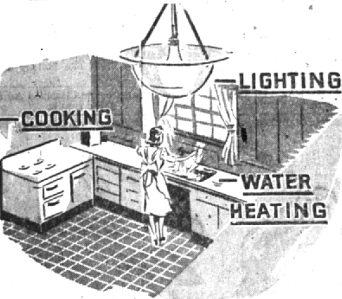


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Concert of Indian Village Chorus Gets Applause for Its Amateur Spirit

By FENTON R. MATTHEWS

The Indian Village Chorus, a group of 45 young people, came to the Community House Friday evening and to a very appreciative audience sang Christmas Carols and unusual compositions.

This group is composed of young people over 20 and less than 50 years of age who sing for the delight of singing but who do not practice more than the law allows; they are strictly amateurs and revel in this fact.

The director, John Green Mulock, takes his task lightly and directs seriously, then absorbs himself with the group after each number.

Amateurs are always refreshing because they can be so much more independent than those who really are but who pose as artists. Since the world is struggling for independence let us have more amateurs in everything. It is a beautiful illusion.

Oddities
This program presented oddities. The fact that young people could refrain from doing so much of nothing as is done nowadays and settle down to sing serious music without scores was worth the price of admission.

The splendid manner in which the chorus sang and the many beautiful effects of shading and sustained tone speaks well for the director who is directed without score. While possessing an unorthodox manner of directing, excellent results are obtained, so that is of no consequence.

Like many of the larger choirs that have become famous, there are no individual voices of particular brilliance but when blended together it truly becomes a beautiful organ, thus proving that co-operation and unity will do.

A cappella or unaccompanied singing is difficult and it was noticed that each number ended in perfect pitch. The ease with which the pitch for each number was obtained was pleasing since there was little fanfare as in the professional groups where the director walks between the rows and establishes the pitch for the coming number. Mr. Mulock kept his position and from here and there came the correct tones for the sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. It was a nice variance from the usual procedure that requires so much effort to wind up.

Chorus of Bach
Opening the program was a chorus by Johann Sebastian Bach, then came "To Us Is Born a Man" by Michael Praetorius.

The "Christmas Carols" together on an old Flemish air, especially pleasing with excellent choral work and incidental solos by Mary Austin and Sally Webb.

Meeting with the approval of the audience was the Walter Dainton.

rosch arrangement of "The Three Kings" then came the "Chorus" by Dr. Philip Nicholas.

This contrapuntal work showed the chorus at its best and revealed the voice of beautiful quality and timbre belonging to Miss Dunlavy.

An encore "Chantons Noël" delighted the audience. The staccato of the sopranos, then the entrance of the contraltos, then the male section combining to sing "Noel, Noel" that almost reached a roar was given in a manner that would merit no criticism.

The tempo was sprightly and the interpretation was gladsome rather than religious and pedantic.

The "Wassail Song" was a lively, rollicking number with voices spilling over each other to gain entrance to a melodic, rhythmic melange.

One of the great Russian composers, now in this country, A. T. Gretschinnoff would have been pleased to hear his "O Praise the Name of the Lord." The Russians have no peers when it comes to choral composition and singing.

Amazing Incident
"Stille Nacht" as arranged by Frank Damrosch was shown in a new covering. Frank Verneken took the solo and was a credit to the "Medieval Carol" by Gustaf Holst was interesting. Doris Whitely with the solo part was in disposed and in favoring her, the chorus slid downward from the true pitch. Mr. Mulock stopped the chorus and they finished as intended. Honesty and informality is also pleasing to individuals as well as groups and the audience liked the forgivable mistake. The director laughed, the chorus laughed and the audience laughed. The genuine Christmas spirit was enhanced. This reviewer has known Caruso, Gigli, Strachan and others to refuse to go on with a program, to refuse to appear and to raise a painful confusion over lesser things.

The closing "Corpus Christi" by Peter Dinklage with solo by Margaret Dunlavy and Brad Tye was a rich composition done in excellent manner by a mighty nice group of amateur singers. May they realize their worth, practice more, and spread the gospel of good music and may they have a Happy Christmas every day of the year.

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Bills were approved totaling \$1,048.25.

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Sophomore Completes U. of M. Plane Course

With an "A" grade, Roger Hoover, Balair High School sophomore, has just completed a University of Michigan extension course in aviation given at the Baldwin Library.

It is very unusual for a tenth grader to take the course which is taken mostly by adults or at least by high school graduates.

The name of the course is "Modern Airplanes and How to Use Them."

With the Collegians
University of Toledo

JEAN M. GUEST, freshman medical-technician student in the University of Toledo, arrived in Birmingham, Thursday, Dec. 19 to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents. She will return to Toledo Jan. 2 when University classes resume.

Western Military Academy
ALTON, ILL.—Cadet CLARK PARDEE, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pardee, 1375 Dorchester road, Birmingham, Michigan, was recently made sergeant in the battalion of the Western Military Academy here, according to the general orders published just before the holidays by Capt. M. W. Kane of the U. S. Army, head of the military department.

Cadet Sergeant Pardee is a senior and an honor student. He is also a star athlete and was quarterback on Western's championship football team last fall. He is a member of the staff of "The Realist," Western's yearbook, and was won All-American rating for three years in succession.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—DOROTHY KING, 422 Shirley drive, Birmingham, Mich., is registered at Indiana University this semester. It was announced here today by the registrar's office. The University student began her Christmas vacation Saturday and will resume studies Monday, Jan. 6.

Fishburne Military School
WAYNESBORO, Va.—JAMES E. FOX and WILLIAM R. HANCOCK, who are cadets at Fishburne Military School, have left to spend their Christmas, far from home, returning to Fishburne on Jan. 6, when school will reopen for the second term. Cadet Fox is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Fox, 321 Lake Park drive, Birmingham, and Cadet Hancock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl de Nocker of 776 W. Lincoln.

Marygrove College

Two Marygrove students from this city took part in the traditional pre-holiday activities at the college in Detroit before Christmas vacation which began Friday, Dec. 20. Activities included an all-college Christmas bazaar, during which students provide Christmas boxes for needy families, a Christmas party at which freshmen entertain the resident students, and the traditional Christmas Hour, a program given by the dramatic and music students.

Students from here are CLARA PHELPS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Phelps of 184 Fairfax, and ILSE DE NOCKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl de Nocker of 776 W. Lincoln.

Riverside Military Academy

GAINESVILLE, Georgia.—With the close of the fall term here today, the nearly 600 cadets enrolled in Riverside Military Academy left for their homes in 14 states and foreign countries represented.

The cadets will enjoy the Christmas vacation at home until Jan. 5 when the entire corps of cadets are expected to reassemble for the three winter months at Riverside's winter home at Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Florida.

Returning again to Gainesville at the beginning of the spring quarter early next April.

Among those who left for the Christmas vacation were the following cadets from Birmingham: ROBERT AGRAMONTE, son of Mr. Jules Agramonte, Beach road; DONALD J. BUELL, JR., son of Mr. Don J. Buell, of 1286 Willow Lane; Private First Class ROBERT L. JESSUP, son of Mr. C. A. Jessup of 536 Hanna street; ROBERT H. PIERCE, son of Mr. Robert Pierce, of 21805 Riverside drive, Beverly Hills; ROBERT E. WATERBURY, son of Mr. R. J. Waterbury of 535 Williamsbury road.

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Yule Decorations Placed in School

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The Congress spent \$7 in enlivening the Chester street entrance. A huge wreath with red lights was hung over the doorway while cedar boughs and lights decorated the doorway itself. Adding to the effect, two Christmas trees with multicolored lights were set up in two windows of the school, one on each side of the doorway.

Chairman of this committee was Nell Wright with Marie Russell, Bob Cole and Bob Garfield leading commendable aid.

The Council undertook the decorating of the giant Christmas tree in the hall. Mrs. Ruth Smith was the faculty advisor in charge.

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Sports Showup

BY BOB CRAIG

During Christmas vacation, the basketball boys will take part in what Coach Whitney considers the most important practices of the season.

Altogether the squad will practice five days, once before Christmas and the remaining four afterwards. All practices will be in the morning from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

—Dick Gilbert has an amazing change of pace when he dribbles a basketball. Dick has played two positions so far this year, guard and forward, sometimes having played both positions in one game. Dick has amassed a total of 31 points in three games.

Birmingham's next opponents are the Pistons of Piquette. They are the Pistons' oldest foe. The Pistons lost one man from their first ten last year, and will really

be in there fighting. The game will be Jan. 3.

After that come Henry Ford Trade school and an old rival, Royal Oak, all within 12 days.

At the first of the season Birmingham showed weakness under the basket. But during the last two games this trouble was remedied by the Maples' up and coming center, Denny Therian. Denny is only a junior and is coming along fast. His six feet three is a big help in getting the ball off the backboard.

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