

GRAND OPERA ON SCREEN ASSURED IN NEAR FUTURE

Carmen to Be First Filmed — Studio Technique to Differ From Long Accepted Methods of Stage

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Grand opera on the screen has ceased to be a mere possibility, discussed round and round at the Hollywood grand table. It has reached the comparatively certain state of being included on the production schedule of at least one studio. "Carmen," Bizet's popular work, is to be the first opera filmed.

And for the filming, a new technique will be created. Grand opera as it is known on the stage will not be fed to the cameras of Hollywood. Ernest Lubitch, who recently gave up directing to become manager of production at Paramount, was first to herald the coming of opera to the screen, and it is his studio which has announced "Carmen."

May Aid Stage Opera

In Lubitch's opinion, opera on the screen may influence stage opera as profoundly as motion picture technique has influenced dramatic stage production—and the opinion is the influence will be all for the good of stage opera.

"Nothing new has been done in staging grand opera for a long time, and it is out-dated in its present form," he declares. "In putting it upon the screen we must not be afraid to change the style of it. Such a change would not be an artistic violation, for if any art needs fresh blood today, it is grand opera."

A New Presentation

"First," he says, "we must have a real story for presentation of opera on the screen, a new style. The story lines as they now stand must be revised. I think we should not rely entirely upon singing, although we should have much of it. Some of the story would be told in dialogue, with underscored music in the background, but not too much dialogue. In fact, much of the silent picture technique, with scenes in pantomime and action, would be used, and the score thus brought in as musical accompaniment. All of it will have to be very cleverly devised, but I am confident that, properly presented, grand opera in films will meet popular favor."

"The casting problem for opera used to be difficult, because while on the stage no one objected to buxom sopranos and stout tenors, the screen would not tolerate them. For a screen opera the performer must not only sing, but have looks and acting ability. Good-looking singers are available now, and we are going to use them."

Many Singers Under Contract

Other studios with operatic stars under contract are proceeding on stories that will incorporate operatic selections, but to date none has planned a true "screen opera." Grace Moore's second picture for Columbia is a modern story with music, as was "One Night of Love." Lawrence Tibbett will do "Diamond Horseshoe" for Twentieth Century, a "backstage" story. Lily Pons at R-K-O has no vehicle as yet, and the same is true of Marjorie Talley at M-G-M. Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald at the same studio probably will be teamed again in operetta. Universal's vocal hopes, one of whom will be "Carmen" in all probability, are Mary Ellis, Gladys Swarthout, and Helen Jepson, with Jan Kiepura, and Felix Jacobson, with Jan Kiepura, who has signed Martinelli and Tutta Rolle, and Warner Bros. once contracted Everett Marshall — once seen with Bebe Daniels in "Dixiana," at R-K-O—for vocal-acting duties.

Feodor Chaliapin, Russian basso, who appeared in "Don Quixote"

State Policeman



CAPT. LEE NOE
Captain Lee Noe of Oregon State police, with headquarters at Baker, is in charge of a wide eastern Oregon area.

abroad, and Rosa Ponselle, soprano, are among other picture possibilities. Whatever the future of screen opera, it is certain to personalities who combine operatic voices with photographic possibilities are in for a profitable period in Hollywood.

CHILDERS LEAVE TO BUY NEW CAR

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Childers left Tuesday afternoon on a United Air liner for Detroit Mich. from where they will return by easy stages to this city by motor car. In the automobile metropolis the Childers will receive delivery of a smart Chrysler Imperial Airflow coupe through arrangement with Armstrong Motors, Inc. of this city, according to an announcement today by Hugo F. Lange, head of that company in Medford. The return trip will be made through Salt Lake.

This is the tenth Chrysler to be sold to southern Oregon motorists recently according to Mr. Lange. Walter Leverette, who is now in the east, will return from Detroit with a Chrysler Imperial Airflow sedan, and Dr. Ogle of Grants Pass recently purchased a Chrysler Royal Airflow coupe.

RECREATION CLASS PLANS ANNOUNCED

SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—Plans for the employment of needy, unemployed workers on a summer recreation program for children and adults in communities of more than 1500 population to be financed by relief funds were announced today by C. A. Howard, superintendent of public instruction, who has charge of the program in cooperation with the state relief administration.

STRATO TRY WAITS BETTER WEATHER

RAPID CITY, S. D., June 5.—(AP)—The deadline for completion of preparations for the latest exploration of the thin upper air stratosphere, but Capt. Albert W. Stevens and Capt. Orvil A. Anderson found they didn't need to hurry because weather prospects were unpromising. Weather observers camped at the flight base studied reports from the area several thousand miles to the north and west and reported little immediate promise of the clear, still day required for ascent.

Scores Yesterday

- Coast League
Los Angeles 4, Oakland 3.
Portland 4, Missions 1.
San Francisco 12, Sacramento 4.
Seattle 6, Hollywood 2.
- American League
At St. Louis, 11, Chicago 1.
At Washington, 2, Boston 3.
At Detroit, Cleveland, postponed.
At New York, Philadelphia, postponed.
- National League
At Pittsburgh, 9, St. Louis 5.
At Chicago, 10, Cincinnati 2.
At Boston, Brooklyn, postponed.
At Philadelphia, New York, postponed.

NATIONAL GUARD MAKES READY TO START FOR CAMP

A special train forming at Ashland and arriving here at 4:15 p. m. will carry approximately 80 men and officers from Medford Monday, June 10, to the annual national guard encampment at Fort Lewis, Wash. The two local units are making extensive plans to carry on their outstanding work at the encampment, which has in the past been held at Camp Clatsop, Ore.

This year the entire 41st division, bringing together approximately 10,000 men, will gather at Fort Lewis for division maneuvers, as is the custom every ten years.

Five officers in command of the Medford units are Capt. Carl T. Tengwald, First Lieutenant Waldon McRee and Second Lieutenant Bruce W. Moffatt in charge of Co. A, and First Lieutenant James Grigaby and Second Lieutenant Ord Reed in charge of headquarters company.

When the two local units gather at camp for official inspection, it is hoped that a favorable rating will be given, as both companies are anxious to continue the standing of "very satisfactory" which was accredited to the annual federal inspection here recently.

The special train will carry men from Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Oregon City. The Ashland battery will not proceed to Fort Lewis, but will hold its field training at Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia river, according to official orders.

Starkweather On Trail Commission

SALEM, June 5.—(AP)—Harvey G. Starkweather of Portland was appointed chairman of the Old Oregon Trail commission late yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin.

This commission will work in connection with a bill now in congress providing for the creation of the Oregon Mormon California overland trails national historical park and has as its duties the designating of pioneer and historic places of interest in Oregon to be named in the bill in congress.

Railroad Trainmen Castigate Hearst

CLEVELAND, June 5.—(AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in convention here was on record today with criticism of William Randolph Hearst.

A resolution adopted yesterday denounced these publications as repugnant to the best interests of the brotherhood, contrary to the general welfare of the American people and constituting a serious threat to American democracy.

Increase Pay For Paper Mill Staff

PORTLAND, June 5.—(AP)—Jack H. Smith, president of the Hovey Pulp and Paper company, announced today that a general increase of 2 1/2 cents among male employees of the pulp and paper industry had been decided on at the meeting of employers and employees' representatives in Portland. The previous scale was 45 cents per hour.

The raise affects between 8,000 and 10,000 workers.

Minister Is Forest Ranger

TULARE, Cal. (UP)—A minister in the winter, the Rev. Arthur Rice of the Tulare Congregational church will become a forest ranger in Yosemite this summer. He held the same job in 1933 and 1934 while a pastor in Salt Lake City.

Glass Balls Float From Japan

SAN RAFAEL, Cal. (UP)—Numbers of large glass balls, believed to have floated across the Pacific from Japan after working loose from fishing nets have been washed up in Tomales bay. The balls are made in Japan.

142-Year-Old House Razed

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (UP)—A 142-year-old landmark has been torn down here. It was a nine room house built in 1793 by Romelus Tash. Its timbers, all hand hewn, were reported "remarkably preserved."

IRON BALL AIDS SEALS' PITCHER



The practice of battering swinging several bats to make their own bat feel lighter before going to hit gave Sam Gibson, San Francisco Seals pitcher, the idea of creating an iron ball. He swings it before going in to pitch and between innings. The regular ball then feels like a cork. The iron ball weighs 8 pounds and is the same size as the regular. It must work for Sam has won all six games he's pitched this season. It would take twice as many balls as he holds in his right hand to equal the weight the iron sphere in his left. (Associated Press Photo)

MEAD FREE MOVIE OFFERS THRILLS

People of southern Oregon have been invited by N. H. Mead to enjoy a free talking picture show at the showrooms of the Mead Motor company, 16 South Fir street in this city, at eight o'clock Thursday evening. The interesting and thrilling pictures feature famous race drivers in daredevil stunts with a generous measure of comedy along with the thrills, according to Mr. Mead. No charge will be made for the evening of entertainment.

Among the recent purchasers of new De Soto Airstream models are Mr. and Mrs. Dade Terrett of this city, who will receive delivery of their new car at Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Terrett will also attend the Imperial Shrine session at Washington, D. C., while on their eastern trip. Mr. Terrett is one of the official representatives of Hillah Temple.

Heavy Loss Seen In Celery Crop

PORTLAND, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—A huge loss, amounting almost to a total celery crop failure, was reported today as a result of the survey of the crop in western Oregon, made by Peter Binn of Binn Brothers, growers and distributors. Damage to early celery by premature seeding was estimated from 40 to 100 per cent in various instances. California prices were higher.

Cutting Integrity Held Unsmirched

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—With a declaration that no evidence was introduced reflecting on the "character or integrity" of the late Senator Bronson M. Cutting of New Mexico, the senate elections committee today formally dismissed the contest of his election brought by his appointed successor Dennis Chavez.

75-Pound Sturgeon Caught

PORT ERIE, Ont. (UP)—The Daddy of all sturgeons caught in Lake Erie was landed by William Berry of Erie Beach. After a hard struggle, Berry landed the fish—a 75-pound beauty.

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SKELETON SET-UP TO BE MAINTAINED FOR NRA FUNCTION

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There so far has been the effect of NRA so far."

Van derberg (A. Mich.) said: "The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse. I don't think anybody should take the time to kick the little mouse around."

"He saw the move to retain an NRA skeleton organization as an attempt to 'provide a cushion for several thousand defectors to land on."

Lawyer Billions Wanted

Rather than an attempt to use the tax power, some new dealers in the senate were "inclined to look for a move to have congress write a definition of interstate commerce into law."

It was hinted that the skeleton NRA organization would assemble facts to show that many industries which would be excluded under the supreme court's decision actually would affect interstate commerce. This data might be presented in future court tests.

Meanwhile, it was said at the White House that proposal submitted by 30 or 40 experts for extension of NRA code principles had not been found to conform to the supreme court's limitation. It was added the door was not necessarily closed to further exploration.

President Roosevelt turned over all suggestions for the future of NRA to Attorney General Cummings and Solicitor General Reed. They and aides thus far have failed to find any one plan a composite plan which meets the legal requirements.

In ordering all government work to conform to the code principles, it was re-emphasized today at the White House that this would constitute lit-

Health Official



DR. B. G. BAILEY
Dr. B. Bailey is city health officer at Grants Pass, and past commander of the American Legion post there.

Get Few Suggestions
The White House reported little response to suggestions of Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA administrator, that the people inform the president of their wishes on the recovery organization.

Meanwhile, other points in the program described by the president as "stop-gap" were getting prompt consideration. Doughton called his ways and means committee into session to consider a minor liquor tax bill already pending before it. He hoped to include in that bill language which would let the government, through its power to license and tax dealers, establish at least a modicum of control, held necessary because of the death of the federal alcohol administration.

Dissent arose, too, at the president's insistence that the coal stabilization and Wagner labor disputes bill must be enacted.

It was learned that at yesterday's White House conference, Chairman

O'Connor (D. N. Y.) of the house rules committee told the president he would agree to let the Wagner bill reach the floor but at the moment he did not know of one other committeeman who would vote the same way.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Calhoun of 139 Oberlin Avenue, Ashland, a baby girl weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces, this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital.

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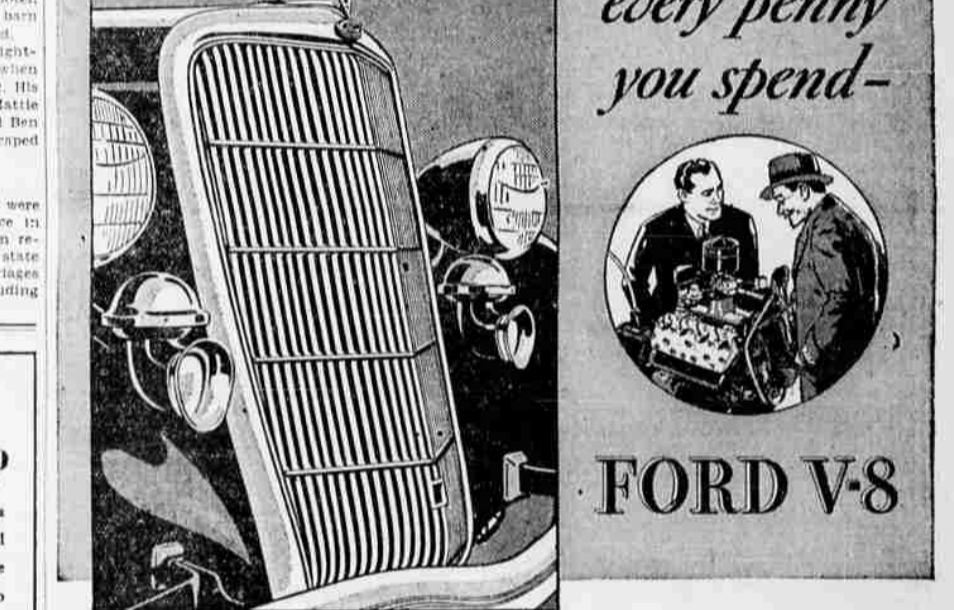
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