

STUDENT ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT

By ALEX. BURNARD

Last night's concert in the Elder Hall by the Conservatorium Student Orchestra was chiefly remarkable for the pleasant surprise the concluding item afforded. The body contains several students who have, naturally, worlds of orchestral experience before them, but as a whole they put up a very creditable performance. One had to listen hard for the violins sometimes in the tutti, but apart from this the balance was quite good. Ambrose Thomas's plagiaristic "Raymond" overture opened the proceedings, and was treated straightforwardly. The last three movements of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 showed the players in their finitely uninspired, the violins being particularly wooden—and in the finale there were some badly calculated intervals from this section. The intervening scherzo, with its jolly sectional dialogue, had more verve and elasticity, and its trio gave scope for some well-nurtured low horn notes. A selection from Sullivan's "Ruddigore" proved a string of lively melodies, and gave opportunity to various wind players to distinguish themselves in solos. A good account was given of Strauss's waltz, "Promtten," which was in part repeated.

We expected great things of the last number: two folk-song settings of Percy Grainger. An additional interest was the fact that this was their first performance in Australia. And great things they are. We hope to hear them often. The writing is always very effective, none the less so for its treating of simple ideas. The first was a Danish folk song, "Lord Peter's Stable-boy," a really beautiful tune. There was a rich cumulation of tone at the end, when organ (Adele Wiebusch), two pianos (Mrs. Eveline Shoebridge and Mrs. Jean Black), and bells helped swell the glad paean. The second, "Spoon River," though described as an American folk-dance, seemed more Scotch than negro—both in rhythm and by its free employment of the pentatonic scale. Here were some piquant harmonies and effective work for xylophone and harp among others. The orchestra was easily at its best in the Grainger, and both numbers had to be repeated in full. Mr. W. H. Foote conducted capably throughout.

Iris Hart and Carl Juncken sang a duet of Smart, and blended well, though some minor syllables were over-stressed. The soprano in particular has a lovely tone. Bantock's descriptive ballade, "Captain Harry Morgan," was sung by Lawrence Ramsey. He has a voice of promise; his quality, though refined, is at present somewhat "hooded." Here again was rather a superfluity of exaggerated accents. Jean Barbour and Jean Painter accompanied efficiently.

Adv. News 5-11-30

University Examinations

Degree and diploma examinations will begin at the University of Adelaide tomorrow, and will be continued for a fortnight. Most of the sittings will be in the Elder Hall. Others will be at the University. The number of candidates in the various faculties is as follows:—Art, 740; science and engineering, 400; medicine, 100; law, 90; dentistry, 20; commerce, 300; music, 45; diploma in education, 15; diploma in public administration, 23.

Reg. 8-11-30

Dental Bill Second Reading Passed

ALTHOUGH Mr. Tassie's (Lib.) Bill to amend the Dental Act to provide that all members of the Dental Board shall be registered dentists, and that certain dental operatives shall be allowed to register passed its second reading in the Legislative Council yesterday, it got no further. "I ask members to carry the second reading as an indication to the Dental Board that revision of the legislation in regard to operatives is desirable," said Mr. Tassie. The second reading was passed, and when the Bill reached Committee Mr. Tassie moved that progress be reported. This was agreed to.

News 10-11-30

UNIVERSITY STAFF

Salary Reductions Accepted

Although the council of the University of Adelaide has no power to enforce the reduction of 10 per cent. in salaries, of which the staff has been notified, it is practically certain that the cut will be accepted without exception. The reductions will take effect from November 1.

UNIVERSITY STAFF

ASKED TO ACCEPT SALARY CUT

APPEAL BY CHANCELLOR

All professors, lecturers, and other paid officers of the University of Adelaide have been asked to accept a reduction in their salaries as from November 1.

The following letter has been sent by the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) to each of the persons concerned:—

"As you are aware, the Government has cut down its annual grant to the University by £5,942, dating from July 1. The Council has been able to fulfil its contracts with the professors, lecturers, and other officers of the University by means of funds that were being reserved for other purposes, but it is now compelled to ask all to accept a reduction in their salaries of 10 per cent. from November 1 till further notice.

"The Council has no power to enforce this reduction, and greatly regrets the necessity, but believes that its action will meet with the approval of those affected by it."

Reg. 10-11-30

PROFESSORS' SALARIES MAY BE CUT

University Asks For 10 p.c. Reduction

The Council of the University has asked all professors, lecturers, and other paid officers on its staff to accept a reduction of 10 per cent. in salary until further notice, as from November 1.

"The Government has cut down its annual grant to the University by £5,912, as from July 1," says the Council's letter to those affected. "The Council has been able to fulfil its contracts with professors, lecturers, and other officers by means of funds being reserved for other purposes; but it is now compelled to ask them to accept a reduction.

"It has no power to enforce this reduction, but believes that its action will be approved by those whom it affects."

Adv. 11-11-30

UNIVERSITY SALARIES REDUCED

Realising the difficult financial position that the University has been placed in by the reduction in its annual grant from the Government of £5,942, professors, lecturers, and officers of the University have agreed to the request of the council that they should accept a reduction of 10 per cent. in their salaries. The cut has been in operation since November 1. As there is no association of persons employed at the University with which the council could deal as a body, it was necessary for it to approach each employe individually, and for each personally to signify his readiness to comply with the request. It is understood that the members of the staff unanimously agreed to accept the proposed reduction, although many of the professors and lecturers are virtually under contract with the University in respect to their appointments, having agreed to accept such positions under definite conditions as to duties and salaries.

Reg. 11-11-30

Professors Accept Salary Cut

Professors, lecturers, and officers of the University of Adelaide have agreed to accept a 10 per cent. cut in their salaries as from November 1 in view of the £5,942 reduction in the annual Government grant.

It is understood that members of the staff unanimously agreed to the cut, although many of the professors and lecturers are practically under contract with the University in their appointments, having agreed to accept positions under definite conditions about duties and salaries.

News 8-11-30

SIR CHARLES MARTIN

Arrival in February

On his return this morning from Melbourne, where he attended a meeting of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Dr. A. E. V. Richardson (Director of Waite Agricultural Research Institute) stated that it was expected that Sir Charles Martin (newly appointed director of the animal nutrition division of the council) would arrive in Adelaide about the end of February.

During the trip from London to Australia, he will spend two weeks in South Africa to visit the Onderstepoort Veterinary Experimental Station, near Pretoria.

ANTARCTIC TRIP

Leader Leaves Adelaide

Sir Douglas Mawson (leader of the Antarctic research expedition) will leave Adelaide this afternoon by the express for Melbourne. He will reach Hobart on Tuesday, and later in the month will sail on the Discovery for the Antarctic.

Prof. T. Harvey Johnston, who is also a member of the expedition, will leave with Sir Douglas today. Lady Mawson will accompany her husband to Hobart. Mrs. Harvey Johnston will leave for Hobart next Saturday.

Reg. 13-11-30

GRANT FOR RESEARCH

£666 For Waite Institute Experiments

So successful were the experiments conducted at the Waite Research Institute into the value of nitrogenous fertilisers on cereal and other crops that Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand have made another grant in aid.

The company paid £2,000 in 1928 towards covering the cost of experiments in 1928, 1929, and 1930, and it has told the University that the experiments have been so beneficial to agriculture that it is desirable that they should be continued. Therefore it has granted £666 for them to be continued in 1931.

Reg. 13-11-30

The University of Tasmania yesterday presented to Sir Douglas Mawson the Degree of Doctor of Science.

Adv. 15-11-30

FORESTRY SCHOOL

NEED NOT HAVE GONE TO CANBERRA

"I was struck by the fact that there had been no necessity to remove the Federal School of Forestry from Adelaide to Canberra," said the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whitford) on Friday.

Mr. Whitford visited the school during his recent trip to Canberra to attend the Loan Council meeting. He said the school was doing wonderful and useful work, but the opportunity for studying the variety of climatic and soil conditions were not provided at Canberra to the same extent as they were in South Australia. In this State there was a larger area of forests actually under cultivation than in the other States of the Commonwealth put together. There were also such diverse localities as Booborowie, Mount Crawford, Narracoorte, Penola, and Mill-cent, whereas Canberra had only the one set of climatic conditions and a common variety of soil.

Adv. 15-11-30

The Nobel physics prize for 1930 has been awarded to Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman, for his work on light diffusion. Sir Chandrasekhara is Professor of Physics at Calcutta University, and is one of the most distinguished of the world's physicists.

Adv. 17-11-30

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL INSPECTION

Members of the council of the University, with the architect (Mr. W. H. Bagot), made their annual inspection of the University Buildings on Saturday. The outstanding project of the year was the beginning of the Barr Smith library, the foundation-stone of which was laid six weeks ago, and excellent progress has been made with the erection. The site on which it is proposed to erect a chemistry building was viewed. Lack of funds prevented this scheme being proceeded with at present.

News 17-11-30

Bonython Prize

The council of the University of Adelaide has decided on the recommendation of the faculty of law that there shall be no award of the Bonython prize for 1930. The prize is for the best original thesis on any legal subject approved by the faculty and by the council.

Adv. 19-11-30

Professor W. Laver, who, with Dr. Harold Davies, conducted the third year examinations in the course for the A.M.U.A. diploma, left on his return to Melbourne yesterday. He said the standard of work shown in the examination had not been quite as high as previously.

NITROGENOUS FERTILISERS

Experiments at the Waite Institute

In 1928 the Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand Limited, made a grant of £2,000 to the University towards the cost of experiments at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute into the value of nitrogenous fertilisers on cereal and other crops. The grant was spread over 1928, 1929, and 1930. The University has now received advice from the Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, that the experiments which have been conducted during the period have been of great value to agriculture, and that as the company considers it will be of advantage if the experiments are continued, it has made available £666 to enable experiments to be conducted during 1931.

Adv. 14-11-30

NEW PENETRATING RAY

Sir Douglas Mawson to Investigate

Hobart, November 13.

Sir Douglas Mawson, speaking at a mayoral reception to-day, said that an apparatus was to be set up on the Discovery for the investigation of the recently discovered penetrating rays, seemingly given out by the sun and having an enormously greater penetrating power than the Rontgen rays. The new rays, he said, would go through thirty feet of lead.

Adv. 17-11-30

UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTIONS

Nominations closed on Saturday for the vacancies caused by the retirement of five members of the senate of the University of Adelaide, in accordance with the provisions of the University Act. The retiring members are Professor R. W. Chapman, Dr. F. S. Hone, Messrs. A. M. Cudmore, T. E. Barr Smith, and W. J. Young. All were again nominated and elected unopposed. Mr. Justice Angus Parsons and the Registrar of the University (Mr. Eardley) were also re-elected as warden and clerk of the senate respectively.

Reg. 17-11-30

The retiring members of the University Senate, Professor Chapman, Dr. F. S. Hone, and Messrs. A. M. Cudmore, T. E. Barr Smith, and W. J. Young, were re-elected unopposed on Saturday. Mr. Justice Angus Parsons and the Registrar (Mr. Eardley) were re-elected warden and clerk of the senate respectively.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE

Retiring Members Renominated

Nominations for five vacancies on the council of the University of Adelaide closed at 1 o'clock this afternoon with Mr. E. V. Clark (acting clerk of the University Senate). The following five members, who retired in accordance with the provisions of the University Act were renominated.—Prof. R. W. Chapman, Dr. A. M. Cudmore, Dr. F. S. Hone, Messrs. T. E. Barr Smith, and W. J. Young. Mr. Justice Angus Parsons and Mr. F. W. Eardley have been renominated for the positions of warden and clerk of the senate respectively. The senate meeting will be held at the University on Wednesday, November 23.

Adv. 18-11-30

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

All proposals of candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize, which is to be distributed on December 10, 1931, must, in order to be taken into consideration, be laid before the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament by a duly qualified person before February 1 next, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Department at Canberra. For particulars, qualified persons are requested to apply to the office of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, Drammensvei 19, Oslo.

Reg. 18-11-30

Nobel Peace Prize.—Those wishing to compete for the Nobel Peace Prize for 1931 must have their proposals laid before the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament before February 1, by qualified persons. Qualified persons include members of the State and Federal Parliaments.