

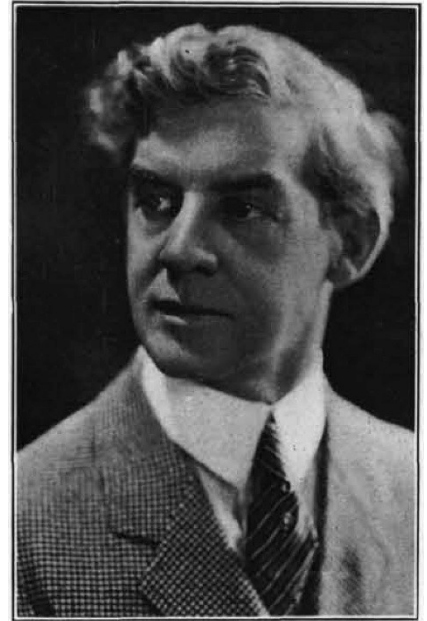
Henton – Knecht Music

Philadelphia

- 1877 H. Benjamin (Benne) Henton is born in Illinois (census).
- 1884 Albert Aloysius Knecht is born in Conahohocken, PA.
- 1905-1919 Knecht & Henton play saxophone in Sousa's band.
- 1920 Henton-Knecht Music Store, #1734 Market St., Phila.
- 1922 H-K also have a music Conservatory at the store which moves to #24 South 18th St. in September; Conn dealer.
- 1924 #1734 Market St (*MTR* article).
- 1925 Ad has them at #110 South 17th St with the Conservatory (they may have had two locations at this time).
- 1926 The Conservatory is at #1714 Chestnut St. They are leasing added quarters at #24 S. 18th (*MTR*).
- 1929 The store is at #24 S. 18th St (*MTR*).
- 1938 Henton dies & the store changes to Knecht's Music Store.
- 1942 The store is at #24 S. 18th St.
- 1953 Albert Knecht is the last living member of the Sousa band that travelled the world in 1911. Store still at #24 S. 18th St.
- 1954 Knecht dies and the store likely closes.

The Henton-Knecht store was always a Conn and Pan-American dealer even into the 1950s. There are many brass instruments labeled "Benal" model, which is their two names combined, and probably all Conn or Pan-American stencil horns. They never would have made their own. These date to the 1920 to 1938 period. (Horn-u-copia.net)

The two portraits are from a 1927 *Music Trade Review* article.



H. Benne Henton



Albert A. Knecht

