

Northwestern University Professors Find Relaxation With Dixieland Band

Evanston, Ill.—(U.P.)—Dr. Orlando Park and his "academic cats," are real gone, man.

Park, professor of biology at Northwestern University, leads

one of the world's most erudite jazz bands.

And he sees nothing strange about a group of college professors playing Dixieland music.

"It's the real music," he said. "It's the happy music."

Members of the combo include the following Northwest faculty members:

Park at the piano; Dr. Robert Hull, biology, bass fiddle; Dr. Otto Fick, English, trumpet; Dr. Robert Frank, English, trombone; Dr. Richard Waterman, anthropology, clarinet, and Dr. Howard Gloyd, biology, on the drums.

Park and his friends kid each other a little about their music, but actually they take it pretty seriously.

Folk Music
"Dixieland is authentic folk music," said Park, an entomologist by trade.

"And we've found that playing it is a wonderful way to relax and forget your troubles."

Mostly the members play for their own sheer enjoyment, but they're available for faculty parties and campus functions.

Park came by his love of jazz naturally. He went to high school in New Orleans, birthplace of Dixieland. And he came to Chicago as an undergraduate at the University of Chicago just when Dixieland was spreading northward.

"It was the same year that Louis Armstrong came up here to play with King Oliver," Park recalled.

Park can't read music but he has composed several pieces, including the group's theme, a "slow, blueish thing" called Evanston Cobalt.

Strange Name
Another of his compositions is called Tergite, an entomological term for part of an insect's abdomen.

"The name just seemed to fit," he said.

Still another is called "N Squared."

"But we never play any piece the same way twice," he said. "That's the joy of Dixieland. You can improvise."

Hull, the base fiddle player, never has learned to use a bow.

"Maybe I should learn," he said.

"Don't do it," Park advised. "It may ruin you."

One of the most accomplished of the combo is Waterman, who plays the clarinet, bass fiddle and several other instruments.

His specialty in anthropology is

musicology, the study of native rhythms.

"That's what Dixieland is," said Park. "Native American rhythm, with a universal appeal."

MORE ROOM
Chicago — (U.P.) — The Merchandise Mart, the world's largest commercial building, has started making over the Merchant and Manufacturers Club in the building. Renovations will cost \$200,000, and the enlarged facilities are scheduled to be ready for the next International Home Furnishings Market in June.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Teenagers Battle In Portland Streets

Portland — (U.P.) — Deputy sheriff's last night broke up a gang fight in southeast Portland in which an estimated 60 teenagers were involved.

Deputies Don Wright and Casey Robinson said the youngsters blocked off the area with their cars and were struggling in the streets.

Many boys were reported hurt, but when officers arrived they fled. One 18-year-old, who had face and mouth cuts, told the deputies he would go to his own doctor for treatment.

The youngsters blocked customers from service stations and drive-ins in the area.

Deputies said it was the first such outbreak of a "rival gang war" in several years.

Patterson Urges Oregon Projects

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson, who returned from Washington, D.C., yesterday, said Willamette Iron & Steel company of Portland probably will be awarded a disputed \$26,000,000 federal contract.

WISCO's bid to convert two mariner-type vessels to passenger liners is disputed by a Baltimore shipyard. Gov. Patterson said he had spent two days talking with federal maritime officials. He expects a decision next week.

Oregon's governor also urged congressional action on proposals to deepen the Columbia river channel, and to complete the Talent irrigation project in southern Oregon.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Bunker Hill Youth Drowns in Millpond

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — An 11-year-old boy drowned yesterday while playing on a raft in an unused millpond near Bunker Hill.

The victim was Dennis Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Frank of Bunker Hill.

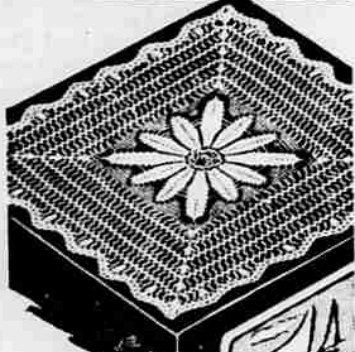
A witness said Dennis and a companion, Steven Thorne, 11, were playing on two makeshift rafts late in the afternoon. One of the boys jumped on the other's raft, and both crafts sank.

Lawrence Marcott, who happened to be nearby, plunged into the pond. He pulled Steven to shore, but the other boy failed to come to the surface. Dennis' body was recovered within 20 minutes.

Hebron, Conn. — (U.P.) — Firemen who went to the home of First Selectman Winthrop S. Porter to discuss an addition to the fire house had to postpone the conference. Porter's chimney was on fire.

SKI SHORT CUT
Mt. Sunapee, N.H. — (U.P.) — The Mt. Sunapee State Park ski shop provides skis with the boots already attached, eliminating the time spent in adjusting toe plates to the boots.

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