

## MUSIC IN COLLEGES GAINS 100 PER CENT IN TEN YEARS

### Builds Character, Preserves Morale and Helps Students Pay Way Through School, Conn Music Center Survey Shows.

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Music has become an indispensable part of college life. It is of inestimable value to the college proper, and of great material and spiritual benefit to the student who takes an active part in it.

This is the composite sentiment of close to 200 presidents of American colleges and universities and heads of music departments in institutions of higher learning who contributed to a survey of college music just completed by the Conn Music Center, Elkhart, Ind. The survey shows that musical training in colleges has doubled in popularity in ten years.

Music not only adds color to college athletic events, supplements and rounds out the varied activities of the campus and assembly hall, but is of distinct advantage to the member of the glee club, the sextette, the college orchestra, band or whatever other organizations may be functioning within the college. In the opinion of these college executives, music helps preserve a high morale in the institution, it aids in building the character of its young men and women, provides an opportunity for a good number of them to pay their own way through college, and in many instances, prepares them for a life of usefulness along lines they are naturally best fitted for.

#### Helps Character Building.

Great stress is laid by college heads on the benefits of musical training in character building, the survey revealed. Fully one-fifth of the college executives who contributed the results of their experience to the survey

variously those having honors in academic subjects," and at Lombard college, Galesburg, Ill., "the students in our music school are all above average in their academic work."

#### Students as Leaders.

Forty-six per cent of the colleges reported band and orchestra work as part of their school curriculum. Five per cent of the total enrollment of the colleges are members of college bands and orchestras, of which 18 per cent are women students, with the girls playing almost exclusively in orchestras. Leaders for these college bands are drawn for the most part from the faculty ranks, though some colleges use students as leaders and another small group goes outside for leader talent.

Playing in the college orchestra is somewhat more popular than the band with the boys as well as girls. Approximately 10 per cent of college students who play an instrument in the college band or orchestra end up eventually in the ranks of professional musicians.

#### "Horn Their Way Through."

"Horning one's way through college" compares very favorably with other methods of self-support through the college years, according to the college executives contributing to the survey. Despite the comparatively limited opportunities offered in the average college town, fully one-fourth of all the students playing in the college bands and orchestras are paying for their education with their instruments. Students' earnings range all the way from board and room, two-dollar-an-hour tuition fee, and up to two thousand dollars a year. Twelve per cent of the college executives in the survey are of the opinion that playing one's way through school pays better than other means; another 12 per cent thought it offered an easier way to make one's way through, while a goodly number of others said that it interfered least with the students' school work.

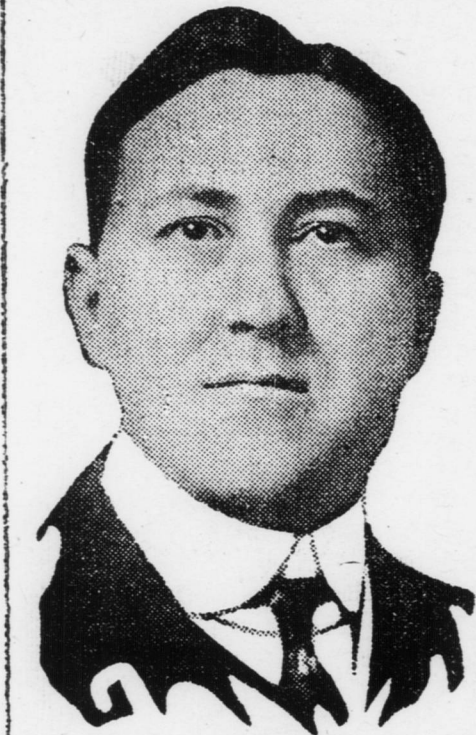
#### Saxophone Rates High.

Among those playing their way through college, the violin comes first in the preference of instruments. The saxophone is second choice of college players, but seventh with girl musicians. Piano is the second favorite instrument with the girls, and third with the boys. Cornet comes fourth in the preference of both the young men and women. Organ is the next favorite with the boys, and flute with the girls. Other instruments in the order of favor with the young men are the trumpet, the trombone, the horn, drum, banjo and mandolin. With the girls, it is the drum, clarinet, trombone, harp, banjo, trumpet, organ and mandolin.

A striking fact brought out in the survey was the close relation between music and student leadership. Fully 40 per cent of all the outstanding college students, class presidents, student leaders, etc., are reported to be playing some kind of an instrument.

#### Music Fights Crime.

That music is the greatest deterrent to crime, is the opinion voiced by the dean of the college of music of New York university, who wrote: "If we were to organize a band or orchestras in every public school, high school college, university, boys' or girls' club or place an instrument into the hands of every boy or girl at an age when understanding and appreciation become evident so that the child's mind is aroused sufficiently to make him want to excel in the instrument which he likes best, I believe that we would have, in from ten to fifteen years, from 50 to 75 per cent less dope fiends, criminals and gamblers in the United States."



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considered this the best argument for music in their college or university. Others mentioned the social and cultural advantages accruing to the music student, the effect of music in refining the student's taste for art, music as an aid toward developing clear thinking, improving the discipline and enhancing the student's power of concentration, as well as making for better team work and co-operation in college matters. Music on the campus as an outlet for surplus energy and as a help in getting many youths through school, was brought in by still others.

All but three of the colleges represented in the survey find their musically trained students more efficient. In their studies than those not so trained. "They usually make grades above the average." Is the experience at Bethel college, in Tennessee, and DePaul university at Chicago finds "musically-trained pupils at the top in their studies." At Wellesley college our best musical students are in

## SHILCH NEWS

Rutherfordton, R-1, Dec. 7.—Rev. W. E. Jenkins, of Forest City, filled his regular appointment at Shiloh Sunday. Mr. Dalton joined this church and was baptized Sunday night.

Mrs. Lela Davis, of Landrum, S. C., is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Morgan Jones and family.

Miss Annie Kuppe spent Sunday night with Miss Ruth Morrow.

Mrs. Herbert Cole spent a few days last week with her parents in Forest City, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Ledbetter and Mr. Edgar Davis and little daughter, Ruby, of Spindale, spent Sunday at Mr. B. M. Jones.

Born, last Monday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hamrick, a fine son.

Miss Odessa Jones entertained a number of her friends last Saturday evening from seven to eleven o'clock. A few games were played, music was enjoyed on the Victrola and banjo throughout the evening. Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Lillian and Annie Ruppe, Pearl Nash, Nell McBrayer, Ruth, Pauline and Velma Morrow, and Estelle Jones. Messrs. Birch and Beryman Hamrick, Vic Moore, Charlie Nash, Tim Spurlin, Sewell McBrayer, Columbus Dobbins, Clyde Ruppe, Alton Tate, Robert Pintuff and Virgil Carver.

#### CHRISTMAS SEALS

The following members of the Woman's Club will sell Christmas Seals on the streets, from 2 to 4 p. m., each day as follows:

Friday, Dec. 10, Mrs. J. M. Edwards, Mrs. E. O. Thomas; Saturday, Dec. 11, Mrs. G. C. McDaniel, Mrs. Arthur McDaniel, Miss Ottillie Long, Miss Mattie Hyder; Monday, Dec. 13, Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Mrs. John Dalton; Tuesday, Dec. 14, Mrs. A. M. Glickman, Mrs. Jack Michalove; Wednesday, Dec. 15, Mrs. Hague Padgett, Mrs. Nell Norris; Thursday, Dec. 16, Miss Robbie Biggerstaff, Mrs. Nell Stone.

## BOSTIC R-1 NEWS

Bostic, R-1, Dec. 6.—Mr. C. B. Gurley recently butchered a hog that weighed five hundred and twenty pounds.

Miss Joeanna Toney was the guest of Mrs. Arthur Toney last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Owens, of Henrietta, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Melton, on Bostic R-2.

Some changes have been made in the preaching services at Mt. Lebanon. In the future church services will be held there every third and fourth Sunday at eleven o'clock, and Saturday services will be discontinued.

Miss Nora Belle Johnson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Melton last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arrowood, of

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Many from this section are planning to attend the Wake Forest Glee Club at Forest City, Thursday night.

The W. M. S. will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, after the preaching services. The subject of the program will be, "China's Spiritual Awakening." We hope each member will be present.

Mr. W. T. Toms and family, Mr. J. C. Toms, Willie Toms, visited Mr. Glen Toms, who is attending school at Mars Hill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Kennedy and children visited the former's mother Sunday afternoon, Mrs. J. C. Toms.

Mrs. T. J. Toms and children visited Mrs. Maudie Vassey, who is in

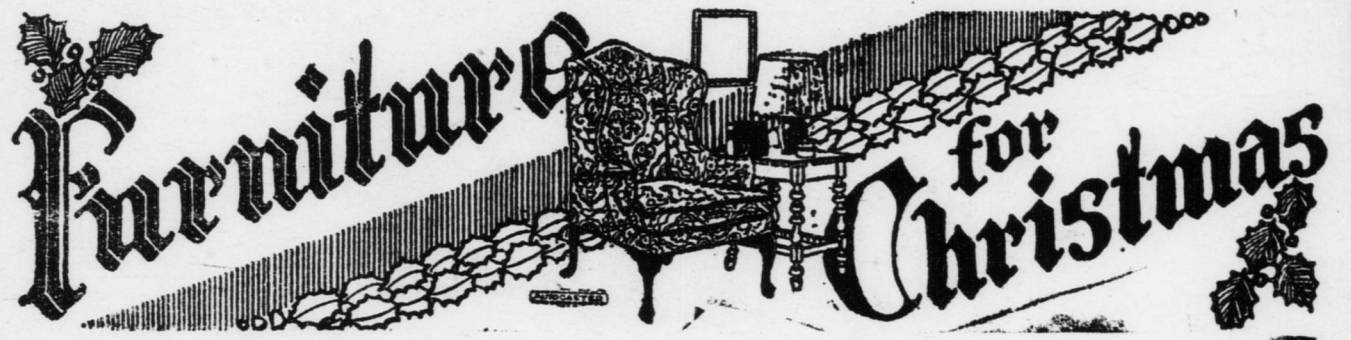
Cherryville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Walker.

Rutherford Hospital, Sunday afternoon. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Annie Toms visited Mary Green Sunday.

#### MR. J. C. ELLIOTT WRITES INTERESTING ARTICLE

In this week's issue will be found an interesting sketch of the Baxter family in Rutherford County, from the facile pen of Mr. James Elliott, of Lattimore, R-1. Mr. Elliott is known far and wide by his occasional writings on subjects of a historical nature and of present times. His activities and acquaintances in the years gone by enable him to deal in first hand facts. Occasional letters from Mr. Elliott will appear in The Courier from time to time and will contain some interesting reading. Watch for them.



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