

Music may be the universal language of mankind

Old Time Music was an enjoyable part of our history.

Importance: Forms of Music were used for important signaling and in managing wildlife. It has been used as a weapon. It was used against a fugitive (Noriaga) holed up for days until he gave up as he could not sleep or stand it any longer. Horns, whistles, drums, bells could be used to communicate over distances. But mostly music was used for enjoyment and inspiration. Most people enjoy their favorite forms of music. People have been inspired to think, to write, to take action and to go into battle because of music. Music can also help put one to sleep. Music is a transporter of local and national culture. Early settlers were too busy trying to survive. But after farms were well established music gave people much pleasure.



The most common instruments used by the 1800-1939 farmers were: fiddles, pots, flutes, whistles, fifes, drums, concertinas, ocarinas, bells and the king of instruments the pedal organ. With exception of concertinas fiddles and organs many instruments were hand made. They were played at Social events like family visitations, holidays, fairs, barn raisings, quilting bees, harvesting bees, singins, sugar hops for young people to meet etc. Some times a local store would encourage a musician to sit nearby and play. Sunday and Wednesday church events were the most common. See Farmers Diary.

In August of 1920 the first News was broadcast by station 8MK in Detroit, Michigan, now WWJ. In October 1920 2ADD (renamed WRUC in 1947), aired what is believed to be the first public entertainment broadcast in the United States, a series of Thursday night concerts initially heard within a 100-mile radius and later for a 1,000-mile radius. Soon music was heard through out the USA.

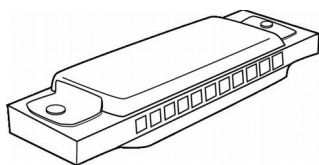
By the 1920s many schools were offering some music education. Families who really cherished music also bought instruments and hired tutors. Such as Ms Wright in Warren Village.

Homer Hazelton who led the 1929 Busch Band in 1929. St clement school had a band. My mother played in a community band in 940s. Alton C Powell was a band leader in Center Line. 1950s. Later D Maria and J Koler. We need volunteer researcher to find more. Leonard Schimm was band director at Fitzgerald Schools in 1980s. Jeff Cotter was a band director at Warren consolidated and later led the Warren Symphony.

In the main article and on the website <http://dogoodforALL.today> are links to hearable videos of many of the most popular pieces.



The earliest instruments used here may have been Mammouth bone flutes used by early Indian peoples. The price and joy of many early families and churches was often their first organ. This was usually a foot pumped pedal organ.



A late appearing very common instrument since around 1830 was the harmonica. While often put down as a toy, it was in fact a true musical instrument capable of bring a lot of joy or misery to those in range of its sounds. It has indeed been used by many musicians around the world and at Carnegie hall. Although it has limitations, such as Key and range, there are

many types of harmonicas which overcome this. There are many other instruments. See the main article page 1353.