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BAND FROM LINCOLN ON PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT

The Lions Club program Friday night of last week was presented by people from Lincoln and was enjoyed. The second half of the program was given by the Foerster Band from Lincoln and its tuneful pieces were well received. The selections were mostly from popular music and some of the old Southern melodies were played which always find a hearty response. Alvin Foerster is the leader and the present band is the merging of members of some previous bands of Lincoln and Mannheim. Eleven of the present members are beginners, having begun playing last winter and the band was organized in March.

The membership is composed of: Alvin Foerster, leader, baritone; Louis Kissmann, bass; Ben Kappler, bass drum; Erwin Markert, snare drum; Richard Richter, Ben Nowatnick, Gus. Kieschnick, altos; Paul Schultz, Paul Dube, Walter Kieschnick, Henry Foerster, cornets; Chas. Symmank, Ernest Jenke, Herbert Symmank, clarinets; Chas. Markert, Traugott Moerbe, slide trombones. The leader Alvin Foerster who can play the bass, alto and baritone has been instructing the beginners and they are making good progress. He has been playing in the band eight years and his brother Henry has been playing five years. Ben Kappler has also been playing eight years, while Ben Nowatnick holds the record for having played in a band twenty-two years. The original band at Lincoln was organized thirty-two years ago by George Meyer who was a skilled musician, but he left in 1902 for Dallas, and Mr. Friedrich Foerster then was leader for a while.

The late John Philip Sousa said that the town band was an institution that America should support, cherish and appreciate because it promotes much co-operation and pride and does much to make life better.