

Musical Sponsors Pleasant Evening Of Chamber Music

By EYANTON R. MATHEWS
After a lull of many months, the quietude of Birmingham musical events was pleasantly dispelled Monday evening at the Community House when listeners were given a piquant program of 18th Century chamber music.

The Birmingham Musicals presented this refreshing treat for the husbands and friends also aiding were the two younger groups, the Junior Musicals and the Women's Musicals.

Plays Harpsichord
With Bernhard Heiden, a comparative newcomer to this country, as director of 16 talented young musicians, interest was further heightened by the fact that Mr. Heiden also played the harpsichord intermittently as he directed. With violins, violas, cellos, string bass and oboe, also the harpsichord, the music of the immortals was played and peculiarly, Bach, the German musician, was chosen for three of the compositions. In the time of Bach, 1685-1750, people lived and had their meals in a restful atmosphere of creative and individual thinking.

For this reason, this program offered an only-tempting escape from our man-made afflictions and their alleviation.

The instrument of Bach, the harpsichord, is the precursor of our present pianoforte and through the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries, this instrument of peculiar charm filled its place with the same authority as the concertos of our Paderewski, Rachmaninoff and Turbi. Unlike the pianoforte, it is not a percussion instrument but is of the plucked principle that plucks at the strings by means of quills and later, hard leather. Soft of tone and incapable of dynamic tensions, this instrument can easily transport one back to the time when living assumed a greater dignity. The "Fantasy" by Telemann permitted

the listeners to note the tonal quality and possibilities of this instrument.

Opening the program, the Samaritans' "Concerto Grosso" No. 4 in A Minor, reveals the excellence of this masterful string combination. Heard many times in past years, this number, on a new meaning, though from the viewpoint of this reviewer, the Bach numbers were most delectable. The players were with Mr. Heiden on the split second, which is as it should be, and with the vigorous reading accorded the number, it may be regarded as sufficient complete, or satisfactory.

Lois Chapman, Singer
Lois Chapman, a resident of Birmingham, whose reputation has not been dimmed because singing more to a full vocal program than to a minor accompaniment, appeared as soloist with this lovely ensemble. Her melodic soprano voice and perfect enunciation was shown to advantage in a group of three numbers. The first, "Dido and Aeneas" by the English writer Purcell. With the ensemble and accompaniment, nothing could more perfectly depict a lament. Next was the Bach, "Aria di Giovanni Vivaldi" with the harpsichord only. Miss Chapman chose for the concluding number of the group, the sprightly "Waltz the Boy Sticks" by Arno, another English writer. This introduced the soloist, Lois Chapman, who added to her charm in displaying the charm of her voice. With the blue intonation, the most interesting, in a tantalizing manner, the voice ascends and on and on as it races to compare with the instruments.

The Bach concertos for piano, violin and string orchestra, featuring Mr. Whiting Raymond, pianist and Henry Solo as violinist, was to this listener the most interesting of the orchestral numbers. The one with its plaintive and pastoral quality is one of the select orchestral instruments sometimes known as the "Swan-Kisses" of the orchestra—used by the composer in a tender way to the younger Detroit musicians, played with understanding in both orchestral and solo parts.

The final number, the Bach "Weichet nur, Betruibete Schar" for solo voice and strings, showed Bach in a seldom heard composition in this area. It contains the various moods and feelings that to an evening of restful pleasure.

It was good to have this group of musicians from our suburb to the south and music lovers can be more if they request it. Mr. Heiden is a musician and also has courage to weld a group of people together to play music of the character which lacks the jungle urge that is so prevalent.

Mr. Whiting Raymond, president of the Birmingham Musicals, introduced the players.

Detroit Lenten Services
"The Detroit Council of Churches announces its program of six weeks' Lenten Services for 1932. The Services will be held as usual in the Lafayette Theatre from 12:10 to 1:30 p. m. five days each week from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th through Good Friday, April 3. WJL will broadcast the services from 1:30 to 2:00. Special music will be provided each day by outstanding musicians and choral groups.

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Church News

LENTEN SERVICE
A summary of special Lenten Services appears in a story starting on Page 1, Part I.

Christ Church Cranbrook
Rev. Wm. C. Haman, Asst. Rector
Holy Communion 8:30 a. m.
Lenten Service, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month, 11 a. m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. R. T. Burgess, Pastor
Address and the temporary change of address of the church are as follows:
Sunday: 1:30 p. m. Church Bible School, 8 a. m. Service. We are glad to have a part in helping young and old to gain knowledge of the things of God which are eternal. Our boys on the front are fighting there at home are practicing, we are one as a Nation in the defense of the liberties that are so dear to us. Let us pray! God is able.
A Bible Institute under the direction of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, is being held at the church from February 1942, in the Calvary Baptist Church, 1100 S. Dearborn. For information, contact the Correspondence staff to direct the school in "Teachers' Training" or "Bible Institute" at 1100 S. Dearborn, Chicago 26, Ill. Phone 4-6100. P. M. Young People's Service, 7:30 p. m. on Wednesdays. We will be glad to hear this special message from you. Write to the pastor and bring your friends. Rev. Burgess will be glad to answer your questions.

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Wm. C. Haman, Director
Lent. Holy Communion, 8:30 a. m.
Lenten Service, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month, 11 a. m.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harmon at Woodland
Rev. Fr. David J. Dunne, Pastor
St. Valentine's Mass, 7:30 a. m.
Daily Masses at 7 and 8:45 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
1100 S. Dearborn
Lenten Service, 11 a. m.
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Southfield U. P. Church
1919 Miller Lake Road
Rev. Fr. David J. Dunne, Pastor
10 a. m. Morning worship.
11 a. m. Holy Communion.
Youth People's Hour, 7 p. m.
Lenten Service, 11 a. m.
Lenten Service, 11 a. m.

Aura-Lite Spiritual Temple
(Masonic Temple)
Rev. Fr. David J. Dunne, Pastor
7:45 p. m. Sunday services. Everyone is welcome.

St. Hags of the Hills Church
The Rev. Daniel T. Whelan, Pastor
Lenten services at 9:30, 10:00, 11:45 and 12:30.

Troy Presbyterian Church
1100 S. Dearborn
Lenten Service, 11:00 a. m.
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Presbyterian Men Plan Father and Son Banquet for Feb. 19
The Presbyterian Men's Club is holding its annual banquet next Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at 7 o'clock in the church. The event has, in past years, become so popular that a capacity turnout is anticipated.

Have You Met
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ewing who moved here recently from St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Ewing was transferred to Detroit as National Sales Manager for the Suburban Electric Company, and when they started looking for a place to live, they discovered that the only place likely of the suburbs. The Ewings, who are living at 983 Bivenwood, have three children, Jimmy, B. and Evan, 1.

The Roger Thomasons and their two sons who are living at 114 Tilbury road. They moved out of Birmingham from Detroit because they think it an ideal spot for children. Ronald, 7, is in the second grade at Quinlan School, and Roger is 5 years old. Mr. Thomason is general supervisor for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hope, who are in their new Cape Cod home at 18842 Oxford drive? They moved from Detroit because they wanted to be nearer the country and this seemed a good place to build. Mr. Hope is employed by Petroleum Service in Detroit.

Rev. Becker Ordered To Take Rest
The Rev. C. C. Becker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, has been ordered to take rest by his physician for a complete rest of a few weeks. The pulpits are being supplied by guest speakers through the cooperation of the district superintendent. Last Sunday, the Rev. W. Cadman Prout, pastor of Trinity Church, Highland Park, was the speaker, while next Sunday, the Rev. Fred McCallister, pastor of religious education of the Detroit Conference will occupy the pulpit. The Lenten Service of the month of the Rev. Sidney D. Ewa, district superintendent, will preach in First Church.

WOMEN in SERVICE

Woman, Be Patient Plea of Red Cross
Thousands of Oakland County residents are serving in the armed forces, working on factory defense projects and in the home knitting for emergency needs. Other qualities also must be exercised and saved as well as the chairman of the County Red Cross chapter, who issues a plea for women to be patient and to be able to fit each one into the service where she is most needed, with a few weeks.

Women, especially, are asked to be patient. Many who have volunteered and have not yet been placed, are urged to cooperate with the Red Cross, which expects to be able to fit each one into the service where she is most needed, with a few weeks.

Knitting and sewing materials are being sent out as fast as they can come in, but they are extremely difficult to obtain because of the shortage of wool. The local office regrets that it has no more yarn at present, but also announces that a shipment of wool is expected to arrive. The local office regrets that it has no more yarn at present, but also announces that a shipment of wool is expected to arrive.

Birmingham Area Doing Its Bit in First Aid Work
Red Cross records, as of Monday, Feb. 9, show that 2,600 Oakland County residents are completing first aid classes as a civilian defense measure. The local chapter is doing more than its share in a total of 20 classes in Pontiac. Four classes are being taught in Birmingham. The local chapter speaks well for the residents out of town.

From now on the Red Cross will not send out notifications of new classes to individuals. Mrs. Sheldon Noble, chairman of volunteer work announcements. Women are requested to watch the column for announcements of time and places of new classes.

Library Has Books for Nutrition Classes
A shelf of books for the use of the Red Cross classes in nutrition has been established at Baldwin Public Library.

Knappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Are Kappa an Afghan for Red Cross
Mrs. Donald T. Stanton, president of the Knappa Alpha Theta club for luncheon on Tuesday, Mrs. William B. Platt, president of the group, called to announce that all Kappa Alpha Theta members are welcome to attend the club's meeting twice a month and that they should get in touch with her right away. On Tuesday the club started on its new Red Cross project—the knitting of an Afghan. As soon as this is finished another project will be awaiting them.

Friday Is Methodist Day at Red Cross Workrooms
Friday is Methodist Day at the Community House Red Cross workrooms. The five divisions of the Women's Group has a designated Friday, although women from every division are urged to come each week. Like-

World Prayer Day To Be Observed

The Birmingham Council of Church women are making plans for the observance of the national "World Day of Prayer" to be held at St. James Church, Feb. 20, the first Friday during the Lenten season. Lorenz Blum is to be leader for the day.

Women from the six churches represented are Mrs. E. M. Blum, St. James; First Baptist, Presbyterian, First Methodist, Embury Methodist and Christ Church Cranbrook. The council, which is affiliated with the national council, has four major missionary projects which it supports. They are: migrant work, christian literature, and religious directors in five government schools for American Indians. The offering taken at the day service will be used to further these projects.

No Brakes on Car; Driver Gets Ticket
One driver was arrested for allegedly having no brakes following a crash last week on South Woodward avenue, near the Virginia Market.

The driver who got the ticket was Jay L. Everts, of Clawson, whose car was damaged to the extent of \$100. His car collided with one going north on Woodward and making a left turn, driven by Mrs. Oliver A. Fredericks. The car, damaged at \$75, and a parked car, owned by Thomas T. Rodda, 112 George, was hit and damaged at \$15.

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