

MSU Musicians List Concert At Clarenceville

The concert band of Michigan State University will appear in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School on March 8 at 8 p.m. to present a concert under the auspices of the "Cap and Gown Series."

The 115 piece MSU Concert Band is directed by Dr. Harry Begian and presents a wide and varied repertoire in its concerts.

Opening the concert will be Sousa's "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" a march which has achieved great popularity in the last 10 years and has become one of the truly favorite marches in the band repertoire. Sousa's march will be followed by Kabalevsky's overture to "Czas Breugnon," a brief but extremely difficult number technically for the band. Familiar to many will be the music of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical, "Fiorello," by Jerry Bock.

Included in the selections of this work to be performed are "Politics and Polka," "Little Tin Box," "The Very Next Man," "When Did I Fall in Love," "Gentleman Jimmy," "Till Tomorrow" and "Home Again."

The original score to Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" calls for vocal solo, three choirs and large orchestra. The arrangement presented by the MSU Concert Band is entirely instrumental in concept, with the vocal music incorporated into the band itself.

Also included on the program will be the "Eleventh Hour" and "Love Death, from Wagner's 'Tristan and Isolde' and El-

gar's "Eulogia Variations" and "Valdres March" by Hanson.

Participating with the MSU Concert Band is former Clarenceville band member Barbara Mele.

Tickets for the concert are \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. Further information can be obtained by calling the Clarenceville High School administrative office at 476-2270.



Dr. Harry Begian, formerly of Livonia, became director of bands at Michigan State University in July 1967. Prior to that time, he was director of the Wayne State University bands for three years and the Cass Technical High band for 17 years. A graduate of Wayne State University, he holds bachelor's and master's degrees from that institution.

Japs Have Birth Rate Problem

In every part of the world, where people are fastidious about anything else, the authorities are worrying about "population explosion," but Japanese demographers are worrying about just the opposite.

In the last few years, Japan has been experiencing harmful consequences which are becoming apparent as a result of their low population growth.

As a result of birth control, Japan's population—now roughly 100 million—has increased never more and sometimes less than 1 per cent a year over the last 10 years. This compares with growth rates of between 2 and 3 per cent in China, India, and other Asian countries.

A REPORT just issued by the Demographic Research Institute of the welfare ministry warns that a troublesome by-product of Japan's low rate of population growth will be an increasing labor shortage, already evident in some fields.

The institute also warns that population growth is now so low that females are not replenishing themselves. If this continues, it adds, the population will soon start to decline.

The institute reports that since 1955, with the exception of one year, Japanese women have given birth during their lifetimes, on the average, to only 0.9 girls.

The labor shortage the institute refers to has cropped up in some industries, in salaried white collar jobs, and particularly of late, in United States military installations in Japan.

Because of a heavy movement of supplies for South Vietnam through Japan and heavy maintenance and other activities at U.S. military bases, the need for labor has risen in recent months and extra hands have been hard to find.

US BASES are reported to be seeking 2,500 workers, including ammunition handlers, drivers, carpenters, and typists.

Employers in many fields in Japan complain that the traditional industriousness and efficiency of Japanese employees are declining because workers feel if they are fired there are hundreds of other jobs waiting.

Continuing economic expansion, bringing a growing need for workers and the slow rate of increase in number of laborers are responsible for the tight labor situation in Japan.

Both together have contributed to a rapid rise in wages, which, among industrial workers, increased last year 12.1 per cent in nominal terms and 7.8 per cent in real terms. Previous years showed similar increases.

The present trend of few births and rising life expectancy has changed the age structure of Japan's population. The number of persons below 15 has fallen to 25 per cent of the population and the number above 65 has risen to 6 per cent.

GM Pays \$13 Million For Ideas

More employees in the United States and Canada received awards and the amount of their awards was greater in 1967 than in any year in the history of the General Motors Employee Suggestion Plan. It was announced Monday by Louis G. Seaton, vice president in charge of the Personnel Staff.

"Awards totaling \$13,614,813 were paid for 266,643 suggestions during the Silver Anniversary year of the Plan," Seaton said. "The amount paid exceeded by nearly 25 per cent the total paid in any previous year and the number of suggestions submitted was 1,044,358."

MAXIMUM AWARDS OF \$6,000 were paid for 131 suggestions, compared to 90 the previous year. More than 1,160 of the other awards paid were in the amounts of at least \$1,000. The average award was \$51.02.

During the record-breaking Anniversary year, over 50 per cent of the eligible employees turned in at least one suggestion. And more than 15,000 employees received awards for five or more of the ideas they turned in.

Since the Suggestion Plan was introduced in 1942, more than \$96,000,000 has been paid out in awards to employees for 2,076,676 suggestions adopted by the Corporation.



CONGRATULATIONS FOR KING AND QUEEN—Keith Crawford, left, chairman of the Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer Show, congratulates Mrs. Majorie Schulkins, named queen of the road at the show, and Thomas Muncaster, king of the road.

Area Boasts King And Queen Of Trailer Show

A Farmington mother who drives a school bus and a 78-year-old Westland man were crowned last weekend as Queen of the Road and King of the Road at the first annual Detroit Camper and Travel Trailer show.

Mrs. Majorie Schulkins and Thomas Muncaster got top billing in the show, which will continue through Sunday, March 3, in the Detroit Artillery Armory, on West Eight Mile, near Northland.

Mrs. Schulkins, a widow, lives at 29533 Medbury, Farmington, with daughter Sharon, 17, and son Gary, 14. Sharon attends Farmington High School and Gary goes to East Junior High.

During 1967, the trio racked up 4,000 miles in 30 days of travel, which included trips to the National Campers and Hikers Association convention and to Expo-67 in Montreal.

Since they acquired their first trailer in 1965, they have been all over the country, to Salt Lake City, Yellowstone, New York and Pennsylvania.

It really has been a busman's holiday for Mrs. Schulkins, who puts in busy days busing Farmington Junior and senior high students to and from school.

She also is field director for five chapters of the NCMA, and a member of the parent chapter, the Way-O-Macs, for Wayne-Oakland-Macomb.

One of the offspring chapters, the Wolverine Dribblers of Livonia, numbers Muncaster among its enthusiastic members.

Muncaster has been driving

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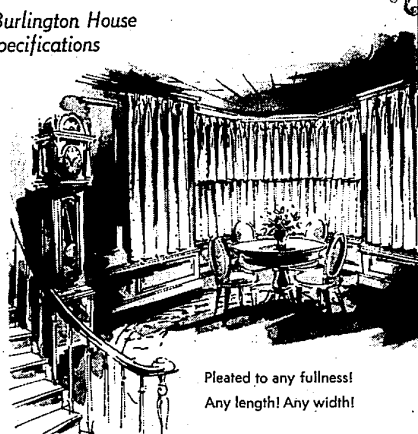
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