Oratorio Society set for concert of music

Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society, directed by Clifford E. Balshaw, will present a concert of music by Mozart and Haydn Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, at 3:30 in Irem Temple, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The mixed chorus of 75 voices will be accompanied by full orchestra.

The program will open with Mozart's Loretine Litany, written when the composer was 18. The words are from inscriptions on the walls of a chapel in Loreto, Italy.

Haydn's Mass in B flat Major will be performed after intermission. Known as the Creation Mass, it was written during the same period as his oratorio "Creation" and contains some similar musical themes.

For more than 20 years, the Oratorio Society has been presenting outstanding choral music in Wyoming Valley, and Back Mountain residents have been active in it.

Clifford E. Balshaw, New Goss Manor, has been musical director of the society since 1952. Under his leadership the group has gained wide recognition for its performances of the works of composers from Bach to Bloch.

Soloists for Sunday's concert will be Joanne Herron and Dorothy Glidden, sopranos; Helen Ralston and Mary Loveland, altos; William Rogers, tenor, and Richard Chapline, baritone.

Back Mountain members of the chorus include sopranos Dorothy Balshaw, Sister Eric Marie, Catherine Gilbert, Ruth Reynolds, alto Nancy Kuzma and bass Edward Ratcliffe.

Some of the Back Mountain members of the Wyoming valley Oratorio Society are pictured at rehearsal. Left to right, they are: Dorothy Balshaw, Clifford E. Balshaw, director; Ruth Reynolds, Edward Ratcliffe, chorus vice president; Catherine Gilbert.

Lake-Lehman band guests at banquet

The annual banquet for the Lake-Lehman Varsity Band and its director, John Miliauskas, will be held Thursday, Dec. 11, in the high school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Seniors will receive black blazers with gold pocket emblems and sophomores will be awarded four inch gold felt musical lyres.

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors give the banquet each year as a tribute to the band members who, they feel, uphold the reputation of the band.

Band members, parents and friends must have reservations in by Dec. 5 with Mrs. Edward Niezgoda or Mrs. Albert Ashton. Each member is requested to make a deposit which will be returned when they attend the dinner. Mrs. Niezgoda and Mrs. Ashton will be at the school cafeteria Dec. 4 and 5 from 8 to 8:15 a.m. to take reservation payments.

Alumni are urged to attend.

Christmas music played every night

Members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Beaumont, will be in the Back Mountain Area every night from now until Christmas playing Christmas music.

At this time, persons may donate food, money or clothing to the underprivileged.

first aid classes are scheduled

Mrs. Hopkin T. Rowlands Jr., first aid chairman for Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, announces that classes in standard and advanced first aid now are being scheduled for the winter months.

Standard first aid courses comprise 10 hours of training and advanced, 16 hours. Review courses for those holding certificates three years or more require six hours for standard and eight hours for advanced re-certification.

Classes will be held at the Mary G. Stegmaier Memorial Chapter House, 156 S. Franklin St., or at a more convenient location if groups consist of 15 or more trainees.

Individuals or groups interested in these courses are asked to contact Red Cross before Dec. 31 for information or registration.

'The Odd Couple' at Bloomsburg

The Bloomsburg Players announce their second major production of the 1969-70 theatre season at Bloomsburg State College Dec. 11, 12 and 13. They will present "The Odd Couple," directed by Michael McHale, at Carver Auditorium. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

A special discount is available for tickets for groups of 10 or more, by writing to the Bloomsburg Players, Box 298, Bloomsburg State College.

Indian Head Inc. declares dividends

The board of directors of Indian Head Inc. declared a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents a share on the company's common stock, payable Jan. 5, 1970 to stockholders of record Dec. 12, 1969.

Quarterly dividends of $1.125 on the Series A $4.50 convertible preferred stock and $1.50 on the Series B preferred stock are payable Jan. 1, 1970 to stockholders of record Dec. 12, 1969.

scouts hold investiture

The regular meeting of Troop 638 was held Thursday, Nov. 20, under the direction of Mrs. Stephen Salansky and Mrs. Walter Davidson at Lake Elementary School.

Investiture was held for the following scouts: Dorothy Coburn, Kim Davidson, Linda Gray, June Parsons, Mary Kaye Payne, Kim Perrego, Michelle Romanchik, Patty Romanchik, Marean Sickler, Kathy Smith, Belinda Spencer, Valerie Stefanowicz, Laurie Thomas and Sheryl Whitsell.

Following the ceremony, refreshments were served. Election of a new troop scribe, Eileen Connolly, and troop treasurer, Tracey Garinger, was held.

Dallas scouts plan activities

Junior Girl Scout Troop 624 of Dallas recently held their investiture and rededication at the Dallas United Methodist Church.

The girls who participated in the services were Jean Otto, Carrie Arnold, Melanie Williams, Ellen Stair, Joan Otto, Cynthia Duffield, Rebecca Morton, Donna Katyl, Beth Stegner, Nancy Grabowski, Holly Garris, Gail Simon, Donna Bogart, Judy Lemmond and Robin Templin. Mrs. Albert Williams and Mrs. Virginia Duffield are the leaders.

The girls plan to be working on badges and their Christmas project for the next few weeks. They will have their Christmas party at the church Dec. 22.

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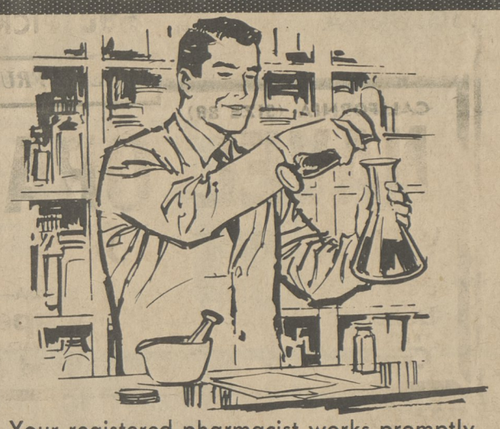

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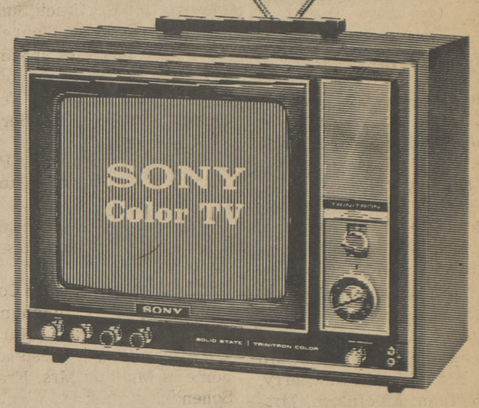

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