GROWING UP WITH WARREN HARDING

"Music by the Band"—and W. G.

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Warren G. Harding could execute No. 24 in the Black Book with personal sangfroid and astonishing musical force. Barring the bass drummer, no other member of the band could make as much noise.

Again it becomes my solemn duty as historian of early events in the life of the man who may be president to correct a false statement that has gone out, to the effect that he swallowed a slide trombone, or slip horn. He never did that. He played a B-flat cornet.

No. 24 in the Black Book was a quickstep, written with a view of giving the B-flat cornet a chance to make a home for itself. Warren G. saw the opportunity the author of the music had set to knocking at his door and he was quick to respond. Before half a dozen measures were reeled off the B-flat made the E-flat, the altos, tenors, barytone and tuba anxious to quit the unequal contest. They knew they were outclassed and were ready to admit it.

The brass organization in which Warren G.'s cornet held supremacy when No. 24 was called for by the leader had a wonderful name, to-wit: "The Caledonia Aeolian Band," painted on the nigh side of the bass drum, that name was sure to create wonder wherever the band went. It was a bother to most people, but there were always a few who understood that the band had been named after Aeolus, the Grecian god of the winds.

Back in the old days the Government did not give out weather predictions that reached communities like Caledonia. As a result the people generally were compelled to rely upon Ayer's almanac for their long-distance forecasts. The Aeolian band told them which way the wind was blowing.

Musical Endurance Tests.

Many of our endurance tests took place in the big public square, near the pump:

Waltzes and quicksteps—red torches glowing—
"Marching Through Georgia" or a national air,
Crowds standing round to witness the blowing
Of the Aeolian Band that blew on the square.

Nothing is more democratic than a village band, and Warren G. was always at home in the organization. He was one of the cheerful youngsters who met frequently for practice and plugged away long into the night, in an honest endeavor to master new music and be prepared for public appearance when there was a demand for "Music by the Band." The supply was always equal to the demand, which was heaviest in the summer season, when picnics were abloom in the land. It was then that the Aeolian band paid great tribute to the god of the winds.

The B-flat was popular with all the other instruments. Warren G. had gone into this thing of blowing a horn with the characteristic enthusiasm he manifested in later years when we were trying to put the Marion Star over. In this newspaper work there were fewer discords than we made in the old band days. But this is getting ahead of my story.

After a few years the Caledonia Aeolian Band disintegrated. It is not possible to keep a small town organization of this character intact for any great period, or longer than it takes for the members to reach an ambitious age. They go out in search of wider fields, and one band follows another, none becoming eminently proficient.

W. G. Marches Alone.

Young Harding stuck to his cornet longer than some of the others. He took it with him to college and later to Marion, where he joined a band of greater musical accomplishment. It was while he was a member of the Marion band that he remained over in a neighboring town to collect the prize his organization had won at a tournament. After the other members had gone home the young bandsman discovered that the rules required that before the winning band could collect it must march before the judges. It was then that Warren G., alone, paraded before the judges' stand, playing a quickstep. He was determined not to be denied the trophies of the day. His daring carried him through and he took home with him the big money prize of the occasion.

That was the one time in his life that Warren G. Harding was the whole brass band.

But music was no more than a diversion to Warren G. The keynote of his life was work. He began early to pick up odd jobs and would tackle almost anything in the way of honorable employment that might add a few dollars to his purse.

The boy of 14 who contracts to paint a house and goes through with it to the satisfaction of his employer has shown that he has courage and the sense of responsibility. This young Harding did when the family lived in Caledonia, and the woman whose house he painted is now telling her neighbors that she is ready to recommend Warren G. Harding as house painter or president.

The "First Dollar."

There being more work than play in his young life may accoount for that fact that Warren G. never measured up to the average boy in athletics. He made a joke of his own efforts to play baseball in the fields near Caledonia. I recall a game in the Rice Bottom which stuck in Warren G.'s mind for many years. Most of us were "dubs." Among the boys, however, was a man in middle life who was worse than a "dub," he wouldn't try to play. This fellow was on second base, and felt aggrieved when a ball came his way. Finally it was decided that he should go over and guard third.

"All right," and he yawned, "that just suits me; there's nothing to do over there."

With that he went to third and sat down on the base and remained sitting to the end of the inning.

In the after years when we were working together and anybody's laziness came up for discussion, Warren G. would turn to me and ask:

"Do you remember, Jack, how Bill Hummer played third base."

Dr. G. T. Harding, father of Warren, says his boy was only ten years of age when he earned his first dollar, the "first dollar" in this case amounting to six. A farmer near Caledonia was short of men to cut corn. Young Harding volunteered to help. He stuck to his work bravely, and at the end of one long week, found he had earned $6.

Well do I know that cutting corn is not a boy's job. To me there were but two features connected with the work that were pleasant. One was the possibility of finding a "patch" of ripe watermelons; the other was to sit in the shade of a new and fragrant corn shock during the half hour rest and whack away at the stubbles. To a boy this period of rest is prolific of day dreams.

Just how much dreaming young Harding did in the week he was earning his first real money in the cornfield must be left to imagination. I don't know.

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ROTARY CLUB LEADERS NAMED

Committes for Year Appointed at Lively Meeting Held Yesterday

The regular noon luncheon of the Salem Rotary club was held at the Marion hotel yesterday with nearly every member present. This is one club in the city where every member is present unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable absence from the city, and every meeting is enlivened by some new feature.

Every business and profession in the city is represented by some man who is capable of bringing to the club what the club desires to know about that particular business r profession and who can take back to the men in his profession or business the things the club wishes them to understand. Three 10-minute talks were delivered before the club yesterday and each contained many novel features.

Fred W. Thielsen was delegated to call on J. F. Hutchason and learn all he could about the life insurance business and how it is being conducted. Thielsen's address contained much of tragedy, humor and pathos and gave to the members of the club a very clear understanding of life insurance as a business.

C. B. Webb called on H. S. Gile and was told and shown about Phez, and his talk about Gile was wonderfully instructive.

William McGilchrist called on Frank Myers at the Spa and learned all about how Frank conducts his business and made a report to the club. Billy has a nose for facts and looked into every nook and cranny of the business, and his report was clean-cut and to the point.

Next week other lines will be reported on until every line of business and profession in the city has been investigated. If there are practices in any profession or business that are not for the public good, it is the purpose of the club to suggest improvements. No profession or business, whether the proprietor is a member of the club or not, will ever be shown partiality by the club or any member of the club. Everything that is done by the club or any member of the club will be done for the betterment of the business or profession.

Committees for the year were announced as follows:

Membership: William Walton, C. P. Bishop, Joseph Baumgartner, T. E. McCroskey and Fred Schmidt.

Entertainment: C. B. Clancey, C. B. Webb, Frank Meyers, Fred Thielsen and H. H. Olinger.

Luncheon and program: P. E. Fullerton, T. E. McCroskey and L. J. Chapin.

Boys' Work: Frederick Schmidt, Charles Knowland and Paul Wallace.

Employer and Employe: T. B. Kay, H. S. Gile and Eric Butler.

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Read the Classified Ads.

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The wheels of law rotated at a fast rate yesterday from the time a report was received at the police station by telephone from Portland authoirities that a Chandler car had been stolen from that city until last night when the perpetrators of the theft were on their way to pay the penalty.

Yesterday morning, following the report of the stolen car, the local police were notified by Ed Loose that a Chandler car was abandoned alongside the road near his farm. Upon investigation the car was identified as the stolen car from Portland.

Later in the afternoon two men were arrested as suspects for the theft of the car in the persons of Harry Samuelson of Hillsdale and Delbert Bowman of Portland. Samuelson responded to the quiz of the police and admitted that he was guilty of stealing the car while his comrade denied that he was implicated. However, the police say, upon further questioning, Bowman admitted that he came to Salem with Sanfuelson.

Lieutenant H. A. Thatcher of the Portland police department arrived in Salem late yesterday afternoon and returned with Samuelson. Bowman, the police said, is to be turned over to the Oregon state training school.

H. W. Krussow of Hood River, who is the owner of the stolen car returned to Portland with the automobile.

Customer—My hair is falling out. Can you give me something to keep it in?

New Clerk (who wants to be obliging)—You might take this cigar box. Women often keep theirs in such boxes.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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