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Editorials

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Vanished Tunes

(Philadelphia Public Ledger)
Those who have missed the familiar vernal melodies of the hurdy-gurdy at a certain corner or in a given district this year will find the reason in the story of Mr. John J. Capra, Mr. Capra, one of the last hurdy-gurdy repairmen—if, indeed, not the last—in this country. And he sadly says that there are only five of the instruments remaining in Philadelphia. New York, their most flourishing patron, has only nineteen. Chicago has seven or eight, Boston three and Baltimore and Detroit one each. That makes a total of about forty for the whole country. Obviously, with so few instruments, hurdy-gurdy tunes have become rare.

But still another factor enters into the absence from familiar haunts. Hurdy-gurdy men are artists. They love music, and yet they are business men enough to know that they must keep up to date. Last year's favorite tunes fall flat on this year's ears. But it costs money to have new rolls installed. And few self-respecting hurdy-gurdy men would venture on the street with less than nine new tunes in their repertory. Only nine, though the organ accompaniment, the tenth is seldom changed. It is the trademark, the theme song, if you will, of the hurdy-gurdy man. It is "The Sidewalks of New York."

Government By All Stars

(Minneapolis Tribune)

On the grounds that democracy is "inefficient and cumbersome," Henry Hazlitt, the editor and critic of the National Review, urges the abolition of congress and the election of a national board of directors. This board would consist of 12 men with a thirteen to serve as president. As an example, Mr. Hazlitt offers the nation a board composed of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Alfred E. Smith, William E. Borah, Ogden Mills, Newton D. Baker, Albert C. Ritchie, Huey Long, John N. Garner, Nicholas Murray Butler, Norman Thomas, Hiram Johnson and George Norris. The list of names is certainly an impressive one. It includes the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties at the last election. On Mr. Hazlitt's board there would be six Democrats, six Republicans of varying degrees of regularity, and one Socialist. Geographically it would consist of five New Yorkers, two Californians, and one member each from Idaho, Ohio, Louisiana, Texas, Nebraska and Maryland.

We think it will be generally conceded that Mr. Hazlitt has named a very able board. The fact that 40 states are represented is probably the most impressive feature of the board. It can probably be passed over as one of the inherent though perhaps not fatal, objections to his plan. But what cannot be passed over is the entirely obvious fact that this group might prove just as inefficient and cumbersome, in its little and brilliant way, as congress is in its elephantine and unimpeachable fashion. The trouble with government of supermen, and that is what Mr. Hazlitt plainly has in mind, is that supermen cannot agree any more easily among themselves than can mental peevish.

We should like some assurance from Mr. Hazlitt that his board of directors would function smoothly and efficiently with Huey Long, Mr. Hoover's elbow, with Nicholas Murray Butler at the right hand of George Norris and Norman Thomas squaring off across the conference table. What could men possibly agree on, conceding that they agree on anything at all, that would not be the product of lengthy and grudging compromise? What precedent is there for believing that 13 leaders, of almost as many points of view, and sharing deep political antagonisms, can make a smoothly running team?

We grant, with Mr. Hazlitt, that congress is cumbersome and inefficient; but his board of directors, in the last analysis, is a

congress in miniature. It runs the gamut of political convictions and beliefs. It would find itself as badly divided, on most issues, as any senate or house of representatives has ever been. But where congress may sometimes be led, and where its members are frequently amenable to party discipline or persuasion, we fear for Mr. Hazlitt's team of altars. The clashes of temperament would be too sharp, the gulf between convictions too deep, the habit of learning too fixed and stubborn to make for team play of the sort that he envisions. If Mr. Hazlitt doubts this he may well ask himself why no president in history, with a wealth of cabinet material to choose from, has ever picked the theoretically perfect group of master-minds.

Scatteration

(New York Sun)

New editions of the congressional directory are always interesting, even though the volume for the first session of the seventy-third congress was delayed in publication, reputedly for reasons of economy, until congress itself was on the point of adjourning. The directory always has much to teach; the modesty of the man who puts down only his name, his political party and his legal residence, as the members of congress do, is the trademark of the man who puts down 30 or 40 lines of autobiography. With a congress which contains so many freshman members, in both senate and house, it was inevitable and natural that many a sketch should record unprecedented political triumphs—the election of the first Democrat in the district in 20 or 30 or 40 years, of the leaders who have ever polled for a candidate in the history of the district.

What is even more interesting than these frills and furbelows of politics is the revelation of how new staffs depend extensively upon their native sons. Scatteration is a part of American life and character and forms a part of politics as well. George L. Kenney, of Louisiana, Mississippi and Vermont, from the evidence spread forth in the directory, are the only states with delegations composed exclusively of natives. At the other extreme is Washington, one of whose senators was born in Ohio and the other in Indiana, and whose representatives are natives of Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas and Arkansas; there is not a single native son in the delegation, though Washington has been a state for more than 40 years. Oregon, an older state, sends one native of Pennsylvania and one of Illinois to the house of representatives; in California's delegation are natives of eight other states and one foreign country. Something must be set down to the account of western hospitality.

Ohio leads all the states in contribution of senators to other states, with five; Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin have contributed two each. So far as membership in the house is concerned, it is most advantageous to be a native of Illinois; 12 who were born in that state are now serving in the delegations to other states, compared with nine from Pennsylvania, seven from Massachusetts, six from Iowa, five from Tennessee and four each from Kentucky, Missouri and New York. Other states are more modestly represented in the export production of United States senators and representatives.

All members of congress do not give all essential details in their sketches, so that a complete count is not possible on the basis of the information found in the directory. Even a casual reading, however, gives a clear notion of the number of World War veterans in congress. There are 12 members of the senate and 86 members of the house who so describe themselves; there may be a few others. In any case, their number amounts to nearly a fifth of the membership of congress.

WALLED LAKE

Edited by Mrs. L. M. Philp. Phone Walled Lake 57.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Stuart left on Monday for a vacation in Canada.

Mrs. Melvina Eberlee and daughter, Melvina, who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Walter Scott, returned to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Eberlee has spent the last month in Walled Lake and Melvina, Jr., attended the Walled Lake School last term.

Mrs. John Hess entertained the "500" club on Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Carless and children left on Thursday for a vacation in Chatham and other points in Canada.

Mrs. Fred Armstrong entertained the Chatter Club at a three course Florida luncheon on Friday. Three tables of bridge were played in the afternoon at which Mrs. Hazen Atkins won first prize and Miss Nina Groves won consolation.

Mrs. George Campbell returned on Saturday from a visit to her sister and her physician in Detroit.

The house recently vacated by E. F. Coe is being reshingled.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Proctor and daughter, Geraldine, are spending the week at a cottage at Greenbush on Lake Huron.

Mrs. Frank Shepard and Mrs. Ralph Francis entertained at a party on Thursday afternoon honoring Mrs. Denton Betten of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelps of Detroit spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Phelps.

Adam Johnson and his niece, Miss Helen Richardson, spent Tuesday in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ricket of Howell spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Witte, and her family.

Rev. and Mrs. George Hill of White Lake visited Mrs. Mae Johns on Saturday.

The Walled Lake baseball team played Davisburg at Davisburg on Sunday. Walled Lake won by a score of 10-2.

Mrs. Jennie Angell spent Tuesday at Pontiac.

The Amice Philathea Class of the First Baptist church were the guests on Thursday evening of their former teacher, Mrs. Mae Johns.

Donald Riley was badly bitten by a dog on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton and Mrs. M. Hutton had for their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cameron of Detroit and Miss Jesse Hutton of Flint. The latter also spent the past week with them.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and sons, Bobby and Edward, and William Warner of Lansing were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hockstein and son, Ronald, Mrs. Lenora Casselle, and Miss Thelma Casselle of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Philp and Mrs. Anna Dickerson.

Mrs. Olive Baker is confined to the Brighton hospital with a broken hip but is reported as doing well.

Mrs. Leslie DeGroot entertained the Wednesday club this week.

Mrs. A. K. MacRae is spending a few days in Detroit with her daughter, Mrs. William Meldrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Roach of Pleasant Ridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roach last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carnes and Mrs. Grant Withey returned this week from a trip in the Upper Peninsula. They visited Copper Harbor, Iron Mountain, Iron Williams and spent a few days at Camp Moon Gables at Melakolia Lake near Blaney.

M. G. Post is building an addition to his house.

Mrs. Kate Van Gordon underwent an operation on a facial nerve at Ann Arbor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley attended the reunion of the Exeter school pupils at Northville on Saturday. Mrs. Bentley was a former teacher there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews left on Monday to return to their home at Tulsa, Oklahoma, after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Andrews' mother, Mrs. Lou Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Coe and daughters of Farmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coe on Sunday.

Donivan Hoyt returned home Thursday last week for a four days furlough. On Friday evening his mother, Mrs. William Hoyt, entertained at a picnic in his honor.

Harold Oliver of Detroit spent the week with Rex Tuttle.

Rev. and Mrs. Walker of Lake Ontario were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Devereaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hammond of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hicks of Novi, and Mrs. Fred Gordon of Tawas visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Calkins of Washington, D. C. and Miss Shirley Pickley of Gregory were weekend guests at a picnic in his honor.

Taylor.
Miss Iva Parmalee of Toronto, Canada, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Mina Parmalee. On Sunday, her sister, Mrs. William Hoyt, entertained at a family gathering at which every member of their immediate family was present.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

An eye operation was performed last week on Jack Brooks of Walled Lake, who was injured in an accident. A part of the eye ball was removed and doctors have hope of saving the sight of the eye.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

James Mortimer Phelps, a pioneer resident of the Walled Lake area, will celebrate his 86th birthday on Sunday with all of the members of his immediate family attending the celebration. His birthday will fall on Friday, August 11, but the celebration has been set over to Sunday as a more convenient date.

Methodist Church News

Dudley Masure, a student at Albion College, will deliver an address on Sunday morning, August 13, in the absence of Rev. Carless.

The meeting of the Fourtowns Ladies Aid at the parsonage on Wednesday was postponed because of illness among the Fourtowns members.

The Commerce Ladies' Aid will meet at the church on Wednesday, August 16.

Baptist Church News

"Discipleship Tested" will be Rev. Wika's topic for Sunday morning and "Danger Zones" will be the evening topic.

The Sunday school held a picnic at Cass Benton Park near Northville on Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Kleen will have charge of the B. Y. P. U. for this week.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shoman and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Shoman of Detroit were guests Thursday evening of L. B. Gilbert, Sr.

Misses Vivian, Shirley, and Jean Addis are spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Max Bergin, at Howell.

Miss Marie Berchem of Detroit was the week end guest of her father, Alfred Berchem.

Mrs. Anna Smith and Ralph Harter of Detroit were guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr.

Miss Virginia Ault celebrated her 10th birthday, Tuesday, by having a few of her friends in for the afternoon. Games were played and light refreshments served by her mother, Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mrs. M. E. Ault, who was ill last week, has improved.

Miss Ann Sanker and William Byers of Detroit were guests Wednesday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter and children of Redford were guests, Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault, and their three daughters and Mrs. E. Rowe were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. L. Wood in Detroit.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen was the week end guest of Miss Catherine Richardson at their summer cottage at Watkins Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees and son, Donald, were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Voorhees in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes of Detroit were guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cummings and Mrs. Marian Loney of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood and daughter, Barbara, were dinner guests Saturday of the former's cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Gribbel of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge and daughter, Dorothy, who is home for a three week vacation, were guests over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston at their summer cottage in Algonac.

Old Disease

The disease known as pellagra was discussed under this name in Italy in the Eighteenth century and has rapidly increased. It is common in northern Italy, southern France, in Spain and countries farther east in southern Europe.

Brain Band's Place
"A brain band," said Uncle Eben, "is de best part of de paragon in spite of de fact dat de brain from an old man's head is worth more than de idea of what it's all about."—Washington Star.

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