

'Messiah' Brings Christmas To City

By NORM CARDOZA
Until Sunday evening, the holiday season so far this year for me was tinsel, Santa Claus, Xmas and the racket of cash registers.

But then, more than 30 voices from Klamath Union High School and the community and about 80 instrumentalists teamed at Pelican Court to present Handel's "Messiah."

And the season became Christmas. The star of the show was a baby boy, born in a stable about 2,000 years ago.

Everyone who gets tired of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Dancer, Prancer and Vixen" and fallen arches from the mad crush of Christmas shopping should take in a performance of "Messiah" to refresh his understanding of the greatest of all holidays.

Not that the music—even the cream of the original work—seems so inspired. Handel, to one who likes music but who is unsophisticated in its technicalities, gets a little boring—even considering the period in which he lived.

But when his big, well-bred

work gets a treatment from such an overwhelming number of musicians, the results are awesome with grandeur.

That so many could be trained so well in so short a time to produce such excellent music speaks well for M. Dale Hallack, director. Hallack is director of vocal music at KUHS, too.

But that so few came to listen must have been frustrating for Hallack and the musicians. Pelican Court isn't very big. It holds a maximum of around 1,200 persons. Fewer than 1,000 came.

If you total all the hours spent practicing by all of the performers and the hours spent listening by all of the audience, the ratio is disappointing.

The show lasted exactly two hours, including the 10-minute intermission.

The four soloists added a lot of polish to the performance. All have had a considerable amount of professional or semi-professional experience.

They were Mrs. Virginia Cecil, soprano, and Mrs. Adelaide Spencer, contralto, both of Ashland, and the Rev. L. J. Hall, tenor, and Lt. R. G. Bratton, baritone, both of Klamath Falls.

City police charged Fred John Greibel, 227 North First Street, with drunkenness in an automobile following an accident on the South Sixth Street overpass early Sunday morning.

Officers said they received a report that a pickup truck had straddled the island on the overpass. When officers arrived, the truck was gone. They found one answering the description parked in a lot nearby, with Greibel asleep inside.

At the police station, Greibel denied that he was the driver, officers said. He posted \$25 bail and forfeited the sum.

Driver Charged After Accident

Court Refuses To Take Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals Monday refused to take jurisdiction over a labor dispute between the Portland Web Pressmen's Union Local 17 and two Portland daily newspapers.

That upheld a decision by federal Dist. Judge John Kilkenny last April 19.

The dispute stems from the strike of Stereotypers Local 48 against The Oregonian and The Oregon Journal Nov. 10, 1959. The Pressmen refused to cross the Stereotypers' picket lines.

The Pressmen then asked the publishers to submit to a standing committee the question of whether union members had violated a no-strike clause in their labor contract. The publishers replied the no-strike clause had been violated and the pressmen were no longer employees.

The Pressmen's Union has Jan. 2 called a strike of its own against the papers on the grounds the publishers had refused to submit the no-strike clause issue to a committee and had refused to negotiate on a new contract. The old one expired last Dec. 31.

The appeals court said it found "no substantial contract violation" but believed the question between the parties was "whether one or the other has been guilty of an unfair labor practice," and that this dispute is the "exclusive jurisdiction" of the NLRB.

At Portland, Pressmen's Union spokesmen could not be reached at once. The Oregonian said the NLRB already had turned down the union's complaint over the issue. The newspaper said the union had accused the papers of an unfair labor practice, but that the regional NLRB office rejected the charge and the NLRB general counsel in Washington, D.C., upheld the regional office decision.

City Quiets Complainer

AMITYVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Bruce Pearsall's complaint that the village shouldn't keep raising his taxes unless it pays more rent on City Hall appears to be settled. The town fathers announced they are buying City Hall.

The building which houses the village offices and court has been rented from the Pearsall family since 1954. In that time, Pearsall said, his taxes have risen from \$775 to \$1,835 annually, while the rent he collected from the village remained at \$4,200 a year.

He threatened to evict the village. Officials finally offered Pearsall \$45,000 for the building and he accepted. The village will float a bond issue.

Man Shot At, Hit Over Head

Dave Hill, 5706 Miller Street, told city police a man at 432 1/2 Broad Street hit him over the head with a five-foot length of water pipe, then shot near his feet with a shotgun as he was leaving that address Saturday afternoon.

Investigating officers said a witness told them Hill became belligerent over a small loss in a game and was struck by the pipe during the other man's efforts to eject Hill from the scene.

Hill indicated he may sign a complaint.

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