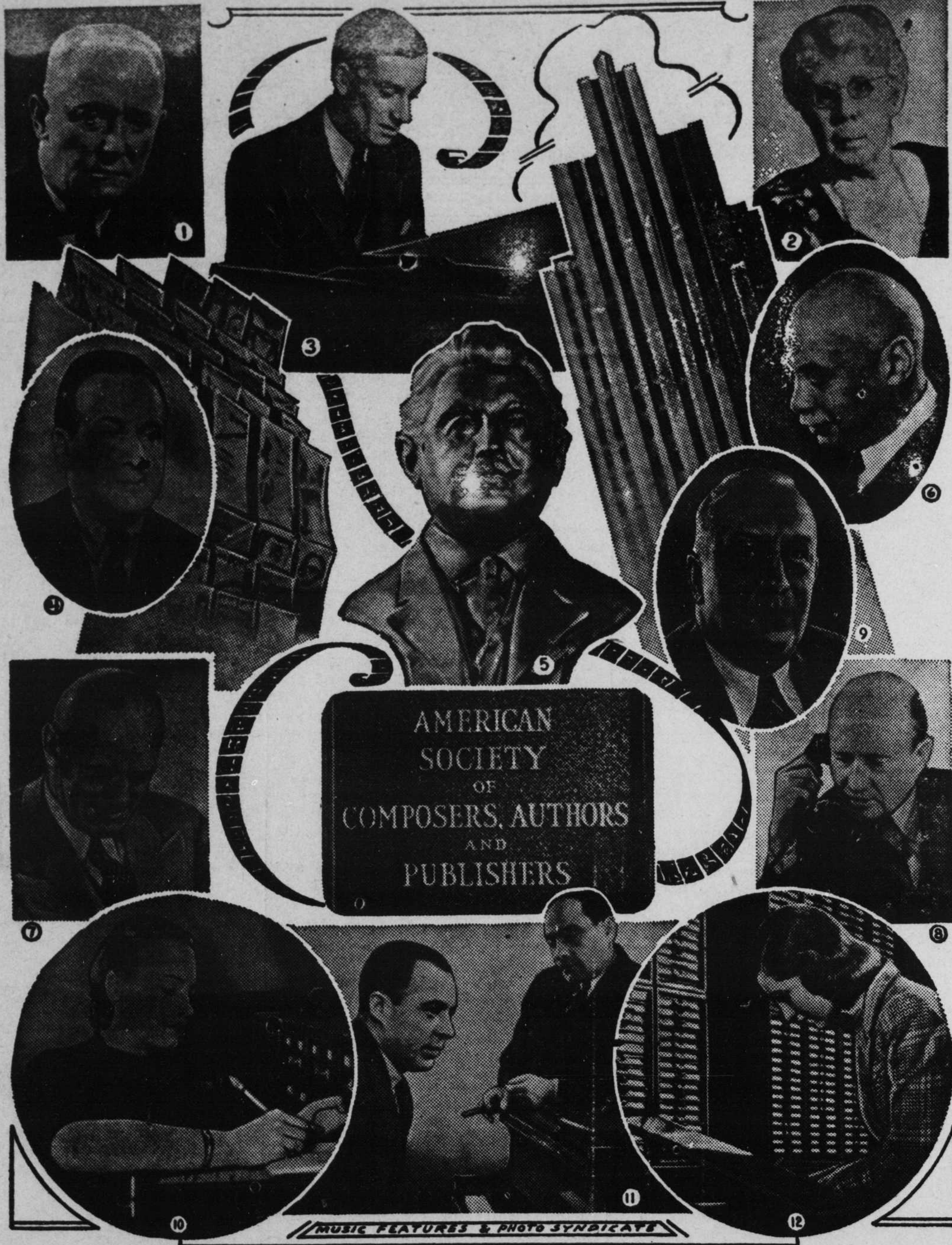


Song Police Guard American Music

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MOTION picture cameramen hied themselves high in Radio City, New York City, the other day to the head offices of the "M-men," the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. "M-men" are a law-enforcing body, protecting the music of American creators against piracy.

The prime business of ASCAP, of course, is to license the legal use of musical works copyrighted by its members.

The cameramen wanted to know all about it.

bers for use in Pathe Parade, a current series of motion picture short subjects on interesting topics, personalities and events.

Several ASCAP composers agreed to perform for the movie, including George M. Cohan (1), "Over There"; Carrie Jacobs Bond (2), "Perfect Day"; Hoagy Carmichael (3), "Stardust"; Nat Shilkret (4), "Jeanine, I Dream of Lilac Time"; W. C. Handy (6), "St. Louis Blues"; and Rodgers and Hart (11), "I'd Rather Be Right".

Gene Buck, president of ASCAP

(7); El. C. Mills, chairman of the Administrative Committee (8); John G. Paine (9), General Manager; a bust of Victor Herbert, founder (5); and several of the young ladies of the clerical staff (10 and 12) are also seen in the film.

The "M-Men" are not shown—they are investigators who do the field work and discover infringements.

Practically all recognized American composers and authors are members of ASCAP.

Sale of Flowers Will Aid Blind

To aid in the work of distributing Braille literature and in providing other personal services to the blind, the American Brotherhood will hold a flower sale in Las Vegas on Saturday of this week.

Local boys and girls will sell the flowers made by blind girls in their own homes, offering them on the streets and taking them to residences throughout the city.

Members of the sponsor's committee for the annual sale are Rev. Chas. H. Sloan, Rev. Fr. Lamb, Mr. J. Harold Brinley, Mrs. R. R. Russell, Mrs. R. J. Stephens, Mrs. Ira J. Earl, Mrs. A. C. Grant, and Rev. Ford L. Gilbert. Headquarters for the sale will be Mezzanine Floor, Apache Hotel, Mrs. James Squires in charge.

For 20 years the Brotherhood for the Blind, a national non-sectarian, non-profit organization, has devoted its entire efforts to providing to the sightless throughout the nation. Without charge it produces and distributes Braille books as well as a monthly "All Story Braille Magazine" which is available free to the blind in Nevada and in every state in the nation.

The Brotherhood's personal service includes provision of home courses in Braille and home employment, and furnishing Braille slates and writing materials. It also maintains an "opportunity shop" where articles made by blind workers are sold for them.

The organization also provides recreational facilities for the blind, supply specially designed checkers, interlocking dominoes and other games which may be played by the sightless.

Funds from Saturday's flower sale will be used to carry on the worthwhile services rendered by the American Brotherhood.

Little Gadgets Protect Radios

Have you a little electric razor in your home? If so you'd better get it connected with a filter which is inexpensive and can be purchased at any electric shop. The same goes for other electric contrivances used in the home, i.e., washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc.

The radio interference which is causing much trouble with our reception and spoiling otherwise delightful programs is caused mainly by these labor eliminating devices being installed without proper filters. These filters are inexpensive and are guaranteed to stop interference.

The matter of radio interference has been investigated by City Inspector Allen Foote during the past months and his findings are that we are all to blame if we are using any electrical appliances without proper filters.

MATERNAL DEATHS DROP

The national maternal mortality rate dropped to an all-time low in 1936 when there were 5.7 maternal deaths per 1,000 live births, according to Census Bureau records.

BARBER SHOPS STILL LEAD

The last Business Census reports 121,153 barber shops compared with 61,355 beauty shops. In addition, there are 4,302 combination barber and beauty shops in operation.

THE VILLAGE SMITHY

Despite the machine age, there were about 20,000 blacksmith shops and 248 livery stables in operation at the time the last Business Census was taken.

Mrs. Richard C. Donnelly of Wichita, Kansas, better known in Las Vegas as Frances Martin, is expected to arrive by train Sunday for a visit at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin.