Largest Audience Yet Hears Concert Of Pontiac Philharmonic Orchestra

By FENTON R. MATHEWS

The largest audience yet to hear the Pontiac Philharmonic Orchestra assembled in the Cranbrook Greek Theatre last Thursday evening to hear the concluding concert of the regular series. Margaret Pelican distinguished herself as piano soloist.

This series of three concerts known as "The Concerts Under The Stars" was directed by the founder and director, Cesar Chanfone, who received the plaudits of this department a year ago for his courage in coming to a city like Pontiac and banding together those players, most of whom were young, and making an organization that should have had a financial foundation prepared for it.

Growing in Skill

Always determined upon dispensing equity, this reviewer would bestow any type of laurel to a truly amateur group that is rapidly taking the place of a professional organization. Whereas the United States had a handful of symphony orchestras for many years, there are now 190 orchestras over the nation playing symphonic music and furnishing an outlet for splendid high school players to continue with their music. From these groups will come many true artists.

Among mostly youthful members there are, however, those of mature years and experience and then too, we find that grand old gentleman, William H. Leggett, who in his early eighties is playing viola with the same vigor as the younger members.

With a perfect evening, there was an overflow crowd. The orchestra again showed improvement and Cesar Chanfone seemed more free in his manipulation than formerly. The 'cello section stood out to the best advantage of any; the violin section was augmented and did nice work except one spot in the Strauss waltz. Missing was the tympani which would have enhanced the orchestra. Tempos were sprightly, contrasts effective and as a whole, it was a pleasing program.

Open With Rossini

Opening the program was Rossini's overture to "The Barber of Seville." Despite occasional wavering, the number was welcomed with as much gusto as would be accorded a professional symphony orchestra.

Next came the Mozart "Symphony No. 40." Mozart, always melodic and invigorating, wrote this charming number in one of his best creative moods and the orchestra did justice to it.

The Waldteufel "Skaters Waltz" supplanted the Rachmaninoff "Prelude in C-sharp Minor." With two waltzes already on the program, it was not the best choice, but the audience enjoyed the waltz immensely. With Saint-Saens' "Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah" and Strauss' "Tales from Vienna Woods" for concluding numbers, it may be said that this was easily the outstanding program of the series of three.

Charles Turner acting as the concertmeister gave an excellent account of himself.

Miss Pelican Outstanding

And now in conclusion, we mention not the last number but the highlight of the program. Director Chanfone, also a composer, presented his piano concerto with orchestra and showed the best of judgment in choosing Margaret Pelican as the pianist.

This work by Mr. Chanfone is a lovely thing with many beautiful thought conceptions, some bizarre, some producing a quizzical turn in the minds of the listeners, but on the whole a most enjoyable creation.

As for the soloist, the lovely and intelligent Margaret Pelican, who has set her goal high and worked extremely hard to attain that goal, too much cannot be said for the quality of her playing. Small of stature, she shows an amazing strength to interpret from the faintest pianissimo to the most resounding fortissimo. The fact that Miss Pelican is unspoiled because of her success, makes her work especially interesting. Incidentally, we learned recently that her lessons with one of the world's foremost teachers, Rudolph Ganz, followed the lessons of Alec Templeton, concert and radio celebrity who studied with Mr. Ganz.

Request Concert Aug. 14

On Aug. 14, a request program will be given at the Cranbrook Greek Theatre and it is hoped that this piano concerto will be repeated. It is also hoped that a piano worthy of a concerto will be produced and this reviewer will share part of the expense provided that the piano be placed at the front of the stage and not enveloped in a pincer formation of first violins. The audience would like and is entitled to see an excellent player who is not hard to look at.

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Church News

First Baptist Church
Willits at Bates St.
Rev. Joseph D. Nelson, Pastor
David Anderson, Church School Supt.
Thomas Hartle, Organist
Church School at 10 o'clock with classes of study for every age.
Morning Worship at 11 o'clock.
Rev. Peter M. MacKay will preach during the remainder of August during the Pastor's vacation.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector
Phones; Rectory 189, Office 2356
8 o'clock Communion Services have been discontinued until the first Sunday in Sept.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion, 11 a. m., first Sunday of month.

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph. D.—Minister
Lloyd G. Chapman, Director Christian Education
David Curry, Supt. Sabbath School
Sabbath School, 9:45; Church School groups at 11:00 a. m.
The Reverend W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will preach at the morning worship service at 11:00 next Sabbath on the topic "How Far Are We Trusting God?" Mrs. Ralph Martin will be at the organ.
Prayer meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Charles H. Cadigan, Rector.
Rev. Wm. C. Hamm, Ass't Rector
Rev. Robt. L. DeWitt, Curate
Holy Communion, 8:30 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion, the first Sunday in each month, 11 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Chester and Willits Streets
Church each Sunday at 10:30 a. m.
Wednesday at 8 p. m.
Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. for children up to 14 years of age; 11:30 for children 14 years and over.
"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, August 10.
The Golden Text (Ephesians 5:9) is: "The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth."
Among the Bible citations in this passage (I John 4:12, 13): "No man hath seen God at any time. . . . Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."
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. 334): "Spirit being God, there is but one Spirit, for there can be but one infinite and therefore one God."

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodward Ave.
Rev. Fr. David J. Hunean, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Lawrence V. Hanel, Assistant
Sunday masses at 7, 9, 11, 12:30.
Daily masses at 7 and 8:15 a. m.

First Methodist Church
Minister, Rev. Charles C. Becker
Organist—Oscar W. Schmidt
Director of Choirs—Victor Ulrich
Graded Church School at 10:00. All departments are in sessions.
Morning Worship: 11:00 guest preacher, the Rev. Reginald Ingle.

Embury Methodist Church
Bennaville Ave.
Dan B. Jurgensen, Pastor
Sunday—
9:00 Church School. James Teaches Consistent Christian Living.
10:00 Dedication Service for Christian and American Day.
10:15 Morning Worship. "A Faith For Our Day."
6:30 Epworth League program under the direction of Jean Hansen.
7:30 Evening Worship. "Judge Not? Who Can Help But Judge?"
Wednesday—8:00 Midweek Service. "The Blessedness of Prayer."

Calvary Baptist Church
608 S. Woodward Ave.
Assistant Pastor, James M. Burgess
Rev. R. C. Burgess, Pastor
Mrs. R. T. Burgess, Music Director
10:00 a. m. Church Bible School. International Uniform Lessons. We invite every one to this delightful experience of studying the word of God together. Our teachers will help you to mine the deeper truths from the Sacred Book. Your interpretation will be helpful also. Come and bring your children with you, there is a place for everyone.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship Service. The pastor continues to bring expositions from the book of Ephesians. The unique messages from the book have been of great spiritual blessing to all and immensely interesting. There will be several more of these messages given from this book that will be of great value to us all. If you love the Word of God, hidden treasures will become yours as you hear the expositions. Yet to be given. The subject Sunday morning will be "The Walk and Warfare of the Spirit Filled Believer."
6:30 p. m. Senior young people's.
6:30 p. m. Junior young people's.
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship Service. Song service and special singing under the direction of Mrs. Burgess. The pastor will speak on the subject "Abraham's Seed." This is the happy week-end of the week of gardens and farms of life are forgotten and you can have joy and happiness in your heart. You are welcome and we want you to come. May the Lord bless you now.
7:45 p. m. Wednesday, service and prayer meeting. Special prayer will follow.

Franklin Community Church
Franklin Road at Lincoln
Morning Services, 11 a. m.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.

St. Hugo of the Hills Church
The Rev. Hugh O. Wholihan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7:00, 10:00, 11:45 and 12:30.

Troy Presbyterian Church
Livernois at Maple Road
Rev. John Hugh, Minister
Jack A. Reager, Organist and Director of Music
Sunday School, 9:00 a. m. Graded classes for all ages.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church
Lincoln near Woodward
Rev. Theodore C. Murrat, Pastor
Sunday School—9:30 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10 a. m.

Southfield U.P. Church
10 Mile and Lahser Road
Rev. Frank Boggs, D. D., Pastor
10 a. m. Morning Worship.
11 a. m. Church School.
Young People's Hour, 7 p. m.
Choir, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Group meetings Wednesday next week.

Embury Church Plans Dedication of Flag

At a joint service of the Sunday School and church next Sunday morning, 10:00 a. m., Embury Methodist Church will dedicate their newly received Christian and American flags.

The silk American flag was presented to the Embury Church a few weeks ago by the Birmingham Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Christian flag was purchased through action of the Official Board.

Clare Morehead, Church School Superintendent, Dan B. Jorgensen, pastor, and members of the V.F.W. Auxiliary will participate in this service in which the entire Church School and congregation will take part.

Eccentric classifieds pay!

Legion Members Plan to Attend State Convention

Five from Birmingham will leave Sunday morning for Grand Rapids to attend the 23rd annual convention of the American Legion. They are Commander Carl W. Fisher, Commander-Elect Russell H. Fisher, and Karl H. Bronson, adjutant. Representing the Auxiliary will be Mrs. Wylie Pearsall and Mrs. Agnes Baynes.

Besides the official delegates, Mrs. A. D. Cooley, 17th district child welfare chairman will attend; also, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, district child welfare chairman, and Mr. Rayn Cook, Howard Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Grocver and Mrs. E. C. Baynes.

An attendance of more than 2,000 is expected for the rally, which lasts from Saturday until Tuesday. In Grand Rapids, everything is in readiness for the arrival of State Department Commander Al C. Pietrese, who will open headquarters in the Civic Auditorium Saturday morning. Auxiliary headquarters will be in charge of Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, State President of the Legion Auxiliary, of Detroit. They will arrive Friday evening and open headquarters in the Rowe Hotel.

A joint memorial service, including all organizations, will be held Sunday morning in the Civic Auditorium at 10 a. m., and from time to time both committee meetings and general sessions have been scheduled throughout the three days session of the Convention.

Bands and drum and bugle corps of the Legion and Auxiliary will hold exhibition and competitive drills on Sunday afternoon and evening at Houseman Field. This has always been a highlight in public interest and this year augmented by Sons of the American Legion Bands and Drum and Bugle Corps, the event will be the largest number of competitive musical organizations ever assembled at a State Convention.

Principal speakers at the Legion Convention will be T. S. Waines, Acting Deputy Director of Civilian National Defense, Washington, D. C., Edward R. Stirling, National Vice Commander of the Legion; and Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, Michigan.

This annual parade, the spectacular highlight of the convention, is held at 2:30 p. m., Monday afternoon and is expected to consume more than three hours marching time.

CHICAGO—If you have a psychic sense of danger, you probably have recognized that you are living right jump in the middle of the most dangerous season of the year (June, July, August).

Water, with its icy sidewalks and slippery streets can't begin to match the accident hazards of the summer, says the new edition of Accident Facts, the National Safety Council's annual statistical volume.

East Of Birmingham

The windstorm that swept across this area last week did considerable damage to the new houses that are going up. Some were laid flat and others had the roofs lifted. The Jackson house on Sixteen Mile was taken off its foundation and almost wrecked. The floor buckled, dishes were broken and the family badly scared. Boilers, washtubs and whatnot went flying down the road. No one was injured.

Earl Mullins, of Delemere St. had an unpleasant experience while week-ending with a cousin in Flint. A thief broke into the house and stole the trousers belonging to both men while they were asleep, and in Earl's trousers pocket was $30 besides valuable papers.

Vivian Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale of Lapeer, is visiting her aunt and uncle, the Arthur Wrights.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mullins and family attended the Smith reunion at Lansing last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira McDonald have returned from a vacation trip through Ohio and Indiana.

Harold Burch is ill with measles at Herman Kiefer hospital.

Mrs. Albert Johnson is recovering from a major operation at the Helene Mienke Hospital, Hazel Park.

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Women's increasing employment in defense industry is in large measure responsible for Continental's departure from time-honored restrictions against women.

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