

Mizpah Crowded for Recital By Arthur Poister, Organist

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Members and friends of Morning Musicals crowded Mizpah auditorium yesterday afternoon to enjoy the privilege of hearing Arthur Poister, internationally known organist, as featured artist playing the entire program of the annual guest recital. Many "courtesy" guests of the club were present and the ushers were members of the Syracuse chapter, American Guild of Organists.

Favored from previous hearings since he became associated with Syracuse University School of Music as head of the organ department, Prof Poister's program, as expected, was chosen with care, executed with the finest of musicianly technic and interpretative feeling, colorful, inspiring, varied and delightful to applauding listeners.

Poister played without score thruout and the decisive chords of his opening Couperin "Chaconne la G minor" arrested immediate admiration. Followed by the piping notes of a merry, tuneful "Noel" (d'Aquin) with crisp pianissimo, he added two Chorale Preludes by Bach. These were notable for right hand theme over pedals in "Sleepers, Wake!" and the rippling scales of "Rejoice Now—."

The massive "Prelude and Fugue in D major" (Bach) of speedy clarity of hand and pedal passages and forte pedal climax evoked special tribute and he closed his first group with a delightful Mozart "Andante", its staccato, limpid and scale parts written for mechanical organ.

The full organ "Fantasia on BACH" (Reger), favorite, was followed by pieces from the Dupre album: a hushed, sweet theme in

"Cortege" and firm "Litany", the soft slow "In Dulci Jubilo" and the beautifully presented "Variations on a Noel"; many colorfully embroidered treatments of the simple theme ending with "Presto", magnificently powerful in volume for hands and pedals.

Poister's encore, in response to ovational applause, was the delicate tender Chorale, "Sleep Little Jesus."

Tewkesbury Site Of GI Memorial

TEWKESBURG. (AP)—The ancient town of Tewkesbury on Shakespeare's Avon, plan half a mile of riverside gardens to be dedicated to the United States.

The project is "in gratitude for the great generosity of the American nation and in remembrance of all those virile men and women who passed thru the town to the beaches of France."

The site, selected by a town meeting, will be cleared by townspeople in their spare time. Most of the land and buildings have been donated. The memorial will be dedicated in 1951.

PITY COP WITH CRAMP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A UCLA campus policeman found a gold mine of illegally parked students' cars, so many that he ran out of tickets. "I got writer's cramp after the 10th," the Daily Bruin, campus newspaper, quoted the officer as saying. "After the 22d my book was empty."

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