

Xmas Spirit Dominates Holiday Programs For Capital Music Devotees

By J. MacB.

Christmas week is "home week" in music for Washington. Not a single "outside" musical event is scheduled for the holidays, but they will not lack music.

Tomorrow evening a merry Community Opera will be sung by the People's National Opera Society at Central High School. This new group of singers will give Gilbert and Sullivan's perennial "H. M. S. Pinafore."

Xmas Carols in Streets.

Christmas caroling in the streets of Washington is to bring the olden hearty yet holy greeting of the Yuletide into many neighborhoods on Christmas Eve, with a program arranged by Community Service, Inc.

"The Messiah," Handel's Christmas oratorio, will be sung by the Motet Choral Society on Monday evening, December 29, in Central High School, bringing to the National Capital renewed dignity in this noblest form of music expression that can be put into the season that commemorates the birth of the Christ Child.

The general public is invited to lend its help and its services for carrying cheer to all by joining the carol groups that have been organized by Community Service, Inc., under the direction of Hollis Edison Davenney, for Christmas Eve caroling.

A rehearsal, to which singers are invited, will be held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at Community Service headquarters, 1408 Pennsylvania avenue. Many of the groups are being made up from the large list of singers of the National Community

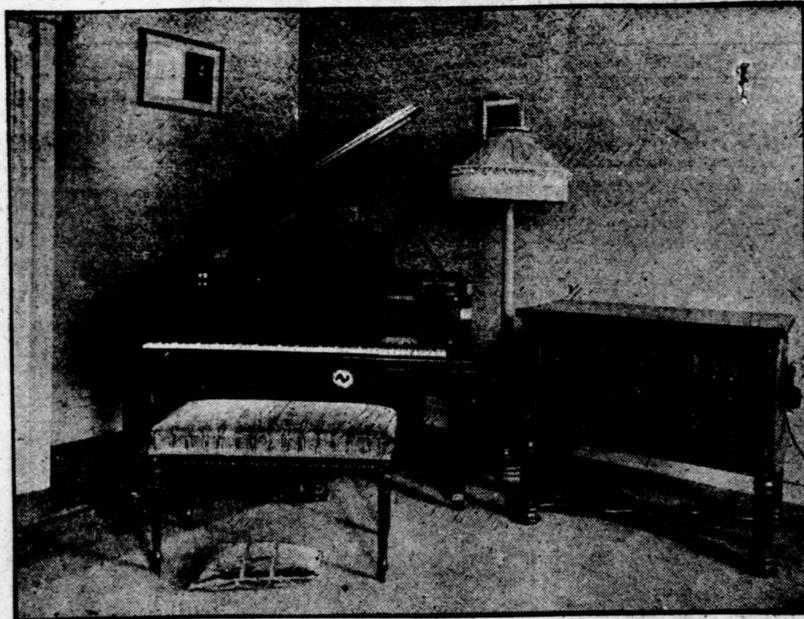
Chorus. But Christmas cheer belongs to all, and to all who desire to join in this revival of a cherished olden custom, the welcome is extended.

To Benefit Children.
"The Messiah" of Handel, to be given by the Motet Choral Society, Otto Torney Simon, director, at Central High School on Monday evening, December 29, will be for the benefit of the Foundling Hospital of Washington. The presentation is under the auspices of Community Service, Inc., where tickets may be obtained. Any checks to go toward aiding the children should be sent there to Mr. English.

The soloists for "The Messiah" present an interesting list of musicians who have now made Washington their home. The solo quartet consists of Marguerite Holt, soprano; Beulah Harper Dunwoody, contralto; Leopold Gushak, tenor, and Hollis Edison Davenney, bass. George H. Wilson will be at the piano, and Edith B. Althey at the organ.

A large chorus has been formed under Mr. Simon, which has been rehearsing for some time. This is the eighth season of the Motet Choral Society, who have made their Christmas programs of the past a distinct feature of the holiday season.

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Complimentary Admission.
This year the need of the children has prompted the benefit of this rendition of the Christmas oratorio, and the public is asked to be generous in its response to aid their milk fund.

Children from the Foundling Home will be present to take up a collection. It will be immediately following the singing of the Christmas hymn, "Holy Night," with the solo by John Waters, so the little ones may be a part of the evening devoted to their interests, and yet may return home at an early hour.

Complimentary admission by ticket may be had to the first floor, upon application to the Community Service headquarters, 1408 Pennsylvania avenue. The galleries are free to the public. Guests of the evening will be the blind of the Polytechnic Institute and boys from Walter Reed.

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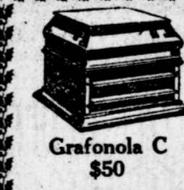
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