

Dance Hall Jazz Music Jolted by Welfare Board

Terpsichorean Artists Must Dance From Floor Up Instead of Waist Up—Declare Members of Body.

Jazz music as a dancing accompaniment was given a sever jolt yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber, where members of the Board of Public Welfare conferred informally with managers of public dance halls, for the purpose of raising the standards of the terpsichorean art in Omaha.

The saxophone artist who plays his seductive instrument in a standing position and cuts all manners of diodes the while, will be required to remain seated.

"Jazz music is causing most of the trouble in our dance halls," said H. L. Bridwell, dance inspector for the welfare board. "Cut out the jazz. You can't blame the dancers if they have to follow the jazz music. Saxophone players should sit down while playing. I saw a crowd of 1,000 on a dance floor last summer and when the saxophone players gave their stunts standing up, about 700 of the dancers followed the movements of these musicians.

Players Standing Up Again. "I have ordered the players to sit down, but I find that in places they are standing up again. No wonder that some dancers make wiggly-wobbly movements when they hear this kind of music and observe the movements of these musicians. I am going to make them sit down hereafter."

"I suppose that I am the oldest dancing teacher in Omaha," remarked J. M. Gaynor, "and I say that we should cut out the jazz."

"I also wish they would cut it out," asserted R. Malvka, another dance hall manager. "I know something about theology," said Rev. Edward Flanagan, who presided at the meeting, "but I must admit that I don't know much about this jazz music."

Close Dancing Prohibited. The attendants discussed an existing rule of the Board of Public Welfare, referring to positions of male dancers, and demonstrated how easy it is for either of a dancing couple to assume an improper position.

"The woman does not have to dance unless she wants to," said Mr. Keep. "It is all right so long as the woman's hand is four inches below her partner's collar, because you don't want her hanging around the gentleman's neck. A woman sometimes has to hang on firmly because her partner is a noor. One should dance from the floor up, instead of from the waist up. The swinging of hips from side to side should be stopped."

"Clinging Vines" Cause Trouble. "What causes the trouble is when they wrap themselves around each other," said Inspector Bridwell. "Mr. White stated that the propriety of any dance may be maintained if the supervisor exercises his authority, according to a real moral sense. He insisted that a conscientious supervisor is able to quickly detect any improper dancing and should use his head to suppress the improper practices. He urged that clubs or groups renting dance halls should be held responsible for their dances."

Mr. Keep suggested that all dances held in Omaha, except those at private homes, should be supervised by the Board of Public Welfare and that more supervisors be engaged by the city.

Rule Remains in Force. It was the consensus of opinion that it would be unwise to render less restrictive the following rule, which is now in force: "No person under the age of 18 years shall frequent, remain in or patronize dances, unless accompanied by their parents or legal guardians."

Chief of Police Eberstein, who appeared in the absence of Police Commissioner Ringer, stated that the Board of Public Welfare should endeavor to stop drinking rotten booze in public dance places.

"If the welfare board can't do this, the police department will," said the chief.

Chief Favors Restrictions. The chief said he believed that the present age restriction should not be lowered. He also asserted that he could not imagine anything nicer than a crowd of respectable young men and women on a dance floor with the right class of music.

Joseph Miller, manager of the "Black Cat," stated that he wished to co-operate with the welfare board and invited the members to attend his cabaret and dance place.

The board will consider all of the suggestions offered yesterday when it meets in regular session this afternoon.

And to the saxophone players, this will be said: "Sit down, gentlemen!"

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Movie Contest Coupon form with fields for name, address, and phone number.

Obregon to Drive Vice From Mexico

Order to Close Gambling House at Tia Juana Come Like Bolt From Sky.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 20.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, president of Mexico, who closed the Casino gambling house at Tia Juana, Mexico, last Monday night, has committed himself to the statement that he is going to run vice out of Mexico, and that his order to close America's Monte Carlo is permanent.

The order to close the gambling hell at the American line just south of San Diego, came like a stroke of lightning from a clear sky. It was first thought that the order could be overcome, but Obregon, through General Trevino, his chief military aid and cabinet member, has telegraphed his last order to this city.

The order closed every form of gambling in the southern republic except horse racing, which means that the devotees of the roulette wheel, the faro bank, the wheel of fortune, the crap table and the variety forms of poker will no longer find Tia Juana or any other border city, a mecca for their art.

Simultaneously with the closing of the Monte Carlo of America by the president, the State department at Washington announced that it had received the petition of protest from San Diego organizations.

In well-informed circles here the telegram from Obregon indicates that he has made a master stroke in the direction of having his government recognized at Washington.

Sunderland Chosen Head Of Cement Association. Word was received in Omaha yesterday that L. T. Sunderland, vice president of Sunderland Brothers' company and president of the Sunderland Machine and Supply company, Omaha, had been elected president of the American Portland Cement association.

This association consists of all the principal cement manufacturers in American, banded together for the promotion of the use of cement in building and road construction.

Sunderland left Omaha 11 years ago to take active charge of the Ash Grove Lime and Portland cement company. Since that time, however, he has been actively interested in Sunderland activities in Omaha.

Choir Boys Sing Daily At Department Store. The clear-cut voices of the choir boys at Trinity cathedral, are heard for half an hour each morning on the first floor of the Burgess-Nash store.

The youths wear the vestments and cassocks worn in the cathedral and sing the same songs. They are stationed in the balcony. The music is directed by Prof. Ben Stanley, organist at the cathedral.

Soviet Charged With Attempt to Start Uprising

Representative of Trotsky Is Working to Cause Revolution in Germany, Berlin Paper Declares.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Victor Kopp, the Russian soviet representative in Berlin, has been working under written instructions from Minister of War Trotsky to "do everything in his power to bring about a revolution in Germany and overthrow the present government," it is charged by the Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung in last night's issue.

A photographic copy of Trotsky's letter with instructions to this effect is now in possession of Foreign Minister Simons, the newspaper says, and it makes a demand for the immediate expulsion or arrest of the soviet representative.

According to the newspaper's information, the letter was written during the victorious march of the bolshevik army toward Warsaw. Since that time, the article, Kopp has had every opportunity to visit the Russian prison camps in Germany where 160,000 Russian prisoners are held, approximately 120,000 of whom were captured during the war and the remainder interned after the bolshevik drive into Poland.

The charges against Kopp were made in connection with a national interpellation in the reichstag, which charged that the "free and easy" manner in which the Germans were managing the administration of the camp under the imperial department offered a fertile field for propaganda. Dr. Simons declined to go into details before the reichstag, but said the evidence against Kopp was indisputable and a demand for government action.

The interpellation, however, resulted in an order that these camps hereafter be under the authority of the ministry of defense.

The Kreuze Zeitung and the Deutsche Zeitung have been hammering the administration steadily for several weeks on the ground that the Russian prisoners in Germany "in reality formed a body-guard for Kopp" and they alleged that bolshevik propagandists in every camp have been working virtually unmolested. These organs expressed belief that the German government will be endangered unless steps are taken at once "to remove the menace."

Men Warned Against Overuse of Tobacco

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 20.—Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland warned against "indecent smokers," those who overindulge in tobacco and who do so at the wrong time and in the wrong places.

He said the use of tobacco in pipes, cigars and unadvisedly smoked cigarettes, done in this way, is not only evident in statistics in the sale of tobacco, but one could see it and smell it. He warned users of the weed that those who were overindulging in the use of tobacco were endangering their health and that of those around them.

He thought the danger lay behind the blue laws campaign and that their practice would be made use of when the fight against tobacco really began. This was over and above the evil effects on the health of those who abused tobacco.

Chinaman Killed in Negro Holdup Fight. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 20.—Two negro holdup men who invaded Young Yick's laundry about midnight, fought a desperate knife and revolver battle with three Chinese, as a result of which one Chinese is dead, another seriously injured and the negroes were badly slashed about the head.

The negro bandits entered the laundry, and demanded the Saturday night's earnings. They ordered the three Orientals to hold up their hands, enforcing the demand by beating the heads with the butts of their revolvers. The Chinese grabbed up long, keen Malay knives, kept for just such emergencies, and put up a stiff battle. The negroes killed one by a shot and fatally wounded another. The third Chinese was knocked insensible and the negroes ran out and escaped.

Store Equipped With Wire For Use of Customers. The Burgess-Nash company is now equipped with a direct western wire for the use of its customers.

Two Killed When Train Strikes Automobile. Byers, Colo., Dec. 20.—John Colbert, 22, was instantly killed and Alben Fossong, 35, sustained injuries that caused his death a few hours later, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an east-bound Rock Island train at the depot railway crossing here.

Deaths and Funerals. The funeral of Fred E. La Duke, will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday at the Gilmore road, Rev. R. L. Wheeler officiating. Burial at the Balley cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Selma Stock, who died Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Nollman, 514 South Thirty-third street, will be held Wednesday in the Masonic temple.

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Divorce Court. Petitioner, Anna Hazel Chandler, against Charles M. Chandler.

New Record Made For Auto Crashes

Truck, Four Cars, 21 Persons In Smashes on Same Corner in Space of 14 Minutes.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 20.—A motor truck, four automobiles, and 21 persons, figured in a series of accidents at Forty-third street and Grand boulevard shortly after midnight, and the casualties were none.

The show started when an automobile owned by A. Whiting was driven up to the curb filling station of the Lakeside garage by Miss Whiting, his daughter. In the car were Miss Helen O'Neill, Roy Hunsberger, and a Mr. Hedecock. Hunsberger was aiding the night watchman to fill the tank when Arthur Ahern drove up in a big touring car.

Ahern ran into the front wheel of the Whiting car and his machine turned over. None of the occupants suffered more than minor scratches. The impact shunted the Whiting automobile back into a tree, bowling over Hunsberger.

A crowd gathered. A car drove by and knocked down a young man looking at the wrecked cars. He got up, limping a little. The driver stopped, offered the young man a ride home which was accepted and drove off.

By the time a wrecking truck had arrived to take away Ahern's car. As it started to leave a "Henry" came along, driven by Joseph Smith, and filled with five musicians.

Mr. Smith slammed into the truck and the "Henry's" nose caved in, spilling water, grease and oil over the street as it expired. Again, nobody hurt.

Big Coal Production Reported During Week Ending December 11

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 20.—The production of bituminous coal during the week ending December 11 was 12,865,000 tons, the United States geological survey reports.

The output of the bituminous mines for the 49 weeks of the year is 525,400,000 tons. If this rate of production is maintained during the succeeding three weeks, the total output in 1920 will be 557,610,000 tons, or about 17,000,000 above the estimated minimum needs of the country for this year.

The production during the week of December 11 was the 10th in the period of sustained mine output which has been equalled only once before, and is the highest at this season of the year in the history of the bituminous industry. In the summer of 1918, when the zone distribution system, car pools and war measures were in effect, the sustained production attained that of the last 10 weeks.

Man Sentenced to Prison Year After Robbery Committed. Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—George Burns has been sentenced to five years in the state reformatory at Anamosa for the theft of several sacks of sugar from a freight car in the Rock Island railroad yards here.

Burns entered a plea of guilty when arraigned before Judge Rockefeller in district court. The theft was committed a year ago. Burns succeeded in eluding arrest until recently, when he was taken by police at Sioux Falls, S. D. He consented to return here without extradition papers.

At the time of the theft Burns and a companion, Perry Shafer, were indicted. Shafer was arrested immediately and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to the reformatory and will be paroled in 1922.

Burns' wife was in the court room when he was sentenced. She took the matter calmly.

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2 Survivors of Fatal Gun Fight Placed On Trial

Alleged Bank Robbers Caught With Loot and Nitroglycerin Escaped Bullets and Wreck.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 20.—William Porter and Charles Carter, captured by Roanoke police in the early morning of November 19 a few hours after the Bank of Glasgow, Va., was robbed of \$96,253 in liberty bonds and securities, were placed on trial here today.

In a pitched battle on the outskirts of Roanoke, James B. Rodgers of Philadelphia, driving a large touring automobile, was killed by the police and his companions, Porter, who bears the aliases of William Welsh and Bellfontaine "Slim," and Carter whose alias is Charles Wilkes, were arrested.

Much of the loot was found in the automobile. The police had been informed of the robbery by the Glasgow bank officials at 3 o'clock in the morning and immediately set watch on the three roads from that place.

Auto Turns Over. When intercepted on one of the roads an hour later the automobile was going at high speed and turned turtle when an effort was made to swerve around the police patrol which had been placed across the road.

In the battle which followed Rodgers was killed and a policeman wounded. About 50 shots were exchanged between the authorities and the bandits. In the automobile was found a quart flask of nitroglycerin carefully packed in cotton in a wooden box.

Although all the loot was identified as belonging to the Glasgow bank, local police maintained that the men were responsible for robberies in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. In addition to the valuables the three men had about \$1,600 in cash. Half of this was found on Porter on his second day in jail when he refused to take a bath.

Identity Still Mystery. Baltimore authorities claim to have identified Porter as a "yeggman of 12 years' standing," who was arrested there by federal postal inspectors in 1909.

Carter told the police his real name is Wilkes and gave Petersburg, Va., as his home. The identity of Rodgers remains a mystery, although scores of people viewed his body. The only clue the police have is a statement of Porter's that Rodgers told him his name was Beale. Porter added that he knew Rodgers only a week before the Glasgow robbery.

Bank officials and others have interviewed the men in jail here but failed to obtain any information connecting them with any other than the Glasgow robbery. It was thought they might have been implicated in the robbery of the Bank of Mineral, Va., when more than \$300,000 worth of Liberty bonds and other securities were taken, and the Landisville, Pa., bank robbery in which three men overpowered the watchman and took \$100,000.

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I'M THE GUY

I'M THE GUY who watches the chickens on the sidewalks while he drives on a crowded street. Well, why not? I don't want to miss anything and I certainly would like to gaze upon the fair ones, and watch their looks of admiration for me and my car. It's a cinch to flirt with them, then.

I always try to keep in the middle of the road so I can see both sides. What if other drivers do yell at me, and tell me to keep to the right? I should worry. And it doesn't jar me, if I almost run down a pedestrian who tries to cross in front of me, or if I nearly run into the car ahead of me.

I don't mind the traffic cop, either. If I don't get his signal and he holds me up, I fix it up with him. I enjoy driving when I can watch the pavement pounders, especially of the chicken type. I can't be bothered with traffic regulations or with watching where I'm going. Let the other fellow look out for me.

What I ought to have is a private boulevard. Pedestrians ought not to be allowed on the streets, anyway. The only way to keep me from looking at both sidewalks is to keep the fair ones indoors.

With an increase of 29 per cent, Tennessee leads the country in increase of motor car registration.

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Youngest Soldier Arrives in Omaha

Bohemian Lad Decorated Five Times for Bravery in World War.

In a clear, bold voice Miroslav Marik, 17, youngest world war veteran, told upon his arrival in Omaha yesterday of his experiences with the Russian Cossacks, the Bohemian army and Italy.

He is heralded as the youngest soldier who served in the world war. This is his first visit to America and he is traveling at the expense of President T. G. Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

Stepping from a train yesterday, he was first greeted by Dr. E. A. Sedlack, formerly Captain Sedlack of the American Red Cross. They had met at Vladivostok during the summer of 1919.

Young Marik wears several decorations for bravery. He was awarded the Golden Medal of St. George, two Czech, one France and one American decoration.

The youthful soldier is touring America with his two brothers, E. F. and Macha Miroslav. He is giving illustrated lectures with moving pictures of his experience in Siberia. He will lecture tonight at the Maryland theater, Thirteenth and William streets.

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