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NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting to you all, and best wishes for another successful year of teaching! It was good to see so many of you at Guy Duckworth's workshop, and I shall look forward to seeing you all again at our eleventh Annual Convention on November 1 and 2 at the Atlanta Americana.

Our membership drive is now underway, and I am going to ask each one of you to try and enlist a new member for GMTA before the Convention. The best way to get other teachers interested in our Association is through personal contacts with our present interested members. Let us all try to build up a strong and vital organization for the private music teacher. This is a do-it-yourself job. Don't leave it all to your Membership Vice-presidents; they will most certainly welcome your help.

I should like to be able to announce a big gain at the Convention; so will you all look around and bring a new member with you?

-Hilda Gervers
President

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION COMING UP!

The 1964 Convention of the Georgia Music Teachers Association will be held at the American Motor Hotel in Atlanta. This is in the heart of down-town Atlanta, only a few minutes from all of the big stores and restaurants! ALL members of GMTA should plan to attend the entire convention. This is one of the most beautiful hotels in Atlanta, and, if you are as lazy as I am, you will enjoy the fine restaurants within the hotel.

PIANO TEACHERS will be especially pleased to note that we have TWO excellent workshops scheduled. The first will be at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 1st. Harold Thompson, Jacksonville State College, Jacksonville, Alabama, will conduct this session. He will PLAY and DISCUSS materials. Harold is well known to all of us since he is a former member of GMTA. Those of us who heard the fine session he gave in Greensboro, N. C., at the Southern Convention last spring feel that this will be one of the finest workshops we have ever had. The second piano workshop will be given by William Gillock, famous composer-teacher from New Orleans. His session is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. on Monday, November 2nd. If you have not yet taught some of his beautiful pieces you will want to come and get acquainted with the composer and his music.

The highlight of the convention will be the concert given on Sunday evening, November 1st, after the convention banquet by the Atlanta Choral Guild under the direction of Don Robinson. It was my privilege last spring to hear this group in concert with the Atlanta Community Orchestra. This was truly one of the finest choral performances ever given in the South. Indeed, I have seldom heard as good in New York or elsewhere. YOU MOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS CONCERT!

This is not all, but enough I hope to convince you that this convention is a MUST on your fall schedule. I am aware that all GMTA members have busy work schedules. The people who are giving these programs have equally busy schedules. If we are to continue to grow as an organization, if we are to continue to grow as individual teachers, we cannot afford to sit at home within the four walls of our 'little' studios and ignore what is happening musically throughout the state.

I HOPE TO SEE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AT THE AMERICANA ON NOVEMBER FIRST.

-Troupe Harris, Jr.
Vice-president

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RECIPIENTS OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

- Miss Kate Anderson, Athens-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Lewis Caldwell, Covington-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Helen Crowder, Columbus-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Sara Poole Espy, Decatur-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Eliza Holmes Feldman, Gainesville-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Charles Forsyth, Rome-Certificate of Professional Preparation
- Mrs. Ida M. Gnann, Stillwell-Certificate of Competence
- Mrs. Hilda Gervers, Decatur-Certificate of Professional Preparation
- Mrs. Eula Hancock, Decatur-Certificate of Experience
- Miss Barbara Jean Haney, Toccoa-Certificate of Professional Preparation
- Mrs. Mary McDaniel Hayes, Eastanollee-Certificate of Professional Preparation
- Miss Mabel Henslee, Blue Ridge-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Olivia Dubberly Hughes, Glennville-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. John L. Jackson, Statesboro-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Carolyn W. Lee, Brooklet-Certificate of Experience
- Miss Betty Sue Mashburn, Carrollton-Certificate of Advanced Professional Preparation
- Mrs. Sam Merritt, Americus-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Erma Edwards Miller, Marietta-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Arthur Page, Lyons-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Arlene Rogers Park, Lithonia-Certificate of Experience
- Mrs. Madeline Peavy, Vienna-Certificate of Competence
- Mrs. Davie Rabb, Augusta-Certificate of Professional Preparation
- Mrs. L. I. Wimpee, Fitzgerald-Certificate of Experience

- There were 25 entrants: 15 -- 25 year Experience
5 -- Professional Preparation
1 -- Advanced Professional Preparation
2 -- Competence
2 -- Rejects

-Jack W. Broucek
Secretary

And P.S. To Last Newsletter

Also attending the Southern Division Convention in Greensboro were K.W. Baumgardner of Brenau College and Despy Karlas of Athens.

See you at the Convention.

-Richard Hensel
Newsletter Editor