

Winged Victory Chorus Is Featured In Concert Here

By RICHARD D. WERNER
The fourth Civic Music association concert last night at Medford High school auditorium featured the Winged Victory chorus, late of the 43rd Infantry division and directed by Joseph Baris, who developed the group while overseas.

And a splendid chorus it is. It does one good to see young men band together for an artistic purpose. They sing well, perform well, have a fine ensemble, a good director and excellent spirit. Music is a serious thing to them, and they strive for their best. There was never any let-down in effort and though the program was long, at no time was there any feeling of "going through the motions." One sensed their feeling of pride in themselves and their work. And the audience responded heartily.

Varied Program
A varied program demonstrated the catholicity of the director's taste. Beginning with church works, it was immediately evident that here were fresh voices intent on giving meaning and substance to the music. There was a vibrancy so often lacking in choral groups, and a concentration of tone that lifts this chorus very much above the ordinary.

In decided contrast was "The Omnipotence" by Schubert, also religious in character but performed decidedly in the romantic manner. This is very subtle direction.

Then to the great Palestrina! This music, so grandly fashioned of "luscious beauty of pure sound" was balm to the ear of today that must withstand the onslaught of modern combinations of noises called music.

Soprano Missing
The Hallelujah chorus from Beethoven's oratorio "The Mount of Olives" was very well done but we missed the quality of the soprano and alto voices as originally written by the master.

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SPEAKER—Mary Wellington Gale, (pictured above) will be here from San Francisco to speak under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m., at Medford Senior High school auditorium. Her subject will be "Christian Science: The Transforming Power of Truth." The lecture is free and members invite the public to attend. Mrs. Gale, a native of Belmont, Mass., attended Smith college and the University of Chicago.

Medford Students Take First Places In Art Exhibit

Medford High school art department students won the highest percentage of first places in the ninth annual State Scholastic Art Awards exhibit in Portland this week, it was announced from the high school today. Judging was done at Lipman Wolfe and company, in cosponsorship with Scholastic magazine.

Warren Wolf is the department instructor at Medford High school. Seven pieces of work done by six of the students received the top gold key awards. All winning pieces will be sent to Carnegie Art museum, Pittsburgh, Pa., for entry in national competition.

The artists who entered the winning work from here are Dorothy Allen, a pencil drawing; Ronnie Wisdom, an oil; Jim Gordon, a block print; Betty Jamieson, an oil; Carol Ballard, a block print, and a mixed media; and Pat Crofoot, an oil.

18 Participate
Eighteen students participated in the contest and all will be in Portland March 3 when the awards will be presented during a luncheon in the Lipman Wolfe and company tea room.

Other students who won awards are Johnnie Jones, Bill Henderson, Pat Callaway, Lorita Jennings, Greta Rippl, Jim Gordon, Marilyn Clearwater, Bob Mitchell, Ann Stimson and Barbara Cox. Hope Herriott and Lee Stark, also of the advance work group, will make the trip. Betty Jamieson, Ronnie Wisdom and Carol Ballard also received additional awards.

The trip has been made possible through Courtesy Chevrolet company which will furnish a station wagon for the purpose. Driving will be Wolf, the instructor. Cars also will be driven by Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Ed Jones, mother of Johnnie Jones.

Africa's Gold Coast has no natural harbor facilities.

Births

CHASTAIN—To Mr. and Mrs. John, 301 Beatty st., Feb. 22, 1956, a girl, 9 pounds, at Community hospital.

GOVERNOR—To Mr. and Mrs. William H., 903 11th st., Feb. 23, 1956, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.

WILCOX—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 34 Elm st., Feb. 23, 1956, a boy, 7 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.

MAGERLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Rogue River, Feb. 21, 1956, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

LAY—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, 99 Elk st., Feb. 21, 1956, a girl, 6 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

HERNDON—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Central Point, Feb. 21, 1956, a boy, 8 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

ANTHONY—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Prospect, Feb. 22, 1956, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

WHIPPLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles, 3376 Dark Hollow rd., Feb. 23, 1956, a boy, 9 1/2 pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

MILHOAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim, 738 Queens dr., Feb. 23, 1956, a boy, 7 pounds, at Community hospital.

MARSHALL—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry B., 1299 Covina ave., Feb. 24, 1956, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.

SERGEANT—To Mr. and Mrs. T. J., 1020 North Central ave., Feb. 23, 1956, a girl, 6 3/4 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

HIGGINS—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter, 202 Oakwood dr., Feb. 24, 1956, a girl, 9 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

COULTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, 620 Benson st., Feb. 24, 1956, a boy, 6 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
Portland—(U.P.)—Cattle for week 2655. High choice steers \$19.50, average choice \$18, mixed good and choice \$18, bulk good steers \$16.50-18; commercial \$15-18, utility \$15-14; choice heifers \$18.50-27, good \$15-18, commercial \$13.50-14.50; canner and cull cows \$7.50-9.50; shells down to \$5; utility cows \$10-12, commercial \$12.50, few \$13; utility and commercial bulls \$14-15.50; good and choice feeder steers \$13-50.

PORTLAND PRODUCE
Portland—(U.P.)—Eggs—To retail: Grade AA large, 53-55c; A large, 50-53c; AA medium, 48-51c; A medium, 47-50c; small, 37-41c; carton, 2-3c additional. Retailers: AA grade prints, 66 lb.; cartons, 67c; A prints, 66c; cartons, 67c; B prints, 64c. **Butter**—To retailers: A grade cheddar, single daisies, 40 1/2-43 1/2c; 5-lb. loaves, 46 1/2-49 1/2c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 39-41c lb.

Farm Market
Most top quality fresh fruits and vegetables changed hands at steady to firm prices today. New crop Texas white onions booked at 6.75 a 50-lb. sack.

Poultry, Rabbits
Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers 2 1/4-4 lbs., 23c; at farm, 22c; roasters, 24c lb. f.o.b. Portland; light hens, 17-18c; heavy hens, 5 lbs. and up, 21-22c; old roasters, 11-14c. **Dressed Chickens**—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, New York style, 36-37c lb.; whole drawn, 41-44c; cut up 46-48c; hens, light type, New York style, 30-31c; cutups, 40-43c; hens, heavy type, N. Y. style, 35-36c; whole drawn, 44-47c. **Turkeys**—To producers: Fryer turkeys, live weights, 27c lb. **Dressed Turkeys**—To retailers, normally 9 grade, live weights, 55-56c lb.; eviscerated, depending on weight, eviscerated, fryer-roasters, 57c lb. **Rabbits**—Average to growers, f.o.b. killing plant: Live white, 3 1/4-4 1/2 lbs., 23-26c; 5-6 lbs., 18-21c; colored pelts, 4c under; old does, 10-14c lb.; a few higher. Fresh killed fryers to retailers, 38-61c lb.; cut up, 62-65c.

PORTLAND HAY, GRAIN
Portland—Wholesale Hay Prices. No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. Portland, \$42-43 ton; some sales higher. **Wholesale prices as reported by the USDA market news service:** Wheat, No. 2 soft white, 57 1/2 ton; No. 2 white oats, 58-lb. test, Coast delivery \$53-54; No. 2 Western barley \$47.50 ton, f.o.b. Portland, Coast delivery; soybean meal, 87 1/2 ton delivered Portland; standard millrun \$41-41.50 ton; No. 2 yellow corn, Eastern shipments f.o.b. Portland, \$63-63.25.

The District of Columbia has 34 miles of railroad.

Earth Bombarded By Great Array Of Cosmic Rays

Chicago — (U.P.) — Scientists rushed today to measure the effects of a huge fiery blast on the sun and the greatest cosmic ray bombardment of the earth in recorded history. Balloons carrying research apparatus climbed 22 miles into the stratosphere to record the mysterious cosmic artillery. Scientific reports were also awaited from areas as remote as Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition near the South Pole.

No Danger to Humans
Physicists at the University of Chicago, who first announced the solar bombardment, said there was no danger to human beings.

However, interference with television and radio reception and deadening of the trans-Atlantic telephone is possible, they said. It is even conceivable that TV sets in the Midwest could suddenly pick up programs originating in Europe.

The cosmic ray bombardment started Wednesday, 30 minutes after a mammoth blast of fiery gases on the sun, possibly equal to the force of a million hydrogen bombs.

Fifth on Record
The giant flare on the sun was the fifth of its kind on record and the cosmic bombardment was the greatest since scientists began studying the mysterious rays.

Scientists at Chicago said cosmic rays were hitting the earth and zipping through everything at the rate of 3000 a minute—15 times the usual rate. An even greater intensity was recorded at Climax, Colo.

Six Medford Students Attending Conference

Six Medford junior and senior high school students and their advisors are in Corvallis to participate this week end in an annual state Future Home Makers conference at Oregon State college.

From Hedrick Junior high school are Jackie Creager and Sylvia Morris, with Mrs. Dorothy Sneed, adviser and teacher; and from the senior high school are Lois Kelley, Pat Leek, Eleanor Martin, Joanne Martin, and their adviser and teacher, Miss Jean Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Kelley drove some of the girls and while in Corvallis will visit a daughter, Loretta Kelley, a student at OSC.

Lois Kelley is a candidate for state parliamentarian. A closing ceremony written by Joan Martin and first used at a district FHM meeting last fall in Medford, will be used Saturday evening at the state closing banquet session.

Local Firm to Make Various Recordings

Duffy Recording service and "Crazy Curly Productions," local tape recording firm, has announced it will make various entertainment transcriptions for all purposes. The firm is operated by John Duffy, who has been in the recording business about five years and L. D. (Curly) Anderson, who has been in the entertainment business about seven years. Both have lived in the Rogue valley area most of the time.

They said recording will be made of local talent and distributed in the area to radio stations for possible use. Among recordings which the firm said it would make are radio transcriptions, live radio and television shows, cartoon or filmed television commercials, stage directions, dance and dinner music, weddings and special features and other types of recordings.

WALL STREET

New York—(U.P.)—Industrial shares today climbed to within touching distance of their 1956 highs set Jan. 3 with chemical issues in the lead. Demand sent the chemicals up two points or more in such issues as DuPont, Allied Chemical and Union Carbide.

Steels rose fractions to a point. Motors gained fractions, including Ford. Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American T & T	184 1/2
Anaconda	74 1/2
Chrysler	75 1/2
Curtiss Wright	30 1/2
General Electric	58 1/2
General Motors	45
Montgomery Ward	89 1/2
Penn. R. R.	23 1/2
Penney, J. C.	99
Radio	45
Southern Co.	20 1/2
Southern Pacific	45 1/2
S. Oil of Cal.	45 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	Unquoted
Transamerica	41 1/2
Tri-Continental	26 1/2
United Aircraft	70 1/2
U. S. Rubber	55 1/2
U. S. Steel	57 1/2
Youngstown	92 1/2

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Benjamin Ray Miller, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Roy F. Lamb, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Milestone, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Carl E. Koehler, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Fern Leyer, failure to obey traffic signal, \$5.
DISTRICT COURT
John W. Ansted, inadequate muffler, \$15.
George L. Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.
Alan M. McQuade, failure to stop at stop sign, \$15; parked on paved part of highway, \$11.
Ronald A. Nelson, reckless driving, \$30; violation of basic rule, \$30.
CIRCUIT COURT
Nick E. Salmons vs. Elaine Marie Salmons, divorce decree.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Harry Horace Hunt, Coquille, and Ethel Iynne Harvey, Ashland.

Daily Weather Report

Sunset tonight 5:55 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:53 a.m.
FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday morning with intermittent snow or rain and snow mixed. Partial clearing Saturday afternoon and night. Low tonight 30-32. High Saturday 42-45.
Western Oregon: Occasional showers tonight becoming widely scattered Saturday with brief sunny periods. Temperatures moderating slowly. Low tonight 34-42. High Saturday 46-52.
Northern California: Rain extreme north early tonight, spreading to Monterey and Modesto by early Saturday. Rain Saturday Merced and Monterey northward. Snow in mountains. Little temperature change.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 35; below normal 9.
Record high this date 68 in 1947.
Record low this date 18 in 1920.
PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, 37 inch. Midnight to 10 a.m., none.
Total this month 4.82 inches, 3.15 inches above normal.
Total since Sept. 1, 26.34 inches, 13.80 inches above normal.
Humidity: Lowest yesterday 80%, highest this a.m. 94%.

San Francisco	54	41	.01
Los Angeles	56	46	.23
Phoenix	75	60	
Denver	62	39	
Chicago	34	32	.34
Miami	72	65	.01
New York	33	22	
Washington, D.C.	39	24	

FIVE-DAY FORECAST:
Western Oregon—Recurring rains, total amounts more than normal, ranging 1-3 inches. Rising trend in temperatures over week end but continuing below normal. Highs mostly in 40s, minimums in 30s.
Northern California—Occasional rain periods. Snow in mountains. Temperatures below normal.

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