

Leading Gospel Singer Says It's A Gladdening Business

BY GAY PAULEY
 United Press Women's Editor
 New York—“Guess everybody's got a little trouble,” said Clara Ward. “That's why gospel singing's got appeal. It's a gladdening, cheering, live happily ever after kind of music.”

Miss Ward, at 33, is one of the top gospel singers in the country today. She and her Ward Singers, a group of six women, are popularly of hymn singing to the tune of half-a-million dollars a year on concert tours alone.

In addition, she runs a publishing firm in Philadelphia which publishes and distributes gospel songs. The group's recordings sell in the millions.

“We didn't start out to make money,” said Miss Ward in an interview here, between theater and church dates. “It just happened.”

The first appearance of the group, then a trio, was at a church in Philadelphia. Fee, \$5. Now for a theater or armory date, they get as much as \$5,000.

“But when we sing in churches, it is different,” she said. “We just take time out from making a lot of money.”

solo numbers, plays the piano and writes many of the tunes. A concert may range from the old-time spiritual, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” to “Packing Up,” one of her own numbers.

“A gospel song is just a modernized spiritual . . . given more beat,” said Miss Ward, who is proud that she comes from the same town as another singer, Marian Anderson. “They are taken from the Bible, and like the Bible, will stay.”

“Teen-agers enjoy them just as much as the older folks.”

“Gospel songs used to be popular just with the church-goers. They were the only people exposed to them. But with records and so many singing groups on tour, we're reaching a lot of people who confess they've never been to church.”

“We hope our kind of singing starts them going.”

Dance Announced At Square Corral

Square dancers in southern Oregon were reminded today of the “Old Acquaintance” dance at the Square Corral starting about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

The dance has been planned for those square dancers who have not attended dances recently, and dancing will be kept to a “fun level,” according to those in charge.

Making arrangements for the dance are Ray Dallaire, Dick Cottingham, Howard Davis and George Howard with assistance from several local dancers. Doug Fosbury will act as master of ceremonies, and guest callers will participate.

Potluck refreshments will be served. The Square Corral is just south of the Camp White Domiciliary off Highway 62 near the White City Realty company office.

Camp White Club To Play on Friday

Camp White — Camp White Veterans' Bridge club will hold the weekly session tonight.

North-south winners for last week's session were Mrs. Paul Hatton and Berg Marten, first, 119; Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Jack Mitchell, second, 103; Mrs. Yvonne Dalen and Tom Munds, third, 96; Mrs. Marten and Walter Humes, fourth.

Winning east-west were Mrs. Fred Purdin and Mrs. Tom Randall, first, 110½; Andrew Miller and Arthur Scarseth, second, 107; Mrs. J. J. Dougherty and Mrs. Sam Van Dyke, third, 103; Jack Mitchell and Eugene Rickard, fourth, 83½.

Bethel Holds Initiation On Tuesday

Five candidates were initiated at a meeting of Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters, held Tuesday evening at the Pythian building. Initiated were the Misses Lana Merrifield, Sharyn Hamm, Karen Mayfield, Gail Crenshaw and Sandra Lee Sanner.

L. M. Manning, grand outer guard of Oregon and past association guardian of Bethels 14 and 55, was introduced. Also present were Mrs. Paul Selby and Mrs. Wendel Spence, past guardians of Bethel 55 and Bethel 14. Melvin McGrew, past associate guardian of Bethel 33, Central Point, and Mrs. McGrew, president of the Southern Oregon Guardian council and a past matron of Nevita chapter of Eastern Star, Central Point, were present.

Miss Janet Ward of Bethel 8 in Nebraska was also a guest.

Bethel 55 sent the Bethel grandmother, Mrs. Edith Evans, who lives in the Eastern Star and Masonic home in Forest Grove, Ore., a Thanksgiving gift.

Plans were made for a snow party and Christmas tree project December 7. All girls are to meet at the Pythian building at 9 a.m. and bring a sack lunch.

Further discussion was held on the Christmas party, “Winter Fantasy,” to be held at Rogue Valley Country club December 20. This is a joint event with Bethel 14 and the Medford Chapter of DeMolay.

Queen Marcia Spence also announced that plans were being made for a candy and cookie sale before Christmas by the Bethel. Bethel 55 will elect officers at a meeting December 10. The guardian council will meet December 3 at the home of Mrs. Charles Turner, 930 Park avenue in Medford.

After the meeting refreshments were served in the dining hall. Table decorations were in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Fall flowers and fruits formed a large centerpiece formed around a beautiful figurine.

Great Religions To Be Discussed At Guild Session

Westminster guild of First Presbyterian church will meet Monday, December 2 and 7:45 p.m. in the fireplace room at the church. After dessert and a social hour, a program will be presented on the Christian religion as compared with other religions which the guild has been discussing throughout the year.

Mrs. Virgil Bolton and Mrs. James A. Medley have charge of the program and the Rev. John Reynolds will be the speaker for the evening. Since the Rev. Mr. Reynolds has spent some time working among the students at Beirut, Lebanon, he has had close contact with people of various faiths.

Following the program, a business meeting will be held and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members are reminded to take a package of food for a needy family for Christmas.

Hostesses for the evening are the Mesdames Helen Wilson, Veri Walker and Georgia White.

Buffet Supper Served Tuesday For Bridge Club

A Thanksgiving buffet supper preceded Tuesday's play of Medford Duplicate Bridge club, held at Girls Community club. The supper was served by Mrs. Clifford Howard, assisted by Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Richard Milestone.

Thirteen tables of players participated in the master point play which followed.

North-south winners were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyd, who scored 181½ points. Second went to Berg Marten and Jack Mitchell with 168½ points and taking third were Walter Humes and Paul McDuffee, who scored 165 points. Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Frank R. Baker were fourth with 162 points.

East-west winners were Harley McMasters and George Rode, first, 185½; Don Reverman and George Polski, second, 155½; Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Ioy Pruitt, third, 150½; Mrs. Dolph Phipps and Mrs. Elliott Harlow, fourth, 141½.

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Miss Karalee Selby was in charge of table decorations with Misses Marilyn Jo Conner and Marcia Burrell on her committee. Miss Pat Hansen was in charge of place cards with Misses Penny Sampert, Donna Dell and Pat Meyer on her committee.

Foresters Speak For Prospect Club; Holiday House Set

Prospect — Guest speaker at the November meeting of Prospect Garden club was Rex Resler of the United States Forest Service at Union Creek. He spoke on “Conservation of Our Natural Resources.”

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Everett Shafer.

Plans were made for “Holiday House,” Dec. 17, an annual project of the garden club. Decorated for display will be the homes of Mrs. Leo Hoag, Mrs. Bruce Matheson, Mrs. Paul R. Doe, Mrs. Richard Lowry, Mrs. Dell Warren, Mrs. Joe Tinney, and Mrs. Willard Huffman. A small charge will be made, and a tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard Huffman between 1 and 4 p.m.

A work day and Christmas party will be held at the Community hall December 9 to make wreaths and other Christmas decorations.

Past President Of Violet Society Speaks for Club

Evans Valley — Mrs. Homer Grable, Grants Pass, spoke for the last meeting of Evans Valley Garden club, held at the home of Mrs. Wendell M. Stringer, East Evans Creek road. Mrs. Grable, who talked on how to grow and bloom African violets at home, is a past president of the Oregon African Violet society.

Mrs. Charles L. Milligan assisted in serving dessert.

Mrs. M. B. McWhorter, hospitality chairman, welcomed five guests. They were Mrs. Robert Lichtenstein, Mrs. Arthur Patterson and Mrs. A. McDonald, who became members; Mrs. Charles W. Jackson, a former member who rejoined the club after a year's absence, and Mrs. Grable.

Mrs. Meta Lotz exhibited the Jerusalem artichoke which grows like a potato but is eaten like a radish. It contains vitamins and minerals which are beneficial to good health, she said.

Mrs. M. B. McWhorter spoke of the increasing practice of spraying fruits and vegetables with poisonous sprays.

An arrangement submitted by Mrs. Laura Douglas won points for her team. The arrangement consisted of a turkey with a body made from a pine cone and the spread feathers of crepe paper covered with a gold metallic lace. Gourds, pumpkins and ferns were also included in this display on a wooden tray.

Mrs. George Barrie's arrangement was of chrysanthemums, bridal wreath and ivy in a crystal bowl.

The club members with their husbands and families will hold a turkey dinner and Christmas party December 18 at 6 p.m. at the Grange hall in Wimer.

Xi Mu chapter Beta Sigma Phi will meet Monday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Nils Edin, 1308 Stewart avenue.

Birth Party Given by Parents For Rex Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson, Old Stage road, honored their son, Rex, with a party on his eighth birthday anniversary Saturday, November 23. The party began at 1:15 p.m. when friends invited sang “Happy Birthday” for the honored guest.

Games were played, and prizes and favors of hats and balloons helped to make the event a gay one.

After refreshments, served chuck wagon style, Rex unwrapped his birthday gifts. Guests were Lynda Johnson, Sue Hunter, Julie Thompson, Lee Ann Chamberlain, Hallie Jean Stockman, Sandra Hufeling, Barbara Stockman, Randy Renfro and Dan Hufeling.

Softened cream cheese and mix in chopped ripe olives, parsley and pimento. Use to stuff crisp little stalks of celery.

Nutritionist Talks For Cooking School

“Nutrition is not the only phase of a good health program,” said M. Dorothea Van Gundy, representative of the International Nutritional Research Foundation in Arlington, Calif., in a lecture for a cooking school at Rogue River Academy early this week. She used poster illustrations to stress the equal importance of “cleanliness, pure air, rest, exercise and trust in God.”

The class met in three sessions and learned how to prepare and serve natural foods in an attractive way and yet meet the requirements of the “basic seven” of good nutrition as economically as possible. “A diet which contains a well chosen variety of vegetable proteins, fats and carbohydrates will also have the necessary vitamins, minerals, bulk and water,” Miss Van Gundy said.

The results of the latest research regarding fats in the diet were brought to the class. Most diets contain far too much fat, especially the hydrogenated fats, which are the most harmful, she added.

“Moderation is the word to remember in all phases of health” was the keynote upon which the nutritionist closed her lectures.

When making whole cranberry sauce add a half cup of light or dark raisins. They add a nice chewy note, and a bit of extra sweetness. Golden raisins are particularly attractive in this holiday favorite.

Mrs. John Novak Re-Elected Head Of Relief Corps

Central Point — Mrs. John Novak was re-elected president of Central Point Women's Relief corps at the last meeting, held at the American Legion hall. Others named to office were Mrs. Josephine Whaley, senior vice president; Mrs. Sally Musty, junior vice president; Mrs. Al Hermanson, treasurer; Mrs. O. T. Wilson, chaplain; Mrs. John Foster, conductor; Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Philip Griggs, Mrs. L. A. Hayes and Mrs. Wallace McDowell, color bearers; Mrs. E. W. Jones, secretary; Mrs. P. Durante, guard; Mrs. Maggie Biehn, assistant guard; Mrs. Bessie Henderson, assistant conductor; Mrs. Whaley, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Elizabeth Faber, musician; Mrs. Wilson, press correspondent.

Mrs. McDowell was named chairman of the flower committee and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Faber and Mrs. Novak, welcoming committee.

Mrs. Hermanson served a birthday cake during the refreshment hour.

Mrs. Jones invited the corps members to her home for a Christmas party December 17. Members will exchange gifts which are to cost no more than 50 cents each.

Peach Tarts

Glazed peach tarts are pretty, and so good. Arrange drained canned cling peach slices in baked pastry shells, and brush with melted orange marmalade or apricot jam. For creamy fruit tarts, start with a spoonful of vanilla pudding before adding peaches.

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