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Tanners Mt. Vernon's Most Musical Family

Mt. Vernon once had a family so musical that people gathered on the sidewalk and street in front of their house to listen when they sang. They were the children of A. C. and Mabel Pace Tanner, whose home was at 1202 Main.

Three sisters and three brothers would break into song that sometimes would even stop motorists or people in surries and buggies on Main street. Most of the six had musical careers and at least two are still winning acclaim, according to their kinswoman, Miss Mabel Pavey.

Latest honors for the Tanners came to Allen, New York concert pianist, whose album of a piano recital was praised in a New York Times review and featured by Schirmers in their New York music store window.

All, born in Mt. Vernon in 1898, studied piano 15 years in Paris and other European cities. He overcame the handicap of a broken right hand, suffered in an automobile accident, to win recognition as an artist.

Earl Tanner, youngest of the family, has retired from concert work and is now teaching in the Milwaukee conservatory. A tenor, he was featured several years on the Carnation radio hour and was a Chicago symphony soloist. On visits to Mt. Vernon he sang with the Presbyterian church choir as soloist when Miss Pavey was the choir director.

Arnold, who sang with the family in the home chorus, went into business in Chicago, where he now lives.

Florence, the oldest sister, sang on the stage and as soloist in St. Louis churches. She now lives in Chicago.

Winifred (Winnie) had a beautiful voice, but never sang professionally. She lives in Chicago.

Aline, the youngest, sang at the Chez Paree in Chicago and later became a secretary, now residing in San Francisco.