

MUSIC SCHOOL MONTHLY REPORT

September, 1950

The fall term began on September 11th. In spite of our scheduling, registration two weeks before the usual time, there were still quite a few late enrollments.

From
/past experience we have found that putting students who enter late, that is after the first 3 weeks, into theory classes not only disrupts the progress of the class but also retards the new students to such an extent that they soon lose interest and drop out. Since September of '49 we have been keeping all late students until the following September for enrollment in classes. This not only does away with the problem of too many small classes of different grades of advancement which makes for more teaching hours but also gives us full classes at the beginning of each fall term.

The two new theory classes are good ones in number as well as in student interest and I.Q. Another good and flourishing class is the Music for the Young which now reaches the peak of 22 compared to 5 of the past September.

We've been running into a little difficulty on pianos for practice because the two pianos ordered--one for practice purposes, have not yet been delivered. Therefore we've been using our grand piano until the two pianos arrive. This then delays our overhauling of the grand piano which in turn cuts off our series of recitals--usually a major part of our school program.

The overhauling job mentioned above has been awarded to Bergstrom Music Co., which will start work on it as soon as our two pianos come.

Mrs. Abrams, our secretary, who was on leave the last of June finally decided not to return. While she was gone Miss Leatrice Takazawa a high school student, who had been with us Summer '49, with the assistance of two other high school graduates carried on. However, when school began in the fall Miss Takazawa could not work on week days because of School. We now have engaged Miss Jean Yamada as our part-time clerk-receptionist, who comes every week day from 1 to 5 P.M. Miss Takazawa works on part-time basis on Saturdays.

Beginning this fall teachers are requested to write monthly reports to the director on the progress of individual students and classes. These will serve as a record of work covered as well as reference material for conferences to be held with parents at intervals.

Miss Troyer, who has just returned from Paris made her first appearance at the first Morning Music Club of the year. Misses Chun and Loo sang on a McKinley High School assembly program.

Registration during the month exceed that of September last year. The total enrollment is the highest since the opening of the school. For figures see attached Data Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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