

Philharmonic Orchestra Gives Final Concert of Season

By MAXINE BUREN

Before one of the most enthusiastic audiences yet to hear a concert in Salem, the Philharmonic orchestra, with Frederic Rothchild as piano soloist, presented the final concert in its ninth season Thursday night.

The high school auditorium was comfortably full, the audience was unusually appreciative and called a few "bravos" when Rothchild returned for his curtain calls.

His solo was the brilliant "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in E Flat" by Liszt. His presentation of it was alive and enthusiastic. He returned many times to acknowledge the listeners' applause.

The final group of modern numbers held equal appeal for the audience and Conductor Edouard Hurlimann returned to direct the musicians in a repetition of Glier's Sailors dance from "The Red Poppy."

This number, a lively one, kept the drummer, Don Stoudenmeyer, and the tympanist, Robert DeFrez, busy manipulating that familiar instrument, the tambourine, which they tossed back and forth between other drumming activities.

Others of the final portion of the program were Haydn's "Sym-

phony Militaire," "March of the Midgits" and "Fluttering Fireflies" by Menotti Salta.

This final concert in the ninth successful season of the local orchestra is one of which the sponsors and musicians may be proud. The orchestra has continued through the years to improve. It proved its prowess Thursday night.

Victor Point Has Auction

VICTOR POINT—Albert Savage, jr., sold some dairy cattle and farm equipment and, Elmer Lorence sold several dairy cows at a public auction sale Tuesday.

Sudtell and son, Albany, were auctioneers. Fair prices were received. Ladies of Union Hill grange served a benefit luncheon.

Songbird, Producer Wed Today



Dianna Durbin will become the bride of a young motion picture executive, Vaughn Paul, tonight on the 33rd wedding anniversary of her parents. Final arrangements were made Thursday for the double wedding ceremony at the Wilshire Methodist church at 8:30 p.m. Nine hundred guests have been invited to the wedding and to a reception at the Beverly Wilshire hotel. The couple will have a month's honeymoon. They declined to say where they would go.

Farmers Union News

LIBERTY—County Agent Robert E. Rieder warned his audience that now is the time to spray for walnut blight when he spoke before this local of Farmers' Union Tuesday night.

Throughout the valley floor a 30 per cent injury was suffered by the cherry crop by the freeze of March 13, Rieder said, while discussing the care of walnuts, cherries and other small fruits.

Walter Baker, Bethel local, told of PUD developments in West Salem and the adjoining area and an 11-piece orchestra led by Cloyd Lawrence played as a part of the program, which followed the business session.

TALBOT—Sidney Talbot, Farmers union met in the Talbot school house Friday.

G. W. Potts, sr., gave a report on the Farmers union warehouse at Salem.

Nelson, Gilmour, Mrs. Gilbert Belknap and Delmer Davidson were appointed on a committee to locate a site for a community hall.

Warren Gray of the Marion local was present and gave a report on the Farmers union hospital situation.

Refreshment committee for the next meeting is Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Myers, W. R. McAllister, Charles Meier, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Nave.

Brief reports were given on the county convention held recently at Gervais. Mrs. Rex Hartley was in charge of the program. Taking part were Mrs. Len Edwards, Mrs. Fred Jorgenson, Gale Gilmour, Mrs. George Henderson, Rex Hartley, Mrs. George Henderson and Delmer Davidson.

The Busy Bee 4H club girls held a candy sale during the evening.

PEDEE—Farmers in the United States face an acute shortage of rape and kale seed within the next few years and all who have a stand which will produce seed this

year are urged to investigate before pasturing it down, according to a report received by Gus Nyman, president of the Pedee-Kings Valley local of the Farmers union.

At the meeting of the local Thursday it was decided that valley locals be invited to come to Pedee for their quarterly meeting in July.

The annual picnic will again be held at Buell, June 22. During a short period of discussion concerning a prospective cantonment in this district, a petition was presented for members to sign opposing its establishment.

A brief program included a reading by Betty Burbank and a monologue by Florence Howard.

Grangers' News

MACLEAY—At the grange Home Economic club meeting Tuesday the group voted to have a spring dance with Mrs. Tom Burton, Mrs. Richard McKee, Mrs. Harry Martin, Jr., and Mrs. Lloyd Keene named as the committee in charge of arrangements.

The speakers for the afternoon were Mrs. J. F. C. Tekenburg who spoke on "Migratory Camp Wheels" and Mrs. M. M. Magee whose topic was roses. Mrs. Harry Martin and Mrs. M. A. Wells were hostesses.

Present were Mrs. Harry Martin, jr., Mrs. Lloyd Keene, Mrs. W. H. Humphreys, Mrs. J. F. C. Tekenburg, Mrs. C. A. Lynds, Mrs. M. M. Magee, Mrs. Clara Condit, Mrs. Fred Denham, Mrs. Edith Wilson, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. Tom Burton and the hostesses.

MACLEAY—The grange social night will be held Saturday. Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. C. A. Lynds will be in charge of the program and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Magee and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of refreshments.

Unions Reject Northwest Wage Boost Plan of Lumber Firms

By The Associated Press

AFL and CIO unions apparently had rejected unanimously Thursday night a proposal by western Washington and Oregon lumber and sawmill operators that the basic wage rate be increased five cents an hour, to 72½ cents.

At Olympia, the International Woodworkers of America, CIO affiliate, turned down the offer and authorized their locals to take a strike vote before April 28.

At Tacoma, Earl Hartley, president and business agent of the Puget Sound district council, lumber and sawmill workers' union (AFL), predicted his organization "will not care to vote on it."

The same attitude was expressed at Everett by D. F. Pearson, secretary of the district council of the AFL Brotherhood of Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

Both Hartley and Pearson charged the wage offer was not compatible with a report on economic conditions in the Pacific northwest lumber industry released last month.

The five-cent wage increase proposal was decided on Wednesday at an industrial relations conference at Tacoma between em-

ployers. It was then submitted to the unions.

"All we want is a fair share of the profits," Hartley said. "We do not want to strike and will submit to arbitration by any fair-minded committee to avoid it. We are just as patriotic as the operators in desiring to see the defense program carried out."

Hartley and Pearson said the wage offer was not in line with the economic survey completed last month by a committee working under the defense advisory committee and the department of labor.

"We want to negotiate on the basis of the survey," Hartley said. "It shows the lumber industry is netting \$5.51 per thousand feet after paying average labor costs of \$5.01. Since last November the profits have ranged from \$5 to \$8 per thousand and they are well up now."

J. B. Fitzgerald, of the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, however, issued a statement Thursday night disputing Hartley's interpretation of figures taken from the report. He quoted the report as saying, "in 1940, the average cost of production of west

coast lumber was \$17.92 per thousand board feet."

Fitzgerald added that even this average profit was figured before income taxes, which would subtract "at least 25 per cent" of the total. . . . quoting the report again, Fitzgerald said that of the \$17.92 total cost, \$10.01 was labor. The industry's proposed five-cent-an-hour wage increase, he said, would increase this labor cost to \$10.69 per thousand feet. The industry, he added, is still far behind on a long-term basis, striving to recover from losses figured at \$34,913,000 in the Keezer report for the years 1926-1937, inclusive. This loss was figured from income tax returns of companies.

Gas Heat Firm Changes Hands

Announcement was made Thursday of the sale of the entire assets of the Gas Heat, Inc., business operated in Salem by H. G. Mount.

Purchasers of the business are E. A. Rowe and J. W. Crane, both of San Francisco, who have announced their intention of locating permanently in this city.

Rowe has for many years been connected with the technical aspects of producing and distributing liquefied gas products for industrial and domestic use, and is generally recognized as an expert

British Hold African Town

Capture Axis Troops in Defending Tobruk; Naval Units Active

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column nearby and claimed destruction of a number of vehicles.

An admiralty communiqué called the Fort Capuzzo attack "an extremely successful naval bombardment," and said that shells were seen to burst on a concentration of about 100 axis tanks.

The airdrome at Ain El Gazala and its supply dump also were bombed from the sea. Air and naval units were said to have recently shot down at least two Junkers and 88 dive bombers and to have damaged two others.

Heavy raids by the RAF and the fleet air arm on shipping and harbor installations at Tripoli Wednesday night were reported by the middle east command. It said a medium-sized tanker was hit and "burned fiercely."

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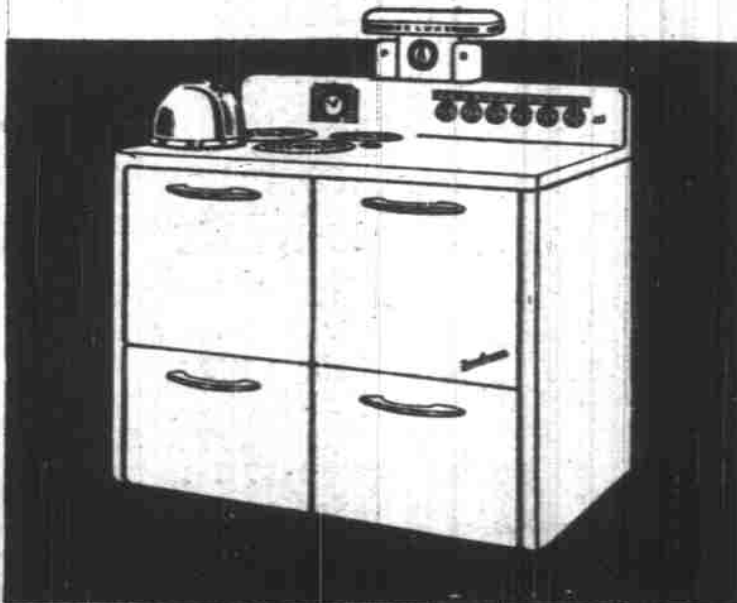
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