

Old Verdi, New Fashions Share Spot

NEW YORK (AP)—The very oldest Verdi and the very newest of fashion shared the spotlight Monday night as the Metropolitan Opera got its 78th season off to a glittering—and lucrative—start.

Notables of stage, screen, opera, television and the business world were scattered through the huge opening night audience which paid a record-breaking total of more than \$91,000, with individual seats going for as high as \$45.

The Met had no trouble packing the house despite its opening choice of an opera—"Nabucco"—which had not been performed in New York for more than 100 years.

A great many of those who attend Metropolitan opening nights are after gaiety, a taste of splendor and a peek at the celebrities.

What they saw Monday night was splendid enough for anyone's taste.

There weren't many society beauties or grand ladies visible. And one of the few gentlemen in tails and white tie was a magazine reporter.

But there was Lauren Bacall,

striking in white satin cut very low; and there was Dorothy Kilgallen, of television and the press, sporting flaming orange hair; and there was, of course, Hope Hampton, who sang opera herself many years ago and annually amazes opening night audiences with her youthful illusion—this time swathed in gold and green sequins, ermine and emeralds.

There was James Melton, in iron-gray distinction, smilingly escorting pretty young Barbara Meister, who wore green chiffon and white mink.

Elsa Maxwell came to someone else's show, and comedian Henry Morgan chatted at the bar in an improbable group that included the Met's controller and several other men of finance.

Met singers Patrice Munsel and Licia Albanese took a busman's holiday, drawing eyes with, respectively, brown velvet with sable and red brocade with ermine.

Designer Suzanne Godart attracted attention in white satin trimmed with purple beads, with a tricky matching capelet lined in purple.

An unidentified miss also attracted attention with a crazy hat formed of a gold snake, and the first ostrich feather boa seen in a generation. More subdued were Merle Oberon in white brocade and sables, and Mrs. Anthony Bliss in dark gold lame.

"Nabucco," Verdi's first success, deals with the Biblical story of Nebuchadnezzar and is set in Jerusalem and Babylon. It was chosen to open the season for two reasons: Manager Rudolf Bing has a special interest in early Verdi and 1960 is the 100th anniversary of the Italian risorgimento, a patriotic movement stirred up in part by this 1842 opera about the oppressed Hebrew people.

Whatever historical reasons may recommend it, many opera-goers found "Nabucco" a poor choice.

Associated Press arts editor W. G. Rogers, reviewing the performance, thought that the Metropolitan might just as well have waited 118 years more before putting on its first performance of "Nabucco."

He found it "a melancholy opus scored by a still inexperienced composer with a bumbling libretto," with "vast choruses lumbering about like herds and the principals often lost in the shuffle."

Shooting Case Hearing Slated

A hearing will be held November 10 by Juvenile Judge Charles F. Foster to determine the facts relating to John Paul Coker, a 16-year-old Klamath Falls boy being held in connection with the October 14 shooting of Ralph Marion Hay, 55.

The Coker boy is being held in the juvenile home pending further investigation by juvenile and district attorney's offices. The shooting took place as a result of a neighborhood argument between two 13-year-old boys.

Hay's condition is listed as satisfactory at Klamath Valley Hospital. A hospital spokesman said Hay should be "going home this week."

Egotistic Male Can't Find Love

By ANN LANDERS
Dear Ann Landers: I'm male, 30, educated, good-looking and successful in an interesting profession. I have a nice apartment, a sports car, and a boat. I dress well and do everything the ads say is important if one is to be accepted in polite society.

Why can't I fall in love?—NO LUCK

Dear No Luck: Some people are incapable of falling in love because they are ALREADY in love—with themselves.

I am not being facetious. It's true—particularly with eligible males. Bachelors often get so wrapped up in themselves that no outsider can make a serious dent. They have no sincere interest in loving, because loving means giving—and they are too selfish to give.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband thinks he has a sharp sense of humor. I think he's nuts. Please tell me what to do about a 56-year-old man who behaves like an 8th-grade kid.

This is what he's done in the past couple of years. I could go back to 1940, but it would take up the whole paper.

He put a fake spider down the front of a 200 pound woman at a cocktail party. She fainted dead away and they had to call an ambulance and take her to the hospital because she could not be revived at home. This cost us \$60 in ambulance fees, plus the doctor bill and hospitalization for one night. Needless to say we are no longer friends.

On our anniversary he got very plastered and gave his boss an exploding cigar. When the cigar went off the man's hands blew up, breaking his eyeglasses. This "hilarious joke" cost us \$30. He was lucky not to lose his job. I might add.

Last night this big baby bought

a rubber snake and put it in my mother's bed. She's not a well woman to begin with. We had to call the doctor to come over and give her a shot to quiet her nerves.

I am plenty fed up on his stunts. Why does he act so foolish and what can I do?—MARRIED TO A NUT

Dear Married: Your husband is a childish character who knows of no better way to call attention to himself than by making someone the butt of a "joke."

Causing people pain and humiliation is not humor, it's an act of cruelty. His adult body is housing a sick mind. He needs professional help.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 16-year-old girl whose parents won't let me grow up. I would like a simple answer to a simple question. You can skip the morality lecture. It doesn't enter into this problem.

All the girls in our crowd smoke. Do you think I should smoke in front of my parents even though they don't like it—or should I sidestep a lot of trouble by hiding the cigarettes and smoking behind their backs?—OVER-PROTECTED

Dear Over-Protected: I don't think a 16-year-old girl should be smoking either in front of her parents OR behind their backs. It adds nothing and it could be harmful. (Millions of very nice people smoke.)

I'm leaving morality out of this—as you suggested. From the physical point of view it's just not smart.

Dear Ann: It's late to be getting into the high-heeled-pointed-shoe rhubarb, but I, for one, would like to know who is the woman-hating sadist who invented high heels?—MR. ?

Dear Mr.?: According to Christopher Morley, high heels were invented by a woman—who was kissed on the forehead.

Are you going steady? Making marriage plans? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Before You Marry—Is It Love Or Sex?," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Frosh Class Draws Praise

CORVALLIS (AP)—President A. L. Strand of Oregon State College said Tuesday this year's freshman class is the best prepared of any in Oregon State history.

Dr. Strand credited the stress placed on education in the wake of Russia's launching of its Sputnik satellite.

He said the upgrading of high school education was "the most important thing that has happened in my 18 years as president of Oregon State."

It was three years ago Sputnik was fired. Since then, he reported, Oregon's high schools have responded with particular speed and deserve commendation for their work.

Dr. Strand pointed to record scores made by freshmen in mathematics placement examinations, increased numbers in science honors programs; decreases in the number of remedial courses; and very high capability students entering the school of engineering.

Police Report Two Accidents

Two traffic accidents were reported to city police Monday. There were no injuries or citations issued.

Cars driven by Bernice Anita Emery, 47, 2045 Garden Street, and Frank Norman Addison, 33, 620 East Main Street, collided at East Main and Garden streets.

A car driven by William Thomas Sargent, 16, 1705 Arthur Street, was towed away after a three-car accident. Police said Sargent's vehicle ran into a parked car owned by Patricia Guntfert, 21, 2222 Union Street, knocking it into a car driven by Margaret Clair Estes, 40, 3630 Crest Street. The left front section of Sargent's car was extensively damaged.

'Twas No Trap

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—The Mississippi Supreme Court ruled Monday that Mrs. Betty Wright, 30, may not sue her daughter for damages incurred during a visit when Mrs. Wright fell after stepping in a bowl of dog food on the kitchen floor.

"The feeding of cats and dogs is one of the chores which is performed by many hosts and hostesses daily," the court said. "It cannot be said, as a legal conclusion, that the daughter in fact set a trap for her mother."

New Research Institute To Be Added To Higher Education System

MONMOUTH, Ore. (AP)—A new research office set up soon under temporary directorship on retirement at OSC. The research office will study these things, Richards said: Future development of state educational institutions, especially the Portland area.

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