

# Toscanini Retires As Conductor

NEW YORK (AP) — Arturo Toscanini, whose name means the finest in music to millions, has retired as conductor of the NBC Symphony Orchestra.

The 87-year-old maestro left his post quietly and without making a special occasion of his last concert, an all-Wagner program in Carnegie Hall yesterday.

NBC said he planned to leave the United States in May or June for a visit to his native Italy. It was understood he has at present made no commitments for any future concerts anywhere.

Official word of his retirement was withheld until after the final concert. NBC said this was done at the veteran conductor's request to avoid a sentimental demonstration by the audience or orchestra, formed 17 years ago especially for his use.

Without turning to the audience or a nod to anyone, Toscanini left the podium as soon as the last note of the concert's final number died.

He shut himself in his green room in Carnegie Hall and refused to return to the stage despite lengthy cheering and applause by the audience.

NBC said he did not come out because he was too moved and had even canceled a dinner party because of the emotional strain of the occasion.

David Barnoff, chairman of the board of RCA and NBC, released the letter in which Toscanini told him "the sad time has come when I must reluctantly lay aside my baton and say goodbye to my orchestra."

The NBC orchestra will continue playing under other conductors through the spring. Plans after that are still to be announced.

# KF Church To Hear Speaker

Peter Van Woerden, 30-year old native of Holland and former prisoner of the Nazi Gestapo, will speak at the Klamath Temple Tuesday evening, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., on how imprisonment and persecution during World War II eventually led him into the ministry.

According to Van Woerden, it was his exceptional talent for playing the organ that first sent him to prison. He became a concert organist at the age of 17, and continued to study and play during the German occupation of The Netherlands, which began in 1940.

On the second anniversary of the German occupation, Van Woerden boldly played the Dutch national anthem at a Sunday service in the Dutch Reformed Church where he was organist. His patriotism immediately landed him in an Amsterdam jail.

While in prison, his mother smuggled a copy of the New Testament to him and continued reading of this made him decide ultimately to become a minister for Christ.

Van Woerden recently completed an autobiographical novel, "In the Secret Place," which tells of his family and their years under the Nazis.

Following his talk at the Klamath Temple Tuesday evening, Van Woerden is expected to play several organ selections.

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PETER VAN WOERDEN ... he played his way to prison

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Among 30 names made public by the Air Force were:

Capt. John A. McAllister Jr., husband of Mrs. Eleanor R. McAllister, 2705 Southeast Pine, Portland, Ore.

Lt. Col. James F. Crutchfield, husband of Mrs. Maree Crutchfield, 5622 108th St., Southwest, Tacoma, Wash.

Capt. Don Hyatt, husband of Mrs. Maryvella J. Hyatt, 42 East Wellesley, Spokane.

1st Lt. Robert E. Sheehan, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth I. Sheehan, 14024 Courtland Pl., Seattle.

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annual regional meeting on Oregon State College campus April 29 to May 1. Seven states and British Columbia will be represented.

In Far East—James C. Cooper, Seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maney, Route 1, Klamath Falls, participated in Operation Flag Hoist, an amphibious training exercise on Iwo Jima. He is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo. Also participating was Edward G. Livingston, electronics technician seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Livingston, 1918 Erie, aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Mount McKinley.

**NEW HEADQUARTERS**  
BAGNOLI, Italy (AP) — The Atlantic Allies moved their Southern European Headquarters Monday to a former refugee camp. Adm. William M. Fechteler, NATO's commander in chief in Southern Europe, took over the new headquarters. Bagnoli is near Naples.

# Mother's Club Elects Officers

The Oregon State College Mother's Club, at a recent meeting, elected Mrs. P. J. Elmore, Klamath Falls, president; Mrs. Ted A. DeMerritt, Malin, vice president; Mrs. L. A. Reeves, Merrill, secretary and Mrs. Stewart Day, treasurer.

The members set up a standard of qualifications for the full tuition scholarship to be presented to a local high school student. Serving on the scholarship committee are Mrs. Joseph O'Toole, Klamath Falls, chairman, Mrs. Jackson, Henley; Mrs. Ronald Ward, Tulelake; Mrs. A. A. Montgomery, Klamath Falls; and Mrs. J. A. Bunnell, Malin.

The members also voted to contribute \$25 to the Oregon State Mother's scholarship fund and to put a copy of "The Beaver" in the high school library.

The next meeting will be April 15, 7:30 p.m. at Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds. Speaker will be Aletha Shannon, member of the high school staff who will give a review of her trip to Japan.

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