

Prodigies Do Last! Violinist Proves It

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New York — A bouncy young fellow of 67 named Mischa Elman is celebrating his golden anniversary year as a concert artist in the United States. Who said that prodigies don't last?

Elman, one of the great violinists of the age, was a soaring prodigy in Europe for four years before he came here. He made his debut to wild acclaim in Berlin in 1904. He was hailed as a genius in short pants in London.

When he got his first pair of long trousers, at 17, it was time to invade America. Now, half a century later, having delivered the famed "Elman tone" in more than 4,000 concerts to 8,000,000 listeners—not to mention millions more in radio and TV appearances—he's looking ahead, not back.

More Enthusiastic Now
A short, stocky, bald, stubby-fingered man with sharp blue eyes and a vigorous speaking voice, he produced, at an interview, pictures of himself as a boy violin virtuoso with a big bow tie and mop of hair. He said he believed his enthusiasm now is greater than when he made his debut at age 12.

"I do hope my health will keep up the way it is today—and measure up to the enthusiasm I have for my artis

and my desire to go ahead and improve all the things I have accomplished," he said. "That's my ambition, and I think it should be the ambition of every artist, especially in these days when fortunes, particularly in the arts, cannot be accumulated anymore."

Elman has some decided ideas about present-day successes.

Needed Personality
"In my day as a young man you had to have personality to make success," he said. "Today people without personality make successes through this publicity. But a great personality will always succeed."

"A personality to me is a man who is creative. Someone who has a message—a new message—something that no one before him could convey to the public. Today, the performance average is high, but they pull down the top. We're not prolific in producing giant musical personalities such as were produced in an earlier day."

"I'm not saying the younger generation isn't good, but no one of them has made history—except this young Texas boy, Van Cliburn, and he has yet to prove himself. What is emphasized about Cliburn is the same thing the old masters had—and not the young ones—and that grand style."

Politician Hit By Colored Group

New York — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has accused Negro Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) of raising "the banner of extreme racialism" in his fight for reelection.

In a statement Monday by its executive secretary, Roy Wilkins, the NAACP also denounced the Harlem congressman-minister for seeking "to drag our name" into his feud with Tammany Hall, the New York County Democrat organization which disowned Powell last week.

Van Bergen Resigns As OLCC Assistant

Portland — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced Tuesday that V. George Van Bergen has resigned his post as assistant to the OLCC administrator, effective June 30.

Administrator John A. Nance said Van Bergen would enter private law practice in Lincoln county.

USE OLD FILE
Gretna, La. — Police today sought two prisoners who broke out of the "escape-proof" local jail by sawing bars in two with a finger-nail file.

Outlives Critics Says Oswald West

Portland — Oswald West, one-time Democratic governor of Oregon, observed his 85th birthday Tuesday.

West, admitting he didn't expect to live this long, advised, "for a long life be moderate in all things but don't miss anything."

West also took the occasion to compose a poem:
Dead and buried have they had me.
So that ready tale they spread.
But I've lived to see the tellers buried.
All themselves dead.

Student Poems To Be Published in Anthology

Two poems written by Susan Coffman and Walter Humphrey, Medford high school students, are being published in a 1958 anthology of poetry written by high school students, according to the Pacific Coast Poetry association.

Miss Coffman's poem is an experiment in free verse and Humphrey's poem is in ballad form.

London — Ernest Hill 49 head of the London bureau of The Chicago Daily News since 1953, died Monday of a heart attack.

Dam Town Ready For Sale Soon

Ephrata — The sale of the town of Coulee Dam by the federal government will officially begin at 10 a.m. next Monday, Phil Nalder, Columbia Basin project manager here, said today.

Nalder said present occupants of residential and business properties in Coulee Dam had its beginnings about 15 years ago when engineering for Grand Coulee Dam got underway and has been federally owned since its founding.

ATTENDS DEDICATION
Ashland — Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social science department at Southern Oregon college, at-

tended dedication of the Joseph J. Walton hall at the university of Oregon in Eugene May 18 as representative from Southern Oregon college.

NOTICE

I will be out of my office this week attending the National Clinical Convention in Metabolic Diseases and Weight Management, Dallas, Texas. My office will be open again Monday, May 26th.

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New Chemical Made By Federal Scientists

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New York — Government scientists have "made" a chemical which moves freely among plants by way of their root systems.

Say you put a bit on a leaf. The plant moves it rapidly down through itself to its roots and discharges it into the ground. There the roots of adjacent plants pick up the chemical and move it upward to their leaves.

That's a very clever trick for science to pull on vegetables. It is another step toward the day when vegetables will be as thoroughly men's slaves as machines are. Vegetables now have stubborn ways of their own.

The newly "invented" chemical is a growth regulator. Plants have a way of insisting upon over growing, of developing more foliage than they need to produce the parts upon which people feed.

Could Make Plant Behave
If you could put an end to

such inefficiency, you'd be making a vegetable behave as you want it to behave—as you make a machine behave. The problem is how to do it with little effort and at small expense.

Four scientists at the U. S. Department of agriculture's plant research laboratories at Beltsville, Md., began with existing evidence that when atoms of chlorine (a poisonous gaseous element) are added to the molecule of benzoic acid, you have a compound which a plant moves rapidly down to its roots and discharges into the ground.

So Paul J. Linder, James C. Craig, Jr., Frank E. Cooper, and John W. Mitchell toyed with the benzoic acid molecule. They added chlorine atoms here and there and tried out the various altered molecules on bean plants until they had one which not only worked but worked spectacularly.

It was 2, 3, 6-trichlorobenzoic acid. The experiments were reported to the American Chemical Society.

Growth Regulator
First, they showed its high efficiency as a growth regulator in single plants. But did it move from one plant to another by way of the roots? They showed it did by putting it on the leaves of a single plant and then seeing adjacent plants grow in the same regulated way as the treated plant.

It occurred to them, of course, that perhaps the chemical evaporated while still on the leaves and was transmitted to adjacent plants through the atmosphere—or that treated leaves on one plant came into contact with untreated leaves on another. But these possibilities were disproved conclusively.

Virginia Heads For Showdown

Washington — Virginia appeared headed Tuesday for a showdown in September over its program of "massive resistance" to school integration.

The U. S. Supreme Court Monday shut off what appeared a last avenue of escape when it rejected Arlington County's appeal from a lower court integration order.

Gov. J. Lindsay Almond, attending the governors' conference in Miami, Fla., told reporters the four white Arlington schools involved may be closed if Negro students insist on attending them.

He noted present state law requires closing of any school that is desegregated, followed by denial of state funds to such schools. He said he saw no reason to rush into a special session of the state assembly.

Virginia Atty. Gen. Albert S. Harrison Jr. said he planned to consult with private and state attorneys that represented Arlington school officials in the case.

Thefts Reported to Sheriff's Office
Three thefts were reported Monday and Tuesday to the Jackson county sheriff's office.

Joe J. Jones, 306 North Bartlett st., reported that two lawn chairs and a fishing pole were taken from his cabin on the Applegate river near McKee bridge the night of May 17.

Jones said vandals also broke 39 window panes and damaged furniture in the cabin.

A wrecking bar and a set of wrenches were stolen from the home of Edwin E. Minnick, 5809 Table Rock rd., deputies were told.

Wallace B. Robertson, 4140 South Pacific highway, Grants Pass, reported the theft of 30 to 40 gallons of gas from a logging operation on Evans creek.

Road Rebuilding Done Near Wimer

Rebuilding of the road between Rogue River and Wimer on the west side of Evans creek has been completed by the county roads department, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

Single lane traffic has been necessary on the route since heavy rain damage early this year. Minthorn bridge in the area also was repaired.

A county rock crusher was installed in the Dead Indian area this week to get out crushed cinders for Dead Indian rd. repairs, Rynning said.

He also reported that county equipment is now being repaired in the new county shop addition at the county fairgrounds. The new structure was recently built to provide extra room for heavy equipment repair.

Medford Student Gets Voted Into Honorary
Eugene — Thirty-four of the top scholars in the senior class here have been honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa, national liberal arts scholastic honorary, at the University of Oregon.

Named to membership in the honorary from Medford was R. Craig Phillips, the son of Dr. S. E. Phillips, 1455 North Riverside ave. Phillips is a history major.

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