

## Song Writers Grab Tax for Public Music

### Hotels, Cafes, Movies to Pay Toll to Authors of Popular Melodies.

"Let me write the songs of a nation and I should worry who makes its laws," was the sentiment expressed in the far distant past by some wise old bird who, like Christopher Columbus, Mr. Galileo and Professor Langley, was so far ahead of his time that he got the merry razz from all of his contemporaries.

But he was right just the same, and were he living today undoubtedly he would be one of the leading lights in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and would be cashing in on his musical ability at a rate that would make a war millionaire look like a street corner mendicant.

For it begins to look as if the society, which is composed of practically all the best known writers and publishers of popular music, has hit upon about the softest money-making scheme in existence. It is demanding that hotels, motion picture theaters, cafes and every other class of business that uses music as an attraction to increase business take out licenses from the society or cease playing selections written by its members.

#### SONG WRITERS HAVE CLOSE ORGANIZATION

As many of the popular song writers of the day are members of the organization it means that one of three courses is open to the hotels and the other unfortunate. They can stop playing music, they can fall back on "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Swanee River" and other uncopyrighted musical selections or they can pay the license fee.

At present there are a lot of pitiful wails ascending to high heaven about "hold-up" and "strong arm" stuff, with occasional threats to fight the license question to the last ditch, but the society is strongly entrenched and powerful.

Edmund H. Bingham, president of the company operating the Colonial Theater, summed up the opinion of most of the picture houses and hotel people when he said yesterday:

"There is nothing to do but to take out a license. I think it's a bad law, but it's the law just the same and all we can do is to try to get it repealed."

Here is the schedule of fees asked by the society in Indianapolis, according to B. H. Shalke, director of inspection, and Edward O. Suetten, local counsel: First-class hotels, including Washington, Rev. erlin, Claypool and Lincoln, \$150 a year; Other hotels and cafes, \$125 down to a minimum not given out.

Picture houses, at the rate of 10 cents a year for each seat.

The license for the Circle Theater, at the rate set out, would cost \$250.

#### PUSHING CLAIMS THROUGHOUT U. S.

When it is stated that there are thirty-six motion picture houses in Indianapolis in addition to the cafes, hotels and public dance halls and that the society intends to push its license right claims in every city, town and village of the United States, it is readily figured out that these musicians are fine business people.

Along about the sixteenth century Giulio Caccini was mighty glad to get a lira or two for a piece of music that has lasted through the centuries, and since then Haydn, Gounod, Verdi, Mozart and other masters have fought bitter battles against poverty to produce music that has lived. From a business standpoint they certainly were not in a class with the modern composers who grind out popular music like the "hotdogger blues," "Shimmy-Shaking" and "Comin' Break the Eighteenth Amendment With Me" stuff.

Protests made by musicians against the payment of a license fee are based largely on the fact that for years untold composers and publishers besieged musicians in public places to use their selections to popularize them. In some places high salaried "musical police" were employed to boost selections, and it is said that in some instances orchestras charged the publishing houses for using their publications.

But with the coming of the talking machine all this changed. Now, so the story goes, the talking machine has succeeded the orchestra as a medium of popularizing musical selections. Instead of an individual buying a piece of music because he heard it played in a hotel or cafe the hotel or cafe orchestra must play certain selections because their patrons demand them.

#### WEDS NOBLESVILLE GIRL.

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Feb. 3.—A marriage license has been issued in this city to Miss Thelma Curtis, daughter of Neville Curtis of Cicero, and Morton G. Haworth. The bridegroom gave his occupation as a clerk in the Indianapolis postoffice.

## Sale Women's Suits

Any Fall Suit in the Store  
for Only \$1.00 Down

\$25 and \$35  
None Higher

People are short of cash after the holidays so besides cutting prices to rock bottom at this clearance sale Menter says:

Take any fall suit in the store for \$1.00 first payment.

Suits that sold at \$65 to \$100 are now \$25.

Suits that sold this season for \$65 will go at \$25.

Alterations are free at Menter's.

Come and see these bargains. No store is offering better ones.

WE DO AS WE ADVERTISE

**MENTER**  
109-111 South Illinois Street  
Entire First and Second Floors. Open  
Saturday Night Until 9:00 O'clock. Ac-  
counts With Out-of-Town Customers  
Gladly Opened.

## Society

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Milam Gillespie, who were recently married, were guests of honor at a dinner party given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gillespie, at their home, 843 North Meridian street. Spring flowers in shades of pink and white, composed the centerpiece with nut-cups, leas and confections carrying out the color scheme. Covers were laid for twelve, including Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. B. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Clark and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gillespie Jr.

Mrs. Jean Chapman of Cleveland, who has been the guest of Mrs. Alonzo B. Chapman, 2447 North Delaware street, returned today to her home.

A delightful program was given at Sunnyside this afternoon by Sunnyside Guild, under the general direction of Mrs. Chaudilla White. The numbers were given by Henry Kaser, vocalist; Miss Elsie Carolyn Hancock, musical monologist and reader, and Miss Martha Doris Michaels, interpretive dancer.

Miss Josephine Ward of Chicago is the house guest of Mrs. William Kennedy, 31 Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schilling of Lafayette are passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John E. Casey, 2224 Broadway.

Mrs. Irving Lemaux, 4550 Park avenue, will be the hostess for the dinner party to be given tomorrow evening by members of the organization. Husbands of the members will be special guests. Dr. Harold S. Hatch of the Sunnyside Sanatorium will be the honor guest.

Mrs. T. C. Clapp, 2423 North Delaware street, celebrated her birthday anniversary with a "home folks" party Wednesday evening. Her nieces, grandnieces and nephews composed the guests, and included Mrs. Frank Zerney, Chicago; Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, Union City; Mrs. Charles Cook, Sheffield, Ill.; Mrs. O. A. Martin, Mrs. Rachel McGee, Miss Marie Martin, Hayden Martin and Chester Martin of this city. A musical program was given during the evening by Hayden Martin, violinist, and Marie Martin, pianist. Mrs. G. B. Shepherd and Mrs. Ed Clinton assisted Mrs. Clapp in the hospitalities.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gillespie of the Colonnade apartment will depart Sunday for a Western trip. They will spend several days in the Grand Canyon, going from there into old Mexico, and then on to California, where they will pass the remainder of the winter.

Officers elected Wednesday at the meeting of the Marion County Council of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion, held in the Chamber of Commerce include Mrs. R. J. Jeffries, president; Mrs. G. W. Workman, vice president; Mrs. Paul Ragdale, secretary, and Mrs. I. J. Clair, treasurer.

Miss Frances Westcott, 914 East Forty-second street, will be hostess for the meeting of the Phi Beta Psi sorority Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. Dudley, 2343 North New Jersey street, will entertain the Women's Auxiliary of Indianapolis post No. 4, American Legion, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. E. Barcus, state president, will be a special guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton of

## Refutes Charge



MISS MARY ELLEN STEVICH.

Miss Mary Ellen Stevich has refuted the statement made by United States Senator James Reed that relief funds collected in this country were used to place Polish armies in the field of battle. Miss Stevich, who is a Leland Stanford University girl living in Berkeley, Cal., at present, says she is in a position to know facts concerning the funds because she has just returned from relief work in Poland, where she has had charge of relief fund records.

The Lexington apartments, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Leigh Clarke Felton. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Mrs. R. E. Kennington, who has been attending the national board meeting of the Service Star Legion, has returned to her home, 2344 College avenue.

Members of the Legislative Council of Women will meet Saturday morning in the Woman's Clubroom of the Fletcher American Bank.

The second annual banquet of the Wayne County Society will be given at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Independent Athletic Club. Reservations may be made through the secretary, Mrs. Laura Rat-HIR Bates, 34 West Nineteenth street. The program will include toasts, talks and musical numbers. Among the speakers will be Wilfred Jessup of Richmond.

### Road Admits Rule Violation; Pays \$400

A suit filed several months ago by the United States against the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway in Federal Court for alleged violation of a rule of the Interstate Commerce Commission against moving cars with the coupling device out of order was settled yesterday when the railway company admitted guilt and accepted a judgment against it of \$400 and costs.

## Dr. E. A. Willis Head of New Lions Club

The Lion's Club, a business and civic organization, held its first meeting at the Hotel Lincoln yesterday, elected officers and agreed to give aid to the starving children of Europe and China by donating 25 cents a plate from the weekly luncheon appropriation to the relief fund.

Officers elected are: Dr. Edward A. Willis, president; E. O. Steele, first vice president; Dr. H. O. Jones, second vice president; E. E. Allison, third vice president; Roy F. Hartz, secretary-treasurer; A. C. Waggoner, Roy L. Burch, O. L. Montgomery, Claude A. Rockford, C. C. Hills, Dr. H. L. Caldwell, directors.

A representative of the International Association of Lions Clubs was present. The organization is nonpolitical and non-sectarian and is composed of business and professional men. There are 185 branches in the United States and Canada, with a total membership of 10,000.

There are 7,724 women students at the various German institutions. Of these 2,869 are studying medicine.

## AYRES' DOWNSTAIRS STORE

Every Woman Who Buys  
One of These Coats  
Will Buy a Real Bargain

~~\$18.50~~ ~~\$25~~ UP TO ~~\$49.50~~

Coats of Salts Plush  
Fur Trimmed Cloth Coats

Coats of Silvertone

Coats of Fine Bolivia

Coats of Llama Cloth

Smart Coats of Velour

The plush coats are in long and short modes. Of the cloth coats, there are a dozen styles. All are lined with silk—most of them are interlined. Sizes range from 16 up to 44.

—Ayres Downstairs Store.

### Second Chapter! Of the Big Sale of

### House Dresses and Aprons

At 79c, 98c and ~~\$1.29~~

Well made of gingham and percales. Pretty colors and combinations. Extraordinary values to say the least.

—Downstairs store.

## New Spring Hats

O, Undeniable Charm

And ~~\$2.95~~  
Only ~~2~~

Friday morning you will find in the Downstairs Millinery Section.

### 150 Smart New Hats

At this exceptionally low price. Fashioned of crepe de chine, satin, batavia and straw braids. Of colors one may choose henna, black, peacock gray and navy. Hats for which one naturally expects to pay considerably more. The choice is yours

At \$2.95

—Downstairs Store.

## 300 Pairs of Women's Shoes

~~\$2.95~~



The leathers include black calfskin, black kid, brown kid, black kid with cloth tops, brown kid with cloth tops, patent leather with kid tops. High, military and low heels. Sizes 3 to 7 1/2.

—The Downstairs store.

## Through the Turnstile—Groceries

### Bacon and Eggs

900 dozen fresh eggs, in safety cartons, dozen, 57¢.

100 pounds of lean, sweet, cured breakfast bacon, pound, 29¢.

Coffee, "Saturday" brand, a Santos blend, Friday and Saturday, pound, 25¢.

"Jersey" cereal demonstration. Corn flakes, box, 11¢; rolled oats, 12 1/2¢; pancake flour, box, 12 1/2¢.

Butter, Ayres Special Creamery, a quality product, pound, 52¢.

Jiffy Jell, all popular flavors, including mint. Package, 10¢.

Hams, "Favorite" brand, little pig hams, 7 to 10-pound average. Pound, 28¢.

"Snowdrift," pure white vegetable fat for shortening or frying. Packed in 1, 2 and 4-pound cans. Pound, 20¢.

Your grocery order delivered free if in excess of \$2.

Customers with open accounts may telephone orders of this value, but C. O. D. orders are not acceptable.

—Ayres—Downstairs store.

**L.S. AYRES & Co.**

Open  
At  
8:30

**L.S. AYRES & Co.**

Close  
At  
5:30

## Another Satisfying Price Event

## Tricolette Dresses Priced \$19.75

The quality and styling are such you'll exclaim over them and perhaps wonder why they can be offered at such a low price—but, nevertheless, here they are.

Coat Styles Long Waisted Styles  
Plain or Tastefully Embroidered

Those embroidered are done so in self color and gold. Youthful modes are shown in plentiful numbers, so that the smart business woman may find an outfit here that will be acceptable during the warmer seasons.

The variety of colors is also somewhat out of the ordinary—navy blue, black, brown, oriole, heaver, zinc and Copenhagen blue. Sizes include from 16 to 44, with numerous coat styles in the larger sizes.

NOTE—From our experience with a sale of tricolette dresses at the same price just a week ago, we'd suggest early shopping. They don't stay with us long.

—Ayres—Gown room, third floor.



An Importer's Lot of

## Remarkable Embroideries

A Sale of Many Yards and Many Kinds  
for Petticoats, Underwear and  
Dainty Baby Things

At most extraordinary low prices! An expert was asked how much he thought they would sell for, and he named the price just double of what we are actually going to sell them for. Furthermore, they are the best St. Gaul imported embroideries we have seen for many years.

39c the Yard, Regardless of Width

Some of these wonderful embroideries are wide enough to flounce a petticoat alone. The best quality of cambric, fine nainsook and swiss have been used. All sets are matched. English eyelet, punch work, blind embroidery, the round scallop, shell and pearl scallop are used in both a bold and delicate treatment.

The Most Unique Offer We've Made in Years  
Baby Edges and Insertions, 25c

No, the babies were not forgotten. Edges and insertions of the sweetest, daintiest motifs, some wider than others, but all grouped at this truly remarkable price. Admirable for slips and dresses. You'll regret it, if you do not heed this offering, for we regard it as unusual.

—Ayres—Embroideries, street floor.

## 1,200 Handkerchiefs for Men at 15c—7 for \$1.00

A clean-up of fine, soft handkerchiefs, with plain and satin stripes, embroidered with white initials. These were formerly much higher priced.

Reduced to 38c

Men's plain white linen handkerchiefs with one-quarter-inch hemstitched hem. Full size. Extraordinary values.

Reduced to 45c

Kayser's natural color chamollette washable gloves for business or motor wear.

Reduced to \$1.00,  
\$1.25 and \$1.50

are men's pure silk knitted four-in-hand ties, narrow and medium. Plain colors and heather mixtures. Exceptional values.

Reduced to 65c

Men's very fine white, pure linen handkerchiefs. Plain and corded edge, with one-quarter-inch hemstitched hems.

Reduced to \$2.49

are men's "Mark Cross" and "Dent's" street gloves, in tan, cordovan and gray. Some are hand sewn. Broken sizes.

Reduced to 95c

Men's white muslin nightgowns, broken assortment, plain or with fancy edge. Large pockets. All sizes from 15 to 19.

—Ayres—Men's store, street floor.

## Leather Swagger Bags

May Be Had at \$5.95

A swagger bag is the kind of a bag that every smart woman wants, no matter how many other sorts she has.

The very evident reasons lie in the variety of leathers, the range of colorings, and the double-strap and handkerchief pocket features. The leathers, by the way, are cross-grain, alligator grain and crepe grain.

The colors are brown, tan, black, purple, gray and navy blue. And the price—\$5.95—presents a reason of economy, sufficient in itself.

—Ayres—Leather goods, street floor.

## Children's Store

## Another Shipment of Play Suits for Boys

Specially Priced on  
Friday, 89c

These suits go out as fast as they come in—for mothers know the practicality of the sturdy fabric and long trousers. Less darning and smaller laundry bills.

Made in the plain blue, and blue with white pin stripe. Sizes from 2 to 8 years. And remember, they save the laundry bill. Priced for Friday, only 89¢.

—Ayres—Children's shop, fifth floor.

