

## Symphonic Suite Features Noises From City, Desert

By JAMES BAAR

Washington—If you think you hear coyote yowls and train whistles, don't be too sure: It may be music. In fact Hollywood's maestro Carmen Dragon, whose new symphonic suite "The Santa Fe Trail" features a whole menagerie of real-life noises, said today it may be a trend—despite what the critics said. And what they said wasn't good.

The National Symphony orchestra presented Dragon's suite for the first time Saturday night. More than a third of the 40-minute composition is made up of recorded noises caused by chugging steam engines, chopping wood, falling trees, desert wildlife, Chicago traffic and a thunderstorm. A chorus sings and gives Indian war whoops. It got a big hand from the audience.

"The audience liked it," Dragon sighed happily. "They got the message. They got the picture."

But the critics were another thing. One noted the applause was occasionally as loud as the music. Another called the whole affair a "miserable business."

The handsome wavy-haired maestro, interviewed in his hotel suite, said he could understand how a critic used to little more than Beethoven might have wished he were elsewhere. But he said he personally felt "quite good" about the premiere.

"The sound was superb," he said. "That thunderstorm comes through just like gangbusters."

Dragon, who as conductor was the chief music-and-noise mixer, said the only slip came when it was time for steam locomotive noises and the tape didn't work.

"Fortunately we had a spare ready to go," he said. "The whole suite's on split-second timing. If we miss, the train would never get to the station on time."

Dragon said he began collecting noises for his suite three years ago. "I have miles and miles of them," he said. "Plenty for a sequel. I'll call it Santa Fe Suite No. 2."

But he said No. 2 will have to wait awhile. "Another industry wants me to do one about them," he confided. "This idea has opened up a whole new thing as far as I'm concerned."

## Past Presidents To Be Honored

Gold Hill—Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association will honor past president of the local unit at a meeting Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 in the Hanby school gymnasium. The meeting is in observance of Founders' day.

Mrs. Walter Doherty, program chairman, said a program will be provided by Mrs. Mildred Black's sixth grade. Several students will present an Argentine folk dance while the class sings. Girls participating in the dance will be Loraine Hixson, Penny Flenner, Barbara Schatz and Toni Morrow. Boys will be Bob Turner, Gregg Schmidt, Earl Meister, and Dave Force.

The program will also consist of a song of Venezuela which will be sung by Bob Turner and Gregg Applin. The words of the song were composed by Ogden Kellogg, Earl Meister, Dave Force and Ronnie Brown.

The sixth grade class program for the occasion was themed to the two countries, Argentina and Venezuela, which the students have been studying.

A special selection to be presented is a song "Reminiscence." The music was composed by Mrs. Black and the words by two of her sixth grade pupils, Dave Force and Larry Maerz.

Linda Parker, fourth grade pupil, will play a piano solo. Mrs. Owen Kunkel, Medford, will speak to the group in the interest of the promotion of PTA. Discussion will follow the talk.

Mrs. Edsel White, hospital chairman, said Mrs. Charles Rosecrans, Mrs. Elwin Wilson, Mrs. Theibert Wright, and Mrs. Alan Hilkey will be in charge of refreshments for the evening. Other parents will assist.

## Jet-Age Valentines in Fashion

By MARGARETE RICHARDS  
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Kansas City, Mo.—If Cupid supplements his bow-and-arrow arsenal with a rocket launcher this year, firing supersonic missives to commemorate St. Valentine's day for those who like to have their love expressed in jet-age fashion.

The trend to bright and snappy valentines with an emphasis on light-hearted affection has hit a new peak, according to a spokesman for Hallmark Cards. These "contemporary" greetings have a flair that appeals to many—especially men—who might shun the traditional sentimental cards, he added.

Any tongue-in-cheek Don Juan, for example, would enjoy sending a card that shows the happy husband crossing the threshold, the loosened hat in hand and mouth open proclaiming, "It's Valentine's Day . . . Inside, the card asks, '... so what's for supper?'"

His soulmate might retaliate with a card that shows a frumpy female in rhinestone-studded housecoat, her hair in curlers, who declares, "I'll be your valentine . . . (inside) if it won't ruin my reputation!"

Such contemporary cards have become the successors to the often cruel, always insulting "slam" cards of past generations. The humor of the new greetings take various good-natured directions.

One card shows a handsome man holding a heart of gold lace, and the cover reads, "A valentine message to my girl friend." Inside the message reads, "Why couldn't you have been a man?"

Another shows a boy of the streets, his cap over his downturned eyes, and a bunch of flowers in his hand. "To know you . . . (inside) is to love you," the card states.

Other cards in this category rely on art work for most of their impact. One impressive greeting is a long, unfolding card studded with crimson lip prints and the single word, "Smmmmmmack!" in gold.

**New Jumbo**  
Another depicts a valentine heart impaled on a fishing lure barb, with the message, "Hooked!" inside. On still another, a blowtorch inscribes a valentine heart in shimmering flame, while the card announces inside, "Still carrying it . . . for you!"

Eye-catching in the contemporary field are the new "jumbo" cards—oversized greetings that range up to a foot and a half in length. One mirth-provoker features a massive houndlike dog on the cover, his paws clasped across his chest and his eyes twinkling. "Thinking of you . . ." is the message on the cover.

When the card is opened, Rover is seated astride a cake of ice and perspiration is popping from his brow as he seeks to cool himself with a small fan that swishes back and forth. Overcome by emotion and anticipation, he can only say, "Whew!"

## Council to Hold Valentine Party

Talisman Rosebud council, Pythian Sunshine Girls, will meet Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m. in the Pythian building. Following the session, a valentine exchange will be held. The Misses Berta Crippen and Cecilia Fichtner will be chairmen of the social hour.

## Club Announces Dance Thursday

The Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club will hold a dance in the social hall of the Medford YMCA starting at 8 p.m. Thursday. All square dancers have been invited.

Doug Fosbury will call squares, and potluck refreshments will be served.

## Meeting Changed For Thursday Club

Phoenix—A change of meeting place has been announced for Phoenix Thursday club. The session will be held February 13 at 12 noon at the home of Mrs. George Bourne, Calhoun road, rather than at the home of Mrs. L. C. Bertrand. A potluck luncheon will be served.

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## Potpourri

If Richard Lincoln hadn't disinherited his eldest son, perhaps American history would have been different. Residents of Hingham, England, tell the story of how Richard Lincoln, a rich landowner living in another part of England in 1613, disinherited Edward and left his fortune to the children of a later marriage.

The embittered Edward moved to Hingham where his children grew up in poverty. Seeking a better life, three sons emigrated to America. One of them was Samuel Lincoln, of whom Abraham Lincoln, great president of the United States, was a direct descendant.

Residents of Hingham pay respect to Abraham Lincoln on February 12, much the same as we do in America. In 1919 a bronze bust of Lincoln was donated by Americans and placed in St. Andrew's church at Hingham.

The bronze shows the traditional sad-faced man, a face familiar to every school child in America, but in reality, Lincoln is known to have had as deep a sense of comedy as he did of tragedy and he was famous from one end of the country to the other for his quips, jokes and humorous stories. According to Richard Hanser in "The Laughing Lincoln" (Saturday Review), his sense of humor was one of Lincoln's most effective political tools, and he used them to win arguments and drive home points. It is written that he opposed the Mexican War, and when someone contended it was not a war of aggression, he said it reminded him of "the Illinois farmer who insisted, 'I ain't greedy 'bout land. I only want what jines mine.'"

As president he was beset with office seekers. One delegation called on him in behalf of a deserving Republican whom they wanted appointed Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, arguing that since the candidate was in bad health, the salubrious climate of the islands would benefit him. "Gentlemen," said President Lincoln. "I am sorry to say that there are eight applicants for the place, and they are all sicker than your man."

Author Hanser also writes that on the last day of Lincoln's life he almost decided not to go to the theater. But it had been advertised that he would attend "Our American Cousin" in which Laura Keane was to give her final performance, and "he did not wish to disappoint the people he knew would turn out to see him. Besides, the play was a comedy, after all, and he always looked forward to any occasion that promised laughter."

Hameed A. Alhashmi, professor at Aligarh university in India, gave an illuminating view of his country's attitude toward love and marriage while visiting in Medford. He is here on the foreign specialist program of International Education Exchange Service of the U.S. Department of State.

When young people marry in his country (this darkly handsome man is a bachelor) they never even so much as see a picture of each other until the wedding ceremony, Professor Alhashmi said. The marriage is entirely arranged by the parents in the two families. However, if the bridegroom's parents are progressive, they will approach him through a younger sister who will ask him what type of girl he prefers. Then the parents start their search and negotiations between the families of the bride and bridegroom follow.

As proof that this is a satisfactory system, at least for India, he cites the fact that in "practically all families" divorce has not been known for 1300 years. That is true of his family, Alhashmi said. Juvenile delinquency is also unheard of.

However, romance is not ruled out. Prof. Alhashmi proudly points to the Taj Mahal—a castle-like monument built to mark the love an emperor of India had for his wife who died before him.

"This man was all-powerful and could have had any number of wives, but he had only this one who he dearly loved. He never remarried after her death and built this beautiful memorial. To go there is to catch the deep, delicate feeling of romance."

Getting back to the practical, Professor Alhashmi commented that although a man never had a chance to pick his bride it really didn't make much difference anyway.

"After the first few days of thrills, marriage soon settles down and the woman a man has makes little difference."

Men aren't always untidy creatures who track up the kitchen floor just after it's been freshly mopped. Here's the proof. Some thoughtful male—we don't know who, visited the Tribune recently on a soggy day. He removed his muddy overshoes and left them on the sidewalk outside the main door and Reporter Hal Lesser, camera in hand, recorded this bit of Americana.



The visitors from India has been quite amused over this: In his country the current influenza is known as Japanese influenza, in Japan it is known as American influenza and in America it is known as Asian flu.—O.S.

## PTA Founders To Be Honored

Founders' day will be observed by Roosevelt Parent-Teacher association with a silver tea at a meeting to be held Friday, February 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. This will also mark the 53rd anniversary of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

PTA founders and past presidents will be honored. The program will be a reproduction of a PTA meeting in 1912. Mrs. Theodore Bars, Mrs. Frank Benesh, Mrs. Betty Ouellette, Mrs. Tom Ness and Melinda Ness will present the program.

For a tasty addition to cabbage salad, try seedless green grapes.

Hostesses for the meeting will be mothers of children in the third grades.

## Program Planned For Phoenix Club

Phoenix—The January meeting of Phoenix Garden club will be held Friday, February 14, at Phoenix Community hall. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. by Mrs. Lester Carr, Mrs. A. C. Lewis and Mrs. Guy Cobleigh.

A program on "Flowering Trees and Shrubs" will be given by Mrs. Jesse Wilson.

For a tasty addition to cabbage salad, try seedless green grapes.

## Marjorie Blind Heads Sorority

Miss Marjorie Blind of Medford is the new president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at the University of Oregon. Miss Blind, a junior, is enrolled in secretarial science and secondary education.

Mr. and Mrs. Erhardt Blind, 127 Valley View drive, and Mr. Blind was in Eugene last week to attend the annual Fathers' week end program.

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