

First Local 'Messiah' Program Set Sunday



HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH... Ushers in Christmas

God as Creator Is Sermon Topic

"God the Only Cause and Creator" titles the sermon of the Sunday services in all Christian Science Churches. The Golden Text from Genesis (1:1) affirms, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Jesus demonstrated that scientific healing rests on the understanding of God's creation. Luke's Gospel (13:11-13) records that when Jesus saw "a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself—He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity—And immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

These explanatory passages will be read from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy; Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause. "Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God." (pp. 313, 243)

LACK OF IODINE
The north central states of the U.S. have an unusual number of goiter cases because the soil and water there are deficient in iodine content.

FIRST PRINTER
First printer in the western hemisphere was one Giovanni Paoli who came to Mexico City in about 1539.

When Handel's "Messiah" is presented in the First Baptist Church Sunday at 4 p.m., it will be heard under conditions similar to those at its first performance on April 13, 1742.

According to Director Vance Hayes, the First Baptist Church is about the same size as the Fishamble St. Music Hall in Dublin, Ireland, where the work had its premiere.

The chorus of 150 which will sing the oratorio compares with the original group, he said.

Work Tampered With
Nine church choirs and the Torrance High School Choir will join to sing the "Messiah," with four local soloists—Nadine Nickol, Joan George, Don Shelby, and Fred Lincoln Jr.

The 150 voices which will participate in the oratorio Sunday will be from the choirs at the First Christian Church, First Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal

Church, First Lutheran Church, Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Torrance High School. They will be joined by choirs from three other communities.

This marks the first time that the "Messiah" has been presented locally, and is one of 36 performances throughout the area. "In the two centuries which have passed," Hayes said, "no major work by a great composer has been tampered with as has 'The Messiah.'"

Various composers made additions for orchestra, and changed the score somewhat "to extend the embellished 'Messiah' into grandiose proportions never dreamed of by Handel," Hayes declared. In London, 4000 performers presented the oratorio at a London Handel Festival in 1923.

Hayes is attempting to follow a recent trend toward bringing the "Messiah" back more to the

way Handel wrote it. Several years ago, he had the opportunity to study a transcript of Handel's revised autograph, which was the property of the late T. Tertius Noble, a Handel expert, and one of Hayes' teachers. "It is Handel's greatness, unadorned by two centuries of deification and questionable traditions, we want to come through when we sing this masterpiece on Dec. 5," Hayes said.

St. Joseph's Church Celebration Planned

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be honored at services at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, Dec. 12, with special Mexican music and food following the program. A religious procession down Arlington Ave. to the church will highlight the festivities starting at 2 p.m. Members will rise for a serenade at 5 a.m., and the religious services and other festivities will follow.

Lutherans to Hear School Discussion

"What makes a Good Christian Elementary School?" will be the topic of Walter R. Morlock at the Lutheran PTA meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Park View Lutheran Church. Morlock is assistant principal of two Faith Lutheran Elementary Schools in Los Angeles. This Sunday, Barbara Calvey and Charlotte Dysard will report to the Lutheran League on their trip to the Southern District of

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the League Convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

Holy communion will be observed at services this Sunday, at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.

VARIOUS TITLES
Heads of colleges and universities in America are variously known as rectors, presidents, chancellors, provosts and principals.

Falls accounted for half the 29,000 persons killed in home accidents in 1953.

Ocelot Show Planned

The American Ocelot Club, which includes many Torrance members, will hold the first public show of its kind Sunday at 2327 Cotner in Los Angeles, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets for the exhibition are 50 cents.

Church News

Baptist Sunday Sermon Told

New members will be received at 11 a.m. services at the South Bay Baptist Church Sunday, as the Rev. George Cain preaches on "Will You Also Go Away?"

The New Testament Church—a Praying Church," will be Rev. Cain's topic at the 7:30 services. Christian Endeavor groups will meet at 6:30. Rev. and Mrs. Merlin Platz sponsor sixth through eighth graders, while high school and college groups are led by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stevenson. Charles N. Sutphen is youth director.

Sunday School teachers and officers will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m., while the month church business meeting will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday will be work days.

Black, White Pictures On Display at Library

An exhibit of black and white photographs by two local men is now on display at the Torrance downtown library. The photographers, Paul Common and R. J. Duerloo, both are active in local camera clubs.

The prints will be on exhibit for three weeks at the library. Common and Duerloo have extended an invitation to the public to view their efforts.

Lost Key May Have Let Burglar In, Man Says

Someone may have found his lost keys and used them to burglarize his store, Alonzo Billings told sheriff's deputies Wednesday.

Arriving at work, he found the front door of the Lomita Key Shop and Rentals, 24207 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, open, and the padlock missing, along with \$99 in cash. Billings lost his keys recently, and theorized that they might have been used to gain entrance.

FAILURE FIRST
The famous opera, "Madame Butterfly" was generally pronounced as an absolute failure when it was given its first public performance.

A chili dinner will be held by the newly organized Couple's Club Wednesday at 6:30.

Starting Dec. 12, the church will hold two church services, at 9:30 and 11 a.m., with Sunday School at the same time.

The Methodist men will hold their monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the church, with Bob Cramer, president, presiding.

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Hunting, fishing, photography—these are the hobbies of Anson L. Beman. He is an electronic technician in the research laboratory of the Douglas plant at El Segundo where he has worked for three years. Anson lives with his wife, Peggy, and small son, Peter, in an apartment in Inglewood.



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