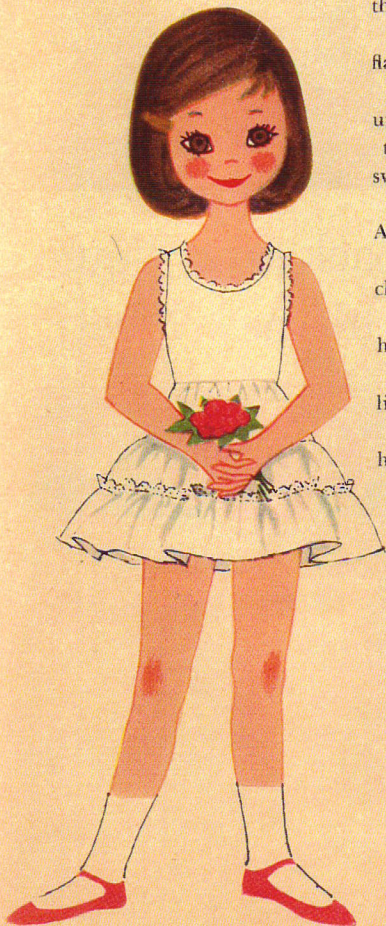
Betsy McCall

visits Leonard Bernstein

McCALL'S PATTERNS



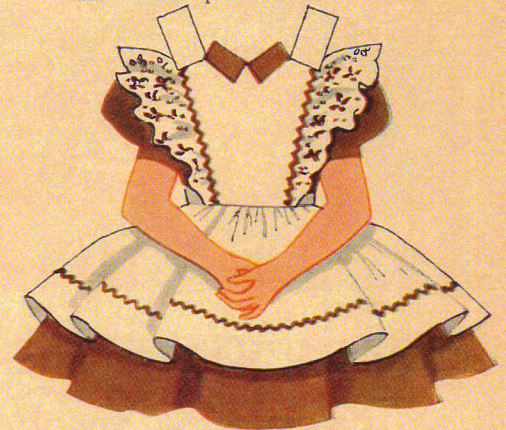
It was Betsy's first concert. She looked all around her in famous old Carnegie Hall. Rows of seats went up and up to the ceiling, and most of them were filled with girls and boys. "Must be thousands and millions of children here," she said to her mother. . . . "Not here," said Mrs. McCall, "but listening in on TV. This is called a Young People's Concert, and it's being broadcast from this very place. There is Leonard Bernstein, the conductor." . . . "A concert's not too hard to understand," Mr. Bernstein said. "It is just people making music together. In a minute, you'll see how it works. I'll play a melody—a *theme*—on the piano." It was a lovely, tinkly tune. "You'll hear it grow richer and fuller as it's played by the violins, the flutes, that enormous tuba, and the others. We don't have to know a lot of stuff about sharps and flats. If music can make us change inside and have a special kind of good feeling, then we understand it." . . . Betsy listened carefully all through the concert, while the beautiful music swept through Carnegie Hall. She felt she had made a wonderful discovery she'd never forget. After the concert, she went backstage to meet Mr. Bernstein. She told him about her class orchestra. . . . "And what instrument do you play, Betsy?" he asked. . . . She heard herself say, "Uh—the TUBA." . . . "Really!" Mr. Bernstein said. "What a big instrument for a little girl! Is it hard to blow?" . . . Then they began to laugh, because they both knew she had made it up. . . . "I'm the bell ringer in 'Jingle Bells,'" Betsy said. . . . "Fine!" said Mr. Bernstein. "Bells are important in music. You know, some of the greatest composers used bells in their symphonies."



This is Betsy McCall



Betsy wore this to the concert. It's her party dress, too. The sleeves are so pretty, and attached petticoat is ruffled. 5162



With the pinafore, this dress is adorable. Without it, it's adorable, too. Betsy can't decide which way she likes it better. 2358



Betsy's mother made this Tyrolean dress of calico, the blouse of white cotton. Maybe your mother would make one! 2369