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FRANK PINKERTON

# Conductor Keeps A Full Schedule

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A symphony conductor's life is inevitably a full one and Anchorage Symphony Conductor Frank Pinkerton's is no exception.

One of his biggest jobs is as orchestra co-ordinator for the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District which now spans three all-school orchestras. They are the Advanced Elementary Group, the All-

City Preparatory Orchestra and the Anchorage Youth Symphony.

In the evening, Mr. Pinkerton is Community College Assistant Professor of music teaching a adult beginning string class, adult training orchestra, and introduction to music.

The job which brings him to the stage podium is conducting the 60 member Anchorage Symphony which will open its 21st Season Friday with a formal, red carpet reception.

When asked how he could possibly carry on all these jobs at once, the conductor chuckled and commented that "They all seem to get done."

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# HALLOWEEN DANCE YOUTH IS SCHEDULED

The Alaska Mental Health Association will sponsor a benefit Halloween shindig dance Monday, 7:30-10:30 p.m. for youth and young adults.

The dance will be held at the new "Shindig City" on Muldoon Road.

The 'Pace Setters', a local organization that promotes leading youth bands of Alaska, will officiate for the benefit dance. Members of the Mental Health Association and parents will chaperone for the evening.

All proceeds will go to the program of the Alaska Mental Health Association. The co-

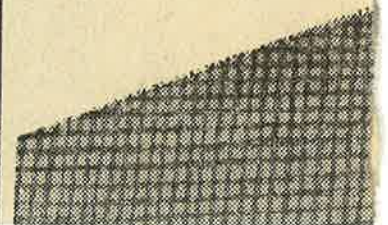
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Mr. Pinkerton, a man with a modest and friendly demeanor, was born and raised in Colorado. He attended the famed Eastern School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. receiving a bachelor's degree. A master's degree in music education was awarded him by the University of New Mexico.

As choral director for East High School, Mr. Pinkerton came to Alaska in 1963. He was also charged with a pilot program for string instruments as well as the conductorship for the symphony.

An enthusiastic hunter, Frank has bagged moose, sheep, and black bear. He also flies in his spare time and holds both land and seaplane ratings.

With his wife and five children, Pinkerton lives at 2932 Boniface Parkway.

While the violin is his major instrument, Mr. Pinkerton has spent time studying all orchestral instruments.

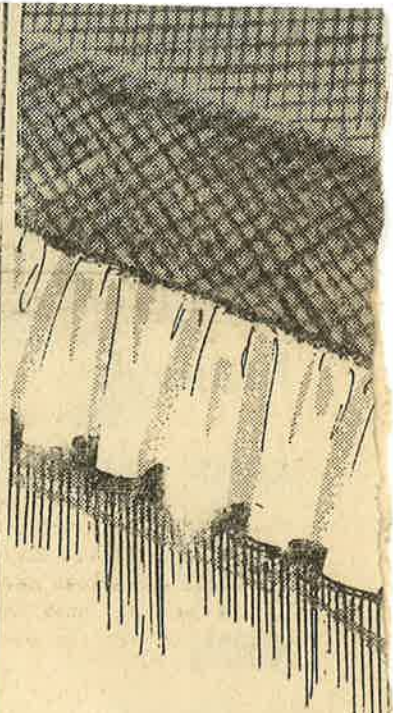
Since the Alaska Methodist University Philharmonic Orchestra has disbanded, Pinkerton sees an expansion of the present Anchorage Symphony.

"There will be an increased length of season and expansion of tour program," he said. "For instance, next week, the symphony will travel to Fairbanks for a concert. In the spring, we will go to Southeast and are considering requests form Kodiak and Kenai."

At present, the Anchorage Symphony is the only community symphony in Alaska with an annual program.

#### CLUB STUDIES WEAVING

The members of Nika Pilile Extension Homemaker's Club will learn how to weave cane for chair seats when they meet at 8 p.m., Thursday. The group will convene at the home of Mrs. Peter Suriano, 2853 Redwood Pl.



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