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Christmas Concert Appreciated

Over 1200 valley residents enjoyed the Christmas concert Sunday evening staged by school choirs and singers from the community. If a comparison had to be made, we could say that it was even better than last year's most successful concert. It certainly helped to get into the Christmas spirit, and the audience participation in the carols was wholehearted.

The participation by Nyssa churches in the reception was also appreciated by everyone, and the many cookies and candies prepared by church women from the various denominations helped to make the evening a truly inspirational occasion.

There was only one flaw in an otherwise enjoyable performance, and that was the distraction caused by a few children running around in the balcony. Surely this kind of rudeness can be avoided in the future with a little parental supervision.

It is the worst kind of discourtesy to invite accomplished soloists to perform for our pleasure, and then have them subjected to the noise and confusion which existed for a brief period Sunday evening.

We aren't sure whether parents are sending their children to these affairs to use them as a kind of institutional baby sitter, or whether they bring their children and can't control them. Either way it's bad and inexcusable.

We commend those many singers and musicians who rehearsed and worked so hard to give us such an enjoyable evening, and apologize to them for the occasional lapses in good manners by a small segment of the audience.

Environmental Obstructionists

Oregon's perennially restless environmentalists should take a breather and give progress a chance.

They shot down a nuclear power plant at Eugene; are trying to halt Portland General Electric Co.'s Trojan plant, and now are zeroing in to get a constitutional amendment that would preclude construction of any nuclear plants in the state.

The amendment would prohibit nuclear plants from operating in Oregon if they discharged any radioactivity into the air or water.

Admittedly the amendment proponents will face a difficult task in collecting the 55,312 signatures needed to qualify the measure for the 1972 general election ballot. But never sell them short.

Even if they failed in their petition drive they could, and probably would, come up with a new approach or head for the courts to kill or delay nuclear power plant development.

Atomic Energy Commission regulations call for radiation discharges to be as low as practicable. At the same time, however, the AEC recognizes that it's impossible to build a zero-radiation plant.

But what this group of environmentally oriented nuclear opponents is seeking is the impossible. Why not also ban natural background radiation, cobalt treatment of cancer victims or medical and dental X-rays?

If there's any consolation from this latest move, it's the fact that the true colors of the environmental extremists are beginning to show. We wish them zero success in their selfish, obstructionist attempt to wipe out power and also irrigation development in Oregon.

—Tri City (Wash.) Herald

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OBITUARIES

Florence Eastman

Payette-- Services for Florence A. Eastman, 88 of Payette, who died of natural causes Friday, December 10, at a Payette nursing home were conducted at 1 p.m. at the Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette, by the Rev. Edward V. Hargreaves of the United Methodist Church, Payette. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Eastman was born August 7, 1883, at Soda Springs and moved at an early age to Montpelier where she grew up and was married to Bernard D. Eastman on Sept. 4, 1907. In 1908 she and her husband moved to New Plymouth, moving to Payette, in 1917 where she had since resided. Mr. Eastman died in 1955 after operating a real estate office for 35 years in Payette. While living in New Plymouth, he was instrumental in settling much of the new land with the first apple orchards and growers.

A major portion of Mrs. Eastman's life was devoted to singing as a soloist. She also sang in church choirs and choral groups and was an inspiration to many young musical aspirants. As a young girl she studied in musical conservatories in Salt Lake City and Detroit, Mich. She continued singing until she was past 80 years of age.

Her parents John L. Underwood and Lizzie Whitman Underwood were Southern Idaho pioneers, operating the post office for many years at Montpelier. Her father was a senator from Bear Lake County, serving in Idaho's first state legislature.

Mrs. Eastman was a member of the Payette United Methodist Church; a member of Dorian Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of which she was a past regent and state chaplain; a member of Chapter C. PEO Sisterhood, of which she was past president; a long-time member of the Payette Portia Club; a member and organizer of the Payette Choral Club; and she had served on the board of directors of the Malheur County Community Concert Association for many years.

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Mabel Thompson

PARMA - Services for Mrs. Mabel M. Thompson, 60, Route 2, Parma, who died Monday in a Caldwell hospital, will be conducted at the Parma Dakan Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Thursday by the Rev. Ray Hibbard of the Church of the Nazarene. Interment will be at Parma cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson was born April 12, 1911, in Cedar Ridge, Colo., and was reared in Colorado. She was married Dec. 25, 1941, in Delta, Colo., to John F. Thompson. The couple lived in Delta until 1946, when they moved to Parma, and since had lived here.

Surviving in addition to Mr. Thompson are two sons, A.L. Kratzer of Parma and Miles F. Thompson of New Plymouth; a stepson, Lowell Thompson of Grand Junction, Iowa; a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Cremer of Anchorage, Alaska; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Mollie Peiffer of Hodgekiss, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Roy Anderson of Seattle; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the Heart Fund.

Christmas

A Time To Go To Church

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Worshippers this Sunday may share in the Sunday School Christmas program scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. The regular class sessions for youth and adults meet at 9:45 while the children make final preparations for their program presentation. The service of worship, with the pastor's Christmas message, will follow the Sunday School program at approximately 11 o'clock. Practice for the Christmas program has been set for Friday afternoon. Children through the second grade are to come to the church at 2:30 p.m. The older children will practice following their dismissal from school at 3:30 p.m.

On Sunday evening, at 7 p.m., a service of Christmas fellowship is scheduled with music of the season being presented by various groups and individuals, along with scriptural selections for the occasion.

Last Tuesday evening, the Manley family hosted their annual Christmas dinner for members of the church board and their spouses. The dinner in the parsonage was followed by the board's December meeting and a fellowship time.

St. Bridget's News

Christian Education classes will be discontinued until January. The high school students have just concluded the first semester course. The three topics offered were: The Church, Modern Religious Problems, Law and Discipline in a Christian Community.

The newly elected member of the Parish Advisory Board is Eileen Bosselman. The newly appointed member is Oralla Vendrell.

Christmas Masses in Nyssa will be at midnight and at 11 a.m. in Adrian at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Mass at 8 a.m.

Confessions on Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. In preparation for Sunday there will be no Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, with the regular Sunday schedule.

A Christmas potluck supper will be held Sunday December 19 at 5 p.m. for people to get together.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The United Methodist Church had their monthly Fellowship Dinner last Sunday in their Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Arthur Cartwright and Mrs. Don Somers set up and decorated the tables in the Christmas theme. Mrs. Cecil Evans was in charge of the program and led the group in the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Ruth Klinkenberg sang "The Birthday of A King." Rev. J.D. Crego spoke to the group and answered questions concerning his recent trip to New York City and the Seminar on southern Africa. A part of the study was a visit to the United Nations while the Security Council was in session, and another part was a night at the theater off Broadway in New York City to see the performance of "The Black Terror", a play on racial conflict.

The Christmas Program of the United Methodist Church will be given on Sunday night, December 19, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Jim Sword and Mrs. Gerald Russell are in charge of the program. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.

Christmas Caroling will be the order of the evening, following the program, for the UMYF group. The young people will sing at the home of the elderly and the shut-ins of the town as well as at the hospital and nursing home.

Cub Scout Pack #450 will meet on Tuesday evening, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. with Cub Master Harvey Wilnot in charge.

Plan to share the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to be held at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. December 24. The service will be long enough to lead us to the Manger of Bethlehem, and brief enough to allow families to attend and still have their own traditions of the Eve in their home.

Bible Missionary

The Bible Missionary Church will have their Christmas program this Sunday morning, December 19 at 10 a.m. The church is located at 728 2nd Street at the corner of Beech Avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend. - Rev. D. N. Hayford is the pastor.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday evening, December 19, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church will hold their annual Christmas Pageant, presented by the Sunday School. The pageant will start at 5:30 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to come.

Christmas Eve Service at Saint Paul's will begin at 11:30 p.m., with the singing of Christmas hymns and caroling followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. Again, all Christian people resident in the community are cordially invited to worship with us on this Holy Night.

There will also be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, December 26 at 11 p.m. with more Christmas music.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
 Sunday evening, Christian Youth Fellowship for all Jr. and Sr. High Youth. A new group has been formed for all 5th and 6th graders and will meet at 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday choir practice, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Bible Study, Places will be announced as they are held in the homes, 8 p.m.
 Friday, Good News Club for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.

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Park Avenue Baptist Church

The children of Park Avenue Baptist Church will present a Christmas pageant "Good News", Sunday, December 19 at 8 p.m. in the church. Refreshments and treats will follow the pageant. The public is invited to attend.

Pentecostal Church

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and church services at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 8 p.m.
 Wednesday evening services and Bible study at 8 p.m.
 The Pentecostal Church is located at the Corner of 7th and Emison, with Carl Lassiter, Pastor.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas program will be held at the Conservative Baptist Church Sunday at 6 p.m. The title will be "The Nativity", to be presented by slides, recitations and songs by the Sunday School classes.
 Final practice will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the church. —Arthur Coats, Pastor.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday School Christmas Program "The Gift of Christmas" will be at the morning worship, 11 a.m. Sunday, December 19.
 Open House for members and friends at the parsonage, 531 Park Avenue, December 19, 3 - 6 p.m.

7th DAY CHRISTIANS

Valley Fellowship meeting Saturday (Sabbath) December 18 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pentecostal Church, 7th and Emmission.

Special guests will include young people from the Meridian Bible College and from Nampa and Caldwell.
 Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Sabbath school, 10 a.m.;
 Morning worship, 11 a.m.;
 Thursday 7:30 p.m. at 56 Main Street. —Lloyd N. Pounds, Pastor.

FIRST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Nyssa First Ward Relief Society will not hold any meetings until January 5, 1972.

The Relief Society Presidency wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SECOND WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Social Relations lesson, December 21, at 10 a.m., "Bridging the Communications Gap Through Trust," will be given by Ruby Wight. The purpose, to help mothers more effectively instill trust in children in order to help them develop a greater capacity to control and govern themselves. A nursery will be provided for the children. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.
 There will be a second session at 7 p.m.
 No meeting is scheduled for December 28.



LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 I would like to commend the Nyssa High School Choir and Wind Ensemble and Community Choir for the excellent job they did in presenting the "Messiah." Hours of preparation went into it as anyone in attendance could tell and it is a shame on that "Big Night" they had to have so much competition.
 Many of those in the audience will know I am referring to the number of disrespectful students who thought it more fun to clomp around in the bleachers than to sit and listen to, evidently what they hadn't come to hear.
 These kids have all day, every day to run around and visit with friends and they should have stayed home if that was their reason for coming.
 I, for one, would like to apologize on behalf of these kids, to all those who had a part in presenting Sunday night's program.
 Sandra Jasper,
 Nyssa, Oregon.

New Book On Area Published

"Old Fort Boise" by Annie Laurie Bird to be released this week by Caxton Printers is an authoritative account of the first bit of civilization in Treasure Valley. Fort Boise on the Snake River, which flew the British Hudson Bay Company flag, played a big part in the American settlement of Oregon during the years of the greatest migration.

Miss Bird is a researcher of considerable experience and excellent reputation on historical subjects, particularly on those relating to this part of the country. She has authored many articles for newspapers, magazines, and historical quarterlies besides two books: "Boise the Peace Valley" and "My Home Town", a history of Nampa, Idaho.

"Old Fort Boise" is a booklet of about 90 pages, containing all information available on the subject. Its attractive covers are colored reproductions of drawings of both the exterior and interior of the fort, made by a visitor to the old fur trading post.

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