Second Thoughts On Music

'Amahl' Effectively Given As Holiday Season Feature

Soloists and Orchestra in Menotti Opera Here, 'Nutcrackers' Ballet Expertly Presented; Mount Holyoke College Glee Club in Concert

By WILLARD M. CLARK
The Springfield Symphony Orchestra's Christmas offering to
the area was much enjoyed by
the few who heard it. The holiday
season is not a good time to attempt to fill the Auditorium.
There are teemen distributions There are too many distractions.
Menotti's charming work "Amahl and the Night Visitors" has become a tradition during the lifetime of the composer. It was given an excellent production by Call Board Theater, Inc., and its story was expressively told by the excellent soloists whom conjuguests from the Springfield Hobthe excellent soloists whom ductor Robert Staffarman chosen for the various.

configuration guests from the Springfield Hobbard Golden Agers will be given this afternoon at 3 at

"Amahl" was nicely sung and poignantly portrayed by 12-year-old John Sroka of this city. The exacting role of the mother was sung effectively by Esther Strong Norris. Both singers had appeared in this work last season with the Amburst Opens Co.

with the Amherst Opera Co.
The three kings were sung by Edwin Stuart, Monroe Salzman the country and once was featured William LaFond, Marvin tured in Hill's Music Magazine of Eryan, formerly of this city, was the page. Mr. LaFond, tenor solo ist at South Congregational Church, is rapidly emerging as Europe. The solo and duet violin a most interesting singer and interpreter, both in opera and ora nost interesting singer and interpreter, both in opera and oratorio. His portrayal of the "slightly deaf" King Kasper was exceptionally well thought out and sung. The Springfield Symphony Chorus sang well and the stage movements were flexible. Mr. Staffanson used a reduced oronestra, about 40 players, and the accompaniment was sympathetic and finely balanced. and finely balanced.

Ballet Pleases

'CHRISTMAS SING'

Backing up Crosby on the show will be Paul Weston's Orchestra and the Norman Luboff Choir.

A special feature of the broad cast will be "Silent Night" as sung in the little German town town where it was written.

RECORD ROUNDUP

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(Selected from a poll of listen-

Popular
"Jailhouse Rock," E. Presley

"All the Way," F. Sinatra (Capitol).

"April Love," Pat Boone (Dot).

Classical
Concerto No. 2 (Rachmaninoff),

Springfield has too little ballet. In fact, it has no suitable place for it. The stage of the Auditori-um is far from suitable and the restrictions on scenery hamper any artistic effort. However, Pilgrim Productions, working out of over the world, is scheduled for Boston, proved equal to most of the scenic problems and the performance of an abridged "Nut-Network."

Cracker" ballet was pleasing to The program, which is rapidly cracker' ballet was pleasing to the eye and, musically, to the gar.

Mr. Staffanson conducted the well the world the world the well the world the world

Mr. Staffanson conducted the Voice of Christmas; the chorus of orchestra and provided a well controlled accompaniment. The dancers were tastefully costumed and went through their tasks expertly. Hy Somers' Choreography was effective and well handled by Betsy Drew, Shirley Weaver, Herb Kummel and Mr. Somers.

Mount Holyoke Glee Club One of the rewards of the holiday season is the annual Christmas carol program by the Mount and the Norman Luboff Choir.

mas carol program by the Mount Holyoke College Glee Club under the direction of Prof. Ruth Douglass. Abbey Chapel was filled for the concert and it was one of the best we have heard. Prof. Douglass always arranges an unhackneyed and devotional program which is sung with a sense of dedication by the students.

Organ accompaniment for a

Concertos (Bruch - Mendels-sohn), A full measure of violin-

Organ accompaniment for a few numbers and fine solos was solin). A full measure of violingistic virtue by Ruggiero Ricci, Mary Rintoul of East Longmeadow. Miss Rintoul also played cural the impulse of his powerful all, New York, last week.

Particularly interesting were the performances of works by Johannes Brahms, written particularly for women's voices. Prof. Douglass programmed three of the seven choruses dealing with the story of the Virgin which, as a group are known as the Marricnlieder.'' They were "Der Englische Gruss," "Marias Kirch-Englische Gruss," "Recent performances with the sore on the Marticular of the Mariboro (Vt.) Festival. The coming of the King."

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Radio Pulpit: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman speaks on "The hopes for all the years."

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10.50 to 12.00—WHYN—The Woo gang" and "Der Jager." In ad-Mozart is more to my taste than ditition, Helen Olheim, contralto Serkin's recent performances with and assistant professor of music szell as conductor. (Columbia.) at the college, sang with cello and organ the beautiful "Geist-pin". Fluency and knowledge are and organ the beautiful deficiency and knowledge are two songs which Brahms wrote for the contralto voice and viola. She provided a compelling performance of an exceptionally beautiful work.

Taking and the beautiful deficiency and knowledge are equally present in these eight performances (in addition to the Ballades in A Flat, G Minor, the Impromptus in A Flat, F Sharp and G Flat) by Agi Jambor. However, the deput the first have the kent the kind of fresh the state of the second s beautiful work.

The Glee Club was in fine con-dition this year. Prof. Douglass was able to evoke many moods with interesting the street of the s and interesting tonal effects be-cause of the wide dynamic range of which these singers are capable. Tonal balance, enunciation and flexibility marked the per-formances of these capable sing-ers, who are so fortunate in having so gifted and dynamic a conductor as Prof. Douglass.

RCA Victor).
"Wake Up, Little Susie," Everly Brothers (RCA).
"Chances Are," Johnny Mathis (Columbia). Randolph Singers

It was appropriate that the Tuesday Morning Music Club should introduce at this season "The Randolph Singers," for its program of madrigal sand carols was sung with charm and impeccable musicianship, Director— commentator David Randolph provided interesting comment about each number. While one must admit to a certain monomust admit to a certain monomet conducting (London). "Boheme," M. Callas-G. di Stevano, A. Ruumstein, p. Coppelia" (Delibes), E. Ansermet conducting (London). "Boheme," M. Callas-G. di Stevano, (Angel). must admit to a certain monotony, each performance had individuality and the technical perfection which can only come from long association. The group has been together since 1943, Whether this type of music has much appeal, in these busy days, as it of the state o

HARVEY BRIGHAM WITH SYMPHONY SINCE ITS START

Clarinetist Took Part in Navy's Musical

Program

Harvey Brigham, principal clarinctist for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, has been a member of the organization since it was established in 1944. Born in Lawrence, Brigham studied clarinet with Emil Arcieri and Victor Polotschek, both of the



HARVEY BRIGHAM

Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has also attended the New England Conservatory of Music. Served in Navy

During World War II, he par-ticipated in the United States Navy's musical program, and was first clarinetist under Arthur first clarinetist under Arthur Fiedler with the WBZ Symphony Orchestra during 1942-43.

In addition to his many per-formances as a member of the Springfield Symphony, he has also Springited symphony, he has also appeared in solo assignments with the Pioneer Valley Orchestra under Werner Josten and the Springfield Chamber Music Ensemble. Brigham has won wide recognition as a music instructor, having taught clavinet at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, and at Smith College, and also at ON WHYN TUESDAY The third annual "Christmas Sing With Bing," starring Bing Crosby and choral groups from all and at Smith College, and also at his own studio in this city.

6.30 to 7.00—WHYN—A special edition of the late Lionel Barrymore's presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens is heard again.
6.30 to 7.00—WTIC—Meet the Press. Guest will be Gen.
Lauris Norstad.

are guests. 30 to 9.00 WMAS—Joyful Hours.

mone and others.

10.30 to 11.00—WHYN—Church of

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9.00 to 9.15—WTIC—World News Roundup.
9.15 to 9.30—WTIC—Art of Living. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, speaks on "The coming of the King."
10.00 to 10.30—WTIC—National Radio Pulpit: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman speaks on "The hopes for all the years."
10.05 to 10.30—WHYN—Sunday Serenade.

cert soprano Elaine Malbin and pop singer Dorothy Olsen are program guests.

1.30 to 2.00—WMAS—The Lutheran Hour.

2.00 to 2.55—WHYN—The Longines Hour. Mishel Piastro is soloist, leaving the podium to take up his violin and play the air from Goldmark's Violin Concerto No. 1.

2.30 to 2.00—WMIC—The Catholic Hour. Richard Tucker to start the new year singling in London and Vienna.

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Fuccini's first opera, "Le Villi," presented at Columbia University, in honor of the composer's looth birthday.

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3.00 to 5.00—WMAS—Adventures in Hi-Fi. During the program there will be another demonstration of stereophonic sound, using the separate transmitters of WMAS and WMAS-FM.

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4.35 to 5.00—WHYN—Suspense.
Evelyn Rudie, seven-year-old actress identified with the character of "Eloise," will make her radio debut when she plays the leading role in "Dog Star." 5.05 to 5.30—WHYN—Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar.
5.30 to 5.55—WHYN—FBI in Peace and War. "Buried Treasure."
6.05 to 6.30—WHYN—Indictment.
6.30 to 7.00—WHYN—A special edition of the late Lionel Baraymynovic propositions.

Choir.

8.05 to 9.00—WHYN—Mitch Miller Show. Calypso artists Marais and Miranda, Hermione Gingold, British comedienne; Sam Spiegel, movie producer, and comedian Henny Youngman are guests.

8.30 to 9.00 WMAS—Joyful Hours. "The Story of the First Christ-mas," starring Ann Blythe, Dorothy Warrenskjold, Vic Damone and others.

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uary of Trinity Methodist Church. Prescott Barrows, minister of music, will conduct a program of carols of many nations, also featuring four numbers from Benjamin min Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols."

Scloists will be Betty-Ann Fal-Scioists will be Betty-Ann Far-coner, soprano; Calliope Shenas, alto; James S. Scott, tenor; and Edouard Beauvais, bass, all members of the Trinity quartet. Theodore Stuebi will open and close the program playing car-ols on the famous 48-bell caril-ion in the Trinity Singing Tower.

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The program:
Carillon Frelude by Theodore Stuebl
Organ Frelude: Fantasy on Old English carols
La Nativito-The Cradle, Shepherds, Angels, The Holy Frocessional Carol:
Hark the Herald Angels Sing (No. 86)
(Congregation and Choir)
What Strangers Are These? Old Scotlish
Allon. Gay Bergeres
Costeley
The Stable of Bethiehem
Flemish
Are You A-Sleeping!
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Traditional
Choir and Congregation

Gracias Recossional Carol Silent Night (No. 106) Gruber Organ Postlude
Final (Symphonie 1) Gardino Postlude by Theodore Steubi Participating choristers are Betty-Ann Falconer, Arppie Basmajian, Arline Betterley, Evelyne Collings, Judith Crocker, Virginia Hooper Posca Laveretti

with a minimum of effort. The advantage of the latter is that it can serve for family duets, one member picking out the melody with one hand while another handles the buttons that control the harmony.

An Uncertain Quantity

time.

Occasionally his wife, Darlene, inserts a "vocal," singing just enough out of tune to be credible. It may be significant that the cover shows two right hands, emphasizing the thumbs.

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Incomplete Total, Dec. 2 — v.a.

Foute of his press agent, it is learned that Texasborn baritone water Cassel will make a venture into Wagnerian opera when the returns to the Metropolitan in January, as Kurwenal in "Tristan." Just prior to this he will specific to the provided support of the provided s

with Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" a Christmas fea-ture, as usual.

Today's Quotation — Harry Belafonte: "A general complaint with any so-called serious artist is the lack of sanity that exists in American music specifically." (Copyright 1957, General Fea-tures Corp.)

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RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

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S.15 to 8.30—WTIC—Faith in Action. A Christmas message by Elder Adam S. Bennion, member of the Council of the Empty Tomb.' Selections by the Madrigal Singers of Brigham Young University.

9.00 to 9.15—WTIC—World Apostles, entitled "The Empty Tomb.' Selections by the Madrigal Singers of Brigham Young University.

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the happy fact that Balanchine decided to make his home in America in the early '30s.

AT TRINITY TODAY

New York, Dec. 21—Life these Gorge Balanchine, whose New York City Ballet has been having one of its most successful seasons in history, is just one premiere after another. However, as the premieres have been followed in turn by one good. This afternoon at the vesper hour of 5 the Trinity Chancel Choir will present its annual candlelight carol service in the sandlelight carol service in the sandlelight Church.

New York, Dec. 21—Life these Balanchine, modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio wodern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio modern spirit, Among them is Tanaquil LeClercq, now Mrs. Balanchine, whose fine career was interrupted by an attack of polio when she was dancing with the New York Ballet in Copenhagen last year. Her steady recovery productivity which has made Balanchine career.

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TUCKER TO SING IN EUROPE SOON

New York, Dec. 21 — Another American-trained operatic artist will be introduced to European audiences shortly when Richard Tucker makes his debut at Covent Tucker makes his debut at Covent Garden, London. in "Tosca" on Jan. 3, to be followed by others on Jan. 7, 11 and 14. Later in the month, Tucker will appear at the Vienna State Opera, singing Rodolfo in "Boheme" as well as Cavaradossi in "Tosca."

Tucker, who recently returned from a town of the Far Fare we

from a tour of the Far East un-der the auspieces of the State der the auspieces of the State Department, apparently has acquired a wanderlust. Or, perhaps, since brother-in-law Jan Peerce went to the USSR last year, Tucker has to do a bit of traveling himself to uphold his side of the family honor.

WTXL AFFILIATES

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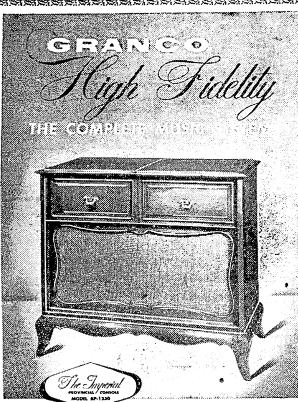
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