

### On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

A mixture of historical fact, dramatic legends and a dose of dramatic license is used to tell the story of the composer, George Frederick Handel, in "A Cry of Angels" today at 4 p.m. on KMED-TV. The hour-long production centers around the period of Handel's life when he composed "The Messiah."

"We hope to achieve a real 18th century feeling," says author Sherman Yellen, "the spirituality of the period, the bawdiness of the era and the beauty of the music written by Handel in the midst of this turbulent time."

In the main, the basic facts of Handel's life are adhered to. The difficult personality of the temperamental Handel (played by Walter Stezak) will be illustrated in a series of incidents discovered in the author's research on the composer.

At one point Handel is rebuked for having disciplined an operatic soprano, who added extra notes to one of his arias, by hanging her by her heels out a window. In Yellen's script the lady so treated is called Serephina, but represents a prototype of all the sopranos who be-deviled the life of the composer.

"I am sure that many people would consider the incidents we portray as 'corny' but the facts of Handel's life are corny," Yellen says. "He had almost no personal life since he was completely dedicated to music, and when his reputation as a composer was challenged, it was a great personal tragedy to him. No wonder his music conveyed pain and sorrow as well as exultation."

Maureen O'Hara will portray Mrs. Cibber, the notorious actress-singer who befriended Handel and sang the leading soprano role in the premiere performance of "The Messiah" in Dublin in 1741. Hermione Gingold plays Princess Caroline.

**TWENTIETH CENTURY, 6 p.m.** Sunday KBES-TV. Walter Cronkite visits the Strategic Air Command's underground command post at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., where Gen. Thomas S. Power discusses the flexibility of SAC's weapons system and safety devices.

**THE MAKING OF A PRO, 10 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. The quarterback is the key man in professional football. Cameras show top quarterbacks in action and follow the career of Glynn Griffing, former University of Mississippi All-American and now number two New York Giants quarterback. Coach Allie Sherman and Giants Quarter-back Y.A. Tittle also appear on the program.

**FOCAL POINT, 10 a.m.** daily KMED-TV. Monday: Coordination of Christmas basket distribution by the Intercommunity Council Christmas Bureau is explained by Capt. Kenneth Angel of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Laura Porter and Mrs. Gillespie. Tuesday: Dr. Richard Dot, Southern Oregon College, Ted Streeter, Southern Oregon Photographic Society, and Ed Klimko display photographs from the exhibit to open at the Rogue Valley Gallery. Wednesday: Mrs. Helen Gebhardt shows work of senior citizen craftsmen which will be on sale at Evergreen Crafts.

**YOUTH POWER, 7:30 p.m.** Monday KMED-TV. Terry Bowles, Medford High Junior, tells of recent developments in plans for a teen center.

**BREAKING POINT, 10 p.m.** Monday KBES-TV. Lillian Gish and Walter Pidgeon star in a tender story of an aging but grand lady of the theater brought to Dr. "Mac's" attention because she refused to accept the death of her husband.

**RAWHIDE, 8 p.m.** Thursday KBES-TV. Miyoshi Umeki, who starred in both Broadway and motion picture versions of "Flower Drum Song," makes a guest appearance in "Incident of the Geisha."

**BOB HOPE THEATRE, 8:30 p.m.** Friday KMED-TV. John O'Hara's short study, "It's Mental Work," is adapted for TV by Rod Sterling with Lee J. Cobb starring. Ex light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore has an important role.

**TWILIGHT ZONE, 9:30 p.m.** Friday KBES-TV. Sam Forstmann (Ed Wynn), a retired clockmaker, believes he will die if his grandfather's clock stops ticking. **ALFRED HITCHCOCK, 10 p.m.** Friday KBES-TV. "How to Get Rid of Your Wife." Bob Newhart is the villain of this piece and Jane Withers is the wife plotted against.

**A MAN CALLED PETER, 9 p.m.** Saturday KMED-TV. Richard Todd stars as Peter Marshall, the Scottish immigrant who became the chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

### Load Limit Placed On Road To Lake

The Bureau of Public Roads has set a load limit on a portion of the Lake of the Woods Highway again, according to a letter read by the Jackson County Court Friday.

R. W. Parsons, BPR division engineer, wrote that the roadbed on a section of the highway is unstable. The protective load limit will be in effect from Tuesday until further notice, he wrote. The load includes 11,000 pounds gross for a single axle and 20,000 pounds gross on tandem axles.

It covers the highway section from east of the Fish Lake resort junction to the junction with the Dead Indian Road.

### Youth's Arrest Clears Up Many Local Cases

With the arrest last week of a 15-year-old Medford boy more than 45 Jackson County and Medford cases have been cleared. The boy has been sent to McLaren School for Boys, law enforcement officers here report.

Several thousand dollars worth of items were stolen by the youth, Jackson County Sheriff's deputies and Medford police report.

Many of the articles were destroyed. The cases cleared range from house burglaries, car thefts, malicious mischief, to dumping about 1,000 gallons of oil in a local orchard.

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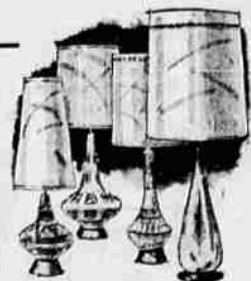
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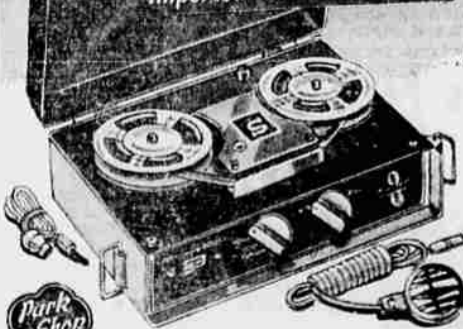
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