

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – BANDS, ORCHESTRAS AND MUSICAL GROUPS

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IRON MOUNTAIN BANDSTAND

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 6 [Thursday, June 28, 1900], page 8, column 1

The city has secured permission from the Chicago & North-Western road to **erect a permanent band stand [sic – bandstand] on the right of way at the corner of Stephenson avenue and Ludington street**. It will be an ornamental structure. The work is now under way [sic – underway].

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 16 [Thursday, September 13, 1900], page 5, column 4

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BAND

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 7 [Saturday, April 18, 1925], page 6, column 1

CONTRACT FOR 15 BAND CONCERTS

Agreement Made With City for Series Of Entertainments

Contract for 15 concerts to be given in Iron Mountain during the summer has been entered into by the city and the **Chamber of Commerce band**, according to a statement at chamber headquarters this morning.

A definite date has not been set for the first concert but it is thought that the series will be started early in June at the **St. Paul park**. Although plans for beautification of the park have gone through and work is to start immediately, it is not believed that this will in any way interfere. If such a thing should occur another location will be selected for the Sunday entertainments.

Provision for the parking of automobiles is to be made as soon as work of beautifying the park is started.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 29 [Tuesday, May 26, 1925], page 6, column 2

BAND CONCERTS START IN JUNE

Schedule Arranged For Each of City's Three Parks

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The first of the series of concerts to be given by the **chamber of commerce band** under its contract with the city will be held at the St. Paul park on June 4, it was announced today.

The date, however, has been only tentatively fixed and will depend upon weather conditions.

Concerts are to be given weekly and the second will be held at the North side park and the third at the City park. This schedule will be maintained all during the summer months and as long as the weather permits.

The band now has a membership of more than 25 and has been holding rehearsals regularly. It is preparing a special program for the opening concert.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 45 [Wednesday, June 3, 1925], page 6, column 4

CONCERT SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

Chamber Band Will Give Program at St. Paul Park

Tomorrow evening will make the opening of the band concert season for Iron Mountain, the **Chamber of Commerce 30 piece band** being scheduled to give its first program at the **St. Paul park** starting at 7:30 o'clock.

The concerts will be rotated every three weeks. The concert next week will be given at the **North side park** and the following week at the **City park**. Real summer

weather resulted in the decision to begin the concerts tomorrow evening and they will be continued throughout the summer months.

This will be the third appearance of the band this season and a special program has been prepared for the occasion.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 51 [Wednesday, June 10, 1925], page 8, column 1

Band Concert To Be Given Tonight

The second band concert of the season will be given at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the **North side park**. A new program has been arranged and another large crowd is expected. The first concert, given last week at the **St. Paul park**, was well attended and with the warmer weather enthusiasm is expected to grow. Next week the concert will be given at the **City park**.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 63 [Wednesday, June 24, 1925], page 2, column 2

Weekly Concert At City Park

The weekly concert of the **Chamber of Commerce band** will be held Thursday evening in the City park, beginning at 8 o'clock. Last Thursday's entertainment in the North side park was well attended.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY ORCHESTRA

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FORD ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT

New Musical Organiza- tion Will Make Bow Friday Evening

The **Ford Motor company orchestra**, which has spent six months in the process of organizing and practice, will make its first public bow at a concert and dance to be held at the Kingsford high school building on the evening of Friday, June 26.

The orchestra has a membership of about 25, all of whom have had previous training and experience. With almost 6,000 employes [*sic – employees*] to select from it would appear natural that an excellent musical organization could be built up and that is what the sponsors of the orchestra promise.

Maurice Nylander, director of the **chamber of commerce band**, is also leader of the orchestra. **O.C. Abel** is assistant director, **A. Van Beckum** is business manager and **N.A. Nelson** is concert master and president of the orchestral association.

Program and Concert

The program for the initial concert will include standard selections, violin solos by **John Rawley**, saxophone solos by **M. Nylander**, piano duets by Miss **Myrtle**

Larson and **Miss Truscott**, vocal solos by **A. Van Beckum**, violin solos by **N.A. Nelson** and an instrumental trio consisting of **N.A. Nelson**, violin, **Mrs. N.A. Nelson**, piano, and **C.J. Lindem**, cello.

After the program, which will be held in the auditorium, the floor will be cleared of seats and a picked dance orchestra will furnish the music for a regular old time ball. The affair is being regarded as a house warming for the new school building and a capacity attendance is anticipated.

In preparation for its first appearance the orchestra has held practice regularly once a week for the last six months.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 65 [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 6, column 2

FORD ORCHESTRA PLAYS TONIGHT

Much Interest Shown in Initial Appearance of Orchestra

Considerable interest has been manifested by the public in the initial appearance this evening of the **Ford Motor company orchestra**, which will present a concert and dance at the **Kingsford Junior high school**.

One of the outstanding features of the program, which will begin at 8 o'clock, will be violin solos by two members of the orchestra, **John Rowley** and **N.A. Nelson**. Rowley studied for several years under one of the most eminent violinists of Minneapolis and has appeared on the concert platform in many cities of the

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highest degree of technical skill and musicianship. These numbers will be "Gypsy Airs" by Saresate, and "Liebesfreud" by Fritz Kreisler. Rowley will be accompanied by Miss **Edith Olson**, well known piano instructor.

Mr. Nelson will also play well known numbers that have enjoyed long popularity. They will include "Traumeri" by Schumann and "Serenade," the master piece [*sic – masterpiece*] of Ole Olson, famous Scandinavian violinist and composer.

Lawrence Nylander, saxophone soloist, is also on the program.

Following the concert a dance will be held, the gymnasium of the school having been decorated for the occasion.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 67 [Monday, June 29, 1925], page 3, column 2

Ford Orchestra Is Well Received

A good sized crowd attended the concert given by the **Ford Motor company orchestra** at the **Kingsford Junior high school** Friday evening.

It was the orchestra's first appearance and the program was thoroughly enjoyed. Solo work was especially good and was well received by the audience.

The orchestra was organized six months ago but did not make its premiere until then. Its reception indicated that future appearances will be eagerly anticipated.

Following the concert a dance was held.

IRON MOUNTAIN CITY BAND

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889), page 1, column 6

THE **Iron Mountain Band**, **Prof. Trethewey**, leader, has been invited to visit Detroit during the exposition which commences Sept. 27. Musical companies from every portion of the state will be present, and the **E.F.C. band**, of **Escanaba**, are [*sic – is*] considering the advisability of giving a steamer excursion at that time. If our boys would join hands with the latter band we think an extremely low rate of fare can be obtained for all who wish to accompany them.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889), page 1, column 4

THE CITY.

THE **Iron Mountain band** took the fourth prize at the St. George celebration at Ishpeming last week. The test was the playing of a piece of music by each of the bands present which none of them were supposed, at least, to have ever seen until 24 hours before the contest took place. Our boys handled the music with remarkable skill. There were six bands in the contest and they were marked on tune, tone, time attack, balance, expression, technique, character of composition, and leadership. As all played the same composition, Ripley's "Crown of Victory", and the judges could not watch the work of the leaders, all the bands were marked alike on the last two points. The final per cent and order of playing was as follows: Iron Mountain 67, Champion 62, English

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Oak 80, Calumet 81, Eureka 62, Marquette 78. The judges were F.C.F. Cramer, of Marquette, G.W. Scott, of Ironwood, T.F. Francis, of Ishpeming, and Chas. A. Fohrman, of Negaunee. Their part of the work could not possibly have been done more impartially and satisfactorily.

ITALIAN BAND

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NOBLE & HALL'S ORCHESTRA

he Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 2

A BALL will be given in Polka Dot hall on the 24th inst. *[of this month]* for the benefit of **Noble & Hall's orchestra**. This, we understand, is the first of a series of parties to be given by these gentlemen, and

we hope they will be well patronized. A good local orchestra is a desirable thing.

POLKA DOT ORCHESTRA

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 1

THE **Polka Dot orchestra** will commence their **series of 10 dances** Friday evening, June 7, and cordially invite all lovers of a first class dancing party to attend. Tickets, single dance, 50c; series of 10 parties, \$4.00.