

EXHIBITORS WORK TO END MUSIC TAX

Motion Picture Theater Owners of America Progress in Fight.

The Motion Picture Theater Owners of America are now actively engaged in putting into effect the proposition presented by the national president at the Washington convention to create a music department of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, and have music issued to theater owners free from all tax, license or levy. They have been holding important conferences with representatives of publishers and composers for the purpose of putting this new department on a firm and effective basis.

They have been giving attention to the matter of relieving the theater owners from unfair exactions of representatives of the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers. A large number of test cases have been brought in the courts and will be up for decision soon. They propose to have further test cases brought in different parts of the country.

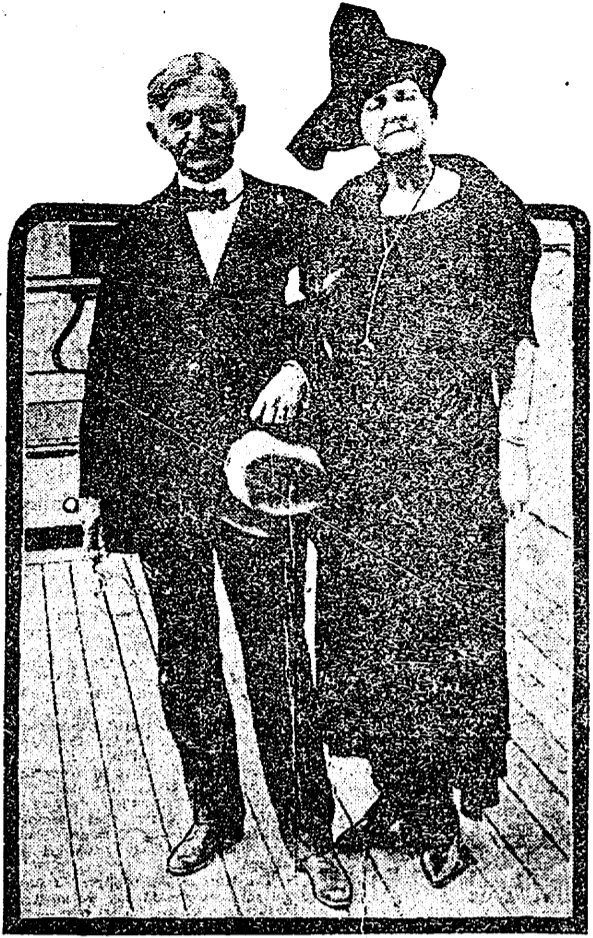
After months of hard work, it is said, they succeeded in having introduced into Congress an amendment to the copyright law. It was introduced by Congressman Lampert of Wisconsin, and several hearings were held on the bill. These were postponed, however, owing to the serious illness of Congressman Lampert. A final hearing was arranged for May 5 and the entire national executive committee of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, with the counsel of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Kansas, went to Washington for this meeting, but the hearing was postponed on receipt of a letter from the chairman of the patents committee of the House to the effect that most of the members of his committee were absent from Washington at the time, but that a new date would be designated for the hearing.

The hearing was adjourned for the interim, and the theater men are now arranging a definite date for this hearing when they reconvene, at which time they will present to this committee the facts gathered from members throughout the country establishing rights in this matter.

Theater owners have been imposed upon and thousands of dollars improperly exacted it is said. "The same process has been imposed on the proprietors of hotels and restaurants where music is a part of the daily routine. We propose, through the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, to establish what might be termed a clearing house for musical compositions. We will invite all composers in the nation to use our national organization as a means of getting their compositions published.

We can guarantee them an outlet which will be nationwide in character. We will establish a music department in connection with the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America. We can arrange with the music stores to sell their compositions. We can advertise the compositions in our theaters, giving them the widest publicity, and bring these musical selections to the personal attention of an immense number of millions of people daily. In this way we will give a nationwide stimulant to independent composers' efforts and revive good, inspiring music in the United States.

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT BACK



Former Vice-President and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall of Indianapolis, Ind., are shown above on board the steamship Aquitania upon arrival at New York. They returned from a vacation in Europe, leaving last May. Mr. Marshall seemed feeble and leaned heavily on the arm of his wife. He told reporters that he was no financier, but thought if the great American bankers would take hold of the European exchange situation it could be corrected. The former vice-president said he was returning home by way of Washington, and would visit Woodrow Wilson.

Marshalls, on Their Return, Much Entertained in Capital

Washington, Aug. 5.—Does this sound like midsummer? A luncheon at the White House, a dinner by a senator and his wife, a dinner by a senator and his wife, a dinner by a senator and his wife, a dinner by a senator and his wife...

They do say that bobbed hair is going out of fashion; they've been saying so for some time, yet it does seem as though you see as many bobbed heads among the society girls as ever. One of our most interesting brides has bobbed hair. Miss Elizabeth Howe, daughter of the federal register, engaged to Dr. Alredo Thompson Prada, secretary of the Peruvian embassy, whose wedding will take place in New York some time this month, August is rivaling June and October for brides and important brides. Two of the coming wedding gowns are international, and there...

The marriage of Miss Anne Elders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Elders of Hagan, Georgia, to Mr. Charles Elders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elders, was quietly solemnized at the bride's home in Hagan on the morning of July 28.

BELL PLAYHOUSE SETTING RECORDS

Largest Suburban Theater to Be Enlarged With Balcony.

The Bell Theater, at the corner of Grand Route St., John and Gertrude streets, is setting new records among the neighborhood picture houses of New Orleans. The latest and largest suburban theater of the city, the Bell is also one of the most successful. How successful may be judged from the fact that although the theater has been opened only a fortnight, the attendance has been so great at every performance that William J. Anjou, proprietor and manager, has decided to add a balcony seating 800 persons to the present spacious auditorium which accommodates 1100. At the opening performance 2000 persons applied for admittance and capacity houses have been reported ever since.

Much of the success of the theater is due to the comfort and coziness of the structure which was designed and erected by J. W. Fleetman, general contractor, 1614 North Poydras street. Mr. Fleetman has conceived and executed one of the most pleasing and artistic auditoriums to be found in any suburban theater of the city. It is simple and dignified, and despite its size, achieves an atmosphere of intimacy and "homeliness."

SOLIDLY CONSTRUCTED
The building, which cost \$18,000, measures 128 feet by 66 feet, with an auditorium sixty-six feet by ninety-six feet, and a lobby thirty-two feet by thirty-three feet. It is a solidly constructed heavy frame building so designed that there are no cantilevers of any kind upon being carried on huge eight by ten-inch uprights which flank the building. The structure is said to be the largest used in any structure of the size in New Orleans. The exterior of the theater with its two pyramidal end towers, has been painted purple. The facade has been glazed with gleaming blue and green stained glass. Warm color notes in the scheme are supplied by the red slating of the tower roofs and the red prominent tiling of the entrance lobby, with its low wide steps.

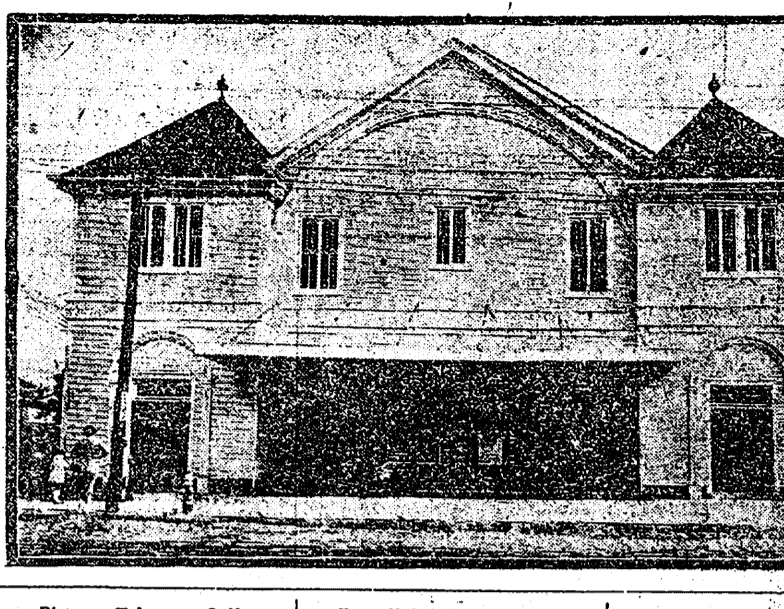
INTERIOR IN DUTCH STYLE
The interior is unique. It is in the Dutch style and is remarkable for its unity of impression. All of the woodwork is of water-proof wallboard and is painted in a color and panelled with stripes of stained cypress. The side walls are broken by thirty-two windows, opening on pivots and admitting floods of light and fresh air. Ten ventilators in the roof complete the ventilation system.

At night the lighting is effected by means of dozen indirect electric fixtures in the lobby. There are four wide exits at the sides of the auditorium in addition to the front exit. A feature of the auditorium is its seating facilities, consisting of hand-made cypress chairs with seats of mixed pattern. Unlike the seats of any other theater in the city, the seats are upholstered in a material which is considered the most up-to-date in New Orleans.

Built of interlocking tiles, it is absolutely fireproof and entirely safe. A current changes the alternating current into a direct current for the advantage of the pictures shown. Two of the latest picture machines are used.

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THEATER 'OUTGROWS' ITS BUILDING



Two Killed by Lightning. Mobile, Ala., Aug. 5.—Henry Beckham, 17 years old, and Goram Brooks, 15, employed by the Mobile River Saw Mill Company at Mount Vernon, were killed today when lightning struck a log boom and knocked them into the river. Beckham was burned but there was not a mark on Brooks. A third man on the boom escaped injury.

Bridge Lights Assured.
Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 5.—The Gulfport and Mississippi Coast Traction Company is having new poles placed along the Back Bay bridge for which lightning will be provided. It is planned to carry the current across the bay into Seymour.

Roy Bergeron.
Franklin, La., August 5.—Miss Marie Bergeron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bergeron of this city was married to James H. Roy of Hurfords, Tenn., at the home of the bride's parents, by Judge Edgar Loustalot.

TWO HURT IN SMASH OF AUTO COLLISION

Driver of One Car Arrested on Charge of Reckless Driving. Arthur Gorben, 2357 Roussea street, was lacerated about the head and face, and Tony Borelo, former pugilist, of Religious and Orange streets, was cut and bruised about the head and body in a rear-end collision in Canal Boulevard last night. Gorben was arrested after the accident and charged with reckless driving.

John Caneca, 24 years old, 1008 Orleans street, told the police he had stopped his car at the right-hand side of the boulevard near Harrison street to repair the engine. The other automobile, he said, came up behind his machine at a high rate of speed, swerved and collided with it. Both cars were badly damaged. The two injured men were taken to Charity Hospital by Mrs. William James, 818 St. Mary street, who drove up just after the accident. Gorben told the police the steering column of his machine stuck, causing him to lose control of the car.

OREANS GETS SCHOOL.
Lutherans Decide After Vote Is Tied For Abita Springs. The proposed Lutheran high school will be located in New Orleans. It was decided last night at a meeting in St. Paul's school, Fort and Burgundy streets, to hold a ballot for the selection of the school site. The school is being organized by the New Orleans and Abita Springs, New Orleans wing of the Second Baptist. The delegation from Abita Springs made strong proffer.

A committee composed of the following was appointed to consider sites for the school: Roy, E. H. Heinzen, president of the Lutheran Educational Society; the Rev. G. J. Wegener, president of the Southern District of Missouri, Lutheran Synod; the Rev. J. J. Helfrich, pastor of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church; Professor R. W. Wismar, principal of St. Paul's school, and Philip H. Boehler. All are members of the board of administrators.

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LATE SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth Adkins Sr. and their daughter, Mrs. Adkins, are touring in the North and East, preparatory to visiting at the United States Military Academy, West Point, where they will spend the latter part of the summer with Gen. John E. Adkins Jr. and Major Marshall of the Corps.

Saw Mill Worker Killed.
Haskell, Miss., Aug. 5.—Ben Davis, 60 years old, lumber and general millman for the firm of Sons and Company at Haskell, Miss., five miles west of Hazelhurst, was killed today while performing his duties around the mill. Mr. Davis had been sawing a large log when he slipped. He had taken a stick and attempted to rake some dust from around some of the machinery when the stick was caught, flew back and struck him over the head, killing him instantly. He is survived by his wife here and several relatives in Tennessee and Kentucky. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at Hazelhurst Cemetery.

CAMP MEETING ARRANGED

A week-long camp meeting will open at Perry, a few miles south of Hazelhurst, Miss., this month. The meetings will be held during the period of the meeting. Preaching will be conducted by Rev. E. E. Kinney of Hazelhurst, while the song service will be in charge of Rev. John F. Starnes.

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