



Vronsky and Babin, brilliant duo-piano team, who will appear at Salem high school under the banner of the Salem Community Concert association on Wednesday night. The concert is set for 8:15, and doors will be open at 7:30.

### Duo-Pianists To Be Here Wednesday

The sparkling music that can be made with two pianos will be heard on Wednesday night, when the world's most popular duo-pianists, Vronsky and Babin appear on the concert stage at the Salem high school auditorium. The program is for holders of Community Concert association tickets, none will be sold at the door.

Both Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin were born in Russia, and met when pupils of Arthur Schnabel in Berlin. So merging their talents as well as their lives, they became among the first duo-pianists. He is also a composer of some note, having produced, among other works, a brilliant concert for two pianos.

Their debut was made in London, they played in Paris, Belgium and Holland. Duo-pianists were a rarity and recordings of their music made a big hit in America, bringing a demand for personal appearances.

They made their Town Hall debut in 1937 and an immediate success, they were established as a top concert attraction. Though Vronsky and Babin had at first to rely on their own transcription of other works, many of the great modern composers now write for two pianos giving the players a wide repertoire.

Their career was momentarily interrupted when Mr. Babin entered the army air forces, and Mrs. Vronsky volunteered for duty in a military hospital near his station. Since the war, however, they have continued their heavy schedule of concerts, which includes never less than 75 engagements with reappearances with all the leading symphonies.

### Portland Men to Sing Feb. 15

Looking into the near future, Salem concert goers should circle February 15 as the date for the concert of the Portland Men's glee club concert. The Portland men's singing group is directed by John Stark Evans, widely known for his ability as a director of men's choruses.

The concert is being sponsored by the Salem Rotary club, for the benefit of the Willamette scholarship fund and will be given at the Salem high school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any Rotarian.

### St. Olaf Choir to Sing Here

First of two exceptionally fine events in a busy musical week for Salem will be Monday night's concert given by the world famed St. Olaf choir at Salem high school auditorium. The performance is to begin at 8:15 o'clock, under the sponsorship of St. Mark Lutheran church.

The choir, which has toured annually since 1911, is directed by Olaf C. Christiansen, son of F. Melius Christiansen its founder. The group is made up of 90 carefully selected voices from St. Olaf's college, Northfield, Minn. It sings a cappella, and is considered by critics to be one of America's foremost choral groups. In 1913 and 1930, the choir gave 95 concerts in two brilliantly successful tours of Europe.

It is said that through Mr. Christiansen's searches through libraries of Europe and America for long lost anthem material, that a Renaissance of choral music has taken place in the United States. Many discoveries of old church music have been made available through Mr. Christiansen's arrangement for choirs, and his own compositions have made a permanent addition to classic literature of choral music. The St. Olaf's choral series now contain from 500 anthems, and others are being added each year.

The program to be given by the choir Monday night includes: Hodie Christus Natus Est — Palestrina Adoramus Te, Christe — Corst The Spirit Also Helpeth Us — Bach Cantata of Peace — Michaelis Apotrophe to the Heavenly Host — Fiftieth Psalm — Christiansen Motet for Advent — Schreck Kingdom of God — Christiansen Alleluia Christ Is Born — Luvas Benedictus — Paladilhe We've Been a While A-Wandering — Yorkshires Carol Beautiful Savior — Crusader's Hymn

The opera was finally auditioned, using the piano score and a small chorus. The audition was a success but imminence of war again postponed its production. Erno Rapee, of the Radio City Music Hall gave it a try, with Perce in the tenor role in 1939.

Jan Peerce remained interested through the years and consented to sing it in Portland. Preliminary plans are under way for the opera's debut with the New York City opera next year.

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### Mystery Given at Civic Theater

"Three Taps at Twelve", which is to be given by the Salem Civic players February 10 and 11 is a three-act mystery-comedy about a murder. Nate Steinbock plays the murdered man, and other parts are taken by James Bager, Veima Davis, Arthur Shack, LeRoy Krueger, Chester Nanzel, Agnes Drummond, Maurice Deckard, and Barbara Henry. Buelah Graham directs the production, which will be given at the Civic Theatre, 155 South Liberty street, and the Building Service Employees local will sponsor it.

### Vocalist, Pianist To Give Recital

Mrs. Frank Burlingham, mezzo soprano from Salem, and Gwendolyn Mines Remy, Seattle pianist, will appear in recital at the First Presbyterian church on Thursday, March 3 at 8:15 o'clock. They will be presented by the Presbyterian choir.

Mrs. Burlingham and Mrs. Remy appeared in recital together in Salem three years ago.

Expected to arrive in the capital this week for a short visit will be Dr. Frank Johnson of Lincoln, Nebraska, who will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. McElhinny. Dr. Johnson is enroute south to visit his son, Dr. George Johnson, in San Francisco.

AAUW Music group will meet Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Frank Burlingham, 360 N. 14th st. Mrs. Burlingham will present the program.



Miss Janice Lea Myers, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Burton A. Myers, whose engagement to Lloyd Vernon Lewis of Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lewis of Merrill, has been announced. The couple plans a summer wedding. (Bishop Moderne).

Wesleyan service guild of the First Methodist church will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock with Miss Phoebe and Miss Ruth McAdams, 756 South 12th street. Mrs. Mabel Hales is in charge of the program.

AAUW broadcast over KOAO Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock will feature Dr. Franklin R. Zeran, associate dean of School of Education, Oregon State college, who will talk on "Trends in Secondary Schools."

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