

High School Oratorio Is Inspiring Presentation

By LOIS STEWART
Students of Klamath Union high school who participated in the beautiful oratorio, "The Divine Mystery," presented Tuesday night and again tonight in the KUHS auditorium, have honors coming to them for one of the most difficult and inspiring programs which we have had the good fortune to see.

The music department and the drama department, aided by the manual arts and art departments of the school, worked together to give the annual Christmas gift to the public and there was standing room only as parents and friends of the school and those who are essentially interested in the beautiful music always promised in this Christmas program filled the auditorium.

Much credit goes to Carl Hagel, guest soloist, who carried the major portion of the solo work, but equally as inspiring were the two solos sung by Doris Weaver, high school student, and young Gary Rose, a grade school youngster.

The action which takes place during the choruses and solos is stylized pantomime ballet form movements. Gestures are simple but symbolic of the narration and the stage itself, dramatic in line and form, accentuates the dramatic appeal of each movement. Characters in the first part are a priest, two attendants, a merchant, money changer, a scholar, lovers and warriors who offer the feel of worldliness and abandonment.

In the second movement, stressing the minor key and dissonant tones to create the feel of misery and despair as the characters refused the offer of spiritual consolation, drama was at its peak. In the third movement, the actors move from the low and melancholy movement to brilliant action directed toward the cross which is now brilliant and upright, symbolic of life.

Some 50 students of the drama department portrayed the action and costumes were symbolic of all time. The student staff of the Little Theatre designed and created the costumes. Lighting effects were also arranged by the staff, which produced the difficult effect necessary in such a production.

Students from the advanced art classes were used on the set. Robert Banister is head of the art department and Mrs. B. B. Blomquist directed the drama groups.

The orchestra should not be forgotten in mention of last night's splendid performance. Nor should the girls' chorus, the a cappella choir, mixed chorus and the pantomime soloists, Betty Cleig, Marilyn O'Neill, Graham Wilkins, Joe Ross, Maudie Thompson, Bob Plass, Gordon Lindberg, Lee Goode, Dick Griffiths, Tommy Edwards, Bob Redkey, Lester Foster, Stan Smith, Grayden Gwyn, Bud Selby, Connie Koehler, Darlene Price and Mary Brown.

Accompanists for the oratorio were Barbara Zinn and Mrs. Patricia Hunt, for the girls' chorus Joanne Robinette. Assistants were Catherine Blanas, Joanne Bennet and Marilyn Hayden. The costume crew included Barbara Perkins, Della June Michael, Leona Montgomery, Wanda Murray and June Hensley. Chief electrician was Lee Roy Lofdahl. Ushers were members of the Honor society. Stage crew members who had a difficult job to accomplish but did it without a hitch included Bob Mason, Don Boudon, Willard Brightman, Bill Coffee, Dale Keasey, Marvin Nicklas, Gordon Scott, Ronald Gully, Alvin Daniel, Melvin Hearth, Bill Almeter, Herbert Boetscher, Dale Lowther, Bill Helter, Cliff Jop-

Flashes Of Life

COINCIDENCE
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18 (AP)—Two expectant fathers, Owen R. Davison and G. E. Harvey, compared notes to cool their nerves while waiting outside the hospital delivery room.

They discovered: Both had sons aged 5 and 3, and both wanted the third child to be a daughter. Their conversation was interrupted when a nurse informed Davison he was the parent of a red-haired girl. Ten minutes later Harvey learned that he, too, had a daughter—also a red-head.

SWEET FREEDOM SONG
CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 18 (AP)—Alvin Mitchell, 20, convicted of burglary of a store, was granted permission by Judge William J. Murray in criminal court yesterday to sing a song before sentence was passed.

In a rich baritone voice Mitchell, negro shoemaker and choir singer, sang "Silent Night" and, as the spectators in the courtroom remained quiet, followed with "Ave Maria."

"It would be a shame to deprive your people of a voice like that on Christmas Day," Judge Murray said as he placed the youth on probation for three years after imposing a sentence of one to five years in prison.

"But," the judge said, "if you ever break into another store it will be me, and not you, who does the singing, and you won't like the song."

Tax Change Not Efficient
SALEM, Dec. 18 (AP)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said today that the state tax study commission's proposal to transfer the inheritance tax and gift administration from his department to the state tax commission "would be contrary to the interests of the state and the public."

He said the change "would interrupt the efficiency of the public service." Collections of these taxes total \$1,000,000 a year. Scott said the job requires specialized knowledge which is not available in the tax commission.

US Asks Probe In Greece
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 18 (AP)—The United States proposed today that the United Nations security council send a commission to the Balkans to investigate conditions on both sides of the Greek frontier, and urged the council to withhold judgment on Greece's complaints against her neighbor states until a report was at hand.

Herschel V. Johnson, chairman and American delegate to the council, said the United States believed such an investigation "is an essential first step" in the council's deliberations on the Greek charges.

"I shall myself avoid making any comments on the merits of the various allegations and/or counter-allegations unless forced to do so by the statements of other members," Johnson said.

Three Die In Flaming Apartment
BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 18 (AP)—Three persons—two brothers in their twenties and a 43-year-old mother of three—perished early today during a fire which roared through a three-story apartment building and penthouse.

Police listed the dead as Mrs. Thelma Starrett, first floor occupant and member of the family which owns the apartment house, and Robert and Rupert Lewis, 22 and 28, respectively, occupants of a third-floor suite.

Wyoming will start re-establishment of its national guard about July 1, 1948.

Wheat League Suggests Tax

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—The Eastern Oregon Wheat League was in its closing session today after proposing yesterday that the state create a wheat commission and levy a half-cent per bushel tax to finance new research topping the league's program.

The delegates recommended that the state ask Idaho and Washington to form similar commissions and pool their tax fund to finance a pilot plant for laboratory use and development of new grain varieties suited for special milling needs.

A five man commission, with representatives from the Columbia basin and one from other eastern Oregon counties and the fifth from western Oregon, was suggested.

Only grain entering the commercial market would be taxed, the league said, bringing in about \$75,000 annually. If the three Pacific northwest states cooperate, a fund of \$350,000 could be established, it estimated.

Communicable Diseases Drop
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—Only 239 cases of communicable disease were reported in Oregon last week—the smallest number for this season since 1938, the state board of health said today.

The sharpest drops occurred in chicken pox, which fell 37 per cent from the previous week's level, and scarlet fever, which was down 23 per cent. Only one Oregonian was stricken by influenza, according to the reported cases.

The board of health declared that Oregon is now prepared to meet any future infantile paralysis epidemic, with an emergency organization of doctors and nurses, who would help establish emergency hospitalization during any sudden flare-up of the disease.

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Lumber Wage Boost Awaits Approval
PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—A wage boost of 15 cents an hour negotiated by the AFL Oregon state council of lumber and sawmill workers with the Oregon coast operators will be submitted to locals for approval.

Doyle Pearson, union executive secretary, reported the new agreement, effective December 15, would raise minimum pay to \$1.25 an hour and the average to \$1.58 an hour.

A similar contract had been negotiated earlier with the Willamette valley operators, he said.

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Christmas Mail Safe This Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—That dump truck you bought for Aunt Minnie's little boy is more likely this season to reach its destination still dumping, the post office said today.

"We're not having nearly as much trouble with smashed packages as we had last year," said a parcel post foreman. "People are wrapping their packages better, and also the men handling them seem to be more careful."

Another cheerful holiday note: turkeys and chickens are plentiful on the market, and the price of cranberries has dropped a bit.

Child Back With Parents

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 18 (AP)—Three and one-half-year-old Patricia Johnson, her dark brown eyes sparkling with the excitement of the past 36 hours, was back with her parents today after disappearing from here Monday.

She was found at the Union passenger terminal in Los Angeles yesterday in company with a man who identified himself as Darold Neal R. Hoff, 23, of San Diego, former marine corps pilot from Douglas, N. D.

Hoff, who told police he brought the girl to Los Angeles Monday night after her father, Ivan Johnson, had given him permission to take her from a San Diego tavern, to visit an amusement zone, said "I must have been terribly drunk."

Lions Club Hears Choral Groups

The Lions club had the honor of hearing the all-city boys chorus and the high school boys octet, directed by Mrs. Patricia Hunt, yesterday at its weekly meeting held at the Willard hotel.

Also heard was the KU girls chorus, directed by Jack O'Connor. Andrew Loney Jr., said Klamath Falls without exception had this year the finest staff of vocal music teachers in the Pacific northwest.

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