

Youth Symphony Group To Make Tour of Japan

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 San Francisco—A group of youngsters in the San Francisco Bay area are making plans for a summer of hard work—but they're wildly excited about it.
 They are members of the California Youth Symphony orchestra and they have been invited on a month-long tour of Japan beginning July 20. The trip is being sponsored by the Asahi newspaper group, which also sponsors a number of youth orchestras in Japan.
 The California Youth Symphony orchestra is composed of 104 amateur musicians who play to professional standards. The reason is that their conductor, Russian-born Aaron Sten, insists on nothing less.
No Auditions
 "I never conduct auditions for the orchestra," Sten said. "But our orchestra has developed such high standards since it was founded in 1952 that any youngster wanting to join us starts working hard long before, so he'll be technically equipped."
 The orchestra rehearses every Saturday at Foothill College in Los Altos, a suburb of San Francisco. It rehearses 12 months of the year and even twice a week during Christmas vacation. During the summer, the youngsters go to camp in the High Sierra. The orchestra gives six

with a number of special concerts. The boys and girls range in age from 11 to 18.
 "And we don't play any easy abridgements either," Sten said. "We play the standard symphonic repertoire, with emphasis on Mozart and Beethoven. We play every work in its entirety and I don't let anyone skimp at the hard parts."
Branch Out
 "Right now, I'm letting the orchestra branch out a little. We're working on Walter Piston's Fourth symphony, a complex and difficult work with many variations in rhythm."
 Sten's musicians are enthusiastic. For example, Linda Wynn of Millbrae—a pretty and petite 16-year-old blonde regular concert a year, along who plays first violin—said she sometimes gets tired of Dvorak or Tchaikowsky.
 "I love the Piston symphony because it's a great challenge," she said.
 But Sten said that since he's dealing with fledgling musicians, he must emphasize the classics so his players will get a thorough grounding in their musical fundamentals. And he's a bear on accuracy—accuracy of pitch, intonation and attack.
Infectious Vigor
 For example, a recording of the orchestra made of

Dvorak's "New World" symphony shows it has a professionally strong attack in its phrasing and an authoritative command of rhythm. Nor does the orchestra neglect tonal qualities. And with its professional sound, the young musicians play with infectious vigor.
 A number of the orchestra members intend to be professional musicians and music teachers, but many do not.
 "The purpose of the orchestra," Sten said, "is to broaden the children's musical education, to give them something that will enrich them for the rest of their lives."



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Children Should Help Choose Home, Is Claim

Chicago—UPI—A grandmother who has added a feminine touch to the field of real estate finance advises parents to let their children help choose the family's new home.
 Sylvia A. Miedema, president of the Clyde Saving and Loan association in suburban Cicero and a leading Chicago area land subdivider, has strong views on how houses should be bought and sold. She is putting her ideas into action at her third major housing development, the 1,000-home Maplebrook community in nearby Naperville, Ill.
 "Our salemen have been instructed to pay attention to the needs of the entire family," she says. "In order to match the family to the exact house, we need to know their interests and activities, both present and future."
 "For example, if there are small children, it's obvious that in a few years there will be need for a recreation room for teenage parties. If the family likes music, we suggest installing the equipment for piping in hi-fi during construction, not after."
 Above all, the Maplebrook salemen encourage the "family conference," at which all members participate in the selection of the kind of house the group wants to occupy.
 "After all," Mrs. Miedema says, "it will be the youngsters' home just as much as it is the parents. And, as a matter of fact, it is more difficult for children to adjust to a new residence than it is for the adults, who probably have changed abodes many times during their lives."
 Mrs. Miedema, who became president of Clyde Saving and Loan in 1937 and has seen its assets grow from \$200,000 to nearly \$100 million, believes the family housing conference can give children a wonderful opportunity to learn "the financial facts of life."
Should Know
 "There is no reason why they shouldn't know what the house will cost, and this is a good time for them to learn about mortgages, down payment, earnest money, interest rates and all the other details of home financing," she says. "In this way they will appreciate their new home much more. They will know the sacrifice and thrift involved in providing them with a home."
 "The main thing in conducting a family meeting of this kind is to draw the children out," Mrs. Miedema says. "Let them know that their ideas are considered important and that their opinions are thoroughly respected."

Three Indicted for Assault, Battery

Pendleton—UPI—Three youths were indicted on charges of assault and battery by the Umatilla county grand jury Tuesday.
 They are Charles Kearney Jr., 21, McMinnville; Eric Jacobsen, 18, and Neal Winters, 20, both of Pendleton.
 The youths are charged with assaulting Dennis Hachler, 28, Pendleton, at Pendleton last Friday night. Hachler was hospitalized.
 They each posted \$1,500 bail.

'Disgusted' Actor Faces Firearm Charge

Hollywood—UPI—Actor Damon Knight, who appears on the "Combat" television series, today faced charges of discharging a firearm within the city limits.
 Knight, 27, was jailed Tuesday after neighbors complained he was shooting into a closet door when they arrived, ripping holes in five suits.
 Arresting officers said Knight fired his revolver into a closet door when they arrived, ripping holes in five suits.
 "I'm just disgusted," was the actor's explanation. "You wouldn't understand."

TREE PRUNING

Pruning—Most trees require periodical pruning in order to keep their shape. Dead limbs and branches also need to be removed. Small trees that can be reached by standing on the ground, or possibly on a stepladder, may be pruned safely by the homeowner.
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