

Civic Symphony to Present 'Aida' Here on March 5th

Giuseppe Verdi's brilliant opera "Aida" will be presented by the Civic Symphony with Elyse Aehle as conductor on Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 3 in Redondo High School auditorium.

The huge cast will include the symphony of 83 professionally skilled musicians, the El Camino College Community Chorus of 45, the El Camino Male Chorus (both trained by Crist Nikkelsen, six prominent soloists, and a famous Shakespearean actress as narrator.

The winners of the recent auditions are all well-known professionals of note country-wide, as well as in the Los Angeles area. Chosen for solo and narrator parts are Stella



WANDA KAROS To Sing "Amneris"

Herman, "Aida," Wanda Karos, "Amneris," John Hudnall, "Rameses," Lyle Hoek, "Ramfis," Alessandro Sperdi, "Pharaoh," Enrico Porta, "Amonasro," and Maxine Dessau, narrator.

STELLA HERMAN, soprano, who will sing the title role, is at present the music librarian at El Camino College. She is the possessor of a lovely, soaring voice which, even in her high-school years, made her soloist in the University of Nebraska All State Chorus.

Later, on entering the University, she became soloist on "The University Speaks" radio

Noted Artist To Address Local Group

Prominent Southland artist Karl Seethaler will demonstrate and lecture on "Individuality in Art" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Dodson Junior High School, 28014 Monterey Dr., San Pedro.

The San Pedro Art Assn., in conjunction with Glen Gardner, principal of adult education, is sponsoring a series of five lectures and demonstrations with free admission to the public.

Seethaler is a graduate of the Imperial and Royal School in Pola, Austria, founder of Long Beach Academy of Art, and has exhibited in Canada, Germany, Austria and the United States. Many one man shows have been presented by him in California. He is also an honorary member of the San Pedro Art Assn.

Mrs. Leslie Stone, president; Tom Franzia, vice president; Mrs. Ada Gano, recording secretary; Mrs. Gerrie Skorick, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Gloria Hanson, treasurer, will be installed by SPAA at 7:30 p.m.

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program in Omaha and soloist in the "Messiah" with the All Western Chorus. Now she has just returned from a season with the Civic Light Opera Co. in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

WANDA KAROS, mezzo-soprano, was originally from St. Louis where she sang extensively in concert, opera, television, and radio. She has appeared in San Francisco and Las Vegas and took the part of "Amneris" with the Highland Park symphony and with the Beverly Hills Symphony, which is conducted by her husband,

the well-known European conductor, Herbert Weiskopf. She has sung in many operas. Among her successes are "Carmen," "Suzuki," "Azucena," the mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors." She has also sung through the Southwest in oratorio and cantata with orchestra, such as "Elijah" and the "Messiah."

The soloists will all appear in costume and with dramatic action. The narrator, the chorus, and the orchestra will provide the scenic background.

For information regarding reserved section call FR 8-2218 or FR 5-2744.

Shareholders Approve Merger of California, First Western Banks

Shareholders of California Bank, in a special meeting Thursday, approved the merger of California Bank and First Western Bank and Trust Co. The consolidated institution will be known as United California Bank.

As a result of the largest bank merger in the history of the state, United California Bank will have resources in excess of two billion dollars and will operate statewide through a network of 120 branch offices formation of a board of directors at the opening of business on Feb. 27.

FRANK L. KING, chairman and chief executive of United

California Bank, announced the formation of a board of directors for the merged bank. Members of the board in addition to King are:

Francis S. Baer, chairman of the board, San Francisco; George H. Becker, physician and surgeon, San Francisco; T. S. Burnett, president, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Victor M. Carter, chairman of the board and president, Republic Corp.; Charles Detoy, partner, Coldwell, Banker & Co.

OTHERS on the board are Charles E. Donnelly, Swanwick, Donnelly & Prouditt, attorneys; Allan Hancock, president, La

Brea Securities Co.; Charles S. Hobbs, vice president, Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc. of California and president, Hale Bros. Stores Division, San Francisco; Robert A. Hornby, president, Pacific Lighting Corp., San Francisco; J. K. Horton, president Southern California Edison Co.

Also on the board are: Charles P. Howard, president, Howard Terminal, Oakland; Duncan A. McLeod, attorney-at-law, San Francisco; Andrew Downey Orrick, Orrick, Dahlquist, Herrington & Sutcliffe, San Francisco; Edgar Sinton, attorney-at-law, San Francisco; Maurice H. Stans, president, Firstamerica Corp.; Clifford

Tweter, president; Lillian L. Walden, secretary and treasurer, McCreary Estate Co., San Francisco; Irving M. Walker, Walker, Wright, Tyler & Ward, attorneys.

Sales Representative
William F. Roberts, of 3937 W. 188th St., has been appointed sales representative for All-state Insurance Companies, according to C. J. Weiss, assistant vice president and regional manager.

The theory of using contact lenses to improve eyesight was advanced by the renowned artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci in 1508.

Tahiti Records Distributed by Polynesian Here

The Polynesian Restaurant in Torrance has been appointed sole Southland distributor for Tahiti Records, announces Eddie Lund, president of the island recording company.

The newest albums from Papeete are "I Remember Tahiti," "Mari Terangi Tahiti," "Fountain Lagoon," "Call of the Coral Islands," and "Rendezvous a Tahiti."

Recorded in Torrance under the Crown label is "Beautiful Hawaii," latest album by Harry Baty's "Polynesians," which is also available in the gift shop at the Polynesian.

Check Dates On Driver's License Now

Now is a good time to check up on the expiration date of your driver's license.

Robert McCarthy, State Director of Motor Vehicles, made this suggestion to California motorists today, adding that licensed drivers are often able to save themselves time, avoid extra examinations, and get more for their driver's license fees, if they check at frequent intervals to make certain their licenses haven't expired.

"SINCE THE 1957 law changed the terms of driver's licenses from the flat four year terms to periods of varying length, some motorists have failed to renew their licenses promptly to take full advantage of the maximum term provisions of the Vehicle Code," he said.

The law permits holders of drivers' licenses to renew their permits up to six months before expiration, and for 30 days after expiration, without reducing the maximum license term of approximately five years, if they are otherwise entitled to it.

ORIGINAL OR first-time applicants who qualify are granted licenses good for up to three years.

Drivers with poor safety records, as shown in their official files, receive no more than a two-year license. All licenses issued under the 1957 law expire on a birthdate of the holder. The number of old four-year licenses issued before Sept. 11, 1957, is dwindling rapidly.

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