

MARY HAMLIN AT LEGION CONCERT

Newlyn Male Voice Choir Appearance

Remembrance Day arrangements at Penzance on Sunday include a concert in St. John's Hall in the evening to raise funds for the Penzance and Newlyn branches of the British Legion.

A programme worthy of the occasion is promised and the Legion has been fortunate in engaging Mary Hamlin, one of Britain's leading soprano soloists. Educated at the Royal Academy, Miss Hamlin became noted for her outstanding performances in oratorios and other sacred music and she has frequently performed at the Albert Hall and leading concerts throughout the country. For five years she was one of the original B.B.C. Singers and, recently, she was honoured by being chosen to sing at the service held at the unveiling of the Sir Henry Wood Memorial Window. Miss Hamlin has lectured in singing in most European countries and was on a lecture tour in Germany a few days before war broke out.

The concert is also a special occasion because it marks the re-appearance of the Newlyn Male Voice Choir. For three years in succession up to the outbreak of war the choir held the distinction of winning the county shield. In January, its members having returned from the Forces, the choir re-formed and a few months later again secured first prize at the county competition at Falmouth. Sunday's concert will be their first for seven years and the audience will find this choir of 50 voices well up to pre-war standard.

Mr. Reginald Hichens, the well-known Newlyn tenor, is one of the soloists and another is Mr. Ronald Paul, a young Penzance pianist with a bright musical future.

There will be selections by an orchestra led by Mr. Kendal Baic and comprised chiefly of members of Penzance *Orchestral Society*. The choir and orchestra have been trained by Mr. J. Morgan Hosking and performances at recent rehearsals foreshadow a memorable concert.

A thrilling climax will be the performance by soprano, choir, piano and orchestra of Stanley Marchant's grand work, "Christmas Eve."

Seats may be reserved at the Information Bureau.

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