

# Philharmonic Society Opens New Season

The Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon opened its 1956-57 concert season yesterday with a double program—one in Medford at 3 p.m. and another in Grants Pass at 8 p.m. It is hoped that the size of the audience—about 125 in each city—does not really indicate the interest in fine orchestral music about which music lovers in both cities doubtless boast.

The Grants Pass concert was planned at this time as an honor for Norma Bazett, the orchestra's first cellist, who was featured soloist. Mrs. Bazett and her family make their home in Grants Pass, where she is one of the city's leading musicians.

**Opening Selection**  
Conductor Richard Werner chose for the opening selection yesterday Nicolai's overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" with G. F. Haendel's "Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 12," one of the most offerings of the program, second on the program. For the imposing Handel number, Audrey Brist, first violinist and concertmistress, Nancy Walstead, who plays first chair in the second violin section and Mrs. Bazett, were featured as "concertino" musicians. Their playing added considerably to the effectiveness of the composition.

Bruch's "Kol Nidre" for cello and orchestra closed the first half of the program. This solemn number, written in the traditional manner of Hebrew religious music, provided weight and diversity for the concert program but seemed to lack the deep emotional appeal which the Hebrew music sometimes invokes in the listeners.

**Happy Choice**  
Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1" is a happy choice for a community concert as far as audience appeal goes, for the colorful, descriptive music is familiar to almost everyone. However, the suite presents difficulties in execution for the string section and yesterday's performance by the Philharmonic was somewhat disorganized, particularly in the rapid passages.

Mrs. Bazett's solo numbers were well received by the audience. She opened her group with "Andalucia" by Lecuona and followed with Faure's "Elegy" and "Rondo" by Boccherini. Mrs. Bazett is an accomplished and experienced cellist, whose musicianship is a decided asset to the Philharmonic. For yesterday's appearance she was accompanied by Bruno Pellegrini, who has no equal in the valley in this field. As an encore number Mrs. Bazett played Massenet's "Swan."

Even though it makes some inconvenience for the remainder of the orchestra, possibly the effectiveness of the solo numbers for these community concerts would be improved if the stage could be cleared and the solo performer and accompanist play from the center in the traditional fashion.

From the standpoint of the audience, "Finlandia" was the most satisfying of the concert.

## A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By MARMAN W. NICHOLS  
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (UP) — "The Marines were wonderful!" That quote comes from an ex-bomber pilot from Derby, Ia., who just returned from the mess in Egypt.

My friend, Donald Snook, a 33-year-old expert of the U.S. Information Agency, was aboard various U. S. rescue ships taking evacuees out of Egypt. I talked with him over coffee at the USIA headquarters.

He said he got quite a charge out of the way the Marines aboard ship handled the kids and the old ladies from a number of nations.

"The kids were easy for the Leathernecks," Don said. "But they had a little trouble teaching the older folks how to climb the ladder from the galley to the deck and balance a tray of food at the same time."

**Junior Corps**  
The Marines organized the youngsters, age three to 13, in a "Junior Marine Corps." They were taught to salute, to say "Sir," to "pull your tummy in," and to give forth full-throated and mostly off-key with "From The Hills of Montezuma."

The Marines, in full battle gear, marched their new "recruits" about the deck of the USS General Patch and gave them morning drill.

"Not only that," Don said, "the Marines went beyond the call of duty."

They baby sat. They fixed formulas. They diapered. And they even came up with something from Brahms' along about lullaby time.

Getting out of Egypt would not have been easy, Don told me. It red tape had not been cut to ribbons.

The first hop was from Cairo

# Dalles Inmates Get Brief Taste Of Outside World

Dallas, Ore. — (UP) — Two prisoners being held in the Polk county jail here made their second bid for freedom in two weeks yesterday when they threw pepper into a city policeman's face as he was bringing them breakfast, then fled while he was blinded.

Officers identified the two escapees as Eugene Strasbaugh, 18, of Salem and Eugene Enfield, 20, of Beaver Creek. Both were recaptured.

**Found in Stolen Car**  
Police said that Strasbaugh was apprehended in a stolen car as he started to cross a bridge leading into Salem.

Enfield, whose escape was his third in the past two months, was picked up north of Bonneville, Wash., last night and was held at Stevenson, Wash.

City Policeman Jim Greene said he was taking breakfast to the men when one of the prisoners threw pepper into his face, temporarily blinding him while they fled the jail.

**Previous Escape Fails**  
The two men made an abortive bid for freedom only two weeks ago along with 19-year-old Richard Davidson of Albany. All three were recaptured in the Albany area within 24 hours of their escape that time.

Davidson and five other prisoners in the same cell block as the two escapees did not attempt to flee with the two escapees yesterday.

Strasbaugh was serving a one-year sentence for stealing a car in West Salem and Enfield was jailed on four charges of obtaining money by false pretenses, besides being a Washington state prison escapee.

## Response to Drive Said Good Here

Public response to the Medford Thanksgiving March for Muscular Dystrophy has been good in the past two weeks, local committee members reported today.

About 50 canisters for muscular dystrophy fund contributions were placed in Medford business establishments two weeks ago and many are nearly full now.

The committee has several more to place before the end of the Thanksgiving drive. Canisters will be collected about a week after Thanksgiving.

Muscular dystrophy is a disease which affects the muscles, crippling adult victims. According to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., the disease is always fatal to children.

On the campaign committee are John Duffy, chairman, Floyd Courtright and Mitchell Milich. Heading the national drive are Mrs. Lou Gehrig, James A. Farley, former postmaster general, and Jerry Lewis, Hollywood film star.

## Tax Writers Probe List of 'Loopholes'

Washington — (UP) — Congressional tax writers today began scrutinizing a list of "tax loopholes" to determine whether they should be plugged next year.

The study was started by a seven-member House Ways and Means subcommittee headed by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.). The group opened two weeks of public hearings on 85 proposed tax changes suggested by the Treasury Department and congressional staff tax experts.

If enacted, the proposed revisions would eliminate some of the special tax relief gimmicks now available to various groups of taxpayers.

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