

Two St. James Choirs Prepare Yule Concerts

Two musical highlights of the Christmas season at St. James Episcopal church are scheduled for this weekend, with the public concert of Christmas music by the boys and girls choir Friday, and the senior choir's presentation Sunday of the celebrated "Christmas Oratorio" by Bach.

The Women's auxiliary of the church will present Nioma Sherman, soprano, with the boys and girls choir under the direction of Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster of the church. The concert is slated for 2 p.m. tomorrow in the church, to be followed by a tea in the undercroft. The Bach oratorio will be given at a service at 11 a.m. Sunday in place of the usual morning service and sermon, an annual custom during Advent at St. James.

McDonald will play and conduct the oratorio, and soloists will be Mrs. Sherman, Marie Wilson, Neil Soper, and George Mullin. The performance at St. James of the famous oratorio, written in 1734, will be unique in that exactly 20 singers will participate, duplicating the size of Bach's own choir in Leipzig and presenting the music in historically and musically correct proportions. Birmingham members of the choir are Nellie Hertzberg, Natalie McKaig, Elsie Moon, Anna Steinbauer, Jean Blauvelt, Mary Dolan, Ann Geiger, Elisabeth Graham, Leonie Kidd, Dorothy Young, Philip Kidd, Harold Walker, Oliver Green, John Hertzberg, Robert Kent and Edmund Leavenworth.

MRS. SHERMAN, soprano soloist for the choir, is well known in the metropolitan Detroit area for her many oratorio and recital appearances.

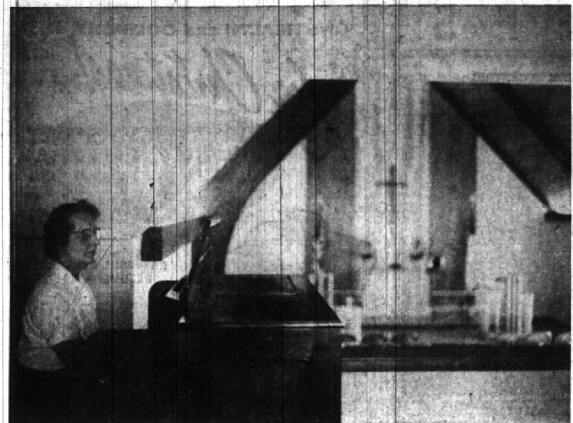
The church's boys and girls choirs have achieved considerable local acclaim for their musical contributions to the services at St. James. A milestone for the combined choirs was the limited-edition LP recording made three years ago which was pressed by RCA Victor. The membership of the boys and girls choirs totals 120, of which 80 have been specially selected to sing in Friday's concert.



Admiring Their Wares

Getting set up for Saturday's North Plaza Yule fair, members of North Congregational church groups stop to admire a child's apron pocketed with crayons. From left are Mrs. F. Donald Glass, Mrs. Walter J. Sussan, Mrs. Russell J. Hassett, and Mrs. James N. Owey. The fair opens at 10 a.m. at the church at Northwestern and Lahser. Infants and toddlers will be cared for while parents lunch (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or shop.

A puppet show, "Mrs. Frisby's Kids", staged by the Wayne State University Puppeteers, gets underway at 2:30 p.m. Booths will offer a colorful assembly of items such as the Madonnas and other Christmas table, tree and gift package decorations shown here, aprons, and re-sale articles. Those with tickets will enjoy turkey dinner at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. John S. Ellis and Mrs. Charles Coe are bazaar chairmen.



Balcony Scene at North Adams Church

Going over some of the Christmas music she will be playing at Beautiful Saviour Lutheran church, Mrs. Herman J. (Sarah) Kuhlmann, wife of the church's minister, sits at the balcony organ. Beyond her can be seen the altar and part of the interior of the recently completed church on Adams road near Whitmore road. A newly organized choir joined Mrs. Kuhlmann in the balcony for the first time at Thanksgiving services. (See "At the Church Door").

Former Soviet Prisoner Helps Refugee Families

By JULIE CANDLER. "Whether it's an escaped Hungarian street fighter or some little girl who will cross over into free

great that approximately 7,000 men, women and children cross over to West Germany from East Germany every week," Kalinke states.

PETER KALINKE, born in Germany, now lives at 975 Purdy, Birmingham, with his wife, Alice and year-old daughter, Susie. He's an executive trainee with Burroughs adding machine company, Detroit. He looks forward to a future as Burroughs' representative in Germany.

But the future did not always look so happy for this young man who had a German army war correspondent at the age of 16. He spent five years of near starvation and hard labor in prison camps in Russia. Peter knows how the thousands who escape from East to West Germany feel. He was one of them. He crossed over in 1950, only days after he was released to East Germany by the Soviets. His future looked brighter after that.

PETER THEN STUDIED and taught economics and political science in Europe. He came to the University of Michigan, where he met his future wife, on a Fulbright scholarship.

For two years before his move to Birmingham last June, Peter worked with the U. S. escape program helping displaced persons find homes and jobs. Now Peter works many hours to telling others about the plight of the 210,000 refugees now living in West Germany. He speaks to church and other organizations.



KALINKE AND SUSAN

Europe tonight is not important," says Peter Kalinke. "The important thing is this terrible desire to escape this terrible pressure from living in a totalitarian system. "The desire for freedom is so

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

While we snapped her picture for the church page this week, Miss Esther Hibbard told us how she looks at her task as a missionary in Japan.

Bright-eyed, white-haired Miss Hibbard smiled sweetly when she said, "It's like the doctor's orders—I feel that if he'll just take a few pills he'll feel a little better for it, though he won't get completely well."

That's how she looks upon her mission for Christianity—not to force the whole dose upon people if they do not want it, but to hope they will be a little better for what she can teach them about Christianity.

AS YOU'LL SEE IF you read the story about her on this page, Miss Hibbard teaches English and is dean of a Japanese school for girls. About ten to 15 per cent of her pupils are Christian.

"We just try to tell the rest of them about Christianity, to give them some understanding of it," Miss Hibbard explains. "I feel that Christianity was built upon the foundations of the older religions. It has moved a step forward beyond them, she said.

But that does not mean that the older religions do not have anything to offer, she feels. "I have even learned that some of the philosophy of my Buddhist friends in Japan can be helpful as I apply it to my own life," she said.

Sometimes you hear about a son following in his father's footsteps. Well, the Rev. Herman J. Kuhlmann's son is following in his footsteps, and his daughter is following in her mother's footsteps.

Mrs. Kuhlmann not only plays the organ for services at Beautiful Saviour Lutheran, the church her husband serves. She also plays at services at Grace Lutheran church, Detroit, and directs two choirs there.

And her daughter, Marianna Kuhlmann Hutchison, plays the organ and piano, too. (Now teaches music in Malvern public schools three days a week, though she's the mother of four.)

"She used to be my right hand before she was married," said the charming Mrs. Kuhlmann as she fingered the chords of the lovely little North Adams church's organ.

I USED TO HAVE her fill in for me during the services when I wanted to run to our house nearby to put a roast in the oven or do something about dinner," she said. "No one could tell her playing from mine."

The Kuhlmanns' son, Hermann, is completing his last year of theological training at Capital university seminary, Columbus, O. The Kuhlmanns still go back to Detroit two days a week to serve Grace Lutheran church on the east side, which is now an inter-racial church. Another organist and a vicar, William Darcy, a theological student, assist them at both churches.

telling them how they can actually get in touch with a specific refugee family in West Germany, to help them and correspond with them through translators.

Peter will speak next week at First Baptist church, Birmingham at a special program in the sanctuary.

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