

"Figaro" Slated At Pelican Monday

Last of Concert Series To Be Enjoyed by Klamath Falls Music Lovers

Its success in New York and other cities indicates that the new and exciting production of "The Marriage of Figaro" to be heard here on Monday evening at eight o'clock under the auspices of the Klamath Community Concert association is doing more to popularize opera in America than anything in years. The performance is in English in a notable translation by the great contemporary English librettist and critic, Edward Dent. This is the translation which Grove's authoritative Dictionary of Music and Musicians credits with having "set a new standard in English translation of opera."

By substituting a narrator in the manner of Our Town for the usual cumbersome operatic sets the Figaro troupe can "travel light." As a result they are able to bring this acknowledged masterpiece of opera buff to places where opera was only a name before.

When this production was done in New York Gotham's hardboiled critics were united in their enthusiasm for a Figaro which could be as hilarious as a George Kaufman comedy and yet fulfill the highest standard of musical excellence. James Whitaker in the New York Mirror called it "an utterly disarming and delicious performance of the same opera which set the town afire in Metropolitan Opera performance last season. It is recalled that, in the 'Met,' the audience listened gravely while the cast sang farce. Only those who understood Italian were permitted to laugh out loud. . . . Honestly, it would be hard to say which of the two performances of Figaro gave the most pleasure."

It was high praise when Virgil Thomson who composed the music to Gertrude Stein's words in the opera Four Saints in Three Acts wrote "From Row J I heard and distinguished without effort literally every word pronounced or sung on the Town Hall stage even in the concerted numbers. Believe me or not, it's God's truth I'm telling you!" Having tackled the problem of making Stein's intelligible over the footlights no one was in a better position to know the importance of good diction!

The young artists responsible for this feat met in New York at the Juilliard Graduate school which has produced such great Metropolitan voices as the baritone, Julius Huhn, the tenor, Charles Kullman, and the mezzo-soprano, Rise Stevens. Their talents had won them their scholarships but they were already seasoned troupers. Six of them had sung under the well known conductor, Albert Stoessel, in his Chautauqua Opera company. All of them had won concert laurels.

Coming from places as far separated as California and South Carolina they are all-American, born and bred. They liked the American public and they liked Mozart and they knew that the two would like each other if given a chance.

Audiences everywhere have echoed the praise of the New York Herald-Tribune's music critic who wrote: "Never have I seen an audience enjoy, never have I myself enjoyed Figaro with such wholehearted gusto."

PARTY FOR MURRAY GIVEN WEDNESDAY

Mr. Gerald Murray was honored by a group of his co-workers in the county courthouse on Wednesday evening when a party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Humble on Pacific Terrace. Mr. Murray left this week to serve with the United States army.

Square dancing to the tune of an organ with Carl K. Cook calling, was part of the evening's fun. Later a buffet supper was served. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Humble on Pacific Terrace. Mr. Murray left this week to serve with the United States army.

DAFFODIL DANCE SLATED MARCH 28TH

A wealth of yellow daffodils will be used to decorate the ballroom of the Willard hotel on Saturday evening, March the twenty-eighth, when members of the Winter Dancing club gather to enjoy the last of a series of four parties given during the past season.

Hosts and hostesses for the March daffodil dance will be Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Statham, Miss Johnnie Bell, Miss Antoinette Whittman, Mr. Reginald Ashworth, and Mr. Melvin Erwin.

Tea Given Sunday

Mrs. Hough Announces Wedding Date of Daughter at Party

Mrs. Robert B. Hough of 1021 McKinley street was hostess at a prettily appointed spring tea Sunday afternoon announcing the wedding date of her daughter, Allene, to Mr. Stanley Bechtie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bechtie of Linton, North Dakota.

Miss Hough, daughter of Mrs. Hough and the late Mr. Hough, has resided here for many years. She was graduated from Klamath Union high school and Southern Oregon College of Education and for the past four years has taught in the Altamont Elementary school.

Date of the wedding has been set for Sunday, March the fifteenth, at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. Bruce D. Garber of Oswego. The Rev. John W. Warrell, formerly of Klamath Falls, will read the ceremony at three o'clock in the afternoon in the presence of members of both families.

Mrs. Hough and her daughter received the guests at the door between the hours of two and five o'clock. The tea table was attractive with a center arrangement of white snapdragons and pink sweet-peas with tall white candles burning on either side. Pouring at the tea services were Mrs. J. A. Leech, Mrs. Joe Kennedy, Mrs. M. Houghtaling, Mrs. Lela Laurenson, Miss Lucille Schwinger, and Miss "inifred" Wood.

Between forty and fifty guests called during the afternoon.

The young couple will make their home in Klamath Falls following their marriage. They plan a wedding trip which will take them to Linton, North Dakota where they will visit Mr. Bechtie's family.

Mrs. Harry L. Brown of 2041 Sargent has returned from Astoria, where she attended the wedding of her son, Sgt. F. W. Baker to Miss Evelyn Bakkeila. Mrs. Brown was met in Portland by her cousin, Mrs. Florence Miller, who flew from Salt Lake City to attend the wedding.



TWINS CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS

Margaret and Marilyn, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerber, observed their eighth birthday anniversary on Thursday afternoon at their home on High street. Seated, Sylvia Gerber, Carol Bousman, Clyden Bousman; second row, Dixie Hulbert, Bill Gray, Mary Cashin, Curtis Lockrem, Frances Stevenson; third row, Marilyn Gerber, Marilyn Miller, Marilyn Wheeler, Sally Barnhisel, Aaron Anderson, John Mason, Margaret Gerber

—Picture by Wesley Guderian of The Herald and News.

Parties Planned

Affairs Slated to Honor Mrs. Clark Before Departure

Mrs. George Clark and her two children, Dick and Nancy, will leave within the coming month for Portland to join Mr. Clark who has accepted a position in the north. It is with regret that their many friends learn of their departure from Klamath Falls where they have been active in affairs of the younger married group.

The Clarks have taken a house in Ladd's addition and will move north in mid-April. A great many affairs have been planned for Mrs. Clark prior to her leaving the city. On Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Albert O. Roenicke entertained at their home with a small dinner party given for Mrs. Clark. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Neil Black and Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Farley.

Mrs. Lafayette Stephens has asked a group of friends to make up two tables of bridge on Tuesday honoring Mrs. Clark. The affair will be given at the Stephens home, 1965 Del Moro street.

One of the largest affairs is the spring tea which Mrs. Neil Black is planning to give

for Mrs. Clark's pleasure in the Pelican party room. Plans are also being made by Mrs. Howard Hanville and Mrs. Homer Ellis for an affair soon and another party being planned for Mrs. Clark is that at which Mrs. Karl Urquhart, Mrs. Edward Goeckner and Mrs. W. Hart Jones will be the hostesses.

GUILD TO ENTERTAIN PARISH WOMEN

St. Paul's Guild will be hostess group to all women of the parish on Thursday, March twenty-sixth, when a potluck luncheon will be served in the parish hall at one o'clock. Hostesses will be Mrs. R. Henry Anderson, Mrs. Charles F. Scharfenstein, president of the guild, and Mrs. R. Heber Radcliffe, president of the auxiliary. Mrs. John Morgan, Mrs. Ralph S. Hopkins and Mrs. Jeannette Morris Ott will be in charge of the luncheon hour.

All women are invited and urged to bring their United Thank Offering boxes.

Mrs. Fred Houston returned home this week from the south where she accompanied her daughter, Mrs. John Tillotson and infant, Suzanne Therese, who continued from Los Angeles by plane to Guatemala City, Guatemala. Their safe arrival was reported here on March the sixth.

LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR MRS. PAIRAN

Mrs. C. H. Pairan was complimented at luncheon on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Frederick W. Hamilton invited a few friends in to bid adieu to the honor guest, Mrs. Pairan and her two sons, David and Jimmy, will join Mr. Pairan in Portland. Their many friends regret their departure.

Mrs. Pairan was presented with handkerchiefs by the guests including Mrs. C. A. Dunn, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. R. R. Probstel, Mrs. Joseph Bally, and Mrs. J. F. King.

BIRTHDAYS OBSERVED THURSDAY

Barbara Horne and her sister, Mary Ellen, shared birthday honors Thursday afternoon when their mother, Mrs. O. J. Horne, entertained a group of little friends at the family home on Lowell street. Barbara's birthday falls on March the twelfth, Mary Ellen's on the twenty-fifth. Little guests included Susan Vandenberg, Joanne Degna, Shirley Johnson, Beverly Lassett, Mary Jane Howard, Nancy Clark, Dickie Clark, Sara Stewart, Barry Stevens, Johnny Coppage and Tommy Horne.

INFORMAL PARTY AT DREW HOME

Mrs. Barton Waits was complimented Wednesday afternoon with a party given at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Drew, 1562 Austin street. Following an informal afternoon and presentation of gifts, tea was served. Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Jerry Lyons were hostesses.

Honoring Mrs. Waits were Mrs. William Younck, Mrs. Gilmore Gunderson, Mrs. Fred Costel, Mrs. B. Cowan, Mrs. Ernest Cody, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. George Coffelt, Mrs. Ruby Alexander, Mrs. Ray Younck, Mrs. Otto Clawson, Mrs. Florence Oppelt, Mrs. Jerry Lyons and Mrs. Drew.

POTLUCK SUPPER PLAN ANNOUNCED

The annual potluck supper given each spring by the Lioness club, is scheduled for Thursday evening, March the twenty-sixth, in the small club-rooms of the city library. The hour has been set for seven o'clock. Guests will be husbands of the members.

Members of the club are being called this weekend. Cards will follow the supper party. Those in charge are Mrs. Ted Shoop, chairman; Mrs. Everett Vanderpool, Mrs. Larry Whytal, and Mrs. Oliver Spiker.

Mrs. M. E. Cooper continues to improve at her home on Melrose street following a lengthy illness. Friends will be happy to learn she was able to enjoy a motor trip Sunday

Mr. Hugh Campbell entertained with a small dinner party on Wednesday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drew who have left for the north.

Skating Party Event

Jean Hilton Honored On Event of Birthday

To celebrate the thirteenth birthday anniversary of Jean Hilton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Hilton, a group of friends was invited to spend Saturday afternoon skating at the Roller-drome with birthday cake served after several hours of fun.

Jean's birthday falls on March the eighteenth. Guests of Jean included Janet Ledingham, Dorothy Collier, Alice Mead, Ruth Landry, Lynden King, Barbara King, Katherine Newman, Norma Smith, Lola Marie Whisenant, Barbara Roskamp, Sally Humble, Nancy Humble, Barbara Hubble, Charlotte Carter, Lois Cada, Mary Lou Timmons, Gloria Smith, Wilma Hall, Marian Matthews, Constance Ballentyne, Elaine Dryden, Carol Vanderwall, June Earhart, Jeanie Selby, Dorothy Howie, Lila Loper.

Mrs. Hilton was assisted by Mrs. Alfred Collier, Mrs. Paul O. Landry and Mrs. Clarence Humble.

STAG PARTY GIVEN FOR FRANK DREW

A stag dinner party was given Wednesday night at Lakeshore inn honoring Frank P. Drew, who left this week for Boston to report for duty in the naval reserve.

Honoring Mr. Drew were Mr. John Coppage, Mr. John Shaw, Mr. Hugh Campbell, Mr. Lloyd Drew and Mr. Greer Drew.

Friends said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce Drew and their young son, David, on Friday morning when they left for Portland accompanied by Mrs. Drew's father, Mr. Stewart Moore. Mrs. Drew and David will remain in Portland, Mr. Drew leaving this weekend to report for naval reserve service in Boston.

Plans Completed For Supper Dance

Gay Party Slated for Next Saturday Night by Reames Golf and Country Club Committee

Officially opening the social season of spring at Reames Golf and Country club is a cleverly planned party scheduled for Saturday evening, March the twenty-first which, according to the weatherman, is definitely the first day of spring no matter what the weather.

Doll's House Given Here

Ibsen's Play Presented By College Students On Monday

One of the most interesting programs of the Klamath Falls Woman's Library club was that enjoyed on Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the main auditorium of the library, when players from Southern Oregon College of Education presented Henrik Ibsen's, "The Doll's House."

The fact that one of the players who has taken the role of "Torvald," Mr. Don Darnielle of Medford, was ill, and his understudy called that day for army duty, did not detract from the interest of the play. The part of Torvald was read by Mr. Angus Bowmer, director, known throughout southern Oregon for his work in the Shakespearean festival held at Ashland.

The play, with action taking place in the latter part of the last century, was given with considerable mature feeling on the parts of the college students. The audience was seated about the room with the play performed in the center space. Costumes of the '90's were worn by the actors and actresses, seven in all, each well cast and at home in their parts. The play was underway at two o'clock and closed at half past four. It was given in its entirety.

The part of Nora, Torvald's wife, was portrayed by Miss Frances Brobert, SOCE student. She won the sympathy of the audience and was considered exceptionally well fitted to the difficult role.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Bowmer and the cast for their efforts in coming to Klamath Falls.

Flo ers for the afternoon were arranged by Mrs. Lowell Kaup and members of the hospitality committee were Mrs. Clarence H. Underwood and Mrs. Charles Joseph Martin.

MRS. M'COLLUM HOSTESS AT BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Melvin McCollum entertained at her home on Wednesday evening with a bridal shower in honor of Miss Caroline Daggett whose marriage to Mr. Paul Crapo will be an event of Sunday morning.

Cards were played, with high score held by Miss Rosemary Sloan, low by Mrs. Robert Sproat. Dessert was served later to Miss Daggett, Mrs. Sproat, Miss Sloan, Miss Margaret DeBolt, Miss Dorothy Teed, Miss Dorothy O'Sullivan, and Miss Patricia Woodruff.

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