

Primrose, Guest Performer, Reveals Art of Making Violas

BY SAM WARREN.

William Primrose, guest viola soloist last night in the season's first symphony concert, entertained reporters yesterday with



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WILLIAM PRIMROSE

accounts of how to make a viola, of his latest Central American tour, and of his parents' buzz-bombed home in London!

Altho his own viola was made in 1592 by Stradivarius' teacher, Amati, he has proof that excellent instruments can be made today. In fact, a new American-made viola accompanies the rare Amati wherever Mr. Primrose travels on tour. "I plan to use my Amati tonight," he said, "but just before the concert I may decide to play the other one instead."

Blends with Music.

"You see," he continued, "the old viola has such a beautiful quality that in the lower tone-register it tends to blend in with the orchestral background, instead of standing out as a solo voice." The more brilliant tone of the new viola does not have this melding tendency. However, he explained, new instruments must be made of aged woods. The maple and pine woods of the viola made by Moenig of Philadelphia "have been handed down from generation to generation and so are very old."

Jamaica Folk Rhythms.

Mr. Primrose, who played several numbers drawn from Jamaican folk-rhythms, found that the natives of Central America were

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ing money from the city of Lincoln but the difficulty there would be that the city plans for housing for all veterans, not just students. Naturally, the city would make no discrimination between veterans attending the university and those working in Lincoln.

Money obtained from the state government would come from state taxes and would have to be appropriated by the legislature.

The problem facing the university is a serious one and most students and citizens do not realize the complications involved in the simple-appearing solutions, Mr. Selleck declared. Not only university students are involved but the situation is the same all over Lincoln.

Secure Living Quarters.

Lee W. Chatfield, assistant dean of student affairs in charge of housing, urged veterans intending to enroll in the university the second semester to secure living quarters before Christmas.

At present, the university could place from 40 to 50 veterans and wives in housekeeping facilities, but places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, Chatfield said. Vacancies are appearing more frequently in Lincoln now because of closing of the Lincoln Army Air Field and an appeal made recently by university, state and municipal authorities in Lincoln.

EARLY VACATIONEERS.

All coeds leaving early for Christmas vacation should speak to their professors about missing classes. AWS is giving no special overnight permissions for such early leaves.

Upon returning on Jan. 6, all women students are to be in by 10:30 p. m. No students will be given late permissions for that night according to Midge Holtzcher, AWS president.

glad to sing their folk songs for him, and strangely enough he heard the very tunes from which the arranger Arthur Benjamin had made piano pieces which in turn Mr. Primrose transcribed for viola. Asked if he encountered any outbreaks in politically-unstable Venezuela, Mr. Primrose laughed, "No outbreaks at all—except at my concerts!"

Returns to Europe.

Altho he plans to return to Europe for a visit in April, he will not go for a concert tour, but rather to see again his family who moved to London when Primrose studied there as a child. He explains the lack of composition coming from Europe because "Europe is too busy looking for something to eat to compose music." The utter devastation is not conducive to music-writing, he thinks except possibly in England which suffered a little less than the continent.

As for those who aspire to concert fame, the Scotland-born U. S. citizen advocates a sound musical preparation before even seeking one of those "breaks" that are all-important to young careers. And while New York critics may rave about a musician, it still takes the support of the whole country to "make" an artist. New York is the starting point for careers "probably," he smiled "because the boats land there!"

YM Membership Total Increases To 104 Men

After being inactive for a year and a half, the newly organized YMCA has a total of 104 members on both city and ag campuses, according to Gordon Lippitt, executive secretary.

Speaking at a meeting of the YM board of management Monday noon, Mr. Lippitt indicated that over 350 men were contacted in the YM program during November. He stated that 62 meetings were held during November with a total participation of 483 people.

Election Plans.

Bill Miller, president of the YMCA, reported on the cabinet retreat and announced plans for an election of officers the third week in January.

Also on the slate of business at the meeting was the 1946 budget. The budget was accepted by the board. Dr. Leroy T. Laase, Board president, stated that it was the largest working budget that the YM has had for the past ten years, as the organization looks forward to one of its most important years during 1946.

Mr. Lippitt reported that 125 alumni have pledged their support to the 1945-46 work and that the strengthening of the YM Alumni association is being strengthened in line with the increased program activity this fall.

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