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Florence Kirsch Soloist With the Civic Orchestra

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago, which functions under the auspices of the Civic Music association and the Orchestral association, will give the first of four concerts in Orchestra hall, Sunday afternoon, January 26. These performances are of particular interest to music-lovers who are able to attend concerts only on Sundays and, in order to appeal to as wide a public as possible, they are so reasonable as to price of admittance that tickets may be bought for as small a sum as ten cents. Dr. Frederick Stock, musical director, and Eric DeLamarter, conductor of the Civic orchestra, have chosen a program for the opening concert that s of popular character and additional interests will be given to it by the appearance of Miss Florence Kirsch, one of the most gifted of the younger pianists, in Grieg's A minor concerto.

'Hospital on Wheels' Keeps Rail Employes in 'Pink' of Health

"Hospitals on wheels" maintained by the Medical department of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad, are used in keeping employes of the "Road of Service" in good physical condition. As a result of the high physical standards maintained, employes of the North Shore line comprise one of the healthiest industrial groups in the world, according to Dr. Hart E. Fisher, chief surgeon.

"The average span of life among employes on the North Shore line is 56 years, while public health figures place the general average at less than 44 years," said Dr. Fisher. "Only eleven out of an average of 2,016 employes on the North Shore line died during 1928."

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In addition to the rigid physical requirements for employment, the medical department conducts periodical reexaminations of all employes to detect and remedy physical defects before they become serious, Dr. Fisher pointed out. The "hospitals on wheels" are used in making these frequent reexaminations. A medical car is used to examine employes at points along the line where they may be reached on the job. A motor coach, completely equipped with all medical apparatus required for making the examinations, is operated to points where track facilities are not available.

The effective results obtained from the periodical re-examinations and treatment of ailments at their inception are shown in figures compiled by Dr. Fisher on the basis of checks made in the traveling hospitals during a sixmonth period recently. Of 991 employes examined, 756 were found to be physically normal. Among the remaining 235 employes, thirty-three were wearing glasses but were otherwise normal, 128 were restored to normal with treatment while working, thirtynine were improved without absence from their jobs, twenty-seven were found to have defects that could not be cured but did not prevent them from working, and only eight were relieved from duty for treatment as physically unfit.

"We are certain that the premier standing of the North Shore line in the electric transportation industry is in large measure attributable to the healthy condition of our employes," said Dr. Fisher. "A healthy employe is an asset to the public as well as to our company. In maintaining the efficiency of its personnel the North Shore line is working for the best interests of its customers by insuring them the best of service at all times."

Schwartz, Purple Tank Champ, Seeks New Laurels

Capt. Al Schwartz of the Northwestern university swimming team enters the 1930 season with no new worlds to conquer as far as intercollegiate record-breaking is concerned. The star Purple speed artist holds all of the national intercollegiate free style records on the program and will content himself this season with endeavoring to lower his own marks set during the past two years of competition.

Besides holding the national record in all five crawl events. Schwartz is a member of the relay teams that hold the intercollegiate records for the 160-vards relay and the 300-vards medley relay. He swam as anchor man on

both of these teams.

His records as given in the Intercollegiste Swimming Guide recently
published are:

 40
 Yards Free Style
 17 4-5s

 50
 Yards Free Style
 23 1-5s

 100
 Yards Free Style
 52s

 220
 Yards Free Style
 2m. 18 2-5s

 440
 Yards Free Style
 4m. 57 3-5s

Northwestern has another National Intercollegiate record holder in Dick Hinch who holds the 150-vards back stroke mark with time of 1m 40 3-5's.

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