

# CHICAGO OPERA OUTLOOK GOOD

**Manager of Civic Company  
Signs Up Best of Stars  
in Europe**

**YOUNG ASPIRANTS FAIL**

**Johnson Seeks New Operas  
for Next Season**

Milan, Italy— "When I think of our next grand opera season in Chicago, I think only in superlatives," Giorgio Polacco, musical director of the Chicago Civic Opera, said here recently, following a conference with Herbert M. Johnson, business manager of the company, who is in Italy in search of new artists and to investigate new operas for other seasons, writes R. C. Burritt, of the Chicago Civic Opera company from Milan: "I think in superlatives because, I am sure, Chicago music lovers will be treated to the greatest opera season in the company's history. We will have a well balanced repertoire and an array of talent that will give delight to everyone. Nowhere in Europe today can you find listed with the artistic personnel of any organization, anywhere near as many fine artists as are now under contract to sing next winter in Chicago. Any opera in Europe today would be satisfied with half as many great artists as we have, or a third or a fourth as many."

**Chicago Gets Best Talent**  
"Chicago gets the best the world has to offer and should be very happy that the Chicago Opera management is able to do as much as it has been doing. Chicagoans generally can thank the liberality of the guarantors of the institution, for Chicago today gets more talent in grand opera than any two operas anywhere in Europe." Mr. Johnson arrived here from Rome, Florence, Bologna and other cities where auditions were held for artists who had been reported upon favorably to the management of the Chicago organization.

Throughout the year, the management of the Chicago company hears from volunteer opera scouts, from managers, representatives, people connected directly or indirectly with the Chicago organization and from others, on new voices that are being developed here and there throughout Europe. After similar reports on American prospects are investigated in the United States, new material is investigated here.

"There will be auditions before long that may bring to light some excellent new talent," Mr. Polacco and Mr. Johnson stated, "but thus far the hearings have been somewhat of a disappointment."

**Young Artists Disappoint**  
Mr. Johnson asserted that he had heard a number of dependable young artists but none, as yet, who appear to have as much promise as would be required by the Chicago company, which at best has places for only a limited number of younger, which, at

best has places for only a limited number of younger, so-called minor grand opera singers struggling for a higher rung on the musical ladder. "Before I left Chicago I heard of two artists who will soon be in Italy," Mr. Johnson said. "The information I received had it that they might prove valuable additions to the company. We will give them a chance to be heard as soon as they arrive." In Rome, Mr. Johnson met Attico Bernabini, chorus master of the Chicago Civic Opera, whose home is there and Mr. Bernabini produced a grist of new material. An audition was held but no contracts offered.

**Parishes Respond to  
Charity Fund Appeal**

Suburban parishes have distinguished themselves in the collections now being taken up in the Catholic parishes in Cook, Lake, Will, Grundy, Kankakee and Dupage counties for the Associated Catholic Charities, officers of the organization announced this week.

Three suburban churches were among the first five which sent to the Associated Catholic Charities copies of the list of parish contributors, and these lists, according to present plans, will be placed in the very front of the volume which is to be presented to Cardinal Mundelein for inclusion in the archdiocesan archives.

St. Mary's church, Buffalo Grove, in Lake county, was the second parish to turn in its list, which means that it will be No. 2, in the volume which will be made up of names from the 350-odd parishes under the supervision of Cardinal Mundelein. St. James, Sag Bridge, Cook county, and Sacred Heart, Palos Park, another Cook county parish, will be No. 4 and No. 5.

Two Chicago parishes, Holy Trinity and St. George, were No. 1 and No. 3. Names of all contributors will be bound in the volume His Eminence will be given, as the donations, at his request, are regarded as a gift of the people in commemoration of his elevation to the purple. All the funds, however, will be turned over for the care of the poor.

**SUMMER'S HEALTHFUL**

Summer and fall are usually the most healthful seasons of the year. This, says Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health commissioner, is due in large measure to the fact that folks live out-of-doors a great deal more and eat a diet richer in vitamins and minerals.

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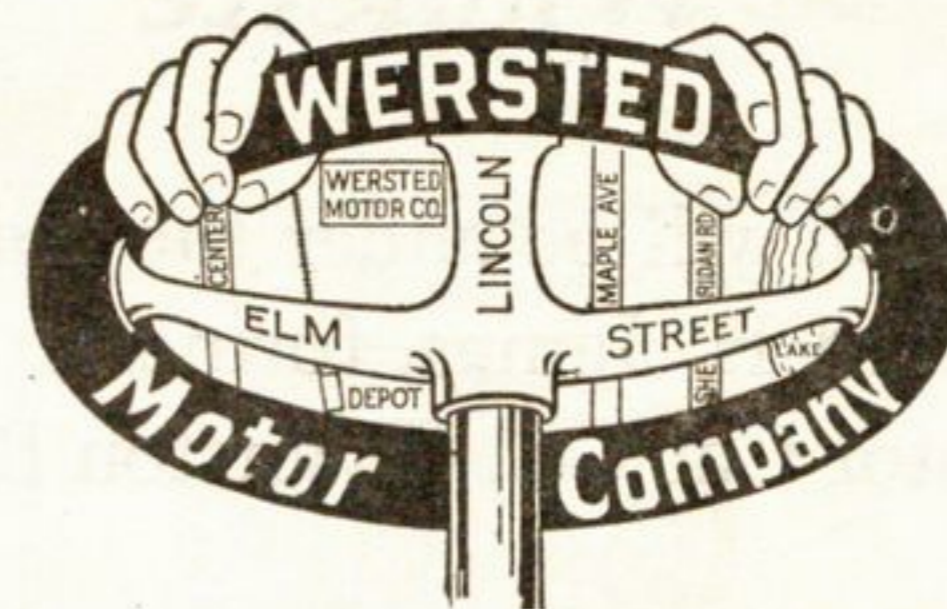
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