Janis' Playing Exuberant But Too Loud, Critic Says

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Byron Janis revealed himself a bold pianist of tremendous command in the Community Concert at the Salem High School Auditorium last evening. He played with exuberance and immense vitality.

Mr. Janis can shift from a smashing fortissimo to a whispering pianissimo in fast passages and keep perfect control. Most pianists would show some muscular shocks from such leaps of dynamics. (Not so Mr. Janis.)

The pianist had prodigious dexterity. His fleet finger work is clear in the most difficult passages. His pedaling is thoughtfully planned and frequently is admirably sparse. He keeps the principal melody considerably louder than its accompaniment.

Shocks Ears

This writer feels the pianist frequently plays too loudly. Perhaps he misjudged the acoustics of the auditorium. However, from the tautness of his attitude, I hazard the guess that he intended to make his effects electric. But they were shocking to the ear. Such a percussive approach to the piano brings out its worst quality as a musical instrument, except where called for, such as in a few of the purposely harsh Prokofieff pieces.

This exaggerated loudness, together with a great many shifts in dynamics, break into the composer's thoughts at times. Thus the artist distracts, instead of being the medium for the musical ideas. The listener can not be at ease and is rarely charmed, the Chopin excepted.

Salem audiences must learn when to applaud in a concert. We were at fault to break into applause after the first movement of the Beethoven Sonata. The composer has a psychological unity in mind between the different movements of a sonata. (I well remember, when the Boston Symphony was ending a slow movement, how a long-held-in sneeze shattered the feeling of heavenly solemnity.) Our applause broke the continuity of the Beethoven music.

Chides Changes

For that matter, let's take Mr. Janis to task for his etiquette. If he changes his program, why not tell us in all cases? He substituted another Schumann Novelette and another Chopin Nocturne for the ones programmed, and he played selections from the Prokofieff Visions Fugitives, rather than the entire collection.

The program was admirably planned. There were pillars from the standard repertoire, represented by the Haydn and Beethoven Sonatas, and the Chopin Scherzo. Between these there were the less familiar Schumann and Prokofieff works.

Diversionary Tactic on Dam, Blamed to Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said Friday the Eisenhower administration has been trying to divert attention from a proposed federal Hells Canyon Dam by promoting Canadian projects as substitutes.

He told the Senate potential Canadian projects in headwaters of the Columbia River had been advanced as alternatives to the proposed federal dam on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, a tributary of the Columbia.

"For the past year the administration has been trying to divert attention from Hells Canyon by promoting projects which rely upon Canadian water resources or the use of Canadian soil," Neuberger said in a brief speech.

"Totally ignored by the administration has been the fact that Canada is one of the world's fastest-growing nations, needing all of its own resources for legitimate expansion and development."

He said construction of dams in Canada probably would reduce the Columbia River power resources south of the international border and that legislation is being considered in Canada which would prevent the use of Canadian water to generate power for factories in the United States.

Segregation Due for 400 Aboard Ship

CAPETOWN, South Africa (AP) — An order circulated Friday said the 400 Negro crew members of the U. S. aircraft carrier Midway, due to anchor here Saturday, will be allowed to drink only in bars reserved for the class officially listed as Cape colored people. These are people of mixed blood, as distinguished from African Negroes.

The bars for the colored are called non-European bars, and Negroes are not allowed in them.

The Midway will be here four days.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. S. Navy rejected Friday a request to keep the aircraft carrier Midway out of Capetown, South Africa, because 400 Negro crewmen would be subjected to segregation while ashore.

The request came from Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Douglas Courthouse Bids Called Feb. 16

ROSEBURG (AP) — Bids were invited Friday for a new Douglas County courthouse, to be built at a cost estimated at more than $500,000.

The building will have 82,000 square feet of space compared with 32,000 in the present courthouse. It will have two circuit courtrooms to accommodate a second judge if another judgeship is created later.

The county court will open bids Feb. 16.

Police Refuse to Tell Secrets

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP)—Police apparently learn a few professional secrets from burglars they apprehend.

A long distance call from Mrs. Ted Christle, an Austin woman who was out of the city, reported she had forgotten to turn off the electric coffee pot before leaving home.

"The house is locked," Mrs. Christle said, "but break a window to get in."

Patrolman Victor Bauer went to the home. He entered without breaking a window, but isn't saying how he did it.

In the Interest Of Spelling!

More than 3000 7th- and 8th-grade students of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties are competing in the 5th annual Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. Following are among words being studied:

volcano	*bacteria*
telegram	*cordially*
castle	*expenditure*
abolition	*humane*
upstairs	*gracious*
pursuit	*faculty*
geography	*handsome*
foreign	*jewelry*
efficiency	*illiterate*
invalid	*perseverance*
celebrated	*marvelous*
chemical	*nomination*

prosperous

Here's Good Advice for Novice Skier

NEW YORK (UP)—Relax and have fun, and the only thing hurt may be your dignity.

That's the word to ski novices from one of the nation's best—Albert Van de Kogel, World War II crack ski trooper, and now chief ski consultant for a leading New York sports store, (Abercrombie & Fitch).

Van de Kogel has come up with some advice on how to get started at the sport, based on his own cheerful record—35 years on the slopes with nary a broken bone to report. Here are the tops:

1. Equipment is half the battle. Key items: boots that fit (control of your skis depends mainly on the fit of your boots); skis of the right length (one foot over head height); and safety-designed bindings or clamps, preferably the kind with a release-catch because they slide off the skis the moment you fall, thus preventing leg fractures.

2. Skiing is a hot sport. Wear light clothing that won't tire you with its weight. Into your suitcase shirt, windbreaker, scarf, cap, should go: long johns, ski pants, gloves, and petroleum jelly. Coat your face with the jelly to protect you against sunburn on the slopes — a non-spectacular, but nevertheless common, ski hazard.

3. The first tries at the slopes should be slow and easy. Keep to the low hills and fasten onto a learner's group if you can. Don't try to show off—skiing is for recreation, not competition. Be prepared for spills, they are part of the learning process. Quit when the sun quits. Late afternoon skiing is both fatiguing and dangerous.

Deer in Your Yard? Let Him Have It

RANGELEY, Me. (UP) — Arbeth P. Hodgkins, town clerk, answered his telephone and heard a woman ask:

"Is it legal to shoot a deer on your own property, if you don't have a hunting license?"

"Why, yes," he replied.

The woman turned from the phone and said, "It's okay, dear, shoot." The clerk heard a shot.

Then the caller told the clerk, "We got it."

Several hours later, Wendall Phillbrick dragged in his 294-pound buck to be tagged.

FRIENDS HONOR CORDON

PORTLAND (AP) — Friends honored Guy Cordon, former U.S. senator, at a dinner at the Arlington Club.

Dag Considers Trip 1st Step For Release

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — Dag Hammarskjold said Friday his trip to Peiping was a successful first step toward release of the 11 American fliers jailed by Red China and declared that Chou En-Lai had laid down no conditions as barriers to their freedom.

He said he made "no deals" with Chou and that the Premier and foreign minister of Red China had not suggested any.

The U. N. secretary general told his first news conference since returning here Thursday night that Chou did not link the question of the prisoners to a series of issues outstanding between the East and West, including the question of China's bid for a seat in the U. N. He said Chou did, however, bring up all pertinent questions in their thorough talks.

During his 45-minute press conference, Hammarskjold said:

1. He had no contact with any of the 11 prisoners nor was he shown any exhibits relating to their capture, alleged confessions or trials.

2. The question of releasing 35 Chinese students in the United States to return to the Chinese mainland was not a condition.

3. While there is no definite link between the points of tension and the freeing of the prisoners, according to Hammarskjold, an improvement in conditions between the Communist Chinese and the United States would have a bearing on the issue.

Juvenile Quiz Aides in Jam Over Articles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two staff aides of the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee are due to be called on the carpet for writing magazine articles about the committee's work before it has had a chance to publish its own report.

Senators serving on the group were reported to be "very much disturbed" about the situation Friday. Former Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson, a New Jersey Republican who served as chairman during the last session of Congress, said one member called it "outrageous."

Two articles by Herbert W. Beaser, the committee's chief counsel, and Richard Clendenen, staff director, already have been published in the Saturday Evening Post. The official report is not due until Jan. 31.

Beaser said he and Clendenen had Hendrickson's permission to enter into a commitment to write the articles, but Hendrickson asserted, "That is not true."

Over the last year and a half the subcommittee has been making a national probe of juvenile delinquency and its causes.

Beaser is a Boston lawyer who served as counsel for the U. S. Children's Bureau before joining the subcommittee.

Their magazine articles are part of a series called "The Shame of America."

Personal Traits Termed Key To Delinquency

BERKELEY, Calif. (UP)—University of California professors are coming to the conclusion that the juvenile delinquency problem is largely a personal matter.

Dr. T. R. Sarbin, associate professor of psychology at the University's Berkeley campus, and a research assistant, Donal S. Jones, released a preliminary report on their studies which said the young psychopathic delinquent has a very different personality from the non-delinquent.

His "intra-personal" factors play a major role in turning the adolescent to delinquency, they said.

The report added that the delinquent: (1) does not follow instructions and tends to substitute other activities whenever an assignment becomes monotonous or fatiguing; (2) is not realistic at sizing up himself; (3) has a mechanical ability that is apt to be hampered when pressured; (4) tends to be slow in making decisions; (5) may be impulsive in vague situations.

Just One Confusion After the Other Here

DuBOIS (Bois), Ill. (UP)—The dateline is not a mistake because this little southern Illinois town is known by both names.

The historical, geographical and state-highway-department-sign name of the town is DuBois. The Illinois Central Railroad depot carries the name Bois because 10 miles down the track is Du Quoin, and passengers and baggagemen kept getting confused.

Now motorists who see DuBois on the highway sign and Bois on the depot are confused.

School Reporter

SOUTH SALEM HIGH

South Salem High school's Latin Club banquet held Thursday night in the high school gym saw 25 new members initiated.

Entertainment was given by new members who were divided into three groups. Each was given a piece of paper with the name of a famous Roman or comic strip character written on it.

Skits were formed by each group using the names on the paper. The winning skit highlighted Antony's speech at Caesar's funeral. The whole idea of the skit centered around Hades, where the residents were having a party.

During the banquet a "Calpurnia" and "Caesar" were chosen to rule the affair. Pam Lindholm was Calpurnia and Bill Richter was Caesar.

Each girl was given a red piece of paper, one of which had the name Calpurnia written upon it. The one receiving the chosen piece became Calpurnia. Caesar was chosen the same way.

In keeping with the Roman theme there were "slaves" to help serve the dinner. All students who happened to sit on chairs with a green ribbon were made slaves.

At the finish of the skits and dinner all new members were formally initiated. They were made to kneel and give a pledge honoring the club. Leading the pledge was club President Don Zeh.

The decoration scheme consisted of South Salem's colors, blue and red. Decorating for the banquet was Georgianna Criswell. Preparing the food for serving were Arlene Bishop and Don Zeh. Clean-up committee consisted of Wanda Coe, John Harvey and Bruce Wulf.

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH

"Music as You Like It" will be presented Monday, in an assembly of the Leslie Junior High school student body.

Fleming Orem, a marimba player, will present the second outside entertainment school assembly of the year.

NORTH SALEM HIGH

The student activities at North Salem High are picking up this week as the semester ends and registration for the second semester begins.

Coming Thursday is the Junior Class talent show. The students and faculty members involved in the show are working on it. The theme of the show is "Hillbilly Holiday."

Snikpoh, the dramatics club, has started rehearsals for a big play to be presented to the public on the night of February 11. Jay Rorick, drama teacher, said, "The Thirteenth Chair won't be easy to do, but with a lot of practice I am sure that we will make it a success."

Members of Snikpoh Club in the play are Kay Ruberg, Bob Myers, Carolyn Madsen, Rex Peterson, Ron Brown, Jan Woodroffe, Millie Messmer, Dick Hansen, Jim Hardie, Harold Lotis, Pat Claggett, Margie Alkire, Siiri Kailvee, Lorraine Owen, Ron Maddy and George Darland. Also helping, but not on stage, will be student director Anita Wagner; properties chairmen, Bob Archibald and Frances Burris; stage manager Pat Edwards, and promoter Adle Hay.

The students at North Salem High saw an unusual collection of firearms displayed by Harry Shively, a dealer and collector of antique weapons. The guns told a story of the history of America from 1720.

Also in the exhibit were several antique guns which he shoots for sport. Shively's ambition is to get a collection that represents the history of all firearms made. A large part of his collection is devoted to Civil War rifles and pistols.

122,000 Oregon Traffic Violators Convicted in '54

Traffic violation convictions in Oregon alst year numbered 122,000, according to reports of courts to the Secretary of State's office. The figure represents an increase of approximately 47,000 over 1953.

State records also show that 6,962 drivers had licenses suspended during the year, including 3,110 for driving while intoxicated. Most suspensions were based on court recommendations or upon conviction of traffic charges calling for mandatory suspension.

Much of the increase in traffic convictions was credited to better reporting from courts in connection with the department's stepped-up license suspension program.

Seattle Trio Held; Linked To Burglaries

Three Seattle 16-year-olds, one a girl, were in Marion County jail Friday night on juvenile delinquency charges after questioning by state police about a burglary and a wholesale series of car entries in the Washington city.

Officers said the questioning brought oral admissions of involvement in the rifling of approximately 25 cars and the burglary of a grocery store. The interrogation also indicated one of the boys was linked with a Seattle garage burglary.

Police reported that the trio was taken into custody after a 1949 Ford coach accidentally slipped into a ditch on the Dallas-Salem highway near "Y" junction about 6 p.m. Officers said a search of the car yielded several packs of cigarettes, a box of candy and some .45 ammunition.

According to police, questioning indicated loot taken from the cars was disposed of almost immediately after each entry. The three reportedly told officers they were on their way to California at the time they were apprehended. They are being held for Seattle authorities.

Minnie Rehm Succumbs At Woodburn

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — Mrs. Minnie H. Rehm, 66, a resident of the Aurora area for more than 30 years, died Friday at a Woodburn nursing home after a long illness.

Mrs. Rehm came to the Aurora district in 1921 and resided for many years on Aurora Route 1, about two miles west of Donald. She was born June 4, 1888 in Nebraska and lived in Washington for a time before moving to Oregon.

Surviving are the widower, Alfred Rehm of the Aurora area; two sons, Arthur F. Rehm of Woodburn, and Harlan L. Rehm of Hubbard; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mrs. Emma Harvey, both of Portland, and Mrs. Anne Martin of Milwaukie; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Ringo-Cornwell chapel in Woodburn, with interment following at Belle Passi cemetery.

Montanans to Study Oregon Truck Taxes

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Despite a claim that a postage stamp would bring the same information, the Montana Senate Friday followed the House lead and named a three member committee to go to Oregon for a look at Oregon's weight-distance law.

Sen. B. R. Taylor (R-Roosevelt) made the claim about the postage stamp.

The six lawmakers will be looking for something to improve Montana's system of charging for highway use by truckers. This ties in with highway financing and road improvements — rated uppermost among legislative problems.

Enrollments In Colleges Still Growing

CINCINNATI (UP) — For the second consecutive year, this fall's registrations on American campuses set an upward trend.

Dr. Raymond Walters, University of Cincinnati president, announced the trend in his 35th annual college-university enrollment survey for School and Society, educational journal.

Covering 846 approved universities and four-year colleges—94.5 per cent of all such accredited institutions in the United States and territories, the 1954 study shows increases over last fall of 6.8 per cent in full-time students; 9.7 per cent in part-time students and 7.6 per cent in grand totals.

The reporting institutions have 1,383,750 full-time and 1,895,280 grand-total students. For the second consecutive year there is an upward trend in contrast with the preceding five years of descending enrollments following the exodus of World War II veteran-students.

WHEAT SALE NEAR

WASHINGTON (AP)— Negotiations were reported well advanced Friday for sale to Brazil of 218,000 tons of U. S. surplus wheat and a relatively small amount of surplus butter.

Pagans used holly for decoration at midwinter festivals long before the birth of Christ.

Death Takes Mrs. Elder At Silverton

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON — Mrs. Ferin Elder, 60, who had lived in the Silverton area for a number of years died unexpectedly early Friday morning at the residence, 213 S. Church St.

Born at Pullman, Wash., on July 31, 1894, she married William L. Elder at Colfax, Wash., in 1919, and he survives her. Mrs. Elder had lived in the Oregon coast section and the Silverton area for more than 20 years.

She was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, being highly active in that organization.

Others surviving in addition to the widower include one son, Alonzo W. Elder of Athena, Ore.; mother, Mrs. Violet Smith of Pullman, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. G. A. Howard of Salt Lake City, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Memorial Chapel of Ekman mortuary. Rev. Paul W. Henry will officiate and interment will be in the Evans Valley cemetery.

Damage Suits Give $5,619 To Plaintiffs

Two judgments awarding a total of $5,619 to plaintiffs were handed down Friday in Marion County Circuit Court.

William A. Kirsch was awarded $1,500 as compensation for damages to his crops and pasture which he said was brought about a defective pump he purchased from the Shepard-Zumwalt Equipment Co.

He planned to use the pump for irrigation purposes, he claimed. The pump failed to work properly, he alleged, and lack of water caused him damage in the amount of $4,911, which was the sum he sought from Paul Shepard and Bob Zumwalt, named as the defendants. A trial jury ruled in the case.

Rosa Cole was handed a judgment of $4,119 against Joseph S. and Minerva Working. The woman claimed that the Workings had failed to pay the amount which was allegedly due under the terms of a promissory note.

Judge George R. Duncan's decree ordered that the mortgage held by the plaintiff on the Workings' property be foreclosed and the property sold to satisfy the judgment.

At The Theaters Today

ELSINORE
"ATHENA" with Jane Powell, Edmond Purdom and Debbie Reynolds.
Also "MYSTERY LAKE"

CAPITOL
"CATTLE QUEEN OF MONTANA" with Barbara Stanwyck and Ronald Reagan.
"HUMAN JUNGLE" with Gary Merrill and Jan Sterling.

GRAND
"REAP THE WILD WIND" with John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Ray Milland.
"MASSACRE CANYON" with Phil Carey and Audrey Totter.

HOLLYWOOD
"FRENCH LINE" with Jane Russell.
"THE BIG HEAT" with Glenn Ford.

Oregon Business Boost Expected

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon business sales will be at a much higher level this year than in 1954, business leaders predicted at a meeting here.

The meeting was sponsored by the Portland Sales Executive Club. Of 300 attending 92 per cent estimated sales boosts averaging 13.5 per cent. Reductions of 8 per cent were predicted by 3 per cent.

Woman Facing Charge Following Citizen's Arrest

A Salem woman was arrested Friday night and charged with driving while intoxicated in the wake of a collision on the Pacific Highway between Brooks and Woodburn, state police reported.

Officers said Wilma Lenoma Tully, 34, of 1965 Cross St., was lodged in Marion County jail and bail of $350 set after a citizen's arrest was made by Joseph Leroy Schrag, 2565 Dallas Rd.

According to police, Schrag took the action after his pickup truck was struck in the rear by a 1940 Lincoln. A fender of the pickup was torn off and the Lincoln received front-end damage but no injuries were reported.

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