Schools Pushing Music to Fore

America Destined to Lead World, Says Frederick Neil Innes.

That the public school band movement is bringing America to the fore in the music world, is the belief of Frederick Neil Innes, director of the Conn National School of Music, Chicago, and internationally known band leader.

"America is destined to lead the world in music," says Innes. "It does not yet rank with Germany, France, Hungary, Italy or England, but we are climbing. Fully eighty per cent of the high schools have some musical organization, an orchestra or a band, or both. Music in the public schools

Frederick Neil Innes, Director, Conn National School of Music.

will give America this coveted musical supremacy."

Mr. Innes further believes that the time is near at hand when even the smallest community will have its band. He thinks that when this condition is brought about that it will be due largely to the incentive given musical training by the public schools of the nation. "The modern school is as proud when a musical championship is won by their band or orchestra as it is when their football heavies go down the field to glory in every game they play," he says.

"The band or orchestra is vastly superior to the vocal class," says Innes, "because the boy in the adolescent stage simply will not sing. He may be compelled to go through the motions, but he will not actually sing. He refuses for the simple reason that he has no voice to sing with. Give such a lad a trombone or a cornet, or any other instrument of the band and his musical progress will astound even himself."

This Town of 20 Has 44-Piece Band

A 20-man town with a 44-piece band has been discovered by the Conn Music Center at Elkhart, Ind.

Forest Grove, Mich., is the town. The entire population of 20 is housed in five dwellings. Small boys throw stones from one end of the town to the other. Two stores serve the needs of the community. Yet Forest Grove's band numbers 44 pieces.

The hamlet lacked paved streets and population. It was not even mentioned on the maps, yet the "musical urge" was there. Several of the townsmen knew something of music, as did several of the boys on the surrounding farms. There were lots of others daring to blow a horn. A meeting was arranged, attended by a 100 per cent representation of the town and by farm boys within a radius of many miles. The band came into being overnight.

Rehearsals are faithfully attended. "Band night" sees the one street lined with parked automobiles, and Forest Grove, once a jest, has become the envy of the surrounding communities.

Housewives Big Buyers of Musical Instruments

Elkhart, Ind.—Sixty per cent of musical instruments sold to women are purchased by housewives, it is revealed in a survey made by the Conn Music Center here. The survey was made through music instrument dealers in twenty cities, and covered 320 actual transactions.

One out of every ten instruments sold were purchased by women, and their preferences for instruments was very much along the lines favored by men, according to the survey. Of the total number of transactions, fifty-two per cent involved the purchase of a saxophone, sixteen per cent that of a trumpet, and nine per cent that of a trombone.

That youth will be served, especially in music, was well illustrated in the ages of the purchasers. Fully thirty-four per cent of those purchasing instruments were under twenty-one years of age, while nineteen per cent were between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five, and twenty-one per cent between the ages of twenty-five and thirty. Only twenty-six per cent of all transactions involved persons of thirty years and over.

Franklin Would Have Put Maxims on Coins

The first third of the Nineteenth century was the heyday of Staffordshire ware decorated with pictures. And not the least interesting of this china was the series picturing maxims, proverbs and morals.

Of this didactic china many pieces carried reproductions of "Poor Richard's" sayings, which our great American, Benjamin Franklin, industriously circulated through his Poor Richard's Almanack for 25 years.

The Poor Richard maxims were very near to Franklin's heart, and he let no chance slip to get them into greater circulation. One of his projects—which, however, was not carried out—was to imprint on one side of the copper coins of the new American republic some proverbs of Solomon and other sayings encouraging thrift.

"Diligence is the mother of good luck," and "Plow deep while sluggards sleep" were among those he suggested. His practical and benevolent mind pictured how many a family would read and ponder his precepts as they gathered round the hearth.—The Antiquarian.

"Pony Express" Hailed as Fast Mail Service

The first trip of the "pony express," from St. Joseph to Sacramento, carried about 85 pieces of mail, according to Glenn D. Bradley's "The Story of the Pony Express." This run began in the early evening of April 3, 1860, and required 9 days and 23 hours. At the same time an eastbound express was also on the way with about 70 pieces.

"The first pony express from St. Joseph," writes Bradley, "brought a message of congratulation from President Buchanan to Governor Downey of California, which was first telegraphed to the Missouri river town. It also brought one or two official government communications, some New York, Chicago and St. Louis newspapers, a few bank drafts, and some business letters addressed to banks and commercial houses in San Francisco."

Pretty Indian Legend

Long ago, before the white man came to this country, a great famine spread over the land, says the Detroit News, in telling of the legends of Michigan Indians. One day a mother bear with her two hungry little cubs, walked along the shore of Wisconsin and gazed wistfully over at Michigan. Finally, driven by the pangs of hunger, she plunged into Lake Michigan, followed by her two babies, and struck out for the Michigan shore. When only a few miles from the land of plenty, one cub, too exhausted to go further, sank. She struggled to reach shore with the other, but, it too, sank. She herself at last reached shore and sank exhausted. As she gazed out across the waters, two beautiful islands slowly arose to mark the graves of her children. And these are called Manitous, meaning the home of departed spirits.

Sold by Auction

Morganatic marriages of royalty are freely discussed, but perhaps the most curious stories are about the auctioning of wives which took place as recently as 90 years ago. According to the Annual Register the inhabitants of Carlisle witnessed the sale of a wife by her husband, Joseph Thompson, in 1832. A bellman was sent round to give notice of the sale, which attracted the attention of thousands. The woman stood on a large oak chair with a rope or halter of straw round her neck, and Thompson addressed the crowd.

After an hour or two she was purchased by a pensioner for the sum of 20 shillings and a Newfoundland dog!—London Tit-Bits.

His First Love Affair

If a boy who has been notoriously careless of his personal appearance suddenly begins to show some interest in the condition of his face, neck, ears and wrists; agonizes over the part in his hair; takes his fingernails out of mourning; discovers overnight that a toothbrush is of practical value instead of uselessly ornamental, and demands a clean shirt every day; if, we say, and when, this amazing metamorphosis occurs, remember the basis on which the old French detective used to go to work—"find the woman." There isn't another thing under the sun that will produce such a revolution.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Tower Famous Landmark

As a landmark, nothing can equal a tower in a hilltop. For instance, the noted tower on the top of Leith hill, the culminating point of the North Downs, England, can be seen 40 miles away.

The story goes that it marks the spot where an eccentric farmer of the neighborhood was buried on horseback, and upside down, so that when the world was turned topsy-turvy at the last day he would be in the right position. This story is probably founded on the fact that Mr. Hall of Leith place built the tower in 1766, and was buried there six years later.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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To try is better than the thing you try for;
To hope is higher than the thing attained;
To love is greater than the love you sigh for;
To seek is nobler than the object gained;
To wrestle with the angel—this avails
Although the motive for the wrestling fails.

POPULAR FOOD

Now is the time for all good housekeepers to serve the wild mushroom. It will be found in woods and pastures and when served with cream on toast makes a dish of rare flavor. Broiled mushrooms are delicious. Place the caps on a buttered broiler and cook well on the top, turn and cook on the other side; in each cap place a lump of butter and serve on toast, or as a garnish for broiled steak.

Deviled Mushrooms.—Mix a teaspoonful of mustard, a dash of cayenne, a teaspoonful of worcestershire sauce and half a teaspoonful of paprika, cover broiled mushrooms with this mixture and serve on hot buttered toast.

Grape Mold.—Take four tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin, soften with two tablespoonfuls of cold water, then add the juice and grated rind of a lemon, two and one-half cupfuls of grape juice and one-half cupful of sugar. Stir until well dissolved and the gelatin has begun to thicken, then add one-half pound of grapes seeded and skins removed. Pour into a wet mold and set away on ice to harden.

Date, Nut and Pineapple Salad.—Chop a cupful of dates and three good-sized apples, add a cupful of chopped celery and a cupful of broken nut meats, one-half pound of seeded and skinned grapes. Mix all together and heap on a slice of pineapple which has been marinated in French dressing. Serve with mayonnaise dressing. Marshmallows may be used in place of nuts if cut fine.

Peach d' Armour.—Fill tall glasses with peach ice cream and sufficient raspberry juice to run down through the glasses and color the cream. On top place a spoonful of plain vanilla ice cream and garnish with a fresh raspberry or two.

When stirring food in a small dish on the stove steady it by using a clothespin.

Nellie Maxwell

Eugene Council Names Mayor.

Eugene, Or. — A. L. Williamson, member of the council for the past four years, was elected mayor of Eugene at a special meeting called last week. Five of the eight members of the council were present. Mayor Lee was elected by the council about a month ago to serve the unexpired term of former Mayor E. B. Parks and was re-elected at the last election. He resigned a short time ago, effective January 1.

Roseburg, Or. — A conference of judges and commissioners of several counties in Oregon affected by the tax refund of the O. and C. land grant measure was held here and it was the sentiment of those attending that the money to be received is entirely for the relief of the counties in which the land is situated, and that [illegible] no claim upon any of it.

Wind's Great Effect on Personal Comfort

Personal comfort at any time of the year depends to an astonishing degree on wind; that is on the motion of the air. An interesting experiment, described by a writer in the American Magazine, illustrates the point.

To find out the different effects of still air and of air in motion, a man was shut up in a telephone booth. The booth contained an electric fan and it also had tubes through which fresh air could be supplied. The man had a lighted cigarette.

With the electric fan going, and with no fresh air coming in through the tubes, the man was comfortable, even after his cigarette had gone out because of lack of oxygen to burn. But when he was shut up in the booth without the fan being turned on, he was soon in great discomfort, even though he was being supplied with fresh air through the tubes.

The United Stewardship council, with offices in New York, is composed of the stewardship secretaries and other prominent leaders of the various Protestant denominations of the United States and Canada.

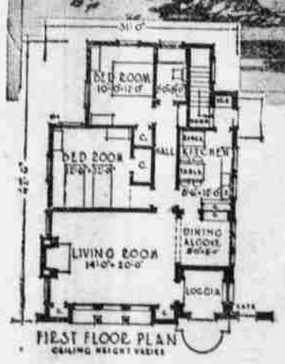
CLASSIFIED

Donald McFadyen will have Rhode Island Red baby chicks to sell this season also White Leghornes. Can do some custom hatching at 7 cents per chick. Prices on baby chicks will be quoted in next issue of The Press.

Hay for Sale—Ralph Allen has a lot of first cutting baled alfalfa hay for sale.

Wanted—Laundry work to do at my home. Will call for and deliver.
Mrs. Ada Stamper

Practical Four-Room Plan for That "Castle in Spain"



FLAGSTONE terracing, iron grille balconies and a quaint wrought iron lantern give distinction to this little old world one-story house. Rough plaster walls and a colorful tile roof make an attractive exterior that will find a welcome in any neighborhood.

But a carefully designed floor plan is its greatest appeal. One enters from the covered loggia directly into the large story and a half living-room, with its triple-arched windows reaching from the floor almost to the ceiling. The dining room alcove is conveniently located and well lighted. The kitchen has been deftly planned to give the housewife the greatest comfort and step-saving.

Everything about the house has been planned to give the utmost in stability and real home comfort. The walls and ceilings are insulated throughout with celotex to cut down the coal bills in winter and keep the house cool in the summer. Who could wish for a more beautiful little home.

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