

# Women's Interests and Activities

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## Oratorio Presented To Large Audience At Holly Theatre

By Mrs. E. E. Gore

Was it Schopenhauer who wrote "The creative musician reveals the innermost essential being of the world and expresses the highest wisdom in a language his own reason does not understand?" It would seem that some such metaphysical influence must obtain in great music such as Handel's "Messiah," in order that over one thousand choir and choral organizations should, according to their ability and musical resources, make it part of their Christmas musical offering this year.

Among the music lovers who filled the Holly theatre Tuesday night to hear the local production, were mature musicians, who in their younger days had had the ever to be remembered experience of hearing the "Messiah" with Oberon conducting the picked chorus of 300 voices, and the Minneapolis symphony orchestra supporting the finest soloist in the world. Many were accompanied by their children who were hearing Handel's wonderful music for the first time.

Only words of highest appreciation are heard for the soloists, Elsie Carleton, Strang, soprano; Margaret Huntson, Williamson, contralto; E. L. Waldron, tenor; and H. H. Corliss, bass, who so generously gave of their time and talent to make the production a success. Carleton, James, Montana, Emerson and J. E. Knight assisted in the orchestra to the delight of all and Mrs. Rawles Moore and daughter Marion, were the piano accompanists.

Many of the choruses are distinctly polyphonic in type, that is, the melody or theme is repeated many times by different voices and also in the orchestral score. This distinctly classic style demands a precision of attack and release that was very beautiful to hear and calls for the closest attention on the part of chorus and orchestra.

F. Wilson Wait, conductor of the high school orchestra, by his enthusiasm and leadership, inspired his group to their best and most loyal effort. It is highly pleasing that these young people should be taught this music which molds taste, has high educational value and adds much to their ability to enjoy and appreciate good music.

Mrs. C. H. Paske, under whose direction the "Messiah" was given, proved an able and sympathetic leader and worked tirelessly for its success. She directed in part, without score and accompanied Mr. Corliss in the solo, "Thou Art Gone Up On High."

## Delphians Hear of Child Conference At Thursday Meet

A report of the Children's Conference at Washington, D. C., was given at the meeting of the Delphian club Thursday morning by Mrs. F. J. Newman and was followed by a lengthy discussion.

Many members of the club were not present due to holiday plans and several members were omitted from the program. Mrs. R. C. Mulholland, president, presided.

Mrs. Myron Root did not give a review of "Feeling Fine" by Ann Shannon Monroe as planned but will present her paper at the next meeting of the club. The book has been compiled from the experiences of Bill Harty in eastern Oregon and contains many things of special interest to southern Oregonians.

The date for Delphian meetings was changed to the second and fourth Thursday of each month and the next session will be held on January 8th.

## BRITAIN'S YOUNGEST PRINCESS



Little Princess Margaret Rose, second daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York. She was born August 21 at Glamis castle in Scotland and christened recently at Buckingham palace.

## Holiday Atmosphere In Evidence Reames Chapter's Meeting

The initiation and reception for new members of Reames chapter, O. E. S., held Wednesday evening in the Masonic hall proved an interesting event of the week.

Poinsettias and ferns lent a Christmas atmosphere to the dining room, where refreshments were served by the officers following the program, which was arranged by Mrs. Howard Scherfel, worthy matron and announced by J. C. Barnes.

The program included an address by Rev. W. H. Baird of the First Christian church, piano solo by Betty Thorndyke, reading by Carion Jane Hill and a skit by Ruby Stone and Nellie Green.

## Pageant To Precede Singing Of Carols

A pageant and Christmas tree will be presented Tuesday evening by children of the Presbyterian Sunday school between 7 and 8 o'clock. Carols will be sung in the church and through the town. All residents wishing to be entertained by the beloved old custom are asked to place a lighted candle in their windows Tuesday evening.

Santa Claus will visit the church Tuesday evening and candy and oranges will be given to all the children. The program will be presented by the cradle roll and members of the primary and junior departments of the school.

## New Officers Will Preside on Monday

Newly elected officers of Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 54 will preside at the meeting of the lodge tomorrow evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. They are asked to be prepared to take the chairs.

## To Spend Holidays In Sacramento

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaddie and children of this city will motor to Sacramento the first of the week to spend the holidays with relatives.

## Activities of Legion Auxiliary

Christmas party! What a world of surprise and anticipation is contained in that phrase. And what a happy surprise it will be to each one of you who come to the Auxiliary meeting tomorrow night at the armory and find that it is a really, truly Christmas party! No matter how "moderne" we may be in the selection of our gifts, holiday wrappings and greeting cards, most of us like our Christmas festivity to be real fun-fests, and to be that, all of you Auxiliary members must come and make it so. Belva Aiken, who has charge of the affair, presents this invitation:

Auxiliary Members and Eligibles You are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Party in the Auxiliary room at the Armory Monday night, Dec. 22nd, 8:00 P. M. Dancing later.

And from our Auxiliary president, Mrs. Wm. Holloway, comes this invitation to all of you who are as yet non-members or unpaid members. To all of you who are eligible, but not members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and to those not yet paid up, you are cordially invited to pay those 1931 dues, to Mrs. Irene Humphrey, 825 East Jackson.

## Christmas Tree to Be Event Tuesday

Children of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be entertained on Tuesday night at the I. O. O. F. hall with a Christmas tree and party. The program will begin at 7:30 and all parents of the order are urged to bring their children. There will be a gift for each child and Old Santa Claus himself will be there to distribute them.

## Executive Board Meeting Called

There will be a call meeting of the executive board of the Greater Medford club Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the small hall of the library; a full attendance is desired.

## Carlows Entertain Gleaners Class of The Baptist Church

Members of the Gleaners class of the Baptist church held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Carlows Tuesday evening, December 16. The home was beautifully decorated to suit the occasion.

The program was as follows: Orchestra—"Little Town of Bethlehem."

Prayer—Mrs. Lutie Daily.

Saw solo—Will Vimom, accompanied on the piano by Genevieve Brown.

President of the class, Mrs. Bryant, gave a very interesting talk about Christmas in America.

Piano solo—Miss Genevieve Brown.

Mrs. F. M. Williams, who was sent as a missionary from England to northern China and lived there ten years, told of the Christmas party that was held there each year.

Class song—"Bringing in the Sheaves."

F. M. Williams told of a Christmas party he attended in Nome, Alaska and another in Africa.

Trombone solo—Asher Neff, accompanied at the piano by Miss Brown.

Mrs. S. L. Bennett was honor guest. She is to leave soon for Willows, Calif., to spend two months with her daughter and family.

Music by the Buchanan trio.

Mrs. W. H. Eaton and Mrs. C. M. Parker entertained the guests with games and stunts.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Hague, Strickland, Jones, Mead, and Wilson.

## Mrs. Furnas Gives Interesting Paper In Study of Russia

The study of soviet Russia was continued by the members of the Wednesday Study club when they met Wednesday in the library, and Mrs. Furnas gave a most excellent paper on "The Soviet Experiment. Resources and Recent Industrial Development."

Russia now has been under the soviet rule for 13 years but not until 1922 did the real work of the economic program begin, and in 1928 there were 30 power stations in operation and the production of fuel and the timber industry have greatly increased. Come from demands for the products, so Russia is beginning to seek outside markets for her products and her supply will cause a decrease in other countries' trade with each other. As the peasant works for little more than a mere existence the cost of production is very low, hence they can sell below other nations who are paying a good living wage. Land cannot be bought and sold but may be leased for a long term of years. Russia has to employ outside skilled workmen and engineers; they have now employed 700 American engineers. They have paid the Ford company \$23,000,000 and \$26,000,000 to the General Electric. With all this expenditure of money the condition of the people is deplorable.

Mrs. James gave the book review "Ahead," by the Russian planning commission.

Mrs. James had given much thought to her subject and her review was most enlightening. The problem of the government at this time is how to keep 150,000,000 millions of people busy. They are having shorter hours and few days to work in to help solve this problem. The housing problem is one of the hardest situations to handle. The state has almost complete control of all public works, the development of all resources, the building and maintaining of public schools, factories and the public utilities, nurseries where the small children of the thousands of working women are cared for while the mother works in factory or field. Everyone must have one day out of the seven for rest, but the keeping of Sunday has been completely abolished. The people have no mental or spiritual freedom, their every act is dominated by the government. It often takes weeks for a person to get permission to go from one city to another. The peasant cannot own more than 15 acres of land and cannot employ anyone outside his family to work upon it. Mrs. James also gave many facts as to Russia of today from Drieser's book, "Looking at Soviet Russia."

Mrs. Hodges led the discussion of current events in Russia, closing with a number of interesting facts quoted from many of the leading newspapers and magazines. They are still carrying on their anti-Christian campaign by lecturing to great groups of young people, telling them it is all a false illusion. Many are suffering from cold and famine. Many of our wide-awake writers and students of this condition in Russia are warning the people of the United States against that kind of propaganda which is so freely being talked to our young people. This propaganda is being worked in our larger cities and among the colored peoples of the south. It also was brought out that Russia has the largest and best organized army in the world, yet her people are starving and millions being bundled together in the most deplorable and unsanitary conditions. Yet many in the United States are favoring Russia's so-called freedom.

The next meeting will be guest day, January 7, at the home of the social chairman, Mrs. Deuel.

## Mrs. Myers Hostess To Fidelity Circle

The Fidelity circle of the First M. E. church met with Mrs. O. V. Myers, 609 South Osadale avenue, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. W. Smylie presided. Mrs. Mary Smith led the devotions. Song, "Whispering Hope." Mrs. Smith offered prayer. Mrs. Ned Benachter gave the book review. A special feature of the program was a beautiful Christmas tree with a gift for everyone present. During the social hour Mrs. Myers, assisted by Mrs. R. A. Koppes and Mrs. J. W. Smylie, served dainty refreshments.

## Alpha Delta Class Meets on Thursday

Officers for 1931 were elected Thursday when the Alpha Delta class of the First Christian church met at the home of Mrs. I. H. Gove. Those chosen were Mrs. I. H. Gove, president; Mrs. I. H. Gove, vice-president; Mrs. Alan Curry, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Waldon, assistant secretary; Mrs. Maybelle Church, teacher; Mrs. S. A. Gregory, assistant teacher, and Mrs. R. L. Ray, social chairman.

A program was given by Dorcas Leverette, Billy Eden, Edward Gove, W. H. Baird, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Effie Herbert Yeoman. Those taking part in the opening were Reverend Baird, Mrs. C. M. Hon, Mrs. Julia Gregory and Mrs. W. E. Jewett.

Plans were made for the distribution of baskets to the needy. Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Walter Kindred and Mrs. Raymond Bigger assisted the hostesses in serving refreshments.

## Christian Church To Have Program On Christmas Eve

Many programs are being planned for Christmas week by the local churches. Among those who will observe Christmas Eve is the First Christian church. The program there will begin at 7:29 o'clock Wednesday evening, and will include the following numbers:

Song, "Joy to the World," congregation.

Invocation, Rev. W. H. Baird.

Scripture reading, Luke 2:8-20, Wayne Boyd.

Song, "Jesus Loves Me," Beginners' department.

Reading, "The Gift," three beginners.

Solo, "Away In A Manger," Cleo Mell accompanied by Doris Mell.

Reading, Howard Gove, LeWayne Eden.

Playlet, intermediate girls.

Song, "Silent Night," primary department.

Reading, "Once Upon A Time," primary boys.

Solo, selected, Doris Wade accompanied by Mrs. Wade.

Reading, "Birthdays Gifts For Jesus," Junior class.

Reading, "The Angel of Love," Lois Stanilol.

Solo, selected, Ilean Grigby.

Pantomime, "Christmas Story," directed by Gerald Barr.

Reading, "Legend of Cathay," Irva Fewell.

White Gifts Processional, Bible school.

## Altar Society Plans To Distribute Foods

St. Ann's Altar society met in the Parish hall Tuesday with Vice President Mrs. Fisher in the chair owing to the illness of Mrs. Garlock, who is president.

Plans for distributing fruits and other foods to the poor for Christmas were discussed and Mrs. Herbert and Miss Kelleher named on the committee to head the charity work. Members are asked to bring their donations to the Parish hall on South Oakdale Monday or Tuesday. They will be distributed from there.

## Mrs. Townsend Leaves For Calgary

Mrs. F. W. Townsend and young son left Medford Thursday for Calgary, Canada, where they will spend Christmas and the holidays with Mr. Townsend. He will join them later in the year at their country home near Medford but is being detained at the present time in Calgary. The Townsends built a lovely home on the former Conroy property in the West Side district.

## Miss Carroll In Eugene

Miss Maurine Carroll left yesterday for Eugene where she will spend the holidays with relatives in that city.

## Christmas Program of Carols and Dancing to Be Featured at Holly

A special Christmas program will be presented at the Holly theatre the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, December 23rd and 24th in connection with the feature picture "Her Man." There will be one showing of the stage attraction each evening at 8:10 o'clock.

Old fashioned Christmas carols, dear to the hearts of all people, will be sung by a chorus of 20 voices.

A program of dances will be presented by Eve Benson's dancing academy. In the program will be "The Magic Clock," "The Dance of the Wooden Soldiers" and "The Hymn of Joy."

The latter is a feature number and will include 25 dancers. The same dance will be presented at the Leow Warfield theatre, San Francisco during the holiday season. It is a Bacchanale constructed in honor of the god Bacchus. It is a very beautiful and spectacular production.

Dress rehearsal has been held after six weeks of work and the production has reached a finish, which assures the public something unusual in the presentation of home talent.

A beautiful Christmas tree will be included in the stage decorations at the Holly and every effort made at extra cost to give the public a program suitable to the holiday season.

George P. Olsen of the Holly staff, who has had years of experience on the legitimate stage, is arranging the special added attractions.

## Will Spend Holiday Van Scoyoc Home

Mrs. C. P. Carpenter and Miss Margaret Van Scoyoc arrived Friday evening from southern California to spend the holidays at the home of W. M. Van Scoyoc.

## Christmas Radio Drama To Be Given Tuesday Evening

A Christmas radio program of special interest to the people of southern Oregon will be broadcast during "Coco Hour" from 9 to 10 p. m. Tuesday evening, December 23. The program will present the premier broadcast of the latest Helen Norris play, "A Spring of Holly," said to be the best effort of this popular playwright. This is a special Christmas drama full of human interest and so true to life that it promises to strike a responsive note with every listener. A noteworthy cast of Copco players has been selected to present this splendid new drama and will consist of many well known local artists including Stella Quisenberry, Helen Brayton, Jo Murray, Rosal and Fletcher Fish, Two of Medford's juvenile stars, Phil Quisenberry and Suzette Stennett will play the roles of the little newsboy and his blind sister.

Much interest is being shown in this special holiday radio offering of the California Oregon Power company and all indications promise a large audience.

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