

1,400-Member Band to Play At County Fair Next Tuesday

All 21 Cambria High School Units To Appear In Afternoon, Evening

Picture, if you can, some 1,400 musicians seated in a giant auditorium before an expectant audience of several hundred persons.

A guest conductor strides confidently to the platform.

He motions for silence and across the sea of raised trumpets, reeded clarinets, poised arms of the drummers.

Then, down snaps the baton and a lilting march bursts from 1,400 instruments.

Scores of thundering drums, hundreds of flashing horns, trumpets, flutes and woodwinds blend and merge skilfully as the stirring music explodes through the auditorium and engulfs the audience.

From start to finish, the piece is performed professionally and with euphony.

Yet, until this very moment, these 1,400 musicians have not had a single practice session together.

Neither the march they now play nor any number remaining on the concert program has been rehearsed once by this group. Only relatively few members of this vast band know each other. In fact the conductor is a stranger to most of the musicians.

Sounds like a wonderful formula for pandemonium, doesn't it? By all that traditional, such

a concert should erupt into a riot to musical discord from the first downbeat.

Yet, more than 1,400 brightly-uniformed musicians and white-hosted drum majorities from 21 Cambria County high schools successfully defy all musical rules of the thumb on Tuesday of next week, Sept. 6.

That day they will join forces for a gigantic band festival to highlight second-day activities of the 1955 edition of the Cambria County Fair.

The colorful array will march and play, both as units and as a group, during the afternoon at the race track, and then combine in the evening to present a concert in the indoor arena.

And, although these students will be playing and marching as a body for the first time, both the afternoon exhibition and evening concert will be rendered with precision and harmony.

Sounds hard to believe—but not to Cambria County Fair goers.

These combined band festivities have been a standout attraction at the American Legion Fairgrounds each fair week for several years. The band program will highlight Children's Day—Sept. 6.

So far as is known, they bring together the largest group of high school musicians and majorities for such a performance in the state.

The secret of such a spectacle's success is cooperation and careful planning—plus the willingness of the Cambria County Fair Assn. to pick up the tab.

Next Tuesday's festival actually moved over the discussion stage early last fall. At that time Daniel L. Auchenbach, assistant superintendent of county schools and chief planner of the program, sent to various high school supervisors ballots on which they indicated their choice of musical selections for the 1955 festival.

When the ballots were returned, titles of the most-wanted selections were turned over to the fair authorities, who in turn purchased the music. The orchestrations then were sent to the music supervisors.

During last winter and spring each school band, working alone, practiced. As festival date approached, final details were worked out by the air association. Mr. Auchenbach and his two assistants—Joseph W. Boos, supervising principal of John Carroll Joint, and Richard O'Connor, music supervisor at Franklin-East Taylor Joint.

The fair association pays all bills incurred in transporting the bands by bus to the fairgrounds.

Tuesday's event will get underway at 2:00 p. m. on the race track, where the bands will have assembled half an hour earlier.

They will march enmasse to a point above the grandstand site and then "peel off" into units to parade past the bleachers and spectators. Each outfit will be allowed five minutes to perform as it passes by.

After all units have moved past they will rejoin as a single body and parade back to the grandstand site to play the "Star Spangled Banner."

Students will be free to roam the fairgrounds until 6:45 p. m. when they will assemble at the arena for the 7:30 p. m. concert.

Participating bands and the directors of each are as follows: Adams-Summerhill Joint, L. C. Ampe; Blacklick Twp., Mrs. Rhea Taylor; Greater Conemaugh Jt., Steve Singel; Cresson Jt., Paul Flinn; Dale, Kathryn Gorris; Ebensburg Cambria Jt., William Gruver; Gmator Johnstown, Chas. L. Akerly.

Greater Ferndale, Louis Ghusto; Franklin-East Taylor Jt., Ellen Thomas and Richard O'Connor; Greater Galitzin Jt., Peter Galace; Hastings-Elder Jt., James C. Geiz; John Carroll Jt., Michael Karolchik.

Lilly-Washington Jt., Barbara Balthaser; Nanty Glo-Vintondale Jt., Michael Mastovich; Northern Cambria Jt., Barnabeo section, Robert; Gobrecht and Spangler section, Daniel DiCicco; Patton-Chest Jt., John Semonich.

Portage Jt., Leonard Colelli; Richland Twp., Kenneth Gaston; South Fork-Croyle Jt., Phillip Mollers and Summerhill Twp., Edward Nezmeski.

The concert program will include these selections:

"On the Square," "Military Escort," "Helma Polka," "Washington Post," "Our Director," "American War," "Booster March," "His Honor," "Necoid March," "Cambria County Fair March," "Pennsylvania Polka," "Officer of the Day," "Band Jive," "Star Spangled Banner," "When the Saints Come Marching In," "E Pluribus Unum" and "S.I.B.A."

Following the concert, a stage show will be presented.

Musicians and directors hope for only one reward for their months of work—a crowd big enough to warrant such a spectacle.

As Mr. Auchenbach put it—when those kids start to play they just about tear the roof off."

PEGGY KING AT FAIR



PEGGY KING, lovely young singing star of the Gobel Show, will help launch Cambria County Fair activities Monday with a guest appearance at the Follies Revue which will be presented at the indoor arena at Ebensburg Fairgrounds on Labor Day evening.

NICKTOWN

Recent Bride Honored At Shower In Nicktown

A shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lieb recently in honor of Miss Helen Long of Patton.

The shower was given by Winifred Kirkpatrick and Rose Lieb. Attending were Mrs. Darrell Krug, Mrs. Martin Hoppel, Mrs. Walter Dumm, Mrs. A. P. Kirsch, Mrs. Margaret Pfeister, Mrs. Minnie Dumm, Mrs. Annie Kirsch, Mrs. Chester Lieb, Miss Martha Kirsch, Miss Betty Kirsch, Miss Rose Lieb, Mrs. Edward Kirkpatrick, Mrs. George Lieb, Mrs. George Krumenacker and Mrs. G. R. Lovette.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirach attended a picnic in Wilmore Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirach were in Portage on Friday. Sister M. Consuela, who spent the past week in Nicktown, returned to Portage with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Krug and family attended the picnic for the employees of Bearings Inc. of Johnstown on Sunday.

Sister M. Celine, RSM, and Sister Frances De Sales, RSM, of Chest Springs and Mrs. Evelyn Ager were visitors at the Louis Ragley home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ludwig and family were Thursday visitors in Summerhill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ragley and daughters were visitors in Wilmore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kirach and children, Mark and Marilyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNulty and children, Sally and Sandy, of Ebensburg motored to Dallas Sunday with Sister M. Hermine, the former Celine Kirach of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Peters are the proud parents of a baby girl born recently in Spangler Hospital, Spangler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kritzer of Altoona are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Kritzer.

Mrs. Blair Brown and sons, Blair Jr. and Keith of Irwin R. D., were recent visitors at the Reade Brown home.

Port. Norm Kirach of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the week end at his home here.

Louis Kirach, who is employed in Cleveland, Ohio, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pius Kirach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keith and children of New Jersey were Tuesday callers at the home of Lena Schlereth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunchuck and sons, Tom and Billy, were Saturday callers in Johnstown.

Miss Agnes Long and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Long of Pittsburgh visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Krumenacker last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Soisson, Mrs. G. L. Krumenacker, Misses Dolores Kline and Mary Ellen Norton were Thursday callers in Clearfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caprio and daughter, Mrs. Richard Brown, of Lock Haven were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hoppel.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Krug and daughters, Mary Ann and Jane, were callers in Johnstown Thursday.

Ann Parabaugh of Cleveland, O., spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smego and Maxine and Zella Kirach spent Saturday visiting with Sister Mary Otto, the former Mary Agnes Kirach.

Mr. and Mrs. Oston Gray of Philipsburg and Mrs. Lloyd of Harbesboro visited Saturday at the home of Miss Lena Schlereth.

Mr. and Mrs. Helen Norton and William Kline, USN, attended a baseball game in Pittsburgh Sunday.

Joyce Plummer attended the wedding of her cousin, James Lieb, and visited her uncle for several days recently. She is employed at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot of Shenandoah, Pa., and Miss Sue Soisson, R.N., of Cresson were dinner guests Friday at the G. L. Krumenacker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lieb and son, Henry, spent the week end with relatives in Cleveland.

Fr. Hilary Kline and Dolores Kline spent several days recently in Williamsport, Pa.

CARD SERIES TO BEGIN

St. Augustine card series will begin Sept. 11 and continue on Sept. 12 and 13, starting at 8:30 p. m. sharp each evening. Clue and pinocle will be played and nice prizes will be awarded. A delicious lunch will be served. The public is cordially invited. '8-22

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Registration At St. Francis College To Exceed 1954's

New District Students Asked to See Dean

As the registration date draws nearer, St. Francis College, Loretto, prepares to meet the oncoming freshmen class.

As of this week, 185 freshmen men and women students have made reservations to reside on the campus and 65 men and women freshmen from the area have been approved for admission to the college bringing the total to 250 freshmen already approved for enrollment this month.

The total of 185 new residents will tax the college to almost the limit in spite of the new dormitory and dining facilities. Of the 185 students the majority of them reside in the New York, New Jersey areas and several are from Eastern Pennsylvania.

The trend, the spokesman from the Dean's office stated, seems to indicate more and more students from those sections are enrolling at St. Francis College.

The Dean of the College suggested that all student who wish to enroll at St. Francis as "day hops" should make arrangements for personal interviews with the Dean in his office on the campus.

The Dean has office hours from 10:00 a. m. to 12 noon and 2:00 to 3:30 p. m.

Veterans who are interested in enrolling should contact the Veterans Adviser, J. Paul Melanson within the next 10 days if they are to be approved for the Fall session of school.

The registration date for freshmen for the coming semester is Tuesday, Sept. 13, for upperclassmen, Wednesday, Sept. 14. School officially opens Sept. 15, next Thursday. A college spokesman said that students who have been approved should have, or will, receive shortly all the information concerning registration day procedure.

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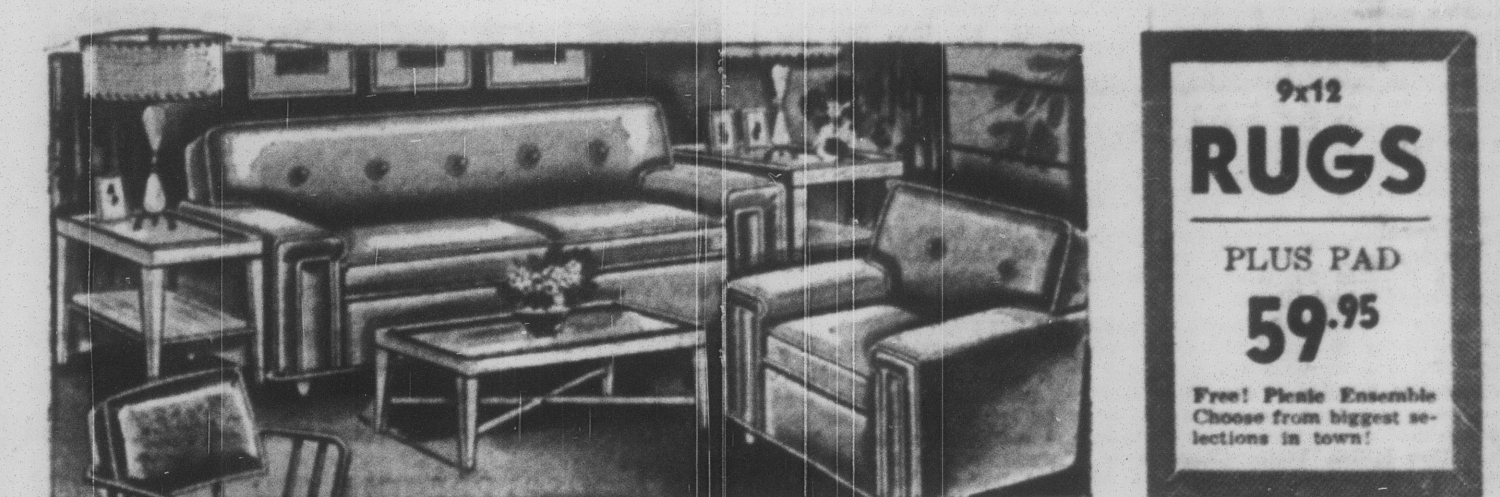
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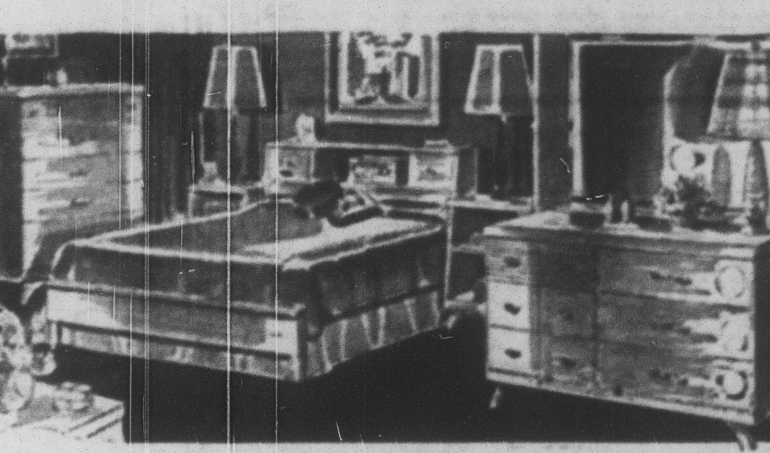
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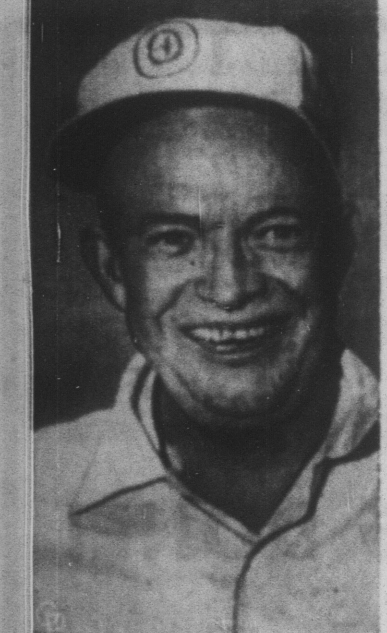
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