

# FINDS MUSIC IN A PRIVATE MAIL BOX

## Some Orchestra Reported at White School—Jew's Harp Player Too.

It has been said of old that "there is music in everything" and this was never more self evident than today when one of the lads in the improvised orchestra at the White school discovered that there was even harmony in pounding a private mail box. This band of youngsters have a violinist, a harpist, an oboist and forty vocalists enlisted in their forces.

The boys render patriotic airs in a very creditable manner and a man who has "ear for music" reports that the refrains sounded good to him. As a drummer on the mail box Master Hurst cops first honors. Young Haney is on the job with his horn.

The harpist performs on no more difficult instrument than a Jew's harp.

## Evening Chat

Speaking of chickens—and then hen is a most important fowl at the present time—Frank Coogle on Morgantown avenue has about thirty five big fine white orpingtons, which are causing a great deal of comment. Mr. Coogle is somewhat of an expert when it comes to getting the most out of his chickens. His record for 1917 is as follows: Received for chickens and eggs, \$191.89. Expense for feed, \$88.76. This leaves a profit of \$103.13. Besides this he supplied his family with all the eggs and chickens to eat that they desired, which is probably doing a little better than anyone in the city that I know about. Every where people decided to sell off their chickens when feed went up—saying it would not pay them to keep them. So fast went the chickens that for a while many feared the hen would go out of existence entirely. As a result we are paying now from sixty to seventy cents a dozen for eggs and feel sure we are saving money.

According to Mr. Coogle, who is an authority on such matters, the secret of making money out of chickens lies in the selection of a good breed fowl, second in not picking too many in one pen, third in proper feeding and fourth in the wedding out each year of the hen who is lazy or shows marks of poor breeding. Mr. Coogle does not keep a hen longer than two years. For breeding purposes he selects the fowls in winter when in a large board-room with plenty of straw underfoot. He has curtains of sackling in to shut off any draft and he has his nests well covered and dark to keep his hens from eating their eggs. Otherwise there is nothing to prevent the coldest air from entering, which does not seem to have affected the laying qualities. Mr. Coogle gets about twenty eggs a day now.

Of course Mr. Coogle has the advantage of about six acres of ground where his chickens can roam at leisure during the green months, which solves half the chicken problem. The people who try to raise them in the city on a small lot, find that their chickens never grow so large or so healthy—and very seldom have an unusual egg record. There are exceptions though even to this. I know a man who not only kept his family in eggs and young chickens last year, but paid for his feed in eggs like sold to his neighbors. This was done with no particular effort and no attempt to make money besides.

A great many people—in fact most people who keep a few chickens do so with the idea that the chickens will take care of themselves. They seldom pay any attention to them. When one dies the funeral is a small concern. If they get any eggs—allright. If not they complain of the high cost of feed and of the folly of keeping chickens. If there is any task to be undertaken in this world paying a fair dividend without work, it doesn't lie in keeping chickens. A certain amount of work is very necessary, though when done regularly, it doesn't occupy more than an hour or two a day—according to the number of chickens. Water must always be clean and fresh. Oyster shell must be handy. Ashes are important for the hen to scratch in. Masa in the morning with some corn thrown into the straw and mixed feed noon and night is Frank Coogle's rule. He says he also marks his chickens when they first hatch by punching a small hole in the web of their feet in a manner he will readily recognize. In this way he knows their ages exactly and can weed them out accordingly.

I saw a fine bird dog yesterday out on Morgantown avenue. With sensitive alertness plainly stamped in every move, the dog tried hard to coax for a run to the woods. The owner said "That dog loves to go bird hunting and when we get where he scents a bird, he stands immediately poised just exactly where the first faint scent reaches him—sometimes with one foot just ready for a step—poised in the air or head held sideways, understanding and love of the game writ ten aquiver in every muscle.

Some rabbit dogs also attracted my attention. The beagle dog is certainly not very handsome but the saying: "handsome is as handsome does," certainly applies here. I have heard it said that men love their dogs more

than their wives. I can prove it but easily understand that a woman must of necessity be the possessor of a vast amount of sympathy and understanding not to be unrivaled by a dog of great intelligence and appreciation. Dogs of high breeding are almost human. Deprived of speech they can be especially sympathetic. Did you ever see one lay his paw on his beloved master's hand and look into the eyes as though to say—I understand perfectly and nothing you could do would change me!

Speaking of animals and the art of two or three times when finally a weeding out so keeping in existence the best—it might not be a bad idea if human beings were treated in much the same way—keeping for our world's work only those mentally efficient—doing away by a process of elimination those who showed poor breeding. "About the only objection to that," replied a farmer I was talking to recently, "a man of unusually fine mind with a somewhat battered hat and greasy trousers turned up over muddy rubber boots and with a heavy growth of beard 'whoever was the judge would have to be all-fired keeful because folks ain't like chickens and you can't judge 'em by their feathers or what's on their feet. I'd be powerful afraid if ye judged by looks in this world get my plantin' done; for that weedin' scheme would certain take me off in my youth. I ain't much for weedin' but I'm all-fired good when it comes to plantin' corn."

There would come the trouble. Breeding is something in humans which comes pretty near being undefinable. It doesn't consist solely in fine words—good grammar or table manners. It can't always be found in one's actions. Sometimes the least likely man in the world is possessor of a goodly share of the coveted quality—a quality which after all isn't human at all but a product of that invisible thing within us some folks call a soul.

A very young wife said to me the other day "When my husband gets mad and he has an awful temper, I just crawl under the table or the bed and stay there until he gets over it. The other day I stayed so long he had to come under after me."

The same wife is a little bit timid at night. Recently she told of one of her scary experiences: "I heard a noise in the kitchen and I peeped very carefully around the door in the morning. I saw a board in the kitchen lift up and go down and this happened two or three times; when finally a large cat with two big shining eyes came through. That cat just stared at me and I stared back. She came on in and I got her a saucer of milk. Pretty soon while I was sitting on the floor I heard another bump, bump—and in came another cat and pretty soon the kitchen was full of cats and I gave them all milk and took one of them back to bed with me." I run across some very original characters in the city.

## NORWOOD

Mrs. Florence Hawkins, who has been ill for the past few days, is slightly improved according to last reports. Mrs. John Hawkins and daughter called on Mrs. W. A. Walls last week. Mrs. Maul Helm and two children, Emma and Kenneth called on Mrs. J. C. Satterfield last Friday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Walls called on Mrs. Florence Hawkins last week. J. C. Satterfield spent Wednesday in Winfield, having been called there by the death of his sister, Miss Sarah Satterfield.

Deat West called on Neil Sherwood Sunday afternoon. Miss Laura West has been spending the past few days at H. E. Dodd's.

Mrs. Edd Gould was calling at Charley West's on Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting program was rendered on Thursday in honor of Washington's birthday by the scholars of Norwood school. It was an exceptionally fine program.

Literary meeting every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school on Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

## Four Minute Men on the Job Tonight

Continuation of the addresses on "The Danger to Democracy" will ensue this and next week by the Four Minute Men and tonight a number of prominent men will speak for tonight follows: Dixie (9 p. m.), Dr. L. Yost; Nelson (8 p. m.), H. H. Rose; Princess (8 p. m.), Mayor Anthony Bowen; Hippodrome (8 p. m.), Hon. E. M. Showalter.

## Glover's Gap School Principal Resigns

W. E. Michael, acting county superintendent of schools, was notified last night that W. F. Bridges, principal of the Glover's Gap graded school in Mannington district, had resigned that position and will relinquish those duties on Friday. Mr. Bridges will leave for Akron, O., within the near future to accept a position with a rubber company.

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# LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

**Home from Parkersburg.**  
James C. Herbert, managing editor of the Fairmont West Virginian, A. Ray Maple, advertising manager of the same paper and E. C. Scott, business manager of The Fairmont Times, have returned from Parkersburg where they had attended the annual meeting of the West Virginia Daily Newspaper Association. Others present from this section of the state were Terence D. Stewart and Ross Jones, of the Morgantown Dominion, J. S. Devine of the Clarksburg Telegram, W. Guy Tetrick and A. Paul Hertzog of the Clarksburg Exponent.

The sessions of the convention closed yesterday with the election of the following officers: President, Max von Schlegel, of the Martinsburg Journal; vice president, Hugh Ike Shott, of the Bluefield Telegraph; secretary-treasurer, Allan B. Smith, of the Parkersburg Journal.

**Club Meeting Tomorrow.**  
A good attendance is desired at the meeting of the Woman's club to be held tomorrow afternoon at the Masonic Temple. Officers to be voted upon two weeks hence will be nominated at this meeting. Special features of the program will be music by Miss Bertha Dilgarde and a talk on Current Events by Mrs. Cecy Paul Bolt. The meeting will be held at 2:30 o'clock and the lecture will begin at three o'clock.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wescott have returned from a visit in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Ira L. Smith has returned from a visit with relatives in Morgantown. Mrs. C. F. Schroeder, of Grafton, spent yesterday in this city the guest of her daughter, Miss Harriet Schroeder.

Mrs. Mary Flannagan has returned to Grafton after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Statler. A letter received by Paul Fleming from Robert Tuttle who is in the government service stationed in France, states that he is well and enjoying himself. His letter was dated Anvers, France. He was formerly a resident of this city.

Mrs. W. S. McKay, of Ravenswood, is the guest of Mrs. H. C. McKay and family on Watson avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dyke, of Bellview, have gone to Washington and Baltimore where they will spend a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Bruce Faus, who is ill with typhoid fever at her home on Jefferson street, is showing signs of improvement and it is believed she will recover if no complications develop. Miss Dana Jacobs has returned from Morgantown where she had visited relatives.

J. F. Conaway, formerly of this city, is here from Washington, D. C., for a few days' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Ernest R. Bell.

Mrs. J. D. Barry, who underwent an operation in a Pittsburgh hospital recently, is recovering and will probably return home next week.

Lieutenant Paul E. Marsh, bayonet assistant to Capt. Grouard at Camp McClelland, Alabama, is spending a few days in this city.

Attorney George M. Alexander has returned from a visit to Eastern cities. Mrs. D. S. Huffman who had been ill for some time at her home in Barckville, is recovering. Her daughter, Miss Gay Huffman, has been ill for several days.

Everett Drennon, formerly of this city, now manager of the Davis Mining operations at Elkins, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wells went to Oakland, Md., yesterday where they attended the funeral today of Mrs. Nancy Forman Jones, wife of Ray Jones.

Miss Helen Weistling, of Wheeling, was the guest of Miss Sallie McCoy recently.

Mrs. Ralph Burt underwent an operation for appendicitis at Cook hospital on Monday. She is doing nicely.

M. C. Lough returned today from Baltimore where he accompanied Mrs. Lough, who is a patient at the Kelley sanitarium.

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**Entertained at Dinner.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Reason Fox of Fairview entertained at twelve o'clock dinner yesterday. Covers were laid for Rev. H. D. Hall, and Mrs. Hall and two children. Rev. and Mrs. Coffman of Fairview; Rev. and Mrs. Guy Coffman of Barboursville; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox, Mrs. M. L. Barr, and three children and Miss Jessie Shiriv.

**Entertained Friends.**  
Robert Smith was host last evening at the Y. M. C. A. to a number of his friends. Mr. Smith expects to leave soon to join the U. S. army service and the affair was arranged as a farewell party. The evening was delightfully spent with games, etc. Those present were: Joe Feather, Lytle Mann, Augustus Rice, Paul Stevens, John Cook, Jay Toothman, L. V. Carpenter, Wayne Wilson and Robert Smith. A fine spread was enjoyed.

**Entertainment Tonight.**  
The Lenten entertainment to be given tonight at Fairmont Farms by the Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal church promises to be unusually interesting. The public is invited to be present. A silver offering will be taken.

A recent issue of the New York Times contained a picture of American aviators and plainly distinguishable among the group is the figure of Vaughn Jolliff, son of M. A. Jolliff, of this city. Mr. Jolliff is handling a pipe in the picture. It is said to be a splendid likeness and was readily recognized by his friends here.

Paul V. Fleming of this city, who is a government inspector of materials going into the manufacture of airplanes and who is located in Pittsburgh, recently made application to enter the United States aviation corps. He passed successfully the preliminary examinations but was refused admittance to the corps owing to the fact that the government considered his services as inspector to be of greater value at this time than they would have been in actual service.

Captain Rollo J. Conley, a veteran of the Spanish-American war and a lieutenant in the United States army, is doing government service at Camp Beauregard, La. He writes that he is a busy man these days. Capt. Conley has under supervision charge of 300 laborers and has also charge of a large number of horses and mules.

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