

The Life and Music of Henry Dielman

By REV. DAVID W. SHAUM

(Continued from Last Week)

In 1843 Henry Dielman was invited to join the faculty of Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, a liberal arts college.³⁰ Records fail to show just who extended the invitation, whether the president of the school, the Rev. John McCaffrey, or perhaps the Most Rev. Samuel Eccleston, then Archbishop of Baltimore, who recommended Dielman to his friend, Father McCaffrey.³¹ There is also the possibility that the officers of administration at the Emmitsburg school learned of Henry Dielman's ability and success and considered him a valuable addition to the faculty.

On the other side of the question, it is curious that a successful musician would want to leave his friends, pupils, comfortable surroundings, a milieu in which

he was highly respected and appreciated, to come to a country school some fifty miles distant to begin a new life and to convince his new superiors that he was quite equal to his reputation. Official notices of Henry Dielman say it was the desire of Mrs. Dielman to retire to the country and live in peace and serenity. Perhaps she influenced her husband's decision. Another reason might have been that the disastrous Panic of 1837 with its aftermath of depression and insecurity took its toll on orchestras, entertainment and music in general. The comparative security of a college post and cheaper living in the country, with a wife and family to support, may have tipped the balance in favor of the proffered tutorial post. Yet a perusal of the papers of that entire period shows that, despite the financial reverses, music continued. The only time soirees and concerts were actually postponed was in time of plague and epidemic. Why Henry Dielman abandoned what seemed to be a brilliant career to accept the position of vocal and instrumental music instructor at Mount Saint Mary's College will probably remain shrouded in the shadows of history. Dielman accepted the new challenge and in a letter to President McCaffrey, dated Sept. 1, 1843, writes:

I am fast getting ready for my departure from Baltimore. The only drawback I now have is the removal of my organ.

My furniture will be taken on Wednesday in Spring furniture wagons and I shall start in a private conveyance with my family on Thursday morning early, so that, if nothing happens on the road, I shall be with you by 5, or 6 o'clock in the evening.

With the most sincere regards to the Rev. Mr. McCloskey and all other friends, and yourself in particular in which Mrs. D. unites with me, I am

Rev. Dear Sir
Very Respectfully Humble Servant
Henry Dielman³²

The Story of the Mountain tersely records the new professor's arrival:

Major Andre of the Music Department left this summer for Fordham, and Prof. Henry Dielman came to fill the place he held until his death, forty years later. He was spoken of in the Freeman's Journal of September 16, 1843, as "well and favorably known throughout the Union and in Europe . . . a gentleman of polished manners, unrivalled skill, a composer of good judgment and exquisite taste."³³

So began an association that was to last until death came for the professor thirty-nine years later; Dielman's work at the college consisted in instructing the students, cleric and lay, in vocal and instrumental music. The students varied in age from small boys in preparatory grades, thru high school, college and seminary. A survey of the college catalogues shows that at one time or another he taught piano, violincello, violin, flute, double bass, Clarinet, and corneopane. The Prospectus for the mid-sixties adds sax horn and guitar.³⁴ Shortly after his arrival at the college Mr. Dielman organized an orchestra, the Saint Cecilia Society.

Under the direction of the Professor of Music, the Saint Cecilia Society is formed from the more advanced members of the Music classes. Its object is to furnish greater inducement for the cultivation of a taste for and knowledge of Music. It celebrates its annual festival by a concert on St. Cecilia's day, besides assisting at all the other Collegiate Festivals.³⁵

Henry Dielman was also organist in the Church on the mountain which served as a chapel for the college students and a parish church for the neighboring countryside. In 1844 he introduced the custom of walking the students on Christmas morning with the playing of the Adeste Fideles and all would arise and ascend the hill to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "This was a delightful novelty for the new boys who were never told of it in advance and woke as if roused by the Angels of Bethlehem."³⁶

During his long tenure at the Mountain, Henry Dielman, in addition to teaching, was a prolific composer. The inauguration of a president of the United States, the death of a prominent figure, a feast of the Mother of God, the Commencement program — all occasioned the writing of a special composition. He combined theory with the practical.

There were also the vexing little problems of everyday teaching, as well as reminding the administration from time to time of the necessity of replacing and keeping in fine shape its musical equipment. Especially interesting is an account of the purchase of band instruments for the sum of three hundred and forty-one dollars with the carefully worded clause that "should any instrument not give perfect satisfaction after sale, I will exchange it." Professor Dielman was a careful buyer and an honest agent for his employers. Among the minutiae is an amusing account of the purchase of a piano:

My dear Father John
Young Motter (the son of Joshua) called on Mr. Knabe where I met him for the purpose of having several pianos tuned at Emmitsburg. I thought this presented an excellent opportunity to have ours put in complete order since the vacations are drawing to a close.

I would also mention that the old 6 octaves is nearly played out as the saying goes. Would it not be well before it gets too bad to have it exchanged? Mr. Knabe has just such a one on hand as would suit College use, being especially made for that purpose. 7 octave Pianos are now generally used, and all good Music written for them. A difference of \$345 (three hundred and forty-five dollars) will insure the one in question for the old one, at your own time

Please answer the point respecting the change of Pianos by Monday if possible.

Hoping that this will find you in perfect health, I remain
Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant
Henry Dielman³⁷

As it so often happens with those who do not appreciate the exacting demands of music, the endless hours or rehearsal, and the lack of musicianship in students, the authorities at Mount Saint Mary's College, in addition to all these exacting duties, arranged that Mr. Dielman also

teach German. A native German, he would be at home with the language. From 1863 until 1880, the music professor taught this foreign language course. The last two years of his life were devoted only to vocal and instrumental music.³⁸

Since Professor Dielman had a rather full teaching schedule, plus extra curricular assignments at the college, and the suggestion was made that he assumed the post for the assured salary that it offered, a brief consideration of the remuneration received may be interesting. The records of the Council of Mount Saint Mary's College during the years that Henry Dielman taught there reveal that, for the period on the American economic scene, he was adequately paid. On August 25, 1847, he presented to the administration a report on music for the first four years he had been on the faculty. Evidently pleased with the results achieved, the Council voted to give the music instructor three fourths of the amount collected from the music students. On November 14, 1851, and again on October 13, 1852, Dielman was guaranteed a salary of seven hundred dollars per year. Perhaps the imminent birth of his sixth child was the determining factor why a guaranteed salary a year would be more satisfactory than depending on the number of music students which varied from year to year. There were many years between 1843 and 1870, when Professor Dielman's salary averaged a thousand dollars per annum. In 1870 it was twelve hundred; in 1874, fourteen hundred; in 1876, 16 hundred and fifty dollars—the highest salary ever paid him—and fifteen hundred in 1877. In 1881, when the school was trying to save itself from financial embarrassment and even going into the hands of its creditors, Professor Dielman was promised all of the music fees until the amount of seven hundred dollars, and then eighty percent of all fees over that amount.³⁹ For many years the college catalogue contained the notice that the fee for music lessons was thirty dollars per semester.

Hence such a salary, in a locality where the cost of living was lower than in the city, should have adequately provided for his family needs and, with frugality, for future emergencies.

³⁰ Founded 1808 by the Rev. John Dubois, a French refugee priest, Frederick County.
³¹ Abp. Eccleston, having ordained Father McCaffrey, was intensely interested in him and his work at the college. In turn, the Reverend president was to become a bosom friend of Dielman and his family, and a librettist for some of his music.

³² The Most Rev. Samuel Eccleston, S.S., D.D., cons. Sept. 14, 1834; dien, April 22, 1851. The Official Archdiocesan Directory, 1955, p. 4.

³³ The Archives, Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg. File 1843, September.
³⁴ Edward F. X. McSweeney, The Story of the Mountain, Emmitsburg, The Weekly Chronicle, 1911, p. 480. William Andre was professor of music from August 15, 1830 until August 15, 1943.
³⁵ Catalogues were first issued in 1836. They include listings of all students, preparatory, college, seminary.
³⁶ College Catalogue for the Academic Year 1854-55, p. 15. The initiation fee was one dollar and the dues fifty cents semi-annually. There was a librarian, a curator, etc. (Cf. The Story of the Mountain, p. 471).
³⁷ Op. Cit., The Story of the Mountain, p. 438.
³⁸ The Archives of Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg. File 1871.
³⁹ Op. Cit., College Catalogues, 1863-1882.
⁴⁰ Book of records of the meetings of the President and Council of Mount Saint Mary's College. No. 1.

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Paul says that we are fellow workmen for God. God works through us when we dedicate ourselves completely to Him.

The early church started in homes. One of the ways we may work with God is to be ready to transform our homes into "preaching tents." Some years ago I met a certain lady in a church. She was complaining that it took her four hours to go to and from church. She had moved to another village where no church was established.

I suggested to her that her home could be the nucleus of a new church in the village where she lived. A few weeks later I led the first service in the living room of her home. A few months later the garage was made into a sanctuary. Within one year property was secured. Today in that village there is a lively congregation, a sanctuary, and a parsonage. All started in that home.

Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we want to be Thy fellow workmen. Teach us to be faithful servants of Thine. Help us to use our homes as instruments of Thy grace in building of Thy kingdom. In the Saviour's name we pray. Amen.
Thought For The Day
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True Copy—Test:
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Acreege Contracts In Full Force

Acreege Reserve agreements under the 1957 program remain in full force and effect through December 31, this year, farmers were reminded today by Leonard C. Burns, Chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Chairman Burns explained that he was concerned that some farmers who already have been paid for land placed in the 1957 Acreege Reserve might feel that they have fully complied with the program. The provisions of Acreege Reserve agreements remain in effect although the payment may be made before the end of the year.

Under the Acreege Reserve, the land specifically designated by the farmer for the program may not be cropped and livestock may not be permitted to graze on it. There are only two exceptions to this: (1) The land may be planted this year to a crop that will be harvested in 1958 or later, and (2) grazing may be permitted by specific permission of the Secretary of Agriculture under emergency conditions.

Chairman Burns also explained that those cases where a commodity placed in the Acreege Reserve has not yet been harvested, the amount of land that can be harvested is limited to the farm acreage allotment for that commodity less the full amount of land put in the Acreege Reserve for the commodity.

Your Personal Health

"Bright, Blue Weather"

No one will quarrel with Helen Hunt Jackson's famous poem awarding the beauty prize to "October's bright blue weather." It's so wonderful that we try to forget the days that aren't so fine, the days when leaden skies overhead and sodden leaves underfoot provide a preview of November.

For all its beauty, October heralds the triumphal march of the common cold. For the next six months in almost any group of six people, there will be at least one person who's coming down with a cold, one who has a cold, and one who's just getting over one. What can we do to break this pattern which makes late fall and winter the season of sniffles?

Let's not waste time blaming the weather. Let's adjust to it, and that means dressing for it. October can be as changeable as April. Even the brightest day calls for a sweater or a coat. A cloudy day calls for rainwear from head to foot.

This is a good time to check

with your family doctor and get his advice on protecting the family from illness in the months ahead. This year especially because of possible epidemics of Asian flu, make a special effort to be sure that every member of the family is in the best possible physical condition. See that they get enough sleep, rest, and outdoor recreation. Step up the protective foods—milk, eggs, meat, and vegetables—in the meals you serve. If, in spite of all precautions, a cold should strike, give the patient a day of rest, preferably in bed. If there is fever call the doctor.

Meat Dealer Faces Charges

A Thurmont cattle and hog raiser, J. Austin Fraley, was indicted last week by a Federal grand jury on a charge of violating the Federal Meat Inspection Act while shipping meat products from Maryland to Virginia.

The indictment said that more than 800 pounds of sausage, bacon, pork loin, liver pudding and scrapple shipped to Manassas, Va., last April 23 had not been inspected and marked by the Federal Government, as required by law.

Car Demolished Chicken House

Richard C. Mummert, 33, of Gettysburg, suffered a back injury when his car ran off the highway on Route 15 about three miles north of here Sunday morning, Oct. 13 at 4:15 o'clock.

Pennsylvania State Police said Mummert was driving north when his car ran partially off the east side of the road, then swerved to the left side, struck a utility pole and went down an embankment and struck a chicken house at the Robert McNair farm. Damage was estimated at \$400 to Mummert's car, \$50 to the pole and \$200 to the chicken house. Mummert was taken to the Warner Hospital in Gettysburg by ambulance.

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Kate Smith, beloved singer and "The Songbird of the South," prefers the South's very popular Rook card game.



Bob Hope plays the new game of Careers, invented by a college professor, with his four children — who are now embarking on careers of their own.



Guy Lombardo, always a relaxed performer, owns lots of property. His favorite: the real estate trading game, Monopoly.

HOW TO BE Snug For The Winter



With the coming of fall, it's a good time to take stock of the condition of your home. Is it snug against cold and snow and storm? Are there any leaks, loose boards, seams or missing shingles?

The outside of the house is your first consideration, because it is here that the damage usually starts. Once snow, sleet, hail or cold find their way through the openings, the interior suffers — and so does your pocketbook. So take a look now.

First, the roof. If it's flat, make sure it's watertight. Caulk all doubtful looking seams. If it's a sloping, shingled roof, your problem may be a little greater. Check the shingles to see if they are properly fastened. One good winter storm may rip off a good portion of the roof if one shingle is not firmly attached.

If a few shingles have to be replaced, do it right away. If the damage from the summer sun coming on top of spring rains has been more extensive, it will pay you to replace the roof. Don't take the risk of damaging the rest of the house by a patch-up job. If you use the right replacement material you can save yourself money in the long run.

Installation of asbestos-cement roofing shingle, for instance, can end your roofing worries for the lifetime of your house. Made of asbestos fiber and portland cement, asbestos shingles will not rot or rust or burn. They will resist damage by water, ice, heat and cold. Because these shingles are rigid and flat they will hug the roof even in the worst windstorms.

Another good feature of the asbestos-cement shingles is that they don't have to be painted to protect them from deterioration. And since they come in many permanent, built-in colors, you can protect your house and improve its looks at the same time.

The same goes for the outside walls. Many of the usual headaches that homeowners suffer can be cured by installing asbestos-cement siding. It will do away with the problem of painting, or the worry over termites, or the cost of maintenance. New application methods which accentuate the horizontal shadow lines between the courses of asbestos-cement siding will not only give your home a modern look, but also add greater weather-tightness.

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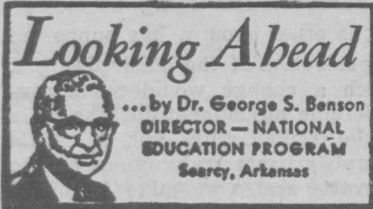
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of trucking and highway transport, all canals, civil aviation, radio and television, and the Bank of England continue under nationalization.

My Contacts Many of the Englishmen with whom I have talked do not share my conclusion regarding their country's future.

Other Interviews At Transport House, a taxicab drive distance from Westminster Hall, I interviewed George Springall, a leader of the Socialist-Labor Party.

Then too, I have talked to the people—a teacher in a London school, the breadwinner of a family of four; and others—and have actually sampled the living standard at various levels of the population.

The Payoff In comparison to the days of actual hunger in the immediate post war years, the living standard today is much better.

More about this next week. G.G.

Certain Members Of Family Are Eligible For S. S.

Do you know which members of your family would be eligible for social security benefits if anything should happen to you?

W. S. King, District Manager of the Hagerstown social security office said that many questions received in the district office indicate that workers and their families do not understand the survivors benefits provided in the social security law.

The law now permits widows to draw monthly benefits at age 62. Widows who are younger may draw monthly benefits if they have in their care a child of the deceased worker who is entitled to benefits.

Under certain circumstances a widower who was dependent on his wife may qualify for monthly benefits. Dependent parents may qualify if the worker was not survived by a spouse or a child entitled to monthly benefits.

genuinely prosperous. By our American standards she certainly isn't. Average wages in industry have gone up 55 per cent since 1950 but consumer prices have gone up about 42 per cent.

Mr. Springall, the Labor Socialist, gave me the Labor Party's statistics on wages; and I later double-checked them with Micheal Frazer who heads the Conservative Party Research Department.

the family may get. He emphasized that benefits are not paid automatically; families must make application for them.

The social security office recommends that every worker find out what payments may be due his family in the event of his death.

social security office has a booklet entitled "Your Social Security" which provides this information. You may write or telephone your social security office for a copy.

Concert Features Soprano Martha Flowers will be the featured soprano at a concert to be sponsored by Hood College on Monday evening at 8 p. m.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

It will be interesting to see what happens at the public hearings on tax revisions by the House Committee on Ways and Means, called by Chairman Jere Cooper (D., Tenn.) for January 7th.

Taxes are getting to be a lot like the famous remark on weather, to the extent that everybody talks about them, but nobody does anything about them.

Currently, a Senate Committee is holding hearings around the nation on the impact of present tax rates on the health and growth of small business.

Obviously, there is a need for some tax relief for small business, if small business is to grow, or even compete.

When hearings were held on the amendment to the bill extending present corporate taxes introduced by Sen. Fulbright, there was ample testimony to the damage that unrealistic taxing policies is doing to small, independent business.

Yet, this amendment was defeated in the Senate 52 to 33 despite the fact that during the last election, the platforms of both major parties pledged tax relief to small business.

And it is difficult to establish that government is so pinched © National Federation of Independent Business

for money it cannot permit small business to withhold enough profits to finance expansion.

The facts are that ever since 1948, government bureaucracy has grown at a steady pace. In 1948 there were 2,955,760 federal civilian employees drawing down pay totaling \$6,176,414,000.

Thus, an almost doubling of the federal civilian payroll in eight years is not a situation that presents encouragement.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D., Va.) has often stated that to reduce taxes, government expenditures must first be reduced.

Probably both viewpoints are right.

But it is also obvious that unless the axe is swung hard on federal bureaucracy, nothing will ever happen.

A business that keeps borrowing money in order to hire more and more people is not destined for a happy future.

And a government which keeps sapping the vigor of free enterprise in order to keep hiring more people is following an equally disastrous course.

This, this constant and consistent inquiry into the harm unrealistic tax policies is doing to small independent enterprise gets to be almost ridiculous.

There is a time for talk and there is a time for action. There has already been sufficient talk. Now is the time for action. The doctor who keeps talking to his patient about his growing cancer, but never ordering surgery, soon has a dead patient.

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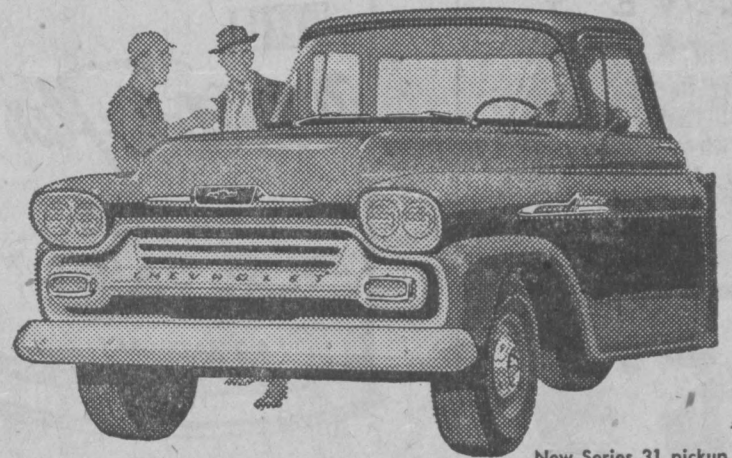
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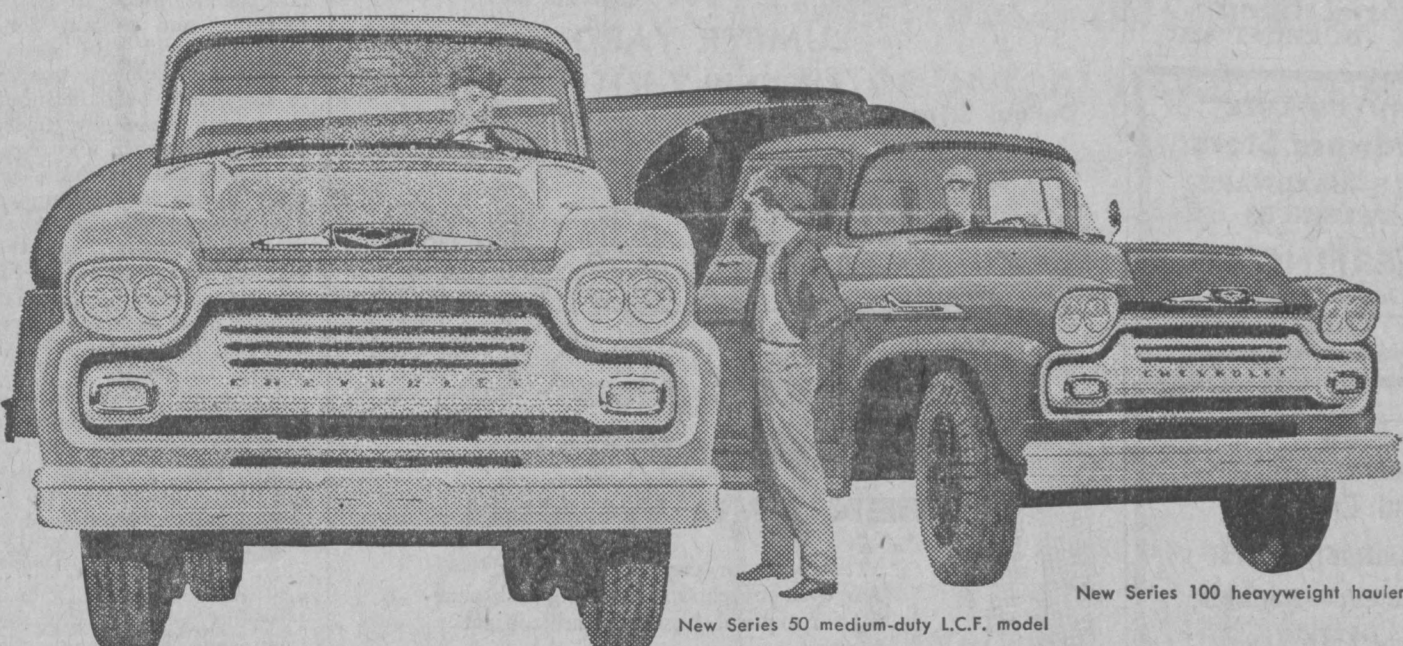
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