

Silk Stocking Craze, Joy Rides and Jazz Hurt Piano Business

Craving of Young for Endless Animation, Plus Small Rooms, Causes Lull in Sales.

"I Love a Piano"—old stuff now. Just as peking a dress suit into the open mouth of a Baby Grand piano makes noise out of music, so has the advent of the silk stocking pushed the business of selling pianos.

"Too many silk stockings—and what goes with 'em." That's the trouble with the retail piano trade, according to a well-known Washington piano dealer.

PEOPLE WANT TO BUY. The mind of the country has turned to jazz music, moving pictures, automobiles and silk hosiery. And while people think only in these terms we can't sell pianos. People haven't the patience to learn music, to study the classics, or even good rag. It's just a fad.

Details of modern living have been so arranged to gradually kill off Baby and Papa Grand, dealers declare. Bungalow construction does not provide space. Apartments are built for a bed and a place to open canned food. When pianos are crowded into the small rooms, they are jammed against the wall where they prove an annoyance to cliff-dwellers in the adjoining apartment. "Jazz music is doing more to ruin the national love for good music than anything else," declared another dealer, Ed Droop, of E. F. Droop & Sons.



ED DROOP.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT RESEARCH UNIV. OPENS TUESDAY

100 Subjects Offered Ex-Employees of U. S. Who Wish to Enter New Careers.

Research University will open for the summer quarter Tuesday. One hundred subjects will be given for teachers, federal employees, and specialists in all lines. Classes will be held both in the day and evening, the day courses being mainly for teachers and students of secretarial work.

One of the problems to be met is the preparing of the many clerks dropped from the Government service for special lines of business. The alphabetical list of subjects to be given ranges from agricultural economics, algebra, and American government to stenography, teaching, typewriting, trigonometry, and water-color painting.

Among the new appointments to the faculty, beginning Tuesday, are Dr. Henry S. Pearson, of the U. S. Bureau of Education, who will teach courses in the evening on Shakespeare's drama and English literature; Dr. John C. Hall, who will teach public speaking, Parliamentary law, labor problems, and foreign trade; Dr. Paul Vernick, who will teach advanced courses in mathematics; Mr. Frederick Gillis, foreign trade development of the United States; Alton R. Hodgkins, business correspondence and business law; W. S. Deffenbaugh, educational administration; J. C. Muernan, special lecturer on education, and others.

The summer quarter for teachers will close September first, but the regular quarter will continue until September 15.

DEALERS MUST FIGHT. "Dealers everywhere must join in the fight against jazz, or they will suffer permanently. People tell me jazz is merely a 'temporary tendency.' Prohibition was a 'temporary tendency' until it became a permanent condition."

John Keyser, sales manager of the Arthur Jordan Piano Company, does not agree with Mr. Droop, however, on the fatality of jazz.

"The jazz tendency has been a great help in the present trade situation," he declared. "It has provided business for dealers who might otherwise have been without any business whatever. Jazz has afforded the same support in the music business as the automobile industry has in the car business. People have different tastes, and our business is to cater to their respective tastes, regardless of what our own individual likes may be."

DISAPPROVES OF JAZZ. Another dealer joins Mr. Droop in his disapproval of jazz, believing that the public can gradually be weaned from its love of the erratic modern classification of music, through education directed by dealers and their salesmen. More violent, forced change was proposed by another dealer, who declared he was contemplating a policy which would entail the placing of a sign over his door:

"We Don't Sell Jazz"

Dies of Paralysis. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—R. O. Webb died at his home at Lignum, Culpeper county, of paralysis. Mr. Webb, who was sixty-six years old, is survived by Randy and Miss Rose Webb, of Lignum, and R. A. Webb, merchant at Jackson Monument, Spotsylvania.

Fire Destroys House. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—The residence of Mrs. Baldwin Knight in Stafford County was burned to the ground Saturday. The origin of the fire is unknown.

14 Men Prepared for Consular Examinations and 15 for Diplomatic Career.

Graduating sixty students, Emerson Institute last week closed its sixtieth consecutive session. The school in addition prepared fourteen men for consular examinations and fifteen for diplomatic examinations.

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FOUR PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN THE LOCAL Y. M. C. A.



Many of the most distinguished men who have had residence in the National Capital have been among the members of the local Young Men's Christian Association. The photographs above show four presidents and their membership cards.

Arnstein Defendent Barred From Law Practice Here

Norman S. Bowles, recently convicted with Nicky (Julius) Arnstein and others in the conspiracy to bring stolen securities into the District, in connection with the \$5,000,000 Wall Street bond robbery, was yesterday barred from practicing law in the District of Columbia.

Bowles noted an appeal.

LEGION TO HONOR DEAD COMMANDER BY MEMBER DRIVE

Costello Post Will Carry on Intensive Recruiting Drive During Summer Months.

Members of Vincent B. Costello Post, No. 15, American Legion are planning a busy summer. J. Blair Fitzgerald, adjutant of the post, today announced the tentative program of activities for July.

As a memorial to Col. F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the legion, who was killed in a motor car accident recently, the post, today announced the tentative program of activities for July.

One of the last slogans written by Galbraith before his death was "Every Member Get a Meribee. Are you With Mer?"

On the night of July 5, the regular meeting of the organization, in the District building.

A street dance will be given at Fourth and S streets northeast next Saturday night. The dance excursion to Chesapeake Beach will be held on August 2.

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Children of the Poor Find Enchanted Land At Camp Good Will

By ED DUFFY.

There is a spot in Washington where the sun shines eight weeks of the year. For forty-four other weeks that garden spot lacks the luster of life, and presents a forlorn aspect.

The sun is shining here today, and in its rays are reflected the joy and merriment in the hearts of children—children of the poor—to whom those eight weeks of sunshine mean fresh air, fun, wholesome food and appreciation of the joy of living.

"Angel abode—that it is" expresses the sentiment of the fairy-tale teller of the children. In reality it is the abode of fellowship, faith, hope, and charity—good will—which expresses the ideal of the Board of Charities. The board guides the destiny of this "summer sunshine spot."

Camp Good Will, it is called. There rest the children of the poor, the undernourished, neglected waifs who ride the tide of fate and circumstance unable to help themselves. For two weeks of the year they are taken from the poor sections of the city to the camp of good will. Their drab life is tinted with sunshine and happiness, and today is the first Sunday of that golden period.

IN A STRANGE LAND. Four times a year the camp is filled with boys and girls whose poverty has robbed of opportunity for the things of life. Nearly 200 children live the camp life each two weeks. This year has found more youngsters than ever at Camp Good Will.

It is like traveling to a strange land for these District waifs, to leave their squalid homes for a country play. Their haven in Rock Creek Park, surrounded by nature as it is, seems to impress them as a foreign fairy land. The first few hours—with green grass all under their feet and trees all around, and the sun shining in the cool water—there on the hillside is something else. It's all too good to be true, the children seem to think.

Even the smallest of the babies takes new life as the fresh air tints the "moonshine" whiskey were confiscated. There was no still, although the officials searched the community for miles around, including an island in the Potomac river, near Knoxville.

For months there has been a steady flow of moonshine liquors from Virginia and West Virginia. In spite of careful road guarding, officials have been unable to intercept the liquor. It could be had in the southern section of the country in large quantities, and especially in Brunswick.

The three men occupied two tents along the bank of the Potomac river when surprised by Sheriff William O. Wertenbaker and Deputy Sheriffs Charles H. Kilgip and Vernon Redmond. They made no effort to escape and refused to discuss the source of the liquor, which the officers found bottled, ready for distribution.

The officials are of the opinion that the three men were operating one of the "numeration" firms established for the distribution of Virginia moonshine.

Exchange Elects. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—The Rappahannock Exchange at the annual meeting of stockholders held at Irvington, reorganized and elected the following officers: President, L. D. Stoneham; vice president, Capt. Tom Heady; secretary-treasurer, John Curlett; general manager, C. T. Snyder; attorney, R. C. Norris, Jr.; directors: W. T. James, W. C. Chilton, W. E. Wright, I. W. Heady, John G. Grenelles, R. G. Neale, L. D. Stoneham, A. E. Brent, F. O. Lankford, F. G. Heady, T. H. Hall, Y. D. Clarke, J. C. Phillips, Dr. G. N. Maan, J. Hodgson and John Curlett.

Farmer of 91 Swings Cradle 2 Hours In Wheat Harvest

WILLIAMSPORT, Md., July 2.—John D. Byers, a farmer living at Kemps, near this place, has reached the remarkable age of ninety-one years in the possession of much of his former vitality.

This week, while the wheat harvest was in progress on his farm, Mr. Byers went into the field where the harvesters were at work and, taking up a cradle, worked side by side with men ranging from twenty-five to fifty years for two solid hours, in the glare of a hot sun. The harvesters were amazed by the skill and vigor with which the aged man swung the cradle, laying the sheaves of wheat in perfect rows, as he did many years ago.

FREDERICKSBURG COPS CAPTURE LIQUOR CAR

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—Officers here captured two men and a large Chandler touring car containing forty gallons of corn whiskey. The capture was made late in the night on lower Charles street by Sgt. J. C. Chichester, Chief S. B. Perry, Officer J. A. Stone and Deputy Oliver Morrison. A long-barreled .44 pistol was on the front seat with the men, but they were surprised and grabbed by officers, while the car was in motion, before the weapon could be put into action.

In police court the men gave their names as B. J. Drew, of Washington, and H. G. Jackson, of Petersburg. They pleaded guilty to the charge of transporting ardent spirits and a sentence of ninety days on the road was imposed on each by Justice W. H. Embrey. The prisoners noted an appeal to the corporation court and asked that they be given time to send for attorneys and bail.

MAN OF 73 GETS JAIL. BLUEFIELD, W. Va., July 2.—Wingfield T. Shorter, seventy-three years old, was haled before Squire Chambers on a charge of assisting in the illicit manufacture of moonshine whiskey. County officials declare that this is the first case where a man of his age has been arrested on such a charge.

The house back from the county road, several miles below Athens, where Mr. Shorter lives was raided and one of his sons and two other men were arrested. Twenty-five gallons of whiskey were destroyed as was other paraphernalia pertaining to the manufacture of whiskey. Mr. Shorter was fined \$100 and sixty days in jail.

Ends Life in Ohio.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—The body of John H. Graube, who committed suicide at his home in Bucyrus, Ohio, last week, has been buried in Spotsylvania Courthouse Cemetery. Services were conducted at the grave by the Rev. E. G. Barnum.

Graube was a native of Germany, thirty-eight years old, and unmarried. He left this section about eighteen years ago and has been making his home in the Middle West. He committed suicide with a pistol, giving no reasons for the act. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graube, one brother and four sisters.

Dog Goes to Doctor.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., July 2.—Severely bitten by a vicious bulldog that had suddenly attacked him, a handsome pointer dragged himself a distance of several squares until he came to the home of Dr. H. G. Tonkin. Where either by instinct or good fortune, he turned in and waited for help. Mrs. Tonkin heard him, opened the door, and took the dog to her husband, who is caring for him.

Germany to Send Envoy.

BERLIN, July 2.—The cabinet is considering Prof. Lujo Brentano for the post of German ambassador to the United States.

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Normal School Again Popular as Teaching Art Wins Back Favor

Fifty-seven high school graduates of the District high schools have already registered for entrance in the Wilson Normal School three months before they will begin their studies. This number will be increased by an additional 50 per cent registration by fall, school officials predict.



JOHN J. TIGERT.

DOOMED TO CHAIR, NEGRO FIGHTS JAIL GUARDS AN HOUR

Dragged From Cell With Ice Hooks—Battles With Black-jack Made by Himself.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—By hooking the long prongs of ice hooks into his flesh, Caroline county jail officials at Bowling Green finally subdued Richard Lassiter, imprisoned negro, after he had made a desperate attack on the jail guards with a bludgeon and black-jack he had secretly constructed in his cell.

Lassiter, awaiting death in the electric chair for assaulting and robbing an aged white woman, Mrs. Carla P. Thomas, on April 17, was crouching in the corner of his cell when T. B. Gill and Deputy Sheriff E. F. Borkey went to get him for removal to the State penitentiary.

As Deputy Borkey advanced to place handcuffs on the prisoner, Lassiter sprang forward and struck out viciously with a bludgeon he had made. Borkey ducked and avoided the blow, which would in all probability have killed him if it had landed and jumped back outside of the doorway of the cell. Sheriff Gill quickly pulled a level which controlled the cell door and prevented Lassiter from getting on the outside. The desperado, during his long hours of confinement, had ingeniously constructed a bludgeon of sharp pieces of steel from his cot, wired on a broom handle, which made a most deadly weapon. He had also made a blackjack of iron bolts and nuts, woven in a net made from strips of bed clothing.

The officers drew their pistols and made several futile attempts to corner the prisoner. Assistance was called in, but added force failed to subdue the negro.

Between the negro shouted, "My life don't belong to me. I would just as soon be killed here as die in the electric chair."

Lassiter was finally secured bound with hand and ankle cuffs, after he had been dragged up to the bars of the cell with the aid of long-handled ice hooks, which were hooked into the flesh and limbs of his body. The struggle lasted for over an hour. Lassiter was then taken to Richmond, where he is now in the death cell at the State prison.

It is said that a petition to the governor, which also bore a recommendation from Judge Chichester, requesting the governor to commute Lassiter's death sentence to life imprisonment may be withdrawn, owing to the dangerous character of the negro.

Wilson to Take Charge.

ANNAPOLIS, July 2.—Admiral Henry B. Wilson will report at the Naval Academy, to the superintendent of which he has been designated, on Tuesday next. Capt. John J. Halligan has been acting superintendent since the departure of Rear Admiral A. H. Scales. Lieut. Comdr. S. S. Hatch and William N. Richard have reported for duty at the Naval Academy.

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This one case of increased interest in teaching is but one indication that the young women of the country are again turning to the school houses in numbers that will undoubtedly provide the nation with registration in the profession which may shortly exceed even the pre-war total.

Teaching, in short, has again become popular. Better salaries, increasing wages of other vocations, and particularly the reduction in the forces of Government employees, have turned the tide and once more the profession is looked upon with favor by young women.

FLOCKED TO U. S. JOBS. Attracted by the war-time salaries paid Government workers here, more than 1,500 school teachers deserted their posts and flocked to Washington to become stenographers, typists, and specialized clerks. Gradual reductions of the Government pay rolls have sent them back to their respective sections ready and willing to take their places as teachers once more, but at salaries far more encouraging.

Thousands of teachers who went to other large cities to engage in the work of Government agencies, likewise attracted by what seemed high salaries in comparison with their meager pay as teachers, have similarly returned to the business of instructing the nation's young.

In Washington during the war the dearth of teachers became so pronounced that mothers of children in the schools in many cases stepped up to the driving line to help out. One Congressman's wife, it will be remembered, was among those who answered the call, rather than expose District youngsters to inexperienced teachers who had barely stepped out of high school.

TURN OF THE TIDE. The current issue of School Life, issued by the Bureau of Education, and edited by James C. Boykin, states that with the turn of the tide there has been a marked change in the spirit with which teachers are tackling their jobs.

"A majority of this year's senior class of Mount Holyoke College," reports School Life, "will enter the teaching profession, and the number of teachers who had teaching records caused by low salaries and rise in the cost of living did not hurt it a great deal, for it meant keeping out young people who were naturally inclined to teach. They had seen that the cost of college graduates who took up teaching was lessened."

"Now the tide is turning, and although it is not expected nor desired that teaching will take those graduates who care more for other work, it is hoped that those who do teach will never again be kept out by starvation wages. Now that salaries are going up, young people can enter the teaching profession with the feeling that they can support themselves in it. Results are showing already. In the Cleveland School of Education there is a gain of seventy-seven pupils over the registration of 1920. Only fifteen girls were graduated last January, but ninety will be graduated in June."

Twenty thousand girls in forty-two colleges were questioned by their deans, and 1,400 said they were planning to teach. Of ninety-four normal schools, sixty are gaining ground in teacher recruiting, twenty-nine are holding their own with last year, and only five are losing.

Of 2,122 high-school seniors in Ohio, 713 expect to teach, 1,119 will not teach, while 140 are undecided. The reason given for not teaching was, in most cases, the small salaries paid teachers.

The Nation can gain much assurance from this increase in the supply of instructors, assurance that the best of those available will be the first to be employed, and the assurance that those who are for their positions will be wooed out.

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