

Debate Over Jazz Music In Connecticut Church

NORWALK, Conn. (UPI) — A jazz combo in a Protestant Episcopal church set off a debate today on whether it is proper to mix the Bible with the blues.

"A 20th Century Folk Mass," composed mainly in ragtime by an English clergyman, was played by a progressive jazz ensemble made up of a pianist, drummer, saxophonist and bass player Sunday at a Communion Mass at St. Paul's Church in the heart of this community.

For nearly 90 minutes the rafters of the English Gothic church rang with the strains of foxtrots, beguines, blues and improvised versions of popular tunes. A record standing-room-only congregation joined in some of the singing and swayed and tapped to catchy rhythms.

Vestry Is Divided

Priests in traditional vestments stood before a candle-lighted altar and sang their regular chants with incense wafting about them. But much of the other ancient liturgy had been set to a jazz beat and the organ was silent while the combo played, often as accompaniment to the syncopations of the soloist and robed choir.

The Mass received a mixed reception from the record crowd of more than 500 persons who jammed a church usually attended by half that many.

The 12-man vestry appeared to be sharply divided both on the merits of the music and the propriety of syncopating a service. Several vestrymen indicated displeasure over bringing jazz into the church, and said the matter would be discussed at their next monthly meeting.

An usher said he thought the Mass was marvelous.

Official Observers Present

Officials of the National Council of Churches and the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church attended the service.

Exhibit By Senior Citizens April 10

The senior citizens exhibit, April 11 and 12 at the Allen county war memorial coliseum, will open registration from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on April 10, and to 7 a.m. on April 11.

Exhibit hours will be 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on both days with no admission charge. Mrs. Helen Sweet, commissioner of the Fort Wayne board of park commission, will give the welcoming address.

On Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. a special program will include a square dance by the Jefferson Center Widow and Widowers club, round dancing by the Bloomingdale Oldsters club, singing by the McCullough Retired Men's club, and a 10-minute version of a typical club meeting by the LaGrange county Senior Citizens club and the McCullough Senior Citizens club. All music will be provided by the Echo Valley Boys.

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Invitations have been mailed to more than 300 exhibitors to attend a meeting which will follow the exhibit.

Funeral Home Plans

Parking Facilities

As part of an expansion program, Zwick funeral home will add more parking facilities adjacent to their parlors when the building now being torn down is removed.

Formerly owned by Mrs. Ada Lower, the building, located at 516 N. Second street, is presently owned by Zwick's.

Tickets On Sale For Boy Scout Circus

Rites Held Today For Boyd Infant

Tickets for the Boy Scout circus which will be held at the Allen county war memorial coliseum, Saturday, April 25, are available and may be purchased from den mothers, according to Norman Guard, cubmaster of Cub Pack 3063.

Tickets may be purchased from the following den mothers: Mrs. Eugene Loshe, Mrs. Marvin Beery, Mrs. Adrian Burke, Mrs. Bill Lose, Mrs. Ivan Howard, Mrs. Don Koos, Mrs. Bob Reynolds, Mrs. Clarence Morgan, Mrs. Jim Helm and Mrs. Nelson Doty.

Price of admission is \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children.

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Utility Appraisers Prepare Final Report

The three appraisers for the city electric utility met at the home of Eli Graber in Berne this morning to type up their final report on the appraisal, and expected to present it late this afternoon.

The appraisers, Guy Shoemaker, of Largo, Fla., Robert Long, of near Geneva, and Graber, motored to Indianapolis and discussed the matter with the public service commission Thursday. They have looked at the matter from all sides before typing up their report. The three expected to meet at 1 p.m. at Graber's, and discuss the final report before bringing it to the circuit court room in Decatur.

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April 15 Deadline

For Income Taxes

"It's later than you think" — only a few days left to file your Federal income tax return for 1958.

That's the friendly reminder coming out of Washington, D.C. from U.S. internal revenue commissioners Dana Latham, according to Sterling M. Dietrich, district director at Indianapolis, who said:

"Commissioner Latham has requested me to inform all Indiana taxpayers who have not filed yet of the services we can provide to help them get their returns in before the April 15 deadline."

The most convenient service, Dietrich said, is the telephone assistance service especially designed for those taxpayers who find it difficult to visit the district office.

"Taxpayers who have started their returns and are puzzled by a problem or two, should call us at A-7426, Fort Wayne, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Monday through Friday and we will be glad to help them," Dietrich said.

"Then, if they still need help, they should visit our office at 336 P.O. Bldg. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Mondays."

Dietrich reminded taxpayers that most of them may now use the simple punch-card form 1040A, designed for the first time to cover incomes up to \$10,000 a year consisting of wages reported on the tax-withholding Form W-2 and not more than \$200 in dividends, interest, and wages not subject to withholding.

"This convenient short card form for incomes up to \$10,000," Dietrich said, "is one of the many new things that internal revenue is doing to improve taxpayer service."

"Commissioner Latham, Dietrich said, has made improved taxpayer service one of the major goals of his administration.

"His request to us today to help Indiana taxpayers get their returns in by April 15 is part of his larger goal of courteous, fair and prompt handling of taxpayers, together with fearless and impartial administration of the tax laws."

Other phases of the commissioner's nation-wide program, Dietrich said are:

1. Speedier replies to taxpayers' letters in simple, down-to-earth language.

2. Further simplification of tax forms where possible.

3. More expeditious issuance of rulings in tax matters, and faster preparation of tax regulations and their immediate release to taxpayers.

4. Further improvement in tax settlement procedures.

5. Vigorous recruitment efforts to get the cream of each year's crop of college graduates as revenue agents, revenue officers, and special agents, so that taxpayers will be dealing with capable, courteous and highly intelligent personnel.

Opinion is that "Gigi," a musical about a charming French Scamp, will carry off best picture honors. In the running are three dramas, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Defiant Ones," "Separate Tables," and a comedy, "Auntie Mame."

Susan Hayward is favored to win her first golden statuette in five tries for her role in "I Want to Live." Other nominees are Deborah Kerr (Separate Tables), Shirley MacLaine (Some Came Running), Rosalind Russell (Auntie Mame), Elizabeth Taylor (Cat on a Hot Tin Roof).

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Dietrich added: "These and many other things are part of the commissioner's goal for all of us in IRS so we may earn maximum taxpayer respect for fairness, competence and efficiency. And all of us are going to do everything in our power to help the commissioner realize that goal."

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Pollsters tabbed Wendy Hiller (Separate Tables) as frontrunner for best supporting actress. Others in the race are Peggy Cass (Auntie Mame), Martha Hyer (Some Came Running), Maureen Stapleton (Lonelyhearts) and Carole Williams (The Defiant Ones).

Nine From Area To Attend Conference

Nine young persons from the Decatur area have registered for the 26th annual youth conference, scheduled for Taylor University April 10, 11, and 12.

Members from Decatur, Monroe, Pleasant Mills, Berne, Geneva, and Petroleum will bring their wives to the dinner meeting, which will include no speeches, and only entertainment.

The Pleasant Mills high school quartet will sing, and music will be furnished by the Dixie-Cats.

The Berne Lions club quartet will also sing. Professional entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Helen Harmon, of Marion, who will give a comic reading mocking modern advertising.

Howard Habegger, zone chairman, announced today.

Lions Zone Social Here This Evening

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Don Bohnke Named Assistant Manager

Robert B. Parrott, vice president of Central Soya, announced the promotion of two men today, affecting the Decatur plant. Scotty Martindill, of elevator "A" in Chicago, will assume the management of the grain division office here, while Don Bohnke, of the grain division operation in Decatur, will become assistant manager of the grain operation at Indianapolis. Both assignments are effective today.

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