

Dorothy Maynor To Sing Wednesday

Next Wednesday night's concert at the Pelican theatre is one to which all music lovers have looked forward to with more than the usual keen anticipation. That night, March 7, Dorothy Maynor will be presented by the Klamath Community Concert association. Miss Maynor's appearance completes the winter concert program.

Dorothy Maynor, sensational young negro soprano, is the new singer whose beautiful voice has received the praise of musicians as well as critics during the last few years. Audiences all over America have been stirred by the beautiful voice and unaffected artistry of the modest young woman.

But let's begin at the beginning.

Dorothy Maynor was born in Norfolk and reared in the parsonage of the Methodist church where her father was the minister. It was a small congregation and Dorothy's father was trying to rebuild it. So Dorothy, her brother—now in the army—and her sister did their best to give it good music. Dorothy and her brother, a tenor, sang, and her sister played the organ.

At 14, she entered famed Hampton Institute which was to be her "second home" for the next seven years. She specialized in home economics, dress designing, decorating, training for the career she had planned. An active, normal girl, she played on the varsity tennis team and took a sound interest in physical education.

Purely as a sideline, she tried out for Hampton's justly-celebrated 120-voice choir and, once she lifted her voice, they never let her out of the group. When 40 of the members were picked to tour the United States, she was inevitably chosen. The success of that tour led to a tour of Europe by the same singers—England, France, Germany, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Austria. One of Miss Maynor's treasured memories is that of singing in the Mozarteum at Salzburg in 1930.

Back at Hampton, the choir director, Dr. Nathaniel Dett, tried to convince her that music was her career. When she refused to change her mind, he quietly had her application cards altered to make music her major—and so she majored in both music and home economics. Dr. Dett interested Harriet Curtis, dean of women at Hampton, in the young soprano, and between them they got her a scholarship at the noted Westminster choir school at Princeton.

At Westminster Miss Maynor studied conducting and choir music under Dr. John Finley Williamson. It was Dr. Williamson who finally prevailed upon her to make singing her career and Miss Curtis, again, who somehow made financial arrangements so that Miss Maynor could go to New York to build her voice and her reputation. For three years she worked hard on her voice and her languages, getting along on the barest minimum of money, allotting herself \$40 a year for concert and opera tickets, standing in line for hours—often going without dinner and almost freezing—to buy standing room. Twice she entered music competitions and, difficult though it is to believe, now, failed to win.

Then came her "break." In the summer of 1939, along with hundreds of other music lovers and music students, she went up to the Berkshire Music festival, and there an interested music patron and a personal friend between them enjoyed Koussevitzky into hearing her sing. Musical "finds" brought forth by earnest friends were an old story to the conductor, but he consented to listen to her sing a few numbers in Berkshire's big 6000-seat hall after a tiring orchestral rehearsal.

With her first notes, Koussevitzky sat up and, when she had completed enough numbers to demonstrate the range of her abilities, insisted that she sing

Serve at Center

The ladies from the Sacred Heart church who served at the USO center on Fridays during the month of February were Mrs. Merit Smith, Mrs. Stan Pieser, Mrs. Phil Brick, Mrs. Ralph LaLonde, Mrs. Louise Vaughn, Mrs. Velma Fogarty, Mrs. Katie Carty, Mrs. Ted Schuh, Mrs. Dennis Murphy, Miss Virginia McCormick, Mrs. Rose Wessel, Mrs. Laurette Bryant, Mrs. Flo Shirk, Mrs. Emma Grey, Mrs. L. X. Nidorf, Mrs. Stanley Miller, Mrs. Matt Finnigan, Mrs. A. P. Heup, Mrs. S. G. Clark, Mrs. J. B. Elie, Mrs. Vera Schmitz, Mrs. A. Carnini, Mrs. A. D'Olivo, Mrs. Walter Harrington, Mrs. H. Boettcher, Mrs. Katherine Roth, Mrs. E. P. Ivory, Mrs. Otto Smith, Mrs. E. Paup, Mrs. Dick Miller Sr., Mrs. T. L. McEnerney, Mrs. Helen Goeckner, Mrs. W. J. Kessler, Mrs. Cashin, Mrs. Fred Floetke and Mrs. K. M. Peterson.

Birthday Party

On Saturday afternoon, February 24, Sonya Diane Cater was the guest of honor at her 11th birthday party which was given at the home of Douglas W. Cater at 700 Upham. Decorations were carried out in pink and white, and a large birthday cake decorated with pink roses, was inscribed with the words, "Happy Birthday, Sonya."

Shirley Thompson won the special award of the afternoon and games were played by Mary Jane Howard, Carol Burritt, Joanne Ding, Marlene Peterson, Jo Anne Meek, Carole Warner, Beth Lee Bunch, Dolores Thompson, Shirley Thompson, Carol Lee Hamilton, Shirley Johnson, Mary Jo Jenkins, Margaret Powell, Gwendolyn Nardwall and Mary Agnes Whitson.

Donate Pies

During the month of February the Catholic Daughters who donated pies to the USO center were Mrs. J. E. Hoekings, Mrs. Mike Lavenik, Mrs. Al McDonald, Mrs. Norman Moty, Mrs. Francis Manning, Mrs. Percy Murray, Mrs. Bogue Dale, Mrs. John Maguire, Mrs. Mike Brunner, Mrs. Bert McMahon, Mrs. Ralph Lalonde, Mrs. David Vandenberg, Mrs. Frank Sexton, Mrs. Mary Parks, Mrs. Emma Grey, Mrs. J. K. McAndrews, Mrs. R. E. Hooker and Mrs. Ethel Fairall.

next day at the picnic he annually gives for the musicians of his Boston Symphony. Miss Maynor electrified the case-hardened musicians, and nothing would satisfy Koussevitzky but that she make her debut the following November. That debut was a sensational success, and in that first season she sang with four of the nation's leading orchestras—the New York Philharmonic under Barbirolli, the Boston Symphony under her discoverer, Koussevitzky, the Philadelphia Symphony under Ormandy, and the Chicago Symphony under Stock—an unprecedented record for an unknown singer's first season.

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Officers Installed At Recent Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Officers Wives club of the Marine Barracks was held on March 1, at which time the following officers were installed: Mrs. George O. Van Orden, president; Mrs. Clyde C. Roberts, vice president; Mrs. Richard E. Butt, secretary; Mrs. Clement J. Stadler, treasurer.

The president appointed the following as chairmen of the standing committees: Mrs. Andrew B. Ginochio, entertainment; Mrs. Wilbur V. Charter, post production; Mrs. Nathaniel B. Harrison, membership; Mrs. Henry S. Faus, ways and means; Mrs. Harry C. Mahan, hospitality; Mrs. Stephen T. Kaspar, publicity.

The members voted to sponsor a dance to be held at the BOQ on the evening of March 31. The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, April 5, at the BOQ at 12 o'clock, and will be followed by luncheon.

A dinner dance was held in the BOQ on Saturday, February 24. More community singing was enjoyed by the guests, and many of the old time songs were revived. There was a specialty tap dance given by young Barbara Ann Babcock and Joan Hawkins. The guests later enjoyed dancing to music furnished by the post orchestra. Special prizes were awarded to Mrs. Stephen T. Kaspar and Dr. M. J. Wrigley. Everyone reported having spent an enjoyable evening.

Newcomers to the Marine Barracks are Col. Robert Byrnes, Major and Mrs. W. S. Vasconcelles, Major and Mrs. Robert McCormick, Lt. M. Swann and Capt. Norwood E. Jaqua.

WO and Mrs. Douglas Henderson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Daniel Douglas, who was born on February 21. Both mother and son are reported to be doing well.

Cmdr. and Mrs. Stephen Kaspar entertained in their home with cocktails, followed by dinner at the BOQ, preceding the dance on Saturday night. Their guests included Cmdr. and Mrs. L. T. Coggeshall, Lt. and Mrs. William H. Burrell, Lt. and Mrs. Andrew Ginochio, Lt. and Mrs. M. J. Wrigley, Lt. and Mrs. F. G. Moeller, WO and Mrs. W. C. Perry and Mrs. Clyde Roberts. The table was decorated in the Washington's birthday theme, with a cherry tree and hatchet as the centerpiece. Tiny American flags were presented to each guest.

WO and Mrs. R. F. Root are also receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born on February 24, and named William Emory. Mrs. G. D. Galligan, of Tacoma, Washington, sister of Mr. Root, is visiting here while Mr. Root is in the hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Heskitt and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Specter gave a cocktail party in the home of the former on Eldorado for the medical officers. The affair was held before the Saturday night dance, and 35 guests called during the evening.

The regular meeting of the Main American Legion auxiliary will be held Monday evening, March 5, in the new meeting room in the Broadway theatre building.

Since the auxiliary finished its supper serving with the Main bingo games last Saturday night, it is expected that there will be a record attendance at the meeting to hear the reports on the proceeds that will be turned over to the Main park fund.

Those members who helped on the last two suppers were Ethel Hamilton, Martha Brothneck, Nell Erwin, Nell Woods, Alice Nybert, Emma Wilde, Hazel Kalina, Ethel Roberts, Agnes Schriener and Irene Freitag.

Wed At Post

On Wednesday, February 7, Pvt. Dorothy A. Murdy, daughter of James Murdy of Elizabeth, New Jersey, became the bride of Sgt. Albert M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson of Klamath Falls.

The evening ceremony took place at the post chapel at the New Castle army air base at Wilmington, Delaware, where both the bride and groom are stationed with the second ferrying group. Chaplain Cecil E. Harvey officiated.

Mrs. Johnson was given in marriage by her father, and wore the War off-duty winter dress of horizon tan wool. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Andrew Murdock of New Jersey, and Sgt. Orin J. Bjornstad was best man.

Sgt. Johnson enlisted in the army in April of 1942, and after training as an aerial mechanic, he served 21 months in Alaska with the air corps. The newlyweds will make their home in Pennside, Delaware.

Shasta PTA

The Shasta PTA met in the auditorium on Wednesday, February 28, with Mrs. Ivan Crum-packer presiding over the session, the occasion being the annual Founder's Day meeting.

Mrs. Rollin Thompson, state PTA chairman, and Mrs. M. J. Shel, other presidents who have served since the beginning in 1935 were Mrs. C. E. McClellan, the first president, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. R. R. Ettl and Mrs. Ralph Aubrey. Honored guests who were introduced included state regional vice president, Mrs. John Selby, and county council president, Mrs. Frank Peyton, who both addressed the group.

The first graders, under the direction of their teachers, Miss Knop, Mrs. Rountree and Miss McColm, presented a patriotic program. During the business meeting, members voted to furnish cookies to the USO during the second week of May. The American and cub scout flags will be purchased to be given to the new Shasta pack. The nominating committee which was elected at this time includes Mrs. Marvin Shall, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Ed Lyon.

Elton Fishback, principal, announced that the movie projector had been purchased and that delivery was expected in about five months.

The tea table was centered with the blue and gold birthday cake decorated with 48 blue candles, each candle representing a year of progress in PTA. Lovely silver urns, belonging to the first president, were used, and spring flowers in blue and gold were placed about the room. Mrs. M. R. Houser was in charge of the tea arrangements.

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Social Calendar

Monday, March 3 Council of Church Women, 2 p. m. League rooms. First Methodist church. B.P.W. club to entertain senior high school girls at dessert party, Willard hotel, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 4 Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid, church parlors, 2 p. m. Wednesday, March 5 Klamath Falls Nite club will meet at the Willard hotel for luncheon at 1 p. m. Visiting members of the Daughters of the Nile are cordially invited to attend. Dorothy Maynor in concert sponsored by Klamath Community Concert association, Pelican theatre, 8 p. m. The afternoon book group of AAUW will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Barnhisel, 522 Conger at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 6 Fremont PTA breakfast at 10 a. m. at Martin Ramsey residence, 531 N. 5th. Breakfast for Junior high mothers at 10 a. m. at K. A. Moore home, 3045 Le Roy. Monday, March 18 AAUW drama group to present play at Little Theatre of Mon. club, for library club members. Wednesday, March 14 Sojourners annual spring tea at the Willard hotel at 2 o'clock. Call 5008 or 6146 to make reservations. The Wednesday club will meet at the Episcopal parish house at 8 p. m. There will be a book review by Mrs. Harry Mahan on "Anna and the King of Siam." Monday, April 5 Garden group of Klamath Falls Woman's Library club in small club rooms.

Sewing Club

Mrs. Harry Wiard entertained the Happy Day Sewing club Wednesday, February 28, at the home of Mrs. Homer Stiles. The members who attended were Mrs. Lloyd Allen, Mrs. Howard Cramblet, Mrs. Francis Beard, Mrs. Douglas Freborg, Mrs. Clayton Wiard, Mrs. Clifford Case, Mrs. Hillyard Bell and Othilde Mattis. Also present as guests were Mrs. Stanley Mohr, Mrs. John White, Mrs. Chester Ellis and Clara Hoie. The latter received the guest award. Mrs. Lloyd Allen, 2445 Orchard way, will be hostess for the next meeting.

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Surprise Party

Mrs. Bessie Blackmore of 408 Oak was very pleasantly surprised on her 63rd birthday on Wednesday, February 28, when Mrs. Grace Spannaus entertained in her honor.

Those enjoying the evening and sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Markwardt of Chiloquin, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blackmore of Red Bluff, California, Mrs. Ruth Grischkowsky, Mrs. P. J. Duffy, Mrs. Henrietta Markwardt, Mrs. O. B. Dollarhide, Hazel Beddows, Katherine Spannaus, Helen Michael, Eris Fleming, Phyllis Duffy, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. J. W. Herrick, Mrs. Gene Duffy, Mrs. Richard Fleming, Mrs. John Hinsley, Betty Grischkowsky, Mrs. Bessie Blackmore and the hostess, Mrs. Grace Spannaus.

Serve At USO

Ladies of the First Methodist church who served at the USO center during February were as follows: February 14, Mrs. John Yaden, Mrs. Earl Redman, Mrs. A. G. Proctor, Mrs. L. K. Phelps, Mrs. Cleo Dunlap, Mrs. William Melhase, Mrs. John Riach, Mrs. Effie Redkey, Mrs. Mocabee, Mrs. Victor Phillips, Mrs. William Withrow. On February 21, Mrs. S. A. Gaster, Mrs. William Carlon, Laura Carlon, Catherine O'Donoghue, Mrs. L. K. Phelps, Mrs. A. G. Proctor, Mrs. Wahluist, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. I. W. White, Mrs. L. W. Johns, Mrs. Effie Redkey, Mrs. John Riach. Home-made cakes and pies were served.

Contract Club

The Thursday Contract club met on March 1 with Clara McPherrin at her home in St. Francis park, and those attending were Eva Jones, Betty Denton, Idoline Schupp, Bertha Hewitt, Fannie Thompson, Willa Bark and Stella Dryden. High score for the afternoon went to Willa Bark, second to Betty Denton, and the traveling award to Bertha Hewitt. Idoline Schupp will be the hostess on March 6.

To Be Guests

More than 80 senior high school girls had signed up by Saturday to be guests of the Business and Professional Women's club at a 7:30 o'clock dessert to be given Monday evening, March 5, at the Willard hotel.

Madge Boley is in charge of arrangements for the party, and will be assisted by Marietta Conklin and May Conradi. A song contest that promises entertainment both different and amusing has been arranged by the committee, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. There will also be special numbers by a guest pianist, Kathryn Coles.

Each member of the club will consider one or more of the high school girls as her guests for this occasion, and are asked to make their reservations for attendance as usual, although the dinner hour has been dispensed with. The charge for the dessert will be 35 cents, it was announced.

CHOSEN TO PRESIDE over the King of Hearts dance, which was an event of Friday evening, March 2, at Reames Golf and Country club were Bill Wilson and Patricia Benoist. The dance, an annual affair, was sponsored by Job's Daughters, and music was furnished by Baldy Evans' orchestra. Knights and their princesses included James Palmer and Lois Cada, Tom Hopkins and Lynden King, Bill Abbey and Sharon Willits and James Howard and Sally Mueller.