Innovations Mark Federal Theatre Shakespeare

By Carol Dwelley

The Detroit Federal Theater is chalking up another success with its current production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor." To those who missed the performance earlier in the season, at Cranbrook School, sincere advice is hereby offered to find out where the show is playing, and be sure to see it.

Verner Haldene, acting state director for the Federal Theater, deserves much credit for the success of the play. His is the skillful editing which pares the lengthy classic down to two parts, without thinning the rich Shakspearian mixture too greatly. And the swift unwinding of the plot emphasizes the highlights of the comedy, undimmed by Shakespeare's usual confusion of sub- and counter-plot.

Another Haldene touch is the prologue, which brings to light a little-known historical fact. Queen Elizabeth is said to have commanded Shakespeare to write "The Merry Wives," so she could see more of Falstaff, her favorite character. In the Haldene prologue, the Queen makes her request and then witnesses the entire play from the stage, in true Shakespearian tradition. Mrs. William Faversham plays the part.

Finally, the versatile Mr. Haldene is the composer of some delightful incidental music, which links the swift succession of scenes together.

The actors treat the play with the same sound workmanship which has marked past performances. The comedy scenes in particular, are deftly handled.

TOO BUSY TO MARRY?

COLOMA (MPA)—Were James Johnson and Mrs. Katherine Ellen Williams, both of Benton Harbor, too busy to get married? They took out a marriage license on January 19, 1936, but it was not until late in January, 1939, that they came to the county court house and were married by Probate Judge Malcolm Hatfield.

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2. Why is Haley's comet famous?
3. What state is the sheep-farming center?
4. How many sailors does a battleship carry?
5. When were Christmas cards first designed?
6. How large is the Sahara Desert?
7. How many types of fishes are there?

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Church News

First Baptist Church
Willits at Pierce St.
Rev. Joseph O. Nelson, Pastor

6:00 A. M. Sunrise Prayer Service, by and for young people. Special music and talks. Breakfast will be served.

9:45 Hour of Prayer and Meditation for officers and teachers of the Church School.

10:00 Church School. Classes for all ages. "Easter in Syria" will be presented by Miss Grace Boyes in the Adult Department. Bible Classes convene following this presentation.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor "Then Came Jesus." Special music-Anthem by the Girls Chorus, "Dawn the New Day," by Holton. The Senior Church Choir will sing a Cantata, "Death and Life," by Harry Rowe Shelley.

5:30 Girls Chorus Rehearsal.

6:30 High School B. Y. P. U. on the Club Room.

6:30 Senior B. Y. P. U. in the Prayer Room. The topic will be "Resurrection."

7:30 Evening Service. Special service of Baptism following the sermon—"The Great Decision," I Kings 18:21.

Special Music by the Girls Chorus.
"Man of Sorrow" ..... Holton
"Gethsemane" ..... Holton
"The Resurrection and the Life," ..... Holton

The community is cordially invited to attend all our services.

Nursery maintained to care for small children during the services.

Christian Science Church
Chester and Willits Streets

Church each Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.

"Are Sin, Disease and Death Realities" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, April 9.

The Golden Text (Exodus 15:26) is: "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (Acts 17:24, 25): "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 472): "All reality is in God and His creation, harmonious and eternal. That which He creates is good and He makes all that is made."

First Methodist Church
Minister, John Edward Martin, D. D.
Organist, A. Stanley Rosso
Director of Choirs, Victor Ulrich

Two sunrise services will be held. One under the auspices of the Epworth League will be a pilgrimage to an outdoor sanctuary, where breakfast will be served and a devotional service held. Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Brown will be in charge. The time is 7:00 A. M. The other will be under the auspices of the Youth Guild, in the church auditorium. Mrs. Martin will bring the message. The service will be presided over by the President of the Guild Mr. Harry Hawblitz, and the Pastor. Following the service at 7:30 A. M. a breakfast will be enjoyed.

The Church School Programs will be Departmental Services. Parents and friends are invited to attend. The time is 9:45 A. M.

The Morning Worship will be at 11:00 o'clock. A program of music has been prepared by Victor Ulrich, Director of Choirs, and the sermon will be preached by the Pastor on the subject—"Great News for a Troubled World."

The Evening Service will be a pageant by the members of the Epworth League. All parents, friends and public are welcome, in the Annex-Wesley Hall.

Palm Sunday was a great day with this church fellowship. 30 were received into membership at the morning service. A fine program of music was presented by the Sanctuary and the Chapel Choirs. Mr. Victor Ulrich sang "The Holy City," and Mr. Stanley Rosso presided at the organ and rendered special numbers for the observance of Palm Sunday.

United Presbyterian Church
Joseph A. Mears, Minister

Sunday Services:

Graded Bible School—meets at 10:30 a. m. Dale Harbison, superintendent.

Morning worship service conducted at 11:45 a. m.

The Intermediate Young People—5:00 p. m.

Congregational Prayer Meeting on Wednesday Evening at 7:30.

First Presbyterian Church
North Woodward at Euclid Street
Rev. W. Glen Harris, Pastor
Miss Esther E. Grether,
Director of Christian Education

From one o'clock to three, on Friday this Church joins in the Union Good Friday services held at First Methodist Church.

The Candle-light Communion service will be held Friday night at 7:30. New members will be received by profession of faith and letter of transfer. The Pastor brings a brief communion meditation. Selections from Stainer and Maunder will be presented by the Choir.

Two services of worship will be held on Easter Sunday morning, at 9:30 and at 11 o'clock. The Pastor's theme is, "The Resurrection Reminiscence." The sacrament of Infant Baptism will be given at the second service. In both services the Choir presents numbers by Haydn, Thompson, Thiman and Lederer. Children in the Junior Department and above, are invited to attend the first service which replaces their Church School program. Beginners and Primary meet as usual.

At 7 o'clock Betty Elliott leads the Sunrise Service at which the Intermediate Choir sings, and other young people participate. Everyone is cordially invited to this early hour of worship. The theme will be "He Lives—Why Shall I Live?"

"Under the Shadow of the Cross" is the title of the Easter Day which will be presented by the Senior people on Sunday night at 7:30. Events centering about the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ will be portrayed by John Bathgate, Doris Franklin, Sue Wood, Sheldon Olson, Margaret Cowell, Nancy Plumstead, William Schermerhorn, assisted by the Intermediate Choir and Mr. Floyd Franklin, soloist.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Pierce Rectory 19-M office 250

Good Friday 12:45 p. m. Three Hour devotions. 8 a. m. "The Crucifixion" by the choir.

Holy Communion—7:00 a. m.

9:30 a. m. Holy Eucharist—Service.

Morning Prayer, 11:00 a. m.

Holy Communion—11:00 a. m. first Sunday of month and at 10:00 a. m. every Wednesday.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodland
Rev. James W. Cotter, pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11 a. m. and 12:30.

Daily Masses at 7 and 8:30 a. m.

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward
Rev. Theodore O. Wurgaster, Jr., pastor

A Good Friday Service will be conducted at Redeemer Lutheran Church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Holy communion will be administered in this service. The sermon will be based on the theme "Father into thy hands I commend my Spirit."

At the Easter Services 11 A. M. Sunday, members of the Confirmation Class will receive their first Communion. The Choir will sing "The Lord Hath Triumphed" by C. Harris. An Easter message will be presented by the Pastor on the theme "The Stone is Rolled Away."

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis, rector
Rev. Robert W. Woodroofe, Jr.,
assistant rector

Good Friday: Three hour service, 12 to 3 p. m.

Sunday, 7 a. m.: Sunrise Communion Service. 9 a. m. Resurrection Festival for children. 11 A. M. Holy communion and sermon by the Rev. J. L. Harris. 4 p. m. Vespers.

Franklin Community Church
Rev. Howell C. Guim, Pastor

Morning services, 10:00 a. m.

Sunday School, 11:15 a. m.

St. Hugo of the Hills Church
Opdyke road
The Rev. Daniel T. Whelihan, pastor

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Holy Week services, 5:30 a. m.

Good Friday, Tre Ore service, 12 noon to 3 p. m.

Easter, Solemn High Mass at 10 a. m. other masses at 8, 9, 11 and 12:30.

Troy Presbyterian Church
Livernois Road
Reverend John Balch, Minister
Mrs. Edna M. Lee, Organist and Director of Music

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Graded classes for all ages.

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Embury Methodist Church
Bennaville Ave.
Rev. Rudolph Boyce, Pastor

Church School—10 a. m.

Morning Worship—11:15 a. m.

Epworth League every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. at the "Barn".

Program by High School Choir Called 'Distinguished' by Local Music Critic

By Fenton R. Mathews

Monday evening, April 3, at Baldwin High School auditorium 21 girls and 12 boys of the High School forming the A Cappella choir under the direction of Victor Ulrich gave a program of distinction considering their ages and the small number.

Modern compositions were predominent in the program and the most pleasing were "The Blue Birds" by Leontovich-Krone, the well known "Morning" by Oley Speaks-Baldwin, "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" by Clarence Dickinson with the closing number "The Children's Prayer" by Humperdinck from the opera Hansel and Gretel.

There is nothing more difficult than training young people of high school age to sing because of the formative period of their lives. There is nothing sweeter than the voices of the girls at this age and nothing more deceptive and uncertain than the voices of the future Chaliapins and Carusos to be found in the male division.

Always the friend of youth, this writer, would never engage in criticism because praise is so much easier and much more deserved. To find young people so serious minded that they will spend hours rehearsing and memorizing an ambitious program and produce the excellent tonal qualities that they did is worth much in this period of our transition. Their response and attention to the able director was of the same quality to be found in larger professional organizations.

The Burleigh negro spiritual, "Were You There" was full of meaning and beauty. The negro spirituals have always had a certain charm for this writer because the negros spoke to setise a certain correct affiliation with the Divine Creator and believed that deliverance from slavery would come, which it did.

Merchants Discuss Business Problems

A two-hour discussion of merchandising problems occupied those Birmingham merchants who attend the regular Wednesday evening Merchandising Discussions at Baldwin High School. The classes are open to any individual employed in local retail organizations. Registration, which will close shortly, may be made through Walter Raychel, secretary of the Birmingham Retail Merchants' Association.

At the last meeting, members of the group set up an agenda of problems which they will endeavor to meet over the next six weeks. Some of the pertinent questions to be discussed include quantity buying; turnover of stock; maintenance of an adequate supply, while avoiding "white elephants", customer requirements.

The discussions are intended as the answer to problems of modern competition, to increase the knowledge and profits of the merchant and at the same time, better serve the consumer.

One Beyond Him

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"Yes, his wife's."

WHO KNOWS?

1. How many college students are in the U. S.?
2. What is the average monthly pensions for blind persons?
3. Do many people collect postage stamps?
4. Can a rainbow be seen in the western sky in the afternoon?
5. How many Catholics are there in the world?
6. Where did chess originate?
7. Can Texas divide itself into four States?
8. What is the oldest Parliament in the world?
9. How long does it take electricity to travel around the world?
10. What kind of time does Mexico use?

(See "The Answers" on Page 8)

RIVER IN REVERSE

TRENTON (MPA) — James Holden was watching the ice, snow, and water in the Detroit River, driven by a northeast gale, racing down the river. Suddenly, the ice seemed to stop. Then the river actually went into reverse, picking up speed against the northeast blow. Engineers explained that such a thing happens once in 30 or 40 years, when the water in Lake Erie becomes higher than the water in Lake St. Clair.

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Was This Tree Marked in 1775?

Pointing to a cross-shaped marking, Father Tiberius Wand of Mission San Miguel, Calif., examines a history-laden log, brought to the mission by an Indian boy. The cross, revealed when the tree was struck by lightning, is believed a relic of trail blazing by early padres in the days of the Spanish conquest of the state, about 1775.

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