

BEDFORD CONCERT MCDOWELL'S FIRST

Pianist Pleases in Initial Public Appearance After Studying in East

By Rosella Bunch
A piano concert that was a joy to everyone in the audience that filled the concert hall in the Nelson building Monday evening was given when Miss Ruth Bedford, young Salem girl, opened the McDowell Club season with a program of variety and charm, assisted by Mrs. Clyde Williamson, soprano, and Professor Paul Petri, head of the O. A. C. School of Music, accompanist.

Miss Bedford, who made her first public appearance in Salem last night following two years of study at Rush Conservatory in Chicago, played as an initial group the two heaviest numbers of her entire program—"Chromatic Fantasy" (Bach), and "Rhapsodie B Minor" (Brahms). The pianist was well equal to her task, however, and all numbers were played in a delightfully finished manner.

Mrs. Williamson, whose lovely soprano voice had never been heard in concert in Salem before, sang as her first number, "The Wren" (Bishop) in a voice as blithe as the bird, itself. She captivated her audience with this first number. Mrs. Williamson is extremely fortunate in her accompanist, Professor Paul Petri, whose direct understanding is at once evident in the unity he makes possible between the human voice and its instrumental support. Mrs. Williamson responded to insistent applause with an encore, "Advice" (Molly Carver).

Miss Bedford's Chopin group—"Ballade A Flat Major"; "Prelude D Flat Major"; and "Etude C Minor"—were executed with exquisite technique. Mrs. Williamson sang "I Am Thy Harp" (Huntington-Woodman) and "The Night Wind" with a voice of marvelous beauty, particularly in the lighter tones. Perhaps the most picturesque number of the entire program was Scott's interpretative, "Dance Negro," played with complete understanding by Miss Bedford. Two delicate numbers of Debussy—"Reflets Dans l'Eau" and "Voiles," followed and preceded this composition.

The fascinating "Castilian" (Albeniz) completed the scheduled program. The audience was granted as a final encore, the familiar composition of Torjussen's "To The Rising Sun." Salem is proud to have such an artist as Miss Bedford—one that we can truly call our own. We can only hope to hear more of Miss Bedford's prize-winning playing in the future.

The McDowell club concerts are given on the last Monday evening of each month. Mrs. Arthur J. Kahn, president of the Salem McDowell club, has announced a number of interesting programs for the remaining concerts of the season. The club will sponsor several of the younger artists of Salem this year. Miss Mildred Roberts, violinist, will play one of the concerts. Ted Roy, winner of the Atwater-Kent radio audition contest in Oregon, and a student at O. A. C. will sing another, and still another of those monthly programs will be given by the students of the Sacred Heart Academy. These splendid concerts are well-worth attending and should be supported by music lovers of Salem and the Williamson valley.

OREGON TAXATION PLAN OBSOLETE, SAYS FISHER

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ation of utilities into politics and encourage extravagance in government.

The speaker also struck at the proposed reduction of the automobile tax on the ground that it would endanger the state highway program which has saved the taxpayer heavy dollars in the rear.

The public utilities of Oregon will pay this year approximately \$6,500,000 or 15 per cent of all taxes paid in the state. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 over the past four years. The Southern Pacific lines alone paid a million and a half. Ten cents out of every dollar paid on light bills goes into the tax fund.

The state tax commission operates at a cost of \$10,000 per year. The state budget is about \$50,000,000, three per cent of which goes to the maintenance of the government agencies, he declared.

TRAINMEN ASK INCREASE

Organization Requests Raise of Seven and Half Per Cent

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will file tomorrow with every railroad west of the Mississippi river a request for a seven and one-half per cent wage increase. W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, announced today.

The present agreement with western railroads expires March 1, 1928. Mr. Lee, in making the announcement, pointed out that filing of the request is laying groundwork for wage negotiations, which it is hoped will be completed before the present agreement expires.

Last year trainmen east and south of the Mississippi negotiated a seven and one-half per cent

DE MOLAY'S PLAY, ELSINORE TONIGHT

"White Collars" Proven Success, With Talented Cast Enrolled Here

The De Molay players tonight at the Elsinore theater will offer for their annual play, "White Collars," by Ann Nichols.

"White Collars" is a lesson on the inconsistency of false pride. William Van Lynn, a man of wealth, marries Jean Thayer, his pretty typist, and goes to live under the parental roof. The Thayer family includes: Mr. Thayer, a bookkeeper; Mrs. Thayer, Helen, a stenographer; Frank, the son, quiet and retiring; and Cousin Henry.

PICK U. S. AMBASSADOR

Report Says Dr. Von Prittwitz to Get Appointment

ROME, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Rumors are in circulation in diplomatic quarters here that Dr. F. W. Von Prittwitz, who for the past five years has been counselor for the German embassy in Rome will succeed the late Baron Ago Von Meibum, as ambassador at Washington. Neither Ambassador von Neurath, nor any other member of the German embassy would give confirmation or denial of the report, not having heard on the subject from the German foreign office.

TELLS HER; GETS JAILED

San Francisco Man Talks Too Much to Telephone Girl

(AP)—Elmer Manhart, cigar store clerk was in the city jail here today because he told a telephone operator what he thought of her when she gave him the wrong number.

The telephone company rules forbid an operator to talk back to a customer but they do not prohibit her from calling the police. Miss Frankie Unger did just that. Manhart, so she said, was beautifully profane when he got the wrong number.

Miss Unger left him on the wire, repeated his words to the police and before Manhart had hung up the receiver a police patrol wagon backed up to the curb outside his house. He was booked for disturbing the peace and will be sentenced tomorrow.

MEXICO STILL RESTLESS

Federal Troops Held Ready for Immediate Action, Report

NOGALES, Ariz., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports to Herald today from Mexico City declare that the Mexican war department has issued orders that all federal military units in the city be held in barracks and that all troops remain garrisoned without leave of absence until further notice. No reason was given for the order.

Another Herald despatch from its Mazatlan, Sinaloa, correspondent, report the pillaging of the Hacienda de la Maravilla, near Concordia, by a heavily armed force of bandits.

ENDORSE M'NARY BILL

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Farmers, cotton growers and business men interested in agriculture are expected to endorse the provisions of the McNary-Haugen bill at a meeting here tomorrow at which twenty states will be represented. The meeting was called by former Governor George W. Donaghey of Arkansas, who will preside at the opening session.

GERMANS GET TO WORK

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Men and women who were receiving unemployment relief in Germany on October 15 numbered 442,000. A year ago the number of unemployment was announced as 1,750,000.

NEW YORK'S SOCIAL SEASON Opens With Grand Opera

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The "golden horseshoe" of the Metropolitan opera house glittered tonight for its fortieth—and perhaps its last—opening night.

Once more the ancient red plush of the parterre boxes was the background for bejeweled women, lavishly gowned. Once more the crowds surged about the entrance of the grand structure in Broadway, watching sleek limousines, draw up to the curb, with debutantes and matrons—notables in society flocking to the opening of the social season.

The brilliance in the boxes flashed back from the stage in the gorgeous costumes of Puccini's oriental "Turandot," the post-humously published fantasy of love and cruelty in ancient China. The same opera opened last year's season.

All the boxes were filled. The house, as usual, was sold out weeks ago. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, in the box she has owned for many years, was with her grandchild, William H. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harry C. Cushing, III. Walter J. Salmon and some friends occupied the box of the late Eldridge T. Gerry. Hubert T. Parsons was with Mrs. W. H. Proctor in her loge, one of the first to bring as much as \$200,000 at its sale. Others of equal prominence, whose names fill pages in the social register, were in their accustomed places. The lesser patrons of the arts, from floor to roof of the historic theater, watched them from afar, seeking from their costumes the keynotes of fashion for the season to come.

Milady's attention wandered from the glorious voice of Maria Jeriza, the prima donna, to the gowns of those in the boxes. Kire-atic discussion veered from the staging of Giuseppe Lauri Volpe and other members of the

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ROOSEVELT SCORES SMITH IN ADDRESS

New York's Governor Brand-ed As 'Bell Wether of
Tammany Flock'

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Governor Alfred E. Smith was characterized as "bell wether of the Tammany flock" by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt tonight in an address amplifying the key note speech at the republican state convention in Rochester. At the end of his address Colonel Roosevelt summarized his charges against the governor, as follows:

"For eleven years in the assembly at Albany he represented Charles F. Murphy (late Tammany chief) and sponsored the Tammany legislation.

"As a reward for this work at Albany he was made sheriff of New York county in 1918.

"For seven years he supported Mayor Hylan.

"For many years he was party to the delay of putting in voting machines in New York City.

"He refused to institute and push a proper non-partisan inquiry into the milk scandal.

"He pretends to believe in a non-partisan judiciary, but refused to interfere in behalf of upright republican municipal court judges, endorsed by the bar associations, who are running this year in New York City.

"He has investigated every suspicion of improper actions of the part of republicans, but he has not investigated either the counties of the greater city or Albany, which all know were subject to investigation, and where he could have found matters of all sorts in need of correction.

"There is one conclusion and one only that fair-minded citizens of this state or nation can draw—Governor Smith is a Tammany man and there is no such thing as a new Tammany.

"I said at Rochester that a man must be judged by the company he keeps, and though we do not question the personal integrity of Governor Smith, he is sponsored and backed by Tammany Hall."

There are no two ways about it, Governor Smith was bred in the Tammany fold and is the bell wether of their flock."

'BIG BILL' SCORED

Mayor of Tacoma Brands Thompson of Chicago

TACOMA, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The "America First Foundation" being fostered by Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago is "just a cheap publicity scheme" according to Mayor Tomant of Tacoma who tonight said he declined Thompson's request to join the foundation.

The "America First Foundation" is the outgrowth of the campaign the Chicago mayor has been waging on school and library books allegedly written from a

Wants Sentimental Songs Barred From All Weddings

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A desire to make a bonfire of all the copies of "Oh Promise Me," and similar sentimental ballads sung at church weddings, is expressed by the Rev. Paul Lindemann, editor of the American Lutheran, in the current issue of that periodical.

A disharmonious note is struck at weddings when a well-meaning singer sentimentally pleads, "Oh Promise Me," or gives the assurance, "I Love You Truly," Mr. Lindemann wrote.

"We have suffered long under the strange notes brought into the wedding ceremony in church, which is, after all, a service and should retain its religious character.

"Perhaps some day we can have all the copies of 'Oh Promise Me' collected for a huge bonfire. We shall be there to apply them."

EVE QUIET BUT NOT TOO QUIET, POLICE REPORT

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usual. In one place a barrier had been placed by construction crews on an east-west street, it was discovered just across the corner, all but barring the way down the north-south street; and at a place where five streets converge, there was a big signboard in the middle of the intersection.

However, very few if any cases of actual property damage were reported, and it was apparent that most of the young people found ways of enjoying themselves harmlessly, in indoor parties as much as in exciting pranks.

CANCER EXPERT HEARD

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A cancer sufferer's chief hope still lies in surgery because radium is "too uncertain in cancer treatment," Dr. George A. Wrmeth of New York, specialist in the treatment of the disease, told about 2,000 physicians from the United States, Canada and Europe at the sixth annual meeting of the American College of Physical Therapy today.

RAIN RECORD MADE

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Oct. 31.—(AP)—October rainfall records for 58 years were broken today when the week's rainfall totaled 3.27 inches.

Pacific International Draws Great Crowds

Gets In Bad Committing Felony For Unknown Girl

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Arrested here tonight on a charge of aiding a federal prisoner to escape from McNeil island, Washington, August 19, 1926, Clair T. Transue, 21, told detectives that he and a pal who helped effect the escape had been promised \$40,000 in bonds by a woman from Portland, Ore. He maintains however, that after the escape neither he nor his accomplice was able to find the woman and so went unrewarded for their effort.

Old Director Resigns From State Growers Association

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 31.—(AP)—W. A. Yerxa of Princeton, Colusa county, one of the original incorporators of the California Prune and Apricot Growers association's board of directors, Yerxa is approaching the age of 80. Hugh Hersman of Gilroy, a member of both the executive committee and the board of directors, tendered his resignation as committee man due to the press of private business.

Discussion at today's meeting of the board of directors centered about a plan to purchase the interests of members who wished to withdraw from the association. It was decided to send a letter to members outlining the situation and asking suggestions.

INDIANS FEW NOW

WILLOW, Cal., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Less than 100 Indians, the scanty remnant of a race that once numbered 10,000 in the Sacramento valley, were gathered today near Newville to mourn the death of Ann Brown, 107 years old, the oldest Indian woman in the Sacramento valley, according to her claim before she died.

OBITUARY

MAUREE
Kate Maurer died at a local hospital October 30. She is survived by her husband, John, and their two sons, Glenn of Wasco, and Paul of Portland. Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. from the Webb Funeral Parlor today. Rev. W. C. Kantner officiating. Interment City View cemetery.

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PLANT LOCATION FIGHT STILL ON UNDIMINISHED

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able odor, but because of the psychological reaction it has on people who would otherwise consider a district desirable for homes.

The plant in Portland is located on the waterfront just beyond the Montgomery Ward factory.

The deed conveying the two-acre southeast Salem tract to the city was signed yesterday by A. P. Epling, secretary of the Salem Land company. It was witnessed by City Attorney Fred Williams and Mary White.

It will not be effective until formally accepted by the city council, and the whole matter will be threshed out at the next meeting.

Defense Attorney Chews Pills At Doctor's Trial

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 31 (AP) Pills, which testimony had indicated had the appearance if not the ingredients of some which "Dr." De Nelson Smith had prescribed for Peter Consett, inventor, were munched today by the defense attorney in the trial of Smith on charges of administering poison to Consett in the guise of medicine.

J. Armore Smith, twin brother of the defendant, had told on the witness stand of having seen his brother prepare medicines for Consett. He said they were pink ones; similar to some his brother had prepared for the witness for headaches. He produced a bottle of them and the attorney, S. W. Thompson, chewed industriously on a couple as he continued his questioning.

De Nelson Smith is accused of attempting to poison Consett in an attempt to gain certain patent rights. At the same time, the prosecution contends, Smith was giving a "love potion" to Consett's wife with whom he had a love affair.

The federal government seems to be giving the right film exhibit a slow count.

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