

The Sunday Spotlight: A Guest Column

Who Said Summer Doldrums?

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Over the past half dozen years, the summer months seem to shape themselves into busy periods for the Pennsylvanians and myself. Time was when March winds and April showers started making us aware of approaching June option time . . . time for speculation on what would happen in the off-season, when hiatus-minded sponsors took a notion to "cut down."

Now, in contrast, the summer of 1950 seems already loaded with coming events. Of course we shall continue to do a certain amount of radio work. In addition to that we plan to spend about three weeks in recording sessions, catching up on the songs that we did not have time to wax during the winter. Most all of our recordings these days are made at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., in the tiny but acoustically satisfying village town hall. Our music always sounds wonderful to us in this idyllic mountain valley setting . . . probably sounds better than it really is. During rest periods the boys and girls wander out and take short turns at softball, or bike riding, or just idle around, listening to the birds sing and the little brook rippling by.

The lovely atmosphere makes us forget a kind of Sword-of-Damocles that hangs over our heads. This is the volunteer fire department's siren atop the building. So far it has never screamed while we were making a record, and we have accepted that fact that it is there and belongs rightfully to the whole setting.

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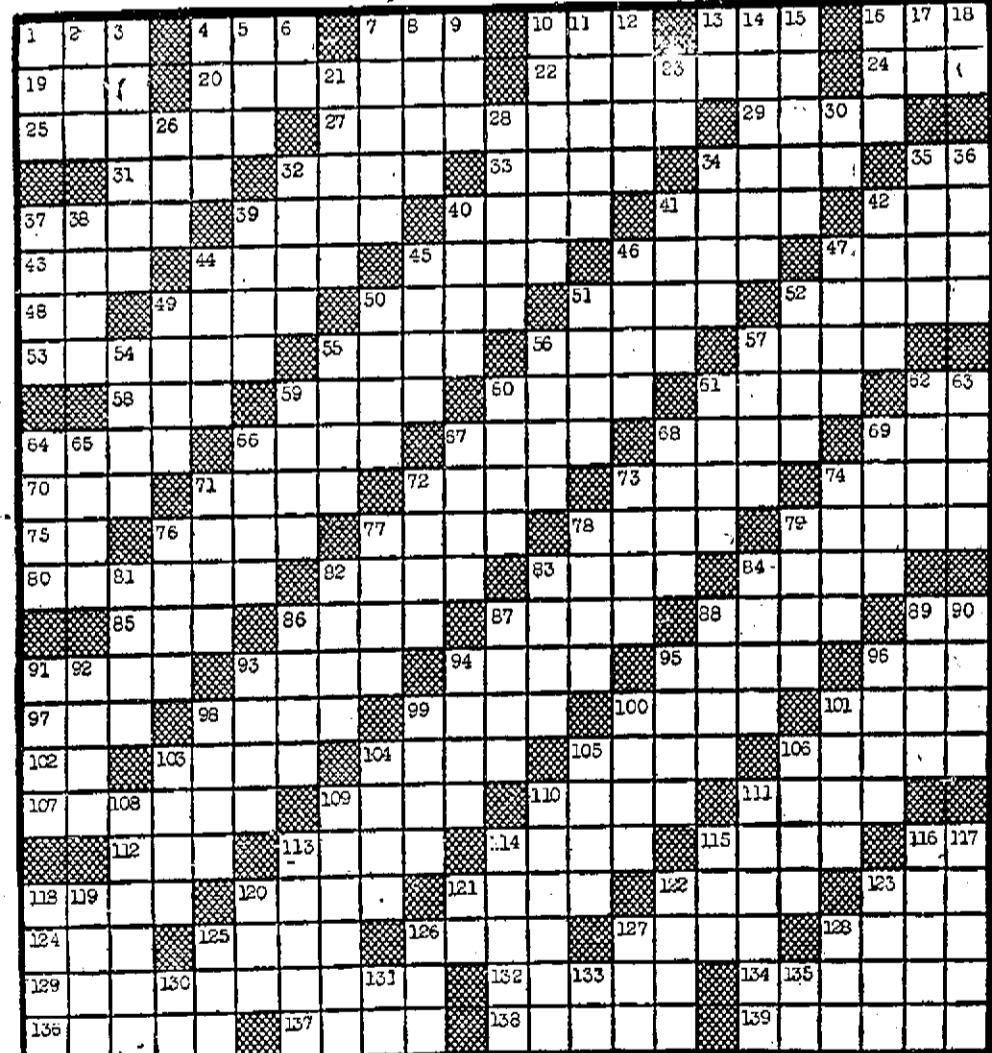
On July 10 our Music Workshop opens its fifth annual session. It will run for six weeks and has been over-booked since May. The "students" are choir directors from schools, colleges, churches, and industrial organizations. They will come from practically every state, Hawaii, from foreign lands. The countries represented this year include Argentina and Panama.

Dr. Lara Hoggard, my brilliant young choral director, is the dean of our Workshop and I am just a member of his staff. For five intensive days each week, Lara and I and other members of the Pennsylvanians demonstrate our group singing techniques and try to help the choir directors improve their singing courses for the forthcoming year and broaden their academic viewpoints. It is a gratifying chore, and I feel proud to report that at the end of this year's Workshop almost 2,000 choir leaders will have come to us, willing to accept our ideas and anxious to apply them to their instruction of millions of young people.

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I do not mean to give the idea that for us summer is all work and no play. With curtailed performing schedules, many of the Pennsylvanians will find time to visit their folks at home. As you probably know, being a Pennsylvanian is a matter of adoption for many of our people. For instance, Ohio is the home state of Jane Wilson, Joan Whetley hails from New Mexico, Gordon Goodman from Utah, Penny Perry from Minn., Gordon Berger from Okla.

Sunday's Crossword Puzzle



VERTICAL

- 1 Related
- 2 Chemical
- 3 Cut
- 4 Small
- 5 Baracuda
- 6 By cat
- 7 Artistic
- 8 Name of Garigliano river, Italy
- 9 City in Japan
- 10 Scrapping
- 11 Publications
- 12 Performer
- 13 Part of Bill (abbr.)
- 14 A former course of a stream
- 15 The Devil and Daniel Webster
- 16 Impression
- 17 Excitation of delight
- 18 A 4th
- 19 A favorite amount of medicine
- 20 Middle
- 21 Part of a wheel
- 22 Peeling
- 23 Check
- 24 Project
- 25 Foster
- 26 Metal
- 27 An Ear
- 28 Fine rations
- 29 Oil
- 30 Cane
- 31 Business
- 32 Opera by Verdi
- 33 Breach in early rifle
- 34 Foster
- 35 Spanish jar
- 36 Metal
- 37 An Ear
- 38 Fine rations
- 39 Oil
- 40 Cane
- 41 Project
- 42 To perfume
- 43 Trimmed
- 44 Sum up
- 45 Wolf bound
- 46 Small
- 47
- 48 Arms box
- 49 Norse god of war
- 50 Hawk
- 51 Tunics
- 52 Extreme
- 53 Self destructive
- 54 Mulberry
- 55 Ox of the world
- 56 A fruit
- 57 Chanels
- 58 Market
- 59 Kind of an early Irish name
- 60 Almond
- 61 Waste
- 62 To cry as a sheep
- 63 To be
- 64 Euphrates
- 65 Sacred bull
- 66 Abomination
- 67 Tumult
- 68 Color
- 69 Former com-
- 70 Forces in Germany
- 71 One of a tribe of Si-
- 72 Kind of tree
- 73 Chair
- 74 Sweet-sop
- 75 Broad
- 76 Molasses
- 77 Proper
- 78 Cook in
- 79 Duck
- 80 Kind of tree having capsu-
- 81 African tree
- 82 Old Egyptia-
- 83 Confined
- 84 Fish
- 85 Business
- 86 Transac-
- 87 M
- 88 Came to King of
- 89 King of
- 90 Mistakes
- 91 Hawk par-
- 92 Pot stake
- 93 Protective
- 94 Destroy
- 95 Bird
- 96 Wreath
- 97 Vehicle
- 98 Immense
- 99 Water (pl.)
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