

## Old Favorites on Program for Last 7 Days of Opera

**Aida, Carmen, La Boheme Included; Special Sunday Concert**

Program for the final week of the Chicago City Opera company's 1938 season was announced today. Concluding one of the most artistically perfect seasons of opera ever staged in Chicago the final week's opera will be "Manon," "Andrea Chenier," "La Boheme," "Carmen," "L'Amore Dei Tre Re," and "Aida."

The final performances of the Littlefield ballet in Chicago will take place Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, and Tuesday night, Dec. 13. Full schedule for the last week is as follows:

The Littlefield ballet will present four of their most famous ballets at the matinee performance on Sunday, Dec. 11. The program includes "Fairy Doll" to music by Bayer; "Terminai" to music by Kingsley; "Fantasia," the Strauss ballet which had its world premiere in Chicago on an earlier program of the season, and Ravel's "Bolero," which will have its first Chicago showing on this program.

On Sunday night at 8 o'clock, the Chicago City Opera company will present some of its most famous stars in informal concert, with the Chicago City Opera orchestra and chorus and the Littlefield ballet. Proceeds of this concert will benefit the opera company, and all artists will donate their services. They include Ellen Desia, Helen Jepson, Hilde Reggiani, Eva Turner, Annunziata Garretto, Constance Merrill, Virginia Wallace, Margery Mayer, Andre Burdino, George Casplicki, James Melton, Armand Tokatyan, Jean Pardulli, and Carlo Morelli. Favorite opera arias will be sung, and the Littlefield ballet will dance the ballet from "La Gioconda."

Monday's performance of "Manon" will feature Ellen Desia, Andre Burdino, Joseph Royer and Douglas Beattie. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

The three ballets for the Littlefield group's final performance are "Parable in Blue," (first performance in Chicago), "Cafe Society," and "Barn Dance." This will be at 8:15 on Tuesday. Beniamino Gigli will return to the Civic Opera House on Wednesday, Dec. 14, to sing the title role

in the revival of "Andrea Chenier." With him will be Rose Hampton, Carlo Morelli and Sandro Gigli. Roberto Morassutti will conduct. Virginia Pemberton will sing "Mimi" in "La Boheme" on Thursday, Dec. 15. Annunziata Garretto, Armand Tokatyan, Virgilio Lasari and George Casplicki are in the cast and Angelo Canarutto will conduct.

In "Carmen" on Friday night, Dec. 16, Hertha Glaz, who made an outstanding debut in "Tristan and Isolde" will sing the title role. Jean Hennysen, Andre Burdino and George Casplicki. Henry Weber is the conductor.

"L'Amore Dei Tre Re," at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17 has the following in its cast: Helen Jepson, Margery Mayer, Armand Tokatyan, Elisabeth Brown, Virgilio Lasari, and Carlo Morelli. Mr. Morassutti will conduct.

The final performance of the season, at 8 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 17, will be "Aida." Eva Turner, Giovanni Martinelli, and George Casplicki will sing.

## Selects Committee Chairman for Party and Dance Dec. 28

Committee chairman for the holiday party and dance to be given by the Barrington high school Almal association at the school auditorium December 28 were selected by Harry Wiedenbeck, association president, at a meeting held this week.

Miss Ruth Bjornberg, secretary, is in charge of the committee planning games. Miss Wilma Calkins, assistant secretary, is in charge of decorations. Delbert Nagata, treasurer, is planning refreshments, and David Capulli, assistant treasurer, is in charge of reservations.

Music for the dancing will be furnished by Bonnie Linnet's orchestra of Elgin. Mr. Wiedenbeck stated. There will be cards and other games for those not desiring to dance, he continued.

Written notices will not be sent to out of town members this time, it was learned. Officers of the association are depending on local members to contact those persons living elsewhere. As usual, each member is allowed a guest privilege.

To speak at M. E. Church Mrs. M. Terrill of Chicago, a missionary from Africa, will speak at the regular Sunday morning service at the Methodist church, 10:40 p. m. This will be the annual Christmas Missionary society offering.

Want Ads Bring Results

**Fireplace Screens Once Used in Royal Palaces**  
In the Middle Ages fireplace screens were generally figures and old accounts contain entries for setting them up in royal palaces. In the reign of Edward II, writes Alice R. Rollins in the Los Angeles Times, we read of boards being brought "to make a screen hanging over the fireplace between the hearth and the King's bed."

In Tudor times costly materials were used for screens. The inventory of Henry VIII mentions "four shagreen of purple Tapheta fringed with purple silk stand upon feet of tymbre gullie, silvered and painted." It was not until the reign of Elizabeth that domestic embroidery began to flourish but from that time to the days of Victoria, it continued in popularity, reflecting the changing fashions of the times.

One may date many of the screens by the type of needlework employed. The artistic and literary fashions may be noted of the Elizabethan period and many patterns show their love of flowers and gardens. In the 1600's Italian motifs began to appear in needlework. The curious stumpy work of Charles II's reign is an expression of the riotous extravagance of that age. Oriental silks and embroideries followed with adaptations of the Chinese taste and in the days of George II, French art was adopted and continued to the time of the Empire to be followed by the tastes and fashions of Queen Victoria.

## Mrs. J. J. Carroll Elected as Head of Railroad Auxiliary

Mrs. John J. Carroll, 617 Summit street, was elected president of Crescent division No. 1, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at an election held in Chicago this week. This is the second time Mrs. Carroll has been honored by her division. She served as its president 21 years ago during the World war. The division at that time took up a unit of the Belgium relief work, and Mrs. Carroll

opened her home, then in North Austin for a very successful bazaar for the cause.

She also represented division 1 as delegate to convention in 1920 at Cleveland, O. This Auxiliary

was the first auxiliary to organized labor and was organized 11 years ago throughout United States and

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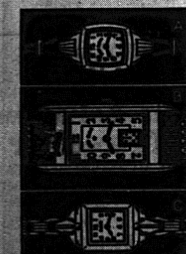
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