

Noted Opera Star Arrives in Salem



Blanche Thebom, Metropolitan Opera star in Salem for a personal appearance in Willamette University's new Fine Arts Building Friday night, is shown above (second from left) pinning a flower on Willamette concert manager William Nelson (right). Others in the photo are (left to right) Melvin H. Geist, dean of the University music school; (Miss Thebom), William Hughes, accompanist; Margaret Huson, president of Mu Phi Epsilon, music honorary, and Nelson. (Statesman Photo)

Blanche Thebom to Open WU Distinguished Artist Series

Soprano Blanche Thebom, first artist in the series of winter concerts scheduled for Salem, will be heard tonight at 8:15 at Willamette University's new Fine Arts Building auditorium. She appears under the banner of the Willamette Distinguished Artist series.

B. E. Wilson Succumbs to Long Illness

Billy Earl Wilson, resident of Salem for about 10 years, died Thursday at a Salem hospital as a result of a heart ailment. He had been ailing for some time and was hospitalized about a week ago. Employed as a salesman at the Bishop clothing store for several years, Wilson had made his home at 251 S. Cottage St. He was born Dec. 16, 1883, at Pittsburgh, Pa. Only survivor is the widow, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Salem. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Howell-Edwards Mortuary.

era star will sing the following program:

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| I | Beethoven |
| Adelaide | Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur |
| II | Strauss |
| Morgen | Ständchen |
| Die Zeltlose | All mein Gedanken, mein Herz, mein Sinn |
| III | Bizet |
| Three Arias from "Carmen" | Habanera |
| Fate | Gypsy Dance |
| In the Silence of the Night | Rachmaninoff |
| Vocalise | Rachmaninoff |
| Pied Piper | Rachmaninoff |
| Floods of Spring | Rachmaninoff |

Morrow Wins Contract for Bank Project

Establishment of quarters for Salem's new Western Security Bank is slated to start this week under contractor Robert D. Morrow, who was given the go-ahead order Thursday. Morrow, lowest of four bidders at \$42,331, was officially awarded the contract Thursday at a meeting of the bank's building committee. The contract calls for remodeling of the business building at South Commercial and Candalaria streets, which will house the bank. The project is a joint one between the bank and Grabenhorst Bros. and will include a 24-foot addition to the west side of the one-story building. The bank is slated to open Jan. 3, 1956.

Wreck Brings Damage Suit

An accident involving a Trailways bus in 1954 resulted Thursday in a damage suit for \$2,948 brought by Dorothy Mae Wolverton. Mrs. Wolverton's suit, filed in Marion County Circuit Court, charges the driver with negligence in the mishap which involved a car operated by her husband on 99E near the North Salem Drive in Theater. The woman contends she suffered injuries as a result of the accident which occurred May 10, 1954. She asked \$73 special and \$2,875 general damages.

City Making Fall, Winter Safety Plans

With fall and winter traffic hazards in the offing, Salem will plan new activities to stress traffic safety. The Traffic Safety Council will meet at 2 p.m. today with Chairman Herbert Carter to plan a safety poster campaign and to start work on national traffic safety observances in November. Meanwhile, Mayor Robert F. White reminded Thursday that traffic isn't the only area of safety needed to protect Salem's children. Calling attention to National Child Accident Prevention Week, Oct. 23-29, the mayor urged citizens to cultivate careful habits at home as well as on streets and highways. Accidents of all kinds kill 17,000 boys and girls each year in this country, he said.

Exchange Club Starts Yule Toys Drive

Salem Exchange Club's seventh annual campaign for Christmas toys for needy children got under way this week, according to Chairman Frank Ward. The public is urged to contribute good, usable toys. Toys in need of repair should not be brought in, said Ward, because the Exchange Club has no facility for repairing them. Toys may be left with Ward at Salem Auto Parts store, 356 N. Liberty St. Phone calls to 3-9108 or to 4-5343 will enable Ward to pick up toys which contributors cannot bring to the store. "This is the only toy drive in Salem this year," said Ward. "We earnestly ask the cooperation of Salem residents in this project. Salem public school art and manual training classes are again arranging toy-building projects."

Governor Plans Duck Hunting Trip

Gov. Paul L. Patterson and a party of friends are planning to spend Saturday in the Prineville area hunting ducks. The governor recently spent two days in the Prineville area hunting deer.

Prison Inmate Asks Release

Francis M. Mitchell, serving a five-year sentence from Klamath County in Oregon State Prison for obtaining money and property by false pretenses, filed a writ of habeas corpus in Marion County Circuit Court Thursday naming Warden Clarence T. Gladden as defendant. Mitchell, who began his sentence at the state prison Aug. 19, 1954, contends the judge who sentenced him had no jurisdiction in the case. He sought a hearing before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan and release from the penitentiary. Charges of another convict, Walter Lee Maulin, that he is being held illegally were denied in a demurrer filed in the court Thursday by Warden Gladden.

Thieves Raid Salem Firms, Gain Nothing

Two Salem business firms were burglarized early Thursday morning but the culprits apparently netted not a single penny, according to city police. Entered were the Salem Concrete Pipe & Products Co., 2990 Portland Rd., and the Wiltsey Music Co., 1860 State St. Detectives said offices in both establishments were ransacked and an attempt apparently was made to carry away a safe at the pipe firm. The safe reportedly had been moved several feet but the burglars presumably gave up because of its weight. Gerald E. Bull, 1380 N. 18th St., operator of the pipe business, told police the thieves overlooked several dollars in a money tray. The burglary was discovered about 2:30 a.m. when an officer noticed a front door ajar. Entry was made by breaking a rear window, police indicated, while entrance to the music was gained by unlocking a window at the rear.

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