

Mr. Richard Crooks To Sing Here Friday

Famous Metropolitan Opera Star To Appear in Klamath Falls Under Concert Ass'n Banner

Richard Crooks, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company and for years a top man in concert and radio appearance throughout the country, sings in Klamath Falls the evening of February the fourteenth, bringing for the first time to this city a singing star of the first magnitude.

Since Crooks made his debut in "Manon" at the "Met" on February 23, 1933, his voice has become known to millions all over America, but before that stellar day in the singer's life runs an extraordinary story of a struggle to get to the top—a tale that ranges from ice man to opera.

The singer who appears here as one of the top artists of the Klamath Basin Community Concert association began his career as a musician in his early teens with little more than hero worship of the great Enrico Caruso to start him on his way.

Crooks had no money for study, which he knew was essential. He made up his mind to earn it. After all, he reasoned, he was young and healthy, and he did have a voice. So he did whatever odd jobs he could find—loading ice on a wagon for twenty cents an hour, which meant getting up at three o'clock in the morning; painting reservoir tanks for the gas company, at fifty cents an hour.

This kind of thing went on for a while, until he had gathered a meager sum; enough, he thought, to take the plunge. Whereupon he, and four other boys, embarked on a great adventure. Like the five Bohemians, in Henri Murger's immortal tale of the Quartier Latin, they took a single room, somewhere in Manhattan. Each boy contributed a dollar to the weekly rent of five. And they slept in relays. You can do that sort of thing at eighteen and call it fun.

But it wasn't all fun for Crooks. He continued to do odd jobs—anything from the pick and shovel up—and managed to exist. And often he went without food—except for a pint bottle of milk—to stand in line, sometimes for four solid hours, to buy an admission for a dollar and hear Caruso sing.

While still a boy the soprano soloist in the family church in Trenton, Crooks had graduated to a similar position in All Angels' church, New York. During the World war, although under age, Dick enlisted in the six hundred and twenty-sixth aero squadron, and came back to New York, as tenor soloist in the same church.

Then he got his first real break, a job as soloist in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. He was the forty-seventh candidate to sing an audition.

Walter Damrosch heard him sing, and offered to get him a loan of \$10,000, so that he could study abroad. But Crooks refused for he wanted to earn everything for himself, wanted to be independent.

But concert dates began to flow his way. Dr. Damrosch was then conductor of the Symphony Society of New York, and engaged him for nine concerts. He began to be a favorite in recital, sang with orchestras all over the country—and the European fund began to grow. Finally, the fund was large enough, and he and Mrs. Crooks went to Europe. Crooks sang in England and on the continent, with flattering success. He stayed a while and began to study for opera.

He made his debut at Cavendish in "La Tosca" at the Hamburg opera. Then he sang the same role at Städtische opera in Berlin and was hailed as "a new star in the operatic firmament."

A concert tour of the Scandinavian countries followed. Then the Crooks came back, for concerts, radio and his American debut in opera at Philadelphia.

His reputation spread into Broadway, and a contract to sing in "The Student Prince" at \$1,000 a week was dangled before him. Crooks knew that he couldn't turn this offer aside so lightly. A thousand a week was quite a lot of money, and just then Crooks needed money acutely, for he had a family to support. He himself wanted to study as never before—to study new opera roles to perfect his repertoire.

Three years later—three years of singing his way the length and breadth of the country, of weddings and funerals, of concerts and radio and churches—he made his debut, on February 2, 1933, as Des Grieux in Massenet's "Manon," upon the fabulous stage of the Metropolitan, wearing a costume that his idol, Caruso, had owned. And it is a matter of joyful record that he "stopped the show" with thirty-seven curtain calls.

Today, Richard Crooks really can be called "the great

Nile Club Has Election

Mrs. Anderson To Head Organization; Birthday Observed

Election of officers and observance of the tenth anniversary of the Nile club took place at an enjoyable meeting held Tuesday afternoon, February the fourth, at the Elk hotel when a no-hostess luncheon preceded the business hour.

The luncheon tables were decorated in keeping with the birthday motif with centerpieces of acacia blooms, jonquils and bouvardia. A beautiful birthday cake was decorated in the club's colors of green, white and gold.

When the members gathered about the tables "God Bless America" was sung with Mrs. A. B. Epperson at the piano and Mrs. Ted Shoop leading, and as the candles were lighted on the cake the group sang "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. J. H. Poppy, the retiring president, recognized the charter members, Mrs. E. H. Balsiger, Mrs. E. M. Chilcote, Mrs. R. P. Ellingson, Mrs. Carl Steinseifer and Mrs. A. B. Epperson, after which she was presented with a lovely corsage.

Mrs. Gus Anderson was elected to serve as president for the coming year, Mrs. Wilbur A. Arnold as vice president and Mrs. J. Hardin Carter as secretary-treasurer, and members voted to renew the club's knitting and sewing project for the Shriners hospitals for crippled children, a project that has been successfully carried on this past year under the direction of Mrs. Poppy.

Later, several tables of bridge were in play with award for high going to Mrs. Jerry Ricker.

ART NEEDLE WORK CLUB ENJOYS MEETING

Seventeen members of the Art Needle Work club were present Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Marion Hanks entertained for their pleasure at her home on Pine street. This represents the full resident membership. Mrs. Hanks was assisted in serving by her daughters, Mrs. D. N. Clemens and Mrs. Ted Shoop.

As usual, when this, the oldest social club in Klamath Falls, meets, some interesting stories are brought to light. One of the members told about a pet garter snake that lived in her window box. The snake would lie still to have her rub his back, would curl up in her hand, seemed to enjoy having her talk to it, had no fear of her. One day the man of the house accidentally clipped off the snake's tail, while clipping grass. The snake left after that, but the member asked neighbor boys to bring back her snake if they ever saw it—They did see it, and brought it back, but Mr. Snake had lost faith in his friend and left again never to return.

Mrs. W. P. McMillan will entertain the club February the nineteenth.

YOUNG WOMEN ORGANIZE BRIDGE CLUB

A group of young matrons and maids have organized an evening bridge club to meet twice each month. The first party was given Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Lane Warren, and Thursday of this week the group met with Mrs. Robert Ellingson at her home in the Marion apartments.

The eight players include, Mrs. Lane Warren, Mrs. Norman Moty, Mrs. Robert Leslie, Mrs. Robert Ellingson, Mrs. Roy Whitlatch, Mrs. Richard Post, Miss Jolene Woodruff, and Miss Audrey Edwards.

American tenor," for his popularity in concert, opera and on radio programs is persistent and enduring. He has made two of the most successful concert tours ever recorded in Australia, outranking Dame Melba as a box office draw.



—Bruno Studio picture.

MRS. GUS ANDERSON



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MRS. J. H. POPPY



—Kennell-Ellis picture.

MRS. WILBUR A. ARNOLD



—Kennell-Ellis picture.

MRS. J. HARDIN CARTER

FILLING NILE CLUB OFFICES FOR 1941

New officers elected at the February meeting of the Nile club on Tuesday afternoon, when the organization's tenth anniversary was also observed, were Mrs. Gus Anderson, president; Mrs. Wilbur A. Arnold, vice president, and Mrs. J. Hardin Carter, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. H. Poppy, the retiring president, was honored by the membership.

Valentine's Dance Slated

Elks Members Plan Gala Affair for February Fifteenth

Outstanding on the Elks social calendar for mid-winter is the St. Valentine's dance in the Elks temple Saturday evening, February the fifteenth.

Members of the committee planning the party are all club members from out of the city. Chairman is Mr. William Hooper of Tulalake, assisted by Mrs. Hooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shuck and Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Trotman of Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. John Takacs and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sutton of Tulalake, and Mr. and Mrs. John Reber of Malin.

Valentine favors and decorations will be used in the ballroom, and feature of the affair will be a bountiful breakfast served after midnight. Baldy Evans' orchestra will play. Cocktail hour is from nine to ten o'clock. There will be special entertainment, committee members have announced.

COLONIAL BALL PLANNED BY DANCING CLUB

The third of a series of four parties given by the Winter Dancing club will be held Saturday evening, February the twenty-second in the Willard hotel ballroom. Hosts will be announced later.

The affair will be a Colonial ball but it is not a costume party, it was announced.

OREGON MOTHERS TO HEAR REVIEW

Oregon Mothers met Monday, February the third, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Van Emon, 1949 Melrose street. Dessert was served at half past one o'clock and fourteen members were present.

The next meeting of the group will be held Monday afternoon, March the third, at the home of Mrs. E. M. Igl, 629 North Third street, with Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Igl as hostesses. Mrs. William Ganong will present a book review during the afternoon.

MISS O'CONNOR INITIATED AT BERKELEY

Miss Mary O'Connor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Connor and a graduate of Sacred Heart academy, was initiated into the Beta Sigma Delta sorority of Armstrong college, Berkeley.

The initiates were the guests of honor at a sorority dinner dance in San Francisco, and several other affairs previous to the formal initiation. Miss O'Connor, who is taking a private secretarial course, has been active in many extracurricular activities.

Women of Rotary will be entertained at the regular luncheon meeting of the service club on Friday, February the fourteenth, with a Valentine party. The women will present the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers left by motor Thursday for a leisurely trip south. They will spend several weeks in California.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY LEAGUE

The Government and Education study group of the League of Women Voters has planned an interesting program for their next meeting Thursday, February the thirteenth, at the chamber of commerce at two o'clock. The group is continuing the study of specialized educational opportunities offered in our schools and community and under this subject the following department will be studied: Mrs. Paul Angstead will give a report on adult education as presented here under our naturalization procedure; Mrs. Harold Teale will report on the home economics training provided in our schools; Mrs. Fred Hoagland will report on art training, and Mrs. Fred Heilbroner will describe the musical training provided.

Any woman of Klamath county, who is interested in our educational system is cordially invited to attend and to participate in this program of study.

PORTLAND VISITOR FETED HERE

Complimenting Mrs. Henry Vandenberg of Portland who is visiting here at the home of her son, David R. Vandenberg of Washington street, Mrs. John Gallagher entertained with an informal luncheon Thursday at noon.

Cards were enjoyed later by Mrs. Vandenberg, Mrs. George Britt, Mrs. David R. Vandenberg, Miss Pauline Brush, and the hostess.

Benefit Slated

February Nineteenth Scheduled for Party At St. Paul's Church

A benefit party is being planned by four couples of St. Paul's Episcopal church for Wednesday evening, February the nineteenth, at eight o'clock in the parish hall. Proceeds will go toward the proposed church school room. Hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. David Bullis, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Webb, Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Rees, and Mr. and Mrs. John Schubert.

Both contract bridge and pinocle will be played, and anyone wishing to make reservations, please call any one of the four hostesses.

AAUW BOOK SECTION TO HEAR REVIEW

The afternoon book section of AAUW met with Mrs. Nelson Reed Tuesday at her home on Del Moral street with Mrs. John McFee reviewing Armine von Tempske's book, "Born in Paradise."

The group will meet Tuesday, March the second, at the home of Mrs. Percy Murray, with Mrs. L. E. Juniper reviewing, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," by Ernest Hemingway.

Series of Parties Given During Week

Mrs. Carl Steinseifer Hostess to Groups at Her Home With Valentine Luncheons

There has been a whirl of parties this past week and Klamath Falls society was very much on the go with bridge and luncheons holding the center of interest. A series of parties was given by Mrs. Carl Steinseifer on Thursday and Friday afternoons of last week and Monday of this at her home on Eldorado street. The spring theme was used with red carnations placed about the rooms and centering bridge tables on the various days were old fashioned Valentine bouquets of narcissi and maiden hair fern bordered with paper lace.

Mrs. Lorenz To Entertain

Invitations Issued for St. Valentine's Day Tea Friday

Invitations were issued this week by Mrs. Glenn Carston Lorenz for a St. Valentine's day tea to be given Friday afternoon, February the fourteenth, at her home, 537 High street. Tea hours will be from two o'clock until six o'clock, and three hundred and fifty maids and matrons have been bidden to the delightful affair.

Mrs. Lorenz has asked Mrs. W. J. Kessler, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. E. M. Igl, Mrs. Wilbur Arnold, Mrs. Harry W. Bathiany, Mrs. Myron Shannon, Miss Cleo Champagne and Mrs. Martha McCollum to pour. Also assisting will be Mrs. John Crawford, and Mrs. William Lorenz.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Richard Dellman Kirby observed his fifth birthday anniversary with a theatre party Saturday afternoon. Later the little guests returned to the Kirby home for the traditional birthday cake and ice cream.

Guests included Helen Bertram, Sally and John Cusick, Andrew and Donnie Hamlin, Phil Schroeder, Jimmy Merrill, and Sylvia Hillis.

Granddaughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford E. Hayden were happy grandparents of their first grandchild when a daughter was born in Washington, D. C. Monday evening, February the third, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Mulliken. The mother is the former Jean Hayden and is well known in this city. Mrs. Hayden left Tuesday for Washington to be with her son-in-law and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seruys left the latter part of the week by motor for southern California to enjoy a holiday of several weeks.

On Thursday guests were Mrs. Godfrey C. Blohm, Mrs. Wilbur A. Arnold, Mrs. Emil Albrecht, Mrs. Charles Kemper, Mrs. J. B. Bishop, Mrs. Chesleigh O. Moore, Mrs. George Hillis, Mrs. William Ganong, Mrs. Dick Reeder, Mrs. Charles Gilbert, Mrs. Harry Wayne, Mrs. E. D. Hamacher, Mrs. Louis Serruys, Mrs. Otto Kenschot, Mrs. L. E. Meade, Mrs. Ted E. Shoop, Mrs. Roy D. Rakestraw, Mrs. Sid Elliot, Mrs. Cecil Sparks, Mrs. V. J. Josephson, Mrs. Arthur Schupp, Mrs. W. H. Bridges and Mrs. John Kenofel. High score at cards was held by Mrs. Bridges, low to Mrs. Reeder, and traveling to Mrs. Schupp.

On Friday luncheon guests were Mrs. J. Hardin Carter, Mrs. Frederick W. Hamilton, Mrs. Elroy Briggs, Mrs. Greer F. Glascoe, Mrs. Lee S. McMullen, Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds, Mrs. C. L. Hubble, Mrs. O. R. Holloway, Mrs. Joseph C. O'Neill, Mrs. R. R. Proebstel, Mrs. Byron L. Hardenbrook, Mrs. George A. Massey, Mrs. Ray W. Oldenburg, Mrs. Myra Cain Stewart, Mrs. R. D. Eller, Mrs. Oscar Peyton, Mrs. Walter Webster, Mrs. E. M. Chilcote, Mrs. Carl Schubert, Mrs. A. McPherrin, Mrs. E. H. Balsiger, Mrs. J. H. Poppy, Mrs. Lillian Hagman, Mrs. Carl Reymers, Mrs. E. W. Swartz, Mrs. R. E. Hooker and Mrs. J. B. Jones. Honors in cards on Friday went to Mrs. Reymers, low to Mrs. Carter and traveling to Mrs. Jones.

Monday at luncheon, guests were Mrs. Robert Ellingson, Mrs. Harry Panning, Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Mrs. Ernest Steinseifer, Mrs. C. C. Kelley, Mrs. Ed Ostendorf, Mrs. Arba Day of Portland, Mrs. Glenn Hout, Mrs. Walter Wiesendanger, Mrs. O. R. Erlanson, Mrs. R. P. Ellingson, Mrs. R. H. Biggers and Mrs. R. K. Schouboe. The afternoon was spent in needlework.

The weekly luncheon meeting of the Klamath Falls Soroptimist club was held Thursday noon at the Willard hotel when Kathleen Thompson presented a resume of a talk on conditions in Europe given by Dr. Emma Gordon at a recent meeting of the local chapter of American Association of University Women. Eleven Hicks acted as chairman of the luncheon.

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