HUGH BAND CONCERT

AFFAIR IN WASHINGTON IN MEMORY OF SOUSA

The most notable event in the history of band music will take place in Washington on the evening of Sunday, April 17th. On that date, in Constitution Hall, will be held the monster concert of the American Bandmasters Association, which will meet in the National Capital for a four-day clinical study of instrumentation. The three United States Service Bands the U. S. Navy Band, U. S. Marine Band and U. S. Army Band will be massed for this occasion and the program will be under the direction of Edwin Franko Goldman, of New York, President of the American Bandmasters Association and Director of the famous Goldman Band, which for the last several years has played to audiences averaging 1,500,000 a season.

The concert will be in the nature on a tribute to the memory of John Philip Sousa, and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Farewell" will be played by the three massed bands under the direction of Arthur Pryor. Victor J. Grabel, Director of the Chicago Symphony Band, will direct the U. S. Marine Band in the playing of Siegfried's Funeral March from the "Gotterdammerung" by Wagner, which was Sousa's favorite selection.

Practically all of the numbers on the program will be new compositions produced by world famous composers for the occasion. Dr. Theodore Gustav Holst will be present in person and will conduct his Prelude and Scherzo "Hammersmith". A new production entitled "Ballata" by Ottorina Respighi, Italian composer, will have its premiere at the concert. Mr. Goldman has examined the manuscript for this work and says it will be startling in band history. A new production of Nathaniel Shilkret also will have its premiere. It is entitled "Skyward" and is dedicated to Commander Byrd. It is descriptive musically of Byrd's landing on one of his trips to France.

Among those famous bandmasters who will be present at the concert in addition to Mr. Goldman, Mr. Pryor and Mr. Grabel, will be A. A. Harding, of the University of Illinois; Herbert L. Clark, Director of the Long Beach, California, Band; Captain R. P. Hayward, Director of the Toronto, Canada, concert band; Lieutenant J. J. Gaginer, Montreal, Direhtor of the Canadian Grenadier Guards Band; Captain Charles O'Neil, Senior Ranking Bandmaster of Canadad; Lieutenant Philip Egner, Bandmaster of the United States Military Academy at West Point; and Walter Smith, of Smith' Band, Boston. Mr. Clark for thirty years was Assistant Conductor and Cornet Soloist for Sousa's Band.

The concert is being given under the auspices of the American Red Cross, with the cooperation of the Greater National Capital Committee. Lieutenant Charles Benter of the U. S. Navy Band, is Chairman of the Committee on arrangements.

FARMER AGREES WITH HOOVER

The Centreville Observer says:

At least one Queen Annes county Democrat believes firmly in President Herbert Hoover's prediction that "Better times are ahead."

He is D. C. (and that doesn't stand for District of Columbia) Ridgeway Nelson, a farmer, of near Hope, who in a letter to The Observer, outlines his reasons for believing that the Chief Executive must ge correct in his prediction that "Better Times are Ahead."

He writes:

"Please allow me space in your valuable paper for just a few lines. Having read in the papers the address of President Herbert Hoover that "Better times are ahead," it caused me to take stock of my own experience since he became president, and I find I am standing thus:

"To begin, four years ago somebody stole every chicken on my place except two old worn-out hens who were setting on some other hens eggs in a secluded spot the thieves couldn't find. And then a little later my oldest son ran off to sea.

"Three years ago my wife became desperately ill and has remained in that condition ever since.

"Two years ago my eldest daughter just about to be graduated from High School was married and moved to Virginia, leaving me as chief cook and bottle washer at home. Just about the same time another son ran out of a road inn in Baltimore and was detained in the Northern Police Station.

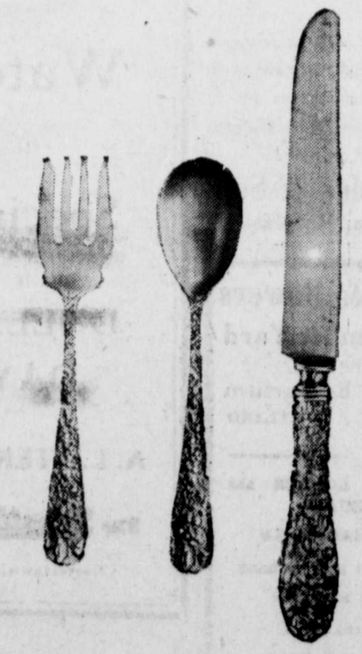
"One year ago our home burned to the ground and all contents were totally destroyed and a total loss. My wife went to a hospital and my oldest boy got stranded in Florida 1650 miles from home.

"This year I have already been pulled by a motorcycle cop; I have 40 ewes that won't raise a single lamb, one calf froze to death and yesterday the Health Officer sent my three little girls home from school with scarlet fever.

"Yessir, Mr. Editor, I agree with President Hoover, There must be "better times ahead."

Young People's League

The Epworth league got its name from the name of the town in Lincolnshire, England, which was the birthplace of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. The Epworth league was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in May, 1889, at a meeting of representatives of various young people's societies.



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JEWELER AND POTOMETRIST

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The Curbstone Diplomat

By

WILLIAM S. COLLINS

Why is it, feature writers for newspapers and magazines, very often citicize public officials, actors, etc., when the writers themselves could do no better, were they in a similar position? Quite true, a writer sits at a desk and tells a farmer how to farm, an actor how to act, a public official how to handle his affairs, when the writer probably, has had no experience in these lines himself.

Let us take a look into the life of these writers.

They do not all write in the dark. Maybe they have had no experience doing the things they criticize but probably they have the information from someone that has. The pot has called the kettle black for a long while and always will. Information about an athlete can be obtained from a coach. Information about a coach can be obtained from the athlete or another coach.

Another thing for the man on the spot to remember is that the writer not only expresses his own opinion but more often the opinion of many with whom he has come in contact. Generally a writer gets both sides of his subject and draws his own conclusions.

Here is the one that Walter Winchell has in his article. An actor complained, that the critic should be able to act, before he tried to tell the actor how. The critic replied that he was not a hen and knew nothing about laying an egg but knew a bad one when he smelled it.

Then again many writers write for a living and do not believe half that they do write. They give the people what they want and their articles are in demand. Mr. Mencken probably did not believe half of what he wrote about the Eastern Shore, yet many people make a point of reading everything Mencken writes. Mencken criticizes everything and everybody. Much of what he writes is true because no one is above criticism. The average person does not mind reading a criticism of someone else, so that is why the type of articles, written by such as Mr. Mencken, are in demand.

There is still another class of writer and that is the editor of a newspaper or magazine. His policies are dictated by the management. His personal views may not be contained in the article at all. The editor who wrote the condemning editorial in the Sun about the Salisbury lynching, probably had different ideas of his own. For these last mentioned the management of the paper must take the responsibility, for no name is signed to such editorials.

For anyone who holds a public position, or anyone else who is in the public eye, not to be criticised, is something unheard of. Yet we do have individuals, who through their own efforts get the public eye and expect to sit upon their pedestal untouched. When these people strive to get at the public thought or else be the big bug of honorary positions, they must expect to take all that goes with such positions, although they might do their job better than it has ever been done before.

Three outstanding Naval heroes of Revolutionary War period, came from Kent County. An article about Captain Lambert Wickes will be found on page three of this issue.

A relief survey is to be made of the entire State of Maryland by social workers in order to determine the needs of each of the twenty three counties. In other words, another investigation of the counties. When this investigation is made, it is hoped that someone really familiar with the counties will be put in charge. It is needless to say that city life and country-life are entirely different. Different sections of the state will have to be handled differently. If these precautions are taken, it can be assured that loyal cooperation will be given the charitable effort.

The investigation made by Dr. Broades Mitchell some time ago, showed what a mess can be made of an invetigation.

KENT D. A. R.'s MEET

The old Kent Chapter D. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. William G. Smyth on Saturday afternoon, March 12, 1932, there being nine members present. The color scheme of refreshments were in keeping with St. Patrick's Day.

The Old Kent Chapter is sponsoring the erection of one road marker to be placed on the Highway used by George Washington. The chapter has purchased fifteen Wedgewood Dinner Plates, the sale of which is being sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in connection with the commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of General George Washington. They are executed in Etruria, England by Josiah Wedgewood and Sons, Ltd.

Mrs. William G. Smyth and Mrs. William T. Brown, delegates from the Old Kent Chapter, are attending the annual Maryland Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Hotel Belvedere this week.

WEALTHY RECLUSE DIES

A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK WHOSE IMMENSE WEALTH PROVED A BURDEN INSTEAD OF A PLEASURE

Mrs. Ida E. Wood, who lived as a million-dollar hermit in the heart of Manhattan since the panic of 1907, is dead. Her years were ninety-three and her memories of a bygone day were priceless.

She died last Saturday at noon in the third-rate hotel in Herald Square, where she had lived a recluse's life for nearly a quarter of a century. Pneumonia took her after a heart attack had sapped her strength several days ago.

Four Nurses In Attendance

Her personal physician and four nurses stood by the bed in the small two-room suite and watched helplessly the passing of the woman who knew New York when she and it were young sters. Her nephew and personal guardian, Otis F. Wood, alone among her relatives, was there at the end.

Ida Wood was the widow of Benjamin Wood, brother of a New York Mayor and publisher of a Democratic newspaper in the time of Abraham Lincoln. Once she danced with Edward, Prince of Wales and she was a social leader for twenty years during the post-Civil War period.

Story Revealed Last Summer

Her story remained her own until last summer when her kinfolk found she had been living alone within a stone's throw of Times Square since the death of her sister, Mary. She had refused medical or legal advice and almost starved herself by cooking meager meals over a gas burner.

When her nephew was appointed guardian her secret world tumbled at her feet. Under her protesting eyes and in spite of her grumbling words, a search of her belongings uncovered nearly $1,000,000 in moldy currency and coins, an equal amount in jewels and invaluable mementoes of her in triguing past.

$400,000 Hidden In Frock

Four hundred thousand dollars were taken from a brown paper parcel in her faded taffeta frock and $500,000 more from a secret pocket in her skirt. Forty rusted trunks, some of them in her room and some in storage, disgorged among the gems a diamond necklace she had worn at the Infanta Eulalia's ball in 1893.

Other finds were a gold-headed cane President Monroe gave her father-in-law, a set of the "Tragedies of Mr. William Shakespeare" printed in 1723 a family Bible dated 1759, silks and satins and laces and society program incrusted with age.

Lost Faith In Banks After Panic

Her grudging confession revealed that she had never trusted banks too much and that after the panic of 1907 she virtually withdrew her trust in mankind. She liquidated her immense holdings, some inherited from her husband and some built on speculation, and secreted the proceeds about herself. She never let them out of her sight and the memory of her wealth had been dissipated in the minds of others with the passing of the years.

Funeral To Be Held

In her new existence it was understood that her health was improving and that she had added 10 pounds to her 70-pound weight. Her sight and hearing responded to medical attention an dshe appeared to be resigned to the new mode. Many were the tales she told her intimates of her heyday —such as the time she toured Africa with $700,000 tied to her wrist in a paper bag.

Her determined head bowed at last and she given the last rites of the Catholic Church this morning. She will be buried in Calvary Cemetery Monday after a requiem at St. Francis Church. Besides her nephew, M. Wood, her principal survivors are Mrs. Blanche Wood Shields and Miss Gertrude Wood, step-grandchildren.

BETTERTON

Miss Louise Crew entertained the Epworth League at its monthly business and social meeting last Thursday evening at her home. It was decided at this meeting to invite the Still Pond Epworth League to bring its entertainment to Betterton on Thursday evening.

The Wesley Chapel entertainment was given in the school auditorium last Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Walter Stone entertained the Home Economics Club at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Martha Turner has returned to her home after being operated on at the Church Home in Baltimore.

Mr. W. Reese Young, celebrated his eightieth birthday on Thursday. Mr. Young is recuperating from an illness of pneumonia that he had early in the winter.

Dr. Talbott Brice, of Baltimore, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brice this week.

The Kent County W. C. T. U. met at the home of the president, Mrs. J. L. Price at an all day meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. Price served a delicious lunch at noon.

Mrs. Mattie Tull is spending some time with her daughters in Baltimore.

Mrs. Clarence Newsome is improving after being quite sick for several weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Brice is spending two weeks vacation with friends in Baltimore and Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Littleton Moore and children were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bramble.

Seven members of the Betterton Womens Foreign Missionary Society attended the meeting of the Middletown District meetaing at Centreville on Friday. Miss Myra McDade, a missionary from China was the guest speaker in the afternoon.

A number of persons attended the play given by the Chestertown High School "Mother Careys Chickens" on Friday evening. Several of the Betterton boys and girls had parts in it.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Byden and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons, of Wilmington, were guests last Sunday of the latters mother, Mrs. Annie Poore.

Mrs. Arabella Mannig is at Lancaster, Pa., this week attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Travers who died there on Monday last.

Rev. R. H. Nelson was sick on last Sunday morning and unable to fill his pulpit at Asbury. He is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mrs. Eva Marvel is visiting relatives in Wilmington the past week.

The 4-H Club, of Wilmington, met with Louise Robinson, on Thursday night of last week and an enjoyable time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. Westcott Porter and brother, of Ridgely, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee.

Miss Edith Wyat was a visitor for a few days last week of Miss Catherine Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waecher and Mr. and Mrs. Nevitt Robinson spent Sunday with Mrs. E. B. Green.

Mrs. William H. Loper is visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Effie Hibbard, of New York, who has been visiting Miss Clara Bryan for several weeks has returned to her home in New York.

Mrs. Alice Reese, wife of Mr. William Reese who has been ill for the past few weeks passed away at her home on Cypress street on Friday of last week. Funeral services were held at her late home Monday at 2.00 o'clock p. m. conducted by Rev. R. H. Nelson. Interment was made in Millington cemetery. John O. Tobin & Son were the undertakers. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Miss Elva Reese, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Blanche Reese at home.

STILL POND

Mrs. Wm. Davis and daughter, Jean, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson. Mrs. J. B. Robinson returned to Baltimore with them on Sunday for a few days.

Miss Eleanor Hopkins who has been quite sick is much improved and spending some time with her parents at the parsonage. Mr. John Hopkins, of Bridgeville, Del., was also a visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris and son, David visited her mother in Philadelphia, Pa., couple of days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ford entertained at dinner on Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheatley, of Chestertown; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford and daughters, Misses Kate Howard Anna Bowers, Mabel Norris and Mrs. Kate Ford, of Still Pond. Mr. and Mrs. Pauline Subers and Miss Isabell Price, of Betterton.

The community supper held on Tuesday evening in the Sunday School room in honor of those who helped with the painting of the church, was well attended.

The Sunday School held the Annual Missionary Anniversary on last Sunday evening with an interesting program by the children.

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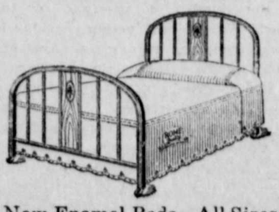
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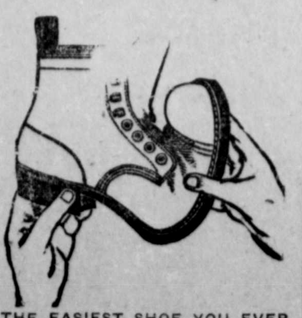


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