

# Today's Radio Highlights.

## Sports

5:45 p. m. — **Sports Parade** (WIBA): Jack Newman interviews Coach Bob Harris of West high basketball team.

7 p. m. — **Basketball** (WMFM): Empty Stocking club double-header.

## Music

1:30 p. m. — **Madison High Schools** (WHA): Christmas concert.



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2:30 p. m. — **Music You Want** (WHA): "Images," Debussy.

3:30 p. m. — **Music of the Masters** (WHA): "The Fantastic Toyshop."

5:30 p. m. — **Curt Massey** (WBBM): "Jingle Bells," "Winter Wonderland," "Christmas in Killarney."

Club 15 (WBBM): "Comes Along a Love," "You Belong to Me," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

7 p. m. — **Show Train** (WIBA): Gordon MacRae, Dorothy Kirsten in "Christmas Party;" music includes "O Holy Night," "The First Noel," "12 Days of Christmas," tunes from "Nutcracker Suite," "Children's Prayer" from "Hansel and Gretel."

7:30 p. m. — **Concert Hour** (WIBA): Eleanor Steber, guest; "Away in a Manger," "The First Noel," "The Friendly Beasts," waltz from "Hansel and Gretel," Mozart's "Alleluia," music from "Nutcracker Suite," "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

8 p. m. — **Great Artists** (WIBA): Mildred Miller, guest; excerpts from "Hansel and Gretel," carol medley, "What Child Is This?"

8:30 p. m. — **Band of America** (WIBA): Losey's "Gloria," "Sleigh Ride," "Land of the Free," "Hallelujah Chorus," "Emblem of Freedom."

9 p. m. — **FM Concert** (WHA-FM): "Concord Sonata," Ives.

10:30 p. m. — **Encore** (WIBA): Robert Merrill, Marguerite Piazza, Meredith Willson; "What Child Is This?," "The King," "Cantique," "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas."

11:15 p. m. — **Promenade Concert** (WMAQ): Bruckner's "Mass in E Minor."

11:30 p. m. — **Ft. Bliss Concert** (WENR): all-soldier program—two bands, glee club, chorus.

## Drama

2 p. m. — **Ways of Mankind** (WHA): "Desert Soliloquy."

7 p. m. — **Suspense** (WBBM): Joseph Cotten in "Arctic Rescue."

7:30 p. m. — **Crime Does Not Pay** (WISC): Everett Sloan in "Thick as Thieves."

8 p. m. — **Radio Theater** (WBBM): "Les Miserables," with Ronald Colman, Debra Paget, Robert Newton.

## Religion

10:15 p. m. — **Your Pastor Speaks** (WIBA): the Rev. W. R. Wold, St. Mark's Lutheran church.

## Discussion

11 a. m. — **Cooper Union** (WHA): "The Competitive Spirit in Man."

3 p. m. — **Voices of Europe** (WHA): story of unique London newspaper.

8:05 p. m. — **Reporters Roundup** (WISC): Michael V. Disalle.

9:45 p. m. — **Women Voters** (WKOW): "Services to Children in the Madison Area," Mrs. Marshall Clinard, Mrs. Thomas Doran.

## Variety

2:50 p. m. — **Home Folks** (WKOW): with Red Foley.

7:30 p. m. — **Talent Scouts** (WBBM): Arthur Godfrey presents four talented youngsters.

## Farm Programs

12:15 p. m. — **Farm Service** (WIBA): "Wisconsin Swine Selection Program," Vern Felts, Frank Mayfield.

12:30 p. m. — **Farm Program** (WHA): "1952 Fertilizer Demon-

strations," C. J. Chapman; "Leaf Blight Problem on Corn," E. K. Wade, Paul E. Hoppe.

Conductor Walter Heermann literally occupied the center of the stage, for the singers and players were grouped around him, but, fine musician that he is, subordinated himself to the music and its production.

So, largely because of his own competence and partly because of his wise choice of soloists, this was a reverent, thrilling, and awakening Christmas present—a reminder of what that day really is.

The capacity audience was obviously somewhat awed yet delighted.

Its reaction was what Handel would have wanted; still, one could feel that the listeners wanted to applaud and were held back by the tradition that applause come only at intermission and conclusion.

One of the most impelling reasons for that wish to applaud was the singing of Norma Heyde, soprano from the University of Michigan who was making her Madison debut.

A beautiful voice, equally good in every register, was complemented by an exact knowledge of what she wanted to do with it and how to do it. In effective use of dynamics and in timbre, it reminded many of the voice of the Metropolitan's Bidu Sayao.

Another newcomer was Don Faust, a member of the chorus' bass section, who showed a warm baritone voice, a careful delivery of the Handel runs, and sympathy for melody. Fern Kirkpatrick was the superlative soloist in "The Trumpet Shall Sound."

Also new to Madison was Earl Bichel, Chicago tenor, who sang with drama and clarity.

Robert Tottingham, Madison basso, repeated his success of other years; particularly in the extraordinarily demanding "Why Do the Nations?" And Trudy Lane, contralto, returned from Rockford, Ill., to renew her claim on Madison's affections with her charming, accurate singing.

The chorus, as always, met the score's demands with the reverence, the exultation, or the grief for which it called.

The orchestra's accompaniment was the best this reviewer has ever heard it give, but one missed the organ—for which a piano was substituted.

**NAMES IN THE NEWS:** The past president of Wisconsin Players, Sonia Benson, is working in New York with the Equity Library theater.

Ann Gerretson, 1206 Edgehill dr., will be in the Greek chorus when the Cornell College Little theater at Mt. Vernon, Ia., presents "Antigone" on Jan. 17. Miss Gerretson sang in the college's presentation of "The Messiah" on Dec. 14.

Pres. Dean Fitzgerald of Madison's 20th Century theaters presented \$1,500 in bonuses to employees of those theaters at a breakfast Thursday at Kennedy Manor. That night, he entertained theater managers and their wives at dinner at the Top Hat.

New members of Wisconsin players, initiated after earning sufficient points in Players' membership plan, are Diane Derus, Chuck Fine, Laurence Friedman, Joe Kirkish, Bob Kooiman, Claire Roelandt, and Arless West.

The Rev. Edward Wessling, pastor of Calvary Lutheran University chapel, and four University of Wisconsin students discussed "Why Be Merry at Christmas?" on WTMJ-TV Saturday. The students were Jim Ebert, Arlean Calbaum, and Carol Parlow, Milwaukee, and Oscar Schmiede, Appleton.

## Red Capitals Greet Stalin on Birthday

LONDON (AP) — The Communist capitals of Eastern Europe broadcast dutiful greetings to Joseph Stalin Sunday—his 73rd birthday.

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## Miscellaneous

10 a. m. — **Homemakers** (WHA): "The Child Has Emotional Upsets," Dr. Robert Parkin; "Plum Puddings."

10:45 a. m. — **Bob Hope** (WIBA): Dorothy Lamour, guest editor.

1 p. m. — **Chapter a Day** (WHA): "Miracle on 34th St."

1:30 p. m. — **Paula Stone** (WGN): with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.