



UNITARIAN GREENS NEGRO MUSICIAN . . . Mrs. Robert Thompson (left), music committee chairman of the Pacific Unitarian Church, discusses plans for "An Historical Background of Negro Music" with Don Bremer (center) and Jester Hairston (right), narrator and arranger of the musical show to be presented Sunday evening at the Masonic Temple, Redondo Beach.

Unitarian Church Sponsors Negro Folk Music Concert

A colorful background of American Negro folk music will unfold Sunday at 8 p.m. when the Pacific Unitarian Church presents the famed composer-conductor, Jester Hairston, with a chorus of 30 voices in an exciting evening of narration and music at the Masonic Temple in Redondo Beach.

The experiences and progress of the Negro slave in an alien world, vividly described by Hairston, will be interspersed by some of the spirituals and folksongs that relieved the hardships of those early times.

Stella Herman of El Camino College, featured soloist of the evening, will present a group of spirituals arranged by the late H. T. Burleigh and Edward Postner, contemporary composer. Mrs. Herman recently appeared in the El Camino production of "Elijah." Incidental solos will

be sung by Jeanne Roberts of Hollywood Riviera and Wain McWhorter of Torrance.

JESTER HAIRSTON comes to the South Bay for this appearance with a variety of experience in the entertainment field. Not only is he affectionately known for his role of "LeRoy" on the Amos 'n Andy show, but is also profoundly acclaimed for his many successes scored in arranging and conducting background music for such motion pictures as "Duel in the Sun," "Land of the Pharaohs," "Carmen Jones" and the "St. Louis Blues."

The Unitarian church choir will be augmented for this occasion by members of other vocal organizations that include Los Cancioneros, El Camino College, Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection choir, as well as Jester Hairston's own Los An-

gels into racial choir.

IN SPONSORING this "Historical Background of Negro Folk Music" the Pacific Unitarian Church hopes to foster an understanding between racial groups and at the same time bring a program of cultural interest and musical worth to the community. Future programs of this nature are in the offing.

Directors for this evening of music are Lyle Heck, of Redondo Beach; Barbara Mabin, of Rolling Hills; and Don Bremer of Playa del Rey.

Tickets may be obtained in advance from Mrs. Robert Thompson or may be obtained at the Masonic Temple in Redondo Beach the night of the performance.

Sermon To Deal With Atonement

"Atonement shows the way out of sin and disease and leads to the saving and redeeming understanding of God through spiritual progress and faithful discipleship," explains the lesson-sermon "Doctrine of Atonement" to be delivered in all Christian Science churches Sunday.

The Golden Text from 1 John (4:9) sets forth the central point. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the

world, that we might live through him." Despite the persecution this brought upon him, he used his divine power to save man, both bodily and spiritually.

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New Presbyterian Church To Be Dedicated Sunday

"My Church" will be the topic of a dedication sermon to be delivered by Dr. Chester Bailey, associate executive secretary of the Southern California Area of the United Presbyterian Church, at the new unit of the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena to be dedicated at services Sunday at 11 a.m. The new church structure is located at 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd. Dr. Bailey formerly served as minister of the church.

Comprising the first unit of the new church facility will be a fellowship hall, a kitchen, a fireproof room, and auxiliary rooms. Doubling as a place of worship until a sanctuary is built, the fellowship hall will seat 500 persons. When used for dining purposes the tables and chairs will accommodate 800 people. A well-equipped modern kitchen is to be located between the fellowship and fireproof rooms in order that it might service activities in either or both areas.

IDENTIFYING the church will be a modern architecturally pleasing sign constructed by the Men's Council.

One of the oldest organizations in Gardena, the church was organized as a Sunday school in the classrooms of the old Mounts Grammar School in 1896. The first building was erected in 1897 from salvage lumber obtained from a ship wrecked off Redondo Beach. This little building stood at the site of the present church on Gardena Blvd. and Manhattan Place. The present church building, which will be utilized temporarily as a Sunday school, was built in 1922. Future plans call for erection of a church school on the new Redondo Beach Blvd. site.

Witnesses Hold Three-Day Meet

District Supervisor Bruce E. Giffin, who addressed an audience of a quarter of a million persons at the international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York City last summer, will deliver a free lecture, "The Watch Tower Society in God's Purpose" at 3 p.m. Sunday in the closing session of a three-day semi-annual circuit assembly to be held at the Long Beach municipal auditorium. It was announced today by Gerald F. Dunham, minister of the Torrance Jehovah's Witness congregation.

Born in Orange, Tex., in 1914, Giffin has been associated with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society since 1942. He entered the full-time ministry in Florida 18 years ago. A graduate of the Watch Tower Bible School of Gilead, located at S. Lansing, N.Y., Giffin addressed convention audiences on the Eastern seaboard from the Carolinas to Florida as well as in several Midwestern states prior to last summer's record-breaking international convention in New York.

Methodists Hear Talk on Politics

Dr. Harvey J. Seifert, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern California School of Theology, will discuss the pros and cons of the propositions before the electorate this November at a meeting to be held Sunday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. The meeting is being sponsored by the new Commission on Christian Social Relations of the church. Of primary interest will be Propositions No. 16 and 18. The purpose of the meeting is to bring information and understanding to the congregation.

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