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Music Is Sparkplug To Summer Pleasure

Although the President's opening-day pitch for the Washington Senators usually marks the beginning of the outdoor season, evidence points to self-made music as being summer's real sparkplug.

Most of the nation's community bands and orchestras start spring training weeks before ballplayers head south and many community music groups perform for outdoor crowds before the major league seasons open in early April.

Statistically, both music-making and baseball are high on the list of America's favorite pastimes. However, there are several times more amateur musicians (34,000,000) than baseball players, more community bands and orchestras (1,500) than professional baseball teams, and more concertgoers than the combined 1962 attendance for both major leagues.

According to Marion Egbert, educational consultant for the American Music Conference, "Outdoor music-making has shown significant gains in recent years, with noticeable increases in the number of summer camps—a 350 per cent gain since 1950—and in the number of community recreation departments adding instrumental instruction and concerts to their summer programs."

Egbert points out that the nation's summer music programs rely heavily on a musical farm system, with roots in the nation's school music program. "The fact that educators consider music to be an important part of supervised education and recreation programs in schools," Egbert says, "insures that self-made music and concerts under the stars will remain major national pastimes."

"The wonderful part of self-made music," Egbert concludes, "is that you don't have to stop playing when you can't hit a fastball."



PRACTICAL, GAY—For true summer comfort there's nothing like a hammock which will do double duty and serve as a cot, too. In all-weather duck on rugged suspension frame, its full fringe adds a gay note to "summer swing times."—"Astro-Cot" by Geo. McArthur and Sons, Inc.

Improve Summer Homes for Year Around Pleasure

Millions of families in all parts of the United States are now enjoying separate summer homes. The boom in the so-called cottage got off to a fast start following World War II and has been gaining momentum ever since. Today mountains and deserts and plains and woods are filled with structures ranging from tiny ten-by-twenty bunks to luxurious homes in the hundred-thousand-dollar class. The trend has not been restricted to one of two areas, but has flourished all the way from the Atlantic seaboard to the Great Lakes states to the Pacific coast, providing a week-end, leisure time retreat for city dwellers. Although such structures are intended primarily for use during the mild summer months, they can be converted at reasonable cost to provide comfortable living through the entire year, thus increasing their usefulness by approximately 300 per cent. Insulate A board-and-batten structure can be insulated at minimum cost by nailing or stapling three-inch insulation between studs and joists, or four inch in colder areas. Interior plywood or wallboard is suitable for wall surfacing to complete the job. Heating a country cabin is a simple installation at moderate cost with a liquefied petroleum gas fuel system. Such a system is supplied from the LP-gas tank conveniently placed near the house to provide fuel at all times for various automatic gas appliances such as kitchen range, refrigerator, water heater, room heater, clothes dryer, and-in remote areas-light. An important advantage of an LP-gas system is that it cannot be knocked out by wind or winter storms that may cut off fuel when it is needed most.



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More Costly

For a bit more money, the average family can enjoy boating in a more elaborate runabout, of fiberglass or plywood construction, at an expenditure of from \$500 to \$1,200. The boat, towards the top end of this bracket, might be a 15 or 18-footer with upholstered seats, convertible top, and windshield.

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