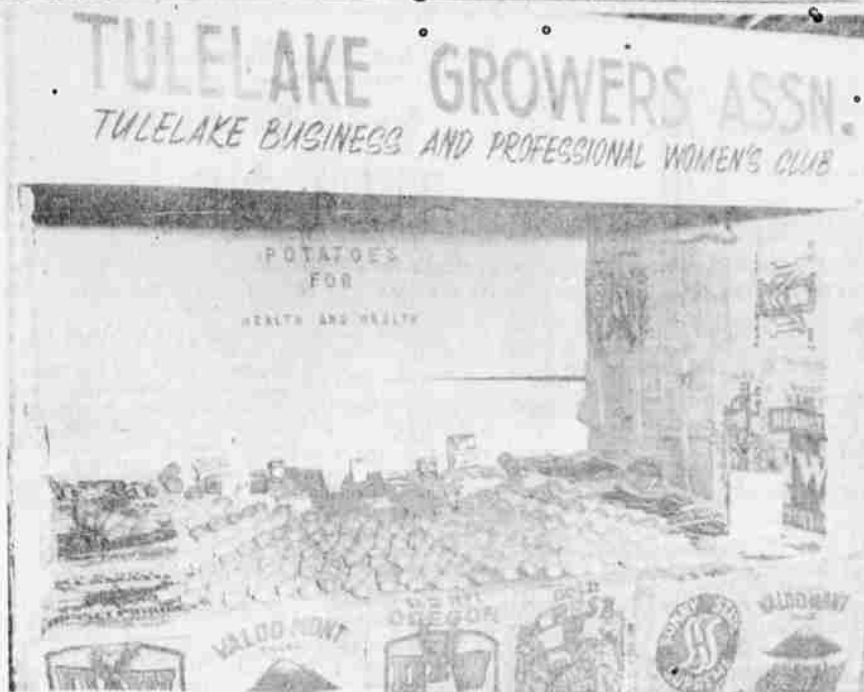




THIS BOOTH took first place in the community division at the Klamath Basin Potato Festival at Merrill last weekend. It was arranged by the Tulalake Business and Professional Women's Club for the Tulalake Growers Association. All available space in the Merrill High School gym was filled this year with community, commercial and organizational entries, agricultural exhibits, potato foods exhibits and entries in the annual Harvest Flower Show.

Audience, Fashions Star As Met Opens

NEW YORK (AP) — The 75th season of the Metropolitan Opera is under way after an opening night at which the Met offered up an exciting new star and a new production of an old, old favorite.

As usual the season's opening at the old opera house offered another show—the audience—with its own stars and all the glamor and glitter any one could want.

The opera was "Il Trovatore," and most real opera lovers went to hear and see Italy's famed Gilda Simionato make her Metropolitan debut as the gypsy Azucena. They were not disappointed.

Neither were the opera patrons who went mainly to see the celebrated opening night audience.

They saw Greer Garson, in shimmering white, wrapped in white mink, her pink-blond hair piled regally high in what seems to be the coiffure this season.

They saw Rosalind Russell, in a low-cut black gown, wrapped in yards of chinchilla, with a hat that was a tall cylinder of black tulle and stayed upright by sheer legend.

If that weren't enough, they could gawk at boyish pianist Van Cliburn, escorting a pretty opera singer, Rosalind Elias, or onetime baseball stars Hank Greenberg and Bob Feller, or slim, blonde Hope Hampton, who charmed their grandfathers on the stage.

It was a fashion parade—heavy brocades and glittering satins, electric greens, bold yellows and reds against stark white, gleaming gold and silver; swaths of mink, ermine or chinchilla, especially chinchilla; diamonds, rubies and emeralds in the traditional necklaces and tiaras or tucked into chignons at every imaginable angle.

Styles ranged from the simple and elegant—Eleanor Searle Whitney's floor-length eggshell satin coat with its little brown mink collar, to the flamboyant—opera singer Mildred Miller's hat of silver lame, which spiraled upward on a thin stem that supported a huge lame rose.

The Met took in an estimated \$36,000 for the opening night of a season that will be the longest in its history, running for 25 weeks. For the first time in years, Italian-born singers dominated the leading roles, with Antonietta Stella and Carlo Bergonzi sharing the limelight with Miss Simionato.

The show onstage was as successful as that in the lounges and lobbies.

Associated Press arts editor W. G. Rogers called it "a show with a lot of drive," though hampered by new sets in "funereal gray and black."

Three Killed In Accident

BAKERSFIELD (UPI)—An intersection collision southwest of here Monday night took the lives of three persons and injured five others.

One of the vehicles careened into a ditch, landing upside down in four feet of water.

Killed were Mrs. Viola Donna Otis, 33, Bakersfield; Berry David Johnson, 28, Taft, and his daughter, Hazel Elizabeth, 6.

The injured, all passengers in the Johnson vehicle, were Johnson's wife, Nellie, 24; their son, Charles, 8; and another daughter, Donna Gail, 2, and Carroll Pettit, 21, Santa Maria, and his wife, Frances, 20. Pettit and Donna Gail suffered minor hurts, while the others received major injuries.

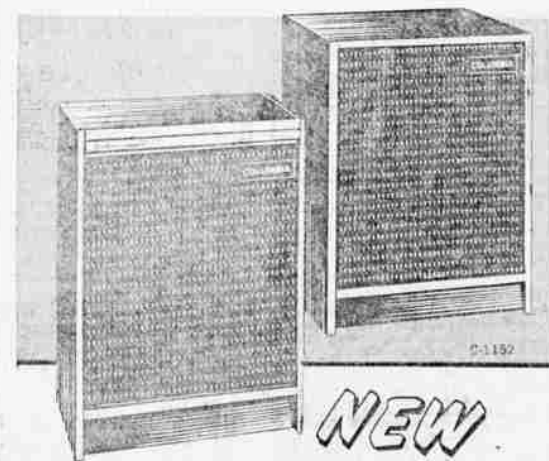
Highway patrolmen reported Mrs. Otis failed to halt at a stop sign, crashing broadside into the Johnson car on Taft Highway. Johnson's vehicle plunged into the ditch and it was believed he and his daughter drowned.

Passing motorists pulled the survivors from the ditch.

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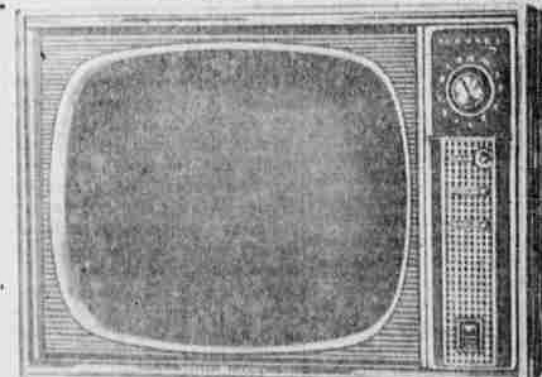
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