

Music Lovers Brave Weather To Hear Philharmonic Society Concert Sunday

By Mrs. E. E. Gore

The first concert of the season by the orchestra of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon was given at the high school auditorium under the direction of Richard D. Werner, Sunday afternoon. The audience, while small, was composed of music lovers who had disregarded the inclement weather in order to hear the concert.

The interest and anticipation were heightened because of the introduction of "Pettie Symphony," composed and orchestrated by Mr. Werner. The number has strong audience appeal. Written in the accepted four movements, the motifs are gay and sprightly, pleasing and melodious. The enjoyment of the players in presenting it was very evident.

Others About Ready

It is understood that Mr. Werner has two other symphonies about ready for public performance, and these will be given as opportunities arise.

The orchestra is composed of experienced adult musicians from Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford, and is organized so that competent junior musicians from high school can also gain playing experience and become familiar with the classics of all time.

Concerning presentation of the director's composition, the fact that the orchestra members played from hand-written manuscripts should not be overlooked. While playing from manuscript music presents difficulties which the non-musician does not appreciate, it also provides valuable musical experience, particularly for student musicians of an orchestra.

The manuscripts had all been written by Mr. Werner, with some help from Mrs. Rose Eskew of the first violin section, and represent many hours of painstaking labor.

D-Minor Concerto

The concerto in D-minor for two violins was supported by the string section of the orchestra and the harpsichord score, as written by Bach, the score being played with great delicacy and musicianship by Bruno Pellegrini, pianist for the Philharmonic society. This number is not only a beautiful music but is typical of the age in which it was written; it was given with much skill and understanding of the musical, as well as the technical intricacies, by the two soloists, Miss Melba Chehak and Harlalee Wilson, each of whom gave an excellent performance.

It has been said "nations live and survive in their art and literature"; then, Mr. Werner, in selecting the four movements of the "First Symphony in C Major," by Beethoven, as his major offering, brought to his students, his audience and his work an art creation very warm, vital, alive and necessary to musical culture everywhere.

The rhythmic and melodious favorite, "Blue Danube Waltz," by Johann Strauss, brought the program to a completely satisfying close.

Cold Auditorium

There is no doubt that the concert would have been more enjoyable had the audience been comfortable, for it is difficult to enjoy even the best of music when feet are icy and teeth chattering. The frigid atmosphere of the auditorium not only made the audience uncomfortable, but made playing difficult for the orchestra members.

Personnel of the orchestra is

Lane Dairymen Raise Grade A Milk Price

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Lane county dairymen today raised the price of grade A milk one-half cent a quart.

F. A. Kesey, spokesman for the milk producers, said the increase would go to producers to offset costs of importing feed during bad weather which prevents normal grazing.

The raise brings price of grade A milk to 20 cents a quart.

Kesey said the new price would remain in effect until April 1 when the price will drop to the 19½ cent minimum set by the Oregon state market milk administration.

Provider Of German Munitions Succumbs

Tenneck, Austria, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Gustav Krupp von Bohlen, who provided German munitions in two world wars, died yesterday in a servant's house on the huge Bluebnach hunting estate near here.

Paralyzed and almost blind, Krupp spent the last three years in a coma. The immediate cause of death was given as arteriosclerosis of the brain.

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Maryville, Tenn., Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The budget-wrenching phrase "and you'd better change the oil" may soon join "get a horse" in the list of things people used to say about automobiles.

Take the word of an official of the Aluminum Company of America, who has been experimenting with the idea for years. J. E. Housley, district power manager in charge of Alcoa dam projects, reported today that a new type of oil filter has worked so well that company cars save \$300 over 40,000 miles.

To Cost About \$3 Alcoa is "working with car manufacturers" to commercialize the filter, Housley said, and expects them to sell for about \$3 each.

Instead of a filter-packing of cotton waste, he said, the system uses a packing of activated alumina, a highly porous form of aluminum which absorbs acid from oil and prevents formation of the sludge that pits cylinder walls and pistons.

Oil still burns away and has to be replenished, but Housley said that as long as the filters are used and replaced when acids, the oil need not be completely changed.

Known For Years

The engineer said the ability of alumina to keep oil clean has been known for years, and that it has been used in a generator at the Choctaw dam in North Carolina since 1920.

The pebble-like particles are also handy for clearing rancid cooking oil, keeping shoes from molding in damp places and taking moisture out of refrigeration gases.

Wishing Urn Helps 'Dimes Fund' Drive

Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., (U.P.) The fight against polio moved the "wishing urn" from the senior walk at the Eastern Military academy here and raised the price from a penny to a dime per wish.

The attack of infantile paralysis, Madeline Fox of Cold Springs Hills touched the hearts of the schoolboy cadets of the academy.

Jonathan A. Reed of Carmel, N. Y., an 11-year-old sixth grader, got to thinking.

He suggested that the heavy stone urn near the academy's main building, the former residence of the New York banker Otto Kahn, be moved to a central place. Formerly tossing pennies into the urn and making a wish was strictly a senior class privilege.

At Cadet Reed's suggestion, it became the property of all. But a wish costs a dime, and the dimes will be collected once a year and presented to the March of Dimes.

Father, Son Reunion Following 26 Years

Cleveland, O. (U.P.)—A chance word at a German airport reunited Ernest Stech and his son, whom he had not seen for 26 years.

Stech stopped off at Hamburg on his way back to Cleveland from a meeting of the World Government Movement in Stockholm. One of his friends spoke to him, using his last name. A young man nearby asked others in the party what Stech's first name was.

Then he stepped over to Stech. "Mr. Stech," he said "I think you are my father." Stech naturally was surprised.

Along with his son, Stech found that he had three grandchildren. He left Germany after a divorce from his first wife, leaving his son in care of his mother and maternal grandparents.

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3 Per Cent Of All Farm Owners Own 41 Per Cent Of Privately-Owned Land

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Forty-one per cent of the nation's privately-owned farm land is held by only three per cent of all farm owners, the agriculture department reported today.

It said the trend has been toward more owner-operated, family farms but that national objective "has been only partially reached."

Smaller Holdings

The department said a new survey showed that the three per cent are those who have holdings as large as 1,000 acres or more. The other 97 per cent—who hold 59 per cent of the land—have holdings of 999 acres or less.

These calculations were based on the 975,000,000 acres held by individuals, about 85 per cent of all farmland. Corporations own six per cent, federal, state and local government six per cent and three per cent is in Indian lands.

The survey also showed: 1. Farmland holdings tend to run larger in the south where 46 per cent of the land was in holdings of 1,000 acres and up and one-third was in holdings of 2,500 acres and up. That compares with 41 and 28 per cent for the nation as a whole, including the west where cattle ranges commonly must run more than 1,000 acres to provide a living for a farm family.

Most Owners Older

2. Relatively few persons acquire farms while they are young and only one out of four farm owners is under 45. There is a

tendency in most regions "for the size of the holdings to increase with advancing age."

3. Most farmers do not become owners by climbing the "agricultural ladder." Less than one-third of all owners gained experience both as farm worker and tenant.

4. Only 80 per cent of all privately-owned land is held by farmers and retired farmers. Fourteen per cent is owned by business-professional people (average farm value \$14,657), two per cent by housewives (average value \$9,568) and three per cent by clerical and laboring people (average value \$6,000).

The value of the farmland owned by active farmers averaged \$11,308, or less than that held by business and professional people. On the other hand, the average value of retired farmers' holdings was \$15,142, topping all groups.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Trades Body Blames Government Policies

Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—(U.P.) The Pacific coast metal trades council blames the federal government's shipping policies for the moratorium on west coast ship building.

Thomas A. Rottell, Portland, executive secretary, yesterday said three years have elapsed since the laying of a new keel on the west coast.

He told the 140 delegates to the council's convention here that operators of coast shipyards had "ignored" invitation to bid on new construction because of inability to compete with Atlantic coast yards.

Coupon books good for 1,000 miles of travel on British railways and the steamers operated by them, obtainable only in the United States, reduce fares first and third class up to 40 per cent.

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