

# MUSIC

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Few people realize the tremendous importance of the accrediting of music in high schools to any community. A few years ago "applied music" was an unheard of thing, then the system was tried in one or two cities, and the results carefully studied by musical and educational authorities. These were found to be so satisfactory in every way, that the scheme has spread until now a great number of cities give credit for outdoor music study in the high school course.

Among these cities are Omaha and Lincoln. Omaha completed the first year of "applied music in the high school" last Saturday morning, while Lincoln on Tuesday and Wednesday completed either the 5th or 6th year of accredited music. Credit is given for work in piano, voice and violin, and any other instruments of the symphonic orchestra.

The scheme practised is similar not only in these two cities, but throughout the country where the study of music is admitted to the high school course. Therefore, the results noted in the recent examinations here, are undoubtedly similar elsewhere.

Under the present scheme the student chooses his own teacher, and his own branch of music. Report cards are handed to the school authorities once a month, signed by both the teacher of music and the parent, giving in detail the work done by the student during that time. These cards are made out in duplicate, one signed, the other unsigned, and the unsigned card is given to the examiner. As these show in detail just what the pupil has done, he bases his examination of each pupil upon these cards and judges him accordingly.

The examiner is chosen by the school authorities, and is usually some well known pianist or musician. A different examiner is required for each branch of music, but for illustration, we will discuss only the examinations in the piano department of each city. Mr. Sidney Silber, head of the piano department of the University School of Music in Lincoln, was chosen as examiner of piano students in the Omaha high school, and Mr. Martin Bush, who had been chosen as examiner of piano students in Lincoln. In both cities the piano students were in the majority. In Omaha 14 pupils presented themselves for examination in this branch of music study, and in Lincoln 26 embryo pianists applied for credits. This seems like a small proportion from Omaha, in comparison with the difference in population between the two cities, but the difference in length of time music has been accredited probably accounts for it more than any other reason.

An "evening of music" will be given by the Immanuel Lutheran church, assisted by the West Sisters' quartet and Louis H. Silber, pianist, at the Immanuel church, Nineteenth and Cass streets, on Thursday evening, June 12, at 8:15 p. m. The program will also include organ numbers by Miss Ethel Bangston and one number by the string quartet, with organ accompaniment. Solo parts with the choir will be taken by Miss Carl Malmberg and Gustav Wikstrom. The pastor is Rev. Chalmers. Miss Ethel Bangston is organist and Bernard Johnston choirmaster.

The music list arranged for high mass at St. Cecilia cathedral on Sunday, June 8, at 11 a. m. is as follows: Ecce sacerdos, Elgar; Vidi Aquam, Gregorian; Spiritus Domini, Silby; Kyrie, Terry; Gloria, Terry; Alleluia, Gregorian; Sequenza, Gregorian; Credo, Silber; Benedictus, Falsbordoni; Motet, "Beati Erilic," Croce; Sanctus, Terry; Benedictus, Terry; Agnus Dei, Terry; Communio, Ficus et Reli.

The primary and intermediate pupils of Eulalia M. Richey gave a piano recital at her studio in the Arlington block Saturday, May 31. Those taking part were: Helen Bloss, Wallace Anderson, Marie Boyle, Helen Pool, Leo Mokkovits, Katherine Bloss, Esther Blumenthal, Rose Scherer, Alice Eversson, Lillian Schiffer, Marie Rogers, George Pool, Alice Nicholson, May Harris, Lillian Ross, Marjory Anderson, Ruth Watson.

The following points were noticeable about the examination. First and foremost, the work of the teacher showed up, and this is one of the most important results of accrediting music. Secondly, it was discovered that the work of the pupils in music balanced up in practically every instance with their general work. As Miss McCune aptly put it, "If one has a brain that works well, it works well any way, and in any circumstances." Thus the same faults which were noticeable in music study could be traced through every other study, and these were not due to lack of musical adaptability, but to a fault in the character or personality of the pupil, which manifested itself in all of his work.

An odd point, noticed, was that the girls were always looking for something mysterious about the questions which were asked them, while the boys examined took the questions more obviously and answered accordingly. If a pupil was working principally for the credits, and not for a genuine knowledge of music, this point showed up constantly in all of his or her work, and defeated its own end. One of the sublime beauties of music as a high school study, is that there is no possibility of bluffing. One may bluff himself, but not the examiner.

others, according to Mr. Bush. "In every case, the fault was with the teacher and not with the pupil." Do you not see where the tremendous importance of accrediting music in the high school comes in, in relation not only to the pupils, but to the whole community? It means the solution of the poor music teacher problem, a problem which has vexed and cursed the musical profession from time immemorial, and which has caused the wreck of more musical hopes and ambitions than any other one element in musical study.

When a teacher sends four pupils, for instance, to the high school examination, and not one of the four shows the result of thorough training, it does not speak very well for that teacher. When the same thing happens with the same teacher not only one, but two or three years in succession, it does not look like an accident. Besides there will be records at the office of the public schools, and those interested in gaining a musical education will soon have something to judge by in choosing a teacher. These records will be just as fair to the good music teachers, as to the poor ones, and the great question of who's who in music teaching will resolve itself.

As for the pupil, an examination by an outside teacher upon a semester's work, will stabilize his knowledge, or point out to him his lack of knowledge as nothing else will. It will serve him as a milestone on his pathway of music study. It will impress him anew with the importance of a good general musical equipment.

There is everything to be gained by the positive forces in the community in the accrediting of applied music in the schools. High school students who study music should avail themselves of the opportunity not only to continue their studies in this subject during their high school courses, but for the benefit of the examinations. The first year of the recognition of music as a study has closed in Omaha most successfully, and its future is assured.

**Musical Notes.**  
The organ recital by Clarence Eddy, which was planned for June 15, has been postponed until early fall.

Prof. Karl Haase of Seward, Neb., was musical visitor in Omaha last week. Prof. Haase is director of the organ department at the large Lutheran college at Seward.

Miss Winifred Traynor will give a piano recital at her home Sunday afternoon. Those taking part in the program are: Ruth Medders, Ellen Stearns, Ruth Morgan, Claire Waeck, Etta Gallup, Lucille Craven, Lulu Rosmyal, Mrs. Ethel Bloss, Dick Custer, Daniel Collins, Winham Rutledge.

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## "Lies" Sell Into Navy and Tiring of Life, Confesses

Springfield, Ill., June 7.—It apparently was an easy task for Leo Edward Williams, although under age, to get into the navy. He "fibbed" a little here and there and the recruiting officer sent him along. But after a few months' ship duty, Leo regretted his perfidy. The quality of his conscience hurt him so much he finally confessed his duplicity. He told officers he wanted to return home and was through with the jolly tar life. Investigation was made and the boy's confession proven true. It was disclosed Williams "lied" himself into the navy, including a penitentiary sentence.

## Dies at Age of 114

Columbus, Ga., June 7.—F. H. McElvie, 114, probably the oldest man in the south, is dead at the home of his nephew in Phenix City, Ala. He had lived in the same vicinity all his life except four years, during which he served in the Confederate army, being wounded several times.

## At 91, She Reminds Folks Of Browning's Poem "Rabbi Ben Ezra"



Mrs. Mary Nesbit

If the thought of many years, birthdays, and idle hours haunt you, as a remedy, there could be none better than Mrs. Mary Nesbit, who on Wednesday, celebrates her ninety-first birthday at the Old People's Home and proudly shows her latest silk quilt of 2,000 pieces.

This is the first ninety-first birthday that the home has yet celebrated. Mrs. Nesbit is one of the three who have lived there the longest and is also the oldest among the women.

"The oldest and 'saggiest' of them all," she admitted with pride, as she fondled the gay-colored quilt. Although she never patched, as did many girls, since coming to the home in September, 1913, she has finished 100 quilts, 18 of them since her last birthday.

The latest is 10 blocks long, eight wide and into each little block she has sewed 25 separate pieces. "I would certainly make an eastern trip this summer through Massachusetts and Pennsylvania." And she explained that when 87 years old her hip was broken by a fall on the ice and had never been set. But she did make this same coveted trip when 80 years of age and searched for and found a sister living in Pennsylvania whom she had not seen for 60 years.

All opinions of an old age necessarily bounded by idle hours, lack of interest and general apathy would vanish after a few minutes' conversation with this old lady of 91. Clothes and primping are as much a necessity as at 19; also the exact angle that the lavender-ribbed

cap is, and the location of the "bit of powder" on the tip of her nose. "You can't trust anyone but a mirror about your looks," she said. "Everyone else tells you you look fine, when you know you're a perfect sight."

Perhaps the reason for this vivacity, unexpected witty and dry remarks and decision is the one she gives—that her home land is the beautiful country in northern Ireland, where she was born and lived until 20 years of age. Then, against her parents' will, she came with a sister to America.

Unconsciously, you almost wonder if she is not right in her belief that American girls have no girlhood compared to that in her time in Ireland, when you listen to a few of her memory pictures of the old market bazaars, the fairs, fetes on the commons and the times when the fathers called all the boys and girls together, searched for a fiddler and everyone danced at home.

On Wednesday, the day of the party, she will be hostess to six of her friends at dinner; her son, Fred L. Nesbit and wife, grandson, Earl W. and wife and Dr. Martha Clark and Mrs. George Clark. In the afternoon, as is the custom of the home, when a ninetieth birthday arrives, and each birthday thereafter, there will be a general reception given by the board.

Whatever the day brings, whether candles and cake, and presents a did her ninetieth birthday, there will be a little white haired, frilly capped, silk dressed hostess as fresh as one could wish, who might indeed give the old invitation to, "Come—grow old with me; the best is yet to be."

## Which Are Better on Muddy Roads; Horses or Autos?

### First Team Pulls Auto Out of Mud, Then Auto Pulls Team and Wagon Out of Trouble and Just Before Reaching City Auto Once More Extends S. O. S. to Team.

With John Holst and Emil Anderson, two gardeners on the river bottom, north of Florence lake, it is a debatable question as to which is more desirable, automobiles, or horses in pulling loads of vegetables and garden truck through the mud. As the situation now stands, it is about 50-50.

Holst uses a small auto truck for bringing his vegetables and produce to the Omaha market. Anderson clings to the old-fashioned way and drives a team.

During the last 10 days it has rained and rained. As a result, from the North Sixteenth street paving, off onto the north bottoms the roads are like sea of mud. In fact some of them are without bottoms.

The Business Women's club will have a called meeting Tuesday evening. A large attendance is desired. Supper served at 6:15 in the cafe.

## Y. W. C. A. Notes

The Vesper Services will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Miss Mabel Hall, the new president of the Business Woman's club will be the speaker. There will be special music and the social hour following the services.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Association building, Wednesday morning, June 11, at 10 o'clock.

Camp Brewster is very busy with special groups of girls coming out to the camp for suppers, week end parties, etc.

The following week end parties are scheduled. Eighteen girls from the Western Union Telegraph Company, twelve girls from the Salem Lutheran church. Twenty of the Athletic club members of Gregg School of Commerce will spend Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15 at the camp. Miss Buelah Byrd is the director of this school.

Encampments scheduled ahead are: The Y. W. C. A. Girl Reserves, the High School Student Clubs, the first week in July the Third Year Y. W. C. A. Gym. Class. The first two weeks in August, the Acheth Sorority of Lincoln, Neb.

The last Student Club meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, June 11, at 3:15. This will be a senior meeting. Senior Prophecy will be read and the officers for next year installed.

The Girl Reserves of Omaha will collect June 14 for a lawn party at the Y. W. C. A. residence, at which there will be many attractive out-of-door numbers presented by the different clubs. Mothers are invited and an enjoyable time is promised.

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## Yank Captures His Cousin in 'Argonne; Latter Was Willing

San Francisco, June 7.—Gustave Miller, Alameda boy, had some tough fighting in the Argonne as a member of the A. E. F., but his most unusual adventure was when he captured his awq cousin, a prisoner of war.

The story was told following his arrival from overseas.

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## Camp Fire Girls

The last meeting of the Guardians' association for the season will be held at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday, June 10, 6 p. m., for a cafeteria dinner and business meeting. It is important that every guardian attend this meeting. Final plans for camp will be made. Miss Stark, from Beechwood school, Jinkinton, Pa., the camp director, will be here to plan with the Guardians for camp.

All Guardians decide at their respective group meetings where they care to go to camp and how many girls are going.

All Guardians and Camp Fire Girls Steel and Iron Men in Convention June 12

Pittsburgh, June 7.—About 1,000 steel and iron manufacturers of the United States and Canada, engaged in the drop forging line and representing 101 separate industries, met in convention here June 12 under the title of the American Drop Forge association. The convention will last three days.

The feature of the meeting will be the assembling of data on the experiments and improvements forced upon the industry by war.

The following war material came under the association's business: Siege and naval guns, airplane parts, trucks, tractors and forged parts of ships.

Papers to be read are as follows: "The Iron and Steel Situation," by Col. H. P. Pope; "Heat-Treating," Lee K. Walton, W. C. Peterson, Detroit; "Bonus System in the Entire Forging Industry," Lee K. Walton, Detroit; "Powdered Coal Development in Forging Industry," W. O. Remkin, New York; "Sand Blasting vs. Pickling," R. R. Shuman, Chicago; "Low Pressure Exhaust Steam Turbine," H. V. Schoepflin, Pittsburgh; "Die Factor in Sinking Forging," R. T. Herdigen, Walkerville, Ont.; "Produced Gas as a Forge Shop Fuel," E. E. Adams, Dayton, O.; "Forge Shop Profits," F. A. Ingalls.

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