

Hundreds See 'Messiah' Performance

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ARVIN—More than 200 Arvin and Lamont residents heard the Community Chorus sing portions of Handel's Christmas oratorio, "The Messiah," at the Arvin High School auditorium Sunday afternoon. Karl Liechty, instrumental music instructor for the Arvin elementary schools, directed the singers with Mrs. Herman Borgsdorf as organist.

This was the second annual presentation of the famous work by the Arvin Community Chorus. Solo roles were taken by Sylvia Easter and Mary Schulze, sopranos; Ann Tarver, alto; Al Eaton, bass and Harold Loumeau, tenor.

The chorus wore black robes with crimson linings as they sang, grouped before a large stained glass window backdrop on the school stage. Soprano members are Janet Bomers, Mary Dalke, Darlene Deinhart, Maria Durr, Sylvia Easter, Barbara Gloven, Ruth Gustafson, Claudia Hayner, Mary Holliday, Viola Holliday, Brenda Honea, Lou Kumre, Martha Morgan, Betty Powell, Diane Robinson, Mary Schulze, Patsy Storts, Ann Tarver and Brenda Williams.

In the alto section were Margaret Allen, Luanne Ballow, Sally Bingham, Othel Lee Brown, Frances Damron, Millicent Drake, Joan Fletcher, Joyce Grant, Frances Harris, Patricia Joyce, Madeline Leetz, Betty Liechty, Joyce Nielsen and Jean Randolph. Tenors were Forrest Bingham, Leland Brown, Harold Loumeau and Jack Schulze; basses, Carl Brewer, Willard Dalke, Loren Durr, Al Eaton, Lynn Grant, Roger Hamstreet, Shannon Harris, Grover Holliday, Wilburn Holliday, David Leetz, Charles Morrison and Cletis Titsworth.

Arvin High School students from the Arrows Service Club served as ushers. James Frazier, maintenance, superintendent for the elementary school district, and his