



# New Operatic Discovery To Be Presented On Saturday

Astrid Varnay Will Offer Performance As Elsa In "Lohengrin" To Be Heard Starting At 2 P. M. Via WJZ

Opera's newest discovery, Astrid Varnay, 23-year-old New York soprano who scored a notable triumph last month when she stepped into a leading role in "Die Walkuere" without rehearsal or preparation, will sing her first regularly scheduled radio opera performance as Elsa in "Lohengrin," starting at 2 p. m. over WJZ.

Wagner's great opera, eighth in the current series being broadcast from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House under sponsorship of The Texas Company, will feature Lauritz Melchior in the title role. Others in the cast include

Julius Huchn as Telramund, Kerstin Thorborg as Ortrud, Norman Cordon as the King and Leonard Warren as the Herald. Erich Leinsdorf will conduct.

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"The National Barn(a)cle Dance," will put to sea on Saturday and drop anchor at the U. S. Naval Training Station dock in Great Lakes, Ill., at 9:00 p. m. over WEAZ. Rear Admiral John Downes, commanding officer of the station, will be heard in a guest talk.

When the king and queen of England visited the United States in 1939, a Brooklyn baker received an order for 100 special cakes to grace the royal banquet table. The baker selected for the honor of preparing these delicacies was Carl Seagren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who will appear on Dave Elman's popular radio program, Saturday at 8:30 p. m. over WABC. Seagren's specialty was inserting musical contraptions in these cakes.

Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera star, and Andre Kostelanetz, her famed conductor-husband, will share guest honors on "America Preferred" over WOR Saturday, at 8 p. m. Miss Pons will be heard in two numbers, with Kostelanetz accompanying her at the piano. They are "Una Voce Poco Fa" from "Barber of Seville" and "Caro Nome" from "Rigoletto." Orchestral selections are Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony" and Ibert's "Divertissement." Deems Taylor, nationally known music critic and lecturer, acts as narrator.

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