

'INSPIRATION LIKE LITTLE BIRD'

Composer Carries Pad, Pens Tunes Everywhere

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (A.P.) Inspiration, says Ferde Grofe, is like a little bird: "If you don't grab him when you can, he flies right out the window."

So Grofe, a master of modern American musical composition, doesn't allow the little bird to take to wing. He carries a musical scratch pad with him wherever he goes and scribbles down tune phrases as they come to him—at home, on trains, in taxicabs. In this way he carries out the function he best likes—to be a tonal reporter of his own land.

At 56 the short, rotty-poly composer is busy as ever, adding steadily to the total of nearly 200 finished compositions.

Grofe is a kind of musical jack-of-all-trades who became a top hand one of the first composers to marry modern jazz rhythms with traditional symphonic forms.

OTHER PEOPLE'S WORK But he has done about as well with other people's work as with his own. His arrangement of "Whispering" when he was beating the piano for Paul Whitehead, helped sell 1,500,000 records. His arrangement of "Rhapsody in Blue" brought fame to himself as well as the late George Gershwin.

Grofe is about the least genius-looking genius in the genius market.

"I work best when I am under pressure and when I am inspired," he laughed. "But I inspire easily."

He is still full of gusto and tunes. One class of listeners likes him for his popular songs, such as "Wonderful One," for his others he is best known for his semi-long-hair creations like "The Grand Canyon Suite," "Mississippi Suite" and "Symphony in Steel."

It took him three years to compose the "Grand Canyon Suite," one movement of which came to him as he sat under a tree on the banks of the Grand Canyon. It takes a symphony orchestra 34 minutes to play it.

On the other hand he turned out "Serenade to Ruth," a six-minute piece, in 23 hours flat. He stood on his feet all night, jotting down notes on a piano top, to finish it.

He is prolific to an extent he doesn't seem quite to realize himself. He has written so many tunes he has forgotten how some of them go, and has to be reminded of their names.

"SHOO-FLY MUSIC" Before he began composing what his celli-playing grandfather disdainfully dismissed as "shoo-fly music," Grofe ran away from home at the age of 14. He ushered in a theater, drove a truck and worked in a book bindery and an iron foundry until he returned to the family profession in 1909 as a violinist with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra.

These experiences Grofe remembered later when he began the task of "describing America in music."

Today his chief interest is composing band music, a field he feels has been neglected.

There are more than 125,000 school bands in America. They want new music.

And Ferde can compose it. Like William Shakespeare or Dr. Samuel Johnson he is a business man as well as an artist.

"It's a good mine," he said, his gray-blue eyes twinkling in a Plummy Buddha face.

In composing his well-known "March for Americans," Grofe said he put down a hundred fragments of tunes before he felt he had what he wanted.

"I took me a whole week," he complained mildly.

Arkansas Lists Rival Democrats

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 25. Two sets of Democrats are included in the four political parties now having Presidential parsons in Arkansas' general election ballot.

States rights Democrats, who the day before dropped a plan to capture Arkansas Democratic convention support for their national ticket, yesterday qualified as a new political party in the state and nominated nine Presidential electors.

The regular Democrats and the Republicans also will have nine electors on the Nov. 2 ballot in Arkansas. One Socialist elector has qualified.

The Progressive party, denied a place on the ballot by Hall, has appealed to the courts to overrule the secretary of state.

Thanks for \$1400

SEATTLE, Sept. 25. (AP) A 27-year-old boy donned a Navy surfer's diving suit on Sunday and after searching four hours in 40 feet of water, recovered a \$1400 diamond ring lost five weeks ago in Lake Union. The owner, Mrs. Jessie Stafford, back in her home in Pasadena, Calif., wired James Reeder a "vote of thanks."

Judge Lenient With Mother of Two in Relief Fraud Case

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 25. (AP) Head bowed and sobbing, a mother of two teen-age children admitted accepting relief checks illegally while working—but the judge congratulated her instead of handing out punishment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph told Judge Frank E. Patterson yesterday she accepted \$225 between June, 1945, and June, 1947, from the state of Pennsylvania.

The law says relief grants can be paid only to unemployed.

Chinese Stunned by Tsinan's Fall

NANKING, Sept. 25. (AP) A stunned and frightened China learned officially today that Tsinan, one of its most important northern cities, had been overwhelmed by a surging Communist force bent on wresting all of North China from the government.

"Fall of the Shantung Province capital was announced in a delayed communique. The communique said 130,000 Red assault troops took the industrial city of 500,000 at dawn yesterday after bloody fighting in the streets and from house to house."

Small government forces, two in the city and two in the hills outside, still held out. Communist forces were expected to wipe them out quickly.

A hint as to the seriousness of the situation in China came with the announcement that a stunned high command held an emergency conference to study the Communist's next move.

The government was reluctant to admit the defeat in the north, knowing that the loss of Tsinan would shake the Chiang Kai-shek regime to its foundation. Government sources and newspapers cushioned the blow by playing up claims that the victory cost the Reds 50,000 casualties.

Responsibility for the costly loss appeared to rest on Chiang himself, although government sources sought to put the blame on the Communist Gen. Wu Hua-wen, who deserted Tsinan with his troops and went into the Communist camp.

ROCHESTER, N. H., Sept. 25. (AP) An Air Force captain—married only two weeks ago—crashed to death in flames when his F-84 Thunderbolt took fire while 80,000 persons looked on at Rochester airgrounds yesterday.

The pilot, Capt. Wm. Hua-wen, who identified the victim as Capt. John Fairchild, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fairchild of Rochester, Mich.

He was married two weeks ago to the former Constance Crabtree of Los Angeles, Calif.

The plane burst into flames directly after a voice called attention over a public address system to four craft from Dow base flying over the airgrounds.

Spectator said Fairchild tried to bail out, but his open parachute became entangled in the falling plane. The craft crashed in near-by woods and started a minor forest fire.

Youth, 16, Held in Dad's Slaying

SOMERSET, Mass., Sept. 25. (AP) A 16-year-old boy was held today on a charge of murder in the shooting of his father during a family squabble.

District Attorney J. Edward Lajoie said Russell Bolay was booked last night after he told authorities he shot his father, Joseph, 58, in an effort to protect his mother.

Lajoie quoted the boy as saying that his father came home drunk and began arguing with his mother. When he interceded, he said, his father advanced toward him.

Young Bolay, the prosecutor said, grabbed a shotgun and fired.

Aid to Netherlands Increased by ECA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (AP) Marshall plan aid to the French zone of Germany and the Netherlands will be increased by \$21,000,000 for the quarter ending this month.

Economic Co-operation Administration announced today that the Netherlands allotment has been boosted by \$15,000,000 while the French zone of Germany will receive \$6,000,000 more than had been previously earmarked for recovery spending in the July-September period.

Television Foreseen Blow to Theaters

CHICAGO, Sept. 25. (AP) Television may cut movie audiences to practically zero by 1955, a Washington, D. C., lawyer predicted last night.

Marcus Cohn told the annual convention of the Theater Owners of America that one survey of the industry predicted that television will cut movie attendance of 50 to 60 per cent among television owners.

Rita Johnson Shows Much Improvement

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 25. (AP) Rita Johnson has shown marked improvement since working in a coma last Wednesday, her physician, Dr. L. J. Johnson, said today.

Mrs. Johnson was unconscious more than two weeks after suffering a brain injury Sept. 1. Authorities believe a heavy hair drier fell on her head. In a subsequent operation, a blood clot was removed from her skull.

Vessel Sails With 7047 U. S. War Dead

CHERBOURG, France, Sept. 25. (AP) The bodies of 7047 American soldiers, dead of World War II, left today for the United States aboard the ship Carroll Victory.

The bodies were from cemeteries in Normandy and southern France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Switzerland.

This brought to 47,863 the number of war dead those far shipped home from Europe.

Released Time Classes Ready

Classes of the Evangelical Released Time Education, Inc., will begin Oct. 4, according to Rev. Raymond O. Aiken of First Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. This year there will be 24 schools in the Long Beach area, which will operate under the E. R. T. E.

In 1943, legislation was enacted to permit children to be released from public schools for not more than one hour per school week for religious and moral instruction. A new organization, representing several hundred of the "Evangelical" churches in the state was launched on a statewide basis to meet this challenge of the released time law, and was named "Evangelical Released Time Education, Inc." Classes were opened in Long Beach at that time with five schools participating.

Due to the great need and work accomplished, the Board of Education has increased the number of schools until now there are 23 operating under the law.

Fifth and sixth grade children will participate in the classes. The E. R. T. E. work is supported this year by 32 Evangelical churches in the Long Beach area and friends of the group.

Group Attending Bay City Conclave

A group of members of East Side Christian Church left yesterday for the 88th international convention of the Disciples of Christ, opening its sessions today in San Francisco at the Civic Auditorium. One of the highlights of the convention will be the ecumenical communion service to be held tomorrow at the Oakland First Christian Church. Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett of the Methodist Church will be the celebrant, assisted by 100 pastors and ministers invited from various denominations, including Disciples of Christ, and representing as many as possible the various churches in the recent World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, according to Rev. George F. Tinsley, pastor of East Side Church.

Lutheran Picnic Due in Afternoon

Members and parents of the Sunday school children of Holy Trinity Lutheran parish, the children and a host of friends of the church, will picnic tomorrow at the Sunnyside Park. The church picnic, according to the pastor, Rev. Carl F. Pohlman. The event will begin at 1 p. m. with a potluck dinner in the clubhouse, games and entertainment to follow. Paul Eickman, Vern Severson and William Moran are to be assisted by Mrs. E. Nagle, Mrs. J. Solomon, Mrs. V. Severson, Gillard, Mrs. W. Moran, Roland Sagehorn, Mrs. Jack Solomon, Mrs. J. Vollmar, Mrs. R. Deeble, Mrs. P. Smith, Mrs. R. Maxwell, Mrs. C. Seeden, Mrs. Stagnin, Dolores Dawson, Lois Nagle, Charlene Solomon, Gene Nagle, Roland Sagehorn, Hanna Sagehorn and Gene Ann Sagehorn.

Methodists to Air Plans for Next Year

On Oct. 1, the announcement of objectives for the ensuing church year will be the theme of the program at the All-Church Rally to be held at Moore Memorial Methodist Church, according to the pastor, Rev. James E. Shattuck. Members of the congregation will gather at 6:30 p. m. for a potluck supper to be followed by entertainment. Every committee of the church and each subsidiary organization will be asked to present the specific plans and objectives which they have set for themselves.

'Laymen's Sunday' Planned Tomorrow

'Laymen's Sunday,' an annual event, will be observed tomorrow at Bay Shore Community Congregational Church with men and women speakers for the morning services at 9:30 and 10:50. The theme will be 'Laymen Speaking! Listen!' This will be the local observance in the plans of churches across the nation to have their conduct agencies and press their convictions and desires about church work and activities. The Bay Shore choir will sing under direction of Mrs. Helene Allen.

Gospel Choir to Offer Program Tomorrow

Negro spirituals and gospel songs by the Gospel Choir of New Hope Baptist Church will be heard at the September music program at Grace Methodist Church tomorrow evening. The choir is made up of 38 from an outstanding local congregation and is rapidly gaining a reputation in the Long Beach area. The singers range in age from 12 to 25 years, and are directed by their pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Hazel Juanita Kirkpatrick plays the accompaniment.

Presbyterian Author to Be Guest Pastor

Dr. Park Hays Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa., one of the writers of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. writer for the Church Board of Education for the past 24 years, will be the guest preacher tomorrow at 11 a. m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Returns

Rev. Henry Ernest Koch, pastor of St. Paul's American Lutheran Church, will return to his pulpit for tomorrow morning divine service. He and Mrs. Koch have been on vacation at Lake Tahoe and San Francisco.

Male Quartet to Aid Evening Services

The Weatherford Stamps Male Quartet will present gospel singing at the evening service tomorrow at Holydale Assembly of God Church, 1301 Industrial Ave. It was announced by the pastor, Rev. Alvin Baker, that the quartet, which has appeared in Long Beach and other harbor area communities, is composed of Foster, Smith, Harold Truman, Earl W. Weatherford, and Ray Brewer, with Billy Hall as accompanist and pianist.

Lutherans Prepare for Study Lectures

Faith United Lutheran parish will begin a series of study lectures on "The Principles of the Christian Faith," tomorrow evening at 7:30, according to Rev. Paul C. Wharton, pastor. The series is intended to acquaint people with the basic questions of Christian life and salvation, thus providing for a better understanding of Christian doctrine and to prepare all who desire for Christian membership. The public is invited to share in these searching study lectures.

Vatican Fears Extension of Red Drive on Church

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 25. (AP) East of the iron curtain, the Catholic Church today bears the brunt of an assault, currently most bitter in Hungary, milder in Poland.

Vatican sources say, there is a fear it will be expanded and intensified in coming months.

Pope Pius XII and Communist leaders in Italy have indicated such a development. Both the church and communism—aware of the long-range aspect of the conflict—are directing mighty efforts towards youth.

The right to educate youth has become the crux of the conflict. In Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania Catholic schools have been nationalized.

There is fear that the Vatican, sources say, that this development gradually will be extended to other countries in the Soviet sphere of influence.

Vatican sources give this as the situation: Hungary—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary, last June excommunicated members of the government and Parliament who nationalized Catholic schools. The action followed dismissal of 600 elementary school teachers who, according to Vatican reports, had refused to swear allegiance to the government.

Earlier this year, Pope Pius, in a radio address to the Hungarian people, deplored "sinister developments" in their country.

Recent reports say that "all public religious manifestations are inspired, and scarcely tolerated," said one Vatican source. Meanwhile, the bishop of Canada has suspended the priest,

Presbyterians Launching New Education Plan

LAUNCHING the most important change in the history of Christian education in the Protestant churches of the United States, the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., by act of its last General Assembly ordered and authorized the introduction of new material in the church school curriculum.

The new curriculum is the result of seven years work of research, investigation and development. The grades are groups according to age groupings, beginning with the nursery or 3-year-old up to senior young people ages 15-21.

Tying together of the home and church school as a leading important feature of the new curriculum is in the development of activity materials for use in the class session on Sunday and in the home. The curriculum is designed that "fragmentation" which has characterized so much of the past teaching may and can be overcome.

The study is organized around three great themes, for 1949-50, emphasis in all age groups will be on the theme, "The Church, The Bible and for 1950-51, "The Church, The Bible has a central place in the curriculum.

The new curriculum project is the object of wide attention and great interest by sister denominations, since its debut this month. Locally, permission has been requested for its use by Lakewood Village Community Church and one or two prominent churches downtown.

Christian Science Topic Is 'Reality'

'Reality' will be the Sunday Lesson-Sermon subject in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The Golden Text is from II Corinthians: "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

In a scriptural citation Matthew's Gospel reports that "Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. And as he was about to depart, he said, I am thy beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

First Congregational Sermons Announced

The sermon theme for both morning services at First Congregational Church, tomorrow will deal with "Christianity and Communism," Dr. Stuart Leroy Anderson, pastor, says the sermon will be an effort to point out where these two, Christian faith and Communist ideology, competing for the allegiance of modern man, are alike and wherein they also are wholly incompatible. At the late service the children's choir will join with the adult choir in singing Edward Grieg's "Jesus, Blessed Redeemer."

Rally, Promotion Day to Be Observed

Sunday School Rally and Promotion Day will be observed in First Lutheran parish, according to the pastor, Rev. Maytin J. Bruer, at both the church school period and morning services, tomorrow at 9 and 10 o'clock. At the late service the 1948-49 Sunday School teacher staff will be inducted. Pastor Bruer's sermon at both services will be on "Christian Growth Through Christian Education."

Assembly to Hear Musical Duo

Rev. and Mrs. Percy King, known as the King's Musical Messengers, will begin a revival campaign at the Sea Beach Assembly of God Church, 10th and Electric Sts., opening with tomorrow morning's service. The Kings are radio artists and composers of sacred music.

Assembly to Hear Musical Duo

Special music will be played on the electric guitar, musical saw and piano. Rev. King is Canadian-born. He has preached in Canada as well as this country. The Kings are interdenominational in spirit and invite all Christians to forget their labels and unite in the crusade.

Navy Teens Club Grows Rapidly

One of the popular teenage organizations in Long Beach is the "Navy Teens Club." This is a club for all Navy boys and girls of 13 years and over. Although the club is sponsored by the Sunday school building of the Navy Family Chapel, 451 W. Ocean Blvd., it is not a requisite that they belong to the chapel.

The teens elect their own officers and they help in planning their own programs. About 18 months ago the club was a small group. That was shortly after it was launched. Now it has grown so that at last week's meeting there were 50 young people present. Many forms of recreation are sponsored, to suit all tastes: shuffleboard, volleyball, various games of skill. Soon the club will have an RCA sound projector. At almost all meetings they enjoy dancing.

The club is sponsored by the Sunday school building of the Navy Family Chapel, 451 W. Ocean Blvd., and by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Berman. "With good luck," says Chaplain Truman Riddle of the chapel, "we shall have the services of David M. Snow, who is so highly recommended for his fine work with young people."

Radio Programs

Today and Tonight