SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1955

NEWS OF MUSIC

Student Group Scores Again in 'Ruddigore'

Curse, by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. Produced and directed by Richard Dirksen: techcnical advisers. Mimi Chang and Sally Bolster; sets and lighting, Tom Nelson. At Whitby Hall.



If last night's "Ruddigore" did as ingine "Ruddigore" did not justify the easily provoked laughter and the frantic appro-bation of the Gilbert and Sulli-van cult, no production of that hardy operetta can ever hope to do so. The music and drama destaging and ensemble voice.
would be difficult to The

and dialogue not notable for its tingle. Gilbert's banter and Sul-livan's patter are in a class by themselves, and the two men seemed to be always capable to turn them out, even when unable to bring them off. William Weber, as Richard,

William Weber, as Richard, is an actor of great breeziness and unfailing attractiveness, and he has a good voice for the part. It has the quality of old rubbed brass, and reminds me of the sound made by De Wolfe Hopper in his salad days, during the administration of Millard Fillmore. Robert Ellinwood, as Robin Oaktapple, surprised nobody by the suppleness of his voice and the musicality of his singing, for these qualities he has demonstrated for a good many years. strated for a good many years, but he showed himself to be a very stylish comic actor to boot.

The diffident Rose Maybud, do so. The music and drama departments of the National Ca- whose formidable aggressiveness thedral School for Girls and the state and the last year made so great a success most promising part in the show with their show, "The Flamingo She was played and sung by Hat," have staged a "Ruddigore" Younne Hawkins with charm and the state of the st that in pace, adroitness, imag- with a clear, true and winning

The lesser parts were without exception satisfactory, and the What is most impressive about chorus, which is one of the finest what is most impressive about chords, which is one of the mest the performance is its sureness school musical organizations we and polish, and the movement that holds together 2½ hours of music not notable for variety, and a the lighting deserve high complete not notable for excitement mendation, and the colorful

they unquestionably include great capabilities in every field of that endeavor. His conducting, directing and coaching made "Ruddingore" a worthwhile evening.

How worthwhile is perhaps a purestion. The operation has an experient of the conduction of the conduction of the conduction.

question. The operetta has un-deniable merits, but is its proper locale not either in a big thea-ter like the Carter Barron, where the thousands who appreciate it can attend, or in a church or lodge hall where even an indif-

to attempt. Should they not attempt something a bit beyond their capabilities rather than "Ruddigore," where the skies are blue but the horizon not unlimited?

The performance will be repeated tonight at 8:30.

Japan to Buy Three British, French Jets

TOKYO, May 7 (P).—Japan has decided to buy three British and French jet training planes for its new air force, the newspaper Nihon Keizai said today. Purchase of one Vampire-type

jet from Britain and one Morane-Saulnier and one Fouga jet from France out of 1955 budget funds was decided, the newspaper said. Japan is negotiating with American officials to produce United States-type jets locally.

8 Area Students Show Art Richard Dirksen's talents may not be limited to music, but At Exhibition in Pittsburgh

Art Exhibition which opened today at Carnegie Insti-

tute, Pittsburgh, under auspices of Scholastic Magazine. Their work was selected by juries of eminent artists and art educators in a competition draw-ing some 170,000 entries nationally. Some 36,000 electes won places in regional exhibitions, and 1,475 entries succeeded in the national show.

Cash awards for 466 works were donated chiefly by leading account in the art industry, who

concerns in the art industry who served as national co-sponsors with Scholastic Magazines. In addition, more than 100 seniors won tuition scholarships to art schools and colleges on the basis

schools and conleges on the basis of their portfolios. A certificate of merit went to each student placing in the show. Local scholarship winners were Tom Locker of Woodrow Wilson High School, to National Art School here, and Kevin Wilson High School, to National Art School here, and Kevin Brown of Falls Church High School, to Trenton Junior College. Tom Locker won the \$25 Strathmore award for the District, as well as two of the other cash awards, for work in water color, oil and crayon.

Other \$25 awards went to Chartley Ward, Mount Vernon Seminary, Helen Calamos, Roosevelt High School; Alice Peck, Washington-Lee High School, and Catherine McElvain, Madeira School.

Exhibition pieces by Ann

Eight Washington area high ary and Merle Maines of Oxon school students are represented in the 28th National High ary and Merle Maines of Oxon Hill High School, Tom Locker and Kevin Brown also were selected.

selected.

Local entries were shown at the District Area Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, sponsored by Frank R. Jelleff, Inc.

Average Mileage
DETROIT.—An average American auto owner drives 10,800 miles per year today as compared with 6,600 miles in 1929.



Fishing With Vacuum.Sweeper **Produces More Bugs Than Bait**

Uncle Sam is going fishing with a vacuum sweeper, and it may not be so goofy, at that.

The idea is to find a new method of bait-gathering. The Seattle office of the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service dreamed it up. It's still an unproved, long-shot theory, but experiments indicate it might some day work. some day work.

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Fish experts rigged an exploratory vessel off the Northwest
Pacific Coast. Lights were
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dangled under water, electrodes fed "hot" currents into the watery currents, and the business end of a suction pump hose was dropped overboard.

"The theory is that small fish will be attracted by the underseas lights, swept toward the pumps by electrical impulses and approach the second of the Exhibition pieces by Ann
Bailey of Mount Vernon Seminpumps by electrical impulses and
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the Interior Department explained.
Some herring have been caught, too.
But the system has more "bugs" in it than fish. The electrical fields haven't been strong enough to propel the fish toward the sweeper. Also, fish have shown a profound disinterest in the gay white way.

Experimenters are planning to substitute electronic sounds for

substitute electronic sounds for the lights in some cases and to use colored lights in others, to see if their sweeper can make the seas come clean.

Peary's North Pole Flag Given Geographic Society

ciety last night formally received at the society's headquarters. the flag Rear Admiral Robert E. In 1891, Mrs. Peary accom famed American explorer carried to the top of the world on April 6, 1909, was given to the society by Mrs. Marie Pearv Stafford, the admiral's daughter, in behalf of her mother, 91, who lives in Portland, Me.

Mrs. Stafford die executed on the Arctic Money was lacking to finance his re-

Mrs. Stafford also accepted a special gold medal cast by the society for her mother. The award was made in recognition of Mrs. Peary's assistance to her husband during his Arctic explorations. She accompanied him in 1891, 1893, 1897, 1900 and

Mrs. Stafford was born in Greenland, on September 12, 1893, closer to the Pole than the Greenland, on September 12, 1893, closer to the Pole than the birthplace of any other white explorer had lost all his toes

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Problem Drinkers

NEW YORK.—There are more than 3 million alcoholics or problem drinkers in the United States, according to current studies.

Stitched by Mrs. Peary in 1898.

Or Grosvenor recalled that Admiral Peary carried the silken flag wrapped around his body when he discovered the Pole, a "goal that had been sought vainly by many nations for centuries." He added that the flag discovered the North Pole if it always occupy the mosthad not been for mother."

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Mrs. Peary Stitched Flag
Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, chairman of the society's board of trustees, presented the medal. He and Dr. John Oliver La Gorce, the society's president, accepted the 45-starred flag, stitched by Mrs. Peary in 1898.
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even so, she "never let the shad-ows of that unhappy winter fall

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