

Music Has Career For Many Youths In School Bands

Though most of the youngsters active with 68,000 school bands and orchestras think of music as a hobby, their activity can lead to careers.

Symphony orchestra conductors, for example, report a shortage of able string players. They say there is always room for capable bassoonists or oboe players.

Demand for full-time and part-time teachers also is strong. Reviving interest in dancing makes way for more Benny Goodmans and Stan Kentons.

The American music conference reports that more than 8,000,000 school children are now playing musical instruments or getting musical instruction.

Interest in music has stimulated school band members to practical application of what they learn in science and math courses. Some construct their own hi-fi sets.

American Students Feel Eyes of World on Them

Quite suddenly the American student finds himself under the microscope. All eyes are focused on him as his aptitudes and attitudes, aims and abilities and appearance are examined more fully and more thoughtfully than ever before.

The reasons? The future of democracy will be settled in the classroom, which prompts the question: "Is American youth ready to accept the challenge?"

American youth is not only ready but willing and able, for well before this general re-examination began, the students of America were involved in some valuable self-examination. This self-examination provides convincing proof that the nation's teen-agers understand democracy and are learning to administer it from first-hand experience.

From coast to coast many young men and young women are taking the lead in preparing themselves for the role they

it helped them with their studies. In the Northeast, a county school administrator sent up a trial balloon regarding a 30-day extension of the school term. A howl was expected. Instead, students voiced approval and enthusiasm.

AND IN Port Richmond high school, Staten Island, New York, a group of boys decided they had had enough of the sloppy look and disapproving glances from their elders that greeted them whenever their appearance pegged them as "wrong-o's".

Realizing that they needed school support for their ideas they asked faculty member, Willie D. Freeman, to be their sponsor. He agreed and took the case to the school principal, James V. Tague, who was in sympathy with their ideas.

A new club was born. The boys called themselves the "Beau Brumels." Their purpose was to show the importance of neat and appropriate dress.

A few weeks later, the Beaux were joined by the Belles—a group of girls who also wanted to break with the "beat look" in favor of a "neat look."

ONCE A WEEK the Beaux and Belles set an example for the other students by showing up for classes in their "Sunday best." The rest of the week the emphasis is on neatness and appropriateness.

Do the Beaux and Belles feel their experiment has worked? They certainly do. As one Belle said, "When kids dress sloppily, it shows in their work and the way they act. We found our work was better and neater when we looked 'he part.'"

Chon Hereafter One of the Beaux was even more to the point, stating: "It's all a state of mind. An undisciplined appearance is pretty sure to mean undisciplined behavior. We didn't want any part of either."

The findings of the school administration back up these views. A teacher who has watched the development of the Beaux and Belles since the beginning says:

"They have contributed much to the tone of the school. We've never had a single case of juvenile delinquency associated with the group. But the really significant thing about the Beaux and Belles is that it was all their own idea."

Hills Schools Get 3 New Principals

Expansion of the Bloomfield Hills school system has brought about the naming of three new principals.

Leater Utterback will head the new Pine Lake elementary school, while William McGuire, former principal at Eastover elementary, will take over the reins at the new junior high school. Mrs. Ruth De-Cou, last year's physical education supervisor at Eastover has been promoted to the post vacated by McGuire.

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