

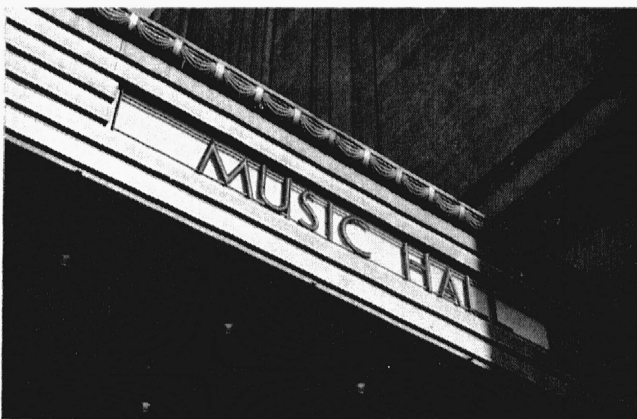
The old drum major himself, Lester Milgram (in center of group at right) is shown with featured soloists of the pops concert. From left: Alexander Pickard, trumpet; Mrs. Anne Marie Pickard, soprano; Lawrence R. Sutherland, trombone; and Harry S. Morrison, Jr., baritone. The Concert Band is directed by Charles L. Emmons (below), assisted by Richard L. Hills.



When the Band

IT FINALLY HAPPENED. The University Concert Band has given its first public concert in Kansas City. Alumni of the area brought the organization to the Music Hall of Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, April 24. It was a fine program, well received, and about 1,000 persons were present—regarded as rather good attendance in view of several conflicts.

Kansas Citians are familiar with Marching Mizzou, the 200-piece organization that performs at football games; but the Concert Band, 100 members chosen from the marching band, had performed only at private functions in the Kansas City area. So the high quality of the concert aggregation must have come as a pleas-





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ant surprise to those who sat in the Music Hall that Sunday afternoon. Kansas City alumni, who took care of the expense of this first pops concert, are hopeful that it can be made an annual event, with growing crowds at future performances.

An alumni band committee of the Kansas City chapter, appointed by President Sam Bornhauser, was headed by Lester Milgram, who had long advocated bringing the band to Kansas City.

The energy and enthusiasm that Les Milgram put into spearheading promotion for the concert band's debut in Kansas City should surprise no one familiar with his interest in music. Perennially, he leads a band at

M.U. pep rallies in Kansas City, where he is also a long-time band leader for Rotary Club functions. As many an alumnus recalls, Les was president and drum major of the M.U. band in 1939 when the band represented the state in the San Francisco Exposition. He succeeded in getting good press notices for the concert, and he used space in his food store advertising to boost the event. The alumni invited high school band leaders and their musicians in the area as special guests, and the Milgram stores made tickets available to the public.

Other Kansas City board members who assisted in the concert project include Merl Chandler, Randy Vanet, Jack Senter, Carl Ade, Al Hathman, Bob Rule.