

Music lovers 'had to form ~~Said~~ "MAIL" JUNE '57 an orchestra

By a Staff Reporter

The love of orchestral music has brought together a band of talented Adelaside men and women musicians.

As the Burnside Symphony Orchestra they will shortly give their second public recital.

The orchestra's debut in Pletow's "Marta" at the Norwood Town Hall recently, in association with the Adelaide Opera Group, was acclaimed.

If you are passing the Clayton Church hall any Tuesday evening you may hear it practising.

They are tremendously keen, these people. They feel they have something really

worthwhile to give the community.

"Let there be music—good music" is their theme song.

As one of the players said today: "Who can resist the lilt and the melody of the great Mendelssohn?"

"We are giving Mendelssohn at our next performance.

"Adelaide will thrill to his magnificent music."

At the moment the orchestra boasts 32 pieces.

Scientist-director

Its director is Dr. J. N. Black, an agronomist at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, and among its players are a doctor, a medical student, accountants, salesmen, and a manufacturer's representative.

"How did we manage to all meet and form the orchestra? Well, it was inevitable that we should," said a player.

"We could not go on playing as individuals. People as interested as we all are in symphony never can.

"The orchestra was conceived and born on a wave of fervor. It will continue to grow and thrive because we are one big happy family of symphony-lovers."

As its patron, the Burnside Council has helped the orchestra financially and individual councillors presented the players with a set of music stands.

Youngest is 15

The youngest member of the orchestra is a 15-year-old instrumentalist from a brass band.

Any musician living in the State—whether Australian or migrant—will be given an audition if anxious to join the orchestra.

A player said: "We will be glad to enlist new talent—particularly string players. Our objective is 50 or 60 pieces."



Dr. John Black