

RADIO HELPS MUSIC TASTE, DIRECTOR SAYS

Walter Damrosch, in Statement, Points to Improved Request Concerts

APPRECIATION BETTER

The influence of radio has caused a remarkable development in America's musical taste during the past three years, according to Walter Damrosch, for 40 years conductor of the New York Symphony, and now musical consultant for the National Broadcasting company.

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compared to similar requests of other years. Thousands of letters from radio listeners were included in the comparative survey, just completed.

Ask For Symphonies

Among the works for which numerous requests were made during the past year are: Symphony in G Minor by Mozart; Symphony by Cesar Franck; All Wagner program; The Moldau by Smetana; Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by Bach; Le Chasseur Maudit by Cesar Franck; The Seasons by Haydn; Symphonies 5, 8 and 9 by Beethoven; Works of Rimsky-Korsanoff; Unfinished Symphony, by Schubert.

"This list indicates a fine sense of discrimination and an appreciation of the best in symphonic music," Damrosch said. "Especially pleasing is the demand for entire symphonies, several of which I will endeavor to include in my winter program."

"Letters from listeners also show an interest in modern works," Damrosch said, listing such compositions as "The Pines of Rome" and "The Dove" as among those frequently asked for.

Modern broadcasting methods are keeping pace with the public taste, the conductor said, pointing out the new use of microphones which pick up an entire orchestra with perfect accuracy, transmitting the music with emphasis on any one section.

"In former years I have found it necessary to grade the sounds of the different orchestral instruments to meet the limitations of the microphones then in use," Damrosch explained. "I had particularly to subdue the percussion instruments because of the unpleasant reverberation that was likely to occur if they were played normally."

"The new condenser microphone which replaces the three old style microphones, picks up the entire orchestra with remarkable accurate balance, completely eliminating undue emphasis on any one section of the orchestra. My men can now play as naturally and freely as they would in a concert hall, and I am able to interpret the works with similar absolute freedom and without giving any thought to mechanical transmission."

"Who Went About Doing Good?"

Christmas is just another twenty-four hours but it means more to world happiness than all other church and civic holidays combined. The length of the day is the same as other days but at Christmas time men are different. For a short time we experience the joy and satisfaction of the things "which are not seen." The hope of mankind is the every day observance of Christmas after the fashion of the Master. "Who went about doing good." Do you see anything about Christmas or Thursday in this powerful sermon for personal righteousness as expressed in unselfish service? No philosophy or religion, east or west, offers any better formula for things eternal than Peter's preaching to Cornelius when this apostle characterized by Jesus as the rock of the church, said:

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons"

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all) That word, I say, ye know which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: WHO WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.

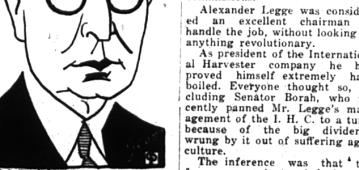
What we need individually and nationally, in fact, all any of us need spiritually, is the sympathetic blending of the Christmas season goodness of men with the thoughtful, simple and merciful every day attitude of Christ, "Who went about doing good."—Muri H. Di. For in Charlotte Tribune.

A SHRIEK, A ROAR Grain Commission Yells When Farm Board Head Proposes To Extinguish It

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington.—A piercing shriek went up from the farm board when Alexander Legge, its head, proposed to extinguish it by a ferocious roar.

The shriek was the mid-western grain commission's business, just realizing what Chairman Alexander Legge of the new federal



farm board is up to the roar was Chairman Legge's, daring anyone to interfere with him. Legge proposes to extinguish the grain commission business, like turning off an electric light; click—and it's gone.

Having put the kibosh on the grain commission business, who can do that Mr. Legge will next go after the livestock commission business, and the cotton and hacco and fruit commission businesses?—and others—if any more remain, for him to lay his vengeful hands on.

The livestock, cotton, tobacco and fruit commission men, et al. are inflicting their lungs right now, in readiness to let out 10,000-h. p. shrieks of horror on slight notice.

Chairman Legge has plenty of ferocious roars in reserve also.

It looks as if the agricultural commission folk had made the mistake of their lives in ever permitting the endowment of a federal farm board with the almost unlimited powers which it possesses under present law.

They have had a mighty soft thing hitherto.

The awful price spread between the farm and the city table? "The commission men's rake-off," says Senator Gerald P. Nye, of the grain belt bloc in the upper house of congress, "has accounted for most of it."

Rakeoff?—a harsh term. How literally does the senator mean it? "The agricultural commission man," replies the North Dakota solon, "is the nearest thing to a perfect parasite that biology has to offer."

"He feeds alike of producer and consumer. "He does it through his trick of controlling the transfer of the country's crops from the farmer to the latter. He tolls not only on the plant or cultivator. Neither does he plant or cultivate or reap or transport or process—or anything else except charge about 30 per cent for the use of his money; worth four or five per cent at a maximum."

The essence of Chairman Legge's farm relief plan, as it now appears, is to substitute a government agency for the commission industry, to finance the crop transfer—in agency charging only a nominal fee, instead of the billions blatted (to quote Senator Nye) by the commission men.

There are various incidental details, but that is the nub of it. If Legge makes it effective, the commission business will be as extinct as the dodo before next harvest season. The owl will hoot

times the salary, dead anxious to have him return to it.

"I may be kicked out," roars Mr. Legge, ever-fervent defiance, "and probably will be, but until then—"

Meaning all to plainly, "Death to parasites!"

The trouble is, they can't afford to kick him out; it would be too obvious. However, maybe the entire law under which he holds office can be knocked out, as unconstitutional. That, too, has been suggested. Even denunciations, or the equalization fee, would be preferable (to some people) to Chairman Legge's program.

PLAN MIDNIGHT CHURCH SERVICE

Special services with choral music directed by Raymond Oberliesen of the Detroit Conservatory of Music will be given at the Holy Name Chapel beginning at 11:30 p. m. Christmas Eve and a Midnight Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. William Ryan, pastor.

Admission to the services will be by ticket only. Fr. Ryan announces "because of the usual crowds at the midnight service."

The pastor also will give the Christmas sermon. An augmented choir from Catholic churches in Detroit will sing the Mass.

On Christmas Day the masses will be said at 8 a. m., 9 a. m. and 10 a. m.

The church has been decorated with the traditional Christmas pine and holly and a miniature crib has been erected near the altar.


MANY CHRISTMAS CARDS GO ASTRAY

Santa Claus has begun to make daily visits to one of his favorite Yuletide haunts—the dead letter office of the Postoffice Department.

Last Christmas he brought 3,260,000 cards as well as parcels from all over the country, most of which never carried their messages to the persons for whom they were intended. Nor did many of the donors of these remembrances know that their greetings went astray. Cards are arriving every day now with words of affection from a mother, father, sister, brother, sweethearts and friends.

Letters which have wandered from their course are also pouring in with generous sums of money

enclosed to join misdirected gifts of other kinds. An augmented choir from Catholic churches in Detroit will sing the Mass. Frank C. Staley, superintendent of the dead letter office, says that every effort is made to deliver the mail which reaches him, but that he is successful in relatively few instances.



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At this season of the year there is but one thought in the minds of men; but one feeling in the breasts of all Christians throughout the world. And there is but one greeting.

It is an old, old greeting, yet one which never grows unwelcome. It is simple, sincere, ever-pleasant in the ear. Simply this: "Merry Christmas!"

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