

## Musical Notes

By LAWRENCE HUBERT

Now that Christmas has come and gone it's time for post mortems and such. Most people seem happy about it, although I suppose that a scattering few here and there are still grouching around, but they don't count anyhow, so it's time now for a happy New Year to you, and you, and you!

The only peculiar thing about Santa Claus this year as far as I am concerned was this: Every year I usually receive lots of ties and lots of socks—this year, no ties and only one pair of socks. I suppose the explanation is that the rest of the world hasn't got a sock to stand in any more than I have. And to top it off, the pair I did get was two sizes too small. My motto for next Christmas is "More and larger socks."

Jean Claycomb is back from Portland and reports a nice trip and a very pleasant visit with her brother, Gordon Claycomb and his wife, the former Antoinette Detecheva, well known concert pianist who was heard here in recital some time ago.

The Music Study club has announced that members of the program committee for the next meeting are Miss Marjorie Scober, Mrs. Lawrence Hubert and O. H. Barnhill. This affair will be held January 25 at the Civic club house and as usual the public is urged to attend.

Leslie Kincaid is back from college for the holidays and will leave January 3 to resume studies. He looks the same and acts the same, so perhaps college isn't hurting him any. He's mad, though; he had a chance to play two engagements while here but left his fiddling tools at school so lost out on some shekels and such.

Jean Billings also is back in town from school and seems to be as pert as ever. I don't know whether she is playing in the school orchestra or not—make a report, Jean!

The Ashland Orchestral society has not been rehearsing the last two weeks because of the holidays. Rehearsals will begin again January 5, when a new radio program will be worked out for presentation in about two weeks.

Vivian Freeman has been entertaining a house full of guests lately and my guess is that part of the entertaining was done on her violin.

Alice Coggins made a flying visit to Ashland and then left for the south. The young fiddler has been studying cello at the uni-

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versity, along with her violin, and as we also know her as a capable bassoonist I think that this is a good place to mutter that that word "versatility." She will most likely attend the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena or the East-West tilt in Frisco. At least she and her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coggins, haven't missed one for a long time. She will be back January 3, to leave the same day for the University of Oregon.

Frank Johnson is back from Alaska for a brief visit with his family. Frank crashes this column by virtue of his banjo-picking ability—and also because his brother Andrew is one of our few viola players. This column might not always come out on time but you sure have to have credentials to crash it, by gum!

Floyd Dickey, Fat Parker and Chick Farlow can smoke more cigars on a four-hour shift than any three men in the west. Cigar salesmen always hit town the day before they play a job and the merchants all stock up in anticipation. Their theme song should be "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

Life in the Raw: Chick Farlow telling Corrine Robinson that she can't keep her tempo and Corrine stating that drummers don't count anyway! So round and round and round, far into the night.

Ashland had not one single Christmas program featuring any of her numerous musical organizations. The SONS singing festival took place several days before the holiday and if it hadn't been for the churches, who certainly did their share, Ashland would have been without music on Christmas.

A concert that might set a few of our more sedate music critics back on their heels will take place next Sunday at 7 p. m. over the National Broadcasting company's network when the famous General Motors Symphony orchestra will be directed by Paul Whiteman, our foremost modern music exponent. But the dirty dig is this: the orchestra has to be augmented by members of his own band to enable it to perform the numbers listed on their program.

Billy Buehling received as a Christmas present from Germany one of the cleverest mechanical toys I've ever seen. It's a war tank which does everything a real tank does. His brother, Fritz, now is a burnt wood expert, having received the equipment Christmas day and is good at it already. As long as he doesn't try to experiment on the back of his guitar it'll be o.k.

And to the following I heartily wish a very happy and prosperous New Year. They all have meant a lot to the musicians and music lovers of Ashland, either through their musical ability or through their whole-hearted cooperation in putting over musical events in our city: Louise Woodruff, Marjorie Scober, Mrs. E. A. Woods, members of the Ashland Orchestral society, and the Waltz Queens, Lucie Landen, Ward V. Croft, Mrs. Ernestine Hartley, Mrs. Arthur Coggins, Mrs. Fuller, E. C. Hurd, and members of the Music Study club. The Nourse girls' trio, Robert Dodge, Mary Roberson and Flossie Thompson; Lew Hansen, V. O. N. Smith, Elharts' Music store, the Tidings and the Southern Oregon Miner, KMED and its entire staff, Mrs. Aikens, Mrs. B.

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Denton, Alice Willits and a host of other folks who have helped so much. Once again, happy New Year!

## EXPECT STATE LEGISLATURE STRIKE ACTION

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state, especially those who belong to the wheat league or the wool or apple growers who do not propose to let Gill or any other leader stand in the way of a program that promises any relief from the present situation with its threat to the financial stability of thousands of innocent bystanders.

Of course any legislation the Oregon lawmakers may enact to require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes would only apply to local strikes, such as that in the woolen mills at Portland or strikes by teamsters, truck drivers or other purely local groups. It would have little, if any, effect on the maritime strike which is, after all, the one which is pinching the producers right now. That involves a national issue and will require federal legislation if it is to be reached. All the Oregon legislators can do in that connection will be to memorialize congress and even such action can be expected to meet with serious opposition on the part of organized labor.

Hereafter state officials and employees who tour the country at public expense attending conventions and conferences must limit their expense claims to \$7 a day. This amount is expected to cover Pullman charges, meals, hotel rooms, taxis, tips and incidentals. If they can not live within this allowance, the board of control ruled this week, they can make up the balance out of their personal pocketbooks. If they can get by on less the saving is theirs. The

state will allow them a flat \$7 a day while out of the state on public business. Action to this effect was taken by the board as a precaution against "chiselers," a few of whom persist in padding their expense claims far in excess of this approved allowance. "Deadbeats" also came in for a share of attention at the hands of the board when it was voted to summarily dismiss any state employee who attempted to crawl out from under a soldiers bonus loan or to unload onto the bonus commission or land board a piece of property which he had purchased with a state loan and on which he had allowed the interest and taxes to accumulate without making any effort to discharge his rightful obligations.

Dellmore Lessard, state senator from Multnomah county, has filed suit in the circuit court to test out his right to a seat in the forthcoming session. Lessard is an attorney for the World War Veterans State Aid commission. Attorney General Van Winkle in a recent opinion to Thomas Graham, Jr., senator-elect, also an attorney for this commission, ruled that this position constituted a bar to membership in the legislature. Lessard in his petition for a declaratory judgment upholding his right to the senate seat contends that he is only an employee and not an "officer" as contemplated by the constitutional provision under which the attorney general would rule him out as a legislator. Furthermore Lessard contends he was not appointed to his post but was "employed." With less than three weeks remaining until the legislature convenes the court is expected to advance the case for early determination.

With five per cent of the motorists responsible for 90 per cent of the traffic accidents, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, advocates permanent revocation of the operators' licenses of accident-repeaters as the only solution to the traffic accident problem. Oregon already has plenty of safety laws to protect the motoring public if they were more rigidly enforced, in Baldock's opinion.

Reports from Portland indicate that the state will be asked to contribute \$3,000,000 toward the financing of the proposed 1939 world's fair to be held in that city in celebration of the completion of the Bonneville dam. Just how the money is to be raised has not been indicated. When Governor Olcott convened the legislature in special session in 1921 to finance a proposed "industrial exposition" to be held in Portland in 1925 the lawmakers promptly turned thumbs down on any attempt to unload this burden onto the property owners through a tax levy. A proposal to finance the state's contribution to the fair through an increase in the gasoline tax met with approval of a large majority of the house members but failed in the senate where it was impossible to muster a constitutional majority back of the program and the proposed fair died a premature death.

Congressman William A. Ekwall has offered to donate the services he performed for the state as circuit judge protem for Multnomah county, but not until Secretary of State Snell had turned down his claim for \$10 a day—the statutory allowance—for these same services. Snell ruled that inasmuch as Ekwall is still a member of congress and drawing pay from the federal government he is not entitled to pay from the state.

A majority of state employees

and officials enjoyed a three-day vacation this week. Several offices, including those of the governor, purchasing department and budget division, did not open at all Saturday following the Christmas holiday, while others maintained only skeleton crews sufficient to keep the office open and answer the telephone. The only departments working a full crew Saturday were the automobile registration department which was swamped with a deluge of applicants for the new 1937 license plates, and the state library which found it necessary to take care of heavy demands for books from all sections of the state. Employees who composed the skeleton crews on duty last Saturday will be given the day off next Saturday as also will many of those who rested up from the Christmas festivities last Saturday.

A report on state building needs just released by the state planning board emphasizes the immediate need of a state library building and another office building. Replacement of the present supreme court building and office building by new structures at some time in the future also is envisioned by the planners who call

attention to the need for purchasing necessary ground for building sites at this time, recommending acquisition of the four blocks immediately north of the present capitol site. With federal grants available through PWA the report points out the library and office buildings could be financed at this time with state appropriations of only \$750,000 for each.

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