**Ligon High Choral Group** 

Stages Handel's 'Messiah'

#### A Short Story:

### How A Discarded Doll Brightened **Christmas Season For Little Girl**

about an incident at Christmas) By CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON For Associated Negro Press

and obscure life in the basement of a local 5 and 10 cents store. Outmoded by the vestige of time, he

the basement shelves for more passed him up. He seemed destined to obscurity and eventual commitment to the garbage pile SAVED BY CHRISTIAN BROTH-

Then one day a kindly Christian Brother wandered into the store, seeking some inexpensive gift for his "little friend"-a little girl named Judy in a local Catholic orphanage. With resigned humility, he passed up each of the glamorous gifts presented by the clerk. "I want something that reflects the Christmas spirit in a more humble manner." Brother Joe of the Jesuit Order of Brotherhood explained. The clerk stared in dis-

Suddenly Brother Joe's eyes fell upon Immanuel lying upon the heap of unwanted items on the basement floor, "Let me look at that little doll lying there. It is a boy doll, isn't it. "Yes, but that is not for sale." the surprised clerk replied. "That doll has been lying there for three years. Nobody seems to want to buy it, se the manager told us to scrap

Brother Joe's soft eyes suddenly moistened. He remembered that no one wanted to house the infant Jesus either on the first Christmas day more than 1900 years ago. "Let me have it," he said. "I am sure my litle friend at the orphanage will cherish it."

The next day Brother Joe stopped at St. Joseph Orphanage. have a little gift for Judy Caldwell." he told the nun who answered the bell. "Will you please call her to the study ' JUDY GETS GIFT

A few minutes later Judy was led into the study. Her eyes brightened with joy as she saw the aged Brother who frequently brings her litle gifts of various sort.

"Judy," Brother Joe spoke up. "I have a Christmas gift for you but it is not a doll house or a carriage or anything like that. It is just a plain doll I picked up a neighborhood store. Maybe Sister Theresita will clean and dress him up for you if you ask her. Would

you like to have the doll?"
"Oh Yes!" exclaimed Judy, clarping her hands with joy. "I'll call him Immanuel, beter Theresita said that was one of the names they gave Jesus. Thanks a lot Brother

Feeling satisfied that his gift was accepted, Brother Joe turned to leave, but an afterthought struck him. "What do

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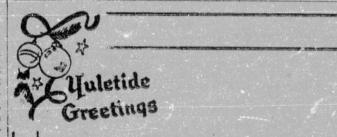
lain at the orphanage) to use Im- Joseph had done on the first was placed on the unwanted list manuel in the crib in the manger. Christmas. and tossed with other such items | He'll represent Baby Jesus, and all | Then, as the children gathered ain the cellar, his fate to be decided the angels will sing and rejoice a- round the crib and adults knell in Day after day, clerks searching est boy doll in all the world. Will into a joyful "Silent Night." It glamorous toys at holiday seasons in the crib, Brother-please." "I'll was happy, especially lttle Judy see what I can do," said Brother | Caldwell.

esita in amazement.

So the next day when in the orphanage marched in the annual Christmas procession, Judy For three years he lived a dim IMMANUEL BECOMES SYMBOL Caldwell carired her little Immanuel in her hands and laid it in "I will ask Father Jacoby (chap- crude manger, just as Mary and

> round him and he'll be the great- the background, the organ burs you ask Father Jacoby to use him was Christmas day and everyone





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udience did not applaud --- neith

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