Charles E. Boehler
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<u>Times Picayune</u> - May 28, 1891

The members of the Pelican Brass Band last night presented their leader and instructor, Charles E. Boehler, with a valuable and artistic badge has a testimonial of their esteem for him.

<u>Times Democrat</u> - June 15, 1891 - Pelican Brass Band

There was a large attendance at Spanish Fort last evening, the occasion being a complimentary picnic and ball given by the Pelican Brass Band. The guests and members of the band enjoyed themselves in sailing, and in dancing in the Casino Hall.

The Pelican Brass Band was organized in 1885 and has for its leader Mr. Chas. E. Boehler.

<u>Times Democrat</u> - April 19, 1896 - 6th Battalion entertainment at Audubon park.

The will known and popular 6th Battalion Band, under the direction of Chief Charles E. Boehler will discourse delightful music continuously during the entire evening.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - May 20, 1896 - The Al Fresco dances - Battle Abbey Festival

The music for the dance was furnished by the 6th Battalion Band under the direction of Mr. Charles E. Boehler.

Times Democrat - May 21, 1896 - Battle Abbey Festival

Among the pretty selections played by the bands during the festival were two pieces composed especially in honor of the occasion. The first of these was the 'Broadway House's Two Step,' named in honor of Mr. Charles Broadway Rouse, of New York, who made a large donation to the Battle Abbey. This piece was composed by Miss Stella Whitchurst. The other selection referred to was the 'Battle Abbey March' composed by Miss J. Henry Bean, and arranged by Prof. Charles E. Boehler, bandmaster of the 6th Battalion, whose band played both selections with great effect throughout the three days of the festival. The music for the occasion will be furnished by Prof. Charles E. Boehler's 6th Battalion Band, whose services have been donated gratis for the occasion.

Times Picayune - June 3, 1898 - First Regiment La. volunteers.

The regiment is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the instruments for their military and bandmaster Boehler has secured all of the 26 musicians needed, and pending the arrival of the instruments will drill his men thoroughly under the regular army regulations. The drills for the army bands are somewhat extensive.

Times Picayune - June 6, 1898 Camp of 1st La Regiment - Champlain preaching.

A pleasing feature of the service was the choral music. The service was opened with a cornet solo by chief musician Charles Boehler.

Lt. Boehler

Times Picayune - July 6, 1898

I am informed by chief musician Boehler that he anticipates with gratification the arrival of the instruments which the Picayune has undertaken to provide. He will require 18 instruments and a drum major's baton and suitable music stands.

Times Democrat - July 16, 1898

Col. Stevens' Regiment has finally secured it band instruments. They arrived this morning, and for the first time since muster-day the interesting ceremony of mounting guard has been gone through with the accompaniment of a band. Chief Musician Boehler is deserving of praise for the creditable showing which his men, who have practiced hitherto on a short ration allowance of horns, made this evening on such short notice. Naturally, the airs were not rendered with absolute correctness, but all admitted that the band did very well under the circumstances, and it is believed that in the course of two weeks the men will be sufficiently proficient to permit of comparisons with other band. The personnel of the band is: chief musician, C. E. Boehler; principal, Audubon Hallidey; band sergeant, F. E. Griffin; privates, G. S. Taylor; J. T. Wentz, L. Kops, E. A. George, R. B. Blith, W. B Mays, A. K. Cristler, A. Hoben, H. L. McCormick, W. S. Brown, T. H. Rekert, F.Simms, and W. Holmes, drum major.

Times Picayune - February 20, 1900 - New Orleans Manufacturer's Association parade.

Chairman Oaury, of the committee on arrangement submitted a contract with Prof. Charles E. Boehler to furnish 5 military bands for the day..

Times Picayune - August 25, 1900 - First Regiment boys to camp at Plaquemine.

The regimental band, under the direction of Mr. Charles Boehler, will also go along, and the following officers of the First Infantry Regiment will be the guests of Captain McGuirk.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - September 13, 1900 First Battalion holds muster last night.

The muster was conducted by Colonel Harry Allen, of General Glynn's staff. Besides the companies, the field and staff also mustered. Bandmaster Boehler had twenty-five men in his band.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - April 27, 1901 - Odd Fellows 82 anniversary.

After the entertainment the chairs were removed, and to the strains of Boehler's Band, the dancers took possession of the floor. The evening passed pleasantly and it was late before the eighty-second anniversary was at an end.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - October 20, 1901 - boat America-Gala day on the water.

On the way back to the city a number of guests indulged in dancing. Sweet music was rendered by Prof. Charles Boehler's excellent orchestra.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - November 4, 1901 - Parade

In the second division-Boehler's 1st La. Regiment Band

<u>Times Picayune</u> - February 23, 1902

A fine orchestra had been secured (the Boehler concert Orchestra) with Mr. William B. McCracken accompanist. A medley

of patriotic airs, commencing with 'America' and ending with the 'Star Spangled Banner,' opened the entertainment. While the orchestra was playing the 'Star-Spangled Banner' the 'Stars and Stripes' were drawn across the front of the curtain, and aroused great enthusiasm.

The curtain then went up on the tableau, 'Washington,' a very effective and well conceived picture, which evoked great applause. The orchestra then performed 'Hearts and Flowers,' and the second tableau, 'The Blacksmith,' appeared.

New Orleans Item - March 20, 1902 - Island Queen

The Island Queen closes the excursion season in this city after two trips today, after which she goes up the river and gives on outing at several of the cities and town along the Mississippi-back in November.

This morning the boat goes out at 10 o'clock, the trip being particularly for ladies and children, and will be back at the landing at 3 p.m. Prof. Boehler's Orchestra will occupy the cabin.

Times Picayune - June 14, 1903 - Judge Sambola's funeral - soldier's farewell

The bugle was in the hands of Prof. Charles E. Boehler, bandmaster of the First Regiment, Louisiana State National Guard. Ten years ago Captain Sambola had asked Prof. Boehler to sound 'taps' over his grave, and it was in sorrowing fulfillment of that request that the pathetic melody was heard.

Times Picayune - June 17, 1903 - Music for Carmen

W. H. Sievers, chairman of the committee on Music of the Carmen's picnic, with members of his committee, consisting of D. H. Candebat, H. Kreuts, A. Trepagnier and Frank Sharp, met at Wyler's headquarters last night, and awarded one of the musical contracts to Charles E. Boehler, bandmaster of the First Regiment

Band. He will have charge of music in the auditorium of the Fair Grounds on the picnic day.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - June 26, 1903 - A new pleasure park

W. E. Tyler, manager for the new summer resort, Riverside Grove, signed a contract with Bandmaster Charles E. Boehler of the First Regiment Band yesterday for the music at that place. It is proposed to make the opening next Sunday auspicious in every way. A fine dancing platform, 73x150 feet, covered and enclosed by a circus tent, has been erected. Mr. Boehler said he would get some of his best musicians together for the place, and see that there is nothing lacking in the way of harmony. Riverside Grove is nine miles up the river, and the steamer Chalmette will make frequent trips during the afternoon and evening, with one trip every week night.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - October 4, 1903 - Billionaire Social Club-Grand fancy dress & calico ball

Charles E. Boehler's 1st Regiment Band to discourse the light fantastic.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - February 3, 1904 - Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employees ball-Washington Artillery Hall

Capt. Boehler's 1st Regime Band has been engaged for the musical programme.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - February 7, 1904 - Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railroad employees of America. The music for the occasion was furnished by Boehler's First Regiment Band.

PROGRAMME—FIRST PART.

Grand march.
Waltz—Charmeuse, to our International President.
Two-Step—"Dixie Girl," to our President.
Waltz—"Lazare," to our First Vice President.
Two-Step—"Sunrise in Georgia," to our Second Vice President.
Waltz—"Hearts Courageous," to our Secretary.
Two-Step—"Dixie Land," to our Treasurer.
Waltz—"The Proposal," to our Conductor.
Two-Step—"Alagazan," to our Warden.
Waltz—"Cecilia," to our Sentinel.
Two-Step—"Uncle Sammy," to our Executive Board.
Lancers—"Fairy Circle," to our Committee of Arrangements.
Two-Step—"Then I'd Be Satisfied With Life," to our Delegates.
Waltz—"Among the Roses," to Arabella Branch.
Two-Step—"The O. K. Pi," to Carrollton Branch.
Waltz—"Symphia," to St. Charles Branch.
Two-Step—"Anona," to Canal Branch.
Intermission.

PART SECOND.

Waltz—"Way Down Yonder in the Corn Field," to Poland Branch.
Two-Step—"Three Little Maids," to Annunciation Branch.
Waltz—"I Dream of You," to Claiborne Branch.
Two-Step—"Sue," to Magazine Branch.
Waltz—"The Spider and the Fly," to Orleans Branch.
Two-Step—"Southern Smiles," to Prytania Branch.
Waltz—"Her Name Is Rose," to Esplanade Branch.
Two-Step—"Ching a Ling a Loo," to New Orleans Railways Company.
Mazourka — "Merriment," to Central Trades and Labor Council.
Two-Step—"Uncle Sammy," to our prize winners.
Schottische—"Brockway," to the press.
Varieties—"America," to our lady guests.
Two-Step—"Susie Anna," to I. B. E. W., Local No. 4.
Waltz—"Rag Time Liz," to our attorneys.
Two-Step—"Peaceful Henry," to our friends.
"Home, Sweet Home," to our future success.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - March 20, 1904 - Boehler's medal, a present from the band he leads so well.

On Saturday, March 19, after the close of a concert by Boehler's first Regimental Band and Orchestra, a very pleasant and surprising incident took place, when Conductor Charles E. Boehler was presented with a handsome gold medal by members of his band as a token of their esteem and high regard for the leader with whom they have been associated so long. The occasion was the thirty-third birthday of the popular musician, and the members made the date memorable

'Charley' Boehler has been before the local public as a leader of a band and orchestra ever since 1885. In that time he has carved out success for himself and his players. They were in the Spanish War together, Mr. Boehler, being Bandmaster of the First Louisiana Regiment, under Colonel Stevens. since his return he has steadily grown in the musical world, as has his aggregation of musicians.

At the time of Judge T. Anthony Sambola's death, about one year ago, Leader Boehler asked for the privilege of playing taps over his grave, without money and without price. It developed that a very pretty and romantic story was back of that simple request, and it was in fulfillment of a pledge given the veteran Sambola years before. it had been Judge Sambola's custom to always see that taps were played over the graves of all his old comrades of the Fifth Battery, Orleans Artillery, of which Mr. Boehler's father, E. R. Boehler, was a First Lieutenant. One day Mr. Boehler and Judge Sambola were talking of the sacred trust which the venerable Judge had taken upon himself in seeing each member buried with military honors.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - April 3, 1904 - Grand Democratic meeting - Open house Thibodaux.

Music was furnished by the Orchestra and Boehler's Band of New Orleans.

New Orleans Item - July 23, 1904 - National Order of Railway clerks at Algiers Pleasure Grounds

First lawn party-Boehler's Military Band will furnish the music.

New Orleans Item - August 28, 1904 - True Union Social & Pleasure Club.

Music by Boehler's Union Pythian Band

New Orleans Item - September 4, 1904 - Labor Day parade

The programme is under the supervision of the Committee of sports.

Overture, Boehler's Military Band. Meeting at Lagunan's Hotel - True Democrat Club

Good music was discoursed during the rally by Boehler's Band

Times Picayune - September 5, 1905 - Dance after parade

The rest of the evening was voted to dancing, and a band of trained musicians, under the direction of Charles E. Boehler, one of the leading lights n the local music world, discoursed sweet music until far into the morning.

Times Picayune - September 30, 1905 -

Boehler's Pythian Band is playing somewhere between here and Chicago, convincing the people along the route of the Illinois Central railroad that New Orleans is not disheartened because of yellow fever and can send to the International Convention of Street Carmen the most enthusiastic delegation that will attend that important Convention.

This was the idea of those prominent citizens who conceived the plan of sending a brass band to Chicago along with the street Carmen's delegates. Boehler's Band was selected as the band to go, and Prof Boehler agreed to let ten men accompany the Street Carmen.

...Following Colonel Tabault and Mr. Roddy came Boehler's Band playing national airs.

Times Picayune - October 9, 1905 - The B. K. A. Band, under Prof. Boehler will furnish the music.

New Orleans Item - April 12, 1906 Parade - Southern Baseball League opens.

Tallyho- Boehler's Band

New Orleans Item June 3, 1906 - Baker's Union picnic

During the afternoon Boehler's Military Band will render musical selections and in the evening it will render dancing music on the pavilion.

New Orleans Item - June 9, 1907 - Letter carriers festival.

Music will be furnished by Boehler's famous Military Band

New Orleans Item - June 30, 1907 - International Union of Seam engineers, Local 226 banquet at West End.

The special train that carried the engineers to the lake front from the city at 9 o'clock. Boehler's Military Band rendered pretty airs as the train rolled along.

New Orleans Item - January 16, 1908 - Mr. Charles Boehler

Mr. Charles Boehler, recording secretary of the Central Trades and Labor council and delegate to that body from the Musicians' Local No. 174, is a well known labor leader and has been identified with the labor movement of the city for many years. At present he is director of a band besides being one of the chief musicians at the Winter Gardens, where since his advent several weeks ago, he has gained many friends.

New Orleans Item - February 5, 1908 - Parade and banquet-Central Trade &I Labor Council

Mr. Charles E. Boehler, at present playing at the Winter Gardens has been invited to act as drum major and lead the parade.

Times Picayune - February 9, 1908 - Central Trades council parade

Charles E. Boehler, the celebrated southern bandmaster, will be at the head of the band that will consist of some 25 cornets, 15 slide trombones, 25 clarinets, 10 piccolos, 10 saxophone, 10 bass tubas, 2 monster basses, 20 small drums and 10 monster bass drums.

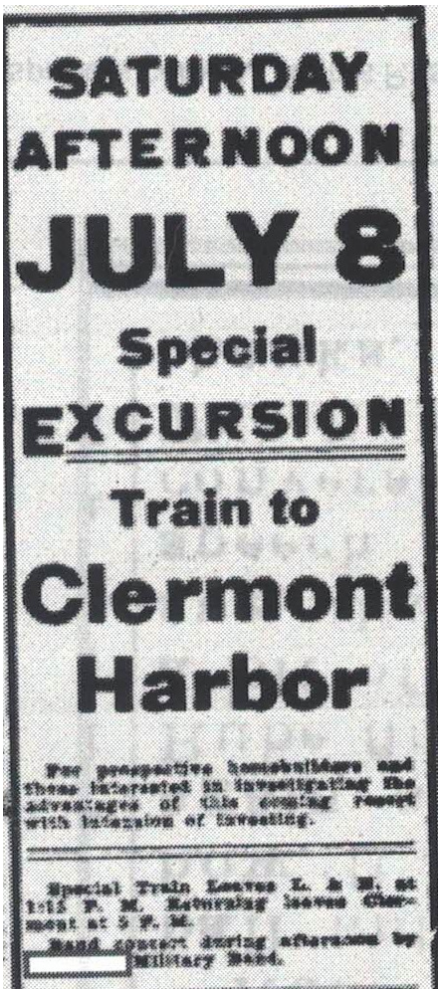
New Orleans Item - June 28, 1908 - Reunion of Local Pythian Lodge

On the bandstand from which Prof. Boehler's Pythian Brass Band discoursed pleasing music during the early hours of the evening.

New Orleans Item - May 19, 1909 - Mr. Charles Boehler

Mr. Charles Boehler, the popular musician and members of Local No. 174, American Federation of Musicians, has recovered from his long sickness.

Mr. Boehler spent nine months at Claiborne and Abita Springs. He is active in Pythian circles, being conductor of Boehler's Pythian Concert Military Band and Orchestra. Mr. Boehler was formerly recording of the Central Trades' and Labor Council



Boehler's Military Band

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - December 21, 1913

New Orleans Local of the musician Mutual Protective Union, has elected Charles E. Boehler, bandmaster of the First Louisiana Regiment, its president. for 25 years, he has been one of the best known musicians in this city.

Boehler

New Orleans Item August 8, 1915 - No Ragtime music to be allowed in parades of the society

Preparations for the grand rally of Holy Name Societies are being perfected. Societies desiring bands may make application to Charles Boehler, president. Nothing but sacred music or military marches will be permitted in the line of parade. Ragtime airs are prohibited.

Times Picayune - October 3, 1915 - Parade Sunday, October 3rd.

Second division, 3rd section - Charles E. Boehler's Band

New Orleans Item - October 10, 1915 - American night

The Musicians Union will furnish a number of bands headed by Charles Boehler.

New Orleans Item - October 24, 1915 - Holy Name to parade city streets.

Boehler's Brass Band will furnish music on the grounds at the Sacred Heart Church interspersed by the singing a patriotic songs by the men and boys choir of St. Stephen's Church.

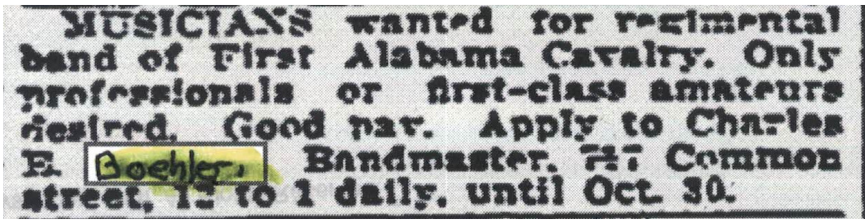
New Orleans Item - December 22, 1915 - Charles Boehler gets office third time. Is re-elected president of local Musicians Union.

Charles E Boehler, well known band leader, was re-elected president of the Musicians Mutual protective Union, Local No 174, of the American Federation of Musicians, in the annual election Tuesday night. It will be his third term as head of the union.

Mr. Boehler was band master of the first Louisiana Regiment in the Spanish-American War, and for four years was staff trumpeter of Washington Artillery.

New Orleans - October 3, 1915 - CHIF parade Sunday, October 3

Bands in parade: Shriners, Braun Elks, Sporer, Petitone, Brockhoven, Boehler, Christenson, Beriucci Stevens, DeDroit, and Lascalas Bands


MUSICIANS wanted for regimental band of First Alabama Cavalry. Only professionals or first-class amateurs desired. Good pay. Apply to Charles E. Boehler, Bandmaster, 717 Common street, 12 to 1 daily, until Oct. 30.

<u>New Orleans Item</u> - January 23, 1916 - Candidacy of R. K. Boney for Governor.

At the close of his address, Boehler's Band struck up 'America, sweet land of liberty.'

<u>New Orleans States</u> - May 4, 1916 - Senator Stafford surprise-recognition of public service.

Meeting at a conferment point the friends of the Senator marched to the Stafford residence, eighth near Chestnut to the strains of Boehler's Military Band

<u>Times Picayune</u> - January 26, 1919 - Bandmaster Boehler returns to New Orleans.

Lieutenant Charles E. Boehler's Bandmaster and musician, of New Orleans, has returned to the city after military service in France. Lieutenant Boehler is a veteran bandmaster of the Spanish-America War, and at the opening of hostilities of Mexico went to the border with the Alabama Cavalry. Assigned later to Camp Merrit, New Jersey, he became attached to the 117th Field Artillery and went to France nearly five months ago. He became director of the Thirty-First Division Band by appointment of Major Lyon. The Thirty-First division had been ordered to the Metz line, said Lieutenant Boehler, and the infantry had already gone, when the signing of the Armistice prevented his experiencing warfare in the first line trenches.

Before entering the army Lieutenant Boehler served as president of the New Orleans Musicians' Union during 1914, 1915 and 1916 and as delegate to the Central Trades and Labor council.

He was secretary of the Trades and Labor council in 1905 and 1907. The last local engagement he and his band filled in New Orleans was at the races in 1915. He expects his discharge about February 1 and will resume his vocation here. He is at his home, 2556 Bienville Street.

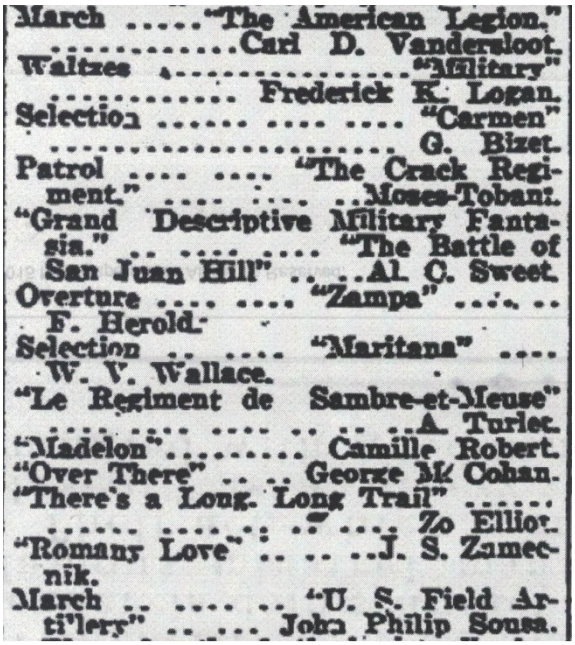
New Orleans States - January 27, 1919 - Lieut. Charles E. Boehler

First Lieut. Charles E. Boehler, head of Boehler's Band. has returned to New Orleans from the trenches. Boehler has been a bandmaster in New Orleans for 26 years, and is president of the Musicians' Union and secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council. He served in the Spanish-American War, and was with the First Alabama Cavalry on the Mexican border. He took the examination and was assigned as bandmaster to the 117th Field Artillery. He has been in France four and a half months with them. Major General Lyon named him the head of the band in charge of the 31st Division, which had 126 musicians in it. Lieut. Boehler says he will be back in New Orleans soon and reorganize his old band.

New Orleans States - April 14, 1922

Announcement was made Friday morning by Prexy Heinemann that Mayor McShane will throw the first ball somewhere near the plate for the opening of the Southern League season here Saturday. In addition to his honor attending the contest, there will be other city officials as well as Boehler's Band, a 10 piece organization.

New Orleans Item - June 29, 1922 - Legion festival - Boehler Orchestra to play - At Fair Grounds, July 4th. Following is the program:



March ....."The American Legion."
.....Carl D. Vandersloot.
Waltzes .....
..... Frederick K. Logan.
Selection .... "Carmen"
..... G. Bizet.
Patrol .... "The Crack Regiment." ....Moses-Tobani.
"Grand Descriptive Military Fantasia." .. .. "The Battle of San Juan Hill" .. ..Al. C. Sweet.
Overture .... "Zampa" .... ..
F. Herold.
Selection .. .... "Maritana" ....
W. V. Wallace.
"Le Regiment de Sambre-et-Meuse"
....A. Turlet.
"Madelon" ..... Camille Robert.
"Over There" .. .. George M. Cohan.
"There's a Long, Long Trail" .....
.... Zo Elliot.
"Romany Love" .. .. ..J. S. Zamecnik.
March .. .. "U. S. Field Artillery" .. .... John Philip Sousa.

Times Picayune - June 28, 1924 -Baseball - Pelicans to hold Pennant and hold celebration.

Music will be furnished by Boehler's Band

<u>Times Picayune</u> - August 1, 1925

The B. K. of A. minstrels and military band will have parts on the program of the Tokio Gardens at Spanish Fort Wednesday night. Professor Charles E. Boehler will direct the band,

<u>New Orleans States</u> - January 24, 1926 - Druids Boys Band to make debut for Mardi Gras.

The Druid Boys Band, thirty pieces strong is ready to take its place among the musical organizations of the city. The band turned out in force for its first official appearance to greet the Grand Grove officers at the Druids Home in Camp Street. an interesting program was rendered. Charles Boehler, veteran bandmaster has put the boys through their paces and after four months of hard training, has them ready for regular musical activities. The band has been recruited from among the members of New Orleans Junior Grove.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - February 6, 1926 - Benefit for Boys' Band

A boys' band is being organized by New Orleans Junior Grove No. 1. Druids, and to obtain funds for that purpose a vaudeville entertainment will be given by the Grove tonight in the auditorium of Druids' Home in Camp Street. A dance will follow. Thirty boys are being drilled by Charles Boehler and twenty more will be taken into the organization soon.

Times Picayune - March 7, 1926 - Druids stage initiation

Two initiations of the New Orleans Druids were held during the past week, one in the Druids' Home in Camp Street and the other at Cypress Grove in Gretna. Encouraging reports from other parts of the state have been received by Angelo Gonzalez, grand secretary. The Druids' Boys' Band, an organization of the New Orleans Junior Grove is being directed by Charles Boehler.

New Orleans States - March 7, 1926

The Druids Boys' Band, a part of the organization of the New Orleans Junior Grove, is in constant rehearsal and training, and splendid progress is being shown under the direction of Charles Boehler, the veteran bandmaster. The boys are to specialize in concert work and classical music and Prof. Boehler is anticipating great results from the efforts of the young musicians. It is planned to build the band up to fifty pieces.

Times Picayune - September 30, 1926 - B. K. of A. concert tonight

The B. K. of A. Military Band will give its tenth & final concert tonight at the Washington Playground, Elysian Fields Avenue & Royal Streets. Charles E. Boehler will direct.

New Orleans States - November 14, 1926 - Druids plan stag show for thanksgiving Eve

One of the feature events at the first winter get-together meeting of the Druids, set for Thanksgiving Eve, will be the concert by the Boys Band, of New Orleans Junior Grove.

The band is composed of thirty-eight young musicians who have been trained and directed by Charles Boehler the local bandmaster, who will conduct the concert on the night of the Druids' big meeting.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - February 5, 1927 B. K. Knights plan state meeting

The B. K. of A. Military Band of 40 pieces under the direction of Prof. Charles E. Boehler will be the beneficiary

<u>New Orleans States</u> - February 13, 1927 - Mr. Engolbracht escorted to train for New York.

The Druid Boys Band, an organization of two score young musicians, took an important part in the farewell demonstration to the supreme arch, and accompanying him to the railroad station, gave a concert until the train pulled out.

The boys band has made steady progress since its organization some months ago, and directed by Prof. Charles Boehler, has given several concerts in the auditorium of the Druids' Home in Camp Street. It is one of the largest boys band in the south, and is being trained and instructed by Prof. Boehler for the finer concert and classical work.

<u>New Orleans States</u> - March 6, 1927

The Druids Boys Band is planning an extensive program of musical activities for the spring and summer, and will appear frequently during the year in concerts. The boys, who are members of New Orleans Junior Grove, are securing uniforms. Mr. Charles Boehler is director of the band.

<u>New Orleans States</u> - May 13, 1927 - Bunny Friends Playground.

A Feature of the program will be the concert by B. K. of A. Military Band with Prof. Charles E Boehler as conductor. The band is composed of 40 pieces.

New Orleans States - May 15, 1927 - B. K. of A. Band to give picnic May 29 in De Limon

Benevolent Knights of America's Band, according to John J. Puderer, grand secretary, is an organization for the people and all the year appears at neighborhood parks and centers, giving concerts and bringing music to the crowded sections.

The band is going to be the beneficiary of a festival in De Limon park, Metairie Ridge, Sunday, May 29, and the B. K. of A. lodges are interested in the event and intend to make it one of the great fraternal gatherings of the year.

The feature will be the appearance of the B. K. of A. Military Band, nearly two score skilled musicians. They will give a special concert for the occasion and appear in their bright new uniforms. Charles Boehler, well known in local musical circles is director of the band.

Times Picayune - May 16, 1927 - Druids spring festival

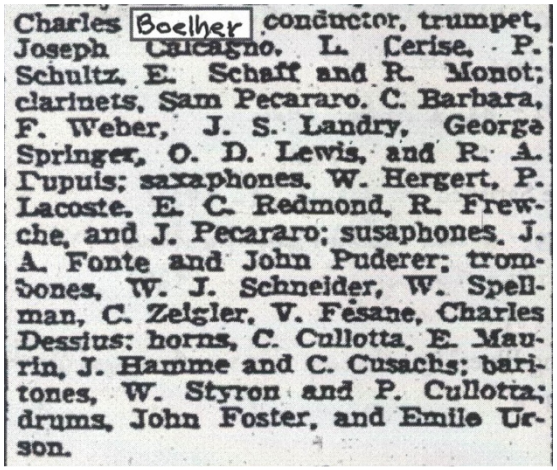
The New Orleans Junior Grove No.1, U. A. O. D. Band, under the direction of Prof. Charles Boehler rendered several selections.

New Orleans States - May 22, 1927

The Benevolent Knights of America Band is a sort of civic organization, giving its services free to parks and playgrounds, in localities where the population is restricted in the pursuit of pleasure. The band was organized in 1925, and under the direction of Charles E Boehler, local musical conductor has progressed to stage where it includes in its concert program operatic and standard numbers as well as popular pieces.

The band gave its first concert in the Tulane Theater, and then held itself open to serve the public, and bring music to neighborhoods where such entertainment was most uncommon. The band also donated its services to churches of all denominations for entertainments and special ceremonies where band music was required. It has played in all the parks of the city, and on Sunday

the bandsmen will appear in their new uniforms, and as a part of the festival give a selected concert. The band is made up as follows:


Charles Boelher conductor, trumpet, Joseph Calcagno, L. Cerise, P. Schultz, E. Schaff and R. Monot; clarinets, Sam Pecararo, C. Barbara, F. Weber, J. S. Landry, George Springer, O. D. Lewis, and R. A. Pupuis; saxaphones, W. Hergert, P. Lacoste, E. C. Redmond, R. Frewche, and J. Pecararo; susaphones, J. A. Fonte and John Puderer; trombones, W. J. Schneider, W. Spellman, C. Zeigler, V. Fesane, Charles Dessius; horns, C. Cullotta, E. Maurin, J. Hamme and C. Cusachs; baritones, W. Styron and P. Cullotta; drums, John Foster, and Emile Urson.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - May 25, 1927 - B. K. of A. festival at De Limon Park.

A feature of the festival will be the concert by the band under the direction of Charles E. Boehler.

<u>New Orleans States</u> - June 5, 1927 - Celebration of Flag Day at Bunny Friends Playground.

A feature of the program will be the concert by the B. K. of A. Military Band, with Prof. Charles E. Boehler as conductor. The band is composed of 40 pieces.

<u>New Orleans States</u> - June 12, 1927 - Flag Day

As part of the entertainment the Knights Military Band led by Prof. Charles Boehler will give a concert.

<u>New Orleans States</u> - June 12, 1927 - Flag Day Fete

As part of the entertainment, the B. K. of A. Military Band of 40 pieces, under the leadership of Prof. Charles Boehler will give a concert-benefit for the band.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - July 17, 1927

The boys of New Orleans Junior Grove No. 1 are laying plans for late summer activities and the Boys Band is rehearsing for concerts and other musical entertainment under the direction of Prof. Boehler.

New Orleans States - August 14, 1927

Weather permitting the B. K. of A. Band will render a concert on the Eleonore Playground Thursday evening. Prof. Boehler is arranging a nifty program for the Eleonore. The concert will start at 8 o'clock.

Times Picayune - August 26, 1927 - B. K. of A. complete plans for outing.

Athletic events, dancing and a concert will be the features of the holiday outing of the Benevolent Knights of America in Covington Sunday.

The special train will leave the Southern Station at 7:15 Sunday morning. P. J. Stakelum, chairman of the arrangements committee, will be in charge of the outing, which will be attended by members of the twenty-four lodges in New Orleans

The B. K. of A. Band, directed by Charles E Boehler will give a concert in Bogue Falaya Park, Covington, Sunday afternoon.

New Orleans States - September 1, 1927 - Band will play at Bonart Playground.

Weather permitting, the B. K. of A. Band will render a concert at the Sam Bonart Playground, Thursday evening, from 8 to 10. This is the first band concert to be held on the new Bonart Playground.

Prof. Charles Boehler will lead the B. K. of A. Band, which is regarded as one of the finest in New Orleans. The playground will be specially lighted for the occasion.

Times Picayune - September 15, 1927 - B. K. of A. band concert

The second public concert of the season will be given by the Benevolent Knights of America Band, Professor Charles Boehler director, tonight at Bunny Friend Playground.

Times Picayune - September 15, 1927 - Wedding of Druid chief.

The wedding music was furnished by the Junior Boys Band directed by Prof. Charles Boehler.

New Orleans States - September 25, 1927

The Benevolent Knights of American's Military Band under the direction of Charles E Boehler has many engagements for the coming season. The band devotes its energies to giving concerts in playgrounds and sections of the city not generally served by musical organizations, and has won a wide popularity in all sections.

New Orleans States - November 13, 1927 - Bonart Playground dedicated Sunday.

The B. K. of A. Band under the leadership of Prof. Charles Boehler will render a concert in connection with the ceremonies.

New Orleans States - December 4, 1927 - Membership Campaign

The Benevolent Knights of American's Military Band is getting ready for the late winter and early spring work, and under the direction of Prof. Charles E. Boehler is rehearsing a number of popular overtures and heavy numbers for concerts.

Times Picayune - January 29, 1928 - B. K. of A. to give ball for benefit of band.

Every local lodge of the Benevolent Knights of America will take part in the ball and reception to be given February 18, at the B. K. A. Home on North Street. The Benevolent Knights of America Band of forty pieces, under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler is to be the beneficiary.

Times Picayune - March 25, 1928 - Grand Grove chiefs visit Junior Druids.

Joseph C. Speyerer, noble grand arch and the other grand grove officers last week visited New Orleans Junior Grove No. 1 at the Druids' Home on Camp Street. They made addresses, complimenting the boys on their work and commending the progress they are making in building up their membership. The Boys' Band represents one of the biggest accomplishments of the juniors. The young musicians were trained by their director, Professor Charles Boehler.

New Orleans States - May 13, 1928 - Diamond jubilee festival-celebrates 75th anniversary of Holy Trinity Parish.

Celebration will take place on school grounds, St. Ferdinand and Royal Streets. A concert at night by the B. K. of A. Military Band through the courtesy of Charles E. Boehler, director.

New Orleans States - May 13, 1928 - Sunday May 20th

A concert at night by the Benevolent Knights of America Military Band, through the courtesy of Charles E. Boehler, director

Times Picayune - May 21, 1928 - Church observes diamond jubilee

The diamond jubilee celebration of Holy Trinity Church, which was to have started Sunday, was postponed until today and Tuesday, when it will be celebrated on the church school grounds at St. Ferdinand and Royal Streets.

The festival will include games for children and two band concerts by the Benevolent Knights of American Band, directed by Charles E. Boehler and the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Band, directed by Harry Mendelson.

New Orleans States - June 10, 1928 - flag Day

The B. K. of A. Military Band under the direction of Charles E. Boehler will open the program with 'America.' The B. K. of A. Band will conclude the program with a concert. among the numbers

will be 'American Patrol,' 'Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz,' and gems from the operas' and the 'Star Spangled Banner.'

Times Picayune - July 8, 1928 - B. K. of A. band to give series of concerts

The Benevolent Knights of America Military Band of forty pieces, under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler has arranged an extensive program of concerts for neighborhood centers during the summer and early fall. John J. Pruderer, grand secretary of the order and general manager of the band, announces that the musicians are in great demand at playgrounds and civic centers. In July, August and September the band will give concerts at Montegut, Algiers, Bunny Friend, Taylor, Sam Bonart and Washington playgrounds.

The musicians have arranged band programs for Kingsley House and the U. S. Marine hospital, and will make dates for more appearances soon. The band gives popular and classical concerts and has in its organization several soloists.

New Orleans States - August 2, 1928

The B. K. of A. band will give a concert Thursday night at the Algiers Playground, Charles E. Boehler will direct the programme, which will consist of popular and classical numbers.

New Orleans States - August 5, 1928

On August 30 Prof Charles Boehler B. K. of A. band to play at the Taylor Playground.

Times Picayune - August 23, 1928

Prof. Charles Boehler's Benevolent Knights of America Band will play at Taylor Playground.

New Orleans States - September 12, 1928

On Thursday night at the Sam Bonart Playground, Frostall and Marais, the Benevolent Knights of America band will render its

final concert of the season on this playground, this being the second one this season. Prof. Charles Boehler will direct the band and a fine program is being arranged.

New Orleans States - September 16, 1928 - Final band concert

Final band concerts of the summer season will be held on Sept. 19 at Washington Playground. Prof. Boehler and Braun are arranging nifty programs for both concerts and will be announced later.

Times Picayune - September 23, 1928 - Last playground concert Thursday

Final concert at Washington Playground, Frenchman & Royal Streets. The commission has sponsored 32 such concerts this summer. Professor Charles E. Boehler is arranging the program.

Times Picayune - September 27, 1928 - final concert tonight

The last playground band concert of the summer season will be given at the Washington Playground, Frenchmen and Royal Streets, tonight by the concert band of the Benevolent Knights of America, Charles Boehler will conduct.

Times Picayune - February 24, 1929 - Roof Gardens atop of the BKA Home.

There will be vaudeville and a musical program by the B. K. of A. Military Band under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler.

Times Picayune - June 15, 1929 - Druid boys to play on St. Roch grounds.

The Druid Boys' Band of the New Orleans Junior Grove will make their first appearance tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the St. Roch Playground, St. Roch and Prieur Streets. Professor Charles E. Boehler will direct the band. The Druid boys' Band was organized

primarily to afford recreation and musical education for its members.

Times Picayune - June 25, 1929

The B. K. of A. Band, under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler will give a concert at the Washington Playground, Frenchmen and Royal Streets, Friday night. The Druids' Boys' Band will entertain at the Bunny Friend Playground, North Roman and Desire Streets, Saturday night.

Times Picayune - June 29 1929 - Druids Boys' Band to play

The Druids Boys' Band, directed by Professor Charles E. Boehler will play their first concert at the Bunny Friend Playground Desire and Prieur Streets, at 6 p.m. today. The concert will be concluded at 10 p.m.

Times Picayune - July 2, 1929

Saturday night Director Charles E. Boehler and his Druids Boys' Band will give their first concert of popular and classical music, on the Sam Bonart Playground, Forstall and Marais Streets, between 8 and 10 p.m. The Sam Bonart Improvement Association will be hosts to the Druid Boys during their visit to the playground.

Times Picayune - July 17, 1929

The Druids Boys' Band will give a concert on the Elenore Playground Saturday night. Professor Boehler will direct the band.

Times Picayune - July 28, 1929

Friday night the B. K. of A. Band will render a concert at Eleonore Playground, Annunciation and Eleonore Streets, from 8 to 10, under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler, Saturday night the Druids' Boys' Band, with Charles E. Boehler directing, will give a concert on Larkin Playground in Algiers.

Times Picayune - August 3, 1929 - Algiers, Gretna news happenings. Druids' Boys' Band will give night concert at Larkin Playground.

The Druids' Boys' Band, with Charles E. Boehler as director, will give a concert tonight at the Larkin Playground, Patterson and Amann Streets, opposite the Third District ferry landing, Algiers.

Times Picayune - August 14, 1929 - Boys to give concert

The Boys' Band of New Orleans Junior Grove No. 1, U. A. O. D., under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler will give a concert of patriotic, popular and classical piece at Audubon Park tonight at 8 o'clock.

Times Picayune - August 16, 1929 - City Park band concerts planned

Two complimentary band concerts at city playgrounds were announced Thursday by Charles E. Boehler, director of the Benevolent Knights of America Band and the Druids' Boys' Band.

The Benevolent Knights of America Band will render a popular and classical musical program at St. Roch Playground at 8 p.m. tonight, Mr. Boehler said, while the Druids' Boys' Band will render a similar program at Washington Playground at 8 p.m. Saturday. Mr. Boehler will direct both programs.

Times Picayune - August 18, 1929

The B. K. of A. Band will render its first concert at Taylor Playground Friday under the direction of Charles E. Boehler.

Times Picayune - August 25, 1929

The Benevolent Knights of America Concert Band, under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler will give its complimentary concert on the Algiers Playground, Seguin and Opelousas Streets, Friday, August 30, and on Saturday, August 31, and the Druids Boys' Band will give their first concert of the season on the Taylor Playground.

Times Picayune - August 29, 1929

A free band concert will be given Friday night from the new bandstand at Larkin Playground in Algiers by the Benevolent Knights of America Band under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler. The program will include popular and classical music. The Larkin Playground is located on Morgan Street opposite the landing of the Third District ferry. The concert will start at 5 p.m. and continue two hours.

On Saturday night from 8 to 10 the Druids' Boys' Band under the direction of Professor Boehler will give its first concert on the Taylor Playgrounds, Derbigny Street and Washington Avenue.

Times Picayune - September 9, 1929

Larkin Memorial Playground in Algiers at 8 p.m. tonight. Prof. Charles E. Boehler, director announced Thursday.

Times Picayune - September 9, 1929 - B. K. of A. band to play

A complimentary band concert of popular and classical music will be rendered by the Benevolent Knights of America Military Band at Audubon Park at 8 p.m., Wednesday, it was announced Sunday. Charles E. Boehler will direct the band.

Times Picayune - October 20, 1929 - Second large Druid gathering planned.

The New Orleans Junior Grove of Druids, and the Boys Band is playing an important part in the general work of the order. The band is under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler and regular evening concerts are to be arranged.

Times Picayune - April 6, 1930 - concerts planned for playgrounds.

Playgrounds of New Orleans will have a busy season of band concerts, according to Manager Benedetto of the Playgrounds commission. Sixty concerts have already been arranged with several bands yet to be heard from. The organizations that will play this summer on the playgrounds include the Junior Police Band, J.

Gohman, director; Playground Band, Fred Wood, director; Laundry Band, Harry Mendelson, director; Southern Railway Co. Band, Prof. St. Piria, director; B. K. of A. Band, Prof. Chas. E. Boehler director and Cloverland Dairy Band, A. M. Win, manager.

Times Picayune - June 12, 1930

A program of classical and popular music will be presented by Charles Boehler and his B. K. of A. Band from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Washington Playground, Royal and Frenchmen Streets.

Times Picayune - July 22, 1930

The B. K. of A. will give its semi-monthly concert at the Clay Playground, Third and Annunciation Streets, Friday at 8 p.m. The program has been arranged by Professor Charles Boehler.

Times Picayune - August 15, 1930 - Band to play tonight

The Benevolent Knights of America Band, directed by Professor Charles Boehler, will play today at 8 p.m. at St. Roch Playground in their first concert of the season. A program of classical and popular music has been arranged.

Times Picayune - September 25, 1930 - concerts end Friday

Closing what playground officials term a most successful band concert season, a final concert will be given Friday night at the Eleonore Playground, Annunciation and Eleonore Streets. The B. K. of A. Band, directed by Professor Charles Boehler will play for the uptown residents. More than 85 concerts have been given during the summer.

Times Picayune - March 8, 1931 - Reception for B. K. of A. leaders.

Prof. Charles E. Boehler and his military band recruited from members of the order will give a program of popular and classical selections.

Times Picayune - May 31, 1931

Charles E. Boehler's Band is proving popular, concerts are being given every other Friday at one of the playgrounds.

Times Picayune - June 4, 1931

Friday night the Benevolent Knights of America Band under the leadership of Professor Charles E. Boehler will present a concert at the St. Roch Playground, starting at 8 o'clock.

Times Picayune - June 16, 1931

The B. K. of A. Band under the direction of Professor Charles Boehler will give a concert Friday night at the Bunny Friend Playground, Desire and North Prieur Streets.

Times Picayune - August 9, 1931 - B. K. of A. Band to give concert at outing. Benevolent Order makes tribute to residents of Bay St. Louis.

A new point of interest is the contemplated concerts to be provided by the B. K. of A. Military Band, under the direction of Professor Charles Boehler, with a splendid program of standard and popular melodies, also favorite operas. The concerts are intended as a tribute to the residents of the Bay for the courtesies they are showing the visitors and as an additional attraction.

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Times Picayune - August 31, 1931 - B. K. of A. 11th annual outing. Charles Boehler and the B.K. of A. Band.

Times Picayune - September 11, 1931 - B. K. A. Band to play.

The Benevolent Knights of America Band, under the direction of Professor Charles Boehler will give a concert at Soraparu Playgrounds, Rousseau and Soraparu Streets, tonight at 8 o'clock, Manager L. diBenedetto announced Thursday. The program will consist of popular and classical numbers.

Times Picayune - September 18, 1931 - Concert at Audubon Park

A complimentary concert will be given at Audubon Park Sunday at 5 p.m. by the Benevolent Knights of America Military Band under the direction of Professor Charles E. Boehler.

Monroe New-Star - April 21, 1938 - Noted bandman visitor here. Lieut. Charles E. Boehler, World War musician, on vacation.

Lieutenant Charles E. Boehler, famed bandmaster of the United States Army during the world War, is spending a few weeks' vacation in Monroe, accompanied by Mrs. Boehler, guests at Virginia Hotel.

Lieutenant Boehler, who has had a distinguished record in musical service to the United States forces in the Spanish-American War, the Mexican border troubles of 1916-17, as well as overseas in 1917-19, is now devoting his activities to band instruction in New Orleans, his home city. He is instructor for the Benevolent Knights of America Concert Band, the Druid Boys' Band and the Braithwaits factory band.

He was a close personal friend of the Late Colonel Robert Ewing, and directed the musical phases of the political campaigns in which Colonel Ewing was a leader. He was for many years one of the colorful figures at Heinemann's Baseball Park in New Orleans.

Lieutenant Boehler was bandmaster for the First Louisiana Regiment in the Spanish-American War, but never got away from the United States. He was finally discharged at Miami, Florida. In the Mexican disturbance he was with the First Cavalry, and when the World War was declared over he was commissioned a first Lieutenant and served as senior bandmaster with the 31st division,

being assigned to the 117th field artillery. He served overseas until the regiment returned home in 1919.

He has been a musician for over half a century, first playing with the Juvenile Tycoons in 1885 in New Orleans Academy of Music. This was considered quite a novelty in those days.

He has conducted various orchestras and played with various bands ever since. During the American Legion Convention in New Orleans, the first ever held, he was chairman of the music and band committee. Over $5,00 was distributed in prizes to the various contestants.

Lieutenant Boehler has a motto: "Give them what they want.' He is not favorable to jazz and says it is the cause of a lot of in-harmony in the social life of the nation, but he is selling music and if the people want him to pay jazz, why he gives 'em jazz.

Lieutenant Boehler is an accomplished raconteur, and delights in telling experiences of his long and interesting career.

<u>Times Picayune</u> - May 22, 1948 - Retired bandmaster and his wife to renew vows on Golden Wedding.

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary; Charles E. Boehler, retired bandmaster who for almost 50 years was official trumpeter of the race tracks here, and Mrs. Boehler will hold open house today from 6 to 10 p.m. at the home of their son, George W Boehler, 3609 N. Miro.

Mr. and Mrs. Boehler will repeat the wedding vows they first said at their military wedding held in New Orleans, May 21, 1898 during the Spanish--American War. At that time. Mr. Boehler was bandmaster for the First Louisiana Regiment and the ceremonies were conducted by the regiment chaplain at the home of Mrs. Boehler's parents.

Both are natives of New Orleans, Mrs. Boehler was the former Miss Rosa Lee Quillou and is now 71 years old. Her husband is 77. They reside at 2753 Iberville.

Following the Spanish-American War, Mr. Boehler was bandmaster for the old Washington Artillery under the command of

Major General Allison Owen, and from 1916 to 1917, he served as a bandmaster with the United States Cavalry under General Pershing in Mexico.

During World War I, he was with the light field artillery in Europe where he was made senior bandmaster of the 31st Division.

He is past commander of Hayden Y. Grubbs Camp, United Spanish War Veterans; the Military; Order of the Serpent, USWV; Crescent City Post 125, American Legion; New Orleans Lodge No 30 of the Elks Club, the local lodge of the Order of Ben Hur, the Gulf States Bandmasters Association and other organizations.

The Boehlers have two sons, Charles Edward and George W. Boehler, a daughter, Mrs. Rosa Lee Young, and seven grandchildren.

Death of Boehler

<u>Times Picayune</u> - August 13, 1958 - Ex-bandmaster taken by death.

Charles E. Boehler 87, an ex-Army bandmaster and an employee at the Fair Grounds here for nearly 30 years, died Monday at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Administration Hospital. He resided at 2753 Iberville.

A native of New Orleans, Mr. Boehler served on the Mexican border in 1915 and then as a bandmaster during World War I.

Following the war he returned to New Orleans, where he taught music until 1928. He then was employed at the Fair Grounds as a bugler.

Mr. Boehler was employed in the track's club house in later years.