

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS
(By Clarence Desdunes.)

MANNERISMS IN PLAYING

We all know that Prof. Desdunes, when he plays or directs his band in public moves his head and his body swaying in time to the music. In a word, there are certain mannerisms associated with his playing which critics have on occasion mentioned with grave suspicion as evidences of sensationalism. Half fearing to insult him by asking whether he was sincere or whether the motions were "stage business" carefully rehearsed as had been implied. Many people having told me that I go through the same movements as my father in certain compositions that I play, I feel



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it my duty to answer this question. To the best of my knowledge through this worthy paper, The Monitor.

No, I do not study up any "stage business" to help out in my playing and I am sure my father has not the time to study up any "stage business."

I do not know whether I ought to compare myself to a dancer, but the appeal to the dance is in all musical movements. Certain rhythms and musical combinations affect me subconsciously. I suppose the direct influence of the music upon me is such that there is a sort of musical reflex. I move with the music in an unconscious translation of it into gesture. It is all individual. The French violinist, as a rule, play very correctly in public, keeping their eye on finger and bow and this appeals to me strongly in theory. In practice I seem to get away from it. It is a matter of temperament I presume. I am willing to believe I'm not graceful; but then, I do not know whether I move or do not move. Some of my friends have spoken of it to me at various times so I suppose I do move and sway and all the rest, but any movements of this sort will be unconscious for I know nothing of them.

Every horn musician has some mannerisms when playing, I imagine, yet more than mannerisms are needed to impress an American audience. Life and color in interpretation are the true secrets of great art and beauty of interpretation depends first of all on variety of color, technic is after all only secondary. No matter how well a composition may be played its performance must have color, romance, movement and life. Each emotional mood of the moment must be fully expressed, and if it is, the appeal is sure; and the idea that my father's movements and my own are "prepared" as stage effects is delightful.

Next week, "Fundamentals of Technic."

FOUR STATES SHOW SLACKENING GROWTH

Illinois Gain Lowest in Census History, But State Confidently Expects To Retain Its Rank As Third in Union.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Four states the 1920 populations of which were announced today by the Census Bureau, showed gradual declines in their respective relative increases over preceding decades.

Illinois has a population of 6,485,998 an increase of 846,507, or 15 per cent over 1910. The state is expected to retain its rank as the third most populous state, although its 1920 population shows the lowest relative increase in the state's history, falling short of the 1910 percentage increase by 1.9.

Montana, with a population of 547,693, showed an increase of 171,540, or 45.6 per cent, over 1910. This was the state's largest numerical increase, but its percentage increase was the lowest, falling short of its previous lowest relative increase of 1910, but has passed New Hampshire in the 1920 rank.

New Mexico's 1920 population was announced as 369,247, an increase of 22,946, or 10.1 per cent over 1910. The figures show the state to have made the lowest numerical increase since 1850 when the growth was 27,691, and the second lowest relative increase in its history, New Mexico ranked as the forty-fourth state in 1910, but passed Vermont in this census.

Louisiana, with a population of 1,797,798, increased 141,410 or 8.5 per cent over 1910. The state showed both its smallest numerical and relative increase since 1870. Its 1920 rank cannot be determined until other states which ranked directly above or beneath it in 1910 have been announced.

DON'TS

DON'T fail to Register so that you may be able to vote. To neglect this you will neglect your most important duty to yourself, race and nation.

DON'T fail to learn the ward, or precinct in which you live. These are vital to intelligent voting.

DON'T fail to learn the Constitution of the U. S. and your own state. This is essential to intelligent citizenship.

DON'T fail yourself, nor to persuade all those whom you know are of voting age to go to the polls on election day and cast your vote. This is your one big chance to help yourself, your race and your nation.

DON'T sell your vote. One's suffrage is his license to freedom and citizenship. To sell one, is to give away the other. You can not afford either.

DON'T let the ward politician decide your vote for you. Learn the issues at stake and the principles involved and make your own decision.

DON'T vote for or against the personality of the candidates. Vote for the issues on which they are running.

DON'T be fooled into voting the Democratic ticket. There is nothing either on or in it for the interest of the Colored people.

DON'T fail to have in your home a Colored newspaper or magazine. They are the only mirrors in which members of our group may look and have their true image reflected.

TRIAL OF 5 SOCIALISTS COST STATE \$147,978

ALBANY, Sept. 30.—The trials of the five Socialist Assemblymen last winter cost the state \$147,978. The fees of attorneys range from \$500 to \$19,500. The latter amount was allowed Martin Conboy. The state has spent \$111,103 and \$36,879 is yet to be paid. Final bills are now before the Legislature. Counsel fees are:

Elon R. Brown, \$19,500; Arthur E. Sutherland, \$19,500; H. P. Wolf, \$15,000; John B. Stanchfield, \$15,000; Archibald E. Stevenson, \$7,500; Thomas Carmody, \$500; Martin W. Littleton, \$2,500. The Socialists paid their own counsel fees.

BEGINNING TO LYNCH WHITE MEN NOW

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 30.—Alto Windham, white, was lynched last Tuesday about three miles from Hartford, Ala., for remarks alleged to have been made by him to a white married woman.

The husband of the woman is said to have telephoned one Harry Collins to stop Windham. He did so, not knowing what was wanted with the man.

On arrival at the home of Collins, a party of men informed Collins of their intention, but Collins would not permit them to get possession of Windham until they had promised not to kill him, it is said.

Relying on their promise, Collins surrendered Windham, who was afterward lynched by the mob in a river swamp.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY DOING BIG BUSINESS

(By Associated Negro Press.)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 30.—The Mississippi Life Insurance Company has established headquarters in Memphis. The company, which was organized in 1909 at Indianola, Miss., writes both industrial and ordinary life insurance and has about \$8,000,000 of insurance in force. Its premium income is approximately \$500,000 per annum. The company is headed by Dr. J. E. Walker. C. B. King is director of agencies. The Memphis home of the company, formerly a residence, is being improved at a cost of about \$15,000. The company employs about 30 clerks and stenographers, in addition to a large field force in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

NEGROES TO REPLACE JAPS

Thousands Would Do Truck Gardening in California.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—The possibility of Negroes taking the place of Asiatics as farm workers in California was discussed lately at the national convention of the Industrial and Commercial Council of People of African Descent.

W. H. Sanders, a Los Angeles delegate, said he was in direct touch with at least 5,000 Negroes who will come to California to take up truck gardening in case persons of Oriental races are barred from further colonization in this State. He said the workers would be headed by graduates of the Agricultural Department of Tuskegee Institute.

RAILROAD MEN HOLD SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

(By The Associated Negro Press.)
CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The Railway

Men's International Benevolent Assn., is holding its 7th annual session here. Delegates representing railroad workers of every section of the country are in attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing

year: Robert L. Mays of Chicago succeeds himself as President; M. F. Webster, first vice president; C. G. Bernard of Boston, second vice president; E. F. Roberts, Birmingham, third vice president; A. F. Peters, A.

E. Storum of Philadelphia and A. E. Phillips of Chattanooga, Tenn., fourth, fifth and sixth vice presidents; W. C. Wright, financial secretary; M. O. Bousfield, corresponding secretary, and J. W. Monro, Treasurer.



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