

### Band Music in All Schools, Aim

President of Federation of Music Clubs Outlines Plans of Her Organization.

Elkhart, Ind.—A band or orchestra in every public school in the country is the goal of the Federation of Music Clubs, according to information received by the Conn Music Center here.



Mrs. Kelley.

"Music has too long been considered a mere accomplishment rather than a necessary part of our educational system," said Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley, national president of the Federation, in outlining the plans of her organization. "Fortunately the delusion is now beginning to give way and the true value of tone in educational work is being more generally acknowledged. The value of teaching instrumental music in all schools can scarcely be overestimated. The Federation of Music Clubs is working enthusiastically for the inclusion of bands and orchestras as well as glee clubs in the schools because the officers of this, the largest musical organization in the world, are convinced of the worth of this procedure.

"The public schools are preparing our business leaders of the future, why not our musical leaders? Welcome will be the day when every school in the land will give credit for executive as well as theoretic music. We will then be training the men and women who will later give America a great music of its own. Not every child so trained will make music their life-work but all of them will be bettered by the training."

### MANY STATES HAVE BAND TAX LAWS

Question Put Up to Voters With Provision for Repeal.

Elkhart, Ind.—Only 22 of 48 states in the Union are without laws, allowing taxation for the support of municipal bands, it is shown in a survey by the Conn Music Center. Even in states without such laws the survey shows that a number of cities have of their own volition appropriated funds to provide free band concerts for their citizens.

The 26 states having laws under which municipalities may appropriate funds for music either by action of the common council or after authorization of voters are: Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Movements for similar legislation are now under way in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky and New Mexico.

Iowa was the pioneer state in band legislation, and the laws of many of the states now having such statutes on the books are modeled after the Iowa plan. That law provides that the band tax may be levied only after it has received the sanction of the voters. The question is submitted for vote upon petition of a certain percentage of the qualified voters of the towns and cities. Provision is made for repeal of the tax in the same way.

### Spirit Behind School Band Makes Champion

Elkhart, Ind.—It's the spirit of a town, and not the number of its inhabitants that determines the size and quality of its high school band, according to James F. Boyer, widely known musician and supervisor of the Conn Music Center here.

As proof of his contention, Mr. Boyer cites the case of Joliet, Illinois, home of America's 1925 champion high school band. Census figures give the population of Joliet as under 50,000, yet public-spirited fathers and musically ambitious sons have here made possible a 65-piece prize-winning band. In their natty full-dress uniforms, the boys made a sensation as they marched down the streets of Fostoria, Ohio, on their first lap toward national band honors.

### Find Poor Pupils Eager as Rich to Study Music

That the school children of the poor are just as eager to learn music as their more wealthy schoolmates is shown in a survey of school music in the high schools of Springfield, Mo., by the Conn Music Center. Three per cent more pupils were found to be studying music in the Reed Junior high school, located in the poorer section of Springfield, than in the Jarrett Junior high, in the more wealthy section of the city.

The survey also brought out that in Springfield high schools, pupils studying music are twenty-five per cent more efficient in their school work than children who have never taken music lessons.



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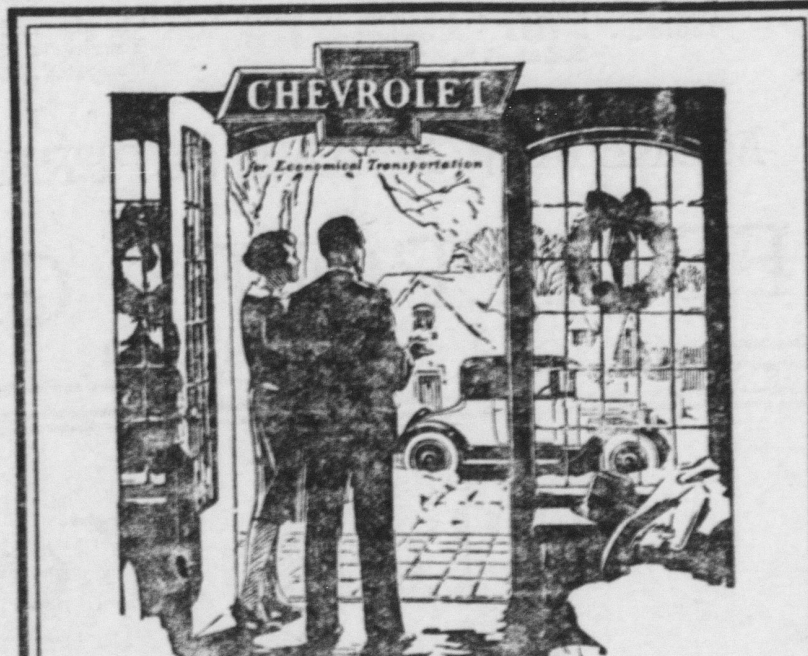
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