

Wahoo Boy Leads N. Y. Symphony in Own Composition

Howard Harold Hanson, born at Wahoo, Neb., in 1896, conducted the New York Symphony orchestra last Sunday during the performance of his own composition, a symphonic poem entitled "North and West."

The young composer is a nephew of Fred Eckstrom of this city, 2201 Lathrop street, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hanson, Wahoo. He studied at Luther college, Wahoo, and later went to New York, where he graduated from the Institute of Musical Art. Later he taught at Northwestern university, which he left to become dean of the Conservatory of the Pacific at San Jose, Cal. Two years ago he won the first Prix de Rome in composition, and so has been named Fellow at the American Academy in Rome for two years.

Besides the symphonic poem just performed by the New York Symphony, the young Nebraskan has written a "Nordic Symphony," five symphonic poems, the score to the California Forest Play of 1920, a number of chamber music works and articles on theory and acoustics. In explaining the work performed last Sunday, Mr. Hanson writes: "The program of 'North and West' is entirely subjective and symbolic in character. 'North,' to me, means both the land of my fathers, Sweden, and that influence in art and letters which we term Nordic; the qualities of austere stoicism and brutal vigor mingled with that somber mysticism and melancholy which characterize the north. 'West' to me means the spirit of youth and romance—specifically, California."

The work is in three sections. The first, symbolizing the "North," opens with a melancholy theme on the cellos; an austere second theme enters, sung by voices in unison with a rhythmic percussion of trombones and tubas; a vigorous third theme appears and resolves itself into a virile dance; the three are developed to a climax in which the first theme, fortissimo, dominates the others.

The second section, "West," opens softly with a gentle theme sung by two voices accompanied by three cellos. Re-enter the four Nordic themes which battle for supremacy and finally, after a dramatic pause

and a cry of voices, emerge unchanged. The work is written for a full score orchestra with the addition of human voices used as orchestral instruments—a feature unusual even in this age of musical experimentation, although by no means unique. The performance last week was heard by several members of the Eckstrom family now in New York, including Carl Eckstrom, who is playing in "The Cat and the Canary." Dr. Edward Eckstrom and Mrs. Ernest W. Lovejoy.

Lincoln Day Banquet by Order of Does. A Lincoln day banquet will be given February 12, at the Chamber of Commerce, by the Grand lodge of B. P. O. Does. The event, which will celebrate the founding of the Order of Does, will take the form of a mother and daughter banquet. Mothers of Elks families are invited to come and bring their daughters and their friends' daughters if they have none of their own.

South Omaha Club. Mrs. Bruce McCullough will be hostess to the South Omaha Woman's club at her home, 4225 South Twenty-second street, Tuesday afternoon. A patriotic party is the form taken by the meeting. The program will open with the singing of "America" by the club, led by Mrs. Hazel True Chaloupka, with Mrs. J. Dean Ringer at the piano. Mrs. Herschel Woods will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Roscoe Rawley. Miss Helen Root will perform a piano solo, "Capriccio," by Longo. Mrs. Clinton Stillman will present a patriotic reading and Miss Marjorie Jane Blomberg will dance, accompanied by Mrs. C. J. Blomberg. A vocal solo by Miss Katherine Parker, accompanied by Miss Helen Root, and a patriotic reading by Miss Eleanor Leigh, will close the program.

Direct Pageant for D. A. R. Meet



Mrs. Joseph Lawrence and Mrs. B. M. Anderson will direct the patriotic pageant to be given before the Daughters of the American Revolution at their state convention in Omaha March 20 to 22. The pageant will be based upon the idea of Americanization and will portray the various types of people coming to America, from the Puritan maid of Mayflower days to the folk of many lands who have been pouring into the melting pot in recent years.

Interracial Sunday to be Observed by Y. W. C. A. The Drama League announces the coming of the Japanese Players, Mr. and Mrs. Michitaro Ongawa, at the Brandeis theater, February 19, at 4 p. m. Mr. Ongawa is a Christian, whose father was the first native convert to become a missionary and pastor of Cleaves temple in this city.

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Leavenworth Community Center.

The program by the West Leavenworth Community center, 4817 Leavenworth street, on Monday at 8 p. m., will include music, readings and dances. Readings will be given by A. Timmerman, Miss Katherine Howe, Miss Edna Kahre. A piano solo by Miss Lois Day, a duet by Misses Rose and Anna Schultz, a solo by Miss Margaret W. Bell and several numbers by the Revelers quartet will form the musical numbers. Misses Eloise and Elinor Segl will present a costume dance. Mrs. Anna Hon and her daughters will figure in an entertainment number.

Omaha Chapter D. A. R.

The Omaha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the home of Mrs. C. G. McDonald, 112 North Thirty-eighth avenue, Tuesday afternoon, February 12, at 2:30. Delegates to the continental congress and the state conference will be chosen. Community singing of patriotic songs will be led by Mrs. G. W. Noble. Dr. Edwin Hart Jenks will talk upon Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. C. E. Johannes will speak on the Lincoln Memorial. Mrs. J. J. Foster will read Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Mrs. C. E. Johannes and Mrs. R. C. Hoyt will pour and Mesdames J. J. Foster, R. C. Hunter, Brower McCague and Chester C. Wells will assist.

Mrs. Heim Re-Elected.

Mrs. Maude Heim was re-elected president of the central committee, Degree of Honor, at the meeting at her home Friday. Mrs. C. C. Phelps was made vice president. Mrs. John Lyle, treasurer, and Mrs. Nora Vance, secretary. Forty members attended the luncheon preceding the election. Meetings are held once a month.

Speaker in Costume



Mrs. G. D. Van Peursem

Mrs. Josephine Van Peursem is here shown in Arabian costume of bright colors. Her head dress, or veil, is of heavy cloth and not of filmy lace. It was in such a veil that Ruth, in biblical days, carried home the grain given her by Boaz. Mrs. Van Peursem will speak for the Woman's Missionary Federation

Girls' Community Service League

March 7, First Christian church, 2 p. m., on her work in Arabia. The home of Mrs. Van Peursem, her husband and four children, is in Maurice, Ia. She was born in Switzerland, but was married and lived for some years in Maurice, Ia. Her life work, she says, is in Arabia. Mrs. Van Peursem and her husband, who is a minister, were sent by the Dutch Reformed church to do missionary work in Arabia. For the last four years they have been in Muscat. Previous to that time she worked with Dr. Harrison in a hospital in Bahrein. If Mr. Van Peursem's health permits, they will go back in September.

Tuesday—Cooking class, Mrs. W. L. Riner; sewing class, Mrs. R. P. Saunders. Wednesday—Volley ball at 1:30, Miss Mary V. Farnum; league dinner at 6:30 followed by a Valentine party for girls and men; amateur dancing at 7:30, Miss Mary V. Farnum. Thursday—Cooking class, Mrs. W. L. Riner; sewing class, Mrs. R. P. Saunders. Friday—Volley ball at 1:30, Miss Mary V. Farnum; league dinner at 6:30 followed by a Valentine party for girls and men; amateur dancing at 7:30, Miss Mary V. Farnum. Saturday—Dance at the Bellevue Vocational school.

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Weekly Club Calendar

SUNDAY. Get Acquainted club, 2 p. m., at the First Unitarian church, Hatney street and Turner boulevard. Old People's Home, Pontiac boulevard, services at 2:30 p. m. Address by H. D. Rhoades, music by the choir of Grace Baptist church. Young Women's Christian association, address by Ben Cherrington, National Y. W. C. A. student secretary, 2 p. m., in the Y. W. C. A. parlors. Omaha Walking club, start 2:30 p. m. from Fifty-second and Maple streets. Benson car line. Camp fire in Florence woods. Leader, Alie Houston, Kearneywood 1854. House of Hope, 715 North Thirtieth street, service led by Rev. Albert Kuhn of Bethany Presbyterian church. Percy Gooding and his choir will furnish the music. MONDAY Dundee Chautauqua club, Monday at 8:30 p. m., with Mrs. Fred Holm, 6107 Webster street. Social program. Passer Camp No. 10, Royal Neighbors of America, Valentine party Monday evening at 8, in the Swedish auditorium. West Leavenworth Community Center, 4817 Leavenworth street, program of music, dancing and reading Monday at 8 p. m. Helene Chautauqua, with Mrs. E. R. Griffin, 2566 Redick avenue, Monday at 8 p. m., with Mrs. R. G. Schaffler as leader. F. E. O. Sisterhood, Chapter B. S., with Mrs. Donald Tracy, 2725 North Sixteenth avenue, Monday, February 11, at 7:30 p. m. City Concert club, luncheon to plan observance of the national music week, and election of officers, Monday at 12:15 in the Brandeis restaurant. Omaha Woman's club, political and general science department, 2 p. m., Y. W. C. A. parlors. Mrs. Charles Neale, president. Address by Prof. H. D. Thayer, professor of sociology at the University of Omaha on "New Methods of Government," with special reference to the commission form of government and to the city manager plan. Omaha Woman's club, education department, 4 p. m., in Burger-Nash restaurant. Prof. Pearl Weber, head of the psychology department, University of Omaha, will speak. Miss Jean Hamilton, assistant superintendent of the attendance department, Omaha public schools, will speak on "The Child Labor Law and School Attendance." Mrs. J. W. Gill in charge of program. TUESDAY. Norse club with Mrs. Joseph Kelly, 2425 Pontiac boulevard, 4 p. m. luncheon. E. F. O. Does, mothers and daughters meeting at 7:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce. Omaha Business Woman's club, dinner Monday with Mrs. H. L. McGree, 2725 Pontiac boulevard, Tuesday, for a 6 o'clock luncheon. Delphian study club, Omaha chapter, 7:30 p. m. in Burger-Nash restaurant. Mrs. O. C. Hooper, in charge of the English art. George A. Guster, W. H. C. Tuesday afternoon at 5, 1010 Memorial hall, courthouse, religion and business. Old Guard post No. 7 invited. Goldenrod Camp No. 236, Royal Neighbors of America, card party Tuesday evening at 8, in the W. W. Tomlin, Fourteenth and Dodge streets. Public welcome. L. O. E. chapter No. 1, party in the

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