

1943 MUSIC YEAR BEST IN HISTORY; OCARINA POPULAR

Shortages In Recordings,
New Instruments, Man-
power Fail To Cut Output

By Nick Bourne
United Press Correspondent
Americans heard more music in 1943 than in any previous year, despite shortages of shellac for records, metal and manpower for new instruments and gut for harp strings—a "must" for every symphony.

The Metropolitan Opera company reported its biggest box office business in more than 15 years, with nearly all performances being sold out. The Met didn't even need a man to stand on its head in the lobby to fetch a crowd, yet the long hair music business was still on short dough and a public appeal has been made for \$3,000,000 contributions to keep it going.

Ocarina Popular
Chicago became the "sweet potato" capital of the world, succeeding Vienna, by coming up with the soldier's choice of a personal, inexpensive, easy-to-play instrument.

In America's other wars, the soldier carried a little German-made harmonica in his pocket to blow on when he felt the urge for the soul-cleansing only harmonica or ocarina-players enjoy. Chicago lived up to its name as the Windy City and met the harmonica and ocarina shortage with a dandy plastic ocarina said to excel the Viennese version.

The plastic ocarina is washable, bouncable, sounds something like a flute, can be tuned, comes in sets of four so a group of the boys can get close harmony "in a half hour of practice."

Three-way Squeezes
Sales of records were the highest in the history of the business, although some shops required customers to bring an old one for each new one bought. Record companies were caught in a three-way squeeze between lack of shellac, formerly imported from the Dutch East Indies, a manpower shortage in factories and "petrillo trouble" which banned making of new records by most companies, but dug up "old standards" like "Star Dust," "Tea for Two" and "Begin the Beguine."

The OPA set a 25¢ ceiling price on portable wind-up phonographs, but naval officers would pay \$100 for them to play on ships which have the wrong kind of current for electric phonographs.

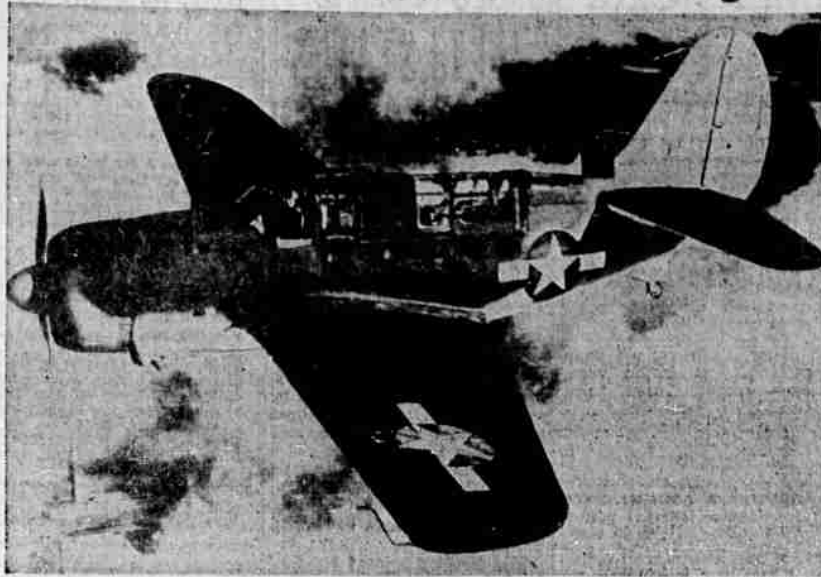
War plants cut loose with tremendous blasts of music to relax taut workers, but one Kaiser shipyard riveter rebelled, claimed the jive interfered with his riveting, cut the loudspeaker wires and was nabbed by the FBI.

Re-presses Sell
Re-presses of old recordings by Pine Top Smith, Bing Crosby, Red Nichols, Cab Calloway and the Boswell Sisters sold well.

A music publisher finally explained why song writers have failed to produce a really outstanding war tune:

"Even if it was good, nobody would like it for long. There can

Navy's New Addition to Air Might



The Navy's new Curtiss Helldiver dive bomber (SB20) is shown here in flight. Designed for both carrier-based and land-based operation, Helldiver is new addition to naval air service.

be no song in this war to compare with 'Over There' or 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' because there are too many juke boxes and radios. They pound any song to death in a few weeks."

NEW T GAS RATION COUPONS IN MAIL

New allotments of transport gas ration coupons are now being prepared at the local war ration board and it is expected that the last of the coupons will be in the mail by Friday afternoon of this week. L. L. Ternahan, executive secretary of the board, stated that the coupons were being prepared on the basis of figures presented from the Office of Defense Transportation and that it was not known whether the records were complete or not.

"If persons having certificates of war necessity for trucks have not received the new allotment of gasoline coupons by Jan. 5, the owner should mail the certificate to the board in order that the necessary information may be obtained for a search of ODT records," Mr. Ternahan stated.

MANY VETERANS DON'T KNOW LAW

Salem, Ore., Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—The State War Veterans' Service committee has handled 889 claims of Oregon's ex-service men of World War II, Gov. Earl Snell said today.

"However, it is daily apparent that many entitled persons are unaware of the benefits provided by law. These will be gladly explained at the service committee office, Oregon building, Portland, either through personal or by correspondence," the governor said.

All state law provided benefits are available also to wives, mothers, children and other dependents of the service men and women, regardless of whether the military family member still is connected with the armed forces, the governor commented.

WEEK OF PRAYER IS SPONSORED BY MINISTERS ASSN.

A week of prayer, from Jan. 2 to 9, is being sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association, with various churches of Medford uniting for the meetings. It was announced today. In stating the plans, a spokesman for the association said, "We feel it is time for God's people to unite in prayer for our nation, the peoples of the world and the whole cause of Christ."

The series of meetings will be held in different churches, with pastors of local churches bringing the messages. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3, at Church of God, Adj. Charles K. Cox speaking on "The Need of Prayer."

Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Assembly of God, the Rev. M. P. Knigge speaking on "The Power of Prayer."

Wednesday, Jan. 5, Nazarene church, the Rev. T. O. Satterfield talking on "Faith in Prayer."

Thursday, Jan. 6, Methodist church, the Rev. H. G. Downey talking on "Humility in Prayer."

Friday, Jan. 7, Baptist church, the Rev. F. M. Weatherford speaking on "Persisting in Prayer."

The general public is urged by the association to support the meetings with their attendance and interest.

NOT WORTH IT
Chicago, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—John Jankaskas was freed of disorderly conduct charges today. He had tried to commit suicide because his wife left him. "No woman is worth killing yourself for," Judge Francis Borrelli told him. "If your wife doesn't come back to you, find another one."

CARLOS MORRIS BUYS SHARE IN CONGER PARLOR

Conger Funeral Parlors, established in Medford for nearly 25 years, has disposed of a one-half interest to Carlos W. Morris, associated with the establishment as assistant manager for the last five years.

H. W. Conger, who has been sole owner of Conger Funeral Parlors, is a long time resident of Jackson county, having attended grade school at Talent when a small boy. Leaving here he spent many years in the Willamette valley mostly in Portland and came back to Medford in 1920 to purchase the undertaking department of Weeks & Orr, then located in the Odd Fellows building on West Sixth street.

In 1928 he erected the building now occupied by the firm on West Main at Newtown street.

Mr. Morris, a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming and Mortuary Science of Cincinnati, O., and who is licensed to practice in both Oregon and Washington, came here highly recommended from Portland, Ore., five years ago to become associated with Mr. Conger.

Both Mr. Conger and Mr. Morris will be in active service. The firm name, after January 1, will be Conger-Morris Funeral Parlors, and it is the intention to add more equipment as soon as conditions permit.

New York, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Paula Mona Wolfe, 27, was found beaten to death early today in her hotel room after her husband called police and said he just had killed his wife.

YANKEE GENIUSES DREAM UP MANY WAYS TO WIN WAR

Solid Steel Barrage Balloons, Fly Paper Traps Among Inventions Offered

By Nick Bourne
United Press Staff Correspondent
America's part-time geniuses, completing their greatest year of lying awake nights and listening to the wheels go around in their heads, thought up millions of quick ways to win the war in 1943 and found a friendly ear in the army ordnance department, it was revealed Wednesday.

Solid steel barrage balloons, "Jack in the Box" parachutes for jumping up instead of down, tremendous fly paper traps to catch the enemy, and a tricky gadget to fish for submarines with hot air were among the inventions army ordnance entertained, but rejected with a very straight face.

Nobody Laughs
"Nobody laughs when an inventor sits down to a blue print any more," an ordnance spokesman said. "We never can tell when we'll get a good one. All ideas with merit are passed on to the inventors' council, which goes over them thoroughly and gives any technical aid needed." Some of the ideas which missed making inventors famous included:

A nifty idea for paratroopers to drop their tents from planes with a sharp pole attached so the tents would unfurl, the pole would stick in the ground and the tired soldier could go to sleep right away.

A "super torpedo scooper" for warships. Huge steel scoops on the front of ships would catch oncoming torpedoes, turn them around and send them back to destroy the vessel which fired them.

Canopy for Cities
A huge steel canopy, held up by electric waves, designed to protect cities from bombings.

An inverted steel "V" to put over all combat vehicles and ships like a roof to deflect bombs. The inventor couldn't

figure out a way to shoot our own guns through them, however.

The solid steel barrage balloons were conceded to be impregnable to attacking planes, but the sponsor couldn't explain how to get them in the air.

The "hot air anti-submarine fishing pole" would blow all the water away from enemy submarines with a big air hose, leaving the submarine exposed to gunfire "like a duck on a rock."

The "fly paper" plan to trap the advancing enemy by spreading a "sticky petroleum product" on highways was rejected partly because he might just decide to go around it.

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The "Jack in the Box" parachute would repeal the law of gravity, overcome man's inborn fear of falling, pitch the aviator out of the way of his falling plane and make parachuting a pleasure by releasing compressed springs under the flier's seat, leaving him up to pull the rip cord at his leisure—at the point of his ascent when he would start to come down.

But the one which tickles the imagination is the leather zip-on "super man" flying suit to enable a man to fly without an airplane by strapping an improved outboard motor on his back.

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1 cup sugar 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
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