

Schools Pushing Music to Fore

America Destined to Lead World, Says Frederick Neil Innes.

That the public school band movement is bringing America to the fore in the music world, is the belief of Frederick Neil Innes, director of the Conn National School of Music, Chicago, and internationally known band leader.

"America is destined to lead the world in music," says Innes. "It does not yet rank with Germany, France, Hungary, Italy or England, but we are climbing. Fully eighty per cent of the high schools have some musical organization, an orchestra or a band, or both. Music in the public schools



Frederick Neil Innes, Director, Conn National School of Music.

will give America this coveted musical supremacy."

Mr. Innes further believes that the time is near at hand when even the smallest community will have its band. He thinks that when this condition is brought about that it will be due largely to the incentive given musical training by the public schools of the nation. "The modern school is as proud when a musical championship is won by their band or orchestra as it is when their football heavies go down

are held to glory in every game they play," he says.

"The band or orchestra is vastly superior to the vocal class," says Innes. "Because the boy in the adolescent stage simply will not sing. He may be compelled to go through the motions, but he will not actually sing. He refuses for the simple reason that he has no voice to sing with. Give such a lad a trombone or a cornet, or any other instrument of the band and his musical progress will astound even himself."

This Town of 20 Has 44-Piece Band

A 20-man town with a 44-piece band has been discovered by the Conn Music Center at Elkhart, Ind.

Forest Grove, Mich., is the town. The entire population of 20 is housed in five dwellings. Small boys throw stones from one end of the town to the other. Two stores serve the needs of the community. Yet Forest Grove's band numbers 44 pieces.

The hamlet lacked paved streets and population. It was not even mentioned on the maps, yet the "musical urge" was there. Several of the townsmen knew something of music, as did several of the boys on the surrounding farms. There were lots of others vying to blow a horn. A meeting was arranged, attended by a 100 per cent representation of the town and by farm boys within a radius of many miles. The band came into being overnight.

Rehearsals are faithfully attended. Band night sees the one street lined with parked automobiles, and Forest Grove, once a jest, has become an envy of the surrounding communities.

Housewives Big Buyers of Musical Instruments

Elkhart, Ind.—Sixty per cent of musical instruments sold to women are purchased by housewives. It is revealed in a survey made by the Conn Music Center here. The survey was made through music instrument dealers in twenty cities, and covered 321 actual transactions.

One out of every ten instruments sold were purchased by women, and their preferences for instruments was very much along the lines favored by the men, according to the survey. Of the total number of transactions, fifty-two per cent involved the purchase of a saxophone, sixteen per cent that of a trumpet, and nine per cent that of a trombone.

That youth will be served, especially in music, was well illustrated in the

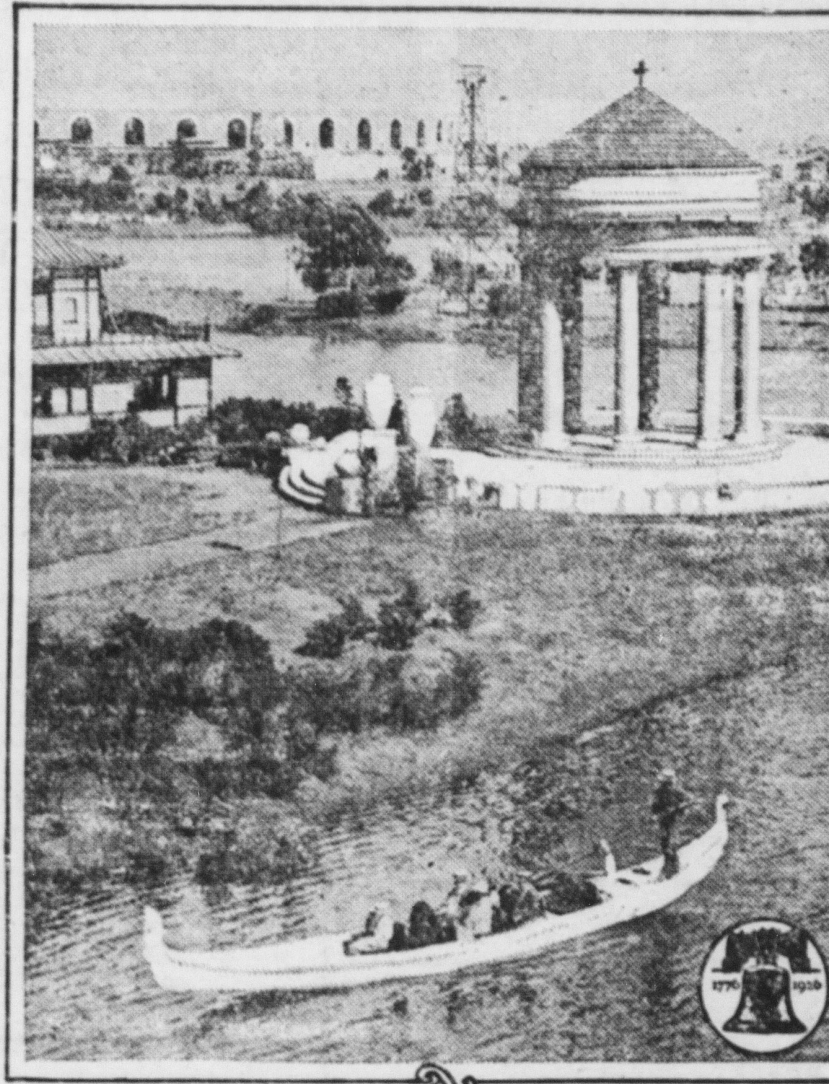
four per cent of those purchasing instruments were under twenty-one years of age, while nineteen per cent were between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five, and twenty-one per cent between the ages of twenty-five and thirty. Only twenty-six per cent of all transactions involved persons of thirty years and over.

1ST AMERICAN YOUTH ENTRY



Edith May Adams, eighteen-year-old Barrington, N. J., girl, presenting her entry blank to Mayor Kendrick in his office at City Hall, Philadelphia. The American Youth and Teacher Award was established as a tribute to American youth and teachers by the Board of Directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, through which the people of the United States and the world at large will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. The exposition will run from June 1 to December 1. Miss Adams' entry blank cited her for heroism displayed recently when she remained inside a burning building helping doctors render first aid to injured firemen. She is a candidate for the Golden Earlette, the highest gift within the hands of the Girl Scouts. Each state will elect a girl and boy and one teacher to represent them and the successful candidates will be the guest of the Sesqui officials from June 28 to July 5 at the exposition. This will also include a trip to Washington where they will be received by President Coolidge and presented with medals.

ON THE SESQUI LAGOONS



Here are Americans, visitors to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, riding about the lagoons in an Italian craft, a gondola, from which they view the buildings and displays from many lands. In the distance can be seen the mammoth Sesqui Stadium; to the right is the signal tower of the United States Coast Guard building and exhibit, and to the left is one of the Japanese pagodas which dot the exposition grounds. The Grecian pavilion is one of the permanent structures on the site before the city government decided to build the Sesqui at the front door of the great Philadelphia Navy Yard. The Exposition continues until December 1.

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