



New York—Miss Nina Lawson, left above, head of the wig division and chief hairdresser at New York's Metropolitan Opera Company, is shown adjusting a wig for a performer. (UPI photo)

### Wigs Play Important Part In Production of Operas

By GAY PAULEY  
NEW YORK —(UPI)—Once upon a time there was this tenor and soprano on stage singing a love duet from an opera. Suddenly, the extra curls padding out the soprano's collar began to slip off.

A pretty Scottish-born woman in the wings watched bemused. She had planned on those curls earlier. But the tenor with a stage presence the girl in the wings hadn't expected casually reached up, took the drooping curls and stuck them in his pocket. As far as those on stage knew, the audience didn't know.

Today, recalling that incident, Nina Lawson remarked, "I never thought much of him as an actor until then."

The performance was Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra" by the Sadler's Wells opera company in London. Miss Lawson at the time was in charge of the company's wig department. Now, she heads the wig division of the Metropolitan Opera Co., which opened its 1963-64 season Monday night.

Anything Can Happen  
She knocks on the nearest wooden head block when asked if she's had any other such crises. "But," she said, "opera singers are getting more active each season on stage, so . . ."

Wigs are as much a part of the operatic world as temperament, high C and Rudolf Bing. "Alda," which opened the Metropolitan's season, required 54 wigs for soloist and chorus, she said. "Manon," coming up soon, will require 135 full, head-covering wigs and 55 hair pieces.

Miss Lawson figured that in the 1963-64 season she and her staff will dress, and re-dress, close to 1,300 wigs or partial wigs.

The job starts literally from the roots. They weave the hair, a few strands at a time, into the wig base, much like doing crochet, until the "scalp" is covered abundantly. They dye, bleach, cut, dry clean, style and set — just as a beauty salon does. And finally, they help the soloists get into their head-dresses, fastening it across the forehead with spirit gum because so many of the wigs are swept back from the brow. The gum does not show.

The Met, which used to get its wigs from outside sources, opened its own department with Miss Lawson as chief hairdresser in 1957-58 season.

There are four on her staff—another hairdresser, Budapest-born Mrs. Charlotte Magyar, plus makeup artists.

Yak Hair Often Used  
The hair of wigs is both human and lower animal, and according to Miss Lawson, the human type is getting scarcer, and costlier, because of the international fad for wigs as a supplement to women's wardrobes.

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### Two Books Reviewed

ASHLAND—Fortnightly Club members meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Billings, 1140 Jackson Road, heard two book reviews. One was presented by Mrs. Herbert Specht the other by Mrs. Frances Worth.

During the social hour preceding the program refreshments were served from a tea table at which Mrs. R. L. Crosby and Mrs. Forrest Leshner presided.

"Is Anybody Happy?" by Norman Lobsenz was the book Mrs. Specht chose to review. The author takes a long look at American pleasures and is frank in his opinions of modern leisure.

"Although Americans of today have more time for relaxation they seem to find little real enjoyment," comments the author, who asks the question "Are we missing the point?" Mr. Lobsenz combines wit and wisdom in his analysis of modern life in which long weekend holidays find employees and employers working hard at enjoyment that seldom achieves relaxation.

Mrs. Worth read and commented upon excerpts from Richard Gump's book "Jade, Stone of Heaven," a work by a member of the Gump family of San Francisco.

The rare stone has ever been prized in the Orient as having magical attributes and has many legends surrounding its history. The book is a guide for jade collectors who wish to recognize quality and value in the stones they purchase, said Mrs. Worth.

Hot Bread Topping  
This cream - cheese - based sweet spread is tops for topping French toast, pancakes, or other hot breads as well as for spreading on fruit breads, homemade or otherwise.

Mash one 3-ounce package cream cheese; mix 1 tablespoon orange juice and 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel, freshly grated or from a jar. Gradually work in 2 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar. Beat until smooth and fluffy.

A good way to light the kitchen counter work areas is with a 30-watt fluorescent unit attached 18 to 22 inches above each work surface.

To Remove Gum  
To remove chewing gum from shoe soles, take off as much as possible with a wad of absorbent cotton soaked in hot water. Then saturate another with turpentine and rub off remainder.

### Accomplishments of UN Reviewed by Civic Club

ASHLAND—Mrs. Elden Corthell, chairman of international relations for the Ashland Women's Civic Club, Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Roy Nye, the state chairman, were speakers Wednesday afternoon at the monthly session held in the clubhouse on Winburn Way.

From numerous sources Mrs. Corthell read excerpts from articles in which accomplishments of the United Nations were stressed and a report by Mrs. G. Mennen Williams in which she analyzed conditions in Africa.

According to the speaker, the UN has been effective in the prevention of war in Cuba, the Suez and Korea and has been effective in stemming the tide of Communism. She discussed the program of UNICEF as well as that of UNESCO and urged the purchase of books and materials offered by the two organizations.

Criticism Noted  
Mrs. Corthell remarked that in spite of criticism the UN offers an opportunity for blowing off steam as well as pounding shoes. She confessed to agreeing with Sen. Wayne Morse when he said "The United States is still pouring money into countries that are not economically stable and prosperous, but we cannot buy friendship. Essentially all countries pursue their own interests."

"Health and education are prime needs in the new independent nations of Africa," writes the wife of the assistant secretary of state after traveling on that continent.

The state chairman of international relations, Mrs. Nye, continued the program with a talk on the work of the American Field Service and its importance in developing better understanding between nations. She told of the student exchange program which has been so successful in this area over recent years and called the young participants "Teen-age Ambassadors."

The AFS was established 16 years ago and now has 2,560 exchange students from 56 countries in the United States. Learning of each others' customs and cultures goes far toward influencing good will declared the speaker.

Closely related to the day's subject and discussed during the business meeting is the CARE tea to be given in the clubhouse November 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Lee Cormany, chairman, urged members to take guests and to invite the public to the benefit event which each year raises funds to assist in educational work among children in foreign countries. Literacy kits are to be sent to needy nations serviced by CARE.

Convention Reports  
Mrs. Henry C. Dooms gave a report of the recent district convention and state board meeting held in Ashland and told of the projects being emphasized in the state. Mentioned as one of interest to the Ashland club was the community improvement contest. Also discussed by Mrs. Dooms and Mrs. Nye was the art scholarship which is open to high school senior students, but based upon work done any year.

Mrs. Myrtle Reed, vice president, conducted the club meeting and presided over the luncheon introductions. Mrs. Cormany was chairman of the committee that served a covered-dish luncheon in the dining room from a table decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

Vegetable Cookery  
To get the most nutrition from cooked vegetables cook them in as little water as possible. Cook them rapidly and take them off the heat as soon as they're tender. Serve promptly.

An aerial view of Paris inspired this all-cotton area rug by Wunda Weve. The rug comes in various hues, each one reflecting a particular time of day.

### CALENDAR..

Today  
2:30 p.m.—Messiah rehearsal, First Christian Church, 1900 Crater Lake Ave.  
Monday  
10 a.m.—Beehive Club, IOOF Hall.  
12:30 p.m.—Adarel Past Matrons Club, Jacksonville Masonic temple.  
7:30 p.m.—Degree of Honor Protective Association, Girls Community Club.  
8 p.m.—Scottish Rite Women's Club, Medford Masonic Temple.  
8 p.m.—Chrysanthemum Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, Eagle Hall.

Tuesday  
9:30 a.m.—First Presbyterian Church Women's Association Circles, Hope, Mrs. Howard Phillips, 228 Sunrise Ave.; Mercy, Mrs. John North, 2639 Hillcrest Rd.; Temple, Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, 1656 Spring St.  
12:30 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church Women's Association Circles, Bethany, Mrs. Walter Stockburger, 53 Ross Court; Faith, Church Fireplace Room; Grace, Mrs. Eugene Ferrell, R. 1, Box 246, Central Point.  
12:30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship, First Baptist Church at church.

Chapter AA  
A report on a supreme PEO Sisterhood convention will be made at a meeting of Chapter AA, Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. R. L. Casterline, 45 South Modoc avenue. Mrs. Florence Durland, Grants Pass, will give the report.

Support for "Climbers"  
Climbing foliage plants can be properly supported by wrapping sphagnum or peat moss around a broom handle and covering with meshed hardware cloth. Anchor the pole firmly in a sturdy, tip-proof clay pot. You will also find attractive professionally grown climbing plants that come with their own supports of bark, cedar, redwood or bamboo cane.

Keep Stairways Free  
Prevent falls at home by keeping stairways and passages clear, providing good lighting in halls and on stairs, wiping up spills at once, fastening rugs securely and thinking s-a-f-e-y.

7:30 p.m.—Wilson School, open house and PTA meeting, at school.  
8 p.m.—Past Noble Grands Club, Girls Community Club.  
8 p.m.—Reames Chapter, OES, Medford Masonic Temple.  
Friday  
1:30 p.m.—Medford Fifty Plus Club, St. Mark's Guild Hall, Fifth St. and North Oakdale Ave.

6:30 p.m.—Lone Pine PTA open house, at school.  
7:30 p.m.—Phoenix and Talent Elementary Schools, open house at each school.  
7:30 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church Women's Association Candlelight Circle, Church Fireplace Room.  
7:30 p.m.—Jacksonville PTA open house, Primary Building, Multi-Purpose Room, Hueners Lane.  
8 p.m.—AAUW, Red Cross Building.  
8 p.m.—Pythian Club, Mrs. Joe Fritsch, 301 Crater Lake Ave.  
8 p.m.—Oregon Nurses Association, office of Dr. J. C. Luce and Dr. W. G. Bingham, 33 North Central Ave.  
8 p.m.—Livia Chapter, OES, Central Point Masonic Temple.

Wednesday  
10:30 a.m.—Central Point Navy Mothers Club, Mrs. L. D. Booth, 154 Alder St., Central Point.  
12 noon—Mistletoe Club, RNA, Girls Community Club.  
12:30 p.m.—Chapter AA, PEO, Mrs. R. L. Casterline, 45 South Modoc Ave.  
12:30 p.m.—Women of Rotary, Mrs. R. A. Naumes, 602 Oakdale Dr.  
1:30 p.m.—Oak Grove Neighborhood Club, Mrs. G. C. Wimer, 3595 Jacksonville Hwy.  
7:30 p.m.—Little Garden Club of Medford, Mrs. Herb Vallee, 724 Alder St.  
7:30 p.m.—Phoenix High School, open house, at school.

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