

High School To Present Holiday Program Tuesday

Members of the Medford High school music department will present their annual Christmas concert Tuesday at 8 p.m., according to school officials.

The program will include both vocal and instrumental selections directed by Lynn Sjölund and John F. Drysdale, vocal and orchestra directors, respectively.

For the fifth consecutive time, the choir will present the "Song of Christmas" as arranged by Roy Ringwald. Traditionally, MHS alumni from the choir have been invited to return and sing with them at the concert.

The orchestra will open the Tuesday night program with the overture to the Messiah by Handel. Continuing the program will be the mixed chorus performing "Let Carols Ring," "Carol of the Russian Children," "Heavenly Light," and "O Holy Night."

A ensemble of girls, the Nonette, will offer three Polish carols, featuring soloist Kathy Allen.

Also scheduled is "A Ceremony of Carols," written by a British composer, Benjamin Britten, to be performed by the advanced girls chorus. The selection, published in 1943, has become a favorite with women's choruses and fine boys choirs. It includes carols of several seasons, and is sung in a combination of old English and Latin.

The orchestra is also scheduled to play "Christmas Festival," an arrangement by Leroy Anderson. The instrumental group will conclude its part of the program by playing "Sleigh Ride."

Five holiday selections will be sung by the A Cappella choir. One features a soprano solo by DeEtta Lawson, and is an arrangement of a Sioux Indian carol. Another features soloist Julie Gandt, and requires an English Horn obbligato, played by Jack Webster.

The group will also present "Hodie, Christus, Natus Est," by Francis Poulenc, and a calypso Christmas song entitled "Mary's Little Boy Chile."

Lighting and decorations for the concert are under the supervision of Robert Stedman and Warren Wolf, high school staff members.

The Christmas concert is open to the public without charge.

Eagle Point Contest Set for Lighting

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point Lions club will again sponsor the Christmas exterior home lighting and decorating contest, according to Chairman Ray Barrows.

A grand prize, a first prize, and a second prize will be awarded to persons having the best home decorations. Homes are to be judged according to lighting, originality, and theme, Barrows added.

The chairman said there is no charge for entering the contest, but the registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 23, with judging taking place later. Residents may register at Olsen's confectionery, 56 West Main st., Eagle Point.

'Ben-Hur' Scheduled At Holly Theater

"Ben-Hur," declared the most honored motion picture in film history, will premiere locally at the Holly theater Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, for a limited engagement.

Theater officials have announced that this would be the complete, uncut film as seen only in larger cities prior to now. The four-hour production will be shown only once each evening, although several matinee performances have been scheduled for the holiday season.

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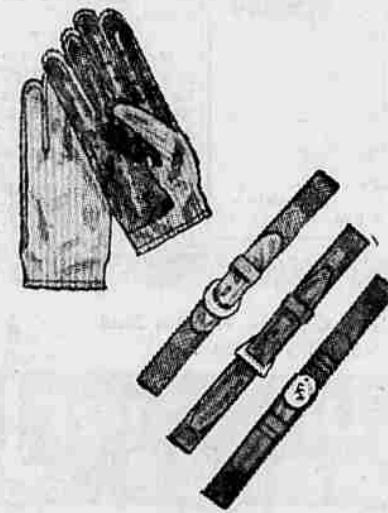
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