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CAPITAL KNOWLEDGE



By W. N. Bill Taylor
Assistant Vice President

UTAH

Salt Lake City is the capital of a great state and the religion of Mormonism. The State Capitol building was modeled after our nation's Capitol, but it is somewhat overshadowed by the great Mormon Temple and Tabernacle. A tour here is most interesting because you see its murals telling the history of the state and for the unique "Gold Room," a reception room with gold in the chandeliers, on tables and chairs and even in veins running through the marble with which the room is paneled. A rug for this room was made to order in Scotland and it duplicates the colors of the Utah marble.

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OUR NEEDS

School bands and instrumental groups are prominent and integral parts of the artistic and scientific application of musical character. But, in addition, organized instrumental music like many other facets of education presents problems such as organization, finance, leadership, tools, and equipment.

In the area of public relations I am biased, of course, in saying that there is no better advertising for a community than a well-established, permanent band. The school band. The school band arouses enthusiasm in a community and advertises that community at football games, rallies, concerts, and out-of-town parades.

A permanent, successful organization cannot be developed overnight. First of all, it must have a good and reliable sponsorship, particularly in its first year. Since it is a school function, the school should in the initial stage to build its foundation. A minimum fund of \$1,000.00 should be provided for basic equipment. To help back the school, the Band Boosters Club, composed of parents of students in the band, can be strengthened and chartered. This important organization can be fitted to any community regardless of location or size. The welfare of the band, both from the standpoint of financial and moral support, should be the sole interest of this group. In no way does this organization dictate or control the actions of the principal or the director. A constitution and by-laws can be drawn up to accommodate this aim. Every year more and more high school bands are backed up by the above suggested club or similar ones.

No band is truly successful in marching, concert, or in competition when the balance of basic school owned instruments is faulty. To the lay mind and some school administrators the problem of balance appears to be of minor importance. They need to be convinced that a strong high school band program needs alto horns, alto and bass clarinets, bass horns, baritone, etc. In addition, new trends originate which require each organization to develop new authentic uses for added instrumentation such as herald trumpets, tenor drums and the like in order to mark the band's popularity in the public's eyes. Correct balance of basic equipment is of the utmost importance and represents the ultimate goal in the building of any musical organization. Band cannot be taught properly without these instruments any more than commercial science can be taught without typewriters or chemistry without test tubes. The principle is the same in either case. Consideration of the above suggestions makes clear the point that this program as stated is admittedly ideal and would involve an immediate sum of an estimated \$6,800.00. However, I am fully aware

that the financial means of the James Kenan High School would be limited. The figure of \$6,800.00 and the aforementioned statements were submitted with the idea of stimulation and a goal to work towards over an extended period. With this in mind, I am submitting the following list of necessary basic equipment for a string band program at James Kenan School. I do not believe that the school has to purchase this equipment all at one time; therefore, I submit for the general public a program we should follow over a three year period.

List of Instruments and Equipment Needed

First Year
3—alto horns \$400.00
2—baritone horns 300.00
1—concert bass drum (used) \$40.00
1—cymbals (18 inch) \$40.00
1—snare drum \$70.00
3—snare drums \$210.00
2—bass horns (used) \$300.00
1—concert snare drum \$60.00
30—music stands \$54.00
music \$350.00
miscellaneous & repairs \$176.00
\$2200.00

Second Year
1—oboe \$168.00
1—bass clarinet \$200.00
1—alto clarinet \$240.00
music \$150.00
miscellaneous & repairs \$150.00
\$908.00

Third Year
1—alto clarinet \$240.00
1—set of kettle drums \$550.00
music \$150.00
miscellaneous & repairs \$150.00
\$1090.00

Remainder Years
Budget \$600.00
My principle objectives for the James Kenan Band are to turn out well-rounded musicians within the framework of the talent available and to present in time the best music to the school and community as the students mature musically year to year.

In addition to providing the music student with as much preparation and pre-professional training as possible, my desire is to help enrich the cultural atmosphere of the school and community in as many ways as possible. A band program is not unattainable if the Band Parents Club and the community so desire it. I trust that in reading this article, the material presented is clear and a positive, enthusiastic response will be initiated on the part of the readers. Angelo P. Capparella, Jr. Band Director James Kenan High School

A. S. C. Notes
Announcing Initial Sign-Up Period For 1962 ACP
December 15 thru December 31, 1961 will be the initial sign-up period for the 1962 Agricultural Conservation Program. The basic purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to aid in achieving necessary conservation of our soil and water resources. The fu-

ture prosperity of this Nation necessitates the protection and maintenance of our land and water resources. Help protect your future by applying for assistance now. Conservation of these resources is urgent and it pays.

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Turkeys
The turkey industry is getting a chance to pull itself up by its bootstraps by voting in a Turkey Marketing Order. Hearing are now being held through out the country to determine if the growers want marketing orders. Turkey prices are down 12 percent below last year and 37 percent below the costs in 1951. Turkeys are selling throughout this section at a new all-time low

of 23 cents per pound - dressed - and the growers are the ones bearing the brunt of this situation. This new turkey program is a new step in national legislation and promises to be the forerunner of many new progressive programs. This program is important to every farmer in North Carolina and deserves immediate and continued attention.

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