

CLARENCE J. BEST

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Director of Music Education  
School District of Richmond Heights  
St. Louis County, Missouri

Music

I think music and music  
education is not a Southern  
topic in our sense

I don't see anything  
outstanding in Lis affluence  
anyway. And is Southern  
music education to be  
inspired from Peabody!!

Name

Clarence J. Best

Field: Music

Director of Music Education  
School District of Maplewood and Richmond Heights  
St. Louis County, Missouri

Plan of Work

A critical survey of housing the vocal and instrumental music program in secondary schools. A selected sampling of approximately one thousand secondary schools will be used. Three main types of research will be employed: (1) questionnaire survey (2) literature and (3) visitation interview. The study will attempt to establish a basis for practical improvement of housing the secondary school music program, thus improving music education as well as the general educational program.

Wishes to attend Peabody College for Teachers for eight months beginning in May, 1943. Will work under supervision of Drs. Wolfe, Roemer and Hamon toward a Ph. D. degree. Has been admitted. Will return to present position.

Personal Data

Born Joplin, Missouri, January, 1908.  
Married. Two children.

Age: 35  
Draft: 3A

Undergraduate Work

Kansas State Teachers College, B. S., 1929.

Graduate Work

Kansas State Teachers College, M. S., 1933.  
Eastman School of Music, M. M., 1940.  
George Peabody College for Teachers, summer and fall, 1942.

Experience

Teacher, public schools, Douglass, Kansas, 1929-30, Webster Groves, Missouri, 1931-35, \$1600-\$2200; vocal music superintendent, public schools, Clayton, Missouri, 1935-37, \$2500; director of music, public schools, Maplewood and Richmond Heights, Missouri, 1937 to present, \$3000; part-time teacher, Webster College, Missouri.

Accomplishments

Phi Mu Alpha, Sinfonia.  
Phi Delta Kappa.

References

Dr. Irving Wolfe, George Peabody College  
Dr. Ray Hamon, George Peabody College  
Dr. Joseph Roemer, George Peabody College  
Dr. S. L. Smith, George Peabody College  
Mr. Giles Theilmann, St. Louis, Missouri  
Mr. E. R. Adams, St. Louis, Missouri

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1260
From Applicant	510
From Fund	\$ 750

Sent to Committee

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