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MESSIAH CONCERT CALLED WONDERFUL

Capacity Audience Acclaim Concert as Greatest Musical Success Ever Held Here

The audience which filled the spacious High School Auditorium to capacity last evening returned from the Messiah concert of one mind—that the program was the greatest musical ever presented in the city. Enthusiasm was freely expressed by the entire audience which declared the entire repertoire as truly wonderful.

The Willmar Choral Society of near one hundred voices under the very able conductorship of David Nyvall, Jr., of Minneapolis stirred the hearts of the audience to repeated outbursts of applause. The Society in its eight choruses showed the excellent training they had received and the efforts they had made to render "The Messiah" in a satisfactory manner. The attacks and closes of the eight choruses were almost faultless. Never had the Society sung as well. It possessed good enunciation, spirit and volume. All choruses were equally well sung. The Hallelujah Chorus in particular as the closing number was one of tremendous expression of harmony and strength. The difficult chorus "For Unto Us a Child is Born" was rendered with an ease and precision that was a source of delight to the audience. To say that the audience was "carried away" by these eight choruses is indeed true. The impression left by the Willmar Choral Society is certain to be lasting and the Society has the hearty support of the citizens of the city. The Society has made its debut and musical laurels have been won.

The four soloists presented a program of recitatives, solos and airs which was indeed alone worth the price of admission. Mrs. Agnes Rast-Snyder, the contralto, possessing a soft mellow and richly endowed voice won her place in the hearts of the audience. The Society attributes much of the success of the Messiah concert to her role on the program. Clara Williams as soprano soloist took her just place with Mrs. Snyder. Her voice control and sweetness was of the same quality in her range as that of Mrs. Snyder. Her high notes retained the softness and clearness of her lower tones. Her work was without criticism.

Mr. George Krieger easily made himself a favorite. His expression and personal interpretation of his solos would indicate that he is one of the rising young tenors of the country. Mr. Krieger's voice is full and mellow. The manner in which he sang brought increased applause.

Mr. Harry Phillips, the bass soloist, presented an excellent program and showed thorough familiarity with the Messiah bass roles. His "Why Do the Nations so Furiously Rage Together" was especially acceptable.

Miss Nell Robbins of this city in a very creditable manner rendered the piano accompaniment. It is generally recognized that the greatest responsibility rests upon an accompanist in the Messiah in that she plays continuously through the concert, for the choruses and the solos. Miss Robbins both in the overture and pastoral symphony contributed greatly to the success of the program. In accompanying the soloists she showed her skill and knowledge of the Messiah composition while in the choruses her renditions contained the same energetic spirit as that which was displayed by the Society members themselves. The Society is indebted to Miss Robbins for her excellent work.

The Society was seated on an inclined and elevated platform with the sopranos and tenors facing the altos and basses. The four soloists were seated directly in front of the piano. Prof. David Nyvall, Jr., directed the Society from the front of the stage.

From a financial viewpoint the concert was also a success. Tickets at \$1 were sold in advance. The entire balcony had been reserved three hours after the reservations were open at Hallin's Drug Store.

The Society and soloists enjoyed a lunch after the concert in the Domestic Science Rooms by the ladies of the St. Luke's Guild.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Women's Athletic Club was to have been held Thursday evening of this week but will be held the following evening on Friday at the gymnasium. The Parent-Teachers Association will meet on Thursday and the conflict in dates has caused the change.

COFFEE SOCIAL

The Ladies Aid Society of the Swedish Methodist church will meet in the church next week Thursday, March 9th, at 2:30 p. m. Lunch will be served by the Society. Everybody is cordially invited.

EVENING CLASSES

Eleven Enrolled In Evening Classes In the High School

Evening classes are being held on Mondays and Thursdays at the Willmar High School. Supt. Geo. Brohaugh and Prof. Harry Wahlstrand of the faculty are the instructors. The hours for classes are between seven to nine o'clock. Subjects taught include elementary and advanced citizenship, penmanship, elementary and advanced English and spelling. Thus far eleven have enrolled in the classes and is considered a very good beginning.

The value of this course is very apparent for the applicant for citizenship in our community. Anyone desiring admission as citizen in the District Court term which opens on Mar. 20th, should avail themselves of this course without delay.

To any resident of Willmar this course will be of value.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Melvin Root who has been employed at the Dodge Service and is well known in this city underwent an operation for adhesion at the Willmar Hospital on Monday of this week. He is getting along fine at the present time.

INSPECTED WATER SUPPLY OF CITY

Water of City In Past Has Been Found to Be Very Good Says Inspector

O. E. Brownell of the Minnesota State Board of Health and also representing the Federal Government was in the city on Tuesday of this week testing the water of the city. Mr. Brownell is assistant engineer on the state board.

Mr. Brownell in order to ascertain the quality and purity of the water used on the railroads made a test for that reason and also to determine the grade of water being consumed by the city of Willmar.

Mr. Brownell stated that the water of Willmar has in the past been found to be very good and expected no change in it this year. He took with him a sample of the water to be sent into the state department. An analysis will be made there and filed and also a report to the city clerk with recommendations if there are any.

Mr. Brownell came from Spicer where he tested the water supply used by that village. He found it soft and unusually good he stated. He left Willmar last evening for Morris. His trips to some 100 cities in Minnesota are annual.

MAJESTIC SOLD TO FRANKLIN CO.

Both Amusement Houses in City Now Owned by Franklin Amusement Company

The Franklin Amusement Company of Minneapolis which owns the Dreamland Theatre in a deal closed on Tuesday purchased the Majestic Theatre, business and equipment from J. F. Crisp. This deal occasioned some surprise. Mr. Crisp had but recently appointed Mark Carey as manager of the Majestic while the former tended to his real estate interest in North Dakota. Shortly after Mr. Crisp's departure to North Dakota he closed the transfer of this property to the Franklin Amusement Company. The Franklin Amusement Company now has both theatres in the city but declare that they will furnish the same high quality plays as in the past. Temporarily the Majestic Theatre will be closed and opened only on Saturday evenings. The regular performances will be run at the Dreamland Theatre. Mr. Mark Carey, late manager of the Majestic, has now become manager of the Dreamland. D. M. Eytcheson has been transferred to Minneapolis to take charge of a theatre there.

BONDS ON PAR

The banks of the city have received notification that the Victory Bonds are now redeemable at par. These bonds bear 4 and 3-4 per cent interest. The Liberty Bonds average in market quoting at 97. The lowest point of the Victory Bonds has been 95 and for other Liberty Bonds even as low as 83. The slump in these Government Bonds occurred during the month of January, 1921.

—Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson of Colfax returned to their home there today after a few days visit in this city with friends.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY NARROWLY AVOIDED

Passenger Cars of No. 21 Derailed and On Verge of Overturning Last Night

Another railroad tragedy was fortunately spared us last evening purely by the hand of chance. The scene of this wreck was near the coal chute in the local yards. No. 21 which arrives at 9:10 p. m. was entering the yards of the city when its four passenger coaches were derailed. A part of the switch apparently snapped off after the engine and its baggage car had passed. The four passenger coaches left the track. No. 21 was running at a fairly fast clip.

In the derailment the coaches were unbalanced and swayed far from side to side. As fortune would have it, we learn that a switch engine with a string of box cars was passing on the track next to the main line. In their alarming swaying from side to side on the verge of toppling over, the passenger cars came into contact with the box cars and their swaying was checked. The coaches finally recovered their balance. It is a certainty that had not the box cars been stationed on the next track the coaches would have turned over and another tragedy enacted.

Following the derailment orders were sent to warn No. 9 to enter the yards on another track.

The coaches were replaced on the track after hours of labor.

Passengers, many of them traveling men, were standing, preparatory to stepping off at Willmar when the accident occurred. They and their baggage were thrown about and in a mass.

One traveling man stated that he was in both the wreck on Thursday and the one last evening. On the way to Minneapolis on Thursday and returning here on Tuesday evening.

LINEN SHOWER

The Misses Stella Johnson and Clara Anderson entertained 20 guests at the home of the former, 424 First St. at a linen shower in honor of Miss Florence Peterson, a bride of this week, last Wednesday evening. The rooms were prettily decorated in hearts and kewpies. The evening's entertainment consisted of games and contests. Prizes were won by Mrs. N. R. Swenson and Miss Lucy Peterson. Refreshments were served.

GOLDEN ROD FARMERS CLUB

The Golden Rod Farmers Club will hold their monthly meeting in District No. 44 on Friday evening, March 3rd. Among the many good numbers of the evening will be Rev. Arnt Vaaler who is certain to give a very interesting talk. Refreshments will be served after the program.

SOCIETY MEETING POSTPONED

The March meeting of the Swedish Literary Society has been postponed from Friday evening of this week to Friday evening, March 17th. A good program has been arranged. Other programs on the same evening caused the postponement.

SUFFERED RUPTURE

Jens Jensen had the misfortune of rupturing the left side when he slipped and fell the other day. The rupture is not serious and does not necessitate an operation.

BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting of the Willmar Choral Society and all Associate Members has been called for Friday evening of this week in the Junior High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 o'clock. All members, active and associate, should be present as many important matters will be discussed.

JURIES DRAWN

The petit and grand juries for the March term of District Court were drawn last week by the Sheriff, Clerk of Court Sanderson and Justice of the Peace I. T. Cramer. The panel for the petit jury contains 30 names and that for the grand jury 23 names. The March term opens on Monday, the 20th.

Very little can be said of the calendar for the term.

CITY ELECTION CONFERENCE

Citizens in sympathy with the progressive forces of Willmar are called to meet with organized labor at the courthouse hall at Willmar Friday evening, March 3, 1922, at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of conferring on important matters relating to the approaching city election. Ladies are invited to attend.

By order of the Central Labor Body of Willmar. Committee.

—Mrs. O. A. Melby of Spicer arrived in this city today to visit at the home of O. L. Birkeland for a week.

WILLMAR YOUNG LADY WEDS MANKATO MAN

Miss Florence Peterson United In Marriage to R. W. Wigley

A wedding took place at high noon on Saturday at the Presbyterian parsonage when Miss Florence Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Peterson, 226 East Litchfield Ave., was united in marriage to R. W. Wigley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wigley of Mankato.

The bridesmaid was Miss Lucy Peterson, a sister of the bride, and the best man was Roy W. Anderson. Rev. J. Renwick McCullough, pastor of the Presbyterian church read the wedding ceremony.

The bride was attired in a beautiful blue broadcloth suit trimmed with beaver fur and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas, violets, Ophelia roses and greens.

A reception was given at the home of the brides parents in honor of the newly married couple. The decorations for the occasion were pink and white and cut flowers. The wedding dinner was served to immediate relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wigley left for a wedding trip to the cities and will be at home at Judson, Minnesota, after April 1st. Mr. Wigley is cashier of the Farmers State Bank at that place.

TELEPHONE LINES IMPAIRED

The severe snow storm of last week did some havoc in the city with the telephone lines in the North and East ends of the city. All other portions of Willmar suffered no inconvenience. Nels Bredeson of the Northwestern Telephone company states:

LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Annette Eastman left this city on Friday morning for Kingsburg, California. She will visit with her many relatives and friends at that place for a length of time before returning to this state again. We all join in wishing Mrs. Eastman all good luck on her journey and a good time.

WILL OPEN NEW CLOTHING STORE

Roy and Walter Erickson To Be Proprietors of New Store in Olson Building

Walter and Roy Erickson, Willmar young men, will open a new clothing store during the fore part of April in quarters obtained in the I. C. Olson building on Litchfield avenue. The Erickson brothers have had many years of experience in the clothing business and are thoroughly familiar with the conduct of such an enterprise. The young proprietors will carry on a general clothing business.

Roy Erickson has been in the employ of Weum-Elkjer Company in this city for several years. Walter Erickson has been manager of the Weum-Erickson firm at Alexandria until recently when he closed his affiliation with that concern. He was succeeded by Ray Anderson of Weum-Elkjer Co. who now has been placed in charge of the Alexandria store together with another young man.

The Erickson boys have rented a space of 25 ft frontage in the Olson building with the full depth of the structure. Storage room is found on the second floor and the basement.

The young men have the well wishes of the community in their venture into business here in the city.

BETHEL Y. P. S.

The Young Peoples Society of the Bethel Lutheran church will hold their regular meeting next Wednesday evening, March 8th. Following is the program: Vocal solo, Wallace Johnson. Piano duet, Helen Ohsberg, Eleanor Ostlund. Vocal solo, Myrtle Johnson. Speech, T. J. Sampson. Instrumental Trio, Wm. N. Peterson, Minnie Fridlund, Amy Fridlund. Vocal solo, Dortha Coss. Refreshments will be served following the program by the Misses Esther and Florence Hedin, Raymond and Florence Lundquist and Alphonso Nordgren.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

First Church of Christ Scientist of Willmar, Minn., announces a free lecture on "Christian Science," by Ezra W. Palmer, C. S. B. of Denver, Colo., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., on Thursday evening, March 2, 1922, at 8:00 o'clock at the Christian Science church. The public is cordially invited. All seats free.

—Otto Nilsson the proprietor of the Magnet Inn is celebrating his 23rd birthday today.

BIG CONTRACT IS AWARDED BY BOARD

Feleen & Smith of Willmar Receive Largest Contract at Bid Opening Monday

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday afternoon in the Commissioners Chambers at the courthouse some twenty bids were opened on work to be done on State Road No. 5 in this county and No. 8 in Pope county. This distance on this road to be improved and established is some four and one half miles. One half mile of the road extends into Pope County. State Road No. 5 at this particular place is on the Swift-Kandyohi boundary line. Much benefit will be derived by farmers residing along this road.

The following construction firms made bids: Axel Olund, Detroit, Minn. Westrom Bros. Co., Minneapolis. S. B. Groves, Minneapolis. Isle Construction Co., Isle, Minn. David Ryan, Marshall. Geo. J. Grant Con. Co., St. Paul. A. C. Dixon, St. Paul. Thomas Bros., Foley, Minn. Deaf and Martin, Glenwood. Berger Mfg. Co., Minneapolis. W. R. Oestreich, La Bolt, S. D. Lyle Corrugated Culv. Co., Mpls. Keener Mfg. Co., Dubuque, Iowa. Gould & Huntington, Glencoe. T. J. Frederick, Minneapolis. Elk River Concrete Co., Elk River. Morris Construction Co., Morris. Feleen & Smith, Willmar. P. W. Roark, Thief River Falls. C. M. McNamara, Bristol, S. D. Feleen & Smith or the Willmar Construction Company made the lowest bid on the excavation and grading while the gravel, tile drain and cow pass work went to the Morris Construction Company of Morris, Minn.

The following were the order of contracts awarded: Feleen & Smith, excavation at 24c. \$22,911.53 Feleen & Smith, guard rail 4,984.40 Feleen & Smith, hauling and installation 474.78 \$28,371.01 Morris Construction Co., cow pass \$4,132.30 Morris Con. Co., gravel \$1,058.00 \$9,165.30 Berger Mfg. Co., (metal culv.) \$812.80 Totals: Feleen & Smith \$28,371.01 Morris Construction Co. \$9,165.30 Berger Mfg. Co. \$812.80 Total \$38,299.11

B. Y. P. U. MEETING

The B. Y. P. U. will hold its regular monthly business and social meeting next Friday evening, March 3, at 7:45 p. m. The "Zeal Group" has charge of the meeting and the following program will be rendered: Song service, Emil Lundquist. Devotional, Esther Swenson. Piano solo, Elma Forssell. Reading, Alice Magnusson. Vocal solo, Ethel Dahlheim. Reading, Mrs. E. A. Lagerstrom. Vocal duet, Dr. G. D. Forssell, Elma Forssell. Talk, Dick Holland, Mpls. Piano solo, Emil Lundquist. Reading, Ruth Carlson. Vocal duet, Emil and Willard Lundquist. Refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE CAUCUS

Delegates to County Convention Will Be Elected Saturday, March 4th

C. O. Bergquist, county chairman of the Farmers National Nonpartisan League, requests the Willmar Tribune to remind the members in each township of the precinct caucuses which will be held in the usual polling places at the time set on Saturday, March 4, for the purpose of electing delegates to represent the precinct in the county conventions to be held later. These meetings are among the most important to be held and on the wisdom and discretion shown by the different precincts in the choice of delegates much may depend later during the year. Don't forget to attend the caucus on Saturday.

Four Killed on No. 10

On the double header of Train No. 10 were engineers R. A. MacDonald and Hugh Johnson, both of St. Paul, and firemen George G. Pelton of St. Paul, and Norman McLeod of Willmar. The city of Willmar thus lost two of its citizens and a third, George Pelton, who spent a greater part of his time while railroading in this city. Pelton fired for MacDonald and McLeod for Johnson.

A Patched Story

From the mass of rumors and conventional facts a fairly reliable story has been produced. The railroad officials are reticent as to the exact details of the disaster and particularly as to the attachment of blame.

Mistake Orders

It would appear that the snow plow, with Hollis McDonald as engineer and R. E. McCabe as conductor, was directed to sidetrack the snow plow at Delano. They received their orders at that place and glanced at same. The operator at the Delano Station it is claimed saw the men examine the

TERRIBLE WRECK ON GREAT NORTHERN

Three Engineers and Two Firemen Killed in Head-on Collision Near Delano last Thursday.

DOUBLE HEADER STRIKES SNOWPLOW

Lives of 400 Passengers were Imperilled But all Escaped with but a few Receiving Minor Bruises. Four Heavy Steel Mail and Baggage Cars Took the Jolt. Engine Nos. 1517, 1468 and 1454 Reduced to Scrap Iron.

THE DEAD

Hollis G. McDonald, 45, Willmar, Minn., engineer on snow plow. R. A. MacDonald, 50, 899 Park avenue, St. Paul, engineer on passenger. Hugh J. Johnson, 40, 1517 Grand avenue, St. Paul, engineer on passenger. Norman McLeod, Willmar, Minn., fireman on snow plow. Geo. Pelton, 404 East Twenty-sixth street, Minneapolis, fireman on passenger.

The Injured at Willmar Hospital

Harry Dalien, arm badly fractured and scalded. George Sanderson, two ribs broken and internal injuries. L. E. Barnes, deep gash in forehead and rib fractured.

Seven on Snow Plow

Due to the heavy snows and drifts a snow plow had been working on this part of the Division and at the time from out of Delano. The snow plow consisted of a Hart-Balance wedge plow combined with a flat car engine No. 1517 and a caboose. In the engine cab were engineer Hollis McDonald and fireman Harry Dalien. In the caboose were George Sanderson, R. E. McCabe, Arthur Larson, L. E. Barnes. On the snow plow was Charles Rasmussen. He miraculously escaped even the slightest injuries although the snow plow was overturned with Rasmussen on it.

Miraculously Escapes

Mr. McCabe had just stepped from the caboose when the impact occurred. It seemed to Mr. McCabe that the entire train and all on the track were thrown over his head. His escape from even the minutest injury was marvelous.

Obscure View

No sight of the oncoming No. 10 was given due to the heavy woods which fills the curve area and which excluded any view of the line farther on.

Caught in Caboose

Messrs. George Sanderson and L. E. Barnes were caught in the caboose. The two men were thrown about and were the means of wrecking the interior of the car. Mr. Sanderson stated in being hurled about inside the caboose the two men were struck by the stove, tables and other articles of furniture. Barnes suffered a gash in the forehead and had a rib fractured on the left side. Mr. Sanderson was also bruised and sustained two rib fractures.

Notice Mistake

Arriving at one of the big curves on the route between Montrose and Delano, some three miles from the latter place, Arthur Larson, it appears, together with Mr. McCabe, perceived the mistake that had been made in interpreting the orders. Realization came that No. 10 might be on its approach. The cord was pulled and the signal given to halt the snow plow.

An Eye Witness

Larson left the caboose and had no sooner stepped out on the ground than he saw No. 10 bearing down upon the snow plow at a velocity of fifty miles an hour. Larson made his way into a slough nearby and arrived out of harm's way when the two machines crashed into each other. The sight froze his blood. He declared the entire mass of engines and snow plow seemed to rise into the air and topple over on their sides into the ditch. Underneath these masses of iron were pinned the bodies of engineers and firemen. Mr. Larson indeed was an eye witness to a terrible tragedy.

orders. In some unexplainable manner, perhaps simple oversight, the orders and their message of warning were overlooked and thoughtlessly the crew and pilot drove out of the Delano yards on the main line, speeding on to death and destruction.

Calls in Vain

The Delano operator, it is alleged, saw the snow plow speed out of the yards, realized that there had been a mistake by the men, and running out tried by loud calls to get the attention of the men on the snow plow. His calls were futile. He was not heard. The operator, according to the story, then immediately called Montrose ordering them to flag and stop No. 10. He received the terrifying answer that No. 10 had already passed. Frantically he sent a call along the country lines bordering the railroad highway to the farmers to flag No. 10. Apparently no farmer or anyone who heard this call reached the track in time.

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