

Royal Page

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Time passes quickly when you have fun

By JEFF MAZZA

CAN you believe it's February already? It seems like yesterday we held the Grand Opening of Royal Music. I would like to thank everyone who helped make our first holiday season a successful one. It is amazing to me how fast these past eight months have gone by.

My goal is to make Royal Music the Number One piano, organ and keyboard studio in the Ocean-Monmouth area. We'll be adding new classes to our group lesson program, and more teachers for private instructions.

Our goal of encouraging more people to play keyboards is ongoing.

There are a lot of innovations in the music industry this year. The See MUSIC Page 2

New-models fantastic, but good time to buy current top-of-line instruments

THIS is the time of year the music industry puts its best foot forward. New cars are unveiled in September and October. New computers and electronic peripherals are introduced in October and November. And the newest musical instruments come out in January and February, so they can make their way to showrooms like **ROYAL MUSIC CENTER** in March and April. Manufacturers and dealers converged on Southern California to witness both the birth of the next generation of musical products and the earthquake.



The newest electronic organs and digital piano sounds are too great to describe. The older your own keyboard is, the less likely you won't believe your ears when you hear the new models.

ROYAL MUSIC CENTER is pleased with the advancements both of our manufacturers are offering this year. General Music, parent company of Bachmann, has won the race to multimedia. General Music's new WX series is tremendous.

The new Technics Premium organs will be in the store this spring. Other keyboard manufacturers will be playing catch-up. Technics is liquidating its inventory of current top-end organs. If you've been thinking about upgrading, there has never been a better time to buy Technics' GN-6 or FN-3.

In addition to fine keyboard instruments, **ROYAL MUSIC CENTER** is receiving new song books. In 1994, we have more of everything you need to keep in tune with the times.

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The Royal Dish ... or ... (you said a moatful)

Meanwhile, back in SeaCourt Forest

Dear (K)night::

So glad to hear you and your band of merry "nights" have taken up residence in Seacourt Forest. I was getting a little bored with "Little John" and his weary bandits across the moat in the Ocean Forest.

As you certainly remember, you and Friar Tuck (Joe D) captured me in the Ocean Forest some years ago and I'm still a prisoner of the Conn and Baldwin instruments. Next to my "lyre," these are my favorite instruments of pleasure (torture to some listeners); however, not everything in life is joy. "One man's joy can be another man's pain."

Missed my weekly visits with you and Friar Tuck when you departed the Ocean Forest; although I know the hunting got scarce when the Sheriff of Nottingham appeared.

I'm sure by now that whoever reads this manuscript will be mystified, but not all of us are Merlins.

Keep up the good work of putting music in the good people's lives, keep their mortgages

low, and the best of luck in Seacourt Forest.

Melodically yours,
**Scribe Jack
Lavallette Forest**

The Accidental Musician

Dear Royal Friends:

I was a winner of 10 free lessons at Royal Music. Did I want to learn to play the organ? No way! I wanted to play the piano, but on the first day of lessons, I had a new and surprising respect for the organ.

Now, after four lessons I can only say how sorry I am that I waited to try lessons. But if I had, I would not have had Lenny D. or Jeff to encourage and inspire me. If it wasn't for their interest and dedication to their students and their special way of teaching, along with the Keyboard Companion System, I probably wouldn't enjoy it as much as I do today

If you have an organ, come join us at Royal Music. If not, Jeff will find one to suit you, help you make new friends and put some fun in your life

A Shy Beginner

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new instruments have better sound and are even easier to learn than ever before. Technics and Bachmann have made our job at Royal Music Center even easier, since its product mix gives us a wide choice to accommodate your playing skills. The Royal Page will be your connection to new tech-

nologies on a monthly basis.
Reader input is always welcome.

In fact, we look forward to your comments on our progress. Please be sure to check out the Royal Dish, above, where our first submissions are printed for everyone's enjoyment.

Saving the best news for last, Royal Music now has the largest

selection of E-Z Play Music in Ocean County.

We hope you'll visit the store to browse, not only our music, but our new stock of equipment to increase your playing pleasure. In fact, if you're snowed or rained in and want to get out of the house for awhile, bring a friend with you to Royal Music for a day of enjoyment.

My Country 'Tis of Thee

My coun - try 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 Of thee I sing, Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
 pil - grim's pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side, Let free - dom ring.

For the Royal Record

By LUCILLE SENA ANLAS

The national and patriotic songs that were sung during our wars with England offer testimony to our indebtedness to the mother country.

The tune of "God Save the King," the British national anthem written in 1744, was well known in the Colonies, and found its way peacefully

into the repertory of national airs with the new text, "My country 'tis of thee."

The words to "My country 'tis of thee" were written in 1831 by the Rev. Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1887) of Boston. At the instigation of Lowell Mason, musician, composer, lecturer, publisher (b. Medfield, Mass., 1792; d. Orange, N.J. 1872), Smith examined many German music books for attractive melodies suitable for children. He selected the

melody "Heil dir im Siegerkranz" and wrote his famous poem, unaware that the tune he selected was the British national anthem, and also the national anthem of several other countries.

Lowell Mason had the song, clad in its new text, performed by children in Park Street Church in Boston on July 4, 1831.

For your enjoyment, the music is printed above, and the complete text written by the Rev. Smith is on Page 4.

My Country 'Tis of Thee

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died;
Land of the pilgrim's pride;
From every mountainside,
Let Freedom ring.

My native country! thee

Land of the noble free
Thy name I love!
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,

Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break
The sound prolong.

Our father's God! to thee,
Author of liberty!
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God our King!

Find the words

W Q U R D L E Q E B T I E S T R E D O C
S E O Z R C O W O M S N A E M P H N I O
A H M T O E P A E F F A T S O N B S S H
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Did you know?

- ◆ The first known keyboard instrument was the organ, specifically the hydraulos, attributed to Ktesibios of Alexandria in the 3rd century BC.
- ◆ The piano, a common abbreviation of pianoforte, is a chordophone (stringed instrument) whose strings are struck by hammers, invented in the mid-1700s.
- ◆ Date of the first electronic music is unknown, but a concert in Germany in 1954 was the first known public presentation of electronic music.

? **How else** ?

can you have so much fun,
entertaining yourself, family, friends, and
neighbors
no matter what the weather is
(whether it's snowing, raining, too hot or too cold)
than with music?
Every home should have a piano or organ.

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| The words: | TEMPO | REPEAT |
| TIMING | NOTES | PIANO |
| REST | ORGAN | MEASURE |
| PRACTICE | STAFF | HARMONY |
| CODA | CHORDS | ROYAL MUSIC |
| G CLEF | RECITAL | BAR LINE |
| MELODY | BACHMANN | |
| TECHNICS | RHYTHM | |

Without music, life would be a mistake. -- Friedrich Nietzsche
Life is not a dress rehearsal. -- Author unknown
Music is the shorthand of emotion -- Leo Tolstoy

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