

# Nagles Give Brilliant Concert at St. Lawrence University

Highlight of the past week in St. Lawrence County was a concert given Wednesday by Alice and Arthur Nagle, noted duo-pianists at the Noble University Center Auditorium at St. Lawrence University.

The Nagles were invited to St. Lawrence University by President Foster Brown and it was their first concert appearance in Northern New York. The Auditorium was filled to capacity with faculty members and their families, Summer Session students, those attending the Moran Institute, and by a large number of people from Canton, Ogdensburg, Gouverneur, Massena, Potsdam and the smaller communities of the county as well.

The Nagles flew to Ogdensburg from Washington Tuesday and were the house guests of Mrs. Edwin Clark at her Ogdensburg residence "Locust Lawn," until they left on Friday. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch McMorran, Albany, who are close friends on Wednesday and the McMorrans remained until Friday. They were also the house guests of Mrs. Clark.

The Nagles and McMorrans were the inspiration for several outstanding social events of the week. Among these was a dinner given by Mrs. Clark at her home on Tuesday evening, and a cocktail party at the President's Residence in Canton given by Dr. and Mrs. Brown on Wednesday, followed by a buffet supper at the Treadway Inn. On Thursday Franklin R. Little was host to the Nagles and McMorrans and a number of friends from the colleges and universities and from Massena, Potsdam, Canton and Gouverneur at a cocktail party on the lawn of his residence, 412 Caroline St., Ogdensburg.

## Father An Admiral

Arthur Nagle is a prominent engineer and is Vice President of the International Roads Federation with offices in Washington, D. C. He and Mr. McMorran, who is one of the world's leading engineers, and is now Superintendent of Public Works of the State of New York met some years ago in Washington and at international engineering meetings in Tokyo and in Europe and became close friends. Mrs. Nagle is the daughter of Vice Admiral Ingersoll who was Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic during World War II and later Deputy to Admiral Leahy. Her grandfather was also an Admiral. Her brother, who was the third generation to graduate from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis was killed in action at the Battle of Midway. His son is now a midshipman at the Naval Academy and will be the fourth generation of the family in the Navy. Vice Admiral Stuart Ingersoll is a cousin of Mrs. Nagle.

Mr. and Mrs. McMorran invited the Nagles to Albany last November where they gave a concert at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Mr. and Mrs. McMorran invited Mrs. Clark and Mr. Little of Ogdensburg to this concert which was heard by 300 guests from all parts of New York State. At that time Mr. Little told Mr. and Mrs. Nagle that he was so impressed with their concert that he would mention it to President Brown of St. Lawrence University. As a result Dr. Brown issued an invitation to the Nagles for a concert and plans were finally made for the concert last Wednesday.

All who heard the program Wednesday were most favorably impressed and most enthusiastic. Dr. Helen Hosmer, Director of the famed Crane School of Music at the State University College at Potsdam, was in the audience and said afterwards "the Nagles were terrific. They are brilliant artists. After hearing them I could not wait to issue an invitation to them to appear in concert at Potsdam and I do hope to have them at Crane in the Fall after they return from a trip they have planned to England, the Scandinavian Countries, Poland and Russia. They gave a truly magnificent performance at Canton last Wednesday."

## Heard Widely

The Nagles have been heard in New York, in the East, South and Midwest in recital, lecture recital, on radio and television and as soloists with chamber orchestra.



**GROUP ON THE LAWN** — The weather was perfect Thursday for the outdoor cocktail party honoring Alice and Arthur Nagle, noted duo-pianists and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch McMorran, Albany. Seen in the above group from left are, Mrs. Gilbert Parker, Canton; Alice Nagle, Mrs. David Powers, Canton, David Powers, Assistant to President Foster Brown; Franklin R. Little who was

host, Mrs. Joseph Romoda, Canton, Mrs. Arthur Stever, Watertown, Dean Joseph Romoda, St. Lawrence University, Canton; seen in rear chatting with Frank Brokaw, Vice President of St. Lawrence University; Brendon T. Jose, Massena, Deputy Administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Their concerts have received critical praise from the music critics of the Washington Post, The Evening Star of Washington, D. C., the Baltimore Sun, the New York Times, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, the Nashville Banner, the Chicago Tribune and other leading newspapers of the East, South and Midwest.

Alice and Arthur Nagle met while studying piano with Edward Hughes and continued their study of two-piano repertoire with Nadia Boulanger and the duo-pianists Gold and Fildale.

This husband and wife duo has shown great interest in contemporary literature and their programs often include works written especially for them. The program which they presented at St. Lawrence University was one of special appeal and one which has been acclaimed by all critics who have heard it in Washington, Baltimore and New York.

## Hours of Practice Daily

The time that most people spend waking up slowly over a cup of coffee, or drowsing before the television at night, Mr. Nagle spends practicing at the piano.

"Arthur gets up with the birds every morning," said his wife, "and is at the piano by 6:15." "After dinner that evening, he goes back to the keyboard for another three or four hours. Mrs. Nagle does her solo practicing during the day.

Then she and he spend their Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 a.m. till late in the day, practicing together.

For a two-piano team, this is the work period that really counts.

"Duo pianists are not two soloists playing together," Mr. Nagle explained. "You've got to play the separate instruments as if they were one . . ."

"Everything must be planned down to the finest detail before a performance. But you never play a piece in performance quite the same way twice.

## The Art of Duo

"The art of the duo is being able to follow, immediately, when one or the other departs from the planned detail.

Do differences of opinion in the planning stage — say, on proper tempo or expression — ever lead to difficulties for the piano team?

"Murder, sometimes," Mr. Nagle laughed. "But staying married for 14 years helps."

Anyway, he said they have the perfect arbiter for such disputes: The tape recorder. Whenever necessary, they bring it out, turn it on, and play the controversial passage first her way, then his. As they listen to the playback the following morning, it's usually clear which way is better, he said. "It's as good as the Supreme Court."

One of the sideline delights of the Nagles' "hobby" is collecting two-piano literature. Mrs. Nagle has picked up many seldom-heard pieces, some unpublished, while accompanying her husband on business trips to Europe and Latin America.



**GUESTS FROM WATERTOWN**—Mrs. Arthur Stever and Mr. Stever were two of the many out-of-town guests at the cocktail given to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch McMorran and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

Nagle. Mr. Stever is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Marine Midland Trust Company of Northern New York, largest banking institution in Northern New York.



**NOTED ARTISTS AT CANTON** — Alice and Arthur Nagle, duo-pianists of Washington, D. C., who gave a concert Wednesday, at the Noble University Center Auditorium at St. Lawrence University. The concert was sponsored by the University Summer Session and was open to the

public without charge. The Nagles have received the highest praise from the music critics of the leading metropolitan newspapers of the East, Mid-West and South where they have appeared in concerts.



**SEAWAY ADMINISTRATOR** — and his wife chat with Mrs. J. Burch McMorran, Albany, wife of New York State Superintendent of Public Works J. Burch McMorran. The McMorrans and the Nagles were guests of honor at a cocktail party given by Franklin R. Little, second from left, on the lawn of his home 412 Caroline St. last Wednesday. Joseph T. McCann,

right, Administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and Mrs. McCann were among many out-of-town guests who attended. The McCanns live in Detroit but he frequently comes to the Seaway Development Corporation headquarters in Massena on official business.



**THIS REMARK WAS FUNNY**—From left, Mrs. Gilbert Parker, Canton; Arthur Nagle, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Parker with back to camera, Mrs. Eleanor Wright Adams, Mrs. Nagle, J. Burch McMorran.

The group were photographed at the cocktail party given on Thursday by Franklin R. Little honoring the Nagles and the McMorrans.



**AT ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**—From left Dr. Foster Brown, President of St. Lawrence University, Alice Nagle, Mrs. Brown, Arthur Nagle. President Brown sponsored the Nagles in a duo-piano recital at Noble University Center last

Wednesday where they played to a capacity audience. Dr. and Mrs. Brown entertained a number of friends at cocktails and a buffet support at the Treadway Inn preceding the concert.



**AT NOBLE UNIVERSITY CENTER** — Alice and Arthur Nagle are shown as they appeared during their concert performance with duo-pianos at Canton Wednesday. The auditorium was filled including the balcony by music lovers who came to hear two of the most noted of contemporary duo-pianists. This concert sponsored by President Foster Brown was one of the highlights of the Summer Session. "We always like to provide good music or other entertainment during the Summer Sessions, but it is often difficult

to get top flight artists at this time of the year." Dr. Brown said. "We want to offer our summer students as much in the way of good entertainment and events of cultural value as we can. I think the University was extremely fortunate to be able to secure Alice and Arthur Nagle. I was also happy to be able to invite friends of St. Lawrence University from all over the county to share this rare privilege with us last Wednesday. The Nagles are not only great artists but delightful and charming people to meet and know."