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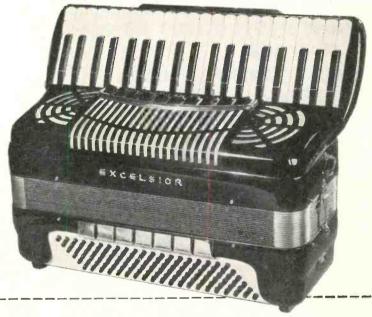
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## For the Information of All Members

This is the second notice in reference to the American Guild of Variety Artists. The first was printed in the International Musician and published repeatedly for several months. Kindly read the following very carefully:

The policy of the American Federation of Musicians in regard to the American Guild of Variety Artists, who saw fit to raid our membership, is that no member of the American Federation of Musicians is permitted to join AGVA, regardless of the fact that in addition to his services as an instrumental musician, he may perform as a singer, comedian, dancer, etc. This also includes musicians who act as masters of ceremonies introducing acts, etc., before an orclestra. We consider him an instrumentalist and he should only belong to the American Federation of Musicians, and no other organization. If he does not play an instrument in a show, then the Federation makes no claim to his membership, even though many actors in the past few weeks have shown their desire to join the A. F. of M.

their desire to join the A. F. of M. In simple language, the above means that no member of the American Federation of Musicians is permitted to join or to remain a member of AGVA.

Further, all members of the American Federation of Musicians are hereby given notice to resign from the American Guild of Variety Artists immediately. We know the musicians who already belong to AGVA, and copies of their resignations must be sent to the President's office at 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Failure to resign will be considered sufficient reason for their suspension from the American Federation of Musicians.

the American Federation of Musicians. No member of the Federation will lose work by not belonging to AGVA. I met with a large representative group of booking agents in my New York office on August 31, 1949. I clearly informed them of the Federation's position. These agents were told that the Federation will not tolerate any discrimination against any instrumentalist who sings, dances, etc., if they are not members of AGVA.

It is up to every officer and member to advise all new members immediately upon joining the Federation that they must not join any other organization unless they have the approval of their local officers. Just asking if they belong to AGVA means nothing. Many booking agencies have been business agents for AGVA. By this I mean that some booking agents have insisted that a musician who plays an instrument and also sings or dances must join AGVA. The Federation cannot approve of the practice of booking agencies which act as business agents for AGVA and force instrumentalists to join that organization. Please advise my office of any booking agencies which attempt to continue this practice. Then the Federation will have no alternative but to revoke their license. I also ask that each local send a copy of this communication to the booking agents in its jurisdiction. It must be further understood that the

It must be further understood that the regular Federation contract must be used for all engagements employing members of the Federation.

> JAMES C. PETRILLO, President, A. F. of M.

The following articles reprinted from the New York Times and the New York World-Telegram of October 1, 1949, will give an idea of the battle that is going on. The officials of all locals are to be commended for doing such a fine job.

### From the New York Times, October 1, 1949:

### By JACK GOULD

Victor Borge, comedian and pianist, became yesterday the first major Hollywood star to resign from the American Guild of Variety Artists as a result of the union's jurisdictional dispute with the American Federation of Musicians, headed by James C. Petrillo.

His action averted by a matter of hours the possibility of a strike by musicians in the Persian Room of the Plaza Hotel, where Mr. Borge is appearing.

Mr. Borge, who has held membership cards in both of the AFL unions, said that his decision to resign was dictated solely by practical considerations.

"It is easier for me to get along without the AGVA group than it is to do without an orchestra," he explained.

Dewey Barto, national executive secretary of the vaudeville guild, insisted, however, that Mr. Borge's resignation would not be recognized.

"Under our constitution he knows he cannot resign without the approval of our board," Mr. Barto said.

It was learned that Mr. Borge had received a personal telegram from Mr. Petrillo directing him to relinquish his AGVA membership. Previously the union leader had made it clear that he would not hesitate to "pull out" an orchestra from an entertainment place if it continued to employ an artist who had received such instructions.

"I can't take any chances," Mr. Borge remarked, noting that his contract with the Plaza Hotel did not expire until October 18.

Anthony Lavelli, Yale basketball star of last season, who now is playing the accordion professionally, also resigned last night from the AGVA. At the same time he signed a musicians' union contract covering his current engagement at the Iceland Restaurant, 1680 Broadway.

James Lyons, Eastern regional director of vaudeville guild, who was at the restaurant, said that because his union did not wish to cause unemployment, the guild would not call out the other acts at the restaurant by way of retaliation.

"On the surface it may appear that Mr. Petrillo is winning, but the fight has only just begun," he added.

The dispute between Mr. Petrillo's union and the vaudeville actors centers on entertainers such as Mr. Borge, who both play a musical instrument and also have a number of lines to say on stage. If they speak lines, AGVA has insisted that such artists are performers who should join the guild. Mr. Petrillo has held that if such entertainers belong to his union, they should not be represented by another organization.

Mr. Borge's resignation from AGVA followed what the musicians' union heralded as "another victory" in its series of skirmishes with the vaudeville actors. An act known as the Kirby Stone Quintet, appearing at the Latin Quarter night club, did not heed the vaudeville guild's order to take out membership cards and elected Thursday night to belong only to Mr. Petrillo's union. Thus far the guild has not taken any retaliatory action.

Mr. Petrillo's moves in the night club and hotel field came at a time when the Associated Actors and Artistes of America, parent body of the vaudeville guild and all other actor unions, had a serious controversy in its own ranks. The Hollywood screen actors have differed with the stage, vaudeville and radio actors in the East on how the television industry should be organized.

Some officials of the Four A's, who have been meeting at the Astor Hotel, acknowledged that preoccupation with the television issue had delayed any move on their part in the Petrillo dispute.

The controversy over unionizing video performers is not scheduled to come to a head formally until a meeting of the Four A's next Tuesday.

### From the New York World-Telegram, October 1, 1949:

James Caesar Petrillo, czar of the AFL Federation of Musicians, has won an important brush with the rival AFL American Guild of Variety Artists.

Just before the zero hour late last night Victor Borge, Danish-born pianist, resigned from the AGVA to prevent a walkout of the orchestra in the Plaza Hotel's Persian Room, one of the most socially correct places to practice choreography in town. The orchestra members belong to Mr. Petrillo's union.

As if to point up Mr. Petrillo's victory, Tony Lavelli, ex-Yale All-American basketball star, who squeezes an accordion at the Iceland Restaurant, also stepped out of the Variety Artists at the Petrillo nod.

The battle between the two unions stems from an order by the variety artists that any musician who speaks a line in addition to playing an instrument or singing must join up with the AGVA. Mr. Petrillo, hitting back, threatened to pull union members out of any spot where an AFM has yielded and joined the AGVA.

Last night Mr. Borge made his action very clear.

"It is easier for me to get along without the AGVA than it is to do without an orchestra," he said bluntly.

Mr. Petrillo was in a position where he didn't have to say anything. The AGVA had not yet decided on its next step.

## Memphis Local Finds a Way

The opportunity to make a major contribution to civic affairs in cooperation with one of its city's newspapers and at the same time to realize dividends for the local's welfare fund was the happy result of a plan hit upon by Local 71, Memphis, Tennessee.

Early in 1948 President Orville E. Bond of Local 71 and the local's executive board proposed to the *Press-Scimitar*, Memphis' evening paper, that the union provide a "Cavalcade of Music" in conjunction with the "Good-fellows," the paper's pet charity promotion. The affair was timed for the Christmas season. (In September, 1948, Miami Local 655 produced its own "Cavalcade of Music."). According to President Bond of Local 71,

According to President Bond of Local 71, the Cavalcade was designed "on a scale similar to a three-ring circus, using every type of music from concert to bop." Brother Bond was cochairman for the evening. All services were donated by the 149 participating musicians, backed up by wide publicity in the *Press-Scimitar*, the production and business assistance of public-spirited citizens, and the door-prize contributions by local merchants.

The show took place before 7,000 people who filled the Memphis Auditorium to hear five and three-quarters hours of music. The net proceeds of the ticket sales amounted to over \$5,000 for the *Press-Scimitar's* Christmas charity and over \$500 for the local's welfare fund.

The musicians, of course, gave their services gladly, but it was not unpleasant to gain some added dividends. The 505 column-inches of publicity featured both the local and the individual performers, many of whom received extended professional mention. The Cavalcade served as a showcase for Federation talent and a number of radio and other engagements resulted. The Concert Orchestra created for the occasion remained a unit and played free park concerts during the summer at city expense.

As the "Cavalcade of Music" worked out, civic charity benefited, the local's own charity fund profited, the Memphis Federation of Musicians received major press mention and has gained continued recognition ever since. In addition, the musical units in the jurisdiction got advertising that paid off in engagements.

Local 71 is not resting on its laurels. This Christmas the second Memphis "Cavalcade of Music" will offer an expanded show for a worthy purpose and an opportunity to maintain and increase public good-will for the musicians. The event bids fair to become a permanent fixture in Memphis life.



Tom Broderick, campaign chairman, taking signatures in Jersey City's mid-town square for the "Dine-Dance" petitions of Local 526. In the background is one of the trucks that brought live music to strategic spots all over the city.



David has taken on Goliath in Jersey City —and has won the first round. Almost singlehanded, Local 526, with no more than 400 members legally eligible to participate in the campaign, garnered 42,698 signatures on petitions to place before the electorate a proposal to repeal an ordinance uniquely discriminatory against live music.

The ordinance in question bars the performance of live musicians and dancing to any music in all establishments where food or liquor is served. Local 526 seeks its repeal and the creation of new jobs for musicians under adequate and appropriate regulations. So far Jersey City has been deprived of almost all live entertainment as part of the Hague-created facade of antiseptic purity.

The opposition is the still powerful Frank Hague machine, already fighting back against this attempt to eliminate one of the devices used in Hague's heyday. The counter attack is cenInternational Musician CONTENTS, OCTOBER, 1949

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tering on the validity of the petitions and the supposed "juke box racket" that sponsored them. This charge of an alleged alliance between the musicians and their worst competition is a new high in political invective.

The facts are that the people of Jersey City rallied to the musicians' cause in double the number necessary to place the referendum on the November ballot because of the energy of Local 526's members and because the new Freedom Party of Mayor Kenny removed the fear of retaliation that blocked expression of opinion under the Hague regime. This shows what can be accomplished, once the will of the people is allowed free expression—and they realize they have a worthy cause to promote.

The Local and its officers recognize that the fight is far from over. They plan a wide educational campaign for support right up to Election Day. Featured will be a mammoth rally for charity that will demonstrate in terms of good music and name talent what the people of Jersey City have missed. All musicians wish them good luck.

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To the sound of a fanfare, the officers of Jersey City Local deliver 42,698 signatures at City Hall. In the center is Deputy Mayor Bill Flanagan. Holding the sign are Campaign Chairman Tom Broderick and Union President Michael Skislak.

## Symphonic Sidelights

The "orchestra that is able to meet expenses," the Omaha Symphony, is looking forward to another successful year. Reasons given for its continued "in the black" status are the fact of its musicians being

residents of that city (they can

operate on around-the-year basis), the fact that the conductor "came

to Omaha prepared to stay a num-

ber of years rather than considering

the town a stepping-stone," and

the fact that its citizens, big and little, are willing to cooperate. As

the report sent this office puts it:

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quired is a long-range plan for the development of orchestra and audience, hard work, patience, leadership The conductor is R. E. Duncan. and the cooperation of all citizens."

The Philadelphia Orchestra this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. Besides its regular home-city concerts, it will appear in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Richmond, Worcester, Mass., and Ann Arbor, Mich.

A new conductor and three new orchestra members will mark the new season of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. Antal Dorati will take up his duties with the first concert, October 21st. Rafael Druian from Dallas is the new concert master; David Serkin, a cousin of Rudolf Serkin, the new principal cellist, and Ann Nisbet the new harpist. This season will be twenty weeks long, as against eighteen last year.

The Louisville (Kentucky) Orchestra has commissioned works by David Diamond, Paul Hindemith, William Schuman and Robert Russell Bennett for performance this season. Robert Whitney is the group's conductor.

Les Concerts Symphoniques, directed by Alexander Brott, has in the past season presented a concert free of charge for English-speaking youth of Montreal, this through the assistance of the Recording and Transcription Fund.

The Kenosha Symphony Orchestra has engaged Harold Newton as its new conductor. It will present three subscription concerts and one popular concert.

The National Symphony Orchestra has in its new conductor, Howard Mitchell, a musician that has "risen from the ranks," being in turn the orchestra's first cellist, then its assistant conductor, its associate conductor and finally its full conductor. He was born in Nebraska.

The Little Symphony of Worcester (Mass.) is booking five concerts for the coming season. Its conductor is Harry Levenson.

First two concerts of the Hoosier Symphony Orchestra and Chorale (Danville, Indiana) will have as guest artists Norris Greer, tenor, and Dorothy Munger, pianist.

## New Recording and Transcription Companies Sign

Supplementary list of recording and transcription companies that have signed contrac's since publication of the list in August, 1949. Members should add this to the previously published lists.

#### RECORDING COMPANIES

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Cy Coleman, 1663 Bathgate Ave., Bronx, New York.
Comet Recording Company, 124 West 73rd St., New York, N. Y.
Coronet Records, 186-13 Janaica Ave., Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.
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Detta Records, P. O. Box 1121, Pasadena, Calif.
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Etta, Jimmy, Suite 908, 1650 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Famous Records, Inc., 116 Market St., Newark, N. J.
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Korona Records, 169 East 77th St., New York, N. Y.
Liberty Record Company, Henry, Virginia.
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Karl Lambertz, 318 Construction Bldg., Dallas. Texas.
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(I. to r.) Maurice Solway, violin; Jack Groob, violin; Marcus Adeny, cello, and Robert Warburton, viola

### "Pop" Goes the Quartet

HO SAID the music of a string quar-tet is dry? No concert could be more enjoyable." This was the reaction to a "Pop" concert given recently in Coburg, Ontario, by the Solway String Quartet, a Canadian group which has come into the national spotlight within the last two years.

The Solway String Quartet-its members are Maurice Solway, first violinist; Jack Groob, second violinist; Robert Warburton, violist; and Marcus Adeny, cellist-has broadened its repertoire to include such selections as Schubert's "March Militaire," "Gershwin Fantasy," arranged by the young Canadian, Howard Cable, and Phil Green's "String Boogie." Canadian composers have written music for the group, among them Dr. Healey Willan, John Weinzig, Howard Cable, Leo Smith and Jean Coulter Adams.

The history of the group's origin is of especial interest. Back in 1947 a tour was arranged for the quartet by Major Brian McCool of the Ontario Department of Education. This tour took in many small towns with a population of 3,000 or less throughout Ontario. In some of the towns many members of the audience had never before heard a "live" concert. The success of these programs was immediate.

In its Toronto debut, the quartet played a program that included three Canadian works. Since then the players have given more than forty concerts and radio broadcasts, as well as short-wave broadcasts to England. This season their program includes a tour of twenty-five cities in Ontario, radio broadcasts, and four concerts in Toronto featuring outstanding Canadian artists. -S. S. S.

### Mary Lou Williams Plays

DIMLY-LIGHTED cellar, slightly damp, with murals depicting a nude in a dilapidated pose at a wine table and a poet running across the wall toward her, ostensibly to get her autograph (he has a sheet of paper stretched out); on a further wall a tree growing out of a man's head, the face ruddy, the rest of the body brown; tables crowded with huddled figures; matches lit behind cupped hands, focussing tense faces; silence pregnant with a sense

## Speaking of Music:

of waiting-this at the Village Vanguard, Green-wich Village, New York, September 17th, 10 P. M.

Then Mary Lou Williams is at the piano smiling as though she had a secret up her sleeve (the daring gown has sleeves), her delicately modelled face-a sculptor would delight in those curiously indented nostrils-bright with anticipation. She does not look at the keyboard. You would think the hands executing those tumbling phrases belonged to one person while the quick-glancing, smile-proffering face to another. When she comes on a particularly novel progression she nods swiftly and minutely (her neck nudges forward singularly like a Hindoo

dancer's) as if approving the hands that thought that one up. She states the theme -the one I first caught was that of the second

number on the pro-gram, Grieg's "Anitra's Dance"-then begins slithering around it, edging in on it, nudging it, tickling it, coming face to face

Mary Lou Williams

with it, playing it down, wheedling it back into being, expanding it, distorting it, resolving it-all by that curious trickling of her hands over the keys. Pretty soon the drum slides in with her and they start to do a sinuous dance, the drum maintaining the steady beat and the piano playing around him. It gets to be insistent, then hypnotic. I find myself taking down my notes in rhythm.

Never once does the music become noisy. Just very, very steady with an insistence that prickles one's spine and sends one just where it wants one to go. Miss Williams elaborates. gives extra touches. She seems always ahead of her playing, thinking into the next phrase, preparing, eliminating, thrusting forward. All

the time she smiles, even laughs shortly. Then she gets excited, slyly offers a suggestion, takes it up, gives a broad grin of acceptance.

Bach would like what she is doing (after tempering it a bit)-all this building and scattering, clustering and dispersing, by-path pointing while keeping to the direction. The still figures crowded at the tables like it, too. Naturally. It is creation going on under their very noses. Now and then she singles a person out. "See, I got it!" Melody within melody, arabesques, rhythm as steady as a metronome.

Both drum and bass viol are helping the rhythm now, as well as her small heel tapping rapidly on the floor. Her keyboard technique is impeccable. But I have to make an effort even to think of that. She makes a sign over her shoulder to the drummer that she is nearing the end. But she makes no ending. She executes a twist of a phrase. Then there is silence -and the applause.

"I ended on the flatted fifth," she told me when I sought her out afterward. I swung 'Anitra's Dance' as if it was in four-four time. I get new ideas as I play. I modernize it. I make the harmonies like Stravinsky and Hindemith. I delay the beat. I play off. Always something happens. I see three or four ways to play it and have to think quick to get the right one. If the audience is restless I can't concentrate."

I hear her play again before I leave, and it seems to me a fourth dimension has crept in. There is neither beginning nor end, neither variation nor resolution. Like Einstein's, her universe has no hitching post. Then I come to with a start. She is looking at me with a see-what-1-found! expression. From a motif 200 years old she has drawn out a theme which is as new as dawn. -H. S.

### Bloomer Girl Blooms

NLY ONCE in a great while does a play or operetta spawned in the Broadway rapids live to find its way down to the ocean of country-wide performance. So when I witnessed "Bloomer Girl" not only performed but performed excellently by the Paper Mill Playhouse of Millburn, New Jersey, I bowed both to the enterprise of the Mill in choosing this vehicle and to the stamina of the operetta itself in being one of the few destined for something more than ephemeral existence.

This little play-with-music has staying qualities. It's all about a hoop-skirt manufacturer

Melvin Dacus as Deputy Sheriff, Hubert Dilworth as Pompey, and Paul Ross as Prisoner, the Trio in "I've Got a Song" from "Bloomer Girl"





## - But It's Fun

doing it. Perhaps the following article may be the means of bringing to light other "outs" for the much beset members of this group. Here, at least, is material enough to show not only musicians' zest for life but their infinite resourcefulness.

Some hobbyists prefer to get places under their own steam. Mountain climbing is the joy of Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor of the New York Philharmonic, as well as of Rosario Mazzeo (bass clarinetist, Boston Symphony)



George Humphrey, violist in the Boston Symphony Orchestra, makes violas and bows. He made his own.

> and of composer Samuel Barber. Swimmers are Laila Storch (oboe) and Gaetano Molieri (viola) both of Houston. George A. Foster (manager, New Orleans Symphony Orchestra) deserts the Symphony office for any fire of more than two alarms.

Outdoor sportsmen among musicians go in for everything from deep sea fishing (Alfred Wallenstein, conductor of the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra) to marksmanship (Fabien Sevitzky, conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony). Howard B. Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra, has won the District of Columbia championship in golf several times. Of a less strenuous cast are the beekeeping activities of composer Paul Nordoff and the bird-watching pursuits of Rosario Mazzeo (bass clarinet), the Boston Symphony Orchestra's ornithologist. William Gebhardt (French horn player of the Boston Symphony) for years has cultivated four acres of vegetables and maintained one hundred and fifty hens. (He sells the eggs to Boston Symphony Orchestra members.) Ralph Liese (trombone, Houston Symphony), goes in for stock-raising. Harold Thompson (percussion, Cincinnati Or-

cussion, Cincinnati Orchestra) is the delight of fly fishermen. For he ties fly-rod lures. During the coming year specimens of his handiwork will take salmon in the great rivers of the Atlantic watershed and bonefish of the southern seas. Samples of Thompson's workmanship, spread out on a table, look like a garden of tiny wildflowers, but they are actually bits of hair, feathers, wool —even the scale of a giant python, all put together with infinite skill. Fishing enthusiast Clifford Spearing (French horn, Toronto Philharmonic) and he should get acquainted.

And then there's the group that scurries around recording all such activity via film. Photography is a hobby so often resorted to that it is safe to say at least half of professional musicians engage in it with more or less purposefulness. Some are experts in the field. They specialize. Six members of the Cincinnati Orchestra, to concentrate on just one such group, have all but reached professional status: Marcel Dandois, Charles Findlay, Fred Noak, Carl Topie, Harold Roberts and Arthur Knecht. Dandois' specialty is landscapes and character studies; Findlay covered all expenses of a Canadian Rockies trip through proceeds from his pictures; Noak's forte is taking pictures of animals in the zoo.

The professional photographer of the Philadelphia Orchestra is Adrian Siegel, cellist in the group. Conductors Joseph Wagner (Duluth) and Milton Katims (N. B. C. Symphony) make a specialty of taking moving pictures. Katims has one of Toscanini actually conducting.

Chess runs photography a close second. Practically every symphony orchestra has its chess club. When I was shown through the room backstage at the New York Philharmonic, which holds the exhibit of the orchestra's painter-memDaniel Eisler, Boston Symphony violinist, hunts out some dingy and cracked old painting in a second-hand shop, cleans it, mends defects in the paint—and presto, he has a charming antique!





Enrico Fabrizio in his workshop. He made the cello he plays in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

> bers, I was told please not to look toward the tables of chess players. They didn't have their coats on and would be embarrassed. My guide need not have troubled. When I did cast an oblique glance in the players' direction, I saw they were far too immersed in the game even to notice my presence.

> Chess experts among musicians are too numerous to mention, but one might cite Theodore Cella (harp, New York Philharmonic) who has won several tournaments. William Primrose, concert violist, carries on tournaments by correspondence with fellow artists on tour.

> Other champions at indoor games are Chris Hebert (violinist, New Orleans Symphony Orchestra) who took the prize as best bridge player in a recent contest in that city, and conductor Izler Solomon, who in his college days was ping-pong champion at Michigan State. He still plays a mean game. Composer Villa-Lobos is an avid billfard player.

> That most horizon-searching of indoor sports, namely, reading, forms the chief recreation of innumerable musicians. Clarinetist Schmachtenberg of the Cincinnati Symphony likes to read Huxley, Santayana, Mann and Cocteau; conductor Artur Rodzinski is a student of the



DIMITRI MITROPOULOS Climbing the Grand Teton Range

Bible, as is Fritz Kreisler; Asbourne McConathy (horn, Boston Symphony) does research in Elizabethan music and history of the horn. Detective novels are the meat of at least two composers: Wallingford Riegger and Robert L. Sanders. Kurt Weill pores over newspapers, composer Robert Guyn McBride over comics.

Physicians aplenty have turned to music as a relaxer and a solacer. But how about musicians who find ease from the grind in delving into medicine? Nikolai Zadri, first violinist of the New Orleans Symphony, was trained as a physician in his native Russia and now finds release in diagnosing the ills of the orchestra members. Fritz Kreisler at one time almost gave up music for the practice of medicine. George Rowe, clarinetist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, makes pathology his especial study. Otto Deri, cellist of the Indiana Symphony Orchestra, holds a doctor's degree in psychology. Hypnotism and therapy claim composer Paul Creston's spare-time interest.

A frequent "out" for musicians is the diversion of interest into allied art channels, probably because these offer artistic expression without the usual professional's responsibility for being always letter-perfect or productive only along the lines of employers' or public's desires. Thus Jean Cauhape (viola) and Karl Zeise (cello), both of the Boston Symphony, paint in their odd hours. Last April's issue of *The International Musician* contained an article, "Busman's Holiday," which dealt with the musicianpainters of the New York Philharmonic, who had actually exhibited, namely: M. de Stefano, H. Gomberg, F. Zimmermann, M. Forstat, R. Saginsky, W. Lincer, M. Nazzi, Gullino, A. Namen, C. Stern, L. Busch. Composers Morton Gould and Bernard Rogers have paintings to their credit. Three members of the Houston Symphony who have artistic hobbies are violist Gaetano Molieri who does miniature modeling; Irving Wadler who works in oils, and Betty Barney who paints, with a particular leaning toward the French post-impressionistic period. Armando Ghitalla (trumpet, Houston Symphony) likes to draw (see below) "just for



kicks." Cellist Jacobus Landendoen of the Boston Symphony does cartoons, too. Carlos Pinfield (violinist, Boston), an expert woodcarver, converts slabs of wood into bowls, trays, picture frames. Lucienne Lavedan assists her mother in presenting French drama in New Orleans where she is harpist in the symphony. Another harpist, Edward H. Vito (N. B. C. Symphony) remodels and relandscapes old houses in Connecticut. Still another harpist, Elford Caughey (Boston), writes poetry—which, incidentally, gets published.

An even shorter hurdle from occupation to preoccupation is made by the musicians who turn to other aspects of music for recreation. Concert master John Corigliano (New York

Philharmonic) plays chamber music with his colleagues. William Bell (tuba, New York Philharmonic) has trained as a baritone. He does "Tubby the Tuba" playing the instrument, singing and reciting the narrative. Composer Lamar Stringfield thinks up innovations on the flute; Saul Goodman (tympanist, New York Philharmonic) designs and builds his own kettledrums. Philip Sklar (first contra-bass, N. B. C. Symphony) makes basses, cellos and violas, Ralph McLane (clarinet, Philadelphia Orchestra) has devised improvements in the Boehm fingering system for the clarinet. Henryk Kaston (Metropolitan Opera Orchestra) has invented a violin mute.

What with all this activity in the wings, even off-hours begin to sound a bit strenuous. Just for a breather, let's remember Handel found his chief pleasure outside music in eating. Gioacchino Rossini, who closed his dramatic career at the age of thirty-

seven when he was at the height of his fame, might have been motivated less by frayed nerves than by a hobbyist's fervor, since he thereafter went in heavily for cooking, becoming famous for inventing new dishes, some of which even today are listed on menus under his name. Like him, Leonard Rose (New York Philharmonic) spends a portion of his spare time sniffing critically over steaming products of his culinary skill. Ernst Krenek confesses one of his greatest delights is consuming ice cream; Fritz Kreisler's favorite dish is corned beef and cabbage; Fabien Sevitzky is an inveterate carrot muncher; flutist William Kincaid (Philadelphia Orchestra) breakfasts, at least when he is vacationing at his Maine retreat, on stacks of wheatcakes, spitted steaks and broiled fresh trout; and pianist Andor Foldes and composer Kurt Weill would make good dinner companions, since the favorite dish of each is fried potatoes.

That's an idea! Why not have musicians form friendships, not on their work-a-day routine (which fosters rivalries and discord) but on the innocent diversions of their idle hours. I'd like to watch, for instance, a tennis match between four devotees of that game: Percy Grainger, Roy Harris, Robert Russell Bennett and Alfred Wallenstein. And how about a horse race hetween those ardent exponents of the saddle, composer Harl McDonald and New Orleans Symphony conductor Massimo Freccia?

-Hope Stoddard.

Members of the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra enjoy their favorite hobby, aviation. Left to right: Grace Whitney, cello; Delbert Hoon, trumpet; Dudley Howe, French horn, and Marvin Rabin, viola.



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## Benny Goodman --- 1949

BENNY GOODMAN'S current show is an authentic, witty, and diverting soundpageant, presenting the story of jazz from Dixieland style to bop. It's rightly labeled a jazz revue, for the music, along with A-1 lighting tricks, cues in the singing and dancing acts, with a minimum of patter.

Goodman starts the saga with "Bugle Call Rag" in New Orleans style, has the band work its way up the river to Memphis and St. Louis. There's a stopover in Davenport, Iowa, to pick up a kid named Bix Beiderbecke. (Here the trumpeter is silhouetted, and plays some high notes.) Then they're on to Chicago, and the great early days of swing. A Jazz Hall of Fame series is flashed on the screen—"Fats" Waller, Kid Ory, Lionel Hampton, Louis Armstrong, Teddy Wilson, and many another; as each appears, the bandsman playing an appropriate instrument is spotlighted, and takes a solo.

Any old ringside fan who's followed our popular music since the ragtime era will be struck by Goodman's success in coaching his young bandsmen (average age twenty-four) in the older period styles of jazz. Each piece has its own character; recorded, these would almost fool a connoisseur of old records. Almost, but not quite. For each piece also has the authentic Goodman stamp. This holds for "After You've Gone," "There's a Small Hotel," and "Rose Room," as well as for the numbers associated with the Goodman repertory—"And the Angels Sing," and "Sing, Sing, Sing."

### Pop, That's Bop

High point in the comedy arising out of contrasting styles comes when Buddy Greco (young B. G.) the cclorful pianist, introduces Benny Goodman (old B. G.) to the mysteries of bop. Buddy gets off his patter to background music of "There's Been Some Changes Made," and outfits Benny with the bop uniform accessories of red beret and horn-rimmed glasses. While the band, following his lead, gives out with loud bursts, Buddy says to Benny, "Pop, that's bop."

It's bop, all right, but again with a difference. For Goodman has, in rehearsal, put his own shaping touch on the brand of bop which his bandsmen play. The wild anarchy and blaring noise are whittled down; this is bop which, while recognizable as such—swing accented backward, according to Dizzy Gillespie—is still coherent and eredible music, which you could dance to in a pinch. In this case, as in the older period styles, the result is a combination, as Benny says, 'of what I know and what the boys can do."

### The Relaxed Style

Watching Goodman meander casually around the stage, almost like a spectator at his own show, doing most of his talking with his clarinet, few people could guess the exacting work in rehearsal, the infinite capacity for taking pains, which Goodman has put into this jazz revue—as he has into his earlier ventures as a bandleader. To be sure, the sequence of numbers might be said to constitute his own musical autobiography, since the span covered coincides very nearly with the quarter of a century during which he has been playing—the last fifteen as a bandleader. From 1934 on Goodman has had a major hand in setting the modes. But ing, it's the leader's job to see that their efforts mesh—but not at the expense of spontaneity and invention. A piece "swings," according to Goodman, when the players all feel the same idea behind what they're playing, and everything blends.

Goodman gives a generous measure of credit to arrangers who have worked with him.



Left to right: Buddy Greco, piano; Wardell Gray, saxophone; Frank Beecher, guitar; Benny Goodman, clarinet; Doug Mettome, trumpet; Clyde Lombardi, bass, and Sonny Igoe, drums. (The bass player is now Bob Carter. Photograph of him not available.)

however vivid his own recollection of the great early styles—and he played with Bix and Jack Teagarden in Chicago in the twenties, and with many another jazz "great" in his own band he still had the problem of transmitting, to the seventeen young players he got together when he reconstituted his band for the fall of 1948, his own keen sense of these older styles, and the exact shades of difference between them. His success is a measure not only of his skill the boys call him "Professor"—but of the high degree of musicianship in the new band.

### The King's Swing

That this revue is not a series of imitations, but a real re-creation of jazz styles, may also be due to Goodman's clear-headed ideas on the popular idiom. He has always held firmly to the ideal of creative improvisation as central to good jazz. What the solo player, or a trio, or the group achieves, in the way of original rhythmical variations, against the basic beat sustained by the drums, piano, or bass—this is the foundation for good jazz. It's that "swing" away from the fundamental rhythm, and back to it, that gives the real lift to the playing. When the members of the band are all swingFletcher Henderson, he says, who was with him in 1934, had just the right touch in making arrangements for a swing band: he provided a springboard for the soloist to take off from and the right background to play against. Writing the ensemble passages in somewhat the same style the improvising soloist would use, Henderson would embroider on tunes like "Sometimes I'm Happy," but he would leave plenty of scope for the soloists in some of the choruses, marking these passages solo trumpet, sax, or clarinet.

The arranger now working with Goodman, Chico O'Farrill, seems to have mastered the same general technique. His versatility is marked. He commands the various period styles in jazz, and can also do (as he has for Noro Morales) expert Cuban arrangements which is not surprising, since he hails from Havana.

### Topnotch Talent Scout

It's not only at picking arrangers who understand his approach that Goodman excels. A musicians' musician himself, he has always had a very keen ear for original talent. As a result it would not be hard to make up the roster of

## Well-known Goodman Alumni



Claude Thornhill, pianist and arranger, organized his own band in 1940. As Navyman from 1942 on, conducted the Navy's Rangers, taking this band on two tours of the Pacific, the last playing 400 shows in 70,000 miles of travel. In his arranging and band conducting Claude combines classical and popular.

an all-American band from the list of Goodman alumni, such as Lionel Hampton, Claude Thornhill, Harry James, the late Glenn Miller, the late Bunny Berigan, Teddy Wilson, Gene Krupa, and Jess Stacy, many of whom have launched out as band leaders on their own. In the light of this record, a good deal of interest attaches to the personnel of Benny's present band:

### Rhythm Section

Buddy Greco
Bob Carter Bass
Frank Beecher
Sonny Igoe

### Saxophone Section

Wardell Gray	Lead Tenor
Eddie Wasserman	Tenór
Andy Cicalese	Alto
Mike Goldberg	Lead Alto
Bob Dawes	Baritone

#### **Trombone Section**

Mario Dione	
Bill Byers	Jazz
George Monte	Third

### Trumpet Section

Al Stewart	First
Doug Mettome	Jazz
Ziggy Schatz	Split Lead
John Wilson	Split Lead

Buddy Greco Dolly Houston

Vocalists

### Comedian

Herkie Styles The pulling power of this new aggregation has been proved in a variety of places: last



Lionel Hampton, vibraharpist and drummer, started his own band in 1940, landing a booking at the Panther Room, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, within ten months; has since played many top spots; offers a varied diet of swing, sweet, boogie-woogie and bop, all sparked by his own rhythm work on the vibraharp.

winter in the Paramount in New York, the scene of Benny's 1936 triumph; at the Palladium Theatre in London during July and August; and on the present continuing tour through the South. The band goes into the Roxy in New York, on its return from the Southern tour; and the grapevine rumor is that there is a television engagement in the offing, for which Benny has a new and striking formula.

### I. CLASSICAL CLARINETIST

Almost from the time he started out as a bandleader, Benny Goodman has had a foot in the classical camp. Seeing Goodman's proclivity for pulling out a small group of players from his band, to constitute a trio, a quintet, or-as at present-a sextet, a serious musician might well wonder if this practice has occurred to Goodman because of his experience in playing the Mozart Quintet with the Budapest Quartet. Perhaps his experience in performing the Mozart Clarinet Concerto with many of our major symphony orchestras has thrown new light on the possibilities for solo effects over against a group. Certain it is that he has always been a stickler for exactness, and that he has seen clearly the necessity for mastering the serious composer's intent, note by note, and phrase by phrase. In playing a Mozart concerto, the performer is successful in the degree that he divines the composer's intent; in jazz improvisation, on the other hand, it's a matter of the player putting over his own musical ideas. This is the chief difference Goodman finds between the two fields

Not only has Benny, as a virtuoso performer, successfully bridged the gap between jazz and the classics; he has also had signal success in interpreting one world to the other. At Rochester, after he played the Mozart concerto



Teddy Wilson, ranked by Benny Goodman as one of the top ten jazz pianists, long conducted from his piano one of the leading night club orchestras in New York, at Cafe Society Uptown. Known for the fine precision and delicacy of his piano style, he is a master of tone as well as of rhythm.

with the Symphony, he brought on his Jazz Sextet for a forty-minute session; this novel swing-symphony double-header worked out so well that the performance was repeated at Lewisohn Stadium and in the Hollywood Bowl.

Goodman also crossed another supposedly unbridgeable gap—that between the popular idiom and modern experimental music—when he joined forces with Joseph Szigeti, the violinist, and Bela Bartok, to play, at Carnegie Hall, a trio, "Contrasts," which Bartok had written for the occasion.

These numerous forays into the world of highbrow music have been the occasion for a good many questions to Benny, as to what difference he finds between jazz and serious music. To him, the significant difference is rather that between good music and bad—and that holds for interpretive playing as well as composing.

He does point out, with quiet amusement, that swing players have their own code of music expression marks, translating the traditional ones: fortissimo becomes "sock it"; scherzo is rendered "medium bounce"; staccato is "bite it off"; glissando is "smear"; con espressione becomes "schmalz"—or, more facetiously, "schmalzando"; pianissimo is "whisper it"; and ad lib is replaced by "go to town," "take off," or "go out of this world." But however different the lingo, a good player is a good player in any idiom.

Goodman's own career, with solid achievement marking each stage, and characterized by a constant search for new musical experience, is in itself a valid demonstration that there should be no rigid dividing line between popular and serious music. He has done as much as any one man to bring the two closely together, and to interpret each world to the other.

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## With the Dance Bands

East. Allen Shearer, ex-Del Courtney tenorman, leading own society band in Harrisburg, Pa. . . Lee Vincent ork pacted for Pigskin Prom, Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, Pa., Oct. 14 . . . Johnny Long band recording for King . . . Eddie Salecto has. added "Musi-Comics" Ricky Parenti and Dick Darrow to his Selectones . . . State Theatre, Providence, R. I., open again. Abe Feinberg books house, which uses occasional names . . Artie Shaw bought a 200-acre cattle, sheep, and dairy farm in Duchess County, N. Y. . . . Motif Records, Boston, inked Debbie Robinson . . . Hilary Rose combo spotted at Beantown's Louis' Cafe.

Philly's Johnny Zarus organized his own band for club dates . . . Artie Shaw's new band is built for dancing, for one-nighters, theatre and concer: stints, through December, during which time the clarinetist will solo with prominent symphony orks. Shaw's book includes material from "Begin the Beguine" days, from the "Frenesi" era, and scores by Johnny Mandel, Ange Callca, Al Cohn, Gene Roland, and John LaPorta. Band is billed as "The Artistry of Artie Shaw and His Orchestra," will avoid bop, preferring the tag "new music" be applied to modern arrangements. Part of Artie's itinerary follows: Oct. 21-22, Purdue University, Purdue, Ind.; 23, Inglaterra Ballroom, Peoria, Ill.; 29, U. of Minnesota, Minneapolis; 30, Electric Park, Waterloo, Iowa; Nov. 5, I. M. A. Auditorium, Flint, Mich.

Louis Armstrong mulled another jaunt abroad, to begin this month, if guaranteed a 60-day minimum tour . . . King Cole Trio, Oct. 17-22, Copa Club, Pittsburgh . . . London Records signed Charlie Spivak's band . . . Frank Dailey, Meadowbrook op, Cedar Grove, N. J., using semi-name territory orks, with weekend spots for big names. Billy Bishop ork kickedoff policy, will hold through mid-November . . . Buddy Rich talking a new big band for himself . . . Hollywood Show Bar, Pittsburgh, bought by Len Litman, Carnival op, who planned to move latter nightery's operation into the acquisition.

Clarinetist Joe Marsala, forced to stop playing temporarily because of an allergy infection on his hands, penned the pop ditty "Let Her Go, Let Her Go, Let Her Go"... Tadd Dameron and Miles Davis rehearsing a new band, to carry both maestros' names, with book by Tadd. Unit will read like a "Who's Who" among bopdom's star sidemen . . . Philly batoneer Jay Jerome pacted by the Signature waxery . . . Vaude policy in at Bridgeport's Poli-Palace Theatre ... Vagabondia Restaurant, and Travelogue Room, New Britain, Conn., nighteries, filed bankruptcy petitions . . . Erlanger Ballroom, Philadelphia, being remodeled to become a music school . . . Trumpeter Buck Clayton and drummer Wally Bishop touring the Continent in ork put together by French critic Hugues Panassie. Trek to last through January or longer.

Philadelphia's Mayfair sector will see its first ballroom rise as part of the new Merben cinema project, being built by Samuel Shapiro . . . RCA Victor giving ex-James arranger Ralph Flanagan a tidy build-up on its revived Bluebird label. Likewise Cab Calloway . . . Ted Steele recording with ork for Columbia . . . Lake Compounce, Bristol, Conn., again using names . . . Woody Herman and Nat Cole nixed out of their tentative Oct. 27 opening at Gotham's Bop City . . . Ritz Ballroom, Bridgeport, open for the season, using names weekends, local bands week nights. Joe Barry still manages spot . . . GAC won't take over all Gale properties.

Charlie Spivak signed with MCA for five years, with no bonus . . . Rialto Theatre, Hoboken, N. J., using flesh . . . Baltimore's Hippodrome Theatre dropped vaude . . . Louis Armstrong inked again by Decca . . . Paul Weston backs Jo Stafford during tour beginning Oct. 15, for 11 days . . . Harry James band plays the east through November . . . GAC reviving its concert department, under Jack Whittemore . . . Trumpeter Hot Lips Page cutting for Harmony . . . Guitarist Alvino Rey abandoned his big band for an octet (the Blue Reys) to work hotels and small locations. Unit booked by GAC, holds at Cleveland's Hollenden Hotel through early November . . . Newark's Adams Theatre dropped band shows for full vaude policy . . . Horace Heidt troupe tours eighteen states through Nov. 27, thence into Philly's Shubert Theatre for three weeks; a vacation; opening at a Manhattan legit house about Dec. 27.

Manhattan. Blue Angel using flesh again . . . Tom Dorsey into the Statler Hotel, following Frankie Carle, during late January. Ray Anthony may follow TD into the Cafe Rouge . . . Charlie Ventura won't organize a big band yet, not unless he has "six months advance work lined up" . . . Savoy-Plaza using straight dance policy. with Irving Conn and relief band . . . Bob Chester held until late October at the Arcadia Ballroom . . . Stewie McKay rehearsing a "new sound" band at Nola's . . . Marty Kramer joined MCA's one-nighter department . . . Roxy Theatre dickering with Bob Crosby to act as permanent emcee . . . Village Vanguard (Greenwich Village) and Club Savannah using small combos; Mary Lou Williams playing there . . . Nicky Blair, NYC op, bought Frank Palumbo's Click in Philly . . . Vaude back in at Rialto Theatre, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Guor Marte Marte, Orens Fans, A. F. Guor Sieben leads pit band . . . Ex-maestro George King (Moffett) now an innkeeper at Haven Hurst, Pa. South. Fun Garden, Dallas, using names . . . O'Brien & Evans into the Wheel Club, Parkersburg, W. Va. . . . Tommy Dorsey plays Baton

burg, W. Va. . . . Tommy Dorsey plays Baton Rouge festival, Nov. 17, for four days, at a flat \$13,000 . . . Frankie Carle opens at Houston's Shamrock Hotel Nov. 10 . . . Ada Leonard dropped her band, is working as a single . . . Jazz at the Philharmonic plays Nov. 11 at San Antonio's municipal auditorium . . . Johnny Long holds at New Orleans' Roosevelt Hotel through Oct. 19 . . . Del Scott quartet holds at the Mardi Gras Club, Lafayette, La., until Oct. 31 . . . Opening of the Majestic Theatre, Dallas, completes an eight-week live talent circuit in the Southwest . . . Johnny Long sextet

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BYE BYE BABY	J. J. Robbins	OVER THE HILLSIDE	Dryer
EVERY NIGHT IS SATURDAY NIGHT		ROOM FULL OF ROSES	Hill & Range
GEORGIA ON MY MIND	Peer	SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBO	NRegent Music
HOP SCOTCH POLKA		SOME DAY YOU'LL WANT ME	Duchess
HUCKLE BUCK		SOME ENCHANTED EVENING	Chappell
I KNOW, I KNOW, I KNOW		SWISS LULLABY	Southern
I WISH I HAD A RECORD	Crawford		Robbins
IF YOU EVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN		THERE'S A MILE BETWEEN T	HE ESS-ES IN SMILES Miller
JEALOUS HEART		TOT TOOT TOOTSIE, GOODBY	EFeist
LAND OF LOVE			Ben Bloom
LET'S TAKE AN OLD-FASHIONED WALK LOVER'S GOLD		YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEAR	TRoberts
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE		YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING	Barron-Pemora
NY ONE AND ONLY HIGHLAND FLING	Harry Warren	WHERE ARE YOU?	Famous

at Memphis' Silver Slipper; Harry Sargent combo at same city's Hi Hat . . . Copa Caprice Club reopened in Atlanta. Nightery is run by Jimmy Gonzales, whose band plays the spot. Howard LeRoy ork holds at Henry Grady Hotel's Paradise Room . . . Ned Schuyler now owns the Five O'Clock Club, Miami Beach . . . Florian ZaBach ork opened Oct. 10 at Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. . . . Leighton Noble into Houston's Rice Hotel Oct. 24.

Midwest. Detroit's London Chop House, using name and semi-name combos, added NBC wire . . . Louis Jordan's tour of seventy-two onenighters to end Thanksgiving in Kansas City. Mo. Louis plays a benefit for the Jordan Playground Fund, in Chicago, Nov. 27 . . . Club Three Sixes, Detroit, renamed Club Valley; managed by Harold Hardiman; booked by Stutz Anderson . . . Ken Harris band released by MCA . . . Roy Mack working for McConkey's band dept. . . Al Donahue at Detroit's Statler Hotel through Nov. 14 . . . Jay Burkhart signed by GAC, may debut his bop-styled band at NYC's Bop City . . . Jack Teagarden building his own big band . . . Frank Barbaro, owner of the Motor City's Bowery, sponsoring series of monthly jazz concerts.

RKO-Missouri Theatre, Kansas City, Mo., welcomed vaude, on monthly basis . . . Schawood Inn, Melvindale, Mich., went on full-week band basis, managed by Clyde Cyphers . . . Vogue Room, Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, dropped acts for straight band policy, using society orks . . . Larry Fotine band waxing for World Transcriptions . . . Pat Lombard, ex-WM exec, now with Koplar hotel chain, buying bands for Chase, Park Plaza, and Forest Park hotels, St. Louis . . . Associated agency re-signed Ray Herbeck ork . . . Club Gay Paree Detroit nightery, has new partner—Paul J. Stasyswith Tommy Rye's combo holding at the spot ... Harbor Theatre, Ecorse, Mich., using Ernie Mitchell ork as house band.

Chicago. Allan DeWitt ork recording for the new Barthel label . . . Frankie Masters holds at the Stevens Hotel's Boulevard Room through Jan. 1, thence possibly overseas for six weeks to entertain GIs . . . Cornetist Paul Mares died Aug. 18 . . . Jan Garber into the Trianon Ballroom Nov. 1 for two weeks at \$3,000 per, fol-lowed by a stint at Memphis' Claridge Hotel at \$3,750 weekly . . . New loop spot, The Gaffer, 60 E. South Water St., owned by Jack Snyder, managed by tenorist Bud Freeman who also leads the band . . . Violinist Eddie South recently admitted to Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium . . . Herbie Fields at the Club Silhouette until Nov. 1; Louis Armstrong hits the spot Nov. 4-20. Fields returns to the Blue Note Dec. 12 . . . Argyle (North Side) reopened under aegis of new owner Jimmy Gannon . . . Oriental Theatre still set to use bands only occasionally ... Organist Ken Griffin booked for one-nighters into roller rinks recently by Rudy Shell's Billboard Attractions. Experiment, well received by rink ops, may herald the inking of small units into the rolleries, a new field for live music . . . Johnny Lane's Dixielanders at Rupneck's.

West. Chuck Bennett band set for the season at Denver's Athletic Club . . . Eames Bishop replaced by Don Mulford in MCA's coast band booking dept. . . . Ace Hudkins built an 11piece band for D'Varga . . . Sonny Burke penning for fall musical "Alive and Kicking" . . . Trombonist Kid Ory not about to retire, contrary to some reports . . . Bob Harris seored and Tom Timothy conducted sound track for flick "Judy in Easterland" . . . Dutch Nieman sold his San Francisco club, Ciro's, to former owner Joe Ross, who planned to continue using top names . . . Mary Kaye trio inked by personal manager Bill Burton.

TD's Casino Gardens, Santa Monica, on a two-day week . . . Dave Barbour backs Peggy Lee at Las Vegas' Thunderbird, Nov. 10, for two weeks, with a quartet . . . Benny Goodman may return to England in April or May . . . Ike Carpenter band signed by Discovery Records . . . Louis Armstrong All-Stars into the Flamingo, Las Vegas, Jan. 26, for a fortnight at \$4,500 per week . . . Milt Jackson replaced vibist Terry Gibbs with the Herman Herd; likewise Buddy Childers slipped into trumpeter Ernie Royal's chair with Woody's band.

Trumpeter Wingy Manone, steered by Joe Glaser, was set to tour Sweden . . . Bassist Eddie Safranski left Charlie Barnet . . . Herman-Cole Coast concerts grossed \$77,000 . . . Pianist Me Henke recording for the Tempo label with bongo, flute, and bass . . . Frank DeVol authored "Guide to Arranging," pubbed by E. H. Morris . . . Spike Jones finished mapping a 100-city tour to begin next January ... Billy MacDonald no longer handled by MCA, by mutual consent. Hollywood. Eddie LeBaron took over the Avodon Ballroom, converting it to a Latin-American-type terpery . . . Vaude returned to the Orpheum Theatre, with Rene Williams handling the pit band . . . Lawrence Welk at the Palladium Ballroom until the end of October . . . Harry James into the Palladium Nov. 22 for five weeks . . . NYC op Lou Walters dickering for Earl Carroll's theatre-restaurant. Canada. Two Local 191 bands finished weekly engagements: Boyd Valleau, The Pines-Chemong, Peterborough, Ont.; Bobby Kinsman. Greenhurst, Bobcaygeon, Kawartha Lakes District.

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NQUESTIONABLY, harmony's greatest contribution to modern music s chromatic chords-those chords which lie between wellknown diatonic combinations. It is an invariable rule that whenever an unusual harmonic effect occurs there is always present the eloment of chromaticism. This has always been and will continue to be the trend in the modernization of music: the bringing into focus of the diatonic tonality more and more chromaticism, until ultimately the diatonic and chromatic tones will be of equal importance. This is the objective of the twelve-tone school, though the rules and principles which they propose are both premature and limiting. Chromaticism in music is a natural progressive step and only the conditioning of the ears that are to accept it lies between it and its ultimate goal.

As a first step in this direction we now present the alteration of various diatonic chords as they resolve to the tonic triad. Later, chromatic chords may be created between the progression of any two nonchromatic combinations.

### LESSCN NO. 8 Alteration of Chords Chromatic Chords

The object of altering chords is to bridge the chromatic tone or tones which may lie between one diatonic chord and another. This theory may later be used in connection with one chord and another irrespective of keys.

### Alteration of the Diatonic 7th Chords Based on Their Resolution to the Tonic Triad

	DIATONIC 7th CHORDS	CHROMATIC	7 <sup>th</sup> chords		DOUBLE CHROMATIC	7 <sup>th</sup> chords
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	IV 7	#6	#7			
	<b>}</b>					
	• V7	\$8	# 9	<b>#</b> 10	4	5
	ξ 8					
	VI7	# 11				
	8					_
•	VII 7	# 12	\$ 13	#14	6	1

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When the tone of a diatonic chord can be altered in either direction, simultaneous alterations may occur by means of two voices. This produces a double chromatic chord.

Exercise: Fill in the chromatic chords wherever there is a number. All the chromatic chords in the C major section will resolve to a complete C major triad. All the chromatic chords in the A minor section will resolve to a complete A minor triad.

After you have done this, study the note above, relative to double chromatic chords, and then fill in the double chromatic chords wherever there is a number. As in the case of the chromatic chords, the double chromatic chords will resolve to a complete triad; those in the C major section to a C major triad and those in A minor section to an A minor triad.

The =1, =2, etc., and those in circle, are simply a means of identification. When making the alterations, do so, first, by means of flats, second, by means of sharps, and third, by means of sharps and flats. This is just a general way of proceeding, as it is not always possible to carry out the same scheme.

#### LESSON NO. 9

Alteration of the Diatonic 9th Chords \* Based on Their Resolution to the Diatonic Triad



\*In major there are two versions of the chromatic 9th chords Nos. 4 and 5, and of double chromatic 9th chord No. 3. In minor there are two versions of chromatic 9th chord No. 4. In minor an additional double chromatic 9th chord is found on the 3rd

degree.

Exercise: Fill in the chromatic and double chromatic 9th chords in the same manner that you did the chromatic 7th chords.

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## Forty Years of Pioneering in Music

**F**ORTY YEARS ago next month a young man left Indianapolis to come to New York and study clarinet with Alexandre. Selmer, then principal clarinetist of the New York Philharmonic. The young pupil was George M. Bundy, chairman of the board of H. and A. Selmer and a member of the A. F. of M. for over two-score years. Few individuals have been in such intimate contact with changes affecting the music profession during these past four decades.

Born in Corning, New York, in 1886, George M. Bundy's first musical idol was the hired man on his parents' farm who enthralled the boy by his performance on the tin flute. After mastering the flute, young George acquired a fife and joined the local drum corps. Then he talked his mother into trading the parlor organ for a clarinet. Soon he was playing with the Alliance Band of Corning. He paid his way through business college by playing for dances.

Bundy's next step was playing clarinet with the Swallow and Markle Showboat band. Besides his engagements for parades and shows, he doubled as bookkeeper, stenographer, mail clerk and ticket seller, drawing all of \$8.00 a week and board for his combined activities. The showboat band was billed as the "\$25,000 Challenge Marine Band-\$25,000." A big attraction on one of the showboat tours was the first showing of moving pictures-pictures which, as the handbill in scare-head type announced, "actually move before your eyes." This handbill is still in Bundy's possession as well as another souvenir of showboat days, a voluminous pair of bloomers covered with autographs of band members. The bloomers were filched from the showboat washline and run up on the boat's flagpole in a gesture of defiance when the band went on strike in protest over slim rations.

### Friend Meets Friend

After three years of showboating Bundy tried circus and repertoire companies, then went to Indianapolis to work as a stenographer in the office of the Typographical Union. On the side he played in theatres and hotels. It was in Indianapolis that Bundy first heard and met the man who was to change his entire life—Alexandre Selmer. Selmer's reputation had gone before him, and when the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra appeared in Indianapolis George Bundy was on hand to hear their famous principal clarinetist. Enchanted by his playing, Bundy went backstage and bought a mouthpiece from Selmer.

In 1909, Mr. Selmer became principal clarinetist of the New York Philharmonic. Bundy, who all this time had been ardently saving money to study with Mr. Selmer, went to New York where that clarinetist took an interest in him and invited him to his home for meals. Selmer's brother, Henri, was making clarinets and mouthpieces in Paris and orders were rolling in from all parts of the country. An assistant was needed and Bundy, with his business training as an asset,



George M. Bundy and Andy Sannella test a 1931 model Selmer saxophone

was engaged for the work. At the same time, Bundy started playing theatres and doing phonograph recording around New York.

Late in 1910 when Alexandre Selmer returned to Paris to help his brother perfect the Selmer instruments, young Bundy, then only twentythree, was left in charge of the American business. In 1917, the supply of French instruments was virtually cut off and there were slim pickings for the Selmer United States operation. Bundy managed to keep it going by cutting his salary to \$25.00 a week and adding to the firm's limited capital from his theatre and recording earnings. When the saxophone craze swept the country, Bundy saw to it that Selmer did its share of the saxophone business; he was aided by his friend Rudy Weidoeft, with whom he made a trip to Europe.

Bundy likes to recall the days before Alex Selmer returned to Paris and Selmer's brusque way with some of the customers. One wellknown clarinetist has never played a Selmer to this day because once when Mr. Alex heard him trying a Selmer in the store, he rushed up and snatched the clarinet away from him, exclaiming, "You do not play well enough to play a Selmer!"

On another occasion Selmer threw a dozen clarinets violently against a brick wall, one by one, because they did not measure up to his precise standards.

It wasn't long before the firm had sixty employees. They were cramped for space. So, in 1927, Bundy moved the wholesale end of the business to Elkhart, Indiana.

Bundy's close contact with professionals enabled him to find out what they wanted in instruments. He toured from coast to coast many times, interviewing professionals in all of the key cities and inducing them to try Selmer instruments. Suggestions for improvements were constantly sent to the Paris office where they were translated into new models which were sent here for further professional tests.

Bundy knew many of today's leading players when they were practically in knee pants— Benny Goodman, Jimmy Dorsey (whose father was a Selmer agent back in Pennsylvania), Paul Lavalle, Harry James, Jimmy Lytell, Artie Shaw, Rudy Vallee, and others.

It was Bundy who recommended Rudy Weidoeft as a teacher to a young student named Hubert Prior Vallee. Vallee was so taken with Weidoeft's wonderful saxophone artistry that he adopted the name Rudy as his own.

During the past ten or fifteen years, Bundy has spent a great deal of his entire time in promoting the cause of music generally. He was one of the organizers of the American Music Conference, a non-profit corporation organized to further the use and enjoyment of music. He can talk about general music promotion by the hour, believes that the golden era of music is still ahead of us, and is a stern advocate of using modern promotion methods to hasten the day when every child receives a thorough music education in the public school system.

As soon as the war was over, Bundy flew to London where he managed to go with one of the first groups of civilians flown into France by army transport plane. On his trip to Paris, Bundy made arrangements for American machinery to be shipped to France to replace some damaged during the war and also additional equipment to permit expanded and improved Selmer production.

After returning from Paris, Bundy carried on at his usual brisk pace, despite warnings by his doctors that he should slow down. Then one day after a week of strenuous meetings and conferences in connection with industry-wide music promotion he lost his sight due to a rupture of tiny blood vessels in the eye. Typical of the man is the fact that he continued to go to his office even after this happened, until doctors told him this would be fatal and the loss of sight permanent unless he underwent a long period of rest.

### **Business** as Usual

His sight hasn't yet returned, but specialists assure Bundy that it will come back. He's taking it a bit easier now, but still cheats on the doctors frequently. His Elkhart associates receive a constant bombardment of memorandums regarding new model instruments, the latest status of artist relations, and a thousand and one other things in connection with Selmer instruments.

His associates are planning to celebrate Bundy's fortieth year with Selmer by selling more Selmer instruments in one month than ever before. Dealers and musicians the country over are sending their congratulations.

## Composers' Conclave



ROY HARRIS

Roy Harris's Violin Concerto this was commissioned last year by the Fynette Kulas American Composers' Fund of Cleveland—is scheduled for performance by the Cleveland Symphony next March. Mr. Harris has recently moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to become head of the theory division of the Music Department of the George Peabody College for Teachers.

Karol Rathaus has completed a Piano Quintet which will be played this coming season.

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Edward Menges received its premiere on July 22nd when it was performed by the St. Louis Little Symphony. The St. Louis critic, Harry R. Burke, describes the work as follows: "It is descriptive music of romantic mood, and delightful humor, as befits the Washington Irving from whom it drew its inspiration . . . It describes the valley in a pastoral opening and moves ... into an eerieness which gives way to mockery; follows the merriment of a folk gathering suggested in a waltz figure, and the ride of Ichabod Crane pursued by the headless horseman."

Arnold Schoenberg has recently written three choral settings of old German folk songs, "Two Comely Maidens," "Now May Has Come With Gladness" and "To Her I Shall Be Faithful," in all of which even the mildest dissonances are carefully prepared.

It is reported that a major Tchaikovsky composition, lost for over a half-century, has been discovered by a professor in the Moscow Conservatory—the original score of his Second Symphony, which he rewrote after critics gave the first version a drubbing.

## The Closing Chord

With the passing of Richard Strauss one of the world's greatest composers has ceased to walk this earth. His works will be played ages hence-and those listening will, thank Heaven, hear in it only the pure music that Strauss meant to convey. He was an innovator and an upsetter of conventions. He knew how to express a humor and impishness new to the world of music. He was also capable of a sensuousness and romanticism rare in any age. As an old man-a bewildered and sometimes baffled old man, for he found himself, suddenly, living in a harsh and brutal world-his creativeness was stemmed, his greatness clouded, his attitude equivocal. Luckily he will be remembered not for those years, not for those temporizings. There were too many years before that when he rendered immeasurable service to mankind, gave gifts whose worth is beyond weighing and reckoning.

Hans Kindler, until recently conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra, passed away on August 30th at the age of fifty-six. Born in Rotterdam, Holland, he first trained as a cellist, became a virtuoso on this instrument. However, at the height of his fame he abandoned

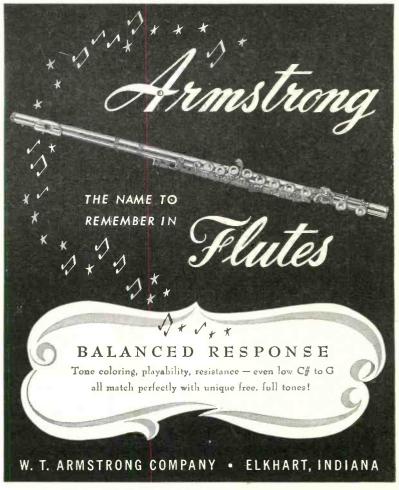


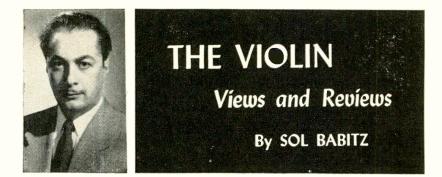
HANS KINDLER

the soloist's career to organize and conduct the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D. C. When he resigned from it last year, owing to ill health, he had built it into one of the major organizations of the country.

Erwin H. Sorensen, president of Local 42, Racine, Wisconsin, for seventeen years, passed away on August 14th. Under his leadership civic affairs and the good name of the local prospered, and his loss is keenly felt by the entire membership.







### SCHOOLS OF BOWING AS A KEY TO STYLE

AVING examined practically every book on violin playing in several languages, I have yet to find one which recommends that the violinist play in a manner which is not "natural." Inasmuch as many of these books disagree as to the correct playing position, it is obvious that the "natural" position which each writer advocates is different in each case.

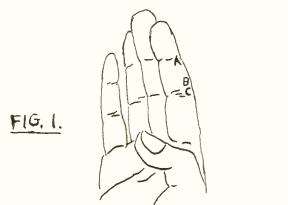
This is as it should be, because violinists are not only built differently anatomically but are also trained in different methods in various countries at various times, and have various musical criteria of style and taste which conform to the technical means, in relation to which they are truly natural. One should therefore not despise other schools as "unnatural," although one may disagree with the resultant style.

Great violinists appear in each generation, some playing one way and some another.

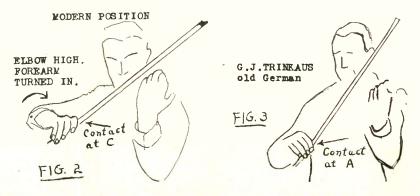
Each school has its advantages and disadvantages; each has its musical characteristics. I, for example, know the advantages and disadvantages of my personal manner of bowing which I chose deliberately because it best conforms to my musical taste. There is no bowing system which has the advantage over every other bowing system in every aspect of musical expression. What one method gains in one respect it loses in another.

Thus a method which includes a high elbow, turned in forearm and advanced index finger is more likely to encourage sostenuto phrasing and powerful tone than delicate dynamic shading.

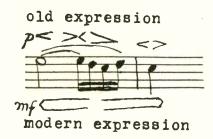
In the following drawing, A represents the point where the index finger conveys pressure to the bow, in the old German school; B in the later French school; C in the modern school. Some violinists hold the bow even closer to the hand than C.



As I have already pointed out, neither A, B nor C is the "natural" position. A comparison of two extremely different schools (Figs. 2 and 3) does not reveal more naturalness in one than the other. If anything, the old looks more relaxed!

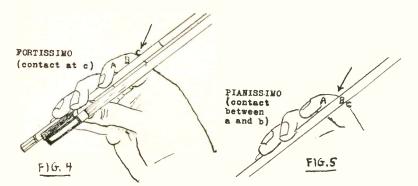


An examination of the foregoing drawings shows that the modern method aims at power and the older at delicacy of expression. When a watchmaker is performing a delicate operation he holds his tool in his fingertips because they are more sensitive and give greater control over small movements. In the following Mozartean phrase:



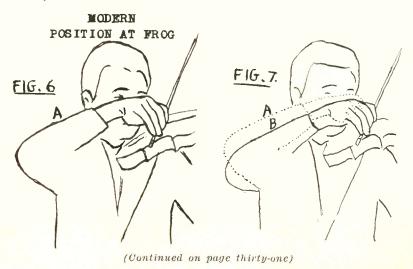
the position shown in Figure 3 makes easy the more sensitive expression shown above the staff with a slight *crescendo* from *piano* to *mezzo-piano*. (Slightly increased vibrato should accompany this *crescendo*.) To imitate the old expression with the modern position would result in a much louder *crescendo* and would be much more difficult than the natural sustained modern expression accompanied by continuous vibrato.

Although sympathetic to the refinement of the old position, I cannot use it today but use a substitute method wherein I shift the hand from a *forte* position to a *piano* position according to the type of music I am playing. As Figures 4 and 5 show, this involves a change of contact with the index finger.



The advantages of this method are a broadening of the dynamic range between triple *pianissimo* and triple *forte*. One of the disadvantages of my method (every method has its disadvantages) is its difficulty. The constant change of grip makes necessary many small muscular adjustments which are unnecessary in the modern method where the fingers maintain their position almost unchanged from one end of the bow to the other.

At no time in the history of violin playing has the elbow been held as high as it is generally held today. This is probably a reaction against the old book-under-the-arm method as well as a means of insuring an unchanged position of the fingers from point to frog. An examination of Figures 6 and 7 will show that the arm can be lowered slightly (Figure 7-B) without impairing the method. I have seen many violinists trained in this school who are already beginning to assume this easier position.



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(l. to r.) Victor Hugo and H. Van den Burg. solo violist, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra



William Lincer, solo violist, New York Philharmonic-Symphony



Harold Newton, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

There are reasons for this. An instrument only a highly complex civilization could have evolved, the viola implies other instruments: quartets, larger ensembles. It was fashioned to fit in. Its function is to provide support, to augment, to enrich, to clarify. With such a purpose, it was made the right size for playing. If it had been given the size for fullest tone, it would have been gauged between the cello and the violin. But then the player would not have been able to hold it under his chin. Not so long ago just such a viola was fashioned. It was to be held like a cello (longer peg, of course)

The writer of this article is indebted to two violists who gave generously of their time and their store of knowledge to explain to her the special attributes of the viola and the special problems of its players. They were William Lincer, solo violist of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, and Milton Katims, violist of the N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.—H. S.

WHEN I started asking violists about their instrument, I expected the usual particularizations regarding tone, difficulties in playing and place in orchestras. In other words, just another instrument. I found out soon enough the viola is more than that. It is a state of mind. Psychoanalysts, if they haven't done so already, should add the viola to their symbols, along with staircases, eggs and snakes. For it is an instrument you don't just play. You live in it as in a country. You breathe it like air. You imbibe it like drink. You are it. and bowed like one. But it looked strange, was hard to manage, didn't catch on. Now violists stick to the under-the-chin position and violas range in size from fourteen to eighteen inches. Result: they sound a bit veiled, on the throaty side. But it's a thing one gets philosophic about, even grows to like. The tone, through its very limitations, gains in mellowness, in persuasiveness. And the viola remains outstandingly *useful*. This idea of service literally saturates its players.

Violas and Violists

Further to underline the instrument's tendency to enmesh its players in a special state of mind, the viola is by nature and circumstance submerged in the orchestral texture. In the 18th century violists just played along an octave above the double bass or umpa-ahed while the violins played the principal part. They were the pale double of the basses and second violins. If the first violin couldn't play very well, he was demoted to second; if he didn't make the grade there, he was put in the viola section. Forsythe in his book on orchestration recalls "the bad old days when viola players were selected merely because they were too wicked or too senile to play the violin." True, there were exceptions. There are grateful passages for viola in Bach's "Brandenburg" Concerto No. 6. Alessandro Rolla, Paganini's teacher, wrote a duet for viola and violin in which the violin plays second fiddle to the viola. (How violists chortle over that!) Karl Stamitz (1746-1801) wrote at least two concertos for it, probably for his tours of Europe as a virtuoso on the instrument. And Berlioz in his "Harold in Italy" gave it serious recognition. Haydn and Mozart, moreover, through their thoughtful scoring, made it an integral and responsible member of the string quartet.

In spite of these happy exceptions, it must be recorded that by and large few 17th and 18th century composers knew how to write for the viola. Its part clung to the violin's, cello's or double bass's. Or it was liaison agent between two sections. Beethoven rarely took the viola above the third position. (Really intricate playing requires all of the positions.) But he nevertheless had tun with it as he did with most of the knotty problems of his life. He wrote a duo for viola and cello "with eye-glass obbligato" since both players for whom it was written were bespectacled.

Carl R. Eckhart, Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra



Abraham Skernick, solo violist, Cleveland Orchestra

Gaetano Molieri, solo violist, Houston Symphony Orchestra



Elizabeth Zwerenz Bell, Portland Symphony Orchestra





(I. to r.) S. Humphreys, W. Gordon, H. Gomez and H. Hogue, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra



Milton Preves, solo violist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra



Spinoza Paeff, solo violist, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

## In Our Orchestras

The tendency to belittle the viola carried over to the 19th century. Wagner, though he showed he could appreciate its special timbre (see Mime's lines, *Nctung heisst ein neidliches Schwert*, in "Siegfried," Act I) scored passages for it in which the tremolo continues for what seems, to violists at least, eternities. Brahms, on the other hand, came out heartily in favor of the instrument—but then he was all but modern.

With the dawn of the 20th century and its encouragement of enterprise in the ranks rather than in the strutting major domo, composers began to allow violas to move anywhere. They were no longer tied to violin, cello or bass but could take top or bass of a chord. Their range was extended. Violists started to climb their fingerboards like violinists. In short, the viola began to display a personality of its own.

Composers have achieved greater independence for the instrument (and may my puns be forgiven me!) largely by following the Primrose path. For it is William Primrose, a native of Scotland, who has paved the way toward fuller expressiveness on the instrument. (Maurice Vieux of France and Lionel Tertis of England preceded him in this good office.) Thus a whole series of composers—Bax, Scott, Bridge, Vaughan-Williams, McEwen, Bowen—have brought into being a repertoire for the viola worthy of its scope, one requiring of the player the same development of and finesse in technique as is asked of the violinist or cellist.

Thus the vicla's peculiar individuality has come gradually to be appreciated. Richard Strauss, with exquisite discrimination, has the viola take the part of Sancho Panza while the cello portrays Don Quixote. Georges Enesco in his "Roumanian Rhapsody" shows good feeling for the viola. Hindemith (a violist himself) scores knowingly for it. Morton Gould, R. Russell Bennett, Milhaud, Alexander Tansman, have written viola concertos. Today's violist in developing his repertoire has fifty-five concerts from which to choose. Mr. Lincer is to be soloist with the New York Philharmonic on November 5th at the local premiere of a concerto by Jean Rivier.

What is this curious instrument, so long subdued yet so necessary to the orchestra's texture? It is one-fifth lower than the violin. Take off the upper string of the violin (which is also tuned in fifth) and string a thicker string a fifth lower than the "G" and you have the viola's range.

Requirements for playing the instrument are strong, large, flexible hands, a cooperative spirit and a flair for basking in anonymity. Since the viola's strings are larger and thicker than the violin's, greater pressure is required of the left fingers as well as more concentrated pressure of the bow hand. In fact, the whole articulation has to be a bit firmer. Passages must be assayed distinctly and fluently rather than lightly and rapidly. The left hand must have the ability to stretch great distances, and the vibrato has to be wider and more intense. The viola's bow is, incidentally, a bit shorter than the violin's.

Ten to twelve violas are usually the complement of major symphony orchestras, and their seating position is as a rule front-center. Six are the requi-

site for the smaller orchestras. One of the violists is the "solo" and plays the passages so designated. Aside from this leader in his section, there are no "firsts" and "seconds" as there are in the violins. All violas play the same music. With one exception. When the conductor orders *divisi* the outside violists play the upper line and the inside the lower. Or if the conductor wants the part divided three ways, the first pair of violists plays one part; the second pair, another; the third yet another. And so on down (or up) the line. (Continued on next page)



Milton Katims, N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra

Lloyd Elaine Kranz, Louisville Orchestra



Claude Carlson, solo violist, San Antonio Symphony Orchestra

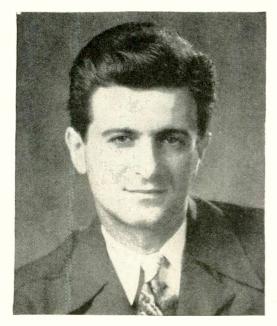


Everett Gates, solo violist, Oklahoma State Symphony



Glenn Reeves, solo violist, Portland Symphony Orchestra





Marvin Rabin Louisville Orchestra

Mr. Lincer explained the special problems of the violist in the symphony orchestra thus: "We have to be very careful to temper the sound not only in pitch but in dynamics as well. For we often play the fifth above the prime. And it is a well-known fact that this fifth can set a new tonality if it is the least bit exaggerated. If we are too loud or too insistent, another key is established. We can throw a whole string section out of kilter. Thus we have to deal in subtleties not required of the principals. Moreover we suggest which direction the development is taking—underline, exaggerate, where necessary."

Violists who have it thus in their power to upset the whole social structure of the orchestra yet who fulfill patiently year after year their task of filling in, rounding out, easing roughness, softening harshness, underlining dynamic and tonal development, pointing up effects (of other sections) and generally making themselves useful, must have not only the physical requirements of playing and a love for their instrument but a social consciousness above the ordinary. As Mr. Lincer put it with wistful exuberance, "If the inhabitants of the world were only one-



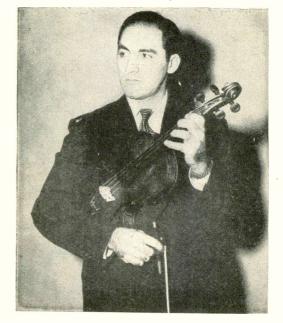
William Primrose Concert Violist



Virginia Kershner, solo violist, Louisville Orchestra

tenth as cooperative as the members of the viola section of a symphony orchestra, we'd *get* somewhere!"

But the violist is something besides all this.



Joseph de Pasquale, solo viola, Boston Symphony Orchestra

Milton Katims of the N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra points out that these grave watchers over symphonic weal are usually the intellectuals of the orchestra. Philosophic they must be to remain in their positions. But they accentuate this tendency by shifting gaze outside working hours to horizons of science, politics and art. They have libraries. They collect rare antiques. They play chess rather than poker. They have opinions. They discuss. They ponder.

Discerning concert-goers sense this when they hear the voice of the viola in a symphony or chamber music group. Or when they listen to an exquisite designation such as it is accorded in Debussy's Trio for Flute, Viola and Harp. They note that the players, like their instruments, have mellowness, graciousness, dignity. They detect as well an altogether natural sensitivity. Such as one violist indicated when he told me with an aggrieved shrug: "At least proofreaders have got out of the habit of thinking *violist* is just a misspelling of *violinist* and of altering the word accordingly!"

-Hope Stoddard.

The Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester began its 29th year this September 26th, a year which will mark the celebration of Howard Hanson's 25th anniversary as director of the school. In these twenty-five years many awards and honors have been granted Dr. Hanson in his work as music educator, composer and teacher, the most recent of which has been his appointment by the State Department as a member of the United States delegation at the International Conference of UNESCO which is currently meeting in Paris.

Canterbury College, Danville, Indiana, has announced its intention of awarding music scholarships consisting of granting technical fees to student musicians for artistic services rendered

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for the college as members of the Canterbury Symphonetta through concerts on campus and guest appearances. Information may be obtained by writing to the college News Service, Danville, Indiana.

The Texas Rose Festival of Tyler, Texas, commissioned Frederic Balazs to write and arrange the musical material for the festive pageant of 1949. The orchestra is a joint ensemble of members of both the Wichita Falls and the Dallas Symphony orchestras.

An anonymous donor has presented \$3,000 to the Berkshire Music Center, and it has been added to the Jascha Heifetz Fund for Violinists. The fund is now \$9,000, which amount is expected to provide an annual net income sufficient to pay for a scholarship of about \$400.

Fifteen scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 have been announced by Victor Norman and Marie Blanchette, directors of the Connecticut School of Music. These cover courses with majors in piano, voice, violin, and cello. All applications must be addressed to the Connecticut School of Music, 202 Pequot Avenue, New London, Connecticut.

In the article on the bassoon in the August issue, we mentioned that Anthony Checchia was a pupil of Hans Meuser. His teacher was instead Ferdinand Del Negro. We stand corrected. Save up to \$6500 CASE GIVEN FREE WITH Selmer Super-Action Sax!

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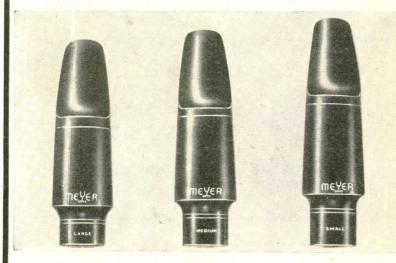
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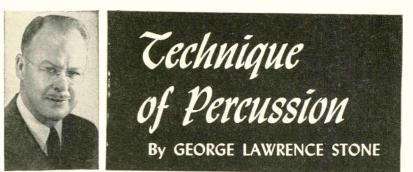
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### HOW ATTACK THE ROLL?

From Springfield, Illinois, comes the query from W. B. D.: "Is an accent at the beginning of a snare drum roll executed better by a one-stick or a two-stick attack?"

Personally I prefer to start a roll, accented or otherwise, with one stick. I do not like the two-stick attack because in it both sticks are thrown down onto the drumhead at the same time. This chokes the drum tone. The remainder of the roll must of course be produced by regular speed of hand alternation as it is an impossibility to maintain a roll with two sticks striking continuously. Thus a change in the character of the roll occurs between its attack and its continuance.

For most playing, the one-stick attack will give you all the accent you want and the roll may be maintained at the same speed of hand alternation from start to finish. This makes for a smooth, even roll (*long tone* to other players) and such a roll is more in accordance with musical standards.

You might argue that an explosive attack of a roll *should* sound different from its continuance. To this I agree, but an accent at the beginning of a roll is intended to denote a variance in the *power* of the roll but not necessarily in its *character*.

Of course there are cases in which a drummer, while not preferring a certain technique in one instance, might find it most effective in another; e.g., in vaudeville or circus work where, in catching falls and kicks, interpretation of the performers' wishes becomes paramount, and accepted methods of production often must take second place. In this connection I recall the words of a drummer-friend of mine, spoken long ago in discussing the rough-and-ready aspects of vaudeville playing: "In catching falls I often have to throw the book out the window—but I don't often miss a fall."

### N. A. R. D.

An executive meeting of the National Association of Rudimental Drummers was held quite unexpectedly at the Stone Studio in Boston on August 11th, when Secretary William F. Ludwig, accompanied by President J. Burns Moore, dropped in on Vice-President George Lawrence Stone for an informal visit. It had been planned that this trio would participate in a little vacation through Maine and up into Canada to help the Secretary break in his new Cadillac. Unfortunately for the V. P., business intervened at the last minute, thus preventing him from joining the party. However, that the one day together be not an entire loss, the aforesaid meeting was suggested, took place and, after a not too exhausting discussion of NARD affairs, the entire gathering (all three) adjourned to a Boston eatery to partake of a New England fish dinner.

To those who may not know, NARD started in Chicago in 1933. During an afternoon of the American Legion National Convention there, Bill Ludwig corralled a group of well-known rudimenters into the Lyon and Healey store for an informal get-together. In addition to Bill there was Burns Moore, dean of Connecticut drummers; Bill Kieffer, then of the Washington Marine Band; Bill Hammond and Heine Gerlach of Pittsburgh; Ed. Straight, Roy Knapp, Harry Thompson, George Robertson, Bill Flowers, Joe Hathaway and Billy Miller, all of Chicago, and "Yours Truly" from Boston.

Drums were provided, and these individuals were persuaded (with very little effort) to sling them over their shoulders and show their wares individually and later collectively. When they all got together the thunder of thirteen big drums being pounded simultaneously blocked traffic on Wabash Avenue and Jackson Boulevard and almost caused a riot. The boys pounded away to the delight of all present except a few wives who, after ten hours (4:30 next morning), figured matters had gone far

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enough and that they were willing to sell the whole thing then and there for a sandwich, coffee and some sleep.

However, out of this meeting was born NARD, its sole qualification for membership, the ability to drum the essential rudiments in the traditional manner and its aims to perpetuate these rudiments, standardize drumming, and further its interests generally. "Rude and not mental" its members say of themselves deprecatingly, but, seriously, they endeavor to represent the best in drumming.

Membership in NARD cannot be bought. To join you must hunt up a member and drum the rudiments before him in the open-closed-open style (slow to fast to slow, starting and ending with sticks high above the head), as did the old masters of the instrument. When and if the "judge" says okay, you're a member. Thus you virtually drum your way in!

NARD is by no means confined to old-timers. Any drummer, ancient or modern, may join if he can play the rudiments acceptably. Krupa belongs. So does Johnny Williams. In fact, almost any top-flight swinger vou can name.

### GENE KRUPA

I always suspected that this ace drummer-man was made of iron. Now I am sure of it. On Wednesday night of the week in which this little squib is being written Gene entered a Boston hospital and submitted to a minor surgical operation. Thursday morning he was running around the hospital vis ting the other patients and on Friday night he was back again on the job. In answer to my question as to what I could say for him to his many friends, he said, "Give them all my regards and tell them that I haven't got time to be sick.'

### PETE MIETZNER

Going from the modern extreme to the ancient, I recently received a visit from Pete Mietzner, who came in to do a little drumming. Pete comes from Manchester, Connecticut, and drumming with him has been a lifetime hobby.

Pete's forebears drummed in the old Moodus Corps, one of the oldest organized drum corps in Connecticut (and this country), with ninety years' history behind it. Pete follows Moodus style, and it is a treat of treats to hear him beat out the old drumbeats with the accents and mannerisms of his drumming ancestors.

He plays on a priceless old Eli Brown drum, size 19 x 19, and his sticks, which he strikes anywhere from eight inches to over his head, are about two sizes smaller than baseball bats. Pete never learned to rebound. Therefore every beat is distinct. With this technique he doesn't have to have a clear day and a tight drumhead to do his stuff. Believe it or not, he has drummed Connecticut Halftime for me on the shoulder of my coat, with every beat coming out as clearly as on a drum.

### **BIGGEST BASS DRUM**

Answering J. T., Portland, Maine: I believe the largest bass drum ever made was the one especially constructed for Bandmaster Patrick S. Gilmore and played in his aggregation of 2.000 musicians at the Grand Peace Jubilee held in Boston in June, 1872.

This drum measured twelve feet in diameter, over thirty-six feet in circumference, and weighed 600 pounds, which, so far as I know, establishes the record in this country.

The shell was in three sections of rock-maple boards, one-eighth of an inch in thickness, each section being fastened to the others with glue and copper bolts. Six hundred feet of one-inch manila rope and seventyeight drum ears were required to put this monster in proper trim for use.

The heads were made of cow-hide. (My guess is that it took more than one hide to make one of these heads.) The ornamentations on them were elaborate and handsome. On one head appeared the insignia of all European nations, circumscribing a centerpiece containing an embellished scroll with the words Universal Peace. Beneath that was the American eagle, holding in his beak the motto, in gilt letters, E Pluribus Unum, and in his talons the shield of America intertwined with laurel.

On the other head the ornamentation consisted of the insignia of the original thirteen states of America, and beneath these-encircling a center scroll containing the words Let Us Have Peace-were the shields of those states that had since been admitted into the Union. Under the scroll was painted a white dove bearing the olive branch, and beneath the dove were flags of all nations entwined with laurel.

Certainly we could use some sort of a peace drum today!





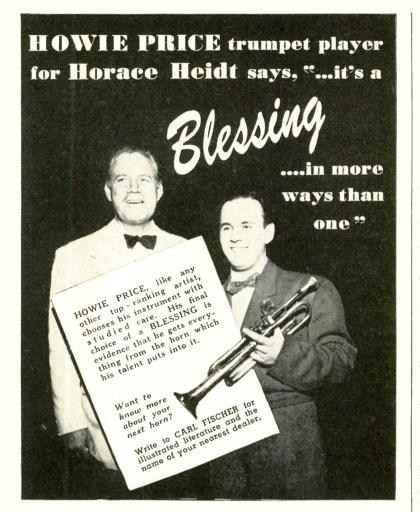
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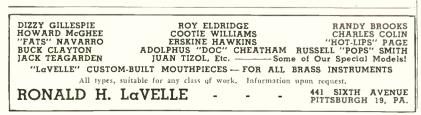
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## **Over Federation Field**

### By CHAUNCEY A. WEAVER

Symphony for Just-Almost Seven When I was 'most seven, I knew of a

road That climbed to the top of a hill. And the world was so lovely up there

near the sky— So praceful and happy and still,

That the little road stopped where a spring tinkled out By the side of a blackberry vine. I'd gather some blackberries, jnicy and

sweet, And there like a king I would dine.

And there like a king r domin and, Then, queaching my thirst from the spring, I would sit To Nature's great orchestra thrilling. While the tinkle of water, the sigh of the wind.

And the songbirds' melodious trilling Led a symphony finer than man ever

wrote, On a stage that reached clear up to

heaven; And a special performance was played

every day For a lad who was just-almost seven. Alfred I. Tooke.

In the early days of our contributions to "Over Federation Field" we began the practice of using a poetic introduction. We always endeavored to make selections possessed of recognized merit. Occasionally we had the audacity to publish a composition of our own. In the recent August issue our selection was "Sea Fever," from the pen of John Masefield. When the August International Musician appeared, the poem appeared without Masefield's name. Someone may think, "Can Weaver have the audacity to try and palm off a Masefield poem as his own?" Perish the thought! these opening lines are designed to correct the error. John Masefield, the English poet and dramatist, was born in 1875 and became British Poet Laureate in 1930. His fame rests in part on the sea ballads which have come from his pen—among the list being "Sca Fever."

We are in receipt of an Edition de Luxe Musicians' Directory, Local 47, Los Angeles. Up-to-date mem-bership—13,662. This directory con-sists of 343 pages. The combined instrumental classification is something to ponder! It is as follows:

thing to ponder! It is as follows: Arrangers, 1,115; Accordions, 544, plus 41 Electric Accordions; Banjos, 400; Bassoons, 117; Bazookas, 2; Bongoes, 44; Basifon, 1; Brazilian Rhythm Instruments, 17; Bugles, 21; Calaphone, 1; Calliopes, 9; Castinets, 2; Cavaquinhos, 2; Celestes, 44; Cellos, 336; Chinese Moons, 2; Clarinets, 2,296; Contra Bass Clarinets, 3; E-flat Clarinets, 14; Claves, 67; Clarinets, 511: Concertinas. 6: Conductors, 374; Clarinets, 14; Claves, 67; Clarinets, 5; L-hat Clarinets, 14; Claves, 67; Clarinets, 511; Concertinas, 6; Conductors, 374; Congas, 23; Copyists, 350; Cor de Chasse, 1; Cuban Rhythm Instruments, Chasse, 1; Cuban Rhythm Instruments, 55; Goofus Horn, 1; Cymbals, 36; Domras, 9; Drums and Traps, 1,319; Bass Drums, 60; Drum Majors, 17; South Sea Drums, 8; Tahitian Drums, 8; Tom-Tom, 1; English Horn, 87; Entertainers, 177; Euphoneums, 13; Fife and Drum Corps, 21; Flageolet, 1; Elutes and Piccolos 557; Eluered Flutes and Piccolos, 557; Fluegel Horns, 6; French Horns, 180; Glocken-spiels, 12; Gooch-Gadget, 1; Guiros, 24; Guitars, 1,656; Harmonicas, 68;

Harmoniums, 12; Harps, 103; Jew's Harps, 8; Jugs, 5; Librarians, 48; Lutes, 3; Mandocellos, 10; Mandolins, 73; Maraccas, 117; Marimbas, 32; Mellophones, 32; Musettes, 3; Oboes, 170; Ocarinas, 31; Octavins, 41; Organs, 1,054; Pianos, 3,408; Saxo-phones, 2,215; Schemer, 181; Mellophones, 32; Musettes, 3; Oboes, 170; Ocarinas, 31; Octavins, 41; Organs, 1,054; Pianos, 3,408; Saxo-phones, 2,315; Solovoxs, 121; Sousa-phones, 69; String Basses, 1,289; Trombones, 820; Trumpets, 1,509; Tubas, 273; Tune Detective, 1; Tym-pani, 321; Unafon, 1; Vibrachord, 1; Vibra Harps, 58; Vibraphones, 154; Violins, 2,286; Violas, 508; Artistic Whistling, 4; Zither, 1; Xylophones, 117; Telephones, everybody.

How it happens that the Dinner Horn was overlooked is an out-standing mystery in this remark-able compilation. Nevertheless we shall treasure this directory. To the sender thereof - our sincere thanks.

We never dreamed that the name of "Weaver" would inspire the poetic muse. But Florida soil is prolific; and from a Miami garden the following comes to life under the careful cultivation of Helen Haugen of 443 N. W. Fourth St.introduced by the following explan-atory note: "I have written the image of your name in 'My Book of Names.' Thought you might like a copy." lt follows:

### CHAUNCEY

- Silver strings of harp of gold Weare the braviljul story: The most glorious love ever told. In the wreath of evergreen glory. Swing wide the golden gate. Of the famous Hall of Fame, And box with a bit of fate

- Of the merits of a name. cave the singing, restless waves. With the bells of the highest mountain; And unlock the door of the cave.
- From where flows the precious joun-
- tain. Tune the heart strings of silver and
- gold. With the truest message of heart and soul.

Well, well! Too bad-the rules of rhythm forbade the addition of "er" as a caudal appendage to Weave!

But never-the-less, the urge is impossible of repression:

### TO HELEN

For me to be recorded, In your budding flower game; Thus mustered as immortal, We at last have captured fame! To be o'erlooked by Helen Haugen, Would be a cruel rate, Hence we'll slide on her toboygan, And trust the rest to jate!

There are marked indications of a growing popularity in band concert music. Of course the band has long enjoyed a status of importance in a certain type of community and general public affairs. The recent summer season public urge budded and blossomed into whole-hearted experimentation. In Des Moinesif illustration may be pardoned-a series of six concerts, on six consecutive Sunday evenings, a band

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of fifty-five pieces, under the leader- his long-established music business ship of Lorain Watters, without a at Clarinda, lowa; and, lo, and besingle interruption on account of in- hold! a letter comes from him from clement weather, played on the Harwich Port, Mass., where he is west-side slope of the Iowa state cosily ensconced with his daughter. capitol building to audiences consisting of thousands of delighted figure in Iowa band and military people. **KRNT** radio staff, was the eloquent his particular line, extends far be-and instructive announcer of each yond the lines of his long-resided number played. Des Moines busi- commonwealth. Still in excellent ness interests were liberal fund health, he boldly declares that if the contributors, and the closing con-cert was climaxed by an enthusiastic acclaim for another series of band programs during the summer season of 1950. From reports coming in from all parts of the country the summer band concert movement has been a great success. It is a heartening demonstration-and one sure to bring forth widening endorsement.

Editor Richard McCann, of the Local 802 (N. Y.) "Allegro," refers to the Washington, D. C., political hippodrome as "The Eighty-Worst Congress." We are content to let it go at that.

At the age of ninety years, Major and far-famed city. Congratula-George W. Landers has disposed of tions!

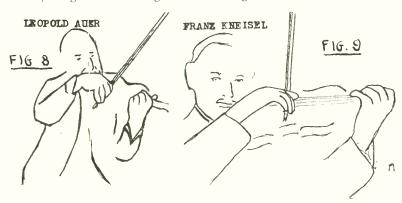
The Major has been a familiar Bob Burlingame, of the circles for a lifetime. His fame, in Cape Cod peninsula becomes too monotonous-back to Clarinda he will go. Perhaps the next time we hear from him he will be wearing the sturdy petals of a century plant for a button-hole bouquet. It is a superlative gesture to wish him a long life-it is already within his grasp. Come to think about itwe would not be surprised to hear that he has already organized a Harwich, Cape Cod, band!

> Interesting news comes from Denver, Colorado. Our old friend, Mike Muro, long-time President of Local 20, recently won a Chevrolet automobile at a drawing held at Mount Carmel Church in that picturesque

### THE VICLIN Views and Reviews

### (Continued from page twenty-two)

The following drawing of Leopold Auer reveals the difficulties of the high position at the frog. Kneisel, combining the old with the new and adjusting his index finger to the change, has an easier time of it.



I have introduced the last drawings to demonstrate that ease or awkwardness are not vital factors in a bowing method. If the right arm is capable of putting into sound the musical ideas of the player (provided he have musical ideas) the right arm is adequate no matter how many laws of "nature" it breaks in the process.

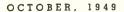
This idea is only valid if the player gets his ideas from his inner musical consciousness instead of having them dictated by his muscles. Too many players do not permit themselves to get musical ideas which are too advanced for their hands, and allow technique to dictate interpretation.

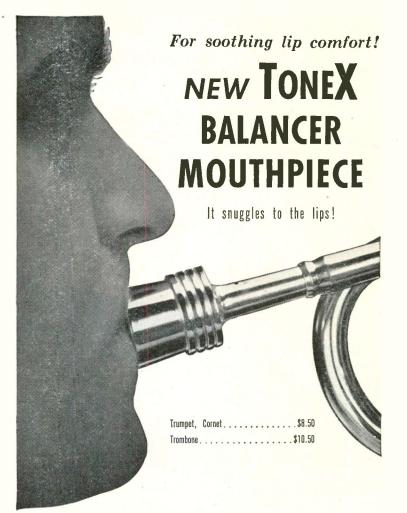
If in the following example from Beethoven



the player finds that his *sforzando* and *crescendo* do not have sufficient Beethovenian anger, that his *piano* is "full-bodied" instead of breathtaking, that he roust keep changing bows in the slow tempo and that there is a general lack of smoothness and ease, he might be justified in suspecting his right arm technique despite the fact that it is otherwise "natural" and possessed of a good staccato and "big" tone.

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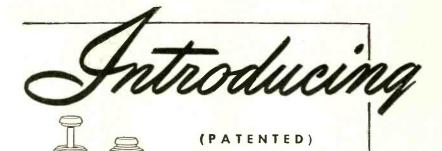


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SIMPLE MELODY (Victor) Jean Sablon. Here's pleasant listening to an entertainer who really knows how to sell a song. Reverse side "At the Cafe Rendezvous."

LOVE IS SUCH A CHEAT (Victor) Freddy Martin and his Orchestra.

Subtitled "The Gypsy Song," this harks back to the "Sabre Dance." Clever lyrics. Other side—"My Own, My Only, My All."

THAT LUCKY OLD SUN (Decca) Louis Armstrong with Gordon Jenkin's Orchestra, with BLUEBERRY HILL.

"Old Sun' is sure to win, and "Blueberry Hill" will not be far behind.

YES, SIR, THAT'S MY BABY (Capitol) Nat "King" Cole and The Trio.

Capitol is going all out recording the old numbers: "That Certain Feeling," "That's numbers: "That Certain Feeling," "That's My Weakness Now," "Button Up Your Overcoat." So far the new treatment only rings true when performed by the "King."

LAND OF LOVE (Capitol) Nat "King" Cole. Back to "Nature Boy," but tied neatly by The Trio and Cole.

YOU'RE MY THRILL (Columbia Set C-189) Doris Day with Orchestral Accompaniment.

Doris Day is a lass who has a deft way with a ballad. She sings with a mixture of freshness and sophistication that has become associated with the Day name.

MERRY CHRISTMAS POLKA (Decca) An-

drew Sisters with Guy Lombardo's Orchestra. This is as good as "Winter Wonderland" and destined to be a real hit.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES (Decca) Andrew Sisters with Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra. ICHABOD (Victor) Tex Beneke and his Orchestra.

Tex Beneke plays two tunes from Walt Disney's new picture, "Adventures of Icha-bod and Mr. Toad." Plattermate to "Icha-bod" is "Katrina." Typical Beneke treatment.

JEALOUS HEART (Victor) Bill Lawrence with Vocal Quartet and Orchestra.

A good ballad well sung by a good performer.

MISS LIBERTY (Columbia Set MM-860) Lyrics and music by Irving Berlin, book by Robert Sherwood. Performed by the Original Broadway Cast. Directed by Moss Hart.

From the beginning to the end this album is good fun. The tunes are extremely singable, the lyrics competent and sometimes clever, and the cast performs with freshness and good humor.

WHO'LL BE THE NEXT ONE TO CRY OVER YOU (Decca) Mills Brothers.

The usual impeccable Mills' style. Should be as good as "Paper Doll."

I WANT YOU TO WANT ME (Decca) Mills Brothers.

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HOLLYWOOD SQUARE DANCE (Victor)

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye. This is good fun with Laura Leslie doing the singing, and Sammy Kaye as the square dance caller.

SLEEPY HOLLOW (Victor) The Pied Pipers with Orchestra conducted by Skip Martin.

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MUSIC OF LECUONA (Columbia Set MX-318) Morton Gould conducting The Robin Hood Dell Orchestra of Philadelphia.

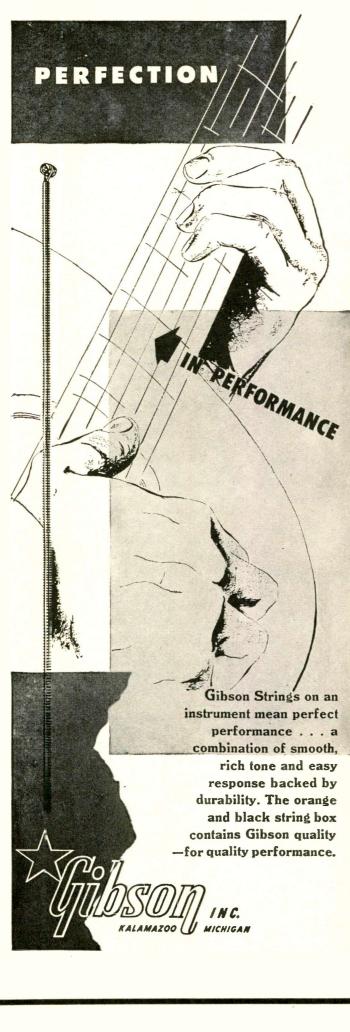
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The so-called "Triple Concerto" is one of Beethoven's lesser-known works, but it is interesting to note that this is the only one of his compositions in which more than one solo instrument is associated with the orchestra. There are three movements-(1) Allegro, (2) Largo and (3) Rondo alla Polacca. The final movement is in the form of a polonaise, a not-too-common form in Beethoven's literature. Bruno Walter (famous as a Beethoven interpreter) has given a wonderful reading of the score. and the work of the soloists and orchestra is uniformly good.

THE WALTZES OF JOHANN STRAUSS Marek Weber and his Orchestra. (Columbia Set C-188).

This album should be of interest to figure skaters.



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-second Annual Convention of the American Federation of Musicians

### FOURTH DAY

### CIVIC AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

RESOLUTION No. 81.

MEASURES AND BENEFITS WHEREAS, In many of the smaller Locals a haphazard method of bookkeeping is used, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws requires Local secretaries and or any person handling funds of the Local and Federation to be bonded, and

WHEREAS, Many members elected to these offices have no knowledge of bookkeeping, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Federation shall set up a simplified yet adequate bookkeeping system for use by Locals of 300 or less, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That for the protection of these Local secretaries or any other person handling funds, no Local of 300 members or less shall be permitted to use any other form of bookkeeping system, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Federation shall furnish these books at cost to the Local. ARCH MERRIFIELD.

Local 113.

The report of the Committee is unfavorable.

Discussed by Delegates Merrifield, Local 113; Stigler. Local 601; Beauchamp, Local 615; Shortridge, Local 505; Foster, Local 687.

Motion is made that the matter be referred to the President.

The motion is adopted.

Chairman Ringius thanks the Committee for its cooperation.

The Committee on Law continues its report:

### RESOLUTION No. 21.

WHEREAS, In 1939 the International Executive Board ruled that no bands or orchestras could broadcast free of charge to solicit engagements, announce itineraries, etc., and

WHEREAS, This ruling was relaxed in 1947 to allow local autonomy with but two restrictions remaining, and

WHEREAS, Such rulings may be found only by rechecking old Board minutes or writing to the President's office, as they are not incorporated into the National By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, Such situations are ruled on from time to time by the Board that directly affect every Local such as (are cooperative bands allowed, etc.) BE IT RESOLVED, That de-

BE IT RESOLVED, That decisions of the International Executive Board affecting general policy shall be published monthly in a special box in the International Musician, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That one of the first items of Convention business shall be to approve or disapprove these decisions so that approved changes may be added to the National By-Laws.

OR

If Convention approval is not needed, these changes be automatically included in the yearly revision of National By-Laws.

EDWARD J. MOORE, JR., Local 132.

The report of the Committee is unfavorable.

The report is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 23. LAW

WHEREAS, The adoption of the Traveling Book has proved satisfactory and has effected a saving to many traveling members by elimination of paying dues to more than one Local (exclusive of their home Local) during any threemonth period, and

WHEREAS, The Traveling Book and Transfer Card are similar in purpose, but due to circumstances many Locals and members are confused and after a Transfer Card is issued certain conditions may alter the case and a Traveling Book is required, and vice versa.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, That the Transfer Card be discontinued and the Traveling Book be used by all members leaving their home Local either for traveling or to establish residence in the jurisdiction of another Local.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That Article 14, titled "Transfers" be changed by deleting the words Transfer Card throughout and substituting the words "Traveling Book."

#### ARTHUR H. ARBAUGH, Local 223.

The report of the Committee is unfavorable.

Discussed by Delegates Arbaugh, Local 223; Gallagher, Local 43; Secretary Cluesmann, Delegate Dowell, Local 149.

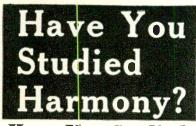
The unfavorable report of the Committee is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 24. LAW

RESOLVED, That any member of the Federation who threatens and/or does bodily harm to any officer of the Federation or of any Local of the Federation when in the performance of his or her duty as such, shall be, if proven guilty of said offense, fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars or suspension or both.

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The report is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 25.

LAW

Change Article 14, Section 11 of the National By-Laws to read as follows:

"A member who has deposited a card in a jurisdiction cannot leave same, while his card is on deposit, to play engagements in his home Local later returning to the jurisdiction in which he deposited his card. A member who is guilty of such violation shall have his card revoked by the Local."

VINCENT E. SPECIALE, ALFONSO PORCELLI, Local 661.

The Committee offers the following amendment:

"A member who has deposited his transfer card in a Local cannot leave same while his card is on deposit without the consent of that Local. A member who is guilty of such violation shall have his transfer card revoked by that Local."

Discussed by Delegate Cintura, Local 427.

The report of the Committee is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 26. LAW

WHEREAS, Some of our bands carrying individual vocalists list the vocalist as part of the personnel and the vocalist's wages are figured in on the contract, and other bands just mention the vocalist, and the remuneration is not disclosed, and

WHEREAS, Some of these vocalists at times have and use devices that are not musical instruments or at best are "false" instruments, such as home-made contraptions, or a glorified gourd with strings on it, sometimes beaten with a brush or switch to add to the rendition of the orchestra playing the engagement, and

WHEREAS, This Local protested the use of these improvised rhythm instruments or devices by a nonmember, and found permission had been granted for such use. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That a vocalist traveling with an orchestra be prohibited from using any kind of contraption or device that lends background rhythm to the rendition of an orchestra, unless he or she has a membership card in the American Federation of Musicians. MARTIN O. LIPKE,

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The Committee offers the following amendment:

Change the last paragraph to read:

"THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, That any person performing with an orchestra ... etc."

The report of the Committee is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 27.

WHEREAS, There are many areas confined within the jurisdiction of our Locals containing cities of considerable population in which there is no Local, and

WHEREAS, Many small Locals have very large geographical areas to police, with inadequate man power to accomplish the work, and

WHEREAS, One of the best incentives in the past was for towns of adequate size to obtain a charter of their own. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3 of the Constitution be amended to read minimum of 30 musical performers may apply for a charter (instead of 50), all other provisions to remain as previously adopted.

MARTIN O. LIPKE,

VICTOR I. CARPENTER, Local 270.

The report of the Committee is unfavorable.

The report is adopted.

### RESOLUTION No. 28. LAW

WHEREAS, Our democratic representation, as embodied in delegates to our National Convention, follows the general plan of state and local governments. whereby each Local has representation, and

WHEREAS, In the case of state and city governments, if a representative moves from the state, or an alderman moves from one ward to another, he or she immediately loses the right to represent the people in the state or ward (as the case may be) he or she formerly lived in, and,

WHEREAS, In Article VI of our Constitution, this provision has not been set up, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Effective with the next Convention, that Article 6 of the Constitution be amended to provide that delegates to the National Convention must reside in or maintain an office (when the delegate is an officer of a Local) in the jurisdiction of the Local represented, i.e., An officer may reside in an adjoining jurisdiction—providing he maintains a Local office in the jurisdiction of the Local he represents.

MARTIN O. LIPKE, Local 610. VICTOR I. CARPENTER, Local 270. HORACE ANDERSON, Local 519. The introducers request permission to withdraw the resolution. Permission is granted.

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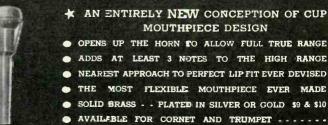
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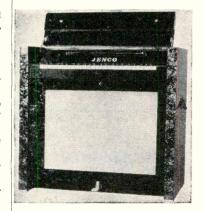


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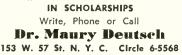
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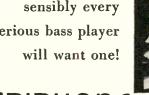


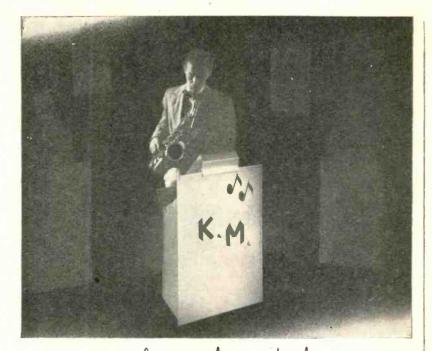
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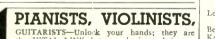
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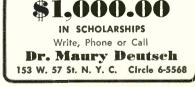
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