

Met's Glamorous Carmen



Glamorous Gladys Swarthout will sing the title role in Bizet's popular opera, "Carmen," to be broadcast from the Metropolitan opera house tomorrow afternoon, and to be heard over KOWH and other stations of the NBC-blue network. The mezzo-soprano first sang "Carmen" at the Cincinnati Summer Opera in 1939, later in Chicago and Hollywood.

Music room radio picks up broadcast.

The music room of the Union will be open at 1 p. m. tomorrow for students who wish to hear the opera over the radio there.

Book Nook radio program gives 'Reader's Digest Books' . . . as quiz contest prize

Winner of the third weekly contest sponsored by the Union on the broadcast of "Book Nook News" was announced today as Miss Martha Hackman of Des Moines, Ia., a graduate of the university. The award, given for the best reference question of the week, is the recently published "Reader's Digest Books."

"Reader's Digest Books" is a collection of 14 of the best condensations of books which have appeared in the Digest during the

past six years. These books were selected and condensed by the editors of the magazine. All of the condensations appearing in the prize book appeared in the magazine at one time or another, and were selected in part on the basis of their popularity since the appearance of the condensations.

Wide range of books.

Covering every field, the books range in subject matter from Dr. Alexis Carrel's "Man, the Unknown" to "R. F. D.," the story of the rural postman's life written by Charles Allen Smart.

Anne Morrow Lindberg's "North to the Orient" and Admiral Richard Byrd's "Alone," represent the books on exploration, including portraits of the peoples encountered in the travels of these two famous personalities.

Kenneth Roberts . . .

'Oliver Wiswell' shows hero a Tory; describes revolutionary battles

"Listen my children, and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, 'Twas the eighteenth of April in '75, Hardly a man is still alive, . . . Except Kenneth Roberts."

This take-off on Paul Revere's ride, made by a radio comedian recently, is indeed a tribute to Kenneth Roberts, historical novelist and author of "Oliver Wiswell," who writes exactly as if he had lived in the days of the colonization of America and the succeeding revolution.

Roberts was born in Maine where his ancestors had lived for generations, and a personal history of New England in the days of the revolutionary struggle was his heritage. This, coupled with several years of extensive study of that period of American history, has enabled Roberts to write authoritative historical novels which do more than relate happenings of the past.

Characters are vivid

Roberts tells a story, creates vivid characters, and still manages to maintain accuracy, something which too few mere historians fail to do. In each example of his writing, he brings forth the idea that history is about human beings, and it must be written so that it will interest other human beings.

His first book on early American history, completed in 1930, was "Arundel." Others followed—"Rabble in Arms," "Captain Caution," "Northwest Passage," and finally—"Oliver Wiswell," his most

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Other books included in "Reader's Digest Books" are "Dry Gulch" by Rene Belbenart; Nora Wain's "Reaching for the Stars"; "How to Live on 24 Hours a Day" by Arnold Bennett; "Wilderness Wife," by Katherine Pinkerton; "Singing in the Wilderness" by Donald C. Peattie; and Henry C. Link's "The Return of Religion."

William Seabrook's "Asylum," "400 Million Customers" by Carl Crow; and "An American Doctor's Odyssey," by Victor Heiser complete the list.



Lincoln Journal. KENNETH ROBERTS. . . writes on Tory.

remarkable feat as a historical novelist.

Hero is a Tory

This last huge volume is most remarkable because in it Roberts has his hero on the wrong side for most Americans. He is a Tory, and the book is in defense of the Tories of the revolutionary period.

Wiswell, the hero, as Grant Wood pictures him on the book jacket, is a pensive young man in customary 18th century dress, hands resting on his chin, gazing into space with dark, troubled eyes. It is his pair of eyes that Wiswell uses to examine the position of the Tory.

Young Wiswell, is a 1775 Yale undergraduate, and son of Seaton Wiswell, one of the finest lawyers American has ever produced. The book takes the reader through seven years of his life, sees him watching the bloody revolutionary battles, hiding from the mob in a mosquito-infested swamp, and meeting ambitious politicians in England, where he was sent on a mission by Howe to try to prevent the impending alliance of the colonies with France.

One of the most vivid scenes of the book is the description of Oliver and his invalid father watching protestingly but helplessly as Howe, the imbecile that he was, misses a chance to stop the revolution completely in battle of Bunker Hill.

The Tory is defended through such forceful lines as this, "Anybody who runs contrary to the mob is called a 'Tory!' Any man who wants to see this country at

peace again instead of divided and wrecked by civil war is called a Tory!"

Cynical remarks

Through the cynically amusing remarks of his renegade character Tom Buell, Roberts portrays Howe as the asinine general too occupied with his love life to get around to doing anything on time, and even takes a number of surprising cracks at text book revolutionary war heroes. Washington is the only personage that he gives any credit.

Samuel Adams, credited with being one of the men instrumental in bringing about the birth of our nation, is pictured as a radical who almost ruined the new country with his bungling actions. "A stinging money grabber out to make a profit in the blood of his countrymen," is the name given to John Hancock.

In "Oliver Wiswell," Roberts abides faithfully by his text, which he expressed several years ago, "I've had the theory for a great many years," he said, "that a writer can write more effectively about his own people than he can about people who aren't in his blood."

Roberts did write about people he knew, and combining this knowledge with vitality and the human touch, he is able to write such books as this which find fans even among high school history students.

Dialights

- Public affairs and special events
- 7:55 p. m.—Elmer Davis and the News—KFAB.
- 10 p. m.—News Tower—WOW.
- 11 p. m.—Associated Press News—WOW.
- Drama
- 8:30 p. m.—Campbell Playhouse—KFAB.
- Variety
- 6 p. m.—Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians—WOW.
- 7:30 p. m.—Information please—WOW.
- 8 p. m.—Johnny Presents—KFAB.
- 9 p. m.—Wings of Destiny—WOW.
- 9:30 p. m.—Alec Templeton Time—WOW.

Theisen addresses uni ASCE chapter

Members of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers heard Mr. Ralph L. Theisen, general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company speak on "Life Insurance" at a meeting of the society Wednesday.

Allan Richmond Jr. spoke at the meeting on the work of the department of Roads and Irrigation.

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