



RALPH HUNTER DRAMATIC CHORUS

Klamath Union Music Tutor Lauds Monday Eve Concert

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One of the finest community concerts that this writer has had the pleasure of hearing was presented Monday evening when the Ralph Hunter Dramatic Chorus sang in Mills Auditorium. Singing for a near capacity crowd, the enthusiastic reception of the audience proved the popularity of a male chorus.

Ralph Hunter, the director, has an impressive musical background and displayed versatility along with the highest caliber of musicianship. His first group of four numbers, while not too well known in the field of vocal music, were well chosen and displayed the group's fine tonal quality. The men had perfect command of a beautiful, soft quality as well as a thrilling forte when the compositions called for it. So many times it is difficult to get a good blend with highly trained voices, but the Hunter Chorus has this mastered to a high degree.

In the second group, Lillian Merik, contralto, displayed a brilliant voice and fine musicianship. The Monteverdi "Amour" was received with a great deal more of enthusiasm than was the "Leila," composed by the Egyptian, El Dabb.

For the third group, numbers by Schubert, Offenbach, and Arne were presented, and once again members of the Hunter Chorus displayed their fine musicianship in their interpretation of the classics. The last number, "Viva, Tut-ti" made a great hit with the audience.

An operatic oratorio, "Oedipus Rex" by Stravinsky, was presented in the next grouping. The use of a narrator, Clinton Dolan, helped the audience understand this little known work. The narrator proved to possess an excellent speaking voice and gave a dramatic setting to the opera. Howard Shaw, who is actually a baritone, sang the leading tenor role in excellent style. Miss Mernik

Clyde Mitchell and Robert Richards also had solo parts. All were done well. The accompaniment, consisting of piano, timpani and string bass, was well played and once again the conductor displayed excellent directing. The group's fine work in presenting "Oedipus Rex" made this otherwise unimportant opera a thrill to hear.

Folk songs of the Baltic states again featured Miss Mernik, who appeared in a costume of her native land, Lithuania. Mr. Hunter displayed his skill as an excellent arranger for this group.

Group six was a dramatic setting of Lindsay's poem, "General William Booth Enters into Heaven." Hunter, who composed this setting, displayed fine taste in the use of choral dramatic reading, which was done to perfection by all. The accompaniment of piano, percussion effects, and string bass, was very effective. The climaxes achieved sounded like a chorus of one hundred voices plus an orchestra of 50 pieces.

The last group, "Songs of the Old West" made a terrific hit with the audience. A great deal of comedy came into this group. Again Hunter displayed his skill as a fine arranger. Jack McMahon, one of the vocal soloists, displayed his versatility with some excellent guitar and banjo accompaniments.

Four encores were given and well liked by the audience. One, a spiritual, "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," displayed the chorus' ability to sing in a very modern rhythmic manner. Another, a parody on a Gilbert and Sullivan chorus, showed the group's ability to unnequitate with unbelievable speed. Many of the men were featured as soloists during the encore group.

Miss Rachel Koelod, pianist, performed brilliantly during the entire concert.

Flax, once a staple crop, is no longer grown commercially in Ireland.

4-H NEWS

ANNUAL DINNER

LAKEVIEW—The annual recognition dinner given by the Lakeview Rotary Club honoring 4-H Club leaders in the county was held at Van's last Wednesday beginning at 7 o'clock. Gene Lear, state extension agent, was the principal speaker, choosing for his subject, "You Can't Be Half Awake."

Leaders honored were: first year, Elsie Cundiff, Mrs. Clayton Weaver, Betty Morris, Lois Clair, Julia Lightle, Velma D. Clark, Nita Nelson, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mrs. Richard Weekly, Barbara Hanks, Elmo Angele, Duane Crane, Walt Pilgrim, Bob Weir Jr., Edward Richardson, Norman Wolf, Pete Johnson, Daryle Leavitt, Mearle Leehmann, Lyle Damewood, Howard Nelson, Katherine Gillette, Helen Griffin, Second year, Teresa Foster, Jean Kaley, Mary Vincent, Kate Rychard, Genevieve Elder, June Cornie, Mrs. Al Schuler, Margaret Carroll, Con O'Keefe, J. W. Ogle, John Branch, Ed Murphy, Ed Garrett, Al Bekkedahl, Don Hotchkiss, Al Hickman, Howard McGee, Dick Weekly.

Third year, Elma Branch, Barbara Green, Nel Wells, Frances Stephens, Christine Adams, Ester Getty, Dorothy Leehmann, Florence Schofield, Warren Maxwell, Fourth year, Ruth Brattain, Mary Milsap, Irene Toner, Helen Damewood, Mrs. John Richardson, Bill Warner, Fifth year, Amelia Gawninski, June Paxton and Darvin Robnett, Sixth year, Andy Markus, Nancy Fenimore and Clarence Tracy, Seventh year, Shirley Sipp, Eighth year, Mary Heavilin, Eleventh year, Margaret Kaley and Mildred Garrett, Twelfth year, Mildred Seville and Mary Padgett, Sixteen years, Mary Odegard.

KOOKIE KRUMBLES
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Actor Ed (Kookie) Byrnes, noted for his nearly constant hair combing antics on his weekly TV series, had this explanation Sunday night when he denied rumors he was engaged: "Man, I can't afford two combs."

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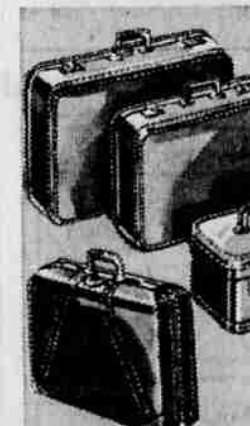
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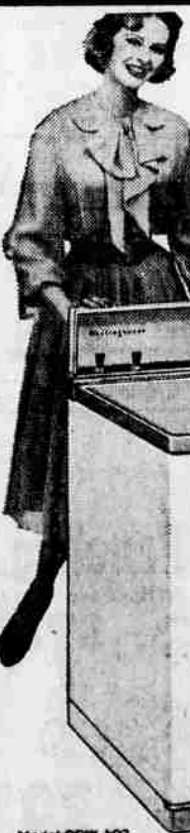
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