

CAROLING SPREADING IN MANY BIG CITIES

CHRISTMAS SINGING PLANS

Expectation Is That There Will Be More of It Than Ever In Large Towns This Year

A greater adoption of community-wide Christmas caroling in the large cities, as well as in the smaller towns is expected to be the development of that movement during the coming holiday season. Several of the cities, which have been enjoying the most wide-spread caroling, mean to expand their plans for the coming Christmas.

Among those cities are Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Denver, Dayton, Ohio, and Flint, Michigan. In order to help other large cities to emulate the example of these the national bureau for the Advancement of Music has just issued a pamphlet concerning two of the leaders in the movement — Chicago and Detroit. That pamphlet bears the Dickensian title, "A Tale of Two Cities."

As the bureau remarks in its forward to that pamphlet, it might publish "A Tale of 2,000 Cities and Towns," for it has received reports from this number of cities, villages and hamlets where the outdoor caroling has been observed within the past nine years. The above informational pamphlet is being distributed to interested groups from the headquarters of the Bureau at 45 West 45th street, New York City.

The Chicago program, which is cited as a model for other large cities is under the auspices of the Christmas Carols for Chicago committee, with a representative membership headed by the mayor. In Detroit, which is the pioneer in the movement the caroling of late has been in the hands of the girl scouts and the Camp Fire Girls, with a special advisory committee in charge.

In Philadelphia, where Leopold Stokowski heads the caroling committee, of the Philadelphia Music league, it is hoped that the Sesqui-Centennial Festival Chorus will be turned into a permanent municipal chorus which the league hopes to have trained in units for the caroling program. It is expected in addition to have a municipal Christmas tree and a quartet of trumpeters playing from a high elevation at Independence Square preceding the appearance of the chorus. It is also expected to have old Welsh carols sung by a Welsh choir.

The caroling at Flint, Mich., is a feature of a yuletide festival of song which extends from the week before Christmas to the Sunday after with "The Messiah" presented by the community chorus.

Each year the cities and towns which have the caroling make a report of that fact to the national bureau for use in its survey of the year's observance. The latter is carried on with great care, in order that no participating town may be neglected.

A great deal of the spread of the movement has been due to the availability of considerable printed matter on the subject. For instance, the bureau supplies, upon request, not only its general pamphlet on caroling but patterns of a caroler's cape and cap for use of special groups of "waits" or carol singers. Another source of similar information is the Playground and Recreation association of America which distributes without charge a list of Christmas plays and music and which in its "The Christmas Book" provides directions for organizing Christmas musical programs, Christmas plays, parties, revels and a carnival of carols in song and tableaux.

SOME STUDENTS HORN WAY THROUGH SCHOOL

Play In Bands or Orchestras and Help Pay Tuition In This Manner

"Horning one's way through college" compares very favorably with other methods of self-support through the college years, according to the college executives. Despite the comparatively limited opportunities offered in the average college town, fully one-fourth of all the students playing in the college bands and orchestras are paying for their education with their instruments. Students' earnings range all the way from board and room, two dollars an hour tuition fee, and up to two thousand dollars a year. Twelve per cent of the college executives in the survey are of the opinion that playing one's way through school pays better than other means, another twelve per cent thought it offered an easier way to make one's way through, while a goodly number of others said that it interfered least with the students' school work, adding that this work also brings them in contact with worth while people who can help them get started.

Among those playing their way through college, the violin comes first in the preference of instruments. The saxophone is second choice of college

players, but seventh with girl musicians. Piano is the second favorite instrument with the girls, and third with the boys. Cornet comes fourth in the preference of both the young men and women. Organ is next favorite with the boys, and flute with the girls. Other instruments in the order of favor with the young men are the trumpet, the trombone, the horn, drum, banjo and mandolin. With the girls, it is the drum, clarinet, trombone, harp, banjo, trumpet, organ and mandolin.

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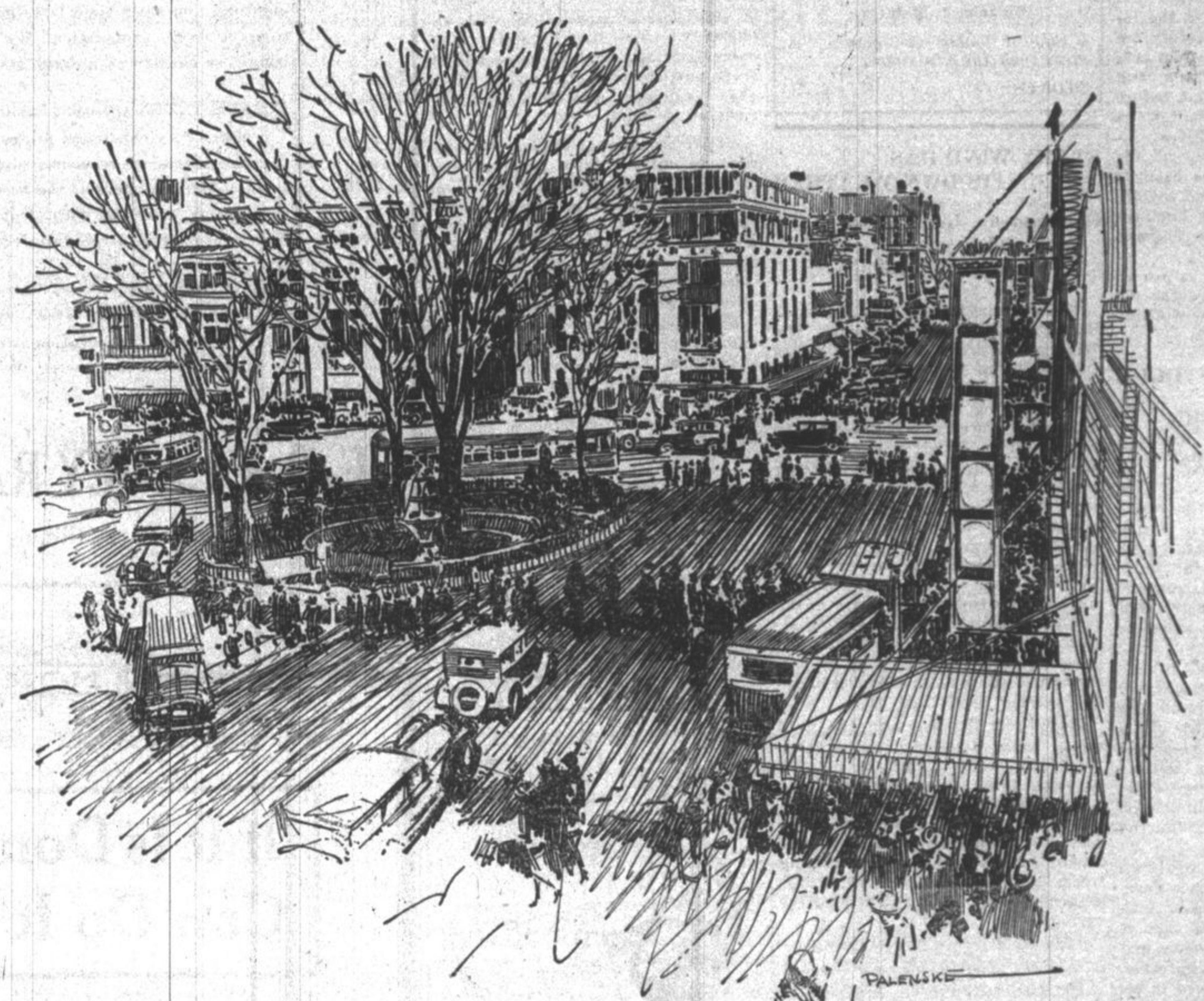
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