

Music Honorary Presents Program

The Louise Homer Club, women's music honorary, is presenting a program of Christmas music for all members of Pi Lambda Theta, educational honorary sorority, in 117 Carnegie Hall at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Featured on the program will be a group of German Lieder sung by Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, contralto and new voice instructor in the music department. Accompanying her will be Mrs. Irene Grant, organ and piano instructor at the College.

A mixed ensemble of 17 voices will sing several carols of different lands. The coeds of the ensemble will present "Hasten to Bethlehem," a Spanish carol, and the French carol, "In Excelsis Deo," arranged by G. William Henninger of the music faculty. Margaret Heagy, Louise Neff, Ann Reese, and Kathryn Ryder form the quartet singing American folk carols.

Patricia Manson, the only instrumentalist soloing at the concert, will play the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria." At the close of the program both clubs will participate in a community folk sing, it was announced by Louise Neff, president of the music group.

Singing with the mixed ensemble are: sopranos—Ruth Hill, Kathryn Hofmeister, Louise Neff, Ann Reese, and Adele Thompson; altos—Betty Graeber, Suzanne Hartwick, Doris Huck, and Lou Ann LaRoche; tenors—Charles Heagy, William Henninger, Bernard Levitan, and Hermann Slayman; and basses—David Briner, Gerry Gilman, Michael Rosenberger, and John Schoening.

Mack Elected President Of Horticultural Society

Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the department of horticulture at the College, has been elected president of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

This society is a branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an organization of scientists with members in all the important countries on this continent.

Annals of the American Society for Horticultural Science present reports of most recent findings along horticultural lines and are used for reference purposes by all research workers in this field.

'Harry James Isn't Jazz,' Nichols Tells Jitterbugs

"What do you want to know about jazz for? College students have never heard any jazz. They think it's Harry James or Lower Basin Street." And then is the fighting words of Dr. Eddie Nichols of the English composition department, who knows all but the last word about authentic jazz and is at present thinking that one up.

"And who is Harry James? Used to be an acceptable workman in the old Goodman brass section, but now his horn luses around like Dave Rubinoff and his violin. Whither jazz? Not on the radio, I can tell you that," Dr. Nichols thrashed about in his chair.

Jazz Is Tough to Get
"Good jazz is as tough to get as cigarettes. To catch it you have to go back to the dives and joints along 52nd street or down at Nick's in Greenwich Village. Of course the musicians have had to give up caviar and scotch and go back to hamburgers and gin, but it's great for the music.

"The musicians were a little strained by the high living anyhow. The boys don't eat so well, but they play it the way they did before the middle thirties when the word 'swing' was hung on anything that paid out a four-four beat.

"And the people that shag down all the fads (before swing it was mah jong or something else) had their day, pretending they knew all about jazz and calling every instrument a phony name like a 'suitcase,' 'plumbing,' or a 'licorice stick.' You know where those people are now? Playing gin rummy." The professor pitched forward in his chair.

Drop in at Nick's
"And that's all to the good for the music because only the true disciples are left and they want to

hear it the way musicians want to play it. So you go down to Nick's and you'll catch it if everything is right.

"The tune they play is any oldy—let's say 'Panama.' They've been on it for ten minutes already and Pee Wee Russe's clarinet is peeling off a counter-melody high above the drive of Davison's trumpet, in turn supported underneath by Brunies' legato trumpet." Dr. Nichols tilted back again. He was out.

"Tough music for the little sweeties brought up on Glenn Miller; counterpoint in Bach is even tough listening. But go away now, I hear the boys starting another ten minutes of 'Panama.'"

Authority on Jazz
Back in the thirties, Dr. Nichols lectured on jazz around the campus, and after 1935 organized a number of jam sessions among College musicians. When Froth was the Esquire of Perin State, the composition professor wrote its jazz column.

The magazine, Vanity Fair, printed an article in the jargon of jazz by Dr. Nichols and William L. Werner of the English literature department. Nichols also wrote the chapter on Bix Beiderbecke for "Jazzmen," published by Harcourt Brace in 1939.

Ag Extension Director Receives National Award

J. Martin Fry, director of agricultural extension at the College, has received the Certificate of Recognition for outstanding extension work from Epsilon Sigma Phi, national extension fraternity. The award was made at the annual meeting of the Grand Council of the fraternity in Chicago.

A native of Lancaster county and a graduate of the College, Fry began his extension work as county agent in Northumberland county in 1918. He served there until October 1924, when he was transferred to the central office as assistant director.

Appointment as director of agricultural extension came on October 1, 1942. Since that time Director Fry has given strong and tireless leadership to the many activities of the wartime extension program, including Emergency Farm Labor.

Director Fry is now chairman of the Northeastern section of agricultural extension directors. Since 1928 he has served as secretary of the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

In 1940 he was governor of the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International.

Freshman Women Urged To Attend Open Houses

All freshman women and transfer students interested in joining a sorority are urged by Panhellenic Council to attend as many of the sorority open house tomorrow afternoon as possible.

Each house or suite will be open to visitors from 2 to 4 p. m. Coeds touring the sororities should dress in casual sports clothes. No hats or gloves should be worn according to Helen Martin, president of the council.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Delta Tau are not eligible to hold open houses because they violated the Panhellenic Constitution last semester.

X-G-I Club Holds Informal Dance

An informal vic dance will be staged for all members of the X-G-I Club in the Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, from 9 o'clock to midnight today.

Members will meet in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. They will also select the design for the club pin. In the future the meetings will be held the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Officers appointed at the American Legion Home recently include: J. Paul Pioth, commander; Harry MacMillin, vice-commander; Wesley Turek, adjutant; Pat Brennan, treasurer; Grady Marler, treasurer; and Walter Robinson, chaplain and parliamentarian.

William Maginne, Walter Kish, and Hal Hein were elected to the executive committee, and Robert McGregor was chosen to head the publicity committee.

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Fall semester officers of the Blue Band are John Setar, president; Anne Mulvehill, secretary; Robert Manning, librarian; and Harvey Marcy, manager.

The Wesley Foundation of The Methodist Church

Sunday 9:30 a. m. Student Church School Classes: "Great Living Religions," leader, Mrs. M. A. John; "Life of Christ," leader, Rev. M. V. Mussina.

10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Worship Services. 4:30 p. m. Student Choir Rehearsal. 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. Student Friendly Hours. Fellowship, Recreation Worship. Supper 20 cents. Speaker: Barbara Struck. "Life On an Indian Mission."

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