

Gala Met Opening Features Television

NEW YORK. —(AP)—The crowd turned out at the 66-year-old Metropolitan Opera House Monday night to hear opera and, perhaps, to observe a gala tradition. They heard — and they saw.

A couple of hundred others attended the opening of the New York opera season, too. They came to be seen—and it scarcely seemed worth all the effort.

The new season marked an important milestone in music, too, for television carried the annual pageant to a living room and bar-and-grill audience estimated at 2,000,000 — most of whom had never glimpsed the color-filled stage from a house seat.

"It was a highly jeweled and excited audience which flocked to see Verdi's 'Otello' — a somber tale of murder and suicide.

Some veteran opera-goers said the choice of the heavier opera was deliberate—to discourage between-the-acts bar shenanigans which had stolen headlines in past years. Earlier, Director Edward Johnson had appealed to the press to ignore publicity-seeking exhibitions.

Little Excellence

Whatever the reason, it was an opening almost totally without incident, other than the arrival of celebrities in the glare of television floodlights and the flash of photographer's bulbs.

First night regulars — society people, stage and opera personalities — started to arrive shortly before 8 p. m. (EST). But the climax was reached for the bystanders when Miss Margaret Truman made her appearance 10 or 15 minutes after the opera had started.

She was smiling and pretty in a full, draped dress of white silk, whose modest décolleté was broken by an oversize scarf — almost

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But Cats Only Have Nine Lives

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Frank C. Lewandowski, 39, was forbidden by a court Tuesday to commit suicide.

Circuit Judge Julius H. Miner signed an injunction after hearing testimony that Lewandowski has tried at least 30 times to kill himself and failed.

Harry X. Cole, attorney for Lewandowski's wife, told the court that the man had tried a rope, gas, a knife, scissors, whiskey and iodine, all without success.

Cole represented Mrs. Adeline Lewandowski in her suit for separate maintenance.

Judge Miner ruled that Lewandowski had tried long enough. He issued the injunction against further attempts and granted Mrs.

'Healthy' Night Club Features Bubble Bath

By VICTOR KALMAN

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—(AP)—Orlo A. Bartholomew sipped a bourbon Manhattan, breathed deeply of what he said was germless air and opined there was nothing like getting healthy in a night club.

The club — the glass-enclosed sun and star roof atop Atlantic City's Senator Hotel, which Bartholomew owns—probably is the only night spot which offers bubble baths with gin rickeys.

Lewandowski separate maintenance.

"If he succeeds next time," Mrs. Lewandowski asked as she left court, "shall we get him cited for contempt?"

plain spot lights shine down on the room, which overlooks the ocean and all the city. The ultra-violet lamps are credited with killing air-borne bacteria. The infra-reds provide the heat. The spotlights ensure madame a natural color under the lamps. Bathe on Roof

The roof is equipped with a bubble bath, a massage room, heat cabinets and various gadgets designed to make monsieur and madame thin, effortlessly and painlessly. Also to take their minds off the night before.

Night-time, the room is like many night clubs, "except," said Bartholomew, "there are few if any germs."

Bartholomew, who is susceptible to colds, decided to install germicidal lamps after he found that three he uses in his office and others adorning his bedroom and bath appeared to prevent him

Adults May View Portland Art Show

A few adults who would like to see the exhibit of art treasures now being shown in Portland will be able to get seats on a special bus leaving Eugene High School Wednesday at 7:40 a. m.

The round trip fare for the charter trip will be \$3.30. Persons interested in viewing the famous display of pictures from Berlin may call Dean Lobaugh Tuesday evening at 5785-M.

from getting so much as a sniffle last winter. He produced a batch of testimonials from Senator guests who also swear by the lamps.

A staunch Republican, he begrudgingly admitted he got the idea after President Truman equipped the White House with similar germ killers.

Hard Wheat Bargain Seen

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The wheat market Tuesday had a promise Tuesday that Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan will drive a hard bargain for them in the forthcoming wheat meeting.

Brannan said he would be "reluctant" to accept a world price of less than \$1.10 a bushel for American wheat. This is the first-year's floor in the wheat agreement which the cause Congress failed to pass. He said he hoped the agreement can apply to the year's wheat crop. The agreement, he said, is doing well possible to get the wheat price started "has soon as possible"

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