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By AL SISSON

New Belgian Composition Featured By Defauw in NBC Symphony Concert

Performance of "Overture Joyeuse," a new composition for orchestra by the eminent young Belgian composer Marcel Poot, will feature Defauw's third concert as conductor of the NBC New Symphony Orchestra, on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 p. m. EST, over WHAM.

The program, NBC's Christmas gift to music lovers throughout the world, will include as special Yuletide offerings the symphony (Shepherds' Music) from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, and the Prelude to "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdick. Also scheduled are Brahms' Third Symphony, and "Suite de Ballet," by Gretry. Among Belgium's younger composers, Marcel Poot is outstanding. M. Defauw states: "Poot's works have been played all over Europe with great success, and Defauw himself has conducted Poot premieres in London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Moscow, Budapest, and Paris.

Poot's works include one symphony, several symphonic poems, one of which, "Charlot," is a musical impression of Charlie Chaplin, and chamber music compositions. In addition he has written music for broadcasts by Belgium's Institute Nationale de Radiodiffusion.

Following is the complete program for Saturday, Dec. 23: Symphony (Shepherds' Music) from Christmas Oratorio, Bach; Prelude to "Hansel and Gretel" Humperdick; Suite de Ballet Gretry; Overture Joyeuse Marcel Poot; Symphony No. 3 in F Major Brahms.

Opera Auditions

The second semi-finals in the current series of Metropolitan Auditions of the Air will be heard Sunday Dec. 24 at 5:30 P. M. EST over WHAM. Aspirants invited to renew competition will be Eleanor Stever, soprano; Gertrude Eikh, soprano; and Arthur Kent, bass-baritone. Edward Johnson, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be guest speaker.

Mr. Christmas

"The Man Named Christmas" an original play based on the character of a kindly and mellow old gentleman who personifies the spirit of the day, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2:00 p. m. EST, over WHAM. Written by Donald Macdonald, of the NBC Script Division, the drama describes the visit of a disillusioned man to the home of Mr. Christmas who leads his caller through a house haunted with memories in which the visitor finds his beliefs restored.

Santa Benny Celebrates

Jack Benny having nearly completed the enlargement of his chimney so Andy Devine won't get stuck in it again this year, will play host to his merry gang at a festive Christmas Eve party during the Sunday, Dec. 24 broadcast at 7:00 p. m. EST over WHAM. Benny has gifts wrapped and ready for Mary Livingston, Phil Harris, Dennis Day, and Don Wilson but Rochester's disparaging remarks about Jack's Christmas tree resembling an old hall-tree gone to seed may keep his stocking empty.

Chase and Sanborn

Edgar Bergen, with good will toward men, and Charlie McCarthy, with a yen for goods, will officiate at a gigantic Christmas party to be held during the Chase and Sanborn Hour, Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8:00 p. m. EST, over the NBC-Red Network. Beneficiaries of McCarthy largesse will include Don Arneche, Donald Dickson, Dorothy Lamour and Robert Armstrong and his orchestra.

Sports Newsreel

Les Patrick, veteran manager of the National Hockey League's New York Rangers, will comment on the season's campaign which finds his team currently challenging for the league leadership when Bill Stern introduces him to the WHAM audience during the Sports Newsreel of the Air, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 9:45 P. M. EST. Stern also will relate the day's big sports story, the week's athletic feature, and highlights of the past week.

Christmas—1939

The stars are gay; the hills are young again! Judea guards her jewel, Mary's boy. While sleeping shepherds wake to angels' joy That Christ has come to solace ancient pain. By Ephrata, the lowly, time divides, Holding one glorious candle to the hour When kings shall find the hidden manger-flower. The waiting centuries now turn their tides.

We have come far today from Bethlehem, Denied the golden years, proud paupers we— So little knowing where our treasure lies. Let us with simple herdsmen seek the gem Of blest Judea, with the wise men see That all our hope is here in Jesus' eyes.

Harriet Hoock

SODALTALK

By Margaret Loridin

Father Fox, Rita Doolin, and all the members of the Sodality Union Council take this opportunity to wish to all the Sodality Directors and sodalists the diocese over, the very Merry Christmas. It is their sincere hope that all the blessings of this holy Christmas time will be yours. Knowing the grand work that you are doing for Our Blessed Lady, we feel sure that her Infant Son will take possession of your hearts on Christmas morning and grant you your every wish.

Realizing the true spirit of Christmas, that of giving rather than receiving, the Sodality of St. Patrick's Sodality under the patronage of the Apostolic Committee will entertain the members of the Sunday School Class, 100 strong, at a Christmas party. Rose Chiappone is General Chairman and Teresa Patrick, Honorary Chairman. Assisting with the various committees are Rosario Maurisio, Florence Nacca, Frances Brandi, Josephine Raneletta, Liddy Lippa, Helen Carrara, Antonette Ferraris, Angela Gamarata, Rose Barbara, Connie Lippa, Angelina Sponelli and Anna Raneletta. Their plan is to first of all have a benefit card party to raise funds sufficient to give this party for their Sunday School Class.

Dec. 8 meant for many Sodality the Reception of their new members. We hear that St. Jerome's Sodality in East Rochester held a very beautiful one of their new sodalists. Among those received were Anna Cora, Josephine Gueli, Anna Sunick, Emma Tortorici, Angelina Morrales, Rose Moranzone, Josephine Catalina, Antonette Calabro, Betty Noonan, Helen Conellan, Adelaide Conellan, Natalie DePeters, Virginia Poppa, Lois DePeters, Guida DeMatteo, Theresa Puallano, Antoinette Morrice, Sapientia Morra, Anna Accardi, Christine Della Pina, and Louis Corretti. After their Reception the girls were entertained over in the Parish Recreation Hall.

And speaking of Receptions, we feel that the new Sodality of the

Immaculate Conception Church were really and truly honored. At the close of their Solemn Novena at which Bishop Kearney spoke, the new Sodality were received by the Rev. Fr. John G. Green, Social Life Chairman, carried the responsibility of the party. Each Sodality was to bring canned goods for the baskets for the poor. Angie Luciani, again this year, has been selected to take charge of the distribution of these baskets. Dorothy Loeb is her able assistant. Evelyn Contestable tells me that each week their membership increases by leaps and bounds, and that there is a renewed interest in the Sodality. Reports like this we love to hear. Keep up the good work, girls.

The Apostolic committee suggests that you gather a group of your best singers, and go about visiting the sick of your parish and sing for them the beautiful Christmas carols. It is an old custom and one that sodalists in particular are trying to revive. They also suggest that you place in your window on Christmas eve a lighted candle for the coming of the Infant Babe. And once, again, we sincerely wish you a merry and a truly happy Christmas, and we feel sure that your first thought on Christmas morning will be a prayer in thanksgiving for all the graces we have received during the year.

Install Chimes At Old St. Mary's
 The bells of St. Mary's being installed in the new steeple of Old St. Mary's Church, South street, first steeple of the 81-year old church has ever had, will ring out on Christmas Eve.
 Working against time the men erecting the new steeple and chimes are looking forward to having the 10 bronze tubular bells and concrete belfry in shape for Christmas use.
 Taking up much less room than old-style flaring bells, the modern chimes weighing 11,000 pounds will be hung in hollow square formation. They will be operated electrically from a chime keyboard at the organ console or from a record-playing device in the choir gallery.
 The remainder of the tapering 60-foot steeple will be finished early next year. James D. Arnold, architect, announces.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
 DIRECTOR
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For Mary Immaculate her model shall be.
 Well, let's see what else we can mine from out of the mail bag. Ah yes from St. Agnes School in Avon. The first and second grades we discover, ransomed a Chinese baby naming her Mary Frances. Just by the way, and a little hint to the rest of you, this is their second ransom. Surely now, you people of the upper grades are not going to permit the first and second grades to steal the march on you, are you? Well, that is entirely up to you.

St. John's School, Clyde have been missing from our ranks the last few weeks. However, that is hardly surprising. They set such a fast pace that we had expected that they would have to rest a while. Well, believe me, the rest wasn't of long duration for here they are Johnny on the Spot again. "Back we come with another ransom, our Christmas gift to the Baby Jesus. Will you please find us an African baby to be baptized Margaret, Adele." Her godmother and godfather will be Angelina DeLeo and Harold Burt. We are going to remember the missions and especially the missionaries in our Christmas Mass. You'll be hearing from us again, soon. Ed Walsh, Secretary, 1st & 2nd Grades, St. John's, Clyde.

You can see that the first grades in the diocese have stolen the march this week, and here is yet another first Grade, this time from Holy Family School in Auburn. Sisters tell us that they are most anxious for an Indian baby girl. They have decided upon the name Maureen Berry. Come on now, you big shots, let's see what you are going to do next week. Your Christmas will be so much happier and more pleasant if you have made a little sacrifice as a Christmas gift to the Infant Jesus.
 We wind up the ransoms with an adoption placed by Mrs. Helen Powderly of Rochester. She requests a little baby from suffering in China for whom she has selected the name of Frances. We are indeed most grateful to Mrs. Pow-

Mass in China Said For Card. Mundelein

CHOWTSUN, China.—L. u. m. e. n Service reports that a Pontifical Mass of Requiem for the soul of His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, was celebrated here by the Most Rev. Ambrose Finger, O.F.M., Vicar Apostolic of Chowtsun.
 Bishop Finger, the first Vicar Apostolic of Chowtsun, was consecrated by Cardinal Mundelein September 21, 1927.

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her mantle enfolds the children of every tongue, color and clime. That we heed our column today, while we extend to the friends of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith our best wishes for a truly happy and peaceful Christmas. This seems particularly fitting since the angelic message announcing the birth of the Redeemer was heralded as "the tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people." During the past 117 years our efforts, seconded by your co-operation, have been directed always toward the salvation of souls regardless of race or nationality.

Therefore, our missionaries throughout the world, together with our superiors in Rome, are united in their wishes and prayers for you during this blessed season. We realize that, without your help, our efforts in behalf of the work for which the Divine Babe of Bethlehem came on earth, would be impossible.
 Before the crib then we will place our humble applications in your behalf imploring the Infant King of the world to grant you—who has shown such good will in the peace which His heavenly choir promised on the day of His Birth.

Christmas from West to East
 In a recent lecture, the eminent misanthropologist and theologian, Rev. Pierre Charles, describes the wave of Christmas prayers which pour from the old nations—spanning ocean after ocean until it finally reaches America's shores the last place to feel the joy of Christmas peace. It might be well to follow this same idea by traveling to the old nations—the course of the sun as it first lights the Christmas sky. Let us imagine ourselves at that point in the mighty Pacific where we lose a day, and then begin our trip from west to east.
 Down below the Equator we find the Ellice and Fiji Islands near our starting point, although far to the south New Zealand listens to the earliest of Christmas bells, being raised to worship "the Saviour Who is Christ the Lord." Meanwhile the outposts of the U.S.S.R. are frozen in the darkness of the Arctic Circle and their own godlessness. Continuing our trip westward, many of the Oceanic Islands next feel the warm rays of the sun on Christ's Birthday with New Guinea and Australia below the Equator, and many of the mandated islands with Japan above, all lands which have learned to love the Infant "laid in the Manger." Gradually, the light shines on Korea, China, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Indo China, Malay States, Sumatra, Siam, and Burma, where Christians, many of whom are still new to the Faith, are hurrying to attend Christ's Mass. However, far to the North, the Russian bear continues to hibernate in his wintry cave, untouched by the warmth of Christian love.

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