

First Oratorio Concert Dec. 11

Salem Oratorio society already is at work on its plans for the year, its concert being scheduled for Sunday, December 11, at Salem senior high school.

Members of the executive board met this week in the office of the director, Melvin H. Geist, dean of the college of music at Willamette university, for the purpose of completing plans for the group's sixth consecutive presentation of Handel's "The Messiah."

Arlie Anderson presided over the meeting as president. The meeting was attended by Harry B. Johnson, vice president; Miss Hazel Shutt, secretary; Miss Katharine Remple, treasurer; Silas Gaiser, in charge of music; Miss Elizabeth Brown, membership chairman; Mrs. Claude Jorgensen, publicity and Dean Geist. Other members of the board are Frank DeWitt, finance chairman; Marvin Roth, stage; Robert Wimple, property.

It was decided that eight rehearsals would be required to prepare for the December 11 concert. The opening rehearsal will be held at Waller hall on the Willamette campus, at 7:30 p.m. on October 24. As in the past townspeople are invited to participate with university students in singing the ever popular Christmas music.

Membership Chairman Miss Elizabeth Brown, whose address is 580 Statesman street, is prepared to register chorus members, preferably by mail, or she may be reached by telephone (37136) evenings or on Saturday and Sunday. There are a few vacancies in the ranks of the chorus which are to be filled to improve the balance of the parts. Also discussed by the board was the matter of auditions of soloists who will appear with the chorus. Dean Geist expressed the hope that names of all four soloists could be announced at the first rehearsal. The board will audition soloists on Saturday, October 22. Appointments may be made for auditions by telephoning Dean Geist at the college of music. The telephone number is 39266.

Last year the Salem Oratorio society chorus of more than 300 voices sang "The Messiah" to a capacity crowd in the Salem high school auditorium.

Linn County Labor Level Not Changed

Lebanon—The Lebanon office of the state employment service reports employment holding level in central and eastern Linn county. While logging operations have reported a slight curtailment, lumber mills have continued with steady operations.

Most agricultural jobs, seasonal in this area, are completed, but a demand for prune pickers still exists. Nut picking jobs will soon be in demand and ample number of nut growers are expected to tap this source of labor.

Several clerical jobs are now open at the employment office, it was reported Thursday.



From Swim to School—Shirley May France, unsuccessful channel swimmer, is just another Bobby soxer as she returns to Somerset, Mass., high school to begin her junior year. Her admiring fellow students handed her the books which will be her main interest until next spring when she trains again for another try at the channel. (Acme Telephoto)

Plastic Used to Repair Lung Damaged by TB

Denver, Sept. 21. (AP)—A new snow-white, plastic lung material that does most everything except breath was shown to the Colorado state medical society meeting here today.

The white stuff replaces lost lung tissue when part of a lung is collapsed in treating tuberculosis at the national Jewish hospital, Denver. Dr. Allan Hurst, medical director of the hospital planned the exhibit.

The plastic is soft as flesh. It is about the same weight as lung tissue. It is odorless, tasteless, non-irritating and permanent.

It is porous, with thousands of fine irregular holes, closely resembling real lungs. The lung's natural fibers grow into the synthetic sponge and anchor it in place. The result is a repair job that fills out a damaged lung to its natural shape.

Without repairs of this sort, a person becomes slab-sided, with a hollow instead of the usual chest bulge.

The new plastic is the latest of many medical attempts to solve the lung repair problem.

It was invented by Lawrence Heightshoe, a Denver plastics company manager. He is a world war one veteran disabled in that war.

Heightshoe has a private laboratory in Longmont, near Denver. But he made the first batch of lung filler in his wife's kitchen oven.

The new lung has been used on human patients, replacing bubbles of lucite, which are light-weight plastic spheres about the size of golf balls.

The substitute lung problem is world-wide, for lung collapse for tuberculosis alone is done on hundreds of thousands. Cancer operations are adding more.



To Get New Post — Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther (above) will succeed Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer as army deputy chief of staff for plans and combat operations.

EDUCATORS HAVE CONCLUDED:

Teen-Agers Leave Studies When Daily Needs Not Met

A shocking number of teen-agers are dropping out of schools during the most important time in their lives because high school programs do not meet their needs, say American education authorities.

More than half of the boys and girls who enter high school drop out before they are graduated. Educators have come to the conclusion that the main reason for drop-outs is that the schools don't offer youngsters enough to hold them.

"If we didn't have effective compulsory education laws," says Dr. Harold J. Dillon, executive director of the Public Education and Child Labor Association, "who knows, we might not even be holding in school the number that we do."

Under Dr. Dillon's direction the National Child Labor Committee recently made an intensive study of the reasons for leaving school. The results of this study and of a similar study made by the U. S. Department of Labor are revealed in an article "Why Teen-Agers Quit School" in the October issue of the "Woman's Home Companion."

"Why children leave school," says the magazine, "needs serious community consideration if our high school appropriations, our fine high school buildings and the educational goals to which we give lip service are not to be at least fifty percent dust and ashes."

Parents are largely unaware of the problem, added the magazine. But educators are thinking seriously about the high rate of drop-outs. And all have come to the same conclusion, the youngsters left school because in one way or another it failed to interest or satisfy them—"the teacher didn't pay me any attention," or, "I couldn't see any sense in what I was learning," or, "I could learn more outside."

Another point made clear in this article is that, contrary to the general belief, dissatisfaction with some phase of school life loomed considerably larger than economic reasons.

"For some students, of course," points out the Companion, "there is a money problem. But there is little place in the complex industrial set-up of today for half-educated teen-agers."

"In a recent survey taken in Louisville, Ky., two-thirds of the youngsters who quit school were still unemployed a month later, although jobs were said to be plentiful at the time."

Correction of this problem is not formidably difficult, say authorities. They recommend that schools adopt a "life adjustment" program to provide a more meaningful education. This probably would include, says the magazine, blue-collar vocational

education for some; marriage courses, community activity and consumer education for others and the classes of arts and sciences for still others. But generally what high school youths are taught must relate to life as they know it.

Displaced Persons Wanted at Amity

Amity — Rev. Gilbert Christian, executive secretary of the Oregon Council of Churches, and his family were in Amity Sunday. He spoke at the morning service at the Baptist church and in the evening showed a film giving the story of displaced persons in Europe.

Two families in Amity community, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Caspell, who have posted the necessary funds to bring a married couple to their home, are expecting word at any time that their guests may arrive. Mrs. M. T. Henderson has signed up for a family to come to her home.

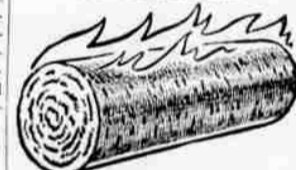
Rev. Christian and his family were guests of the Wakemans. Other dinner guests of the Wakemans were a young French exchange student from Linfield and Wendell Martin of McCoy.



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The approach of sustained travel in the supersonic range was discussed briefly today during the third annual inspection of the national advisory committee for aeronautics (NACA) flight propulsion laboratory.

Officials did not say how long they meant by "sustained" or how soon they meant by "imminent."

More than 1,000 representatives of the defense department and other government

Capital Journal, Salem Ore., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1949—9 agencies, aircraft, engine and equipment manufacturers, and air transport and research organizations accepted invitations for the three-day showing of the past year's achievements. The \$50,000,000 installation is devoted entirely to power plants for aircraft and missiles.

The X-1 has reached about 1,000 miles an hour at very high altitudes — something over ten miles up. Nearly two-thirds of its total weight is fuel which the four rocket motors burn at a rate of about one ton a minute.

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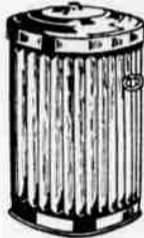
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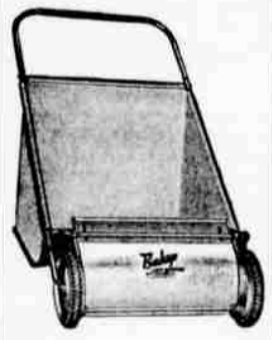
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