

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

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TRADITIONAL melodies which have been absorbed into the folk music of the world, the identity of whose composers has been lost in the passing of time, continue year after year the ever-reliable standbys of orchestras and vocalists.

Deep in the files of ASCAP is an accurate listing of the radio performances of these old tunes. Your correspondent was permitted the privilege the other day of inspecting the 1936 survey, the most recent completed; was surprised at some of the results revealed.

In first place, well ahead of the field, was an American melody—the old cowboy song, "Home on the Range," with a total of 7,985 performances. The next four places went to songs of foreign origin—the traditional Irish melody, "Londonderry Air" with 5,759 performances; Russia's "Dark Eyes," (5,219) Mexico's "La Cucaracha" (4,830) and "Auld Lang Syne," Scotland's leading contribution, (4,129).

In sixth place came another American song. You'd never guess what it was. "Folly Wolly Doodle." Its popularity—it amassed the respectable total of 4,072 performances—was due chiefly to dance bands and male singing groups.

The sippy old hoodlum of the countryside, "Turkey in the Straw" was seventh with 3,381 performances. And not far behind, surprisingly crowding out "Arkansas Traveler," "Valpo Boatman," "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and other old favorite airs, was the plantation jingle, "Shortnin' Bread."

Many Favorites Listed

In their order the remaining most popular American traditional tunes were "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" (the hillbilly craze accounted for its appeal); "Jingle Bells" and the anthem of lyrical masculinity, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Others high up in the ranking were, in their order of popularity, "Quitting Party" (I Was Seeing Nellie Home); "Hand Me Down My Walking Cane," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," still a chief dependence of male quartets; "Good Night Ladies," "Little Brown Jug," "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Old McDonald's Farm," another old tune which dance bands popularized.

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National Medical Leaders Meet

Tuskegee Institute, April 23 (ANP)—The Executive Board of the National Medical Association in its meeting at Tuskegee went on record as endorsing the work of Dr. L. M. Hill, president, and his commission on "Socialized Medicine." Dr. Hill in his report, requested that the National Medical Association "take a middle of the road" attitude as to any effort to change the present American doctor-patient relationship. It was the opinion of the board upon the suggestion of Dr. William McKinley Thomas, chairman, that the "National Medical Association stands ready and willing to put its full force behind any good plan to improve the health of the American people." Because of the uncertainty of the present trend, the board did not feel it could act otherwise. This action was supported and fostered by Dr. C. A. Whittier, chairman on Medical Economics.

In his report on Eradication of Syphilis, Dr. D. W. Byrd, outlined a plan of operation which, under the direction of the various state and local societies affiliated with the National Medical Association, is destined to be impetus to the efforts of Surgeon-General Parran to remove the blot of venereal disease from the lives of American people. To this end more State Boards of Health will be courteously requested to authorize more Negro physicians for action.

The board endorsed the work of its chairman in his efforts to open the doors of the United States army to the Negro physician. The chairman was authorized to contact the president and chairman of the Senate and House Military Affairs committee to the end that this discriminatory practice be stopped.

The matter of post-graduate study for the Negro physician was discussed at some length. It was the opinion of the board that all men need these courses of study. No physician or surgeon can expect to keep abreast of the rapid advancement in American medicine without attending some one of the many schools now offering Negro physicians the opportunity of advanced study. To this end, the work of the Post-Graduate School of Chicago university at Provident hospital, Chicago, the St. Louis University School of Medicine at St. Louis, the Meharry Medical College University Post-Graduate Clinic, and the Howard University Post-Graduate course were endorsed by the board and the members of the National Medical Association advised to attend some one of these institutions or any other recognized medical school for advanced study.

The endorsement of post-graduate work came as a result of the very serious presentation of the subject by Dr. M. O. Bousfield of Chicago, chairman Commission on Medical Education and Hospitalization. Dr. A. N. Vaughn, St. Louis, and Dr. John Hole, professor of Surgery, Meharry Medical College, also of general Chairman G. Hamilton Franklin for the "AC" (American Council) of Hampton were present. The National Medical Association anticipates its most important session at Hampton.

REPRESENTS 15 PAPERS

New York April 16 (C)Calvin's Newspaper Service, 143 West 125 street, has been appointed national advertising representative by fifteen newspapers, as follows: Chicago Bee, Carolina Times, Progressive Herald, Syracuse, Oklahoma Eagle, Tulsa; The Sentinel, Los Angeles; Peoples Informer, Sumter, S. C.; Nashville Van-guard; Tulsa Call; Albany Ga. Enterprise; Buckeye Review, Youngstown, O.; Cleveland Gazette; Ohio State News, Columbus; Augusta (Ga.) Echo, Florida Tattler, Jacksonville; and The Outlook, Winston Salem, N. C.

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FLOYD CALVIN'S DAUGHTERS TO GIVE SECOND RECITAL

New York, April 23 (ANP)—Pernice, 13, and Delores, 10 pianist-composer daughter of Floyd Calvin, Harlem newspaperman, will present their second annual recital at the Elks Imperial hall on Sunday May 22, it was announced last week.

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He loved his father's ranch at Ballinger; learned to ride from the cowboys and to appreciate music from his "mamma", who had a fondness for revival meetings. Here Negro melodies imbedded themselves in the child's brain.

At the age of seven David's formal musical education began, with author Charles J. Finger as tutor; continued with Godowsky in Vienna; then to New York, en route to Texas to direct the School of Music in Daniel Baker College, Brownwood.

Guion transcribed into symphonic form the old hoodlum "Turkey in the Straw." It became a hit when Percy Grainger featured it. Guion drew on his memories for further work.

His arrangements and transcriptions of Negro, sailor and cowboy songs run into the hundreds, but none has had the world-wide acclaim of "Home On The Range," which was the favorite of the President.

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