

Musical Notes

By LAWRENCE HUBERT

• This column did not appear last week for the simple reason that the writer was too busy getting ready for the Normal school concert to give much thought to the doings of the other musical-minded personages around town. Excuse please!

• Speaking of concerts, the one given by Robert Dodge certainly pleased the audience who had gathered to hear him. He sang with good taste and had perfect command of his voice at all times. His pianist, Mrs. Rosa Dodge Galey, did a good job at the piano. As far as my part of the program was concerned, suffice it to say that I managed to work up a good 'ole fashioned sweat before it was over but between the drip, drip, of perspiration I could perceive that Flossie Thompson, my pianist, was putting up a mighty fine exhibition of accompanying. Many people have the idea that a soloist does it all but his accompanist can make or break his performance.

• Mrs. H. S. Aikens' string quartet which is composed of Mary Roberson, Frances Aikens, Paul Icenhower and Andrew Johnson, is to appear at the Christmas program to be given at the high school. This ought to add a nice touch to the program as string quartets are the ultra, ultra, when it comes to class in the musical world. The members are a nice group of performers and Mrs. Aikens knows her way around musically so the results should be A-1.

• The Ashland Orchestral society is keeping rather busy this week. A radio program was played Tuesday evening and the results were gratifying to the members, many of whom made their debut over the air waves in that concert.

Thursday evening the orchestra played the incidental music for the Normal school production of "The Late Christopher Bean." In this appearance we were without the services of both Deway Van Currier and Dr. Marcus Woods. Van Currier, our trumpeter, had a date to deliver a Christmas tree or something to someone, some place down south. Rather indefinite but he swears that it's the truth. Dr. Marcus Wood was also busy that evening and relinquished his chair as concert master of the clarinet section to Virgil

Appropriate Setting for Beauty



Jean and Martha Shintani posed in a setting of chrysanthemums at the Garfield park conservatory in Chicago. The two little Japanese girls are friends of the Japanese consul at Chicago.

Jackson who capably filled the gap.

The musicians in this town have cooperated wonderfully in helping put this orchestra over and speaking of cooperation, it is worthy of note that both the "Ashland Miner" and the "Ashland Tidings" have come to the front and gave unstinted support to the musical activities of this city. Both are to be thanked for their stand on this matter.

• The "Waltz Queens," Ashland's all-girl orchestra, did a swell bit of work at the Elks memorial services last Sunday. They played beautifully. I think it was the best job they ever put up and I believe that those present felt the same way about it. Chester Woods substituted for Phyllis Sparr at the cello. Otherwise the rostrum read as follows: Jean Claycomb, Mary Roberson, Flossie

Thompson, Ruth Hardy, La Verne Roberson, Alicia Applegate, Florence Hubert, Margaret Milhoan and Laurence Hubert directing.

The Elks lodge presented each girl with a great bouquet of flowers and also tendered the use of the hall to the orchestra in the near future. Now watch things hum. You know how those "waltz given" parties are—quite elaborate, quite pretty and quite the thing around here as far as the younger set is concerned.

Favorite tunes: Mrs. Margaret Mills of the Junior high school says her favorite is Kreisler's famous "Caprice Viennese," while Leslie Kincaid must have been dreaming of someone because he chose "The Waltz You Saved for Me."

• When "Musical Notes" came out flat-footed for letters for the high

school orchestra it started something. Some sort of recognition should be given those students who are in there year in and year out plugging along at rehearsals and doing the best they can for their school.

It takes as much school spirit to buck a lot of black notes on a music staff as it does to buck the line on the gridiron and the school should admit it. It would mean better turnouts and a lot less grief for Director Ward Croft if the students had something to earn as well as learn!

• Mr. C. Weaver, teacher at the Junior high school, has written the words and the music for the Christmas cantata to be given at his school in the near future. Reports say it is good. Now all he has to do is to take part in the cantata itself—that would be versatility with a vengeance.

• "America" first was sung publicly on the 4th of July, 1832, by school children of Boston in the Park street church. The manuscript is in the library of Harvard university and was written by Samuel Smith, a Baptist minister.

• CODA: Madam Schumann-Heink once sang a concert in Detroit with Gabrilowitch conducting. As she left her seat to go through the narrow aisle that led to the platform her nose too frail figure found the going difficult. "Go sideways," Gabrilowitch suggested. "Sideways Ernestine! Mein Gott," replied the stout singer, "I haff no sideways!"

FIREBUG GETS SENTENCE

Because he was alleged to have set one of the fires in the Bandon area this autumn, J. H. Turner was sentenced to six months in a federal road camp and forced to pay a \$200 fine by Federal Judge James Alger Fee, Sunday, after the jury had found him guilty. Turner is a former sheriff of Curry county.

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