

Symphony Conductor Among Best

A young conductor, James Sample, whose musicianship is winning him increasing recognition by top critics, will make his debut in Salem January 10 as leader of the reorganized Portland Symphony orchestra.

James Sample, the 39-year-old native of Minneapolis, moved through the child prodigy stage, studied abroad and gradually built his reputation to the point where experts regard him as the possessor of one of the most evasive batons in the western United States.

The 70-piece Portland ensemble will appear twice at the Salem high school auditorium this winter, performing here also March 21. A 20 member season ticket committee of the Salem Symphony society has been out in the field selling seats to the concerts for about two weeks.

Sample was one of more than 30 applicants considered by a special committee of the Portland Symphony society when it set to work last summer to pick a successor to Werner Janssen, who conducted the orchestra in two brilliant seasons. The new director, at 15, was the youngest regularly employed church organist in Minneapolis. He began his musical studies early, taking piano, organ and viola.

His father was a viola player with the Minneapolis Symphony under the direction of Henry Verbruggan, and when he reached 16, young Sample joined his father in the viola section of the Minneapolis orchestra.

Twenty years later he returned to his native city as associate conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, then on a nationwide tour. He was greeted by his many old

friends in Minneapolis who turned out to join the music critics and the rest of the nation in hailing him as a conductor of the first rank. The intervening years had seen him serving as regular or guest conductor of Pierre Monteux' Paris orchestra, the Utah State Symphony and the New York City Center Opera, the San Bernardino Symphony and several radio network orchestras.

Faculty Recital First in Series

Jean Farquharson, pianist, will be presented by the Willamette university College of Music in the first faculty recital of the school year. She came to Willamette this fall from her home in Buffalo, New York, as an instructor in piano and theory. Majoring in piano, Miss Farquharson received the B.M. and M.M. degrees from the University of Michigan School of Music, where she studied with John Kolen. She has studied with Leo Pattison and Arthur Schnabel. Miss Farquharson has appeared in concert extensively in the east. In 1947 she taught piano in the University of Michigan.

The recital will be held in Waller hall auditorium, Tuesday, November 29, at 8:15 p. m. It is given without charge. The public is invited to attend.

String Group Plays Wednesday

On Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the Leslie Junior high auditorium, the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce will present a concert by the Salem String society under the direction of John Wallace Graham, for the benefit of the school-boy patrol in the Salem school system.

All proceeds will be used to purchase raincoats, insignia and other equipment for the patrol. The program will consist of classical and popular music.

Participating in the concert will be the students of Mr. Graham, many of whom have won statewide and even national recognition in music.

Tickets are available at Will's and Heider's music stores, and at all public schools.

The string orchestra includes 16 high school and college students.

More for Your Money

Toy Supply Plentiful, Prices Are Lower, Wide Selection Featured

By Mrs. Genevieve Smith
While the grownup world wags along without official peace, the young sprouts have shifted their interests from things military to cowboy suits, western guns, and endless assortments of toys that imitate activities of peace.

And while their psychology shows this great change, assortment of Mrs. Smith's toys this season is the widest ever, the supply plentiful, and prices generally lower. Occasionally you'll come face to face with prices that may be higher than you've seen before, but that is because the quality is improved. This is particularly true of some of the modern dolls, mechanical toys and the miniature household appliances and home furnishings.

Indeed, as far as little girls are concerned, play is getting to be pretty serious business in its imitation of baby care, child care and homemaking. There's an almost endless assortment of doll equipment, ranging from formula kits, baby bath tubs, ever so many doll carriages, on through wardrobes of clothing and luggage. In a like manner, the homemaking aids, from toy vacuum cleaners to laundry and kitchen equipment, show a new wide range.

Plastics, making possible so many miniatures, from the amateur collector's items of small birds and animals on up through replicas of trucks, trains and furniture and appliances for the home, have opened up a new vista of toys. They are at their best this year.

Special mention should be made of the plastic dishes and beverage sets. Some of these are so well designed and so perfect in their imitation of fine old china, you'll be tempted to get them for your own knick-knack shelf. These are a particular delight to the little girl who has reached the age when she can spend hours with her little friends "playing house."

So, as the first step in your aid to Santa Claus, why not let a bit of meditation in the comfort of home, save time and weary footsteps later? Here are the highlights of the current offerings:

For the very small baby: Whatever you get, be sure it's simple enough for him to play with alone, designed so he can grasp it and hold it easily. Since he's sure to put it in his mouth, be sure it is too large to be swallowed, finished with a paint or other surface that's non-injurious, free of sharp angles or small parts that will come off. Moreover, it must be sturdy enough to take rough handling, be easily washable, be bright colored, and — if you want to please the baby — be capable of making a noise.

For the baby under a year, this narrows down to rattles, beads on a string, animals that squeak, rubber dolls, plastic bath toys, and such new this-year items as rubber blocks, plastic blocks with animals inside plus a rattle, and the popular cradle gym outfits. Something that will please a baby just as much are a smoothie mixing spoon, a metal pie pan or saucepan, even several clothes pins that can be put in the saucepan and taken out again.

For the pre-school child: The wee toddler graduates from the tremendous interest in some-

thing he can hold in his hands and make a noise with to toys that lead to activity, then to playthings that help him imitate grownups and life about him. There's no sharp dividing line in these interests. Instead, they gradually merge.

And what an endless array there is for you! First, the wonderful push-and-pull toys, peg boards — many on wheels — for assembling and taking apart, stuffed animals and soft cuddly dolls (be sure they are easily washable), all the small wheel toys such as trucks, fire wagons, milk wagons, the rocking horse animals. Finally there are the larger wheel toys that do so much for developing muscles. These include kiddie cars on through velocipedes.

In this latter group is an interesting new development, a new design of bicycle that the runabout can ride when you attach a pair of small guide wheels on each side of the large rear wheel. After a while, when he has learned how to balance himself, and leg and back muscles have grown stronger, these small wheels are easily removed, leaving Junior or sister with a standard bicycle. This is a fairly expensive item, retailing for around \$40, but it will last through several years of a child's rapid growth. The average three-year-old can begin using it with the outrigger wheels attached.

For older children: By the time a child reaches school age, the great diversity in toys for girls and boys begins. It is here that you find more ideas for girls than for boys, too, because in addition to bicycles, skates, phonographs, art and other creative interests, and books, the girl's interest in homemaking, sewing, playing house is catered to with thousands of toys. Toys for boys run as usual to erector sets, more complicated mechanical toys, footballs, punching sets, and the like.

In choosing gifts for this age, remember it's the age of make-believe. Either by stories, music, costumes — cowboy and western outfits are more popular than military uniforms now, or toys, the boy and girl of this age are imitating life.

Study your child's interests. Has the little girl passed out of the baby doll era, when she wants a doll that's as much like a real baby as possible, to the child doll state? Or has she progressed to where she is beginning to collect character dolls? Is the boy still more interested in the bridges and other elaborate constructions he can achieve with a structural steel set, or has he reached the age where — with dad — he can enjoy a magnificent electric train system?

It is here that you run the greatest danger of projecting your own adult interests into the choice. Perhaps you have a weakness for collecting dolls, or dad still loves electric trains whereas Junior is more interested in chemistry. Get a good grip on the interests of each young recipient before you start out, for the toys this Christmas are mighty interesting and tempting! And don't go in for too much automatic operation — leave room for the child's imagination.

Musical Tea At Elfstrom's

Music patrons and friends of the Federated Music clubs of Salem are being invited to attend a benefit musical tea at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Robert L. Elfstrom on Sunday afternoon, December 4, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Ronald Craven, president of the Salem Federation, is in charge of the tea. Mrs. Clyde Gilbert is chairman and Mrs. Jessie Bush Michelson is in charge of the musical program assisted by Mrs. Donald Jessop, Mrs. Margaret Rawlins, Miss Alice Arnold and Mrs. Jean Morrison.

Mrs. Nettie Larsen has charge of the dining room; Mrs. Hal DeSart, decorations; Mrs. J. H. Harworth and Mrs. William Bush, assisting with the professional musicians; Mrs. Harvey W. Gibbens, hospitality; Miss Dorothy Pearce, financial chairman and ticket sale. The Salem Federated Music clubs is made up of the individual studio groups organized by teachers to further interest in music study. There are twenty-eight clubs in Salem. The local organization holds membership in the National Federation, which is the largest organization in the world

in the furtherance of music as an art. Membership in the national group includes many people with financial means and cultural influence who promote music for an educational, cultural and aesthetic influence in our country. The discovery of outstanding talent among our native musicians has long been the aim of all the clubs.

Sunday afternoon concerts, a popular feature of the museum's schedule, are resumed, today with the appearance of the Linfield college choir under the direction of Milo Wold. Other concerts, sponsored by the museum and the guilds of the Symphony Society of Portland, are scheduled for January.

Publicity Meet Open to All

Club officers and press chairmen of women's organizations in Salem and surrounding communities are being invited to attend the publicity school of instruction Tuesday night at 8 o'clock sponsored by the Salem Women's club at the clubhouse, 480 North Cottage street.

Any woman interested is invited. Object of the school is to aid the clubwomen in preparing the most effective publicity for their organizations. Representatives of the two Salem papers will be on hand to explain the fine points of news-writing and to answer questions.

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