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MUSICAL MOMENTS

Handel Choir celebrates its 25th anniversary with concert

The Handel Choir, under the direction of James W. Lewis, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a concert at the Church of the Redeemer, Sunday.

The evening was devoted to the music of Johann Bach.

The concert gave one an opportunity to contrast the quiet, meditative music of the great composer's cantatas, Nos. 146 and 56 with the "grandeur and jubilation of his Magnificat."

The cantatas were written for the Sunday and holy days services at the church where Bach was chapel master and organist.

Cantata No. 146, "We Must Thru Tribulation," included a version of the familiar "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

No. 56 was written for bass solo. It was done by John Yard singing the two recitatives and arias and the choir concluding with a charale.

At one point the soloist sustains a long note (organ point) while the orchestra plays the various melody lines.

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IT WAS characteristic of Bach to use the voice, when it suited him, as if it were another instrument.

In its dramatic fervour and soaring climaxes, the "Magnificat" reminded one of Handel and his "Messiah."

The opening chorus — a joyous duet between the sopranos and altos, represented the meeting of Mary, the mother and Elizabeth, her cousin.

"Omnes Generations" (all generations), the "Gloria in Excesis" and the final "Gloria Patri," contain pages of the most superb music written.

Mary K. Bates, soprano; Rillia R. Mervine, contralto; Carl Kaiser, tenor, and Mr. Yard, bass, gave definitely musical performances.

Mr. Lewis coordinated his vocal and instrumental forces in this program of difficult, yet most rewarding music.

A review of the evening would not be complete without mentioning the artistic work by the orchestra.

Especially the playing of the elaborate double bass score by Isabel Baugham and the fine effect of woodwinds and harpsichord with the contralto-aria.

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THE HANDEL Choir, which is intercultural and interfaith, has achieved a severedly high spot in the musical life of our city.

Beginning 25 years ago with annual presentations of Handel's "Messiah," it has broadened its repertoire to include major works by: Beethoven; Mendelssohn and Gounod.

In recent years the group has offered Baltimore the opportunity of hearing compositions by mucisians of the city.

Among these are Gustav Klemm, Louis Cheslock, Franz Bornschein and Katherine Lucke. Works of contemporary composers, such as Hindemith and Vaughn Williams are performed also.

The latest venture is the commissioning of works for the choir.

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LAST YEAR the American writer, Alan Hovhaness, conducted the Handel singers in his "Look to the Sea."

In addition to the semi-annual concerts, the chorus has appeared frequently at schools and other institutions throughout the city.

The 25th anniversary concert was sponsored by a number of distinguished citizens.

They joined with the community in congratulating Mr. Lewis and his choir upon their outstanding accomplishments and to wish them continued success.

Calendar of events:

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

George Pontoriero, Italian tenor, will give a recital at St. Francis Academy, Forest and Chase St., 4 p.m.

He will be assisted by Miss Bernadine Howard, pianist, and local school teacher.

THE CONCERT will benefit the building fund of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Both performers are studying at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music.

The Academy alumni association is sponsoring the recital.

At 5 p.m. the Piano Teachers Activity Group will present intermediate student in a public recital at Coppin Teachers College. There is no admission fee.

The Concert Band of Morgan College, under Dr. R. Hayes Strider, will give a concert at the Lemmel Junior High School at 5 p.m. Dr. Strider heads the musical department at Morgan.

In the concert, the band will play compositions by Bach, Couperin, Bizet, Morrissey and Dvorak.

Included also will be two overtures, "The Pearl Fishers" and "La Sultane."

Among modern works will be "River Suite," by Mitchell, and "The French Quartet" by Morrissey.

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LONNIE SMITH, pianist, will play "Spiritual Rhapsody" with the band. Ernest Stewart will be at the keyboard in Frank's "Heather Hills."

The concert will close with Reidzen's arrangement of Dvorak's "New World Symphony." The symphony contains the famous "Largo," known to many as the melody of "Going Home."

The Morgan band has also appeared in concerts in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Durham, Wilmington, Dover and Fayetteville.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

At Douglas Memorial Community Church, Lafayette and Madison Ave. from 12 to 12:45 p.m. Lenten Wednesday, Organ recitals will be held.

The series will feature both local and out-of-town notable organists.

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JOHN HAMMOND, minister of music, arranged the series. The Rev. Marion Bascom is pastor.

Special services for Lenten Wednesday evenings will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Eiting Sts.

Guest singers next Wednesday will be the Douglass High School Glee Club.

The following Wednesday, Mrs. J. Logan Kearse will be soloist. Last Wednesday, Mrs. Fannie Newton was guest soloist. The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr. is pastor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Mrs. Roena Savage, soprano, will give a full-length recital in the Hurt gymnasium at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Savage, a faculty member, is an experienced soloist. She has done concert work in the west and middle west.

Admission to the Morgan College concert is free.

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THE ANNUAL Easter Music Worship, featuring Gaul's "Holy City," will be held at 4 p.m. on Palm Sunday.

The service, featuring eight choirs will be held in the auditorium of Polytechnic Institute.

Under the direction of Clarence Henderson, the program will feature:

Nellie Robinson and Junetta Jones, soprano soloists; Doris Makell, contralto; Marshall Waters, tenor; and Harry Thompson, bass.

Accompanying will be Floyd Adams, organist; Audrey Cyrus, pianist and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Suspended term for City worker

Robert Jenkins, 40, 400 block E. 22nd St., a former City employee, was given a 5 year suspended term in Criminal Court Tuesday on a charge of false pretenses.

Detective August Letz testified, the defendant, formerly employed in the Water Department, obtained $1,352 from the Municipal Credit Union by co-signing for himself in a fictious name.

According to the testimony, the forgery was discovered when the defendant failed to pay the loan.

His term was suspended on the condition he make restitution of the money.

A co-signer, required on the form of Municipal loans, must pay in the event the loan maker cannot or does not pay.

Attorney to head Friedel campaign

Senator George L. Radcliffe announced Tuesday his acceptance of the general chairmanship of Samuel N. Friedel's campaign for re-election to Congress from Maryland's Seventh District.

Senator Radcliffe has been an attorney in the surety business for a number of years and vice president and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Fidelity and Deposit Company.

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Bear gridders get scrimmage shock

Surprise and satisfaction were experienced by the principals involved in the first three days of spring football practice at Morgan State College this week.

The surprise hit the players and the satisfaction was expressed by the coach.

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EARL BANKS, getting his feet planted as Golden Bear mentor, ordered scrimmage within minutes after the squad lined up on the turf of the stadium. The candidates looked at each other in disbelief and went to work.

Banks had the group scrimmaging Monday, Tuesday and again on Wednesday. He broke off yesterday and today (Friday) on account of the annual CIAA meeting, being held in Washington this weekend.

"But I warned them to stay ready," the coach told the AFRO, "because I intend to get in as much heavy work as possible before the Easter vacation. We're going to be handicapped a little later, since the track team is going to need the stadium to train for the spring meets."

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THE MORGAN tutor was asked whether he considered it wise to be engaging in contact work so early.

"Under normal circumstances, it might not be," he replied. "But it is important that we work fast. I have to learn what we have and what we need. And besides, I want very much to get in the equivalent of 30 days if possible before Easter."

"Happily, we had nobody hurt in the early contact. And the boys seemed to enjoy it, although they got pretty tired."

WITH SHERMAN PLUNKETT of the Baltimore Colts, helping Banks and his assistants — Marse Hill, Ken Brown and Brutus Wilson—the squad was divided into two veteran lines. The backfield were run by the hold-over quarterbacks, Sam Frier, Russ Bimion and Carmie Pompey.

Off-tackle plays and drives up the middle were stressed in the workouts, the coaches holding to the theory that effective blocking can spring an offense, even though the opposition may know exactly what is coming.—LACY.

Bullets await playoff series

The Bullets and the pennant winning Easton Madisons open the Eastern League's championship best-of-three games playoff series Saturday night in Phillipsburg, N.J., with Coach Buddy Jeannette hoping for an all-out defensive effort against the highest scoring quintet in league history.

By Hal Lear, Dick Gaines and Wally Choice, all three crowded within the league's first six scorers, the Madisons have gone over the century figure in 27 of their 29 starts this season, including last week's playoff 139-102 romp over Scranton, and are 14-1 at home.

The Bullets put the only blots on the record. Twice they kept the Madisons below the century mark while gagging the home team and trailing Easton, 108-98, at Phillipsburg late in the pennant stretch.

The series moves to Baltimore Sunday at 5 p.m. If a third game is necessary the playoff returns to Phillipsburg Saturday (April 2).

STUDENT AND STAR—Tennessee State forward Rossie Johnson shows off the Emil Listen trophy, emblematic of high academic rating as well as championship athletic performance. The crack Tiger cager boasts a 3.14 classroom average and a 20-point shooting percentage.

Bill White challenging Flood for Cardinal job

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Diminutive Curt Flood, dubbed a miniature Willie Mays a couple of seasons ago, is going to have an uphill fight to pin down the centerfield position with the St. Louis Cardinals this year.

Challenging him every step of the way here in spring training is Bill White, the 195-pound Warren, Ohio first baseman who is fitting nicely in the far-away post.

White will undoubtedly see more action this season than he did last year. With Stan Musial still going strong, the first baseman's position in 1959 was an on-again-off again schedule.

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GENERAL MANAGER Bing Devine is pretty definite about White, however.

"It's still pretty tough to say anything about White now," he said this week.

"We do plan to give him a chance this year. Perhaps that's one of the mistakes of last year, not getting him into the lineup. He is a good threat with the long ball. We intend to get him in somewhere."

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COMMENTING on the difference between White and Flood, Devine pointed out that, as of now, Curt lacks the power of White.

Devine feels the 1960 Cards are one of the best offensive teams in the league.

"I think we have close to a 500 club," he says.

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WHEN THE RED Birds open the season in April, at least six of the eight colored players on the team are expected to be with the selected 28.

In addition to Flood and White, there are also Leon Wagner, out-fielder obtained from San Francisco during the trading season; Bob Gibson, who won 9 and lost 9 last year; Brutus Wilson—the squad was

BILL WHITE

Union' Spraggins top CIAA scorer

By JOHN A. HOLLEY

DURHAM, N.C. (CIAA News Service) — Virginia Union's Bruce Spraggins won the 1960 individual scoring title of the CIAA edging out last year's scoring champ, Cleo Hill of Winston-Salem, according to the final CIAA News Service statistics.

Spraggins, with 491 points in 16 games, averaged 30.7 points per game, which also placed him No. 1 in the nation in small college ranks according to the current NCAA listing.

Hill closed the season with 555 points, the league's highest total output, for an average of 27.7 to trail Spraggins on a per game basis. St. Augustine's Al Stirrup moved into third place with a final week surge, that upped his total to 419 points and an average of 23.2.

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JOHNSON C. SMITH'S visitation champs topped the loop in total offense with an average of 88 points per contest. The Golden Bulls from Charlotte tossed in a total of 1,939 points in 19 frames.

Howard's Bisons trailed with a 79.3 total output per game.

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DEFENSIVELY, Virginia State led the league with an impressive 65.5 points allowed in 22 contests. The Trojans' foes scored only 1,441 points in 22 games. Maryland State's Hawks ranked second in defense, allowing 24 opponents only 1,578 points for an average of 65.7 per tilt.

From the floor, Howard's quint topped the league, leading all teams in field goal percentage. Bill Jones' Bisons popped in 302 of 777 field goals attempted for a .505 percentage. Virginia State followed with a .485 accuracy on 320 of 1,334 connections from the floor.

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JACKIE JACKSON, Virginia Union's 6-5 "jumping jack" from Brooklyn, N.Y., overtook A-and T's Herbie Gray in the final week of play to win the rebounding title. Jackson grabbed off a total of 400 rebounds in 18 games for an average of 22.2 per game. Gray trailed with 397 rebounds in 25 games for an average of 21.1 per tilt. Two other league cagers, Larry Hancock, Howard (20.4), and Spraggins (20.3), closed the season over the 20 plus mark in the rebounds department.

Sports at a glance

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Southern at Edmondson

Tuesday
Dunbar vs. Calvert Hall (Herring Run)
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Bearcat Wright mat headliner

Bearcat Wright, 6-foot, 7-inch, 260-pound son of the Original Bearcat Wright Sr., a hard hitting heavyweight boxer some 20 years ago, moves into a top spot on Promoter Harry Smith's next wrestling show at the Baltimore Coliseum a week from Monday night (April 4).

Young Bearcat, who also chased better than fair success as a heavyweight pugilist prior to turning to the mat, has been matched with Johnny Valentine, appearing West Coast wrestling star and holder of the coveted Texas title.

"Valentine has been a big winner in Baltimore previously and once held Antonion Rocco to a draw at the Coliseum. He figures a win will give him another shot at Rocco here.

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WRIGHT IS a powerful and agile, big man who scored impressively in his only previous appearance at the Coliseum and has been sensational elsewhere.

He is distinctly athletic, and a personable fellow capable of developing into a fiercely competitive matman when aroused.

Valentine is one wrestling's most aggressive bullbys and has been a top box office attraction for the past several years.

Gargeous George returns to the Coliseum to oppose Chief Big Heart, popular Indian warrior, in another headliner.

31 horses named for Laurel stake

LAUREL, Md. — Thirty-one horses have been nominated for the forty-seventh running of the $25,000 added Laurel Handicap here on April 23 the oldest stakes race conducted at this 49-year-old track that opens another spring meet next Wednesday.

Among the classy crop of nominees for the mile and an eighth fixture first run in 1914, is Walter Jeffords' Piano Jim, who came from off the pace to win last year's running of the Laurel Handicap. He defeated Mrs. Ada L. Rice's Air Pilot by a head.

This year, Mrs. Rice has named Talent Show, winner of the Laurel Maturity last April, and Rare Rice, winner of the 1959 Chesapeake Stakes.

3 cinder stars on African tour

NEW YORK — Three colored athletes were among five track and field stars who enplaned from Idlewild Airport last week end en route to West Africa. Hurdler Carl Brown, sprinter Bob Manning, both of Winston-Salem (NC) Teachers College, and shotputter Ken Bantum, of the New York Pioneer Club, are booked for a tour of Liberia, Sierra Leone and other principal cities.

Pole vaulter Bob Gutowski and distance star Ed McAllister also are on the trip.

Pro Basketball

Top players

BOSTON CELTICS

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.
4	Bill Russell	6-10	215
25	Sam Jones	6-4	205
28	K. C. Jones	6-1	175

MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS

20	Tom Hawkins	6-5	190
22	Elgin Baylor	6-5	225
19	Ray Felix	6-11	230
35	Boy Ellis	6-4	185

PHILADELPHIA WARRIORS

5	Guy Rodgers	6-4	195
15	Andy Johnson	6-2	185
13	Wilt Chamberlain	7-1	230
14	Woody Sauldsberry	6-9	240

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27	Bleiweis Green	6-8	205
28	Cliff Hagan	6-3	205

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Poets hope to defrost in time for Cardinals

"We're frozen right now, but if we're able to defrost in time, we'll show up."

That is the way coach Bill (Sugar) Cain describes his Dunbar High School nine as it prepares to open the MSA baseball schedule against Calvert Hall at Herring Run.

"The kids have stuck with it, although they're freezing," Cain told the AFRO yesterday. "And since we haven't heard anything from the home team (Calvert Hall), I guess they're expecting us. We won't disappoint them, but I don't know how much baseball we'll play."

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THE POET mentor, naturally, was thinking about the cold weather that has hung over the city since the snow let up. His practices at Clifton Park have been confined to pepper games, running and calisthenics.

"The pitchers have been unable to cut loose, and what little infield practice we've had, we've played in on the grass," said Cain. "That way, we've been able to cut down on throwing and the risk of pulled muscles, etc."

Dunbar drills are scheduled today (Friday) and Monday, weather permitting. After that, they'll "show up" at Herring Run.

Duck coach thankful for nine's late start

The request for a postponement which came to Douglass from Loyola, was hailed this week as a blessing in disguise by the Ducks' baseball coach, William (Mack) Payne.

"We were originally supposed to open our MSA schedule on Tuesday," Payne told the AFRO, "but when the request came to put the game back, I was very happy. I can use every minute of the time to April 14, trying to get a group together.

"Between bad weather and other activities," Payne went on, "I haven't had the chance to get the boys to practice.

"I met with them and signed them up, but it wasn't until Tuesday that we got the equipment assorted and distributed.

"Indoor drills have been out of the question. The track and tennis teams have been using the boys' gym and the girls' side, so we couldn't get in.

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DOUGLASS FINISHED fourth last year in the division with Mt. St. Joe, Poly, Loyola, City, Southern, and Forest Park. Most of that squad has gone and Payne can't be sure whether he will be better or poorer for it.

"I lost my entire outfield, the left side of my infield and when my outfield left, all my hitting strength left with it.

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"MY FIRST BASE and second base problems are solved, and I'm not too concerned about pitching. But the rest — I'll need all the time I can get to work things out.

Herman Braxton is back for first base, and Doug Fisher will take care of second as he did last year. My two starting pitchers, Frank James and Vern Press, also are on hand. Press whipped two of the toughest teams in the division — Mt. St. Joe and Poly — to win our last two games of the 1959 season."

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IN FAIRNESS to the coach, it might be pointed out that the Ducks were probably hit harder than any other school in the city, by graduations and withdrawals.

Absent from the 1959 squad are catcher Rodney, Brooks shortstop Frank Rocah, third baseman Don Smith, and outfielders Artis Adams, Charles Hayes and Robert Powell — LACY.

Jackie Robinson accepting new teams

WASHINGTON

Cleo A. Michael, coordinator of the Jackie Robinson Athletic Association, announced this week that young teams desirous of entering the program will be accepted by the association until May 15.

The Jackie Robinson little and midget leagues were set up in June 1957, and has expanded steadily since that time. Last year, the association held its first tournament. The 1960 toruney is scheduled to begin August 23.

Teams interested in joining the program should contact Mr. Michael at Maple Glen School

Sugar Ray in sour mood for Baltimore go

NEW YORK — Judging from his mood, Sugar Ray Robinson has no intention of being in Baltimore for any length of time after he climbs into the ring with Tony Baldoni there next Saturday night.

The former middleweight champion is mean and uncommunicative as he goes through his daily workouts at Harry Wiley's gym in Harlem, prepping for the Baldoni tuneup at the Baltimore Coliseum. None of the usual Robinson nonchalance is evident.

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"THE GUY acts like he's bent on destroying the place," says Wiley who for many years was Sugar Ray's No. 1 trainer. "I guess he has it fixed in his mind that this is it; that he has to be ready for (Paul) Pender if he wants to get his title back when they meet the last of April in Boston."

Robinson is using Baldoni, the Wilkes Barre, Pa., veteran, as a stepping stone to the return match with Pender.

Paul took away the New York-Massachusetts version of Sugar Ray's world, middleweight title two months ago, after the National Boxing Association had dethroned Robbie for failure to defend. The Baldoni test is preliminary to the return go called for in the Robinson-Pender contracts.

THE EX-CHAMPION is due in Baltimore next Thursday. In all probability, he will engage in a light workout Friday, the eve of his Coliseum outing.

According to promoter Al Flora, tickets are moving fast and a sellout is virtually assured.

Nashville high wins national

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The largest crowd in the 16-year history of the National scholastic basketball tournament, saw Pearl High of this city defeat Roosevelt of West Palm Beach, Fla., for the title here last week at Tennessee State.

Pearl dominated the boards and outgunned the shorter Florida prepsters to gain a 74-50 decision and the school's third straight crown.

COACH W. J. GUPTON'S five all hit in double figures to retire the tourney's Henry A. Kean silver trophy.

Little Jim Swanagan and pivotman Les Hunter paced the champions with 18 each. Pearl placed three — Swanagan, Walt Rouse, and Dick Bennett — on the tourney's 10-man all-star squad.

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MARTHA SCHOFIELD, Aiken, S.C., took third place 68-66 over Meridian, Mississippi's T. J. Harris in the tourney's most thrilling tilt.

Trailing until the final 45 seconds Bill Hogan knotted the game at 66-all and fired the Marshall Bridges, also with a tie 3-3 game record; Dick Rickettes, who came up from Rochester; infielder George Crowe and Ellis Burton, who had a .292 average with Omaha in '59.

Horse Racing

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DOROTHY'S BEST—Trails good
REHUGAD—Better luck
TROBAN—Last spin
REVERBERATE—Could surprise
OPEN VIEW—Toss out last
BONUS—Disappointed
COUNT CHANTON—Class here
ANDY BEACON—Likes track
WEARLESS—Better than rated
TOWSON TOWN—Faltered at wire

AT GULFSTREAM PARK

ARTHUR JAYCEE—Just missed
SPUDGOOD—Looks good
AMITE CITY—Likes track
VALIANT NATION—Last good
JACKSON—Way upset
LOVE-DE-VIDOT—Try it
CHIEF JACK—Class here
TRAE BONS—Toss out last
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