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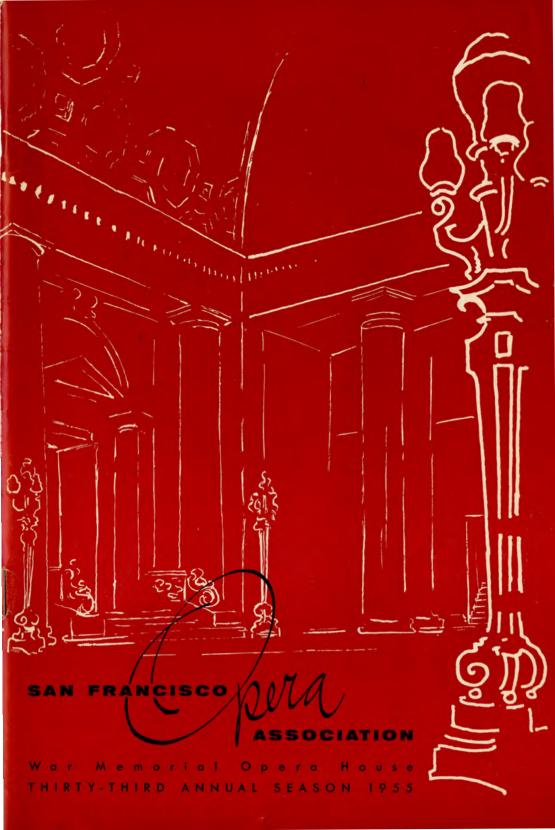
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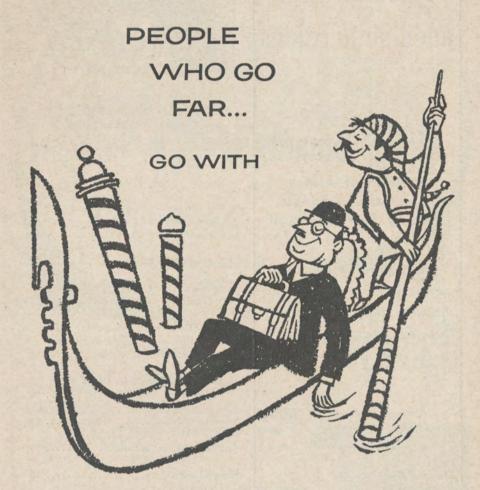
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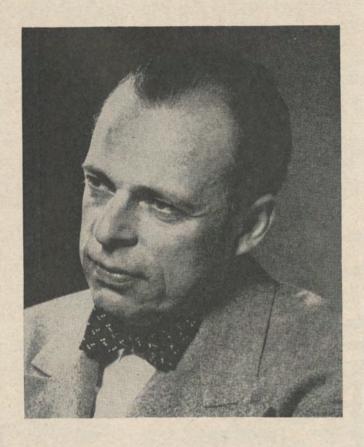
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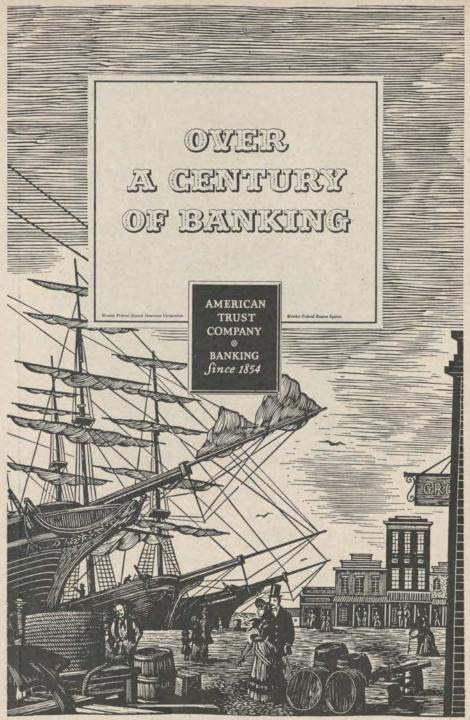




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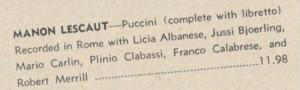
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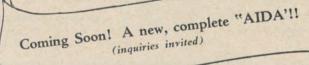
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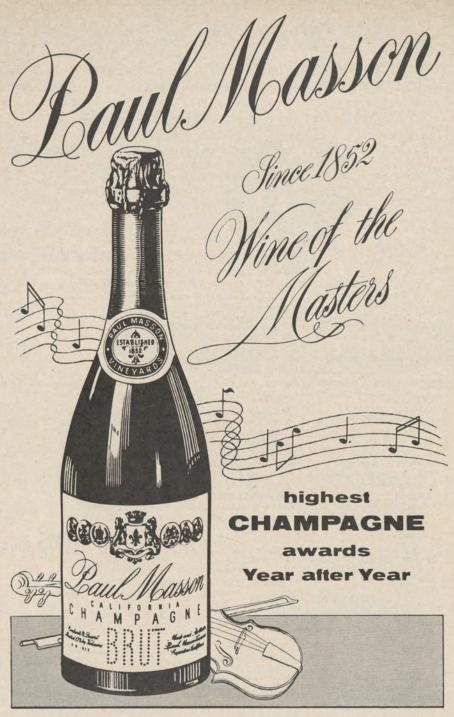
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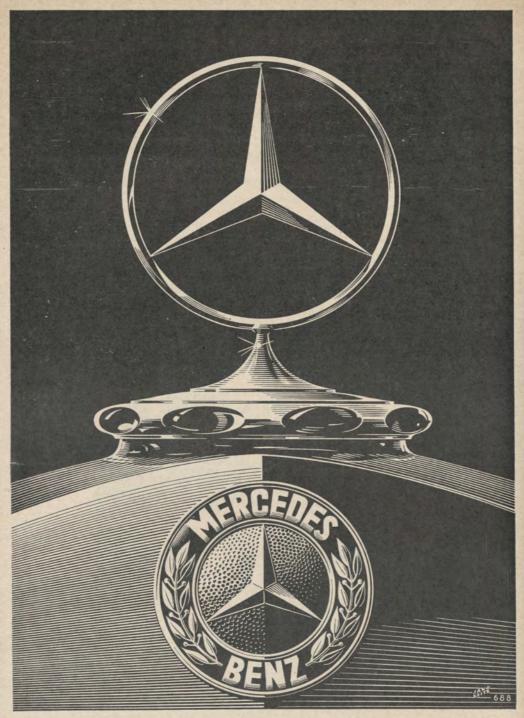
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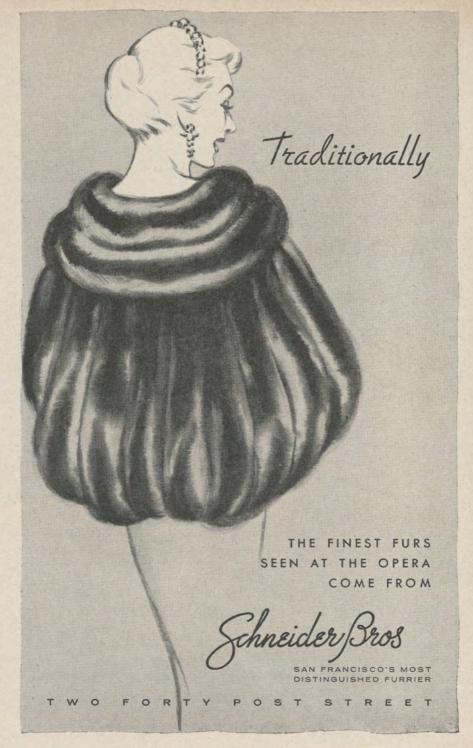
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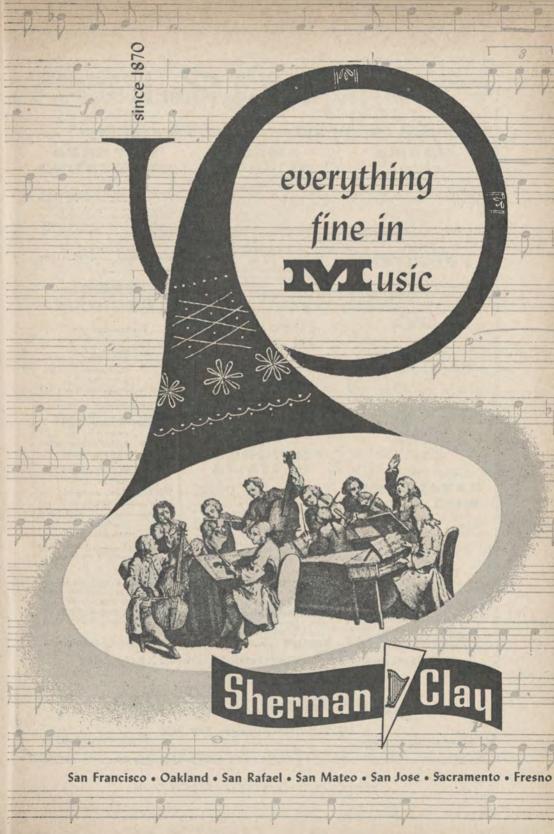
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Acr I—The Egyptian king, learning of the approaching Ethiopian invasion to be led by King Amonasro, selects Rhadames to command the defending Egyptian forces. This choice pleases Princess Amneris, for victory would make Rhadames, whom she loves, a desirable mate for her. However, she correctly perceives that her Ethiopian slave girl, Aida (unknown to the Egyptians, Amonasro's daughter) is her rival for Rhadames' affections. Knowing that her father and lover will have to oppose each other on the battlefield, Aida is apprehensive as the warrior is escorted to the temple to receive his command. (Scene 2) In the recesses of the temple of Vulcan, Rhadames receives the sacred sword and is dedicated to the protection of Egypt.

Acr II—Amneris joins her slave girls in singing the praises of the victorious Rhadames, and as Aida approaches, she deftly gains from her the confession of her love for him. Then admitting her own love for the warrior, Amneris commands that Aida shall witness Rhadames' obedience to herself on his triumphant return. (Scene 2) Rhadames is royally welcomed upon his return with the conquered Ethiopians. Among the captives is the disguised Amonasro, soon recognized by Aida. Signaling her not to betray his rank, he acknowledges her as his daughter and tells how the king, wounded, had died at his feet. Rhadames, as his reward for victory, requests the freedom of the Ethiopians. His wish is granted, but Amonasro and Aida are retained as hostages. The king then gives Rhadames, as his supreme reward, the hand of Amneris.

Acr III—Amneris goes to the temple on the eve of her marriage to Rhadames. Aida following, is met by Amonasro who forces her to aid him in a plot against the Egyptians. He conceals himself, and when Rhadames appears, Aida begs her lover to flee with her. In planning their flight, Rhadames unwittingly discloses his army's movements, and is overheard by Amonasro. Amneris concealed among the palms has also overheard, and enraged rushes out to denounce Rhadames. Amonasro and Aida escape as the warrior surrenders himself as a traitor.

Acr IV—Amneris sends for Rhadames offering to save him in return for his love. Enraged when he refuses, she invokes the wrath of the gods on him as he is led away to be sentenced. Hearing the trial as it is conducted behind the scenes, the now remorseful Amneris wildly curses the Priests as they condemn Rhadames to death. (Scene 2) Rhadames entering the tomb, discovers Aida, who has concealed herself there so that they may both die together.



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Acr I—Villagers and soldiers are engaged in the village Kermess festivities. Valentine, about to leave for the war, entrusts his sister Marguerite to the care of Siebel who loves her. Mingling with the townspeople are Faust and Mephistopheles. The latter, scorning proffered wine, strikes a cask over the door used as a tavern sign and as the wine spurts forth he bids the onlookers join him in a toast to Marguerite. Infuriated, Valentine draws his sword, but Mephistopheles shatters it. Soon the dancing begins, and to the delight of Faust, Marguerite appears. He approaches her, and although secretly charmed by his manner she rebuffs him.

Act II—Concealed in Marguerite's garden are Faust and Mephistopheles who have left a casket of jewels at her door. As Marguerite comes from her cottage, she reflects on the handsome and gallant stranger who spoke to her. Then, discovering her gift, she cries out in excitement at the dazzling array of jewels. In her delight she bursts into song, which brings her companion, Martha, to the scene. Mephistopheles enters and draws Martha into an amusing flirtation, while Faust approaches Marguerite to declare his love. Troubled by a premonition of disaster she begs Faust to leave her, and saying farewell enters her cottage. From her window she sings of her love for Faust who, hearing her song, returns to her.

ACT III—Marguerite, who has been shamed and abandoned by Faust, is scorned by her townspeople with only the devoted Siebel remaining faithful. Returning from the war, Valentine discovers Faust and Mephistopheles outside Marguerite's window. Enraged, he engages in sword play to avenge his sister and is killed by Faust.

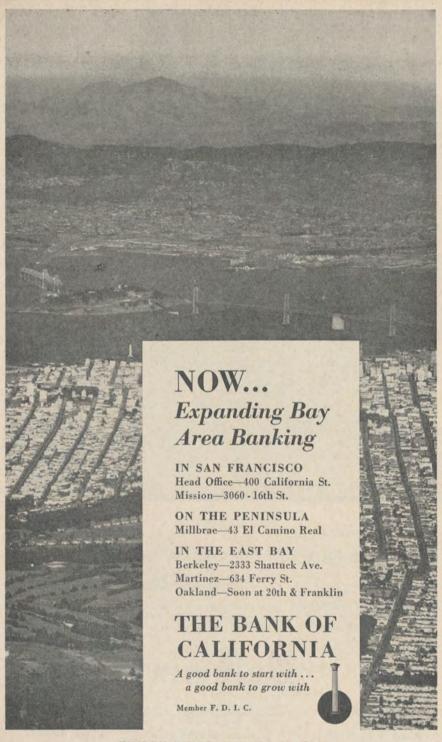
Acr IV—Marguerite, in her madness, has killed her child and is in prison awaiting execution. Faust and Mephistopheles come to aid her escape but dying she rejects them and in so doing gains salvation. Faust, meanwhile, commanded by Mephistopheles to fulfill his part of the bargain, is sent to his doom.

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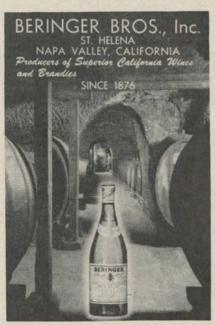
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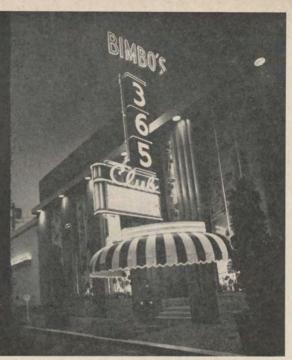
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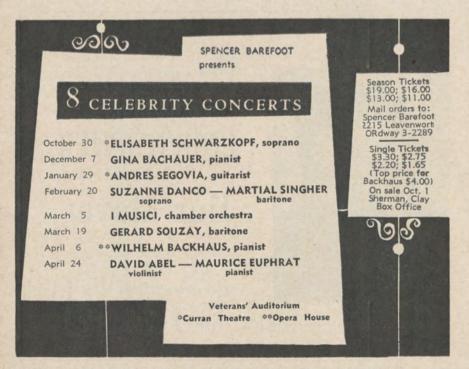
Speaker: JAN POPPER, Professor of Music at the University of California in Los Angeles Interviewing: LEO MUELLER, Chorus Director, San Francisco Opera Company

# Friday Morning, October 7 at 11 a.m. "TROILUS AND CRESSIDA" by WILLIAM WALTON

Speaker: ALFRED V. FRANKENSTEIN, Music and Art Critic, San Francisco Chronicle Interviewing: PAUL HAGER, Stage Director, San Francisco Opera Company

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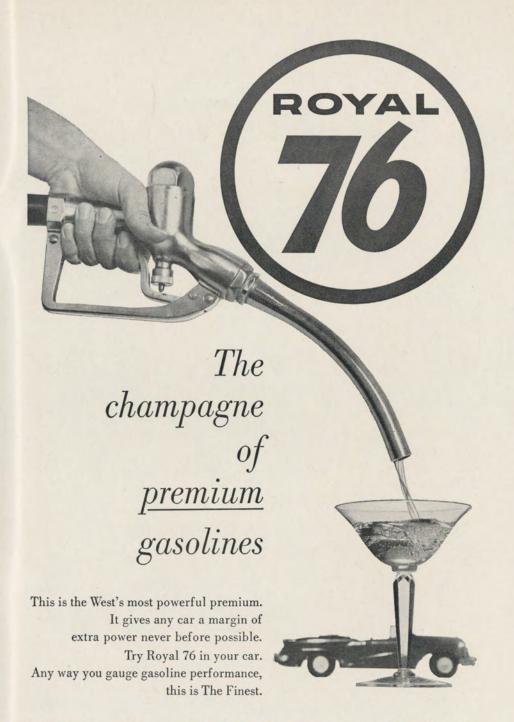
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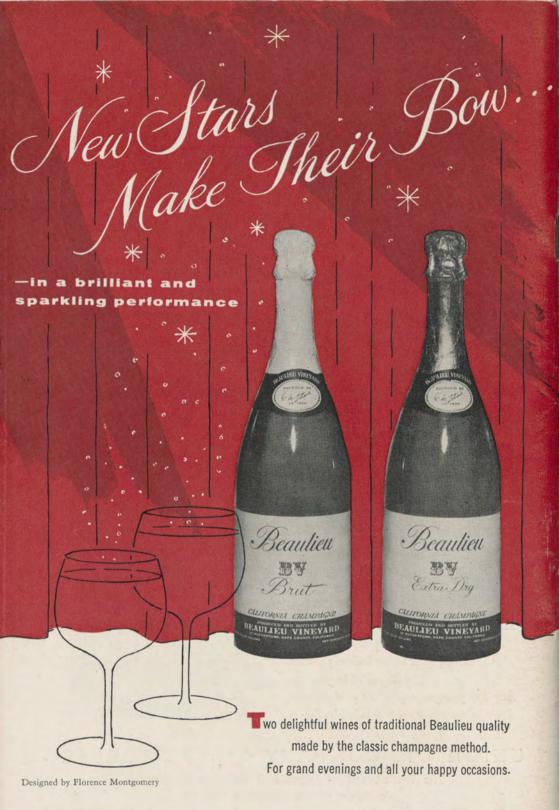
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