

'Messiah' Production Removes 'Bow Wows'

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New York — Musically the outstanding Christmas event was the removal of the "big bow wows" from Handel's "Messiah." It was not without the probability of controversy and could well lead to international repercussions, since there are people who believe the bow wows should be left alone.

The British, in particular, and they are and have been for generations the most numerous and the most ardent Handel singers in the world. In fact, the extracting was based upon an idea which British singers could well consider insulting. They are accused of having added those bow wows to "Messiah" without any authorization from the composer.

Each yuletide since Handel's time in the 18th Century their amateur choirs and choruses have assembled for assaults on "Messiah" with

minds and bellies laden with hearty English Christmas spirit, the allegation runs. As the result the singers bear down on many a passage which Handel marked to be sung with restraint and thus produce "big bow wows."

Aesthetically Italian

To compound the possible insult, this view also holds Handel was an Italian composer aesthetically, preferring light, airy graces to English heartiness. As a man, Handel, though German-born and Italian trained, was quite English in outlooks, Anglicized his name and lived most of his life in London.

The extractions were done by David Randolph, music director of the Masterwork Music and Art foundation, Morristown, N.J., in leading the Masterwork chorus and orchestra in their annual performance of "Messiah" in Carnegie hall. He is a scholarly musician. As authority for what he did to the so-called

"traditional" way of singing it, he waved Handel's original score.

His performance of what musicians generally agree is the greatest of all Christmas music was remarkable for its lightness. There was no suggestion of the ponderous which is inevitable when voices and instruments are massed. As musicians say it, "air" was put into "Messiah."

Handel Tradition

British choral singers speak of their way of singing Handel as the "Handel tradition," but that is not so, Randolph said. This "tradition" can be traced to the first Handel festival in England which took place 25 years after Handel died and where "Messiah" and other Handel oratorios were "bellowed" for the first time, according to Randolph.

"Handel's own score shows a surprisingly light texture for a great proportion of the time," he went on. "I refer specifically to such choruses as 'For unto us a child is born,' and 'He shall purify,' and 'His yoke is easy.' Each of these scores is characterized by an almost sparse type of writing, in which one voice part holds forth for long periods of time."

Not British View

Anyway, Randolph was not taking a view of British Handel singing which British musicians haven't taken many times. The noted British or-

ganist and musicologist, Sir Richard Runciman Terry, wrote the following in 1927: The British Handelian "has evolved a heavy, lumbering cart horse-like method of singing Handel. He calls this big bow-wow 'the Handel tradition.' You may tell him 'til you are black in the face that Handel was an Italian by training, that he had all the Italian grace and elegance of style which will not stand rough handling. All to no purpose. He will return to his 'Messiah' and bellow out 'and He shall purify' for all the world like a corpulent Dutch Galliot wallowing in a trough in a heavy sea."

DAR Women Supply Gifts For Children

Gifts for others was the theme of the annual Christmas party held by Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Girls' Community club, December 15. Each member brought a gaily wrapped toy which was to be sent to a child at Chemawa Indian school, instead of the usual gift exchange among members.

Miss Helen E. Crumpton, chairman of the American Indians committee, said that there were about 400 Navajo and about 300 Eskimo children at the school. The latter are younger, had come more recently, are homesick and their parents less able to provide them with gifts for Christmas, it was said.

Dessert preceded the business session at which Mrs. Judd Greenman, regent, presided. The president-general's message was read by Mrs. Ray K. Bailey in which was expressed the thought that "Perhaps no joy is as great as that of service and value to others and this joy I wish you."

Mrs. Glenn Taylor called attention to a picture of Mrs. McDaniel and an article in the December number of the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine which said: "Crater Lake Chapter (Medford, Ore.) had the good fortune to welcome Mrs. Lawrence McDaniel as a member in March, 1961. She joined by transfer from Cornelia Green Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., after purchasing an apartment in the Rogue Valley Manor and moving to Medford."

"In May, 1962, Mrs. McDaniel returned to St. Louis where she was honored with a tea by her former chapter and received her coveted 50-year Membership Certificate and the 50 year gold pin from the National Society." "The certificate expressed gratitude for Mrs. McDaniel's loyalty and devotion to country, home and our Society."

"Cornelia Green Chapter has expressed its pride in her achievement and Crater Lake Chapter is happy to receive the benefit of her continued enthusiastic endeavor."

"It is such record of long years of loyal devotion to our country and our Society that do so much to demonstrate and express the true worth and meaning of our well-known and beloved DAR."

The article was written by Ethelyn Evans, member of Crater Lake chapter.

Mrs. John R. Patnot concluded the program with the reading of a Christmas story titled "It Works Both Ways" by Doris A. Paul which she introduced by reading a personal letter from the author, explaining how she came to write the story.

Utility Room Important Aid To Housewives

Here's how to change utility to utility with one little room!

The old pantry off the kitchen, the short leg of an L-shaped kitchen, or extra basement space can be converted into an all-purpose utility room. Such a room will add new efficiency and convenience to the busy housewife's work day.

In planning a utility room, keep these things in mind.

- It should be accessible by door from the kitchen and the outside. If it's to be in the basement, the utility area should be near the stairs. And all basements should have an outside exit.

- Besides laundry equipment, the utility room should be able to house garden tools, play and hobby equipment and extra food supplies.

- The utility room should be decoratively appealing. There is no reason for the housewife to work in drab surroundings. Practicality can be combined with charm by such surfacing materials as ceramic tile which comes in more than 250 colors.

Practical

- A half-bath in the basement is eminently practical, especially with children in the family. Because of the savings in plumbing costs, it should be located back-to-back to the utility room.

Laundry countertop space should be surfaced with durable and stainproof materials such as ceramic tile and quarry tile.

- Proper heating and lighting should not be neglected to make the room usable the year 'round.

These suggestions do not have to be followed up all at once by the budget-minded family planning a utility room. First thing is to start with the right space near the kitchen, and improvements can be made as time goes by.

Installation Slated By Shady Cove Bethel

Shady Cove — Installation of officers for Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters is scheduled for Saturday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m., in the Shady Cove Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The public is invited.

The installation ceremonies will be followed by a reception and dance.

To be installed honored queen will be Miss Susan Eastin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eastin, Prospect; Miss Lola Ackerman, senior princess; Miss Sheri Watson, junior princess; Miss Judy Frost, guide, and Miss Marilyn Leaming, marshal.

The last meeting of the term is scheduled for this evening.

The Bethel held a line party December 15 at the Craterian theater and on December 8 members of Bethel 18, Myrtle Creek, Buddy Bethel for the group, was entertained by Bethel 56 members after a Myrtle Creek-Eagle Point basketball game. The event also was a slumber party and was held in the home of Miss Marcie Ackerman, honored queen, in her home at Eagle Point.

At a meeting early in the month, two candidates were initiated, Miss Cheryl Healey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Healey, and Miss Fraya Gulderson, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Edwin Gunders, all of Eagle Point.

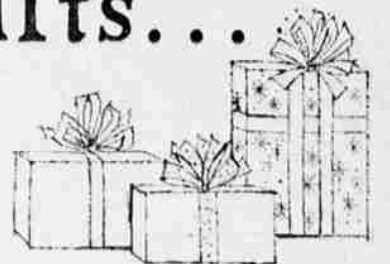
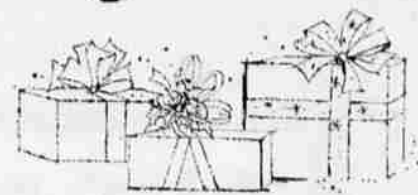
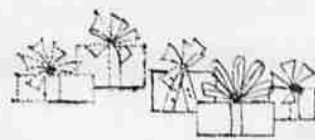
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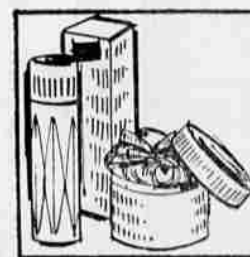
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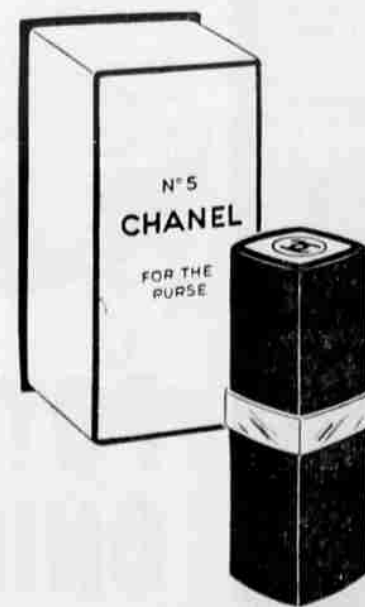
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The secret that makes this recipe for Rock Cornish hens truly superlative lies in the wild rice stuffing. It's made with mushrooms and mellow American blue cheese for a savory flavor beyond compare.

ROCK CORNISH STUFFED HENS

Three cups water; one teaspoon salt; one cup wild rice; one-half cup butter; two tablespoons finely chopped onion;

one-half cup sliced cooked mushrooms; one-half cup crumbled American blue cheese (about three ounces); six Rock Cornish game hens, (thawed, if frozen); three teaspoons salt; one-third cup butter, melted. Serves six.

Bring salted water to a boil. Wash rice several times, and add to boiling water. Cover and simmer for one hour without stirring until tender. Drain, if necessary. Melt one-half cup butter. Sauté onion and mushrooms in melted butter until lightly browned. Toss lightly with wild rice and American blue cheese.

Rinse hens with water and pat dry. Rub cavities with salt. Fill lightly with wild rice mixture. To close cavities, sew or skewer and lace with cord. Tie legs together. Brush with one-third cup of melted butter. Roast uncovered at 350 degrees for one hour or until done.

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