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ALL AMERICAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO YOUTH OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Leopold Stokowski, world-famous conductor and director has opened the door to opportunity for many young musicians in this State. To those who have musical talent and ambition he has offered a summer trip through Central and South America on a good-will tour. A special ship will be chartered for the journey which will get under way around the first of July and return to the United States the latter part of August. The first concert will be given in Washington, D. C., at the beautiful Watergate near the Lincoln Memorial on the Potomac River.

The orchestra leader has announced that he will pay regular musicians' rates to members of the orchestra beginning with rehearsals and continuing through the trip and also that he plans to continue the orchestra after its planned good-will tour. The orchestra will be replenished yearly with new youthful talent, providing a degree of recognition for the orchestra that may make it almost a "Musical Olympics." Mr. Stokowski emphasizes the opinion that with the high professional standards being set, the youthful musicians' group will be the equal of any symphony orchestra in the country. He has pointed out that the new organization is unique in that it will be the first musical organization attempting to represent the talent of all the States in the union. His recent trips, he said, convinced him there is a new generation arising, so rich in musical talent as to stimulate high hopes for the musical future of the country. At least one program made up of compositions by native Americans will be performed.

To North Carolina youths this is an opportunity that should not be turned aside. There will be 109 musicians finally selected by Mr. Stokowski and out of that number North Carolina will be well represented. Mr. Stokowski is asking for musicians between the ages of 16 and 25 who have talent and musical ability and who are willing to work to make the most of this opportunity. In the cases of exceptional talent the age limits will not be strictly adhered to. No player will be accepted unless he can meet the minimum qualifications set forth by the committee and the final orchestra when it goes into rehearsal will consist of the "cream" of the musical talent of the United States. And, under the direction of the renowned Mr. Stokowski the orchestra will develop into one of the most unique and outstanding organizations in the world.

Applications must be received not later than February 15 by Mr. John Lang, State Youth Administrator, Raleigh, and the State-wide audition will be held on Saturday, March 2, in Raleigh. The State Audition Committee is composed of the following members: Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace, Meredith College, Chairman; Earl Stocum, Director of the band, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Robert Fearing, Director of the band and orchestra, Duke University; Major C. D. Kutschinski, Director of Music, State College, and Donald Prohl, Director of Music, Wake Forest College. Winners from this audition will be sent to a regional audition and from there will move up to the final selection which will be made by Mr. Stokowski himself possibly in New York.

All musically inclined youths are urged to apply and if some do not make the auditions for the All-American Youth Orchestra their applications will be kept and will serve as a nucleus for a North Carolina Youth Orchestra. This orchestra will be organized at an early date for aspiring youthful musicians who will be eligible for advancement each year into the National All-American Youth Orchestra. No one need feel that he or she cannot apply because of lack of training or experience but rather that it will be better in any case to apply and if they are not eligible for the National Orchestra, they will be given an opportunity to qualify for a year's training with the North Carolina Youth Orchestra and next year will have another chance to try out for the All-American Youth Orchestra.

Let's start the Good-Will tour in each town with each application and have North Carolina more than well represented in Mr. Stokowski's All-American Youth Orchestra.

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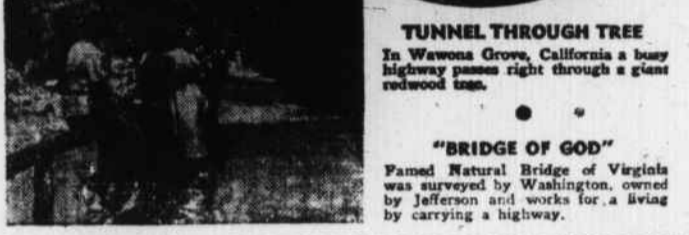
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Famed Natural Bridge of Virginia was surveyed by Washington, owned by Jefferson and works for a living by carrying a highway.

Farmers of Jackson County have made application through the county agent's office for 180,000 trees to be used in checking erosion and reclaiming worn-out land on their farms.

Many of us who crack jokes about scotch thirift should be endeavoring to imitate it.

More than 163 colleges and universities have conducted Scouting courses for Boy Scout leaders.

Through the Extension Service program, more farmers of Wilson County will be taught the necessity of raising more food and feed crops at home this year, says Farm Agent J. O. Anthony.

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