

TALENTED SINGERS WILL BE HEARD IN HI SCHOOL OPERA

Hollywood has its stars of the silver screen; the Metropolitan Grand Opera, a score of singing voices; and Broadway its shining lights of musical productions, but the Medford high school also has a few of the talented members of the younger generation.

With the current production of the combined glee clubs just a week off, dress rehearsals are to be called shortly, "Chimes of Normandy," written by Planquette at his best, is scheduled to greet the audiences at the auditorium of the local high school on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26 and 27.

Speaking of talent, an overflow has been cast in the production. Some 80 students will blend their voices to make this operetta a success. Numerous leads are featured, representing some of the better vocalists of Medford high.

Miss Mary Kem, high soprano, has been chosen to play the feminine lead, that of Germaine, the village peasant girl. Miss Kem has played leads in two previous operettas. Her hobby is singing and it is her intention to continue her vocal study in Eugene.

"Chimes of Normandy" is a clever plot and is entirely different from anything ever presented by our glee clubs," states Miss Kem. Henri, the village hero, is depicted by Harvey Field, baritone. Mr. Field has an unusually mellow and pleasing voice. It is learned that his singing experience amounts to some four odd months, which is quite an accomplishment. With a voice that is a combination of Nelson Eddy and Bing Crosby, it is almost the audience fortunate enough to attend the musical playlet.

Gaspard, a character role, is taken by Robert Murphy, also a baritone. Murphy had a major role in the "Mikado," last year's operetta. Mr. Murphy found himself singing soprano in a Sunday school choir at the early age of five and has continued his climb by sustained interest and constant practice. He has no intention of following singing as a life work and prefers modern melodies to the old ballads.

"The difference in the characterizations of each part fascinates me and I am sure that the 'Chimes of Normandy' will be well received," states Mr. Murphy.

Advanced ticket sales are well under way and show every indication of a complete sell out. As a matter of precaution it is advised that the persons intending to attend should purchase their tickets early, as no seats are to be reserved.

CARROLL TO WAIVE HEARING IS WORN

Preliminary hearing in the case of Roster P. (Red) Carroll, service station employe, charged in a coroner's inquest verdict with responsibility for the death of June Rose Hansen 19, as the result of an auto crash on West Main street February 9, will in all probability be waived, his attorney, Charles W. Reames, said today. Such action would mean that the case would be referred direct to the grand jury, scheduled to be convened at the opening of the February term of circuit court February 25.

Bonds in the sum of \$2500 with C. C. Furnas, Ernest Smith and Clarence Noe as sureties, have been prepared for posting, according to District Attorney George A. Coddling. The district attorney's office yesterday, as required by state law, filed the coroner's verdict and transcript of testimony in the case.

The coroner's jury verdict automatically sets as complaint charging involuntary manslaughter.

Attorney Reames said this morning waiting of the preliminary hearing would expedite the proceedings and save the state considerable expense.

FORESTERS LEARN FIRE PREVENTION

As part of a survey of Oregon and Washington for the purpose of contacting staff officers and forest rangers of the various national forests, R. C. Lindberg of Bellingham, Wash., vocational educational instructor, and P. L. Paine of Portland, assistant superintendent of Clatsop national forest, Wash., were in Medford conducting a two-day training school. The instructions began Monday and were conducted last night, with classes held in the annex to the federal building.

Purpose of the work is to teach instructors in guard training camps better methods of fire prevention, before the beginning of the fire season. Those attending the meetings were Supervisor Karl Janouch, W. L. Jones, construction foreman; K. P. McElroy, junior forester; Fred Warner, in charge of ECW work; Jess DeWitt, Lee Port, Hugh A. Ritter and Maurice Tetzrow, district rangers; John Henakaw, Albert Young, Ansel Pearce and Russell Wynn, assistant rangers.

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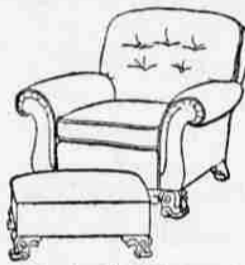
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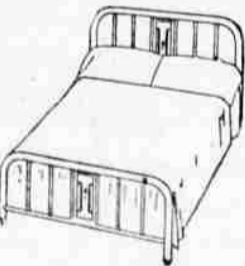
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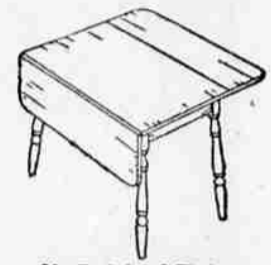
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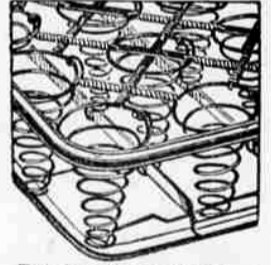
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