

## Small Town Girls Best Musicians



Phil Spitalny and his all girl singing orchestra, popular on stage, screen and radio, are pictured above during a choral number led by Evelyn and her magic violin on the Hour of Charm.

FOR five years Phil Spitalny, the long-haired maestro, has been head man of an organization consisting of thirty young women of assorted nationalities, ages, temperaments, blondes, brunettes and red-heads, representing more than half the states in the union. Spitalny and his musical family are heard Mondays on the G. E. Hour of Charm over NBC at 9 p.m., EST.

Ninety percent of the girls come from small towns. It's Spitalny's theory after making an extensive talent search of the country that the best musicians come from small communities because they have more time to practice than girls who live in big cities.

But temperaments or localities can't stop the dynamic maestro when he makes up his mind. And

every girl must be able to sing as well as play a musical instrument. In the fiddle section alone, Phil, who is Russian, must deal with the whims and moods of six different nationalities. Evelyn of the magic violin and first lady of the band, is a petite Hungarian; Lucille with the raven-black hair is Turkish; Jennie is Polish; Esther, Russian; Anna comes from Greece, and Flor-

ence is an American.

Recently the girls raided their treasury to give a birthday party for Spitalny. The menu included everything from Hungarian goulash to French pastry. There was Italian spaghetti by Rose, bass fiddler; Polish sausage made by Jennie; Russian caviar, Spanish omelette, Greek soup and Scotch broth.

The party nearly slayed Phil.

## White Christmas Committees Busy

K. O. Knudson again, as for many years past, was unanimously elected chairman of the Community Christmas Tree committee at the meeting of representatives of various business houses, civic and fraternal organizations at the Elks club Monday evening.

Other appointments included Mrs. Charles Dimock, secretary; Miss Ethel Corey, assistant secretary; C. S. Wengert, treasurer.

Tom Connolly, president of Las Vegas Rotary club, was appointed chairman of the finance committee. He is to be assisted in the work of securing donations by Bryan L. Bunler, Mrs. L. E. Burr, Mrs. H. O. Johnson, and Mrs. S. M. Nettles.

Bob Boyer, for the Elks club, reported that 345 baskets were delivered to families, feeding approximately one thousand persons last Christmas. A similar number probably will be required this year, he said.

The schools will collect food,

clothing, and toys again this year as has been customary. Mrs. O. C. Boggs, assisted by Bernard Burger and his recreational committee, will repair the toys donated.

Forest Ranger Clark Anderson and his CCC force will provide the evergreens for decorating Fremont street and a large Christmas tree for the courthouse grounds, which will be brought to Vegas through the cooperation of Claude Mackey, WPA head.

The Lions club will provide milk for undernourished children during the holiday week. President Jones appointed R. C. Pearson to have charge of the milk distribution.

Committees for the various Christmas activities are as follows: Children's tree committee, K. O. Knudson, chairman, and Mrs. Betsy O'-

Reilly Gamble; tree decoration committee, the Rev. E. A. Wessel, chairman; program committee, Don Crocker, chairman; police committee, Bud S. Barrett, chairman, and Marion B. Earl; toy committee, Mrs. O. C. Boggs, chairman, and Bernard J. Burger; School White Christmas project committee, J. Harold Brinley, chairman, A. E. Johnson, and the high school; publicity committee, Miss Florence Lee Jones, chairman, and C. P. Squires, F. F. Garside, and Oliver Goerman; free milk

distribution committee for Christmas vacation, Mrs. L. E. Burr, chairman, and R. C. Pearson; general basket committee, Bob Boyer, general chairman; name list committee, O. K. Adcock, chairman, and M. H. Gordon; food purchasing committee, Claude J. Mackey, chairman; distribution committee, Fred Bartlett, chairman, and V. Gray Gubler, and Fred O'Donnell.

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