

PROGRESS 2007

C.L. Barnhouse celebrates 116 years of music

2007 marks the 122nd year of operation for the C. L. Barnhouse Company, and the 116th year of being headquartered in Oskaloosa. Founded in 1886 by West Virginia native Charles Lloyd Barnhouse, the C. L. Barnhouse Company stands as a worldwide leader in the educational instrumental music publishing industry.

A brilliant cornetist and aspiring composer, C. L. Barnhouse began his own publishing enterprise in Mt. Pleasant, moving two years later to Burlington, and finally settling permanently in Oskaloosa. Many of his compositions were designed for the smaller town and factory bands which populated the country in the days before radio, television, and sound recordings. In 1892, Barnhouse was hired to lead the Oskaloosa Knights of Pythias Band; this band would later be known as the Iowa

Brigade Band, and continues to this day as the Oskaloosa Municipal Band. Entirely self-taught and extraordinarily ambitious and resourceful, Barnhouse did it all, from composing to engraving his music by hand to printing and distributing it all himself. As his compositions grew in popularity, other composers found a home with the Barnhouse catalog. Karl King, whose "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" March is one of the best known and most beloved marches ever composed was one of the early C. L. Barnhouse publications.

After the death of C. L. Barnhouse in 1929, new publications designed for the educational market were first introduced. With the emergence of school band programs in the '40s and '50s, the company thrived with expanded activities in the school band market.

The C. L. Barnhouse



Company is managed on a daily basis by Chief Executive Officer Andy Clark, and Chief Operating Officer Andrew Glover. Charles L. (Chuck) Barnhouse III, grandson of the founder, serves as company President. Though retired, Chuck continues his involvement in the company on a regular basis.

The C. L. Barnhouse Company has had four homes in Oskaloosa. 305 First Ave.

East served as home for the C. L. Barnhouse Co. from 1892 until approximately 1920. At that time, Mr. Barnhouse purchased the old Oskaloosa College building on the west side of town (corner of High Avenue and South L Street,) moving the publishing company and his music studio into this spacious facility. In 1940, the company built a new home at 110 B Ave. East, which the company utilized until moving

in 1987 to its present facility. The current building, located on the north end of town, houses the business, editorial, and production offices, as well as a warehouse, order fulfillment center, and shipping facility. In 2006, www.barnhouse.com was unveiled.

While remaining an industry leader in educational instrumental music, the C. L. Barnhouse Company continues to flourish in emerging markets. In 1994, the company unveiled a subsidiary record company, Walking Frog Records. The WFR catalog features CD recordings of the finest bands, wind ensembles, jazz groups, and solo instrumental artists in the world today. The Web site www.walkingfrog.com was recently redesigned to accommodate the expanded CD catalog.

Unique among American

music publishers is Barnhouse's preservation of virtually its entire catalog of music, and its availability of over 10,000 printed music products through its Archive Series and use of in-house printing capabilities. Through its network of music retailers, publications of the C. L. Barnhouse Company are distributed to and played in countries all over the world and by bands of virtually all shapes and sizes. Proud to call Oskaloosa home, the C. L. Barnhouse Company is especially proud of its employees. Full-time staff members include Connie Lanphier, 26th year; Donnie Frey, 14th year; Janan Clark, 9th year; Diane Warwick, 9th year; Kathy Pleima, 8th year; Stephanie van Mersbergen, 5th year; Mary Beal, 5th year; and Max Maddy, 3rd year.

Shady Lodge Village an affordable, cozy place to live

Retired people or persons with disabilities who are looking for an affordable place to live need look no farther than Oskaloosa Retirement Homes Inc., Shady Lodge Village.

Oskaloosa Retirement Homes' Shady Lodge Village feature 60 units of one- and two-bedroom apartments at 1102 S. 11th St. in Oskaloosa.

"We've done a lot of improvements in the last year," Manager Patricia Harland said.

There is a 72-space parking lot for residents and guests. There's new siding on all the exteriors of the apartment buildings.

"We've put in new side-

walks," Harland added.

Shady Lodge Village is designed for persons 62 years old or older and persons with disabilities. Some features of Shady Lodge Village include on-site laundry facilities; a community center for social activities; free water, sewer and trash removal; bus service provided by SIEDA; some garden space; interior mail delivery; professional management and rental assistance is available.

The apartment units are unfurnished, except for stoves and refrigerators, Harland said.

The community center features a coin-operated laundry and post office boxes. The center hosts activities such as

Bingo and other games. Residents also hold potluck lunches at the center, Harland said.

Each apartment has a window box for residents to plant some flowers or a small garden, she said.

Pets are allowed with some restrictions — they must be spayed/neutered and have their shots. Also, residents pay a pet fee, she added.

There are two full-time employees at Oskaloosa Retirement Homes Inc./Shady Lodge Village: Manager Patricia Harland and Chuck Lowry, who provides maintenance.

There are a few guidelines to meet in order to live at Shady Lodge Village. People

must meet income guidelines, be at least 62 years old or have a disability, Harland said. Oskaloosa Retirement Homes Inc. is an equal opportunity provider.

Oskaloosa Retirement Homes has served the Oskaloosa community for 28 years.

Currently, Shady Lodge Village has about 90 residents, and there are three one-bedroom apartments available for rent. Call or stop by the community center for an application, Harland said.

Oskaloosa Retirement Homes Inc. is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. People can call 673-6323 any-time, Harland said.



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The Oskaloosa Retirement Homes Inc. Shady Lodge Village is located at 1102 S. 11th St. in Oskaloosa.

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