

San Francisco Opera Season Opens Tonight

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The usual crowd of milling people will jam the street in front of the San Francisco Opera House tonight to catch a glimpse of the elegantly-attired first-nighters of the 3rd annual opera season.

The five-week season opens with "Aida" — a story that brought author Verdi only a few dollars, but increased Gino Prato's pocket money by some \$32,000 on a TV quiz show.

Tonight's cast is headed by the Italian diva, Renata Tebaldi, who made her American debut in the same title role here in 1950. She will be supported by tenor Roberto Turrini as Rhaedames, contralto Clarence Turner as Amneris and Leonard Warren as Amonasro.

Georgio Tozzi, young American baritone who has been acclaimed in this country at the Metropolitan and abroad, will make his debut here. Bass Desire Ligeti, mezzo soprano Margaret Roggero and tenor Virginio Assandri complete the cast.

One of today's foremost conductors, Fausto Cleva, will be in the pit and Paul Hager directs the stage. Revised staging and projections will be by Leo Kerz.

New Works
Two new works in the varied repertoire claim attention this year — Sir William Walton's "Troilus and Cressida" and Verdi's "Macbeth." Walton himself will be on hand for the American premier of his work on October 7.

"Macbeth," last heard in San Francisco in 1883, will be presented for the first time by the company on September 27.

To be presented in American operatic debuts this season are Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, coloratura Mattiwalda Dobbs and tenor Richard Lewis, all of whom have established reputations on European stages.

Dinner Meeting Held by Auxiliary

Eagle Point — Eagle Point Lions auxiliary held a potluck dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Clarence Davies Monday evening. Twelve members answered roll call, and guests present were Miss Kathleen Davies and Mrs. Lyle Greenwood.

The auxiliary voted to sponsor local Camp Fire groups for the coming year as their youth project.

Plans were also made for serving a dinner Friday night for the Zone E meeting to be held at the Youth Center.

The monthly board meeting will be September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Don Geren.

Women's Page

First Lady Charms Everyone At Lowry Base Luncheon Party

By POLLY WHITE
United Press Correspondent

Denver — (U.P.) — Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower ate like a soldier, talked a blue streak and charmed everyone in sight when she lunched with 480 officers' wives at Lowry Air Force Base yesterday.

She fussed over a white orchid the ladies provided to set off her navy blue outfit. She dissolved a waiter's embarrassment with a gentle jest. She posed for pictures with several children. And she limited her thank-you speech to 27 words.

It was the third straight year that the officers' wives club at Lowry, where the President's vacation offices are located, had Mrs. Eisenhower to lunch. This year a Denver department store put on a fall fashion show after the big meal, which Mrs. Eisenhower greeted with gusto.

The First Lady began with a dry sherry, then waded through tomato juice, baked ham, peas, baked potatoes, salad and sherbet.

Then she had two cups of coffee and a cigarette while she gossiped happily with her neighbors at the table.

Reassures Waiter
When several petals from golden chrysanthemums forming the center piece at her table fell into her plate, Mrs. Eisenhower saw that her waiter was disconcerted.

"I think they might be edible, too," she said to put him at ease.

The hearty meal played havoc with her lipstick. Her coffee finished, Mrs. Eisenhower opened her purse to repair the damage.

"I've eaten all mine off," she said.

She took care throughout the lunch to shield her orchid, which had been clipped to her purse, from harm.

"I'm going to smash it before the day is over," she fretted to Mrs. John C. Sprague, wife of the Lowry Base commander.

Leave Taking
When Mrs. Eisenhower rose to leave she was surrounded by chattering admirers who wanted a closer look at her chic costume, a navy taffeta full-skirted dress, navy shoes, hat and purse, long white gloves, a pearl choker necklace and pearl earrings, and the gift orchid.

"I think you all expect me to make a speech or something — but I'm not," Mrs. Eisenhower said to the group. "It was a lovely luncheon and show. I enjoyed it very much."

Mrs. Sprague echoed the general sentiment as the gathering broke up.

"She really looks wonderful, doesn't she," the hostess said. "I think we could chat together all day at the rate we were going today."

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Girl Scout "Adoption" Program Spreads To Hundreds of New York City Oldsters

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
United Press Correspondent

New York—More than 500 elderly men and women have been "adopted" by teenage girls here in a unique project that is beginning to spread to other parts of the nation.

As adopted grandparents the old people suddenly find themselves getting cards on their birthdays, candy on Easter, unexpected visits from youngsters and even a night out now and then.

One grandfather became so popular that he girls' parents began including him in family outings.

"It is one of our most successful projects," a Girl Scout official said. Girl Scout troops in the metropolitan area started the grandparent adoptions five years ago.

"The girls gain as much from it as the old people," one director of an old people's home pointed out. "We didn't think of that when we first agreed to let them adopt some of our residents. But the girls learn something about the way old people live."

A man actually started the idea. He was the recreation director for 1,800 old people living in a city-financed home and hospital on Welfare Island. A check of the records showed that 1,700 of the residents were never visited by relatives or remembered on holidays.

"Nobody was interested in them" Arthur H. Holtzman recalled. "So any attention the youngsters showed them was invaluable."

Now, five years later, 8,000 girls have some part in the lives of 523 old people living in homes for the aged in the five boroughs.

Occasionally a prospective grand parent is apprehensive. One old man worried that he wouldn't know what to talk about when his scout troop arrived for a visit.

The visit ended with the girls sitting on the floor and their adopted grandfather reading them poems he had written and kept carefully hidden away.

"We intend to keep our adopted grandmother as long as we are a troop," a group of girls from 10 to 13 years old wrote.

CALENDAR

Thursday
7:30 p.m. — Crater Garden club, home of Mrs. Leonard Warren, 57 North Ninth street, Central Point.

7:45 p.m. — Women's association, Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, at church.

8:00 p.m. — Adalee Chapter No. 3, O.E.S., Jacksonville, for initiation.

12:30 p.m. — St. Mark's auxiliary-guild, at church.

2:00 p.m. — W.C.T.U., Girls' Community club, business meeting.

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Butte Falls PTA To Give Party For Newcomers

Butte Falls—A welcome party for newcomers is being planned by Butte Falls Parent-Teacher association for Monday, September 19, in the high school auditorium.

All clubs and civic groups of the community are invited to participate in the event in order that teachers and parents, especially those who are new in Butte Falls, may become acquainted and find the community a friendly one in which to live.

Mrs. Harriet Armstrong is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements and other members are Mrs. Charles Capello, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Mrs. Roy Price, Mrs. Claud Curtis, Mrs. Bruce Pingle and Mrs. Ted Fredenburg.

Since school started on the day in September on which the PTA ordinarily meets, the first regular meeting of the group will be the second Monday in October. In the meantime the year's program is being planned and committee chairmen are preparing for the year.

Membership chairmen for the year are Mrs. Keith Scott and Mrs. Alva Webster. Officers of the association are Mrs. Ted Fredenburg, president; Miss Mary Schubert, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Price, secretary and Mrs. Harriet Armstrong, treasurer.

Methodists Plan District Seminar

A district seminar for Methodist women will be held in First Methodist church, Medford on Monday, Sept. 19. All officers and members of Woman's Society of Christian Service in the district are invited to attend.

Registration is set for 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will close at 2:30 p.m.

Topics to be discussed will include "The Christian mission in a revolutionary world," and "Combining our efforts for lasting peace." Speakers will present program material for church-wide study and promotion, and worship materials and a discussion of spiritual classics is on the schedule.

Mrs. O. P. Taylor of Medford will be one of the speakers.

Junior Club, Meets At Director's Home

Junior Degree of Honor met September 10 in the home of the director, Mrs. H. G. Wilson, 7 Chestnut street. Games were played and a wiener roast held. Sharon Forde and Anna Marie

Gonzalez won prizes. The business meeting was conducted by Sharon Forde, president.

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