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CHICKEN OR THE EGG IN AGAIN

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Authors' Widows, Pic Firms Claim Ownership of Renewal Rights to Play Copyrights

Legal Tussle Looms; World Rights Make Even Lawyers Yell

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Big clinker that take advantage of her rights under the is casting its shadow over the business law, if the writer dies the new copyright life of many a motion pic exec is ques- is definitely a brand-new grant and the tion of who owns copyright renewal rights after author of a play or other movie script dies. Right now, the controversy is as heated as a red-hot coal because many movie companies are haggling with or being sued by brainwrackers' widows over some scripts that were sold for chicken feed when the movie biz was hatching.

(first 28 years) a flicker company may make three or four different film versions of a script. Even tho the typewriter-pounders die in the interim, pic outfits claim they have the right to renew the copyright (for another 28 years) because authors have sold them renewal rights. But the legal masterminds say "it ain't necessarily so."

That's What They Said

The legal engles say quote: Despite the fact that an author agrees to renew

widow is free to put the play on sale in the open market-if this was not so. what use would it be for the widow to renew the copyright since her actual benefits would be nil?-unquote.

Under present-day contracts, the literati sell unexpired period of original copyright, plus right to renew and the world rights to property. If a writer During original term of a copyright dies before expiration of original 28-year term, law holds that copyright for remainder of term passes to party specified in author's will or to next of kin. If a pic company owns the property, however, it still retains rights for rest of the original 28-year term. But the renewal rights-if author dies before the copyright is renewed-passes to those specified in the law-the widow, or if she is dead, the children.

The law was intended the protect the widow and children so they could make a few bucks on the copyright when husband's support is no longer available. Thus, new copyright is interpreted as a brand-new grant subject to none of the deals that the husband might have made during his lifetime. Sometimes, the movie companies play foxy and get the wife to agree to renew copyright before they buy the property from the husband. If the fem agrees, she's got to renew in their favor.

Add Eligibilities

NEW YORK, May 28.-Besides the hundreds of actors and artists who were listed in the current Donaldson Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Theater list, the following performers are eligible for awards this ScaSon:

"The Late George Apley" Roger Newcombe Percy Waram "A Bell for Adano" Bill Monroe......Rer King Father Pensobecchio.....*Leon Rothier

Symph Orks Still Building **Red Balances** \$1,730,950 Deficit

PHILADELPHIA, May 28 .- The existence of symphonic music in this country still depends largely upon gifts, special campaigns to raise funds and bequests. Even the Little Flower has his symph aches. A composite financial report of 18 major symphony orchestras shows that the musical groups, at the end of this season, faced an operational deficit of \$1,730,950. The figures were announced last Wednesday (23) at the annual meeting of the symphony ork (See Symphony Orks on page 21)

What Gets \$\$ **Is Question**

Main-Stem check-up indicates home office knows whereabouts of all change

By Bill Smith

NEW YORK, May 28 .- The problem of what makes the customers put it on the line at the box office has always plagued theater men. They know, in general, that good entertainment will fill the house.

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But what goes into this "good entertainment" is what makes for stomach ulcers.

That a stageshow will draw has been established time and again. But what piece of the gross comes from flesh and what from the screen has never been answered.

Maybe it's because nobody really knows which comes first. It is another one of those chicken and the egg gags, with both sides claiming they are the pullersin.

Flesh Shows Budgeted

the copyright on his play in favor of a movie company, despite the fact that the scripter may have made all kinds of commitments to the pic firm, and despite the fact that his widow does not

Early Return In Donaldson **Awards** Vote

Poles Close June 10

NEW YORK, May 28.—Opening gun signaling the start of the balloting for the Second Annual Donaldson Awards for outstanding achievement in the theater, was fired last Tuesday (22) with the delivery of eligibility books and ballots to the casts and crews of all Stem playhouses. Already, a substantial vote has been received at the offices of the Reuben H. Donnelly Corporation, the tabulators, and more are pouring in daily.

As previously reported in The Billboard, the local stage managers agreed this year to make themselves responsible for the distribution of the ballots to their own companies and crews, so a sufficient number were sent to each to cover his requirements. From current returns, it is evident that the system is a vast improvement over last year's when it was attempted to reach all actors and stage crews individually by mail.

Others By Mail

The above, of course, applies only to theater folk actively engaged on the Stem. All others will receive their ballots by mail via their respective unions, each of which has given the Donaldson Awards enthusiastic approval. Equity Council has gone on record for unqualified support of the theater's own "Oscars" and has authorized prexy Bert Lytell to add his personal endorsement which has been included with each ballot. All of these should be in the hands of even the most distant voters this week and give ample time for return by June

(See EARLY RETURN on page 35)

Clear as Mud

Ploture companies have another little angle that they ring in on the widow. Script sold by husband gives them world rights forever providing the author has foreign copyrights. These world rights are wholly independent of the U.S. copyright laws, leaving her powerless (See Authors' Widows on page 15)

AFM Local 802 **Elections Reach** NY Supreme Court

NEW YORK, May 26.-Long-awaited semi-climax in running battle, which has son." been going on since last December, between officers of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, and the defeated candidates of the so-called Unity 802 elections, has finally arrived. The lid will be blown off in a suit filed in New York Supreme Court this week by Calmen Fleisig, defeated Unity candidate for 802 presidency, and 19 others against James C. Petrillo, AFM prexy; Jacob (See LOCAL 802 BATTLE on page 35) ter, netting \$63,983.

Unions Claim **Butch Nuts on** Who Lost What

NEW YORK, May 28.-After hearing Mayor La Guardia call them "screwy," unreasonable and responsible for the \$35,908 second-year deficit, during the annual meeting of the City Center Incorporators at the Lotos Club, both the stagehands (Local 1, IATSE) and Local 802 of the Musicians' Union hit back at Butch in a statement to The Billboard today. William Feinberg, secretary of 802, claimed "every rule has an economic reason. The mayor is not the judge as to whether the rules are justified. Probably if he would take the trouble to go into the matter he would find the rea-

Over at the deckhands, John Mac-Dowell, stagehands' secretary, said: "I don't know what he's talking about. No issues have come up. It must be some-Party over the validity of the last two thing he's been told. There are no disputes between us."

> Musicals which failed to make dough put the Center behind the eight-ball.

Harriet. The Cherry Orchard, Little Women, You Can't Take It With You, The Merry Widow and La Vie Parisienne Rosenberg, Local 802 president; William were the big money-makers for the Cen-

The Billboard made a survey of Stem houses to see if it could find the answer. It discovered that despite general opinion to the contrary, flesh shows are budgeted altho the budget may be flexible. It has also concluded that weak pictures and strong stageshows may save the gross but takes will be nothing to boast about. The ideal combo is a strong stage bill and a strong picture. Together they make for grins when the money is counted.

The biggest single item, all the theater men agree, is the flicker and its cost. First-run houses get their screen fare on a percentage which may run anywhere from 35 per cent to 50 per cent, with the (See What-Brings-'Em-In on page 29)

'Othello' Pulls In \$, Doesn't Sell Legiters

Road Needs Theater

NEW YORK, May 26 .- With its New York road show stop at City Center, the Theater Guild's Othello passes 1,000,000 buck b. r. from its travels. It played 46 cities with auditoriums seating 5,000 to 6,000 s. r. o. It did a top job for the cast with Paul Robeson, 1944 Donaldson Award winner, in on the take and the Theater Guild larding up the treasury for that season ahead that may not be too hot.

Many theater fans who want the road to come back point to the Othello tour and other tours like Helen Hayes, etc., as being ideal ways to snafu the future of touring legit. They claim that onenighters in giant auditoriums, where the actors are smaller than they'd be even in a giant screen house, will chase away the men who are dragged to the "class" footlight pitches only to go away assured that the theater is decadent and "not-for-me."

Paul Robeson's tour has improved his playing of the Moor but the same tour (See "Othello" Pulls in \$ on page 35)

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Local Programing Hedges Postwar

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Stations Go. Live in Hopes

Nets delivering - so if Hoopers n. g. percolators know home stuff is nix

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Grass-roots station operators in nearly every section of the country, according to a check made by The Billboard last week, are taking increasing cognizance of the importance



of local programing and are beginning to give advertisers more for their dollars than the usual pattern of platter and chatter. Increasingly, thruout the last six months, pot boilers and powerhouses alike are looking over their skeds,

taking stock of their product and, most important, spending money to improve it.

The reasons for the conversion are several-fold, according to leaders in the trade, but the most important point is the sharpened battle which radio men in the industry in the highly competitive post-war period. Grass-roots radio is beelsewhere in this section) it is beginning Stresses War Bond show with 18-piece ork straight disk shows as previously, but no future reports. to do something about it. With blackand-white salesmen polishing their axes, with several large advertisers already planning cuts in their AM (standard broadcasting) dollar and with the boys across the street getting smart, local guys are waking up to the fact that they must improve the most important factor in their kits-the program.

merly zipped pockets and that long unused brains are beginning to turn.

Two New York Indies and Shows In New York the two top-ranking indies program-wise, WMCA and WNEW, are constantly adding new live shows, commercial and public service, to their skeds. Neither has more than four hours of recorded shows a day and both have built hep program departments. Net stations-WEAF-NBC, WABC-CBS, WJZ-Blue, WOR-MBS-are all taking most of the web shows and consequently can't be considered in the survey. Other stations, particularly WLIB and WQXR, formerly strictly disk outlets, are under new ownership, building more and more live shows, Even WHN, which makes a pot of dough out of disk jockeys and e. t. spot after e. t. spot, has thrown together a few newies.

Fort Worth: Talent shortage caused WBAP and KGKO to produce many programs in recent months with local talent. The stations' staff ork of 16 pieces composed of local talent is broken down into units that supply special music for all sorts of commercials.

"In using local live talent, we are short on dazzling personalities but what we have makes splendid fill-ins and fills a bad gap caused by manpower shortage," said Ed Lally, program topper for WBAP and KGKO.

The trend difinitely is turning to local live talent, declared Zack Hurt, KFJZ program director.

Portland, Ore.: Two stations, expect from other media and rivals with- KOIN and KALE, are enthusiastic in using live talent for local programs, while one, KEX, is moving to transcripcoming increasingly cognizant of the fact tions and dropping live shows. Other that the bonanza can't continue and three, KGW, KEX and KWJJ are lukeunlike the big brains on Madison Avenue warm or chilly toward, idea. KOIN and Vine Street (see Good Living story stepped up live shows last six months.

Up Comes Foster

NEW YORK, May 28 .-- Cedric Foster's Sunday evening newscast for Employers' Group Insurance Company rates a great deal higher than indicated in the Annual Four-Network Talent Cost Index in the issue of The Billboard May 26. It seems that the statistical experts who did the computing took the daily across-theboard figure for C. F. rather than the Holy Day one-shot B.R. and thus pushed him down on the list to No. 73 when he should have been No. 3 with the following tab:

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doing	okay but defin	itely.	

and singers. A Northwest Neighbors program with 16 pieces and interviewers and Song of the Columbia with 50 in cast. Keeps close consultation with agencies and clients and finds more agency-placed programs being aired. Swaps ideas. Its Veterans' Bulletin Board show drew queries from stations in Montana and Nevada. Participates in roundrobin on Coast, by which any outstanding shows are waxed and passed around. KALE has been stepping up live shows. Recently added two fem singers and maintains staff of five to promote live acts. Not much recent advance in consulting clients and agencies and shun idea of swapping hunches.

one local station reports not many clusions that can be drawn only from

terrific demand on part of clients for live shows. At present, three live shows a day, consisting of music, with vocalist on one show. Balance, plenty chain live shows. Recently local ballroom began airing music, soon to add impromptu interviews with dance patrons. Another program director said station, tho maintaining staff musicians, relys chiefly on chains for live shows.

A third program director of branch of Racine, Wis., station, with studios in Milwaukee, reports Racine station presents four live talent shows a day, five days a week, with shows emanating from station proper; Milwaukee studio presents two live shows a day; one, religious musical, with talk; also aired on Wisconsin Network; other local live show consists Western folk songs.

State stations turning more live talent. but at present chiefly chain stuff. All by law have some musicians on staff. Some State stations use more life stuff than others outside Milwaukee.

Local State and national agencies, clients and ops agree WTMJ-WMFM, Milwaukee Journal radio station, "big time," definitely Main Street in local programing-and that this has been true for several years, that improvements constantly are made along these lines. Live music, news and drama have been a must with this station.

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WTMJ has 18 men on musical staff now and has had 14 constantly since 1929.

San Francisco: A slight upswing in local programing over last year's level is being noted, with news broadcasts jumping far ahead. Whether the shift is a definite trend toward more live Milwaukee: Program director of shows being produced here awaits con-

Washington Ogled

In addition, station men are casting a weather eye toward Washington, where the FCC, in the person of its boss, Paul Porter, has already served notice that license renewals won't be so easily come by as in the past. The FCC has indicated that it's interpretation of radio's basic raison d'etre, "In the public interest" won't be quite as broad as before. What the Commission wants, and what it can get if it wishes to turn on the thumb screws, is improved programing. And that means more than just spit and platters. Tipped off to the FCC's new toughness, station guys from Portland, Me., to San Diego, Calif., are loosening their purse strings and sharpening up the logs. If they don't, that brief asking for a license renewal will have to have more weighty words than the shows that used to drive away listeners.

Not only are the stations improving their shows on their own hook, but they are also beginning to go to agencies and clients for advice and counsel. The lad who formerly put on anything at all simply because it was cheap, now treks over to his town's agency alley, hat in hand, and asks the 15 percenters what they think of the shows and how they can be improved.

Ideas Swapped

But these two factors are being followed up by an even better one, one that has old-timers in the biz wondering if they are having hallucinations. Not only are stations hypoing shows and consulting the agencies, but they have gone so far as to sit down with other stations outside their own areas to swap program and promotion ideas. In those long crosscountry junkets, the boys are sitting down with their opposite numbers in other towns and spilling their ideas in return for what the other lads are doing.

A check of 20 or more important markets, with a very few exceptions, shows that the grass-roots are on the upswing,



special events men are steaming over the repeated brushoffs handed them by army public relations officers. Pot boiled over this past week when army staged a press conference for General Hodges, commanding officer of the U.S. First Army fresh back from Germany, with invites going only to press and photographers.

Squawks, led by Dave Driscoll of WOR, were so vociferous, the army came thru with an apology for assigning an inexperienced officer to handle the event. But local men feel it's about time the army stopped fumbling the radio end of its public relations set-up.

To local station men assigned to the European Theater of Operations as correspondents, this lack of radio savvy and the blunt brushoff is nothing new. To radio men at home the past army ignorings were tolerated because program schedules were chockful of commercial time.

Time to Beef

But, when one of the best news values of the war comes home and radio is refused permission to set up its mikes, then, as one special events man put it, "It's time for us to beef. Especially when the navy and the First Air Force have been on their toes in keeping us posted and making facilities available."

Another station man pointed out that army pros didn't advise them of the Hodges press conference until after WOR had registered its beef-and even then the invite, in at least two instances, was phoned to the wrong department at the station-by which time it was too late for the station to do anything but a rewrite for its next news program.

Alibi Snafu

Army pros showed their lack of savvy when one of them tried to alibi the snafu by explaining "we always notify the wire services and ask them to notify the radio stations." Apparently, the that tax dollars are coming out of for- khaki flacks don't know that the wire as to indie radio importance.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Local news and services serve newspapers, have special subsidiaries to service radio. One indie newsman asking if the G.I. publicist notified the daily newspapers via wire services, got a blank stare.

> Consensus of opinion among indie special events men is that army pros, in addition to being radio nitwits, are tangled in their own tape and overlapping commands. Locally the army has pros for the Second Service Command, Port of Embarkation, Special Service and a unit representing pro headquarters in Washington.

"Unofficial" Conference

All of them, claim station men, ignore radio, since network contacts are handled in Washington and know nothing about non-web operations. Payoff on the Hodges incident was the attempt of the Washington-assigned pro to explain to radio men that "this is just a little press conference that's supposed to be unofficial."

Yet, network radio execs, the wire services and big daily papers with sizable out-of-New York circulation covered while non-web locals were cold-shouldered.

Station men can understand army's desire to safeguard the big publicity blow-off planned for Hodges' arrival in Atlanta-his home town. What they can't understand is how local radio coverage could adversely affect these plans if local press coverage didn't do likewise,

Navy and air force, unlike army, goes out of its way to staff its pro with people who know their way around. Thus navy keeps local indies posted on all events, current and coming-up, leaves it to the station to cover if it so desires; likewise the navy works deftly with special events men trying to set-up exclusive shows. And First Air Force has Corp. Dick Pack, ex-WOR and WNYC flack, who comes acalling on stations to see that they are satisfied.

Only the army seems to be in the fog

Within the last six months KGO-Blue has added two live shows locally, Union Square, a dramatic production, and I See By the Papers, a commentary conducted by Dean Banta along lines of the late Will Rogers.

Experimental programs along co-op lines struck a high mark during the World Security Conference. Best example is the KSFO link with KPAS, Pasadena, Calif., which is to remain permanent. Deal is expected to develop some further talent exchange, with a proportionate number of shows originating here.

KYA, local indie, and KFWB, Hollywood, have and still are doing a bang-up job on the Conference coverage. Link, however, will be severed when parley ends or when KYA sale is okayed, whichever comes first. KFRC and KQW, which are fed by Mutual and CBS, respectively, have no plans to up their talent budgets, relying almost entirely on the chains.

KPO-NBC remains about 15 per cent locally produced. Newly added are Bob O'Brien, Chronicle columnist, who reports on doings around San Francisco. and Stars in the Making, which has Edna. Fischer. Management plans no talent boost. The small watters are still throwing shows together out of talks and records.

FT. Worth-Dallas: Ralph H. Maddox, WFAA and KGKO, latter American Blue, has 175 local live programs a week at present, had 150 before war. Practically no national sustaining shows. No great effort being made to beam live shows than previously. Always progressive in this direction. Dart for Dough program, originated by WFAA, sponsored by Dr. Pepper, broadcast locally for long time before being switched to Hollywood. Live Early Bird show on WFAA, one of oldest breakfast hours on air, celebrated 15 years recently, has high comparative Hooper and was springboard to bigtime for whistler Fred Lowery, cinema actress Nancy Gates, emsee Eddie Dunn and singer Dale Evans. Agencies always co-operative with both stations.

KRLD business better with 96 live local shows weekly, plus 37 recorded programs with personality stars. Before war 30 per cent less live shows were beamed. One new live show starting next month called Vignettes to run coincidentally with outdoor operetta season and to fea-

(See Nets Deliver on page 10)

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ChiBlueSetTo Produce Segs For C-to-C Net Windy City Misses 'Em

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Move is under way here to have local Blue program department, under the direction of Gene Rouse, produce more and more programs for the net. Move got under way, it is said, when Hubbell Robinson came in as vice-president in charge of programs and got further impetus when Ardian Samish was made national production director.

Samish has told Rouse that there is no reason to believe that all the net's shows should originate from the East or West Coasts. He wants the Blue boys here to feel that they are an important programing element of the web.

It must be admitted in the interest of accuracy, however, that to date Blue here has done little in the way of originating top-notch drama shows. Writing talent, principally, and acting talent, to some extent, just isn't here for bigtime net dramatic productions.

Musicals First

For that reason Rouse is concentrating on creating musical and variety shows. Proof of the pudding is the fact that June 4 Blue will start from here a Monday thru Friday (12:30 to 1 p.m., CWT) a new series to be titled Chicago Varieties. Show will use Rex Maupin's orchestra, comedy routines and prominent guest stars.

Queer twist about this show and other Blue shows originated here is that many of them are not heard locally. This happens because WENR, local Blue o and o station shares frequency with WLS, Blue affiliate here. Because of this fact some of the Blue shows originated here are transcribed and rebroadcast locally at a getting a Blue sponsor, become one of the later time. It's a Hit, started April 7. This guiz show is the first half hour of Blue's Saturday 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. hour slanted at the bobby soxers. Second half comes from New York.

T'ings Is Tough!

NEW YORK, May 28 .- The boys in Colbec's, the poor man's Louis and Armand's, were talking the other day about the talent shortage. One hep character, trying to prove his point that everybody is getting splinters from scraping the bottom of the barrel, pointed to three new pieces of talent which the William Morris Office has acquired.

"Just imagine," he said, "t'ings is so tough that the Morris Office has taken on Harriet Van Horne (the World-Telegraph radio ed), and two spavined Billboard staffers." The guy got a laugh, but it turned out to be on him when it was learned that the first job the Morris Office had done for Miss Van Horne was to peddle an article on tele to Crowell-Colier for 500 bucks. But The Billboard staffers, part of a three-horse parlay, are still eating off press agents.



NEW YORK, May 28 .- Ford Motor Car Company will return its Sunday Evening Hour, featuring, uncredited, the Detroit Symphony, to the air this fall. Show will go 8-9 p.m., Sunday, on the Blue.

Commercials will not follow the institutional pattern that has been the Ford pitch for the past three years but will rather be aimed at creating a demand for cars which will be available in about a year.

The Detroit long-hair outfit will, in

Eds Ask 'Personalized' Stuff 'Screened Material,' Less **Multigraphing; Nix 'Dreams'**

Press Agentry's Getting Tougher and Tougher

NEW YORK, May 26.-In attempting to compilate the sundry plaints and pleasures of the nation's working radio editors, as expressed in The Billboard's Eighth Annual Radio Publicity Survey (see The Billboard, dated May 26), one familiar gripe is outstanding. That is the scribes' need for prompt and efficient and never-failing program listing corrections.

No matter the area or the size of the ed's sheet and despite everything that radio's flacks have attempted, there are still editors being left on a limb with incorrect listings. Much thought has been given this problem, many devices have been applied, much progress has been made, but fluffs still occur and editors

Editor-By-Editor

Editor-by-editor here are some of the more valuable comments, where the scribe has permitted his name is used.

Herschell Hart of Detroit News thinks network and ad agency press departments can improve their service by giving the complete story, filling in the loopholes, leaving nothing to question; it may be tough but the editor has to think of his reader. Indie p.a.'s should, Hart feels, act as reporters for the editors rather than just sending overwritten stories about their own clients. He'd like their copy particular Hart likes word pictures of the stars at home, at work, at play-the little unimportant things that establish a bond between player and audience.

Kirsner Bow

Inez Gerhard of the Western Newspaper

The radio ed of a metropolitan daily would like to see the nets using legmen, to cover the shows, who can spot a good story and get it to the editor in a hurry. For ad agencies the advice is to "get rid of the idiots who love to use the telephone." And the indie press agents get the following hosing:

"Some of them could go back to school and learn English. Others could go into some other business. Others try to sell a story, not on its merit, but because 'I need this badly.' " For local stations the top is "Again . . . get some ex-newsmen on the staff."

One New England daily column wants, from the nets, 200-word profiles, plus pix, of lesser known performers. He rated J. W. Thompson first because their copy was fast, accurate and dependable. Earle Ferris's copy is:

"Manna from Heaven. It's timely, chatty and comprehensive. Give a columnist a batch of his green sheets, a pot of paste and a pair of shears and he has little to worry about. His staff is always on the ball."

Personalized Service

Ben Gross, Radio Editor The New York Daily News, suggests web and agency press agents could improve their service by (a) more personalized service to individual editors; (b) keeping on the alert for spot news stories; (c) shortening reto be so good it just had to be used. In leases; (d) eliminating a lot of useless junk which now finds its way to the wastebasket. For the other flacks he recommends (a) more accurate releases; (b) eliminate junky releases; (c) keep eyes peeled for news that does not relate to their own clients.

Another bigtime daily editor wants:

Blue Chi Sked

In addition, new Blue shows started here since the new exec regime went into power in New York are programs by singers Don Milton (9:30 to 9:45 Monday thru Friday), Boyce Smith (12:30 to 12:45 p.m., Monday thru Friday) and Dorothy Claire (3:15 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday). And April 7 it also started Jim McWilliam's Ask it Basket quiz, aired Saturdays from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Of course, in addition to these, Blue continues to air from here, shows it had on the air months ago.

About a month ago Blue here started airing for the net a variety program featuring on Saturdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m., Harry Kogen's orchestra and singer Nancy Evans. Of Blue's special programs after President Roosevelt's death, eight were originated here.

As part of his plans for the future (for which he has some new shows planned) Rouse also intends to concentrate on building up personalities like Milton, Evans, Smith and Claire. For he realizes the limitation of top name talent here and he's out to discover new names and then give them a bang-up build-up.

first symphony orks to be bank-rolled on Another Blue show aired from here is two webs at the same time. Outfit is also backed by Reichholt Chemicals on Mutual Saturday nights. J. Walter Thompson will handle the seg for Ford.

Parkyarkarkus, Quiz Replaces for O. G. 'Which', Lloyd Show

NEW YORK, May 28.-Lennen & Mitchell ad agency last week set replacements for the two Old Gold shows, sliding a gadget quiz, Detect and Collect, into the Which Is Which slot on CBS (Wednesday, 9:30-10 p.m.) and a comedy seg, Meet Me at Parky's into the NBO time now filled by Harold Lloyd's Comedy Theater (10:30-11 p.m., Sunday). The quiz preems June 13 and Parky's June 17.

Detect and Collect will feature film star Wendy Barrie and Fred Uttal as emsees with a few new gimmicks and expensive prizes to jazz things up. Meet Me at Parky's, situation comedy program, brings back to the air Parkyarkarkus, vet stooge. Detect will originate from New York and Parky from the West their ability to furnish him with info de-Coast.

Union points out that different radio edltors use different kinds of material; that flacks would do better to screen material before submitting instead of sending too much and too useless. Ethel Kirsner, of CBS, came in for a bouquet, here.

Bill Ladd, The Louisville Courier-Journal, fingers a network which sends its release in duplicate addressed to last two predecessors:

"Indicating they care so little what I need or use net hasn't read column in over three months. You would think local stations would tell them." He suggests "There can be too many (radio columns for flacks) not to give them a little personalized thought and treatment. Indie p. a.'s for radio acts on tour should," he thinks, "be beating their brains out trying to find some angle which would get local editors' interest instead of sending out mimeos."

Dream Factory

Mary Little, of Des Moines Register-Tribune, with a morning and evening column, is hampered by the dream copy that comes from all flacks.

"Less hokum and more news. More facts, less fancy. It would be better to write for newspapers rather than for the amazement of the client."

One of the oldest, in experience and service, radio eds calls for fewer handouts in more condensed form. Web paperies, in particular, should curtail handouts in deference to paper shortage; ditto the indie pulpers where his votes went for

spite their copy which floods his desk.

P&G Buys Tues. Chesterfield Slot

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Procter & Gamble has bought the 7:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesday strip on CBS which is being vacated by Chesterfield and will preem a new show August 20. Product and exact format for the P&G show have not been set; Dancer, Fitzgerald & Sample Agency is handling the biz.

continuous half-hour evening strip on Columbia since the new slot follows the Jack Kirkwood Show at 7-7:15. Compton Agency handles the latter program. Understood that half hour will give P&G a hefty rebate on time costs.

Time and Amos 'n' Andy May Not Wait for Lever Bros.

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Amos 'n' Andy, have a firm offer from Wheelock for a for about two years a Lever Bros.' property, returns to Campbell Soups and the Wars Wheelock Agency next fall if Lever can't find a more suitable time for the boys and meet their new salary demands. Trade rumor has it that A and A, currently being replaced for the summer by Acquisition of the time gives P&G a Dunninger, are extremely dissatisfied with their present time (NBC, 10-10:30). feeling that it has shaved their Hooperatings.

> In addition, they are asking a salary boost which Lever is reluctant to pay. If they can't get what they want, they it.

CBS spot. Many in the trade feel that Lever won't let A and A get away principally because F. A. Countway, soaper's prexy, thinks they're the greatest show in radio.

The time difficulty is one which Lever has recognized for some time and which was, in fact, the basis of the talked-about NBC show shifts last winter. Countway set off the gun on the thing, which assumed fantastic proportions (seven shows to be shoved around and two to come from CBS), when he demanded that Niles Trammell do something about

"Less multigraphing and more typewriting; more factual stories, less imagination."

Add it all up and the answer to the flacks is: "The better you are the better you've gotta be." 'To which the editors will probably want to say: "For every good press agent there are three duds." It's a tough life.

Pacific Coverage Tougher Than ETO, Stan Maxted Says

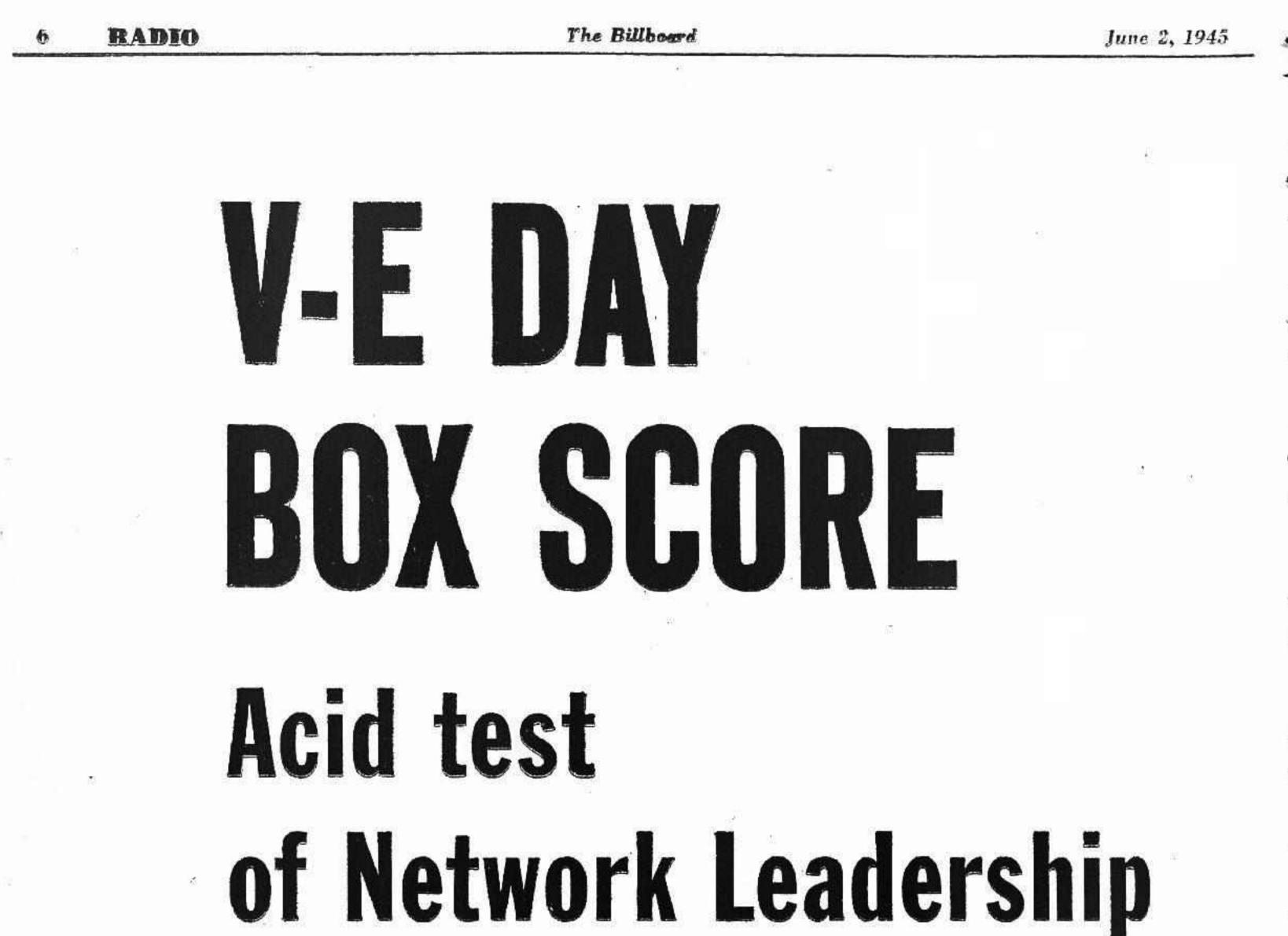
NEW YORK, May 26 .- Covering the war in the Pacific stacks up as a tougher assignment than reporting the war in Europe in the opinion of Stanley Maxted. CBC and BBC war correspondent now en route to Guam. Covering the ETO was really a radio man's dream, as the news was only 25 miles, the width of the channel away. In the Pacific, distance is figured in thousands of miles.

Actually, while radio did a fine job in Europe, it never did the job it could have, and wanted, done. What radio required, and never got, from the military in the ETO was someone with a Sam Goldwyn touch, someone interested in seeing that things were done instead of concentrating on the opposite.

Maxted went along with other correspondents from the ETO in cogitating on what might have been done as compared to what was done in covering and reporting the war in Europe. In the Pacific, the crack BBC correspondent anticipated the same problems plus the added headache of distance. And, unlike the Continent, where BBC-London could be reached in one short transmission, the Pacific broadcasts will have to go thru three and perhaps four bottlenecks before being aired by BBC.

Nutrex Buys 5-Minute, 5X, A Week News Spot on Blue

NEW YORK, May 28 .- The Nutrex Company, sponsors of Monday Morning Headlines on the Blue, Sunday, 7:15-7:30, following Drew Pearson, has bought a five-a-week five-minute strip on the web from 10:25-10:30. Company will spot in news with Don Goddard, who also does the Sunday show. The five-minute strip is the one which was canceled by Quaker Oats when they bought Ladies Be Seated.



The daily flow of audience toward a network is ordinarily weighted by a few exceedingly popular programs broadcast on certain regular evenings of the week.

Thus top Monday night listening ordinarily "belongs" to Columbia. Tuesday leans to another network

But Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8 were not "ordinary" days. The crisis, especially on Tuesday, swept aside familiar programs and their established "ratings"... made each network stand squarely on its own feet ... thus put relative network performance to the acid test.

Hooper measured audience intensively throughout those two days in four great and widely-dispersed urban areas: New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco. The balance of physical facilities in those cities, taken as a group, was by no means slanted to favor CBS. Here are the Hooper findings:

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Throughout the white heat of the climax of war in Europe, CBS swept ahead of all other networks – and stayed there!

Any seasoned appraiser of radio's values would perhaps have predicted that CBS would lead naturally on Monday night. It did. CBS led by a margin of from 22% to 128% over the other three networks. Maybe that was just because people followed their regular Monday night habits of listening. Maybe. But on V-E Day itself:

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Too Much "Good Living"; So Radio Has Competitive Battle Ahead, But Definitely

Biz Stops Upward Spiral; Other Media Boys Sniping

By Lou Frankel

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Radio operators have gone soft from a steady dict of lush times, in the opinion of several of the industry's top long-range thinkers, and may find themselves too fat around the waist and head to stand the competitive battle that is brewing unless they get a hold of themselves and back to the basic biz which made them their bundle. namely AM radio. Too many of the onetime big brains are worrying about FM and television, while at the same time letting their broadcasting 'bread and butter slump off from lack of executive planning and control.

Wrong Worries

The long-view lads claim to see the webs and stations sitting on their suet, with few exceptions, and worrying about everything but media competition, business recession and lack of talent. They see some of the more important segments of radio in a position not unlike that of the stock market before black Friday; and this is the substance of their figuring:

Despite the end of the war in Europe, the basic customers in radio, namely food, drug, tobacco, are in a tougher spot than ever as far as product is concerned. Rawstuffs allotments are being cut deeper, manpower availabilities are still low, labor costs are still high, package materials are still rationed, OPA rostrictions are not easing, cuts in war production have not been eased by increased consumer manufacturing, hence unemployment in certain areas is on the up, to which must be added troops being discharged. Add it up, and manufacturers are finding themselves having to cut distribution.

age allotted to print media the sponsors and agencies will be trying to put some dough into FM and video just to build time franchises as they did in AM radio. For the FM and video drum has been beat so hard by AM execs that the oldline radio users will feel they have to drop part of their advertising dollar in these futures just in case they do click.

Web Hurdles, Too

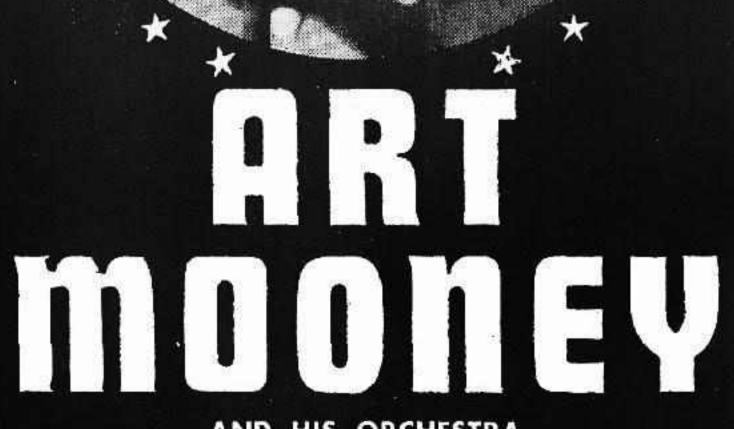
Nor is that all. The seers see tough times ahead for the webs, NBC and CBS in particular, as well. Right now, they reason, NBC and CBS are about as high as they can go. American and Mutual can go no lower. The only way is up.

With Kobak and LaRoche sparking the two lean-bellied nets they figure to climb surprisingly high in the next year at the expense of NBC and CBS. Furthermore, if the clear-channel hearings before the FCC nick NBC and CBS, then the edge these two webs have over Mutual and American will be narrowed and will result in keener competition for a smaller advertising dollar.

Empty Foresight

What really worries the deep thinkers is the lack of foresight, as they see it, on the part of big-shot radiomen where programs are concerned. They see the grassroots radio operators hustling to improve their programs (see other columns in this issue), while the soft-stomachs in broadcasting have done nothing.

They point to the lack of new talent as a tip-off that the nets are muffing the ball. No new names, no new ideas are around main stems of programing. To the far-seeing gentry this adds up to sated audiences. And it all adds up to trouble for radio unless its big-shots go back to the fundamentals, which is the sunny side of this negative thesis. For every one of the long-view lads is certain that once tion reps are puzzling over dips in profit the chips are down the boys who made figures of client stations. Of course, no their bundle in broadcasting will get back in front of the eight-ball and push their business back to the top of the competitive heap. What has them worried is the way radio is not preparing for the fight. When the fight comes, and it must, The answer is found in spot buyers they deduce, radio will have casualties it might have avoided by keeping its powder dry, its bullet-pouch loaded, and its competitive instinct keen.



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This in turn leads to curtailed advertising appropriations. And already staone is red-inking yet, and maybe they won't, but it's worth noting that several client stations which consistently notched gain over gain are finding themselves up only, say, 10 per cent instead of 22 per cent.

who are cutting down to keep pace with dips in sales, dips in available merchandise. Typical is the case recently of one cosmetic account; and on the webs the noontime Kate Smith show has cut its network in the past month from 117 to 67 stations. Ratings had nothing to do with the cut.

Cuts Mean "Looking Around"

With these inevitable cuts in appropriations, the key thinkers see prime radio customers as susceptible to the sales pitches of competitive media. It's the old vicious circle. It starts with the radio advertiser cutting his radio budget. His biz was going to slump anyway because he hasn't got the merchandise, but that doesn't figure in the figuring.

What does figure is that the black and white media boys, who have been sharpnot been doing-come in and talk how "the big bundle you've been spending in radio when you didn't need it is not delivering now when you do need it. Now, take my paper, or magazine-and even the car-card mediamen are honing their sales shiv-it's still tough to buy space but I'll make room for your ad. And in my media you can check costs against sales. Check them so you can see what you're getting for your money."

The Knife Is Out

It's a return to cut-throat competition but, figure the long-range thinkers, it will probably work simply because as long as the newsprint shortage exists, and there're no signs of it lifting, the print media will have something to sell that is hard to get. And, as any salesman knows, it's a cinch to sell something when he can tell the customer he can't buy it. Radio was, still is, but the seers think it may not continue hard to get.

Along with curtailed advertising appropriations and the increasing percent-

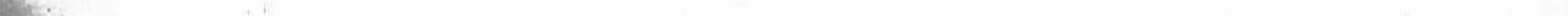
One-Shot Com'l **SnafuesCorwin's** Series Debut

NEW YORK, May 28 .- First show of Norm ' Corwin's new series, beginning June 17, 7-7:30 p.m., will probably not be heard on anything close to the full Columbia web because of a one-shot, fullhour anniversary show which has been ening their sales story-which radio has lined up by the Walgreen Company. Drug outfit jumped in as soon as General Foods definitely decided to take Kate Smith off the air for the summer and offered to buy a full hour on a 120station web for a special transcribed show featuring Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

> Walgreen's offer was accepted by many of the CBS affiliates, altho CBS ownedand-operated stations, with the exception of WBBM, Chicago, have turned it down. WBBM is being exempted from the net's general edict to co-stations because it is located in Walgreen's home base and because it has promised to air the Corwin program later in the evening on diske.

> The boys around Colbee's, coffeeklatch corner at Columbia headquarters, point out that Corwin's snafu is the same old tribulation that besets products and webs bent on a public service job when dat ol' debbil commercialism rears its lovely head.

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NBC Gets Up Early & Loses **Its Farm Boy**

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Two weeks after NBC celebrated the stretching of his early morning modern farmer show from a half to a full hour, with a hipperdipper studio full of guests, NBC brass and a pseudo-farm breakfast at the Waldorf, Mert Emmert checked off the program. There were two versions to the why and wherefores behind the split.

Said Mert Emmert: "NBC wanted to sell participations on the program. They wanted to put commercial jingles on the show. I didn't think they fitted the program. When I refused, Frank Mullen fired me."

Said NBC's C. L. Menser: "That there should have been any difficulties in connection with his work or his association with our company comes as a complete surprise to me. He was not dismissed nor asked to resign. However, he failed to appear for his program on Thursday (24) morning the had given me no indication he would not appear. After several futile attempts to have him come in and discuss the situation with me, I informed him by wire that if he did not appear for his Friday morning broadcast or give me some indication that he expected to carry out his assignments, I should be forced to ask for his resignation. This wire was disregarded. So far as I am concerned, the incident no longer make with the high notes, is closed."

Meanwhile, Mert Emmert is en route to

Kansas and his home town, while NBC sticks to Menser's handout and will say nothing more.

Slash Hit

WASHINGTON, May 26 .---"Here's a story for you," Program Manager Patrick Walsh of WWDC told The Billboard mournfully. "Three of my eight full-time announcers were silenced this week by having their throats cut." The announcers-Bill Cox, Dan Rice and Mike Hunnicutt-underwent tonsilectomies.

"And the payoff," wailed Walsh, "is that a fourth full-time announcer, Jimmy Simpson, goes into the coast guard today."

Awarded \$67,500 For Injury at NBC

NEW YORK, May 28 .- In trial before Justice Benjamin Schreiber, New York County Court, jury awarded Marie Magee, former warbler on Phil Spitalny's Hour of Charm program, \$67,500 for brain injuries sustained at NBC. Flag fell on gal's head when it became caught in a curtain during the show held May 23, 1943.

Singer also sued Spitalny but case was dismissed because jury felt he had no responsibility for accident. Fem had extensive training for longhair caroling, however, since she was injured she can

William Hayes, counsel for the Em-You take your pick and make your bet. ployers' Liability Company, insurance firm that will have to foot the bill, expects the case to be appealed. Harry A. Gair, of Gair & Gair, tried the case for Mrs. Magee.

FCC Moving Rapidly To Set **Stage for Allocation Test**

spectrum are now under way after a week air about 18 hours daily. of consultations among engineers representing government and broadcasting industry. As The Billboard reported last week, FM transmission in the 44-to-108 m.c. will be pushed thruout the summer months, according to FCC, and allocation will be issued probably in September. FCC has tentatively suggested one of three alternatives: 50-68 m.c., or 68-86 m.c., or 84-102 m.c.

At outset of arrangements for wind-up Ex-Spitalny Thrush Lests, technical opinion anticipated that the 50-68 m.c. band might win the allocation. There is also strong possibility that no matter which of the three alternatives is finally decided upon, the band might be broadened.

Confabs Held

Engineers held three conferences last week, setting the stage for the series of summer tests. A 14-man subcommittee has been formed from among the 60 radio engineers, including representatives from the industry, the armed services and other government agencies, including FCC's engineering department. Tests will involve construction of a line of Alabama, including recording points at dor Hotel. Philadelphia; Cedar Grove, N. J.; Laurel, Recorders are already installed and operating at Laurel and Atlanta, The Roaoperating by June 1.

Other lines of recording stations are planned elsewhere in the nation, including one westward from New England to Grand Island, Neb. The recording posts will monitor and take measurements on the 50 FM stations now operating. Also, several FM transmitters will be set up on

WASHINGTON, May 28 .- Final steps the higher frequencies from 50 to 104 to determine exact location of FM on m.c., with all transmitters staying on the

> The tests are expected to yield important info on sporadic interference, which is most active during summer months in this latitude. Opinion prevails among industry and government representatives that studies might be made continuously to provide data on interference and propagation thruout the spectrum. FCC officials said that pace at which the studies have been begun and the co-operation of engineers make it possible to hope for final allocation report sometime in first half of September.

FMBI Adamant **On Allocations**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- The FMBI still stands firm in its opinion that frequency allocations for the FM channels should be between 46-64 megacycles. And it stands firm in spite of the FCC's suggestion in its allocation report. The FMBI stand was restated after the org's recording stations from New England to board of directors met in Chi's Ambassa-

After the meeting, Myles Loucks, man-Md.; Roanoke, Va., and Montgomery, Ala. aging director of FMBI, said that in addition to having their recommendation adopted the org was vitally interested in noke and Montgomery stations will be seeing the FCC rule as soon as possible on the permanent position of FM. He stated that manufacturers, broadcasters and the public would be at a disadvantage if the FCC waits much longer, for, he contended, there is the possibility (remote, but nevertheless a possibility) that Japan would fold up as unexpected-(See FMBI ADAMENT on page 13)

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Laurel for a Lady

To WOR's Martha Deane (nom de microphone for a zesty young exnewspaperwoman named Marian Young) went a signal honor this month.

The Ohio State University's 16th Institute for Education by Radio presented her with a first award in the women's program classification, naming her weekday 3:00 P. M. WOR show the "most stimulating presentation of ideas and information" in the entire field.

Laurels and plaudits are not unique for keen Martha Deane. Every day she is honored, too, hy sponsors who select her to represent them to the approximately 400,000 women who devotedly dial each of her programs. And the thousands of letters she receives, praising both her serious program material and the "just plain fun and entertainment", echo what the three Ohio State judges wrote on their comment sheet. ("This," they inscribed with unanimous enthusiasm, "is a top-notch show!")

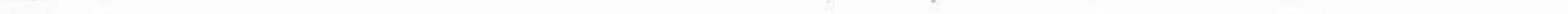
Award-winning Martha Deane typifies the continuing, habit-forming vitality which cloaks all of WOR's programming. If you are an agencyman or sponsor who would like to put this vitality to work for you in one of the greatest listening areas on the Eastern Seaboard, why not call us today?

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Nets Deliver, So If Hooper N.G. Perks Blame Home Stuff

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ture operetta stars with dramatizations of operetta composers' lives.

Agencies are consulting station rather than reverse because ad business so good. Swapping ideas only in isolated cases. Pete Tedley, WRR, municipal station carrying Mutual, has plan calling for increase in live shows but no drama; principally concentrating on music and educational shows, since he does not feel it can complete with network drama talent. Do not ask agency assistance, weak spots on daily schedule, agencies preferring only to build own shows and rate the Cowles outlet as one of the

sell to agencies as package. Forty-five per cent of programs originate with Mutual, 30 per cent are local live, 25 per cent recorded.

Boston: Local programing is definitely on the upgrade. Number of live shows originated in Hub and all-out efforts to build quality programs look good for another step-up when WCOP, Cowles Boston radio station, goes Blue June 15. Both WCOP and WNAC rate high with ad agencies in Boston, and altho WCOP is still in the process of weeding out



Based on "FIRST FIFTEEN" HOOPERATINGS for weekday daytime and the "FIRST THREE" Saturday a.m.'ers

In the absence of continuous data on non-telephone home listenership, The Billboard takes the liberty of projecting telephone home-based radio audience measurements to total families.

Program Sponsor, Agency, Net & Stat.	Hoper- Rating	Weeks to Date	Opposition	Talent Cost	Cost Per Point	Talent Cost Per 1,000 Urban Listeners
KATE SMITH Grapo Nuts Y&R CBS	7.9 67	322	Glamour Manor-Blue Words & Music-NBC Wm. Lang News-MBS	\$5,000	\$632.91	T.
RIGHT TO HAPPINESS Ivory Soap Compton NBC	7,8 137	345	Locals—MBS Sing Along—CBS Ladios_Be Seated—Blue	\$2,250	\$288.48	\$.51
WHEN A GIRL MARRIES Baker Cho, Benton & Bowl NBC 76	7.8 es	204	Service Time-CBS Terry & Pirates-Blue Chick Carter-MBS	\$2,300	\$294.87	•
Camay, Ivory D-F-S NBC	Flakes	451	Sing Along-OBS Ladies Be Seated-Blue The Smoothles-MBS	\$2,650	\$344.15	٠
WIDDER BROW Phillips Milk Magnesia D-F-S NBC	10	342	Dan O'Nell—OBS Hop Harrigan—Blue Never Top Old—MBS	\$1,600 -	\$222.22	\$.97
BREAKFAST IN HOLLYWOOD Kellegg Pep Kenyon & Ecki Blue 191	7.2	181	2d Husband-CBS Elsa Maxwell-MBS Finders Koepers-NBC	\$1,500	\$208.33	5 .34
PORTÍA FACES LIFE Post's 40% B B&B NB	7.1 ran	205	Service Time—CBS Dick Tracy—Blue Superman—MBS	\$2,750	\$387.32	•
WOMAN IN WHITE Grocker Soup Knox Reevos NBC 127	7.0	194	Perry Mason—CBS John Thompson—Blue Queen Today—MBS	\$3,000	\$428.57	\$.76
LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFULLY Ivory Scap Compton CBS	6,6 69	343	Various—CBS Baukhage—Blug New5—MBS	\$2,500	\$378.78	•
MA PERKINS Oxydol D-F-S NBC	6.4 136	593	Tale Two Cities-CBS App't With Life-Blue Olsen's Ork-MBS	\$1,300	\$203.12	\$.34
Phillips Toothp D-F-S NBC	S 6.3 asto 138	358	House Party—CBS It's Murder—Blue Johnson Family—MBS	\$1,750	\$277.77	\$.46
Bisodol D-F-S CBS	6.3 133	598	Farm & Home-Blue From Pacific-NBC Service Bands-MB8	\$1,800	\$285.71	\$,46
BUIDING LIGH B. C. Soup Knox Resves NBC		422	Two on a Clue—CBS J. B. Kennedy—Blue C. Foster—MBS	\$1,800	\$290.32	\$.58
OUR GAL SUNDAY Anacin D-F-S CBS	6.1 133	433	Farm & Home—Blue Service Bands—MBS Music Room—NBC	\$1,750	\$286,88	\$.49
BIG SISTER Lever Bros.	6.1	218	Locals-NBC Glamour Manor-Blue	\$2,500	\$409.83	\$.68
R&R CBS	141		M. Downey-MBS	Saturday I	Daytime Pro	grams
THEATER OF TODAY Armstrong Cor B., B., D. & OBS 142		188	Various—Blue Hello, Mom—MBS Don Goddard—NBC Consumer Time—NBC	\$2,500	\$352.11	\$.48
STARS OVER HOLLYWOOD Darl-Rich Sorenson CB	6,1 8 50	307	Home & Garden-Blue Locals-MBS Atlantic Spotlight-NBC	\$2,000	\$327.87	
BILLIE BURKE Servel B., B., D. & C OBS 146		151	Ed McConnell-NBC Betty Moore-Blue Three Suns-Blue Hookey Hall-MBS	\$1,500	\$250.00	\$.3
sets-in-use of 17.0	ast repor	nst 15.1 t, 69.8 s	rating is 4.6 as against 4.4 last report, 14.1 a year ago, a year ago. Sponsored netwo ear ago.	Average av	allable audio	nce of 70.3

comers in the field.

Originating live shows has been the policy of WNAC, Yankee Network's key station. List of shows to their credit is a lengthy one. Linus Travers, head of the station, has proved his belief in local programing possibilities in terms of dollars and cents. Billings since the policy was put into effect have more than doubled, and station's rep with the agency trade is tops. Policy, too, of merchandising as alertly as programing helps a lot.

WCOP, on the upbeat, has started from scratch and built nearly a dozen new shows of strong sponsor appeal. People You Should Know, Food Is Fun (Mildred Bailey's home-maker stint), New England Sea Tales, Gertrude Richmond's Girl About Town Interviews, Home Garden News, and Your State House Reporter. Currently, the first two stanzas mentioned are getting a strong promotional build-up.

WEEI (CBS outlet) and WBZ (NBC outlet) have added few new original shows since time skeds have been solidly filled with previously established programs, Carl Moore's shift from the Coffee Club morning stanza to the p.m. Tea Party show marks the most definite change in local programing. Both stations go in heavily for public service shows as do all local stations.

WHDH, the Blue outlet until June 15. has a heavy schedule of live talent shows planned plus exchange programs by direct line from New York's WHN, but station's plans are not yet complete.

Washington: All stations report sharp trend in local live programing (music, drama, news, etc.) replacing throwing shows together out of records and talk. All report greater listener interest in local live shows.

WMAL (Blue)-Live programing has always been basic part of policy with number of hours devoted to this type of programing having increased steadily. Twenty per cent increase in local live shows in last year despite fact that substantial part of week had been given over to live shows a year ago. Typical new live local show: Wonder Flame, music and drama. Local audience participation shows increasing. Two new producers added to staff to develop live locals. Some ideas from agencies. WTOP (Columbia) - Substantial increase in live locals has taken place in two years following "platter-junking" campaign. Heaviest increase effected in afternoon hour. Shows: Janice Grey (local soap opera); Stump Us (live music); News for Women (interviews); Factfinder (requires 7-man production staff to answer questions from listeners); City Desk (local news). WOL (Mutual)-Twenty per cent increase in local lives in year with top emphasis now being placed on this type of programing. Expect heavy increase in next six months in view of current production plans. WRC (NBC)-Expect to encourage live local programing trend which has been marked. Five more local shows a week this year than corresponding period year ago. Number of live locals now being planned. WWDC (indie)-Estimates 80 per cent increase in local live shows. All typesmusic, drama, news, audience participation, public service. Typical shows: The Negro Speaks (talent from Howard University); Penny for Your Thoughts and Liberal Quiz, both quizzers; Navy Sings, choral group from Naval Reserve Lab; Red Cross show (used to be transcribed, Noell live choir); Spars On Parade (coast guard show); Engineers on Air (Fort Belvoir). WINX-Station is putting definite accent on live shows of all kinds, including panel discussions, music, news, drama, etc. Platters will have heavy concentration in evenings-symphonic, operatic, light opera, chamber music transcriptions. Some of evening music shows will be live. Definitely live shows in daytime. Instead of afternoon devoted to sports as year ago, instead will be live music, drama, forum, publicservice programs, Salt Lake City: Uptrend in local programing in the Salt Lake area is limited only by time commitments and the availability of technicians. Of five stations in Salt Lake City, only one and the newest, KNAK, a suburban station on the air only for the last two months, has no definite outline for a wide range development of local live talent programs, both commercial and sustaining. Station KSL, Columbia's 50,000-watter, according to General Manager Ivor Sharp Jr., has a long-range program of development of live programs which have already shown a 50 per cent increase over the low of about a year ago.

Station has cleared commercial time at noon, valuable in the area, to present . a live talent farm hour, and pipes even its weather broadcasts direct from the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Salt Lake Airport. The station has rebuilt its studio facilities for better handling of live programs.

KDYL, NBC outlet-General Manager S. S. Fox outlined a policy of intensive development of local programing, and co-operation with agencies and advertising staffs in the production of high-class local programs. The sales staff is currently engaged in endeavoring to switch accounts from spot announcements and newscasts to the development of unit programs in anticipation of the declining listening draw of newscasts. The trend is definitely away from transcription programs.

Mutual's KLON, with studios in Ogden, Utah, and Salt Lake City, and a transmitter in Ogden, also looks to development of flesh programs. During the years that have been lean in technical help, it has specialized in forums, name interviews, news analyses by its network commentator, Arthur Gaeth, and piped in special service programs, according to Manager George Hatch. The program policy is definite, however, and will expand as conditions allow.

For the Intermountain territory, the policy of broadcasters was epitomized in the regional NAB conference of Idaho. Utah, Colorado and Wyoming in Salt Lake City in February, by Ralph K. Hardy (KSL) who said: "The nets are doing a top job. If we aren't getting listeners it is up to us to go out and make them by improving local production."

Detroit: Check of all major local stations indicates that emphasis on programing is continuation of fairly longtime trend. In general, it has been something the stations have been doing for last three years. Typically, WJR has increased programing cost heavily in last two years, and WWJ has had a 73-piece symphony orchestra sponsored by a cutrate department store for the last two and a half years in a full hour Saturday night show with barely a mention for the sponsor.

Trend is definitely continuing, with

D-F-S-Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample. Y&R-Young & Rubicam. R&R-Ruthrauff & Ryan. B&B-Benton & Bowles. B.B.D.&O .--- Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn.

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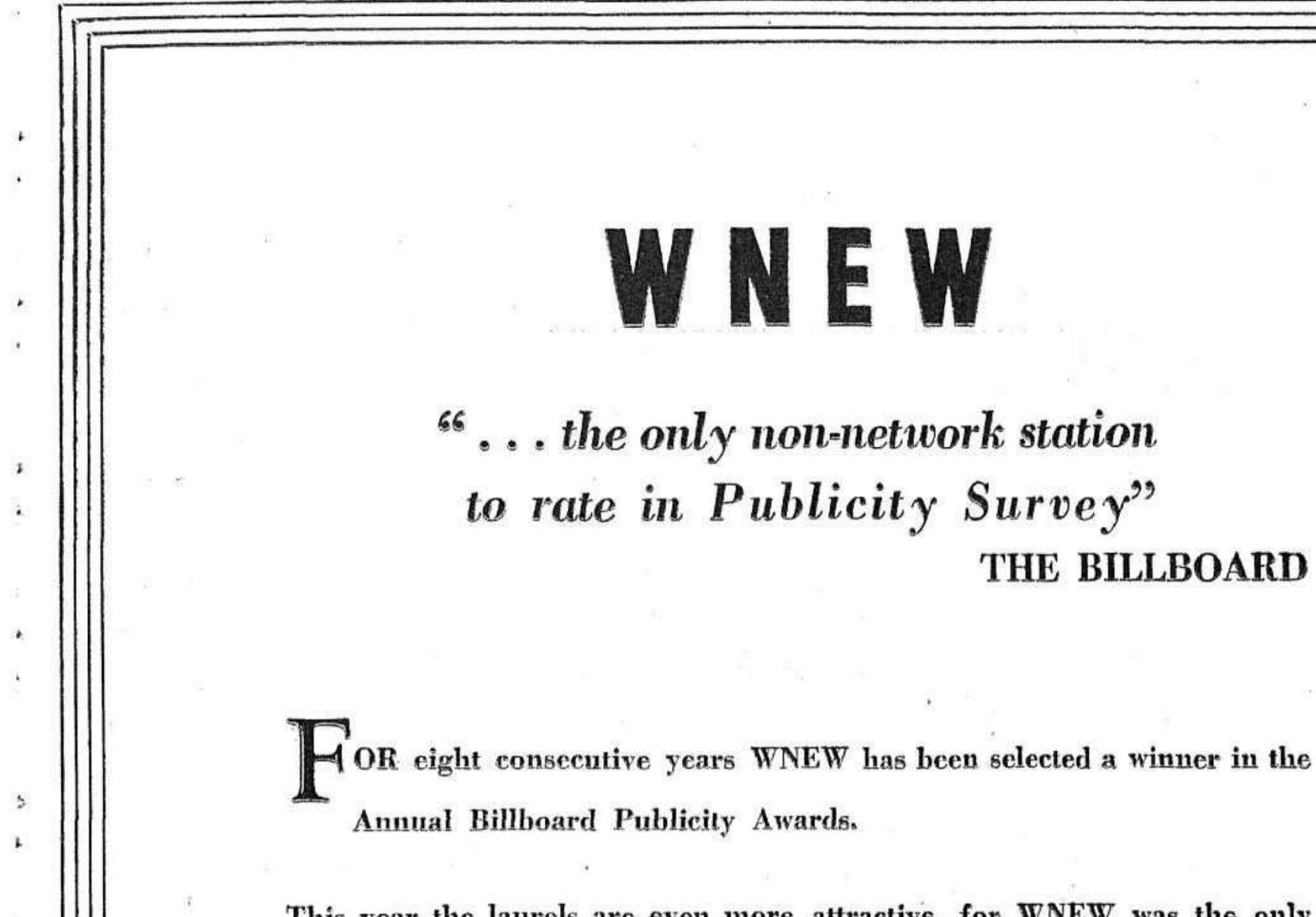
new developments, both commercial and sustaining, tending away from the allplatter shows, except in post-midnight and early a.m. hours, where they appear to have a permanently useful place. Same station for the last year has done a job with Nurses in Action, dramatizing the nurse recruiting campaign, and Victory Matinee, devoted each Wednesday afternoon to a different war effort cause, and using the full talent resources of the station. Another show typical of operations here is Tenth Floor, Please, sponsored by a department store, which dramatizes the story of products sold on this floor.

In the last year, WJR pioneered in inter-station contacts for ideas, sending out five teams of station men, paired from different departments - typically (See Programing Hedges on page 13)



RADIO 11

THE BILLBOARD



This year the laurels are even more attractive, for WNEW was the only non-network station in the country to be so honored. We extend our

thanks to the radio editors whose opinions gave us such recognition.

WNEW's flow of pertinent information to newsmen has always been tempered with an understanding of their wartime burdens and restrictions.

We like to win awards. They verify the service it is our privilege to render listeners and advertisers. The rewards of audience and sponsor confidence are dividends we pledge every effort to maintain.

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Major Schechter To Brass MBS News & S. E. Slot

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Major Abe Schechter, former director of news and special events for NBC, currently in charge of radio for General MacArthur, will shortly go to Mutual to handle all news and special features. Both John Whitmore and Tom Slater, current directors respectively of news and special events, will remain with the net at latest reports.

Schechter, who is chiefly responsible for the sock arrangements which have been made for radio men in MacArthur's theater, is still in the army, but his application for discharge comes up within two weeks. The new MBS news topper is generally regarded as the man who was responsible for the development of NBC's news department and the guy who made Lowell Thomas and several leading commentators.

Trade says that this latest move by Mutual Prexy Ed Kobak and his program v.-p., Phil Carlin, is topper to date. It's felt that Schechter is the man who can build Mutual's news and special events just as he made NBC's.

Margaret O'Brien Gets 8 J.W.T. Shots For Next Season

NEW YORK, May 28. - Margaret O'Brien has been signed by J. Walter Thompson Agency to do eight guest shots next season. Child star will work four times on the Lux Radio Theater and four times on the Edgar Bergen show at \$3,500 a shot.

star's exclusive radio services for the season of 1945-'46, but the picture company turned thumbs down. Company

Can Air Anything

PHILADELPHIA, May 28. -When Edgar Bergen brought his ventrilotricks to the air, nobody would believe that a dummy, even one as sophisticated as Charlie McCarthy, could click in an audio medium. But he did and it showed that even the most visual of subjects can be aired successfully. WIBG has taken a leaf out of that success book and has started a swimming course over the air, after service records showed that soldiers and sailors had to be taught to swim before entering upon specified duties.

(WLW, Cincinnati, broadcast swimming lessons in 1923 when Alvin R. Plough, of The Billboard, was promotion director of the station. Stanley Brauninger, then athletic and swimming instructor of the YMCA there and coach of championship teams, broadcast the lessons, with pupils at pools in recreation spots thruout the city.)

Programs are conducted by Joseph H. Rafferty, director of swimming and water sports at the Broadwood Athletic Club here, on Saturday night at 8:45.

Rafferty discusses swimming questions in round-table events with coaches and instructors in Philadelphia high schools, colleges and clubs, besides giving his own ideas on the sport.

Only problem that comes to mind is where the listeners do their swimming while the program is on. The bathtub?

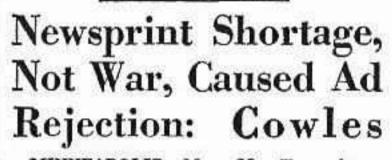


Get More Dough Thru Overtime

DETROIT, May 28. - An effective raise of \$9 per week per man was secured for some 70 musicians in Detroit radio stations in negotiations by the Detroit Federation of Musicians, according to Jack Ferentz, union prexy. All three major Detroit stations-WJR, WWJ, and WXYZ-are in deal.

Present raise is effected by securing an additional hour overtime for each man effective June 1, at \$4.50 per hour, and another additional hour effective November 16, when the present two-year contract expires.

Basic pay remains unchanged but the men for all practical purposes secure a raise thru additional hours of employment.



MINNEAPOLIS, May 28.-Turn-down of a 75-inch ad for Butternut Coffee's Cleland Card Show over KSTP by Minneapolis Star-Journal and Tribune was not a policy discrimination against radio, John Cowles, president of the publication, said, in explanation of The Billboard story to that effect two weeks ago. "The advertisement was turned down simply because of the print paper shortage," Cowles said. "By the same reasoning, it would be unfair to assume we are banning Chevrolet or magazine copy because we have turned down ads from the Chevrolet Company and Saturday Evening Post."

Cowles explained that in April alone The Star-Journal and Tribune was forced to decline 65,000 lines of national advertising, exclusive of local retail and classified lineage, because of the paper shortage.



NEW YORK, May 28 .- Ed Gardner, entrepreneur of Duffy's Tavern and general thorn in the side of Young & Rubicam, has come up with another one. This time he has bought a brewery and plans to produce, Bristol-Myers permitting, a new brand of beer called, of course, Duffy's Tavern.

Comic has asked the company for permish to use the name, figuring it's a hot publicity stunt, and also wants his sponsor to angel part of the venture. Understood that Gardner has indicated he will relinquish his annual demand for increased salary if Bristol-Myers will help him with his brew. However, the company probably won't buy.

Chi RWG, WBBM, WMAQ Near Pact

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Final agreement is expected here next week on the wage negotiations which are now being conducted by the Radio Writers Guild and the management of WBBM (CBS) and (WMAQ) for new wages and working conditions for news writers at the stations. Negotiations started with parties involved disagreeing on about 20 points. This number has been whittled down until only a few disagreements remain.

Minimums for newsmen at the two stations are \$200 a month, with approximately 10 per cent increase for each year of employment. At WMAQ none of the writers get the minimum. Lowest monthly rate paid there is \$242.

RWG is asking \$330 a month minimum, \$350 per month at the end of the first year, \$400 per month at the end of the second year, with increases according to merit after that. Stations have offered men 10 per cent increase but have indicated they are willing to meet the Guild half way and up this figure.

figures the kid is so hot they'd better cash in while the cashing's good.



Nat'l Representatives PAUL H. RAYMER (O. CHICAGO --- NEW YORK --- DETROIT SAN FRANCISCO --- LOS ANGELES

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Blue web has in the works program policy book which will attempt to explain to advertisers the net's approach to programing and point out that Blue will expect sponsors to get shows up to par or else face the threat of refusal to renew. Net will say, within the next three months, that it expects clients to help maintain high levels all along the sked.

Kicker in the book, following many pages saying that clients can run their own shows, will be the last few pages. In them, the example of a 1G show, with no real pull, following a 10G program, with audience appeal, will be used to serve gentle warning to the trade that the net feels that it is unfair and detrimental for one advertiser, willing to spend a little dough, to carry the guy who won't open his pockets.

It is felt in the trade that the Blue policy, while not too tough, is the only way a net can keep up some sort of standards and play square with all clients. It's pointed out that shows which get any sort of rating because the program preceding them representing time, money and effort, has an audience, constitute an unhealthy situation for advertisers, web and the industry.

In announcing its policy, Blue won't be as tough as was NBC some weeks ago when it served its notice on trade, but will make clear the fact that advertisers will have to get their brains working and their pocketbooks open.

Local News Adds **On MBS, A's Shows**

NEW YORK, May 28.-War Correspondent Frazier Hunt starts a new series of co-op shows with cut-ins for local news on Mutual June 11, 9 a.m. Hunt's show will allow three minutes to the stations, in addition to time for commercials, so that city news, fires, politics, crimes, etc., can be included.

Idea for a net news show with local news cut-ins has been kicking around the Mutual shop for several months, but web was having trouble first finding the right man for the job and then clearing him. However, Phil Carlin, MBS program v.-p., feels that Hunt is ready to go,

Cowles also said that the print paper shortage has forced his newspapers "not to run wild" on radio publicity because of the importance of other news material made available to the newspapers. He denied the printed report that the papers have sought to buy any local radio station, declaring: "We are not negotiating and we have not negotiated to buy any station in the Minneapolis area." Cowles explained his organization has an application in with FCC for the establishment of its own radio station in this area.

Meanwhile, Buchanan-Thomas Company, of Omaha, reported to have received the turn-down of the Butternut ad, modified its original explanation of the situation. C. C. Buchanan said he had been informed reason for turndown was because of print paper shortage.

Heaven Only Knows Why "Heaven" Waits For "Life of Riley"

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Blue web is currently mulling the possibility of replacing The Life of Riley, Meat Institute's William Bendix airer with the sustainer, One Foot in Heaven. However, net is slightly snafued on plans for the time slot (10:30-11 p.m. Sunday), since no cancellation order on Riley, which is about sold to Fitch, has come into the house.

Riley is the show which Niles Trammell, NBC prexy, wants for the Fitch slot. William Morris reps have been with Fitch toppers in Des Moines and Davenport, Ia., for the last week, and it's reported that the deal is about set. However, no one has told Blue about it yet.

Tables Turned on "Vox Pop"

PEORIA, Ill., May 28.-WMBD pulled a reverse play on the "vox poppers" when they were in Peorla recently for their broadcast. A special program was transcribed when they visited the studios, and played later.

On the program, called Pop Vox and emsced by special events director, Fred long time.

Much of Guild argument is based upon fact that New York WLB has okeyed plan whereby news writers at NBC there will receive \$400 per month in few years after employment by getting raise each six months from minimum of \$225. -

Stations here are disagreeing in main with RWG wage request and with clause that would rule, if adopted, that writers would get full day's pay on sixth day, after five-day work week and twice that much on seventh day, even if they worked only five minutes those days. Stations also don't like idea that the Guild will not promise that if and when other stations are given better terms, WMAQ and WBBM automatically will receive like terms.

Groucho Gets Firm Offer at Last; It's From Weintraub Ag.

NEW YORK, May 28 .- That Groucho Marx package which has been reported sold at various times to overyone who has bought a penny's worth of radio time in the past 25 years, looks as tho it finally has a firm offer. The Weintraub Agency, for Anchor-Hocking Glass, is currently dickering with the package owners to get the show as a replacement for Corlies Archer (CBS, Thursday, 9:30-10 p.m.).

Uuderstood that the client is none too happy about Archer's 6.4 rating and is very much in the market. Big selling point for Groucho are the top guest performances he has turned in over the past several months.

Final decish on the show will be made within two weeks.

Leo, the "vox poppers" asked no questions and Bromo-Seltzer gave no pres-Instead, Parks Johnson and ents. Warren Hull found themselves at the receiving end of the question game for a change. The directors of the show, Dave Grant and Rogers Brackett, were also interviewed by Fred Leo.

Mrs. Johnson, gift-shopper for the show, had her work done for her. WMBD presented Mrs. Johnson, Parks Warren, Dave and Rogers with gifts during the program. "Not working" was the nicest "present" Parks Johnson has had in a



RADIO 13

Programing Hedges Postwar; Stations Go, Live in Hopes

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gram director-on one-week Junkets along the lines of Mercury Theater. around the country to inspect station operations in other cities. Three out of doubled since last year at the same time. nine hours of daily local time at this sta- At the present time all 18 hours of tion are now live.

Recently a swing quartet from the innovation, Motor Bar was put on the air for 15 minutes at 9:45-at a cost of \$65 dailychiefly to break into the general soap opera schedule with something that schedule forced its abandonment.

Check on inter-station co-operation indicates this is largely by letter elsewhere. WXYZ, typically, reports frequent interchange of ideas, and requests for info on how the station has solved particular problems--such as what they do on department store programs. Most able here that stations are more and of this correspondence comes from stations of the affiliated Blue. Station has made a practice of working closely on production with clients and agencies, in contrast to WJR, where the station typically done its own show packaging and then offered the product for sale.

Recorded programs on WXYZ have been reduced some 50 per cent in the past year-chiefly in favor of taking net shows, rather than local production, in which the station was already strong, originating at least three w.-k. serialsnotably Lone Ranger. Another trend toward better programing here is the move away from short records in favor local newspaperman they were putting of the larger disks with a full 15 minutes on for the first time. of straight music, or re-broadcasts.

The move toward greater programing emphasis appears concentrated in smaller towns, typified by Michigan Radio Network, which has moved this way heavily in past three months.

Hollywood: Local program picture is looking up in most cases among the network stations and the larger indies, but tea kettles are continuing to ready to build even more live shows be- Cecil D. Maston, WNB, was elected to the let transcriptions and recordings carry cause he feels that stations will soon board of directors. the brunt of the program load, with lit- be facing a period of competition strong- At the meeting it was also decided to tle attempt made to make the continuity er that that felt during war to date, and have a board meeting in New York June easier on the listener's cars. KFWB is doing a bang-up program job, so far as the indies are concerned. on public service shows ever since Mar- the fact the org can't hold an annual It's coverage of the S. F. Conclave has shall Field bought the station and put it membership meeting. equaled and in many cases surpassed under the management of Art Harre. anything the webs have done. All KFWB shows, whether live or shows just to get the pesky time seekers recorded, are programed. For instance, away from the door. It really produces Al Jarvis, who has had Make-Believe them, and has upped its public service Ballroom on the station for a dozen time by 73 per cent. It has also started years, has a five-man staff doing his to build up personalities. Recently Jack program. There is a 20 per cent increase in live talent shows going over this sta- added to the WJJD staff. Station also tion since the same time last year. There is definitely better programing comedy work of Bill Anson, one of the job being done by Clyde Scott at KECA biggest money-makers here. Extent of since the station came under the Ameri- effort of station to up programs was seen can Broadcasting Company banner. V-E Day when an hour-and-a-half dra-Some good-paying news shows, as has matic show was presented under title of been noted before, have been tossed in Prayers for Permanent Peace. Station favor of strong programs that help to keep the listener tuned to the station. to the expense of paying about \$100 for At KFI, the live talent situation is im- cables to the Vatican, getting clearance proving, altho ban on commentators, in- on program material. voked some weeks ago, has temporarily thrown the sked out of gear. The CBS outlet, KNX, is trying to improve local programing. Latest move is to donate a Saturday spot to a dozen AFRA actors, who are putting on weekly shows. On a sustaining basis, the programs will be experimental and pitch will be made to listeners who want dra-KROD TheVoice BS that's beard all over the important) EL PASO Southwest 1000 Watts - 600 KC Dorrance Roderick, Owner Val Lawrance, Mgr. HOWARD H. WILSON CO National Representatives

matic shows that are different. Labeled the commercial manager and the pro- Twelve Players, the spot will be slanted

> Live talent shows at KMPC have broadcasting are scripted, which is an

There is a definite trend toward more live talent shows and better local programing at KHJ, the Mutual outlet here. Station now has 17 quarter-hours a week wasn't transcriptions, until change of more of local shows than for corresponding period last year.

There is not too much interchange of program ideas between stations here. However, whenever special war shows are put on, indies have banded together to carry the program on all stations.

Chicago: Definite signs are noticemore getting hep to the fact that it is the program that counts. Tendency at just about every station trend is to throw out some of the poor programing that built the broadcasting industry. has been one by-product of the war and to start new programs that are of a bet- New York as this survey shows, but ter quality. This trend, altho it has they've still got a long way to go before become more noticeable each week, everybody can slt back and relax on his started here about six months ago, station and agency execs agree.

It's at the independents that the greatest change is apparent. Indies are now going to great lengths to put on better shows. One indie, in fact, recently ly as did Germany, then manufacturers hired a producer to coach a prominent would soon after be ready to get out

WCFL has boosted its program struc- ment could be hurt and delayed. ture by taking more shows from the Blue Network, with which it has a parttime affiliation. Two weeks ago, however, it presented a local half-hour dramatic year Walter Damm, of WTMJ, to the sustainer that station execs hope will position of president of the org, and Ted be the first in a series of topnotch drama Streibert to the position of vice-president written by local writers. Howard Keegan, station manager, said he was getting WDRD, who resigned because of illness. he wants to be in there fighting. Station doesn't throw on public service the FMBI at the meeting. These are: Brickhouse, top sportman in town, was has been concentrating on building up put out plenty for this show, even going

Valiant Butch

NEW YORK, May 28. - Hizzoner, Butch La Guardia, who goes on WJZ as a once-a-month commentator beginning May 31 (7:30-8 p.m.), has never been known as a man who feared to walk in where angels flatly re fused to tread. But he's certainly going near the quicksand in his first show. The Hat, three times mayor of New York and recent do-not-choose-to-runner, will discuss the qualifications for a mayor of New York-and be very specific.

Show shapes up as a sock beginning for what will be a stormy period for WJZ and Hizzoner, but wait till he starts taking cracks at horse players, his pet hate. The guy's liable to start a feud with Bing Crosby that'll make the Benny-Allen battle look like pattycake at the old ladies' home.

to the fundamentals which originally

Things aren't as black looking from assets.

FMBI ADAMENT

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sets, and if no definite position had been assigned for FM, the industry's develop-

In addition to making the recommendation for FM's frequency position, the FMBI board also re-elected for one to fill the position of Frank M. Doolittle,

Peter Lorre Preps 13-Wk. **Chill Sustainer for MBS**

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Film Actor Peter Lorre, the chiller guy, may shortly go to Mutual for a 13-week sustaining dramatic series. Lorre, who has just finished a successful theater and night-club tour, is planning a skein of mystery segs for MES. Show, a William Morris package, will start in the summer as a sustainer but it's hoped that a sponsor will come along in the fall.



RICHMOND-LOCATED MIDWAY BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH Had 65,920 Radio Homes in Richmond and Henrico County in 1944.

In this Major Market

Memphis: Trend was pioneered here as long as 1931 on WMC under General Manager Henry Slavick, and then Program Director John Cleghorn, now in navy. They gained a sectional reputation and, in 1938, with KARK, Little Rock, and WJDX, Jackson, Miss., and KWKH, Shreveport, La., organized the South Central Quality Network.

Memphis as a market is hillbilly conscious and leading co-operated non-network shows are almost entirely hillbilly productions. According to WHBQ, President Bob Alburty established a format for a show and treating even record programs to production-type script has hypoed listener interest.

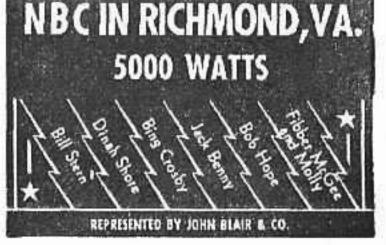
Harold Krelstein, head of WMPS, says he has been steadily local programing for last six years he has been with station, putting particular emphasis on local news. In 15-minute Newspaper of the Air Krelstein states, average of 13 minutes given to local news, including society mentions.

Top locally-produced shows are WMC's Court of the Air and Young America Sings, both of which have been steady favorites here for years.

In general, programing at the grassroots is looking up, even tho some stations still think they can compete with wax. Trade sees in the trend a healthy sign for the industry, but says that it's only one step, and that a hesitant one, toward improvement of the biz. The next, dealt with at length elsewhere in this section, is a return by the big boys

19 to take up consideration of by-law At WJJD, the concentration has been changes that have been necessitated by

Four were accepted for membership in Raytheon Manufacturing Company, of New York; Fidelity Broadcasting Company, of Boston; Josh L. Horne, Rocky Mountain, N. C., and the Tri-City Broadcasting Company, Davenport, Ia,



es1 51,382!

A breakfast food manufacturer, using a daily morning quarter hour on WLS, with various offers (seeds and novelties) for proof of purchase and in some cases for proof of purchase plus ten cents, received 51,382 letters in three months on WLS: January, February, March 1945. The WLS audience listens and responds: so, WLS GETS RESULTS !



TELEVISION 14

Abel Sees Video No Threat to Moom Pic B-O

HOLLYWOOD, May 28 .- In a statement made last week to members of Screen Actors' Guild, Walter Abel, chairman of the Guild's television committee, predicted that video will throw the radio industry out of gear to the extent that broadcasting will suffer a drastic change. from clear. The kids also seemed hurried He said: "Television will eventually replace radio as we know it today but it will not satisfy the public's desire for other forms of entertainment." Abel was emphatic in stating that television would not cut into box-office receipts of motion picture.

Claiming that radio had not hurt motion pictures, he went further in claiming that video would likewise make no inpoads in the movie field. "Radio, even tho providing some of the finest home entertainment in the world, has not kept people at home and neither will television. Television will not have any adverse effect on motion picture box-office receipts; if anything, it might tend to increase them, for theaters will incorporate in their programs large-screen television of important news events."

At the present time SAG is negotiating the annual revision of the basic contract with producers. Main objective will be revision of actors term contracts so that player who signs to make motion pictures exclusively for one studio does not necessarily grant blanket rights to his services in radio, television or other fields of entertainment.

FCC Grants Philco Permits For New Tele Relay Stations

PHILADELPHIA, May 28 .- Further developmental work in Philco's proposed television relay network, linking Washington, Philadelphia and New York, has been approved. The FCC has granted construction permits for new relay stations to be operated in Central and Northeast Maryland, Southeast Pennsylvania and Washington and authorized power increases of from 15 to 40 watts for relay stations now in operation. Grants provide for a new experimental half-pints. relay station to be operated in various areas between Philadelphia and Washington; power increases, addition of A3 emission, antenna and transmitter changes of three stations in Philadelphia to include operations in Washington and New York; authorization to change power to 40 watts (peak) visual, 40 watts aural of seven portable-mobile experimental relay stations; authorization to increase power to 40 watts and add A3 emission to portable experimental television station now operating in New York and to operate the station also in Washington and Philadelphia, Philco dedicated its Washington-Philadelphia link in a special telecast from the Statler Hotel, Washington, April 17.

REVIEWS

NBC

(26), 7-8:30 Reviewed Saturday p.m. Style-Kid stuff and travelog. Sustaining over Station WNBT, New York.

Second Fizz-Quizz wasn't as much fun as the first. They were trying too hard and the cameras weren't. Camera movement was jerky with the close-ups far and a little tense. Add to the plus of the use his glasses on camera and therefore revealed a telegenic phiz. Questions weren't as juvenile as on the first shot, in fact, several of them were plain adult. late Hank Peters, Pfc., U. S. A. Jules Leni replaced Maxine Smith among the kid-fizz-quizzers, which wasn't too good as two boys and two girls are better than a three-and-one balance.

Williams only did one bit of magic which isn't enough and he dropped his "double voice" bit which the juves loved last week. The idea of rewarding the kids with extra fizz water for each correct answer is good, but Williams said that the one with the most fizz in the glass would win-and then threw the judging to a puppet. Kids don't like to be mislednor do adult viewers . . . and since the kids drank the fizz, the amount of water in their glasses couldn't be an index to winning-no how.

Keep the money award (\$10 in War Stamps) out of the stunt-keep it as plain fun for fun. Also don't say that the models will be dressed as comic book characters and then have them come out bearing placards with drawings of the characters. That's fooling the kids againand they notice it, but quick.

Worked into the drugstore routine were the Mary Chase Marionettes. . . . The first NBC marionette act that was good video. The figures always seen close-up were beautifully articulated and manipulated. The piano playing Negro figure had real bounce in his fingering the keys-you actually believed he was playing, and Butch, one of the kids, almost fell off his stool following his every move. Mary Chase is okay plus. Andre De La Varre was back again with his travelog. It's tops for making geography interesting to

Reviewed Thursday (24), 8-9 p.m. Style-News, film, dramatization of Norman Corwin's "Untitled." Sustaining on WCBW, New York.

CBS

With bated breath and every other platitude in the critic's kit he waited to see this, television's first, attempt at telecasting one of radio's classics, Norman show, the fact that Walter Williams didn't Corwin's Untitled. This, as most everyone will remember, was, in Corwin's

> As heard on CBS it was a listening highlight. As heard and seen on WCBW, the CBS video outlet, it was a tribute to Corwin's wizardry with words. The words lived and breathed; the speaking, playing and production were as irrelevant as the vapor exuded on a frosty morning.

Despite a narrator whose voice was just too lowbrow, too obviously an attempt to be a "meat-and-potatoes guy." Corwin's words carried the listener to emotional peaks, which the video portion of the program did not match.

There is, as most everyone knows, a sweep, a scope, a movement to Corwin's writing which, when the author does the producing on the air, at least stirs the listener, slowly at first, then faster and stronger until the audience gulps, cries or goes thru the emotional wringer in some other fashion. In this television presentation, the words had the same affect to which the visual presentation neither added nor detracted.

The video producer used every obvious trick in his bag, film, slides, stills and live bits, and therein his work was weak since it was just expedient. With a great literary work, such as this, the production cried for the scenic and dramatic ability of a Capra or Eisenstadt. To which television can answer, "we did the best we could do." To which the obvious answer is "then don't tackle anything as good as this unless television can add something." Michael Everett, as Hank, had the body not the voice; Virginia Polen was okay as his gal in voice and body, not in performance; Dorothy Paxton did the mother; Alan Drake was sad as the newspaperman; Frances Fuller was the music teacher; Frank Richards was honest as his buddy. Ben Feiner did the production assisted by Paul Belanger and Fred Rickey. Score 100 for effort, 0 for results. The balance of the show was routine, Dwight Cook in the news and a short. Cook is shy on video personality in appearance and voice, the animation for the news was Grade A, the short was just a stage walt. Lou Frankel.

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D.C.LiftsZoning Nix for Video

WASHINGTON, May 28. - Television has green light in D. C. after a zoning restriction struggle that will be repeated in other cities of the United States before video gets a substantial head start.

Zoning Commission Friday (25) amended a zoning regulation to permit erection of television towers in the national capital's residential areas. Action. followed appeals at public hearings earller by New York television experts who predicted that Washington would be one of the most progressive cities in tele field if high ground, located chiefly in. inimitable narrator style, the story of the residential sections, could become available for antennae towers.

> Representatives of Bamberger Broadcasting Company (New York) have announced readiness to build tele tower and station here that will bring entertainment to D. C. from New York.

> While zoning amendments have been made, specific proposals for sites for television stations and towers must now get approval of Board of Zoning Adjustments and National Capitol Park. To help their case, video companies are promising to build structures with an eye to beauty, probably using Georgian architecture.

Milwaukee IATSE **Members To Attend** Television School

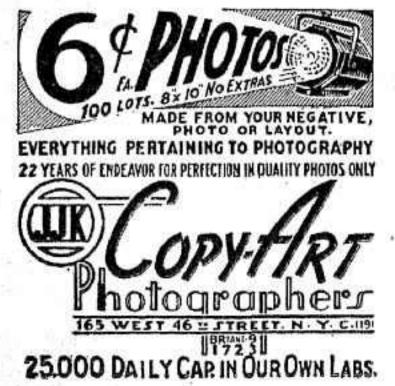
MILWAUKEE, May 28 - Members of local IATSE union, to which all movie projectionists here belong, are going to take course on television to be held at Milwaukee Vocational School. The movie theater projectionists, with the knowledge that television will ultimately enter the theaters, intend to be prepared for the day.

Local No. 164, under the guidance of Karl Miller, vice-president of IATSE Credit Union, will attend classes during the day, from 8:30 to 12, for a total of 120 hours. Each class will run six hours a week. Exclusive for projectionists, the course will be taught by a vocational school instructor grounded in television. Army "wash-out" system will be used, and those not up to par will be dropped. Classes are being held down to 15 men. Fifty per cent of members signed up at once, and in spite of the vacation season, more are expected to sign as course gets under way. Course will include: (1) fundamentals of radio; (2) tubes, receivers, amplifiers; (3) radio reception and transmission, and (4) fundamentals of television. Importance of the course is shown by the fact that with 20th Century-Fox Company planning nationwide tele coverage, Harold J. Fitzgerald, head of Fox-Wisconsin Corporation here, reports the parent company is still working on plans to make Milwaukee a key city in the hookup.

Anti-Salooners Rap KRLD Before FCC as 'Anti-Dry'

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Federal Communications Commission is trying to decide whether Anti-Saloon League's complaint about KRLD (Dallas) being an "anti-dry" station is valid.

Anti-Salcon League petitioned FCC last Friday (25) not to grant license renewal to KRLD on ground that the station denied radio time to the league while denying no time for commercials for beers and light wines.



It's a shame that the fizzing wasn't as good as the first try. It's a-video idea (credit a young lady named Dorothy Mc-Fadden with the idea. She "sold" it to NBC-and credit Fred Coe for getting a lot out of it). It still needs a scripter-Fred can't write and direct it, too. No one is that good. Joe Koehler.

Balaban & Katz

Reviewed Thursday (24), 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Style-Drama, news, variety. Sustaining and commercial on WBKB, Chicago.

It was expressive impressionistic dancing that told a story. It was tops in the school of modern dancing. But still it was not good television. It was not good television because it could hardly appeal to the mass audience of all ages that will some day watch video thruout the country. That just about summarizes a dance act presented tonight by Lee Lindsay and Loretto Pagels.

Loretto and Lee's dance was titled Baruk Tempo Dance, Danced to only the rhythm of the drums, it was a portrayal of primitive love. Both the participants were scantily clothed, and their movements left no doubt of sexual implications.

We're not trying to say that there was anything obscene about the routine. Far from it. True art can never be called that, and this was in the realm of true expressive dancing artistry. All we are trying to say is that we doubt if each member of a family audience would appreciate or understand the dance. And since television will eventually have to appeal to a mass audience of all ages, it could never have general popularity.

After the dance, station presented slides that were War Bond buying plugs. Contrast between mood of dance and theme of "Buy War Bonds" was too great. A subtle transitional device should have been used.

Commonwealth Edison's Telequizicalls was good video tonight, just as it has been in the past. However, tonight's episole of this video version of radio's

telephone quiz programs used two questions that had been used before. We would prefer to see new questions each week. One of the questions concerned the price of electricity used by various appliances and the other was built around the technique needed to read electricity consumption meters. Obviously these questions were reintroduced to re-emphasize two important Edison selling and client relations problems. But if the company wants to make these two questions a part of each program, it ought to introduce them in a special manner by making them worth an additional reward or it should use variations of the same basic question formats each week.

Barbara Brewer deserves special mention for the manner in which she gave the advertising plug extolling the merits of cooking by electricity. Program producers wisely had her stand in front of an electric stove during her sales talk, but she did her part by putting a lot of force, charm and pleasing personality into her explanation.

Don Faust did the newscast. He ran about 18 minutes, and that is too long for a video newscast made up of commentary and map talks. Also, station ought to co-operate with Faust by giving him more varied backgrounds. Each week he is pictured in the same setting the danger of monotony is increased.

Cy Wagner.

Says Ted!

"In your last issue of The Billboard (May 19) there appeared an article on television producers and personalities which has caused me no end of embarrassment. It is the paragraph referring to the 'young man fresh out of the merchant marine,' and I am sure that if you have read it you will be able to understand why.

"If the writer had intended this remark to be about me, it is a gross misstatement and if not, the description of the man 'out of the merchant marine' fits me closely enough to be most unpleasant.

"This whole situation is a most unfortunate one, and I am asking you to be good enough to print a retraction in your next issue on the page devoted to television.

"I thank you very much for your time in this matter and feel sure that we can straighten this matter out very easily.

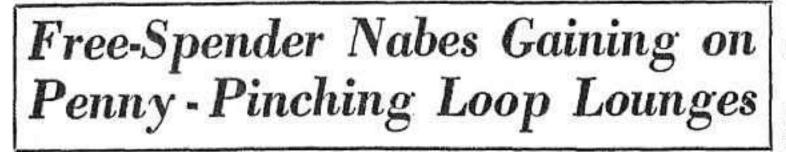
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their bankrolls for name combo talent, level. nabe lounge centers, such as the North Side's Lawrence-Broadway region and the South Side's 63rd-Cottage Grove region, threaten to dump Randolph Street and adjacent Loop bistros into a secondary rating among local lounges.

Failure of Loop owners to meet the nabe competition by upping curfew talent nuts since the curfew curb revived lounge trade, points the way toward nabe lounge supremacy in the battle for customers. Nabe lounges have always had the advantage of being close to residential districts, which eliminates the travel difficulties encountered by customers when they want to visit Loop bistros.

When the brown-out and the Byrnes' curfew edict kayoed a large part of lounge trade, Loop owners pared talent budgets about 60 per cent to meet the drop in grosses. Plenty of units were hired in direct deal between op and the unit leader, with the owners by-passing the agent because of the commission involved. In the majority of instances where no agent was involved, the unit hired was just a pickup group, which didn't measure up to the experienced talent offered by agencies.

Grosses Are Down

When agents informed the Loop ops that they'd like to start negotiating again because the curfew lift had revived patronage, ops countered that they were doing peak biz with their curfew talent. Trade sources, however, reveal that grosses are down from what they were previous to the Cinderella-hour shuttering. In some instances Loop ops have been dickering with agents for top-notch talent, but won't pay the usual price for combos, because they argue that a Loop location for a unit means fine showcasing and advertising which will build the combo's name. A check by The Billboard reveals that Loop cocktail lounges generally are doing practically no promotion for their attractions, other than occasional small show window cards and outdoor signs. No newspaper or amusement mag advertising is being placed by Loop owners. Only two of the Loop spots are paying the 20 per cent Federal tax, which means that in the majority of Loop lounges, entertaining combos, can't give out with showmanship vocals. Only a handful of combos, such as Billy Blair at the Brass Rail and George Decarl at the Capitol, are knocking off what might be termed good salaries. All other East: Loop lounges, bulk of which are either part of the Martin or the Schwartz and

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Unless Loop cock- Greenfield chain, are keeping the musitail lounge ops start to peel dough off clans' weekly check right near the scale

Put 'Em Elsewhere

As a result of the Loop ops' failure to make with the above-scale dough, Chi fee-splitters are taking their name units to nabe lounges, such as the Normandy, 1111 Club, Silhouette, Green Mill, Rag Doll and the Tailspin on the North Side, and the Crown Propellor, Zebra and Stage lounges on the South Side.

FB, Chi, Hires Press Agent

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Bill Shevlin, local flack, starts June 1 as public relations man for the Frederick Bros.' cocktail department. Other changes in the FB cocktail section sent Milo Stelt to the West Coast, replacing Julie Dale, who'll return to Chicago. FB cocktail department has grown to one of the largest in the country. It now has 16 people concentrating on cocktail skedding.

Music in Industry Sessions

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Three roundtable discussions on the use of music in industry will be held at Julliard School of Music from June 19 to 21. Eve sessions will be under Wheeler Beckett, former head music consultant of the WPB. Emphasis will be placed on the role which music will play in the reconversion and rehabilitation of industrial plants when war ends.

Milw. Dansant Buys Air Time

MILWAUKEE, May 28 .- New switch on the practice of radio stations picking up music from dansants is Dreamland Ballroom's buying time over WEMP. The Third Street spot, where old-fashioned dancing is featured, has bought time in the past to air music, but has now inaugurated three-nights-a-week broadcasts of interviews with dancers direct from the ballroom. Airing on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, interviews are informal and unrehearsed.

Reg Marshall Shifts To Longhair & Legit

HOLLYWOOD, May 28 .- Reg Marshall, band and cocktail booker, just returned from the East with okays to handle all bookings of the New York Opera Guild and legit show, Angel Street, on the West Coast this coming summer and fall. Marshall, who had handled a good percentage of the top band booking up and down the Coast for many years, is making his first splurge into legit and classical field with the New York Opera Guild and Angel Street contracts. His Eastern trip may result in his handling several other dramtic shows when they head westward.

Chi's Congress Hotel Opens July 1; Nitery Still in Air

CHICAGO, May 28 .- Reopening of the Congress Casino, 700-seat nitery, is expected shortly after July 1, which date has been announced by Congress Hotel execs. The south-end-of-the-Loop hotel, which was taken over by the army as a barracks and training school about three years ago, was returned to civilian use a year ago, but shortage of labor and materials slowed up the renovation and delayed the reopening.

talent nut and policy, but expect to change the name and motif of the room. Prior to its army occupation the room used name bands and an elaborate floorshow.

Hotel also contains three lounges, of which the Glass Hat was most prominent before the army took over. Bistro used big name cocktail units.

Conn. Legislative Body OK's **Bill on Female Performers**

HARTFORD, Conn., May 26 .- The Legislative Labor Committee of Connecticut last week voted a favorable report on Senate Bill 836 to permit the employment of women entertainers, who are

Acts and Bands Are Indie Contractors, Mich. Court Rules

DETROIT, May 28 .- New decision by the Michigan Supreme Court is likely to become a leading case in the much-disputed question of whether musicians and acts are employees or independent contractors, according to Norman H. Birnkrant, counsel of the National Association of Theatrical Agents.

Case was based upon the hiring of leading bands during 1939 and 1940 by Joseph V. Palmer and wife, operating The Dells at East Lansing, Mich. On appeal from the Ingham County Circuit Court, the Supreme Court reversed a lower court ruling and decided that altho the owner of the spot was named as the employer on the AFM contracts used, this was a "misuse" of the word employer, and that orchestra leaders themselves were the employers.

The court went on to point out that the owner had no direct relationship with individual musicians, no control over what musicians leaders actually brought in, and little or no control over the music played or the manner of its presentation,

The court went further in its argument Hotel biggies are still vague about in the decision and pointed out that the essential question in tax matters, such as Social Security, is whether there is an employer-employee relationship or that of an independent contractor. If, as the defendant (Unemployment Compensation Commission) maintained, musicians were employees of the location owner, then the same condition would apply to operators of theaters, auditoriums and any other place hiring entertainment, which would be contrary to the general position that such acts are independent contractors.

Trenton Spot Changes Hands

TRENTON, N. J., May 28 .- Weinmann's, local night spot, has been sold

Earl Warner Now Running

newly revamped Club Pier Casino, top local night spot, is now operating under from the army, is back pounding plano new management, John Saks. Spot has two bands, Bobby Jones's and Maria RUTH MOSEE takes her planology to Elena's girl rumba band.

Earl Warner, formerly associated with the Club Pier Casino, has opened the Club Chateau Lido, billed as "the most beautiful supper club in Florida." Club is located on the Halifax River. Room has George Cardini and his band.

AUTHORS' WIDOWS

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to sell the picture rights for world distribution. Altho the script was written in America, the world rights had been assigned and property is subject to whatever copyright statute is in effect in foreign country where it is distributed. Now even with her U.S. copyright free and clear it is no dice when she tries to sell the property for world distribution. True, she can effectively block the movie company from making any more pictures from script for distribution in this couuntry but that doesn't help elsewhere.

All the trouble comes from the fact that the copyright law is one of the most intricate pieces of legislation on the books at Washington. When it comes to interpreting author's rights in foreign countries (all countries have different copyright laws) lawyers just throw up their hands.

over 21, in Connecticut night clubs and restaurants after 10 p.m.

The bill was supported by representatives of the American Federation of Musicians, the American Guild of Variety Artists, the Restaurant Liquor Dispensers' Association and various night club owners of Hartford and was unopposed.

to Sterling, Inc. The incorporators include Benjamin Goldstein, wholesale provisioner of New York, and Jack Rogerson and Jack A. Marias, both New York restaurateurs.

Spot has been operated by Weinmann since 1934. In addition to two small bars and a grill room, it has a large dining room where floorshows are presented nightly.

OFF THE CUFF

THREE PEPPERS back in Philadelphia at Jack Lynch's Hotel Walton Roof, marking the first booking of a cocktail unit at the town's top nitery . . . BARBARY COAST BOYS (Eddie Gold and Harry Reed) set to summer at Bradley's Cafe, Own Nitery in Daytona Wildwood, N. J.... BETTY KING takes her piano-vocals to Club Harlem, Atlan-DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., May 26 .- The tic City, June 26 for a season's run . . . BILLY HEY, with a medical discharge at Eddie Mitchell's, Philadelphia . . . Murray's Rhythm Bar, Philadelphia.

MARTHA CAWLEY current at El Rancho, Chester, Pa. . . . THREE C'S have a "duration" job at the U. S.-Chamberlain Hotel, Point Comfort, Va., staying as long as the havy does. . . . LEROY PRINCE current at the Congress Hotel, Baltimore. ... JOHNNY WINSLOW playing at the Bryant Bar, New York. . . . HELEN EVERETT current at the Green Lantern, Newark. . . . NORMAN LOGAN writes he is playing at the Rotisserie Club, Jackson, Miss. . . B. L. FRANKHAUSER ("Kayo at the Console") into his third year at Tallman's Musical Bar, Allentown, Pa. . . . CHARLOTTE JABLONS, Joe Marsolais's secretary, will become columnist Earl Wilson's new assistant.

Midwest:

NOVELAIRES given an extended booking under option at the State Show Bar, Detroit. . . JEAN ELDREDGE returned to Detroit, May 25, at the Wyoming Show Bar for a long run.

Chicago:

BARRETT DEEMS, ex-Joe Venuti drummer who has been leading his own quartet at the Dome of the Sherman Hotel for the past year and a half, has been filling in for tubmen who suddenly

were called away from their chairs in name bands in the hotel's College Inn. While Woody Herman was here, Deems sat in for Dave Tough when he became ill. Last week Deems spent three days tubbing for Jimmy Dorsey when Cliff Leemans was called East by the death of his father. . . . EUGENE SMITH current at the Ship, Chicago. . . . HAROLD AND MYRTLE STRONG last week celebrated the first anniversary of their second engagement at Igler's Casino. . . . THREE SHADES moved from the 1111 Club, Chi, to Andy's, Minneapolis, Hal Leaming took over their spot at the 1111 Club. . . . SHEP SHEPARD still at the South Seas.

Dave Pritchard's septet set for Club Silhouette, starting June 20. . . . BILL BENNET goes on and on in the Balinese Room of Blackstone Hotel. . . . HAVANA BOYS just opened at the New Cuban Village. . . . DON STRAHL, Lil Allen and the Three Caballeros alternating at Ben Orloff's Silver Frolics. . . . RHYTHM-AIRES current at Kentucky Lounge. . . . CHARMETTS now at the Walker AAF Base, Victoria, Kan. . . BILLY CARR and his Hawalian trio opened the season at the Silver Creek Country Club, Chi. ... GID HONORE, Theresa Stephano and the Three Sharps and Buttercup sharing the stand at the Drum. . . . DUKE SCHILLER current at the El Morocco.

THREE CATS AND A KITTEN, fronted by Trumpeter Ruth Nelson, have been signed by Kay Jarret, of Central Booking Office, and are currently at the Brass Rail. . . . CAPITOL BOYS alternating with George De Carl at the Capitol Lounge. . . . ARISTOCRATS OF RHYTHM are the new unit at the Garrick Stage Bar. . . BILL GOODEN and the Four Jumps of Jive started May 22 at the Sky Club. . . CLARE HOELSCHER handling the Hammond at the Morocco.



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Theaters Ask Clearance at Source

Pic Exhibitors Resent Fees

Indies want producers to pay 2 mil ASCAP collects, since movies control pubs

By Paul Secon

NEW YORK, May 28.-Motion picture exhibitors, now and for many years flipping dough into ASCAP's coffers at so much a seat, are now stirring restlessly about what they feel would be a better



shake. In other words, according to a couple of indle exhibitors who speak for many indie exhibitors thruout the country, the indies want the producers of the pix to pay for the right to publicly perform for profit the music in the film. At the present time,

the exhibs pay some 10, 15 or 20 cents a seat per annum to ASCAP, depending on the size and operation of the theater. That amounts to some \$2,000,000 a year which ASCAP collects, and which the indies feel should come from the producers, not the exhibitors.

The underlying reason behind the fuss that is said to be coming is the fact that when a producer makes a picture using any sort of music, the exhibitor is at the mercy of the producer in that he must play the music in the film. If it so happens that the music in the film has not been cleared for public performance for profit-in other words, if the exhib is not cleared for publicly performing any ASCAP music in a filmthen the exhibitor is right in the way of a \$250 infringement per use for each tune or song. And that ain't hay, if the pic is shown for a couple of weeks, five or six times a day.

AHA Music Royalty Sked

(Agreement Between American Hotel Association, ASCAP and BMI) HOTELS WILL PAY ASCAP-

If Hotel Spends for Entertainment:

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HOTELS WILL PAY BMI-

The rate of license fee to be paid will be based upon the expenditure by the licensee for music pay roll, at the rate of 1/2 of 1 per cent (1/2 per cent) of the first \$50,000 and 1/4 of 1 per cent (1/4 per cent) of the expenditure in excess of \$50,000 during each calendar year of the term, provided that in no case shall the fee be less than \$40.00 nor more than \$750.00 for the year 1946. It is further provided that for the period from April 1 to December 31, 1945, the payment shall be not less than \$30.00 nor more than \$600.00.

Music Royalties Set for Hotel Use by AHA With ASCAP And BMI; No Double Jeopardy

ASCAP Payments on All Entertainment, BMI on Music Only

Kaye & Shaw Get Yanked; Slipped **Clearances** Ache

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Second major incident re name bands not clearing tunes for remotes happened last week in New York when Sammy Kaye was yanked off his Mutual wire shot at 11:30-12 Tuesday (22) right in the midst of a half-hour show. Reason for it was because of the fact that Kaye had neglected to clear the tune Candy, and is reported to have refused to do so when told to by the control man covering the remote. As a result remote was pulled off and filled in by e. t.'s. Kaye and Mutual had strained relations for a few days but finally settled differences.

Week before, Artie Shaw, from Casino Gardens, California, didn't clear his tunes on time, so CBS yanked his wire. Situation was later straightened out.

GAC Signs **Hudson Band**

NEW YORK, May 26.-Dean Hudson Band, recently gaining a release from Music Corporation of America, and then booking without an agency thruout the South for some time, inked with GAC last week. Hudson's band lost oodles of dough at the Lincoln for six months, but gained plenty of air time. Last week, prior to signing, he was romanced by Frederick Brothers, William Morris and even the Chicago office of MCA. First GAC spot for band will be Lakeside Park, Denver, June 8. Hudson obtained his release from MCA when leader went to the AFM with beels about the agency. GAC's deal was inked by Art Weems, who recently took over as head of the band department in New York.

Music Outside ASCAP

Of course, the question arises as to just how much music there is outside of ASCAP's scope. Not much, that's true, when it's known that BMI, in licensing its music to film producers for synchronization rights, also gives the producer the right to publicly perform for profit at the same time. ASCAP, on the other hand, doesn't do this. It just makes licensing agreements with exhibitors at so much a seat to show the film with the music.) ASCAP does not license the producer for anything except the right to mechanically record the song for the film. In other words, the some 18,000 exhibitors are now dishing out dough for licenses to ASCAP for their music but are not wholly covered against an infringement suit for the total music used in any one picture.

Basically, the story starts with the publisher gaining the copyright which automatically vests with that publisher the following four rights: (a) right to sell copies; (b) right to make arrangements; (c) right to license for public performance for profit (ASCAP), and (d) right to license for mechanical contrivances. Latter, of course, alludes to records and synchronization rights. However, it's seen that these four rights are not given as one but individually when it's known that a motion picture producer only has the right to synchronization but not the license to publicly perform for profit. On the other hand, the exhibitor has the right to publicly perform for profit but not the synchronization rights.

What Indie Wants

This is what the indie exhibitor wants. He wants the publisher to deal directly with the producer, and besides giving him the synchronization rights, have the producer pay the ASCAP fee to publicly perform for profit and at the same time

(See Pic Exhibitors on page 19)

tween the American Hotel Association, American Society of Composers, Authors / be made quarterly on or before the 20th and Publishers, and Broadcast Music, Inc., have been concluded and for the first time BMI will collect a license fee for its music used in hotels, retroactive to April 1, 1945, and running to December 31, 1946. Also, in the negotiations, the AHA established a new rate schedule with ASCAP based upon the annual expenditure by the hotel for all entertainment during the preceding calendar year. (See accompanying chart.)

According to the new rates to be paid by hotels to both ASCAP and BMI, hotels paying ASCAP have a rate of \$60 per year, or \$5 a month, if the annual expenditure for talent is less than \$3,000 a year. License fees range from \$60 a year to \$3,000 a year or \$250 a month where talent expenditure for year is \$200,000 or more. In the case of BMI, the hotels pay from \$40 to \$750 a year tops. Rate of the fee will be based on expenditure by hotel for its music pay roll, which differs from the annual expenditure for all entertainment at the hotel in the ASCAP contract. (For actual figures see AHA Music Royalty Sked box on this page.)

The term of the AHA-ASCAP license will be for five years, running to December 31, 1950. New sked with ASCAP stems from fact that in September, 1944, the society notified many hotels of proposed cancellations of their license so that they be relicensed to use ASCAP licensed tunes under a revised formula.

Double Jeopardy Formula

This formula was devised to have hotels pay for each operation in the hotel that used music; i.e., if the hotel had a cocktail lounge comparable to an outside cocktail lounge, it paid the same rate as the individual op. If the hotel had a ballroom, theater, dance floor, night club, etc., it paid a multiple operation license fee, which the AHA found on investigaincrease in hotel's rates.

At the same time (September, 1944) the AHA was also upon notice from BMI, which had since its organization in 1938 granted a free license for the performance of its music in hotels, that it intended to pay fees for the public performance of its' week stay.

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Negotiations be- material. (For BMI rate schedule with AHA, see accompanying chart.)

It Pays

Payments to BMI by AHA members will of April, July, October and January, respectively, for each year covering the musical pay roll for the preceding quarter, and each payment shall be accompanied by a statement from the hotel, on such form furnished by BMI, showing the amount of expenditure.

Payment to ASCAP by AHA members shall be made quarterly on or before the 10th day of April, July, October and 20th day of January in each year. The amount then payable shall be a sum equal to onefourth of the annual rate based upon the expenditure made during the previous calendar year. (If a hotel commences a music policy during any year-not having had a music fee during the preceding calendar year-the rate will be calculated by multiplying actual expenditures during the first month by 12.)

No Tab on Room Radio

In both ASCAP and BMI, individual hotels will not pay for the use of music by means of master-controlled radio transmitted to individual guest rooms. However, in the case of BMI, no charge will be made for the use of BMI's repertoire by means of Muzak, or any other wired music service, if live musicians are employed. Otherwise, the charge will be based on the expenditure for Muzak service. BMI is now trying to license Muzak operations at the source.

Bulletin of the new rate between ASCAP and BMI and AHA went out last week. ASCAP is sending the new rate sked to its field offices, while BMI will mail license contracts direct to the hotels.

Andrews Fems Set 6-Week USO Stint

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Andrews Sisters, now doing vaude stints thruout tion, would result in a very substantial the country, are set to go overseas for USO-CSI around the first part of July. Gals are said to be set for six weeks. It's their first overseas jaunt.

When they return, singers move into the New York Paramount sometime this fall at a reported \$20,000 a week. This require hotels making use of its music to would net singers \$80,000 for their four-

Irving Mills Wants Old Labels Back; Yens Disking Again

HOLLYWOOD, May 26-Irving Mills, of Mills Music, is currently dickering with Columbia record execs to take back his Master and Variety labels again in an effort to go into the disk biz once more. Columbia, some time ago, took over Mills' disk labels, when they purchased his recording interests. Understood that Mills left for New York to discuss repurchase of labels with the idea of going back into the biz.

Bob Matthews, singer on the Abbott and Costello radio show, is said to have signed with Mills to do a half dozen platters.

Morrow Gets His Break; J. D. Has Op

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Muni Morrow, young traman who joined J. Dorsey two months ago for a big build-up prior to his going out on his own as a maestro, got his big break unexpectedly here Thursday (24) when the alto-playing Dorsey left suddenly for Los Angeles where he will undergo a hernia operation. Morrow will front the band till June 3, after which the band goes into a month's vacation, prior to a July 3 opening at Larry Finley's Mission Beach Ballroom.

Nita Rosa, Latin warbler, has left the Dorsey crew during its current stay at the College Inn of the Hotel Sherman here. Vocalist Teddy Walters, who has done lots of hot guitar soloing with combos for jazz records, has been made regular guitar soloist on Dorsey originals and is now being featured instrumentally as well as vocally with the band,

STATISTICS.

Pubs Ask Cent Price Boost On Rack Sale

MDS Profit Cue

NEW YORK, May 26 .- With reports of the huge profit the Music Dealer's Service racks made last year, somewhere in the vicinity of \$250,000 for the racks alone, a couple of major pubs are now contemplating asking for an increase of 1-cent in the selling price to the racks (from 20 cents to 21 cents per copy). The customary price to jobbers is 22 cents, but MDS has been paying 20 cents by agreement with publishers. However, at least two of the biggest pubs last week voiced the opinion that with the rack order now over the 125,000 mark, and with reports of the huge profit made by the org, there was no reason why the pubs should not get at least another cent per copy.

That extra cent, on a re-order song, would mean, pubs argue something like a couple of thousand dollars on a 200,-000 order. When it's known that another rack is coming into existence soon, the Immerman-Gale rack, which expects to have 15,000 racks put up soon, pubs see a possible 250,000 initial order from the racks and feel that if they can get Immerman to accept the 21-cent figure, they can also increase the figure to MDS. It's said by those who've talked to Immerman that he's in favor of the 21-cent figure, especially once the racks prove to be money-makers.

Another point, that's been rehashed here, is the fact that pubs want to set up a percentage return agreement with the racks. A couple of the pubs are talking about getting together this coming week to see if they can't start the ball rolling.



T. D. Emsees, Too

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Talk about your disking dates, recent RCA-Victor date had Duke Ellington make 23 sides in five days. What about the 24th side, you ask? That one was done with Tommy Dorsey's band. Yep, the Duke sitting in with T. D. And if that's not enough, it is understood that Dorsey made some sides, and then set in with Ellington's ork.

Everyone Wants An "In" On New "Concert" Field

NEW YORK, May 26 .- No wonder everybody wants to get into the concert! Phil Spitalny and his all-girl ork are now in midst of a deal for three days in St. Louis Arena, October 5-7, which would net leader some \$38,000 for himself if the place sells out. House is scaled at \$3 top and can gross some \$20,000 per. Spitalny is in for a guarantee against a 60 per cent of the gross, which amounts to the above mentioned almost \$40,000 for himself.

Harry Squires at MCA finds that now that the concert biz has really established itself he's heard from practically everyone on or off the MCA list. Most recently Coast pic stars, hearing of the big dough have evinced interest, but they want plenty of moola. Squires got an offer from one pic star to book him for concerts, but star wanted \$100,000 guarantee for 20 concerts. That's \$5,000 a night, which would break any promoter, so Squires just nicely nixed the deal.

Oxley Sets His

ON 7 SIDES THE AMAZING NOVELTY TUNE SENSATION!



Trotter in Flesh On NY Strand Sked

HOLLYWOOD, May 28 .- John Scott Trotter, maestro of Bing Crosby's Kraft Music Hall program, takes advantage of his first summer layoff in eight years by taking his band into the Strand Theater, New York, for a three to five-week engagement starting July 13. In past years the Kraft summer replacement broadcast emanated from Hollywood with Trotter wielding the baton on the substitute show as well as on Crosby's regular series but the Kraft stanza this summer will originate in New York.

stage appearance since his days with Hal Kemp's band, prior to his joining Crosby's airer. Strand Theater contract calls for Trotter to furnish the show. The Charioteers, negro singing outfit also heard on Crosby's program, are skedded to appear on the date.



OUIS JORDAN'S the comic vocalist who knows that it's wise to ride a new horse in the musical pop sweepstakes. He found an unknown, Billy Austin, and came up with his Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby? and



rode that for a typical Jordan hit. Today he's riding another typical bit of Jordanesque, Caldonia, which is being spun whenever a turntable's around.

He played the New York Paramount for the first time in February and is going to bounce back on the 27th of this month and

then again in another nine months.

A picture in Hollywood, the Zanzibar in October and a nice batch of dual-starred disks for Decca. One's coming up with The Bingle, but soon. Others in the to-be-cutstage include platters with Ella Fitzgerald, Jimmy Dorsey and the Lombardo.

A series of e. t.'s are skedded by Worth Transcriptions under the title Here Comes Jordan. The title's okay, but Jordan has arrived-he passed that "here comes" stuff. Watch the way he's riding Caldonia now.

Coast-To-Coast Op With Deals

HOLLYWOOD, May 26 .- Harold Oxley has acted on his recently announced intention to expand his booking operations from Coast to Coast as reported exclusively in The Billboard, with several deals just closed in New York and Chicago. Oxley has hired Bob Bennett, Philadelphia booker, to head his New York office, with Sam Foor assisting. The Strand date will be Trotter's first However, Oxley plans on dividing his time equally between his new Hollywood office and New York, Bennett is said to have brought in over 35 attractions into Oxley's new set-up.

> Oxley also set deal for Berle Adams and Mutual Entertainment Agency, with Bookie Levin and Jack Russell to exclusively represent him in Chicago and the Middle West and, in turn, he will represent them in New York and here. Oxley's local office will also handle bookings west of Texas for the newly organized Ben Bart-Harry Lenetska office, ex-Moe Gale in New York representing their top attractions here, including Buddy Johnson, Tiny Bradshaw, Tab Smith and Savannah Churchill, Murray Pack has been added to Oxley's Coast office to work with Frank Faster and Oxley.

"Scat" Davis Preps Miller's Old Band

NEW YORK, May 28.—Ork leader Johnny (Scat) Davis, who has been working as a single since the draft put heavy dents in his band, is now rehearsing a new crew. Recruited almost entirely from the remnants of Herb Miller's band, which broke up when leader went in service, the new Davis combo will foature seven brasses, five saxes and three rhythm. Vocals will be handled by Louise Douglas and Sonny Morgan.

Booked by General Amusement Corporation, dates already inked for the Davis outfit include the Oriental Theater, Chi; Locw's State, New York; Frolics Club, Miami, and several camp shows.

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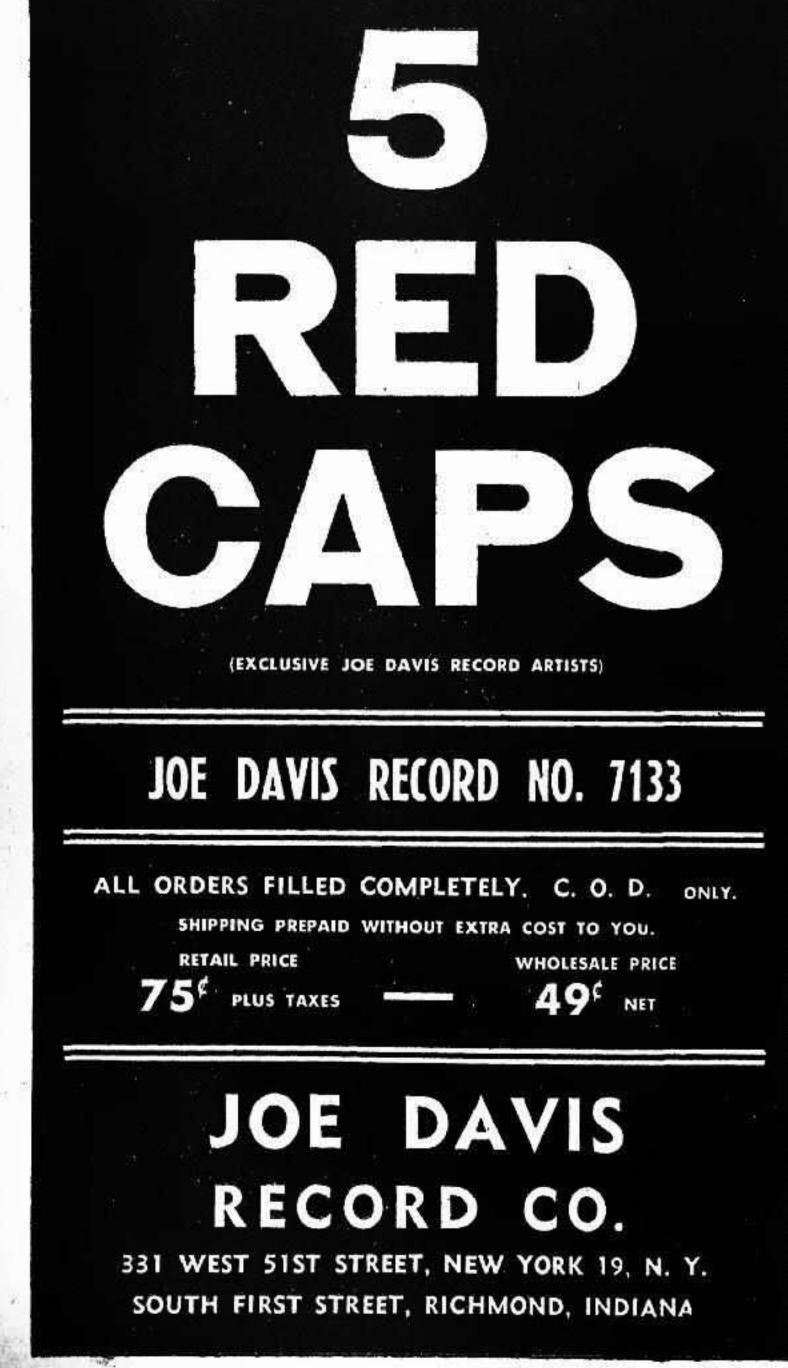


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Brooks Signed, Decca's 1st New **Ork Paper Set**

NEW YORK, May 26 .- First band signed by Decca in the past few years is newly formed Randy Brooks outfit, currently at Roseland Ballroom. Band is handled by GAC. This puts to rest, at least temporarily, stories that the disk firm had put the kibosh on band talent and was concentrating only on individual artists and albums. According to Decca execs, the fact that they recently released Woody Herman came about thru impossible demands by Herman, while giving Jerry Wald his release, was simply a matter of form since his contract had run out.

Inking of Brooks is of interest to the trade, which will wait to see just what kind and number of disks he'll get. Stories have made the rounds that such bands as Jimmy Dorsey, Charlie Barnet, and others on the Decca label have kicked about many contract points recently, and it's also known that bands with the other companies have tubbed at the traces, too.

Herman recently shifted from Decca to Columbia.

London Producer Lining Up Negro **Revues for Europe**

NEW YORK, May 28.-It is understood that C. B. Cochran, London producer, is lining up a series of Victory Revues here, using all colored talent, to take overseas on a tour of the British Isles and parts of the Continent, Cochran, who staged the famous Blackbird productions in London before the war, is angling for large colored orks, smaller combos, hoofers and other acts for the tour, which is supposed to start in several months. Spokesmen at the Moe Gale office claims that Erskine Hawkins has been approached for the job, and if he accepts, will be the first ork to leave. With conditions overseas as they are, however, it is expected that if Hawkins does go, it won't be for six months or more. The McElroy Leases Ballroom Hawkins ork is currently at the Blue Room of the Lincoln.

Feist Sets Uniform Release Date for **Tunes in MGM Pix**

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Feist Music is inserting in all its contracts with disk companies a specific release date on all tunes that are in MGM films, making release date uniform on all labels, and avoiding the situation that took place recently over song, On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fc. Boris Morros's ARA Disk Company listed song as an early release, whereupon Johnny Mercer. who scripted tune, jumped the gun when he heard about the ARA skedded release. This, of course, brought down heaps of abuse on Capitol's head from the major disking companies.

Idea behind the Feist clause insertion into the contract is to try and specify a date whereby tune would be released couple of months prior to pic coming out. In the case of Atchison, etc., it's in Harvey Girls, pic set for release in September or October. With specific release date in contract, no company will be favored, and disks will come out on dates close to release of pic. Harry Link, head of Feist, is responsible for the idea.

Krupa's Draft Board To Review Request For Overseas Trip

CHICAGO, May 26. - Altho Gene Krupa's request for permission to take his band overseas soon for USO-Camp Shows was denied by his South Chicago draft board recently, his chances of making the three-month overseas junket were revived this week when draft board execs announced that they would reconsider his petition. Selective Service officials are giving Krupa's bid a second hearing because Krupa, who is 36, benefits from SS Director Hershey edict this week that men over 30 in useful occupations will receive special consideration. Spokesman for the draft board said that the board will not convene this week but the plea will probably be considered within the next fortnight.

N. Y. Eatery Sued By Harms, Berlin For Infringement

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Infringement suit against Color Restaurant Corporation, owner of Bradley's Restaurant, located on E. 54th Street, New York, was brought by Harms, Inc., and Irving Berlin in New York Federal Court on Wednesday. Spot is alleged to have performed One Alone, pubbed by Harma, and Berlin's Always without permission or license from the pubs or ASCAP. Music pubs ask for not less than \$250 for each alleged infringement.

Flack Turns To **Plugging Ad-Tune**

NEW YORK, May 28.-Unusual exploitation on tune Back Home For Keeps, pubbed by Irving Berlin, stems from the fact that advertising agency, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne had phrase first in an ad campaign for Community Silverware and then had Bob Russell and Carmen Lombardo do tune. Bill Maloney at the agency used pic of serviceman and gal in ads plus phrase. got terrif response, so he had tunc written to fit copy. Of course, being an ad man, he's been instrumental in getting the tune plugged not only on his own agency shows, but other agency commercials.

HOLLYWOOD, May 28 .- Jack McElroy, former manager of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys and now promoting Rubinoff's tour with Marty Landau, has leased the Rendezvous Ballroom, between Ocean Park and Santa Monica, Calif., from George Kennedy. McElroy takes over the management June 2.

Band to open the McElroy ballroom is headed by Hal C. Clauntch, ex-clarinet with Wingy Manone. Kennedy retains concession privileges in the spot.





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Ocean Park Said To Be Fighting **ASCAP** Rates

HOLLYWOOD, May 26.-Another Coast ballroom, the Aragon Ballroom, Ocean Park, Calif., is said to be fighting ASCAP's rate structure, and according to authoritative sources, the Aragon management is paying ASCAP's music license fees under protest to the attorney general.

Maurie Cohen, head of the Palladium, altho currently paying ASCAP after a fuss, has turned over all his background material gathered by his attorneys on his ASCAP battle to a counsel in Washington. It is understood that D. C. legal light will then take the matter up with the Department of Justice and invite it to investigate and try to determine whether or not ASCAP is violating their consent decree.

802 Ups Scale For Single Date

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Union scale for musicians playing single engagements has been upped by Local 802 in a new rate scheduled to take effect June 1. Under the new system, men will be paid \$10 for stint not to exceed three hours, and terminating no later than 7 p.m. and \$12 for playing not to exceed four hours and terminating no later than 1.

Overtime scale on single engagement rehearsals has been upped to \$3 for the first hour or less and \$1.50 for each half hour or fraction, with double scale for the leader. A new continuous dancing scale will also take effect with the old rate being raised from \$6 to \$8.

All show and dinner dates are to be classed as four-hour engagements, with the ruling for shows interpreted as follows: Any engagement at which there may be entertainment for which the orchestra or any part thereof is required to play shall be deemed a show. This does not pertain to singers who are part of the orchestra or band. Under the new set-up, all contracts for dates booked prior to June 1, 1945, are to be submitted to 802's business representatives' office for approval.

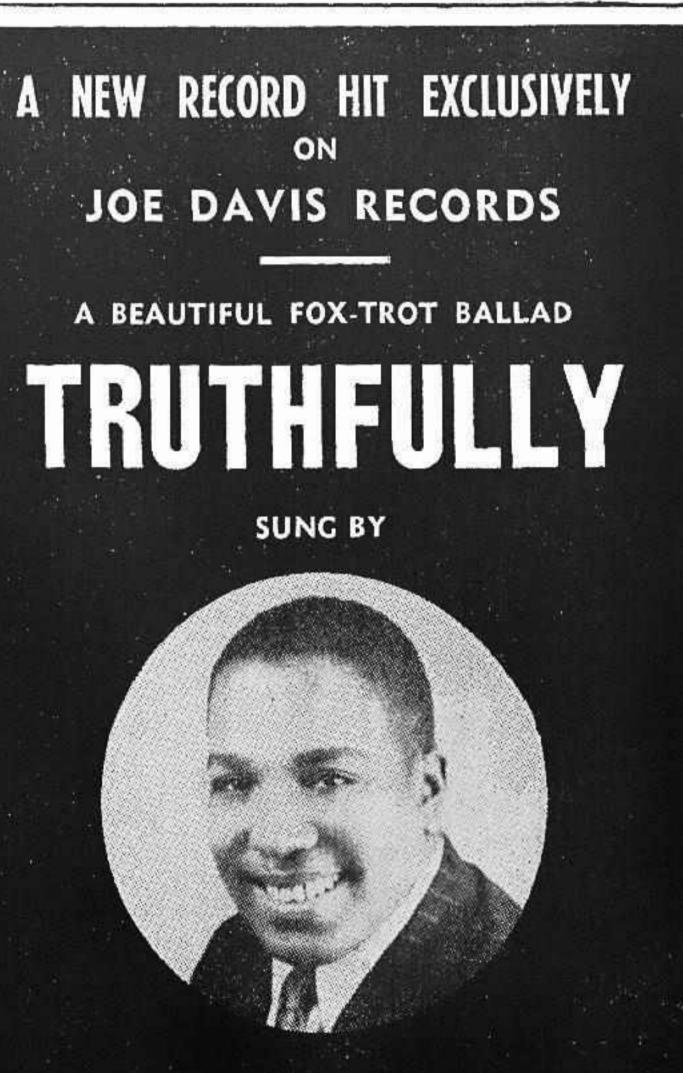


Shep Fields (Reviewed at Strand Theater, New York, May 25)

On this stage stint Fields walks off with a singular honor, that of having an ork with predominantly one color tone, saxes. There are nine of them, and little else maintains a high musical level practically all the way thru. It's done by the simple means of "mixing it up," something by which other bands doing a stage stint should profit.

The band wisely refrains from trying to prove that here is the best musical outfit in the world, for that's far from true. However, they are given a chance to do plenty of tunes and spread the music thick on such diversified items as opener, Flyin' Home, down to closer, the almost organ-toned, The Lost Chord, mouthed by good gal singer, Meredith Blake. In between the nine sax, four rhythm, one harp ork, headed by Flelds, who incidentally, also plays sax, ramble thru Candy, also sung by Miss Blake, who incidentally knows all about the nuances of delivering a tune and yet making it seem as simple as flicking an ash from your sleeve. She's that casual. Another vocalist, Bob Stuart, hasn't the ear or voice that the gal has and, strangely, stands like some singer. Initials are F. S. He did Dreams Are Getting Better and finished with Laura, but really sold neither.

Fields did a good job on Temptation, switching from loud to soft and even to swing beat smoothly so that it ended up a complete package. He also did a medley of pop tunes taken from old classics, including Tonight We Love, You Are My Song of Love and 18th Century Drawing Room. All in all, payees got plenty for their money, even if at times the tone always sounded the same. Just to really mix it up at one point, Fields switched back to the old "Rippling Rhythm." It was refreshing. Paul Secon.



Louis Jordan Loses Tonsils; Sets New profit. That automatically throws the burden on the producers to clear the **Tympany Five Comb**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Louis Jordan, currently convalescing here following a firms are controlled by the major motion tonsilectomy, plans to completely re- picture producers. Warners, MGM, 20th organize his Tympany Five during the Century-Fox, Paramount, Universal all month's ensuing vacation. Jordan is have their music outlets, and these outdropping the present five members of lcts are the biggest music pubs. It's the combo, because he feels that the known that MPHC (Warners); Robbins, unit needs strengthenindg in the show- Felst, Miller (MGM; 20th Century, Unimanship department. Tentative sidemen versal); Paramount, Famous (Parabeing lined up include: Eddie Byrd. mount), probably derive some 35 per drummer once with Jordan but more re- cent of the publishers' take from ASCAP cently leader of his own cocktail unit; between them. When the indie exhib Bill Davis, pianist and arranger who has been scoring Jordan's novelties for over Society, that dough, or at least part of a year, and Eugene Ramey, bassman fea- it falls into the hands of the film comtured with Jay McShann.

Hollywood Casino cially as they only tend to get it back **Real Estate Deal**

HOLLYWOOD, May 28.—Apparently finding construction difficulties too tough to handle, station KFVD is attempting to sell the lease it recently acquired on the former Hollywood Casino from Joe and Frank Zucca. Property is located just a few blocks from CBS and NBC headquarters. A station spokesman now denies that they bought the property to move into but says that it was bought for another reason which he couldn't reveal.

To add to the confusion it appears that the original intent of opening the spot as a ballroom similar to the arrangement that Charlie Barnet, Duke Ellington and other maestri were in- a number of jazz concerts here, to opterested in has come up again. A syndicate is supposedly interested in pur- for building bands over period of time chasing the location and asking Norman instead of bringing in top name to

Pic Exhibitors Resent Fees

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license any other music in the film for performances. For, it's argued by indie spokesmen, no picture is made without the thought of having it shown for music at the source and so keep the exhibitor in the clear of possible infringement suits.

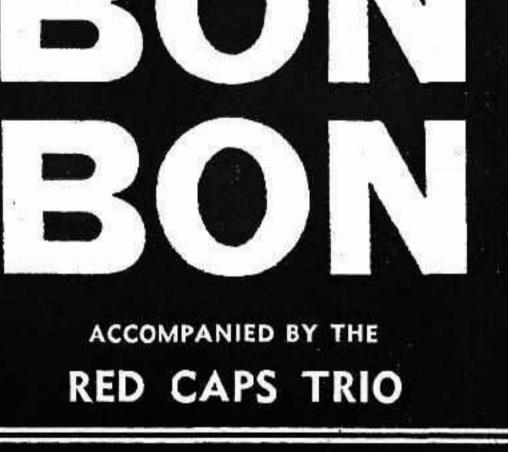
The set-up today is that the big music pays his some \$2,000,000 a year into the panies thru the music companies. It's just adding salt to the wound, they say. KFVD Wants Out on The producers should pay the dougn in the first place, absolving the exhibs from any possible infringement suits, espeanyway.

Legal Minds for Source

According to legal minds for producers, they see no reason why music shouldn't be cleared at the source and why the producers shouldn't pay ASCAP. The only thing, they add, is the fact that they'll probably have to charge an upped fee for film rentals to the exhibs. Today the average film rental is around \$35 per diem.

Right now the whole thing is in the talk prior to act-stage. However, if the indle spokesmen have their way they're going to try and get their music "cleared at the source" at a not too far away date.

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Burke-Van Huesen acquired two tunes, one titled No More Toujours L'Amour, by Hoagy Carmicael, which the firm picked up after hearing Carmicael's disk of it on the Martin Block show. Other, Things Ain't What They Used to Be, by Mercer and Duke Ellington and Don George, has been taken over on a royalty basis from Tempo Music and will be retitled Time's a-Wastin'. . . . Indie act and band booker Abner Greschler has recently spotted three of his smaller combos at Maria Kramer hotels here and in Chicago. Ann DuPont opened at the Roosevelt in Chi last Saturday, while Catalino and Jose Cortez, two L. A. combos, are inked for the Edison here with Catalino closing June 5 and Cortez opening June 7. . . . Vaughn Monroe and Charlie Spivak orks both playing eight-week return engagements at the Commodore. Monroe goes in September 27 with Spivak following November 22. . . . Paul Whiteman to do a June concert in the East. . . . Rudolph Friml tentatively set to wax an album for Majestic, using a 30-man band. . . . Charlie Barnet and Shep Fields bands being processed for the new three-month overseas tours for USO. Krupa, if he goes, will be the first with Barnet and Fields following.

CHICAGO:

Ammons and Johnson, the booglewoogie team, get a featured spot in Billy Rose's Concert Varieties, slated to open June 1 at the Ziegfield Theater, New York. Duo has been signed to WOR Feature Record pact, calling for three albums of boogle plano in near future. . . . Sgt. Dick Jurgens, USMC batoneer and leader of his own hand prior to entering the service, is set to take a band into the South Pacific fighting area. . . . Florian Za Bach, youthful maestro currently at the Pan-American Room of the Hotel LaSalle, has been okayed for a screen test by Carter Blake, of Columbia pix. . . Jimmy Dorsey, whose band is currently at the College Inn of the Sherman Hotel, marks May 30 as the 10th anniversary of his parting with brother Tommy, when they jointly led the Dorsey brothers ork. . . . Joe Callan, FB band booker, and Paul Bannister, GAC band skedder, will act as beauty contest judges of the Oak Park High School Prom Queen contest Saturday (26) at the Hotel Continental, Chicago. McFarland Twins are playing the prom date. . . . Red Saunders, recently signed by Freddy Williamson of Central Booking, Chicago, leave the Club DeLisa after five years early in June and will get build-up prior to a try at the big time via theater and ballroom dates.



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The Charioteers heard on Bing Crosby's program made four recordings for Columhia with Frank Sinatra. . . . Ciro's Herman Hover, who is handling artists' contracts and arrangements for summer's series of pop concerts at Hollywood Bowl, has set Frank Sinatra for the third of four concerts. . . . Kay Starr, vocalist, recorded for Standard Transcriptions with Joe Venuti and Les Paul in the vein of the famed old Venuti-Eddie Lang violinguitar combination. . . . Jimmy Dorsey here to be operated on for hernia. . . . Larry Finley, the ballroom operator, rumored skedded to produce three full length musical films yearly, backed by financial group. . . . Ray Bauduc's new band set for top dates including Sherman Hotel, Chicago, and Meadowbrook, near New York. . . . MCA contemplating open-ing office in the Northwest. . . . Pied Pipers to tour theaters with Andy Russell this summer. . . . Figure in the Heidt offer to Wayne Daillard for his Pacific Square Ballroom was \$300,000.

Memories

CHICAGO, May 26 .- When

veteran nitery-goers make the

rounds here early in June they'll

experience happy memories of the

old days, judging from the headliners set for June. Ted Lewis is

current at the Latin Quarter,

while Sophie Tucker holds the

featured spot at the Chez Parce.

Gus Van is set for a June 4 bow at the Vine Gardens and Pat

Rooney tees off June 8 at Colo-

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Symphony Orks Still Building Up Red Balances

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managers by Harl McDonald, manager of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The orchestras included in this report are the Baltimore Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Cleveland Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Kansas City Philharmonic, Minneapolis Symphony, the National Symphony (Washington), Oklahoma State Symphony Society, Los Angeles Philharmonic, the New York Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Rochester Civic Music Association, the St. Louis Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony and the Toronto Symphony.

Operating Expenses

The gross operating expenses for the 18 orchestras amounted to \$5,558,589. Their gross earned income amounted to \$3,827,-639. The deficit was made up entirely by collections from friends of the organizations, which reached a total of \$1,758,502. These gifts enabled 12 orchestral units to show a gross surplus of \$84,576. Five of the orchestras have a gross unfinanced deficit of \$57,024, and one symphony has neither a surplus nor a deficit.

The largest sum of financing income collected by one orchestra amounted to \$171,040, while three other orchestras collected over \$150,000 each. Five collected over \$100,000 and seven collected over \$50,000 each. Only one orchestra needed no additional financing income. The financing income came from the following sources: Contributions, special campaigns, and income from endowment funds. Five of the symphonic units had State, municipal and other grants,

1,479 Concerts Played

The managers' report showed that the 18 orchestras played a total of 1,479 concerts, exclusive of broadcasts, for a total of 422 weeks of performances, to a gross attendance of 3,473,628 persons. Fiftysix of the concerts were for war service and pension fund benefits, with an attendance of 205,425. Concert tour performances numbered 362, with a total attendance of 831,837. The 18 orchestras employed 1,513 musicians, of whom 210 were women. Some 385 former orchestra men are now in military service. The smallest of the orchestras have 70 members, while the largest employs 106. Minimum salaries range from \$45.00 a week in the smallest orchestra to \$100.00 a week in the largest, The minimum salary range for the entire season is from \$855.00 to \$3,135.00. This is exclusive of broadcasting and recording fees.



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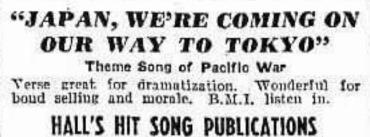
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Six of the orchestras do commercial broadcasting, nine of the symphonic groups do sustaining broadcasting with a fee, and two do sustaining broadcasts without fee. Six of the orchestras record with Victor, five with Columbia and one with Decca. According to the managers' report, the operational deficit per concert ranges from \$413 to \$2,232.

The breakdown of expenses show that 70.8 per cent of all expenses goes for salaries-orchestra members, conductors and soloists fees. All other direct concert expenses amount to 18.9 per cent and the average expense of the administration is 10.3 per cent. The breakdown of earned income shows that 79.3 per cent of the entire total comes from recelpts of concerts at home and on tour. Broadcasting and recording fees and other earned income amounts to 19.1 per cent of the gross and program advertising accounts for the remaining 1.6 per cent.

Two Ex-Band Managers Buy Beverly Hills Amusement Pk.

HOLLYWOOD, May 28 .- Two former band managers, Dave Bradley Jr. and Donald Kaye, have purchased Beverly Park, an amusement center in Beverly Hills, Calif., from William Meyer of Frock & Meyer Combined Shows. Park, which operates six days a week and only during the day, has 18 kiddle rides. A miniature roller coaster, which Meyer will construct, is planned for post-war. Bradley was with Freddy Martin and Kaye with Ted Weems in addition to having had his own band.



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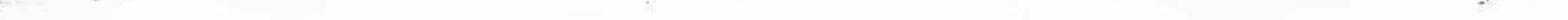
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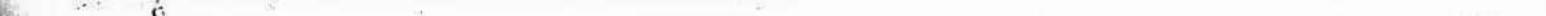
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3	2	3.	BELL-BOTTOM TROUSERS. Tony PastorVictor 20-1661 Five Salted Peanuts
14	5	4.	CANDYJohnny Mercer-Jo Stafford Gonna See My Baby (Pied Pipers-Paul Weston)
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7	10	12.	JUST A PRAYER AWAY—Bing Crosby-Ken Darby Singers (Ethel Smith-Victor Young Ork)Decca 23392 (Sammy Kaye, Victor 20-1642; Kate Smith, Columbia 36783; The Three Suns, Hit 7127)
1	-	13.	JUST A PRAYER AWAY-Sammy Kaye (Billy Williams- Kay Choir)Victor 20-1642 (See No. 12)
4	15	14.	POOR LITTLE RHODE ISLAND (F)-Guy Lombardo (The Lombardo Trio-Stuart Foster)Decca 18651
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1	-	15.	CALDONIA-Woody Herman (Woody Herman). Columbia 36789 (Erskine Hawkins, Victor 20-1659; Louis Prima, Majestic 7134; Louis Jordan, Decca 8670)
1	-	15.	YOU BELONG TO MY HEART (F)-Bing Crosby-Xavier Cugat

Coming Up

CALDONIA-Erskine Hawkins (Ace Harris) Victor 2	0-1659
DREAM-Jimmy Dorsey (Teddy Walters)Decca	18670
PUT ANOTHER CHAIR AT THE TABLE-Mills Brothers Decca	18663
YOU BELONG TO MY HEART (F)-Charlie Spivak (Jimmy Saunders) Victor 2	0-1663

MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

Records listed are folk records most | more than 500 reports received direct from played in juke boxes. List is based on operators all over the country.

	POSI	TION		
Weeks to date	Last Week			
14	2 1	1.	SHAME ON YOU Spade Coeley Okch	6731
6 11 11	1	2.	AT MAIL CALL TODAY Gene Autry Okch	
11	3	2.	SMOKE ON THE WATER Bob Wills Okeh	6736
11	4	3.	HANG YOUR HEAD IN	
16	5	1 876 S2 12	SHAME	6736
10	5	4.	OVER MY SHOULDER Jimmie DavisDecca	6105
17	4	5.	I'M LOSING MY MIND OVER	CHRYNLAU
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MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RACE RECORDS

Records lised as race-type disks most | based on more than 500 reports received played in the nation's juke boxes. List is | direct from operators all over the country.

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to date	Last Week	Week	
4 1	2	1.	CALDONIA BOOGIE Louis Jordan Decca 8670
10	1	2.	TIPPIN' IN Erskine Hawkins Victor 20-1639
10 3 5	1 3 4	3.	CALDONIA Erskine Hawkins Victor 20-1659
5	4	4.	ROCK ME, MAMA Arthur (Big Boy) Crudup
1		5.	I WISHDecca 18663

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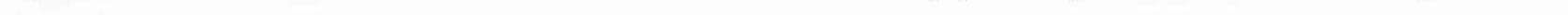
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PUBLISHERS' PLUG TUNES

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Songs listed are those on which publish-ers are currently working or on which they plan to work in the near future. This, of course, means publisher will have his con-tact men make special concentrated effort to have band leaders, singers, disk com-panies, disk jockeys, program producers and other users of music use song begin-

Current Plugs

Publisher

A Blue Poke Bonnet and a Stovepipe | Mom of Your Baby Days......Byers

Publisher

A Friend of YoursBurke-Van Heusen	My Dreams Are Getting Better All the
A Dream (That Won't Come True) . Midwest	Time
A Kiss GoodnightMiller A Story of Two CigarettesMartin Block	(All of a Sudden) My Heart SingsLeeds
All of My Life Berlin	Negra Consentida (My Pet Brunette)
Am I a Passing Dream?Dave Ringle	Marks No Can DoRobbins
Anyone Can Say That I Love You Paull Pioneer	Oh, Frankie!Orange
AnywhereBourne	Oh, My Achin' Back Feist
Are You Livin', Old Man?Jefferson	Oh, Really, O'ReillyMutual Old Mister FregWinthrop
Bala	On Basie StreetStarlight
Bounce-y Bounce-y Ball-y	Once Upon a SongMills
Singer, Reese, Patrick Bye LoUnited	One Meat BallLeeds Otto, Make That Riff StaccateTempo
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Can't You Read Between the Lines	Please No Squeeza Da BananaLeeds
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Carry On, Brother, Carry On. Martin Block	Pretty Soon
Close as Pages in a Book Williamson	Promises
Cool WaterAmerican Counting the DaysSantly-Joy	Put Another Chair at the TableLeeds Question and AnswerChappell
Darling, Promise Me Winthrop	Remember When?Campbell-Porgie
Daybreak Serenade	Right as the RainCrawford
Don't Be Tellin' Me Your TroublesBell Don't Let It Happen AgainBMI	Rosemary
Down on Chesapcake Bay Newart	Say It Over Again Bogat
Down in Chi Chi Hotcha Watchee. Broadway	Send This Purple Heart to My Sweet-
Dream	heart
Everybody's Seen Him But His Daddy	Sleep the Whole Night Through Arcadia
Marks	Sleigh Ride in JulyBurke-Van Heusen Small WorldSouthern
Everytime	Soldier's Last LetterAmerican
Garland of Old-Fashioned RosesO'Kay	Some Other Time Witmark
Give Me Love Tonight	Someday, SomewhereChelsea Something to Write Home About
Good, Good, GoodBerlin	Manhattan Melodies
Green, Green Hills of HomeLincoln	Stars in Your EyesMelody Lane
Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry Marlo	Stuff Like That ThereCapitol Sugar Foot
He Was a Perfect Gentleman	Sweetheart of All My Dreams
Burke-Van Heusen	Shapiro-Bernstein
I Ain't Gein' Nowhere, BabyEdwards I Begged HerFeist	Ten Years From NowFeist That Feeling in the Moonlight
I Can't Believe It Claremont	Paull-Pioneer
I Can't Believe That You're in Love With	The Betty Grable Polka Holly-York
Me	The Blonde Sailor
Else, But You) Mutual	The Kid With the Guitar
I Don't Care Who Knows ItRobbins	The More I See You
I Fall in Love Too Easily	Bregman-Vocco-Conn The Sunset Reminds Me of YouNewart
I Had a Little Talk With the Lord	The Three Caballeros Chas. K. Harris
I Hope to Die If I Told a LieAdvanced	The Wish That I Wish TonightWitmark There! I've Said It AgainValiant
I Miss Your KissRepublic	There Must Be a Way
I Remember Easter Sunday. Whitney Blake	There Was a Time Bronx
I Walked In	There's a New Moon Over My Shoulder.Peer There's a New Star in My Window.Hanna
I Wish I KnewTriangle	There's No YouStanwood
If I Loved YouT. B. Harms	This Day and AgeFranco-American
If You Are But a DreamBarton I'll Always Be With YouBroadway	This Heart of MineTriangle This Is Our SongCavalcade
I'll Be Yours (J'Attendrai)	Thru Your Eyes, Thru Your HeartMills
I'm Gonna Love That GuyBourne	Twilight Time
I'm Lonely for YouWise I'm Only Teasin'Mills	Two Down and One to GoMartin Block Upa UpaMelody Lane
In AcapulcoTriangle	Whatcha Say
In a Shower of Stars	Who? It's Not YouCharles Gunther What Makes the SunsetMiller
Is There a Second Heaven?	When I'm Walkin' Arm in Arm with
It's You, It's You, It's YouLad	JimLa Salle
I've Got a Locket in My Pocket Paramount	While You're AwayRemick Whistle for a WindSinger-Reese-Patrick
Jo-Anne	WindingKelly
Just a Prayer Away Shapiro-Bernstein	Ya' BetchaPyramid
Keep Your Hands Up, StrangerKelly Kitten on the KeysMills	Yay-Dit
Laura	You Belong to My Heart. Chas. K. Harris
Like Someone In Love. Burke-Van Heusen	You Use Your Head, But I Use My Heart
Little SoldierRuss Hul's Country Music Lonely Love	You Don't Have To Believe Me
LonesomeCherio	Prominent Songs
Lucky To Be MeWitmark	You Never Understood Harmony House
Ma-Ma, I Wanna Hawailan GuitarKanes Mem'ries of Mother	Your Pot o' Dough
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# **REVIEWS OF SONGS IN NEW FILMS**

Films are reviewed at trade showings. | fectiveness of film as a plug media for the and reviews are obviously written from standpoint of effectiveness or lack of ef- | are reviewed.

## By Paul Secon

## Thrill of a Romance (MGM)

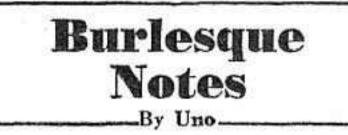
Another MGM gushy musical comes up with a couple of nop tunes done well. Van Johnson, with Lauritz Melchior's voice, warbled "Please Don't Say No," in one se-quence, and the tune got the choice exploitation plum. Tommy Dorsey's band is in for one shot on "I Should Care," but it was scissored and played behind conversation. Feist is publing "No," while Dorsey's firm, Dorsey Music, is publing "Care." Film will neither hurt nor help tunes sales. Copyrighted material





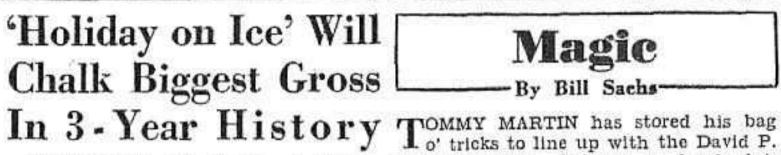
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KITTY MURRAY moves from the Harlem Apollo, New York, to RKO-Boston June 14 and thence to the Roxy, Manhattan, for four weeks thru Arthur Bryson. PFC. SAMMY PRICE, with Special Services, has been transferred to Geiger Field, Spokane. . . . DIANE ROSS is vacationing in New Orleans with her husband who has just returned from overseas. . . . IRENE CORNELL is featured at the Liberty, San Francisco, where the of the stock principals include rest Hermie Rosenthal, Virgil (Porky) Downard, Tommy Farmer, Georgia Lee, Princess Red Fawn, Jeannette Mann, Polly Starr, Dottie Kent and Lamee Lane. . . . FRED AND VIOLET O'BRIEN, dance producers at the Hudson, Union City, N. J., have moved their trailer to Minneapolis for the summer. . . . RAY ERHARDT, former backstage chief for the late I. H. Herk and Hurtig and Seaman houses, is officiating in the same capacity at the Victoria, New York, for the Dillinger pic.

CHARLIE ALLEN'S latest bookings include Jack Mann, with One Touch of Venus on Broadway; Charlie Schultz, straight, to the Gayety, Montreal, and then to New York vaude houses, and Charlie Kemper, Jess Mack and Joe Oakie for the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, for 14 days starting June 5 for the Police Legion. . . . VIRGIL (SLATS) TAYLOR and Ermain Parker, parents of Charlene Frances, born recently, were feted by the principals at the Hollywood, San Diego, Calif., recently. . . . JACK SHAR-GEL, comic, is now working New York Jewish theaters. . . HELENE MCCREE and Pete DeCenzie attended the first anniversary in San Francisco of Show Folks of America Club. President is Sam Cornsen, former carnival man, now a furrier. Mary Ragan, pitchwoman, is the founder. MILT SCHUSTER, Midwest booker, met with Harry Hirsch, manager of the Alvin, Minneapolis; Charley Fox, Empress, Milwaukee; Lou Appleby and Capt. Gurston Allen, Casino, Toronto; Dewey Michaels, Palace, Buffalo, and Arthur Clamage, representing the Avenue, Detroit; Gayety, Cincinnati; Fox, Indianapolis, and Folly, Kansas City, Mo., in Detroit Sunday (27) to discuss the future program of the Midwest Circuit. . . . MEI LING, who closed at the Rialto, Chi. May 10, does a quick return there May 25. . . . JUNE ST. CLAIR set for the Empress, Milwaukee, June 1. . . . JACK MANN, who was in the road company of One Touch of Venus, which disbanded in Chi two weeks ago, returns to burly May 28, opening at the Gayety, Montreal. . . . IRMA LEE, featured strip, is closing the Midwest Circuit this week and will take a four-week vacation to visit her hubby, Corp. Bobby Faye, one-time burly comic. . . . FRED COCKRELL, xylophonist who played burly houses before going across to entertain Allied fighters in Europe, sent Milt Schuster a cap worn by a German U-boat crewman this week, with the note that it "would make a fine prop for some comic."



CHICAGO, May 26 .- Equipped with the world's largest portable ice rink, the 1946 edition of Holiday on Ice, one of the three biggest ice spectacles touring the country annually, is expecting biggest grosses since its inception three years ago, because the portable rink will enable it to play major cities which have never witnessed a top ice show because of lack of rink facilities. Already slated on the show's itinerary are Milwaukee, where the show opens late in September, and Memphis with about a half dozen other cities which will be viewing their first ice skating shows when the show plays there.

Entire rights to the Holiday on Ice Monicker were purchased recently from Frederick Bros. by Emery F. and Calvin B. Gilbert, Milwaukee ice impresari. Tentative plans call for a cast of 80 people and will include outstanding skaters from thruout the country. The Gilbert brothers are being assisted in their venture by W. Carl Snyder, head of the Chi FB office, who has figured prominently in previous editions of the ice spectacle.

# **Mexico City Strike** Ends; 6 Theaters Reopen, 1 Still Shut

MEXICO CITY, May 28 .- Six of Mexreopened after a jurisdictional strike that kept them dark for more than two weeks. The Theater Workers' Union and the Utility Men's Union signed a "non-agression pact" May 19 in which they both decided it was to their interests to re-



o' tricks to line up with the David P. O'Malley office, Chicago, as local club date and act booker. Martin recently returned from two years on the European USO circuit. . . . JACK HERBERT takes his dazzlers into the Skyview Club, Dallas, June 8. . . CHICAGO ASSEMBLY, Society of American Magicians, staged its annual magicfest at Chi's Eighth Street Theater last Friday (25), with a program which included Le Paul; Jarrow, of New York; Don White, Minneapolis, and Professor Oaks, the screwball inventor from Wisconsin. . . , DICK HIM-BER, ork-leader magus, entertained last week's meeting of the Chi S. A. M. at the Morrison Hotel with a number of slick routines, including a new billiard ball nifty. . . . MARDONI AND LOUISE are current at Hotel Chase, St. Louis, on an indefinite run. . . . THE GREAT PAUL and Miss Carol (Mr. and Mrs. Harold Savage) are making New England school and club dates, featuring their trunk and milk can escapes. . . . FU MAN CHU has just concluded 16 weeks of twoa-day at the Arbeu Theater, Mexico City. ... PRINCE SAMARA, still holding forth with his mental wizardry at Papiano's Chariot Club, Salt Lake City, tells of catching the John Calvert magic extravaganza at a local showhouse recently, with the latter jamming 'em in thruout the engagement. . . . ERNIE MOORE, magic vet of Newark, O., has joined the staff of U. F. Grant, the Columbus (O.)

magic maker. . . BILLY MONROE is on a swing of the Detroit niteries. He appeared on the same bill with "Poura-Drink" Dornfield at Detroit's Moonico Olty's seven main playhouses have light Gardens two weeks ago; played Mickie's Show-Bar there last week and is current at Club Del Rio. . . . CANTU is on the Starlight Roof of Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

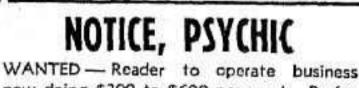
TACK GWYNNE writes from Teheran,

# Civilians Processed By Theater Wing on **How To Treat Vets**

NEW YORK. May 28 .- The first concerted effort on the part of a legit organization to handle post-war G.I. problems is being made by the American Theater Wing in its all-out drive to educate civilians on the right way to act toward returning doughboys. Not only has the Wing taught the 6,000 hostesses at the Stage Door Canteen right from wrong in G.I. relations, but it has trained about 30 actors and actresses to go out and make speeches to barkceps, taxi and bus drivers, waiters and other groups which contact the servicemen frequently in the course of a day's work. The Speakers' Bureau is set-up under direction of Vera Allen. In addition, Wing's Victory Players scripted and performed special skits, such as Esther Hawley's More Than Just Love, dealing with this problem.

After the first part of the plan is clicking, Wing will also see to it that families of G.I.'s get their ABC's thru Speakers' Bureau. They will be reached thru women's clubs, parent-teachers' groups, neighborhood associations and such. Latest in the campaign is a booklet called Tips on Serving the Veteran, which gives the barkeeps specific suggestions on how to use their heads when civilians create ticklish situations by getting pally with servicemen. The 250,000 booklets printed by Seagram Distillers as their contribution to the campaign will have a good influence in helping the 400,000 barkeeps thru the nation do the right thing. Besides this the Wing has service which helps doughboys from being snafued when they are in need of information about G.I. Bill of Rights or any of its ramifications.

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the Iris, which dropped the Paco Miller two-a-day vaude revue for pix. Reopening were the Arbeau, Ideal, Follies, Lirico, Fabregas and Colonial. Some of the cabarets affected, including the Waikiki, resumed their floorshows.

## Strike Cost 140G

Union chiefs calculated the strike cost \$15,000 to support the jobless actors at the rate of \$2 per day. Loss to the show houses was set at \$125,000. The Cinema Production Workers' Union, headed by Canfinflas, comic, and screen actor Jorge Negrete, covered the costs of supporting the actors.

Jaqueline Joyce, U. S. dancer, was one of the entertainers affected by the strike. She was appearing at the Follies.

## New Mpls. Theater Seen With Sale of Parking Site

MINNEAPOLIS, May 28. - New large downtown theater is a possibility for Minneapolis, with the announcement that the site of old West Hotel at Fifth Street and Hennepin Avenue has been bought from Eastern owners by West Realty Company for \$100,000. Officers of realty firm are Benjamin N. Berger, of Berger Amusement Company, presidenttreasurer; Joseph A. Numero, secretary, and Theodore Karatz.

Berger said that plans, while not yet definite, called for erection of a large theater with first floor shops on site and second floor devoted to outdoor ramp for car parking. He would not say whether house, when built, will be vaude-film or straight film. Berger Amusement now runs straight movie houses in a chain thruout Northwest. Site now is a parking lot and will continue as such until after the war.

## **Mex Fatty To Collect**

MEXICO CITY, May 28 .- Roberto Soto, 238 State St., Dept. 2 Mexico's veteran rotund actor, has quit Schenestady 5. N. Y. the Lirico Theater, local revue house the Lirico Theater, local revue house where Lupe Velez first came to attention. Soto has headed the company there for the last three years. He plans to return to the stage soon with his own company at the Arbeau but first will

J Iran, under date of May 10: "We have Only theater which didn't reopen was completed one leg of our trip home. Celebrated V-E Day at a fine hotel, with music, dancing and a jolly crowd of English, Indians, Russians, Iranians and a few Americans. The trip has been a great adventure and now we head into some of the hottest weather of any place on earth. Expect to be on the Persian Gulf three weeks; then a week around Cairo; then home, I hope. That will complete a year overseas for us. Our son, Bud, is okay near Paris after a thrilling

(See MAGIC on page 36)

# **Thomson Appeals Court Decision on** "Date" Ownership

CHICAGO, May 26.-The long standing controversy as to who owns the rights to the Blue Net's Blind Date show came up for another round in the law courts this week when Verl Thomson, program manager of stations KELO - KSOO, Sioux Falls, S. D., who has fought for months his claim that he is entitled to part earnings of the show because he was one of the show's originators, filed in the South Dakota Supreme Court an appeal of a decision rendered in January. 1945, that dismissed his claims. Thomson in his former suits has been plaintiff while Joe Floyd, Sloux Falls theater owner, and Clifford Gill, of Los Angeles, who sold the show nationally thru Tom Wallace, New York producer, have been the defendants.

In previous suits Harold Gingrich, Chicago program creator, who was instrumental in working out the BD format when the show was aired in Sioux Falls, was intervenor claiming part ownership of the show. In Thomson's appeal, suit is brought against Floyd and Gingrich. Switch of Gingrich's place in suit is merely legal technicality necessitated by South Dakota's laws. (The Billboard, January 20, 1945.) Gingrich would not have to kick in with dough if Thomson law which forbids smoking in theaters, wins his appeal.

Dough involved in case is plenty. Testimony in court has revealed that up to June 30, 1944, program has earned for its owners \$22,228. Since then it earned for them about \$640 per week. Split of this is three ways between Floyd, Gill and Floyd's mother, Mrs. M. C. Floyd.

By not having Gingrich as co-partner

# By CBS, Goes Blue?

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Pacific Coast Borax Company, after a marriage of more than four years, is dropping its CBS Death Valley Sheriff and will probably move it, come fall, to the Blue. Company has canceled its franchise on Columbia because of the web's refusal to grant a renewal of more than 26 weeks.

Understood that Columbia considered the show not quite up to snuff and asked Borax to give it a hypo. Borax considers it good enough for its purposes and refused to increase the talent budget. CBS then decided that a 52week renewal would tie them into the program for too long a time.

The Borax outfit, therefore, is about committed to move to Blue where it can get 52 weeks and the ensuing rebate. McCann-Erickson is the agency.

## FCC Adoption of Permanent **Owner Revelation Rule Seen**

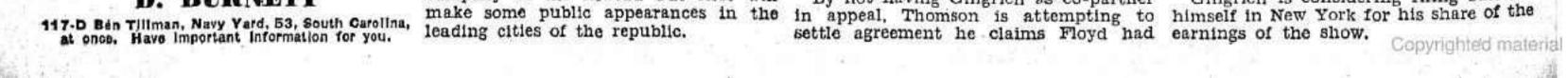
WASHINGTON, May 28 .- Federal Communications Commission probably will adopt as a permanent rule its recent proposal that ownership records of all broadcast stations will be made public. This appeared in the wind after deliberations last week on all the FCC's proposed rules covering filing of financial, ownership and other reports.

Unsettled is the matter of whether public record should be made of outside corporations or holding companies that own an interest in a radio station. General feeling at the hearing last Monday (21) was that record of ownership by outside corporation should be made only when 25 per cent or more of the radio station stock was involved.

## Teeth in Mex. Smoking Law

MEXICO CITY, May 28 .-- Civic government has decreed jail sentence for habitual theater smokers. Incensed by the flagrant violations of its recently-enacted the government amended the measure which called for fines to provide for jail sentences for second offenders.

with him that he was to receive onethird of earnings. He is attempting to get his claims taken care of separately. Gingrich is considering filing suit for



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# Det. Downtown Ends First Year; Bands Best B. O.

DETROIT, May 26 .- Completion of the first solid year of vaude Detroit has known at a major theater (aside from the Paradise Theater with its all-colored show policy) in perhaps five years, has brought the Hughes-Downtown Theater, under the management of George McCall, to an important position as a leading independent vaudeville house.

Its significance is enhanced by reports, made many months ago, that a smillar policy would be adopted for additional Hughes-operated theaters to be taken over in other citics-a development that may be waiting upon post-war plans.

## Horne No. 1

Study of available figures on grosses at the Downtown shows that name bands are the outstanding attraction, altho individual names were able to draw well in some instances.

Leading the year was Lena Horne with Borrah Minevitch's Harmonica Rascals, week of September 1, with \$57,000.

Interesting comparison was the fairly bad. low gross done by Miss Horne when she played the Paradise Theater a few weeks back and did not go over the guarantee into the percentage figure.

By comparison Minevitch came back this past week on his own to do a \$26,000 gross, indicating that his troupe rated a fair share of the high-water mark hitherto credited to Miss Horne.

## T. D. Top Band Draw

stance in night-club history where a the Lido. whole town goes on the "unfair" list is in the making.

Matt Shelvey, national administrator of AGVA, said yesterday (25) that the entire community of Norfolk, Va., and its environs will be "declared out of bounds" for all AGVA members and AGVA-franchised agents beginning June 1. According to Shelvey this will effectively stop the operation of all niteries in the area until such time as the union feels conditions warrant the lifting of the "unfair" action.

Situation is an outgrowth of a string of complaints filed versus club operators of the vicinity by performers. Shelvey says the whole place is a "clip city" and things will have to be improved before he lets members work there again.

The union head dropped a hint that the same procedure may be taken against other entire communities where the union considers working conditions to be

Specifically, the decision to embargo Norfolk follows a row with George Rohanna, operator of the Lido Club there. According to Shelvey, Rohanna had a \$1,000 bond posted with AGVA after an earlier difficulty. Last November, says Shelvey, Rohanna fired a performer and refused to pay her. The claim came to the attention of the national office two weeks ago and national AGVA demanded payment for the actress out of the \$1,000

NEW YORK, May 26 .- The first in- bond on pain of "unfair" action against

Entire City of Norfolk To Be "Out of Bounds" After Disputes Checks Pull

In the ensuing dispute, says Shelvey, Rohanna challenged the union to take out his entire present show. Last Sunday (20), national AGVA ordered all performers to leave the Lido and wired to Norfolk police for protection for them. The spot closed that night and is still closed.

Meanwhile, AGVA has been accumulating other complaints from the Norfolk area. It holds claims against the Terrace Room of the Rowland Hotel for two bad checks, says Shelvey, and the Brooks Club for part of an act's salary. These and other claims will be settled before Norfolk niteries get shows again, declares Shelvey.

## Mpls. Cafe Tapped for 40G In Shooting Suit; May Appeal

MINNEAPOLIS, May 26 .- The Happy Hour bar and cafe, owned by Ramona Bar and Cafe, Inc., may appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court for review of an unusually large verdict handed down against the cafe in behalf of a soldier who was shot and wounded in the place November 23, 1942, by a gunman. The soldier, Harold Bartholomew, who is now discharged, won \$40,000.

Bartholomew sued for \$50,000 as the aftermath of a run-in he had in the Beaver, a gunman who subsequently was executed in Texas for murder. Bartholomew in his sult claimed the bar owners were liable for the shooting because they had allegedly sold liquor to Dugan until he became drunk. The soldier suffered permanent injuries to his jaw and paralysis of the right side of his face from a gunshot wound in the head.

## Ten to 30 per cent of draw said traceable to flesh with take two and half times nut

**Checks** Pull

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bigger end going to the house. With a big film plus a big in-person show, gross may run to \$100,000. Out of this the house contributes its pro-rata of advertising, pays the house staff, musicians and then forks over the stage attractions' cuts. Obviously no theater wants to go into hock for attractions. So it decides beforehand what it will pay, then tries to go out and buy the talent. This is where the first stumbling block appears.

Attractions cannot be picked off trees. The question of availability and the subject of price can't be handled in an offhand manner. So even tho there is a budget the house will go beyond it for one or more shows, with the expectation that subsequent shows can be bought for less dough.

## The Dough Question

But how much does this stageshow bring in? Is the large outlay justified? The answer to the first nobody is prepared to say. The answer to the second is a definite "yes." It has been proved that a picture alone can't draw as heavspot's lavatory with Harry Dugan, alias ily as the picture with a show. In 1943 when the Capitol was running a straight grind policy it seldom got more than 10 or 12G. Before the Paramount turned to stageshows it also tabbed an average of \$11,000. Of course prices were lower, but the profit, after all deductions, was microscopic. Today with bigger salaries, higher operating costs and a general lifting of all expenses, Stem houses take in more dough and have larger nets. The actual net \$\$ are never disclosed.

Tommy Dorsey's band, opening the theater last year on May 19, was next high with \$54,000. Artie Shaw's \$41,000, week of December 29, was the runner-up.

Other significant band grosses were: Xavier Cugat, June 2, \$32,000; Guy Lombardo, June 16, \$32,000.

Horace Heidt, rated as a distinct disappointment in the week of July 21, getting \$26,000.

Bob Chester proved a real surprise for a smaller name, drawing \$24,000 for the week of July 14.

good, July 28, with \$28,000.

Phil Spitalny, for September 15, drew \$34,000; Louis Prima, September 22, \$27,-500; Hal McIntyre, September 29, \$27,000; Charlie Barnet, November 24, \$29,500; Lionel Hampton, December 1, \$32,000; Duke Ellington, January 5, \$35,000; Count Basie, March 2, \$32,000; Les Brown, March 16, \$21,000; Ray Kinney, April 27, \$21,000; Cab Calloway, May 4, \$34,000.

Louis Prima rated top gross for any (See BANDS BEST B. O. on page 33)

## Lee 'n' Eddie's Will Use Names for Entire Summer

DETROIT, May 26.—Booking of name attractions for Lee 'n' Eddie's, north end night spot taken over last fall by Edward F. Casmer, will be an all-summer policy.

Little Jackie Heller, starred in the past two weeks' show, is being held over. and Ray Kinney and His Royal Hawaiians are coming in, together with Chico Marx, to make a strong three-name bill.

On June 8 Glen Gray and the Casa Loma share the spotlight with Collette Lyons, while on June 22 Leo Reisman moves in from the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

## AGVA Pays "Blue Holiday" Cast Out of \$13,000 Bond

NEW YORK, May 26. - Performers working in Blue Holiday, all-Negro twoa-day vauder which opened here Monday (21) to bad notices, were paid their first week's salary by AGVA out of a \$13,000 bond covering two weeks held by the union. Payment is fairly unusual for show has not closed, but AGVA reports that biz at the vauder was insufficient to meet the pay roll. Producers are Irvin Shapiro and Doris Cole, both fledgling show entrepreneurs.

## Dale Belmont Sues for 50G, **Claims Cowan Breached Pact**

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Dale Belmont has brought suit against indie film producer, Lester Cowan, for breach of contract, loss of work and other things which her lawyers claim is worth \$50,000. According to Joe Bonds, Miss Belmont's Freddie Slack, another "sleeper," made manager, gal was to be given a terrific build-up and would then get part of Axis Sally in Ernie Pyle's story of G.I. JOC.

> required Miss Belmont to make a record under name of Jane Doe. Cowan, who already was sold on gal, was to hear record on West Coast and then express a desire to get the "unknown Jane Doe." A hunt would then be started to "discover" the singer who would then get the part.

Later Cowan cooled to the idea, according to Bonds, and this Belmont says has hurt her in showbiz. Cowan denied the entire story. He said: "I never heard of the gal. She was probably one of 68 girls tabbed in error as making their theater who auditioned and didn't make the debut at this spot. They've been playing grade. If she wants to build herself up by theaters for some time, but this was their suing a big name that's her business." first Main Stem showing.

## **Paris Qui Chante Operator Rents Atlantic City Club**

NEW YORK, May 26 .- The Chez Paree, Plan, according to Bonds, would have Atlantic City, owned by Tony Larosa, has been leased for the summer to Johnny Costello for a reported \$15,000. Room, a 400-seater, expects to spend about \$3,000 for two bands and talent and is set to open June 22. Nancy Donovan will be the featured attraction. Costello was formerly operator of the Paris Qui Chante nitery here.

> NEW YORK, May 26 .- The Hartnells, dance team that just completed its engagement at the Strand Theater, were

## Flesh Means 10 to 30%

In making the survey The Billboard spoke to theater men, bookers, agents and the money boys in the front office. It has discovered that as a general rule a stageshow contributes up to 20 per cent of the gross. In some cases it brings in as much as 30 per cent and in other cases only 10 per cent. Off-therecord opinions by front-office heads say they expect attractions to bring in one and a half times to two times their salary and the entire stageshow to contribute about 18 per cent of the total gross.

Admission prices are naturally important, but as all Stem houses work on the same price sked (55 cents-\$1.50) it can be disregarded for the purposes of this flesh research. The real yardstick is seating capacity. But that too is only theory. A Roxy with its 6,000 seats can apparently draw heavier than a Strand with its 2,779 seats. Yet both houses pay the same dough and buy the same acts.

## House-By-House

Applying some of the figures obtained, to the Stem houses listed below we get the following: Capitol (4,627 seats) gets about \$60,000 weekly. It spends anywhere from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for its show. If it didn't have the show it would save the money. But if the two-times the salary yardstick applies, the acts bring in about \$20,000.

The Strand (2,779 seats) is a low grosser. A big week is about \$70,000 but normal business here is about \$45,000. Theater, however, doesn't stint on stageshows. Artle Shaw, for example, got \$12,500. During his run house averaged \$55,000 after opening with \$70,000. If the two-times salary rule is used house didn't do well. It came out okay.

The Paramount (3,664 seats) is probably the shrewdest operation on the Stem. An opener here frequently hits the

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# **Gotham Lounge Trade Hears** Lid's Off on Jersey Games

NEW YORK, May 28 .- Some lounge sult in lucrative business at nighttime quarters here are anticipating a big sea- amusements. Example of how freedom son on the Jersey Coast. There is talk for gamblers invigorates business was going the rounds that the lid will be off furnished by Florida last season. Downon gambling there. One agent says he South resorts got off to a bad start behas definite information about four-five cause of transportation difficulties and by new lounges being prepped for openings January 1-the season's midpoint-were because of it and says the total may reach 10. Just who has put the fix on gambling cannot be ascertained but trade-talk is that the word has gone out business for the balance of the season. there will be no holdown on chancing all up and down the Jersey Coast this summer.

If it happens it should give a powerful shot-in-the-arm to the lounge trade, for it will draw the sporting element which upped talent budgets and, possibly, more is free with dough and that should re- lounges in the picture.

still behind the eight-ball. Short time thereafter the lid came off gamblingand, as a consequence, clubs enjoyed great

If, as the rumor-mill has it, open gaming comes to the Jersey Coast this summer it should force night spots into heavy competition for the patronage of the free-coin element. That would mean

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## Zanzibar, New York

## Talent policy: Dance bands and floorshows at 8:15, 12:30 and 2:30. Owners: Howard and Carl Erbe; publicity, Carl Erbe: production, Clarence Robinson. Prices, \$3.50 minimum.

Potentially, Messrs, Howard and Erbe have one of the best night club offerings in town in their new summer edition of Zanzibarabian Nights. When caught opening night (22), it showed plenty of need for pruning, tightening and routining, but when reorganized it should do plenty business.

Production starts off with a bang thru the combined efforts of Cab Calloway, Dorothy Saulters and the line. Gal is a little dynamo, has lots of personality and knows how to sock. With Calloway and line assisting, she puts over the opener to a very good reception.

Zippy pace is continued by Count Leroy, clever roller-dancer. Lad delivers a fast few minutes of showmanly stuff on the ball-bearings. It's patron-pulling entertainment and gets a proportionate hand.

Miss Saulters returns for Caldonia, but this time the result is a blurred effect, due chiefly to the noisy accompaniment by the band.

Cook and Brown follow with a comedy and dance act. Terping is okay but comedy is strictly n. g. and should be eliminated.

Pearl Bailey occupies the midway slot, a serious mistake in routining. Gal is the best thing in the show and should be saved. With Calloway providing an excellent assist on one encore, she scores handsomely. Warbler has evolved into a (See Zanzibar, New York, on page 32)

## Hotel Pierre, Cotillion Room, New York

Talent policy: Dance bands and floorshows at 9:15 and 12:15. Owner-operator, Hotel Pierre; manager, Stanley Melba. Prices, \$2-\$3 minimums.

## REVIEWS CLUB NIGHT

## Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, Starlight Roof, New York

Talent policy: Dance bands and floorshows at 9:30 and 12:30. Owner-operator, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria; manager, Lucius Boomer; publicity, Ted Saucier. Prices: \$1 cover.

Room continues its Latin entertainment motif with the current bill.

Cantu opens with his standard pigeonproducing act and other bits of magic. Now, however, he's added audienceparticipation stuff involving cards. When caught Wednesday night (23) he drew a tartar by way of a patron stooge but handled himself well and topped his would-be heckler. Improves the act and gets good results in mitting.

Victoria Cordova, smart-looking chick from the airways, is on second. In Spanish songs the gal is plenty knowing and effective. On English pops she runs to corn and schmaltz. Voice is good and she can sell. Responses good,

Hermanos Williams Trio closes with the well-known routine, Sock mixture of in-tempo acrobatics and songs gets very good reception. Biz good when caught. Paul Ross.

## Lou Walters's Latin Quarter, Detroit

Talent policy: Dance band and floorshows at 8 and 11:30. Management: Arthur Rozen; pub-licity: Harold C. Berg; production: Wally Wanger. Prices: \$1-\$1.50, cover.

Show: Has variety; slightly heavy on acro side; production meets usual high standard; audience responsive.

Best Jobs: 1. GYPSY ROSE LEE; business-like artistry in stripping bits and pieces; only goes down to scantles; sophisticated coyness and familiar routine, however, give audience all they came for; 2. DICK BUCKLEY, trickily hammy thru control of pantomime by four pa- lighting effective. trons; unique and highly skillful novelty. Rest of Bill: OLSEN AND JOY, comedy, knockabout dance, pantomime; comedy contortion has entertaining control work; girl good on acro work. JOE ARENA and dog, whirlwind tumbling enlivened by frequent production of schuppers of beer from pockets; dog's deadpan and acrobatics win house. MARION MORGAN, sweet thrush, ranges from rollicking to plaintive, very appealing in romantic numbers. LATIN QUARTER LOVELIES (10); three numbers elaborately costumed; amusing in partial mass-strip blt.

## Florentine Gardens, Hollywood

Talent policy: Dance band and floorshows at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Management: Frank R. Bruni; headwaiter, Eddie Brady; publicity, Rose Joseph. Prices: From \$1.50.

Swinging in Victory is an especially appropriate title for a show at this time. Performances here are informal, with audience participation featured in the late one. For the first show the performers take over and in this one, like the rest, Frank Bruni does an okay job. Designed to entertain, this show rings the bell from start to finish.

There are some changes from the usual pattern. Eppy Pearson, hefty monologist and pianist, emsees in the absence of Nils Thor Granlund, But the girls are there and Pearson's patter is nightclubby. Some of the quips come too fast for the out-of-towners. They get 'em, but later.

Outstanding are Corinne and Tito Valdez with their dance routine. They are especially good in Bahia done to Latin-flavored music by Emile Baffa and orchestra.

The Mills Brothers with their effective harmonies and more animation than when they appeared here last, show-stop. Elly Ardelty, trapeze artist, is well received. And Pietro Gentile baritoning of Eli, Eli and Magic Is the Moonlight draws applause.

Comedy (that not done by Pearson) is ably handled by Herman Hyde with his gal stooge. His fur coat that matches the Dalmatian pooch he walks on with creates the mood-then with his trick harp and flapping bass fiddle the laughpurveying has a side-ripping effect.

Crysal White's high kicking and other dance routines are well received.

Latin Rhythm, Swinging to Victory in

## Statler Terrace Room, Cleveland

Talent policy: Dance bands and floorshows at 8 and 11. Manager: R. J. McSoley: headwaiter: Ponte; publicity: George Winter. Prices: \$1.50-\$2. minimums.

Whole Show: Good; solid entertainment; nice reaction from patrons.

Best Job: MYRUS, mental telepathist, employs use of skill with uncanny results that held audience spellbound.

Other Acts: TALIA, an interpretative dancer who possesses personality as well as a shapely pair of pins.

Band: GEORGE DUFFY (11) dispenses with smooth dance rhythms as well as excellent show backing. Gal vocalist, MARION BRENT, is one of the best in this area, Business: Good.

Herman Spero.

## Iceland, New York

Talent policy: Floorshows at 7:20, 11 and 1: continuous dancing. Owner: Mike Larsen; manager, Axel Petersen; maitre, Peter Hansen; publicity, Milt Berger. Prices: \$2 minimum.

The current show moves with plenty of speed, a lot of it being due to capable handling of Allan Drake, emsee and comic. Opens with the Muriel Kretlow pony line (6) in a Scotch number and ends with kids back in an Up in Harlem routine that had customers hammering loudly. Gals aren't too good in the hoof-(See ICELAND, NEW YORK, on page 32)



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Wally Boag opens current show with his charming balloon act. His patter could stand strengthening but his personality covers the matter. He has developed an audience-participation gimmick, good for laughs, in which he draws assorted couples from the tables to squash balloons between 'em. Finishes with his nimble hoofery, solid enough to stand by itself, and goes off to an ample mitt.

Jane and Adam DiGitano are the other half of the bill. Routines and dance bits are by no means out of the ordinary but good-looking couple deliver with plenty of skill and suavity and sell themselves well. Reactions good all along the line, Biz mild when caught Tuesday night (22). Stanley Melba ork plays the show. Paul Ross.

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Band: SAMMY DIBERT (10) works well with show, popular with dancing crowd; Dibert enlarging his showmanship, doing bits and vocals entertain-Haviland F. Reves. ingly.

Shanghai and The Masked Ball are good opening leads to multiple ventriloquism productions. Costumes are lavish and the Sam Abbott.

## Latin Quarter, Chicago

Ted Lewis, always one of the top favorites of the clients of the Latin Quarter, returns to Ralph Berger's Loop spot in a show that is not quite as good as the one he brought here for his last stay. But it is still just about the best thing in town. Lewis brought in six top acts and his band. He still captures them with his manner of singing Just Around the Corner, Sunny Side of the Street and When My Baby Smiles at Me. When he finished the audience really feels like answering "yes" to "is everybody happy?" Show gives the patrons one top act after another. In fact he might have too many acts.

For his Me and My Shadow routine Lewis now has a new boy, Elray Peace, Snowball Whittier has been tapped by Uncle Sam. Peace and White Jackson, Lewis's chief assistant for comedy bits, did some top fast and hot dancing and all around clowning that had the customers laughing all the time. But when the two Negro boys do an Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive routine after the beautiful Reed Sisters finished singing the same, one of the few mistakes made in programing is noticeable.

Other acts'include Audrey Zimms, who does sensational baton twirls; Geraldine DuBois who gives a little sex to the show with her strutting and singing; Charlotte and Evelyn Dewey, young acrobatic dancers whose ability belies their youth, and Patti Thomas, blond tapstress, who will soar if she ever gets her dancing ability matching her beauty.







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## Rhumboogie, Chicago

Talent policy: Dancing and floorshows at 11 and 1. Owner and manager, Charley Glenn; production, Hortense Allen. Prices: Minimum, \$1.50-\$2.

Fletcher Henderson has shuffled his sidemen since his last appearance locally in December and the result is a rocking crew that's pacing the floorshow and entertaining the dancers.

Henderson's scorings, both on originals and the standards and pops, are top-(See Rhumboogie, Chicago, on page 32)

## Strand, New York

(Reviewed Friday Evening, May 25) Nothing much happens in the new ow until the Borrah Minevitch haronica gang comes out. From then on 's belly-laughs, chuckles and then more illy-laughs. As an aggregation the oup is the same as when last caught, it the addition of plenty new bits of isiness by Johnny makes it almost completely new act. Johnny's pantoimes are superb. His Peck's Bad Boy annerisms, his pathetic and at the me time ludicrous mugging gets symthetic laughs practically all the time. om the moment the gang dashes on age to ts exit, for which Johnny takes ver the baton from Shep Fields, the bys have the customers right in their alms.

Shep Fields (14) ork (reviewed in usic section) does okay as a stage outt. Best were a medley of classics lifted y pops and *Lost Chord*. Latter was parcularly effective as the boys, plus gal arpist, make like a church organ. In is number Meredith Blake, gal vocalist, downstage center spotted by three verhead lights of various colors. Miss lake has two other numbers. *Candy* and *ve Said It Again*, neither of which do aything for her. It's the *Lost Chord* hich puts her across. element when performers come on from the wings. *Sentimental Journey*, with Rose Marie on voice, got a better hand, but mob was still sitting on its paws. *Humoresque*, ork's big number, was n. s. h.; *Frankie and Johnny* woke 'em up, and the medley helped a little more. Even tho the pop stuff dished out is commercial, a few more novelties would make for a better show. Joey Adams, the sparkplug of the package, got the first big hands. His standard nitery routine, flavored with

Bobby Steward, Fields' boy singer, has pleasant smile and appears ingratiatig. His first. *Dream*, was okay, but *aura* isn't for him. Delivery isn't too ot and has bad habit of cocking his ead in uncomfortable manner.

Lenny Gale, a short, chunky lad, had tough time getting started. His new interial involving take-offs of various ic and radio names left pew-sitters old. His first laugh came with the interial Heatter bit. Aroused some inerest with Bill Kenny (Ink Spots) imiation but didn't sustain it. Audience ave him a fair hand.

The Fountaines (two boys, one girl) nake a smart appearance and do an exellent job with their novel acros. Gal, /ho is slim, dark and attractive, does ome sensational lifts which seem almost mpossible. Act is sock and should go laces. Pic is Pillow to Post. Biz big. Bill Smith.



## Capitol, New York

(Reviewed Thursday Evening, May 24) Tho the names will pull 'em in for this show, it's the supporting acts that gives the customers their money's worth.

Guy Lombardo's ork (16), working against a lush, summery drop full of big flowers and green leaves, gets hands in the right places. Style, however, all grooved in the same tempo, has a monotony that is almost soporific. Band comes up on the elevator with Bell-Bottom Trousers and goes into Dream, with Larry Brown handling the vocals in okay fashion. Lombardo keeps his vocalists on stage constantly, removing the surprise element when performers come on from the wings. Sentimental Journey, with Rose Marie on voice, got a better hand, but mob was still sitting on its paws. Humoresque, ork's big number, was n. s. h.; Frankie and Johnny woke 'em up, and the medley helped a little more. Even tho the pop stuff dished out is commercial, a few more novelties would make for a better show.

Joey Adams, the sparkplug of the package, got the first big hands. His standard nitery routine, flavored with plenty of bantam, got belly laugh after belly laugh. The Canzoneri bit and the chatter with Mark Plant hit 'em right in the funnybone. Boys had trouble when they pulled Guy Lombardo into the chatter. A few more shows, however, and it should straighten out. Plant's Begin the Beguine was all right, but Adams should get off while the big boy is warbling. The Sonny Boy bit, with lots of business, was sock. However, Adams throws in too much business into it. Bit is funnier when it's undersold.

June Havoc has a good routine but has trouble selling it. One reason is that it's delivered too fast so that the mob doesn't get the punch lines. Her Lauren Bacall take-off needs plenty of working on but has possibilities. Caldonia, with plenty of business, was confusing. Gal has the stuff but nothing happens.

## Chicago, Chicago

(Reviewed Friday Afternoon, May 25) Theater keeps its recent chain of strong b.-o. bills intact with this week's revue, featuring Condos Brothers and Dave Apollon and Company, plus Nip Nelson. Bill will run two weeks, with pic, Bring on the Girls, and vaude fare will be augmented next week by Joan Merrill.

House ork tees off with pop medley, featuring Marshall Gill. Gill rated encore despite fact that audience was mostly high-school ROTC boys, who usually keep their mitts quiet when male crooners appear.

Condos Brothers, just out of the 51 Hundred Club here, do the same fine precision tap purveying that they did at the local bistro. Their varied repertoire of terp styles and good-natured joking keeps payees fascinated during the entire act. Grabbed two calls back.

Nip Nelson's billed as a musical mimic, but it's his personality impressions that

put him across here. Guy does a couple of fine unusual ones, Akim Tamaroff, Winston Churchill, and Raymond, of the Inner Sanctum Mystery show. His trumpet and trombone mimicking is okay, but he makes best impression with his imitations of notables. Nabbed an encore. Manpower shortage has hit Dave Apollon and he's using gal singer-guitarist Tapu Kaua, together with three Fillipino musicians. Addition hasn't changed audience reaction to his standard corn and stringed ensemble numbers. Heavy mitta followed each number, best of which was the quintet's aping of the Ink Spots. Apollon's russified imitation of the bass monologs of the late Hoppy Jones is a top laugh-getter. John Sippel.

## **Orpheum**, Los Angeles

(Reviewed Tuesday Afternoon, May 22) Lena Horne, with Jimmy Lunceford and orchestra (16) headlines, with the

## Olympia, Miami

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(Reviewed Wednesday Afternoon, May 23)

Manager Al Weiss Jr. gives out with one of the best shows in some time. All acts click.

The Lesters open the trump card with an acro bit in which the femme does the understanding. Their hand-to-hand mounts and twists earn a solid round of applause.

Brosseau and Manning fill the deuce spot. Brosseau does a lot of chatter with a travesty on magic, while Miss Manning wisecracks as his aid. Well liked.

Harmonica Reeds follow. A trio of youngsters harmonizes on pop songs and operatic tunes with equal skill, their work on the harmonicas ranking with the best. Heavy mitt.

Lou Vogle, impressionist, fresh from a long run at the local Clover Club, proves a show-stopper. Begs off with a short talk. He runs the gamut of topnotch radio artists, opening with a carbon of Ed Gardiner, then Downey, (See OLYMPIA, MIAMI, on page 32)



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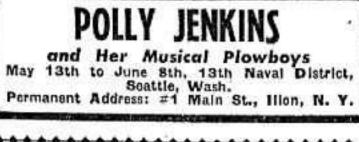
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Paul Remos and his two midgets sell their standard routines to good applause.

Pic, Thrill of Romance, Biz good. Bill Smith.

## Loew's State, New York (Reviewed Thursday Evening, May 24) Current show is undistinguished. It has occasional speed but there is nothing sustained about it. What gives it some tempo is Pancho's Latin music, but at best outfit is strictly for dancing and not for show.

Top billing goes to Kitty Carlisle, who looks gorgeous in a white gown and gets a nice walk-on reception. Gal does nicely with semi-classical stuff, displaying a good set of pipes. Doesn't do well with pops. Candy, a so-called request, should be dropped. It's not for her. I'm Beginning to See the Light is another poor choice. Did a lot better with I Love You, the bullfighter number and Always. Latter two particularly well suited for her voice. Miss Carlisle has a bad habit of milking. Came back on small applause to do one number and did three. She would have gotten better hands for less work.

Rolly Rolls drew fancy titters with his broken down piano routine. Kept mob interested with his Gallic accented chatter even if material wasn't so good. Miniature accordion bit went over nicely. Finished with straight Steinway stuff and boogle bit walking off to sock mitts. Forced to return for a beg-off speech.

Pancho's (13) ork does an okay job. Maestro fronting with maraccas gets a nice south-of-the-border beat into music. Three drums, one on regular traps and one each on bongo and conga skins help substantially. Pancho's biggest is a rumba called *Walter Winchell*, of all things, that got quite a hand. Two ork vocalists, Carol Page and Herman Del Toro sing pleasantly tho not outstandingly. Besides fronting and making with the maraccas, Pancho also emsees. His accent makes him a poor candidate for the job.

Miller and Jene, who open with their knockabout acros and comics, have a nice act. Couple, she's a big blonde and he's a small skinny guy, have possibilities. They need better timing and improved chatter to make the grade.

Carleton Emmy and his dogs go thru there until July 1.

Four Step Brothers and Strawberry Russell the augmenting acts. Show is smoothly emseed by Lunceford, and the band show is neatly paced. Six shows skedded for opening day, with the line forming after the opener at noon. Pic, *Thorobreds*.

Show is on the band pattern, altho the augmenting acts turn in plenty of solid entertainment. Lunceford opens with Bust Out, which gives Joe Thomas, on sax, a chance to shine. Jim Marshall's skin beating also gets a light and high appreciation. It's Thomas on Body and Soul, with Kurt Bradford, sax man, switching to electric guitar for okay effect. Song of the Islands gives Lunceford's planist a run, and Thomas's hot reed finishes. Bradford, ex-Les Hite, wins niche for himself on sax highlight of Meditation from Thais, Lad handles his sax well and is an asset to band. This goes for Thomas, too. T'aint What You Do is the all-outer that puts the cutats in the aisles.

The Step Brothers get beg-off hand for their tapping. Working in toppers and white tie and tails, they sell well individually and collectively. Terping is smooth and fast. Strawberry Russell, with his one-string cigar-box violin, is laugh-provoking. Does *Roses of Picardy* in good quality and his gags are punchy. Ends with a dance that's a novelty but still a good part of the act.

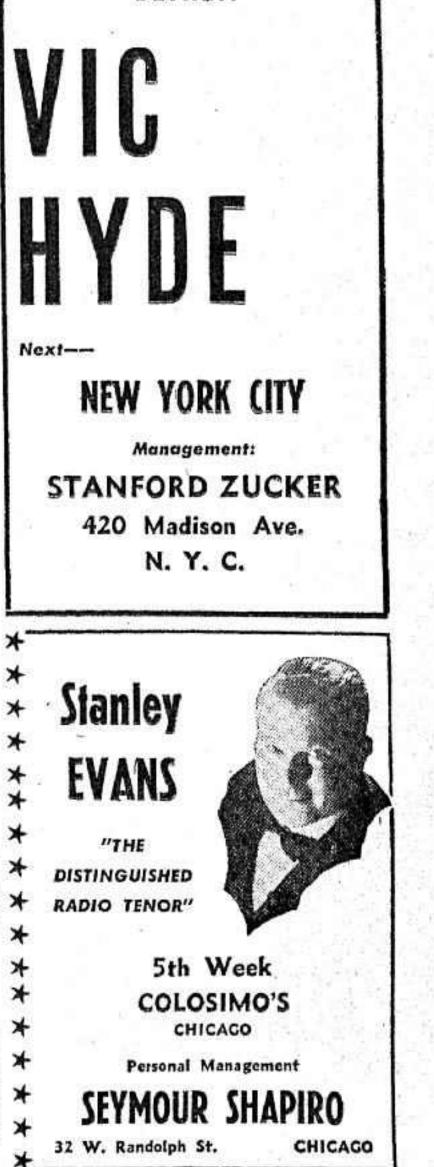
Lena Horne is at her best. Opens with Sometimes I'm Happy. Her Nothing' But the Blues is outstanding, as is her Deed I Do. She has developed a stage technique that enhances her act greatly over her appearance here a year ago. Each tune gets a big and justifiable hand.

Sam Abbott.

their standard routines in acceptable fashion. Customers get plenty of chuckles ***** from his tag-line, "Pardon me," giving the act a good reception. ***** 

Pic, Here Come the Waves. Biz fair. Bill Smith.

SANDRA SHAW, just returned from six months in the Pacific and a like period in the European theater for USO, is current in the Rendezvous Room of Hotel Touraine, Boston. . . . RICHARD GORDON has had his option picked up at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, to keep him there until July 1.



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# **Shuberts Testing Vaudeville** For Future U. S. Cirk, Says **Booker**; Starts in Detroit

## Dows Buying; Old Wheel Manager in Pic

NEW YORK, May 26 .- A Coast-to- ducer in Australia. He recently returned Coast, two-a-day vaude circuit may be to the U.S.

in the making. It will be tested at the Shubert Lafayette in Detroit, beginning June 1, with a two-hour live show featuring Margie Hart, Lili St. Cyr; Low, Hite and Stanley; Frank Paris and six other acts.

If the Detroit engagement is successful other units will be formed to play at the Great Northern, Chicago, and the National, Washington (also Shubert houses), beginning June 8 and 15, respectively. And if these, in turn, prove to be money-makers, a whole nationwide cirk may be formed.

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## Shuberts in Deal

Trade sources and one of the parties involved in the deal are emphatic that the Shuberts are back of the proposition and that by it they are, in effect, seeking to revive the old Shubert vaude wheel with which they made theatrical history fighting the Keith interests. The \$1.50 top for reserved seats, twide daily cirk died 14-15 years ago.

Al and Belle Dow, indie bookers, have drawn the booking plum for the proposed wheel. They have long operated a legit house in New Haven in conjunction with the Shuberts and say this connection led to the new one.

Arthur Klein, formerly general manager of the old Shubert wheel and now an indie theatrical producer, says he brought the Dows and the Shuberts together. Klein says he will supervise the new shows but denies that either he or the Shuberts (or any of their affiliated corporations) have any financial interest in the new deal. Klein says the Shuberts' only interest is that of renting one or more of their theaters to the Dows, who, he claims, are the employer-producers of the vaude shows. The Dows, on the other hand, say it 'tain't so-they are merely the bookers while the Shuberts are putting up the money and one Jack Lester is producing. Lester is described as formerly associated with Grauman's Chinese Theater on the Coast and for the last 10 years a pro-

In any event both the Dows and Klein are agreed that if the Detroit test works out it will eventually lead to the formation of a national vaude cirk paralleling the old Shubert outfit.

The Dows say the Shuberts are interested because they feel the time is ripe to revive two-a-day vaude around the country. One reason, according to the Dows, .s that many servicemen are coming back who have developed a taste for flesh. Another is that the average present-day vaude show is a shortle and devold of sufficient wallop, whereas the new formula of a produced two-hour offering of eight or nine good acts, plus girls, plus scenery, plus costumes, plus an emsee, plus at least one strip act (a constant ingredient) ought to satisfy everybody.

## \$1.50 Top

It is planned to run the shows at a and an extra show on Saturday midnight where permitted. If business warrants there may be additional performances on week-ends. Shows will go into the theaters on a four-week basis, but if they prove too weak for that long a run they will be routed to other houses on the cirk.

The shows are being started despite warm weather because there will be few touring attractions to use Shubert houses this summer and because all three houses involved, so far, have airconditioning. It is understood that another factor in the plan is the belief of the Shuberts that with the end of the war looming the legit theater, which has been a gold mine, may subside to more normal levels and the huge theateroperators want to be ready with something else to keep their houses working. Units will cost between \$6,500 and \$8,000 to keep running and it is figured that a \$1.50 top and 14-15 shows weekly, they should be profitable. Even if they only run in the Lafayette, Great Northern and National for the summer the deal should prove very satisfactory, say the Dows.

Follow-Up Review

VERSAILLES, NEW YORK: Jane Plokens, who headlines the bill, opens big but loses her audience before she's finished with her second number. One reason is the room. An act, to hold the dinner crowd here, must be sock all the way thru. Miss Pickens looks good, sings nicely, but she is not strong enough to keep the gab from drowning her out.

Canary's entrance is a good piece of showmanship. Instead of coming on from the stage as the rest of the acts do, she comes out from the front of the house, singing an aria and getting a nice hand. from New York to line up at least four Opened with June Is Busting Out and or five 12-girl lines for forthcoming overfollowed with Gal Who Couldn't Say No. In latter she lost her audience. Next was I'd Like To Go Back to Paris for which she made a pitch for audience participation when number segued into Last Time I Saw Paris. How she expected crowd to come in on chorus with the tricky arrangements is difficult to understand. number. My Heart Sings in which Miss Pickens took over the piano, came next. Number sold nicely, with mob quieting down for Buxton Chain in England a change. Finished with her standard, In My Arms, and walked off to a fairish hand. Bill Smith.

## ZANZIBAR, NEW YORK

## (Continued from page 30)

top-notch performer of songs with comedy touches. Crowd went big for her.

Day, Dawn and Dusk are next. Their gag opera and spiritual routines don't seem to pull here as they did at Ruban Bleu, possibly because they punch too hard, Closing number, Eli-Eli, is most inapporpriate in nitery of this kind and

Calloway and the line appear for what is really the climax of the show, a King Cab, the First number. Deals with eight loves (the line gals) in Calloway's life. Leader wears a king-size zoot suit. Basic-

# **Using School Girls** Now To Fill Out Short Chorus Lines

June 2, 1945

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Current scarcity of line girls is further exemplified by the case of Olive Bernard, production chief at the Chez Paree, who dispatched an SOS call for eight girls to fill out and strengthen the 12-gal line at the Chez. She said she has informed contacts in Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago that she is willing to take college and high school girls, with only a dancing-school knowledge of ballet dancing, and teach them.

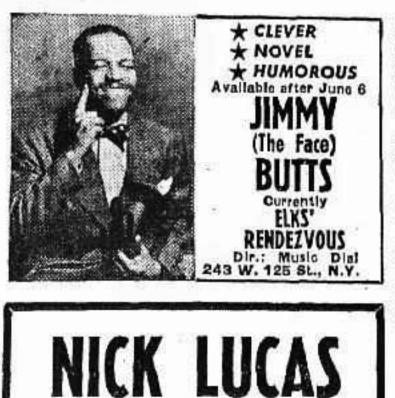
Fred Evans, USO-Camp Shows rep here seas productions, left Chicago Wednesday when his 10-day search for chorines uncovered only a little better than two complete line of girls. Currently in St. Louis, he plans to make a number of Midwest metropolises in his scout for chorines until he has secured the desired

# Switches to Vaude Policy

LONDON, May 28.-Best vaude news for a long time is the decision of Harry Buxton, chairman and manager of the Buxton Theater Circuit, tosturn over his entire chain of 23 movie houses to straight vaudeville and touring shows. None of the theaters involved are in London.

They include such places as the Scala, Manchester; Hippodrome, Colne; Riviera, Tynemouth; Regal, Blackburn; Queen's, Ashton; Regal, Bolton; Palace, Burnley; Empire, Bradford, and the Pilot, King's should be dropped. Responses were good. Lynn. Last mentioned was the first to make the change-over with a vaude bill, headed by Elsie and Doris Walters. The houses have an average seating capacity of 2,500.





## NOW APPEARING

BOWERY, Detroif, Michigan

## Iroquois Gardens, Louisville, Arises From Curfew Snooze

CHICAGO, May 28 .- Iroquois Gardens, Louisville nitery which was closed since the imposition of the curfew, has reopened with a show made up of acts from the surrounding territory. It returns to its pre-curfew talent nut of around \$1,500 the week of June 4. No acts have been slated as yet. Booking is being handled by Howard Rosene, of the Chi GAC office.

## ICELAND, NEW YORK

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ing department but make up for it with tricky costuming and enthusiasm. Allan Drake, a clean-looking lad, displays an engaging personality which mob here eats up. Routine is only fair and loaded with corn but it sold plenty of yocks and hands. Handles crowd chit-chat capably. With proper material Allan could go places.

The Maxello's (two gals, two guys), all in gray, do a good job with their legtossing routines. A couple of bits were fluffed but this added to suspense rather than hurt the act. Group might keep it in and build it as "accident." Audience participation went over well. In latter, customers come up while bottom guy on cushion tosses 'em around with his legs. Gets loads of laughs.

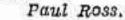
Julictte Mastry, a prima donna type canary, looks nice in white gown which sets off her black hair. Opens with Begin the Beguine and follows with Always. to a good applause.

Lou Martin's ork cut the show skillfully. Bill Smith.

ally, it's a walloping number and the onsemble gets everything that can be gotten out of it. Lyrics, however, are not as funny as they should be.

Bill Bailey is next with his familiar hoofing and patter. More of the former and less of the latter would do this act a lot of good. He's on too long and talks too much. Also, he should be spotted earlier in the piece. Reception is very good.

Calloway returns for a slege of individual warbling which adds nothing to the proceedings, altho he sells well, and line closes with a fast dance to Candy. Biz very good when caught.



## RHUMBOOGIE, CHICAGO

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notch and carry a solid wallop when executed by his reorganized 17-piece crew. Top band bits in the revue are Henderson's plano version of In the Mood and vocalist George Floyd's tenoring of Always and For You. Henderson has scored the entire book for the show here and his sparkling rhythms are excellent backing for all the numbers.

Rhumboogettes (10) open with snappy sailor routine, after which Bobbie Caston, formerly chirp with Louis Armstrong, does an effective selling job on three ballads. Gal could win bigger hand if she'd use more current material.

Remainder of the show is strictly for race audiences. Comedian Snooky Marsh uses jive talk exclusively to sell his j-bug impresh to solid mitting. In the closing spot T-Bone Walker peddles his blues shouting and electric guitar strumming niftily. Tricks, like doing the splits while strumming and playing the guitar while it's balanced on the back of his neck, brought two encores. John Sippel.

## OLYMPIA, MIAMI

## (Continued from page 31)

Crosby, Sinatra, Winchell and Colona. Does a Churchill for an encore.

Hibbert, Byrd and Leroy close with their rapid-fire terp specialty. Comic works in the audience as a souse and Finishes with Donkey Serenade, going off after apparently being ejected twice by an usher, finally lands on the stage to put the act across to splendid returns. Pic, Salty O'Rourke. Larry Berliner.



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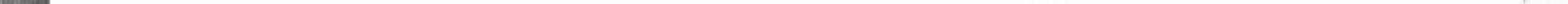
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## IN RE: CARMAN THEATER, PHILADELPHIA

The U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Civil Action No. 334, in Equity) has held that the compensation paid by the Receivers of the Carman Theater to inde-pendent artists who performed at the theater between July 2, 1040, and May 27, 1943, is not subject to deduction for Social Security Tax and that the amount withheld by such Receivers in said metiod is returnable to those artists. in said period is returnable to those artists. Claim therefore must be made to James L. Baxter, Esq., Special Master, 2020 Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on or before August 17, 1945, or thereafter be barred.



## NIGHT CLUBS-GROSSES 33

# IN SHORT

## New York:

PATTERSON and Jackson originally set for Loew's State May 10 have been set back to June 14 because flicker and V-E Day trailer took 32 minutes away from flesh show. . . . DOLLY DAWN and Phil Brito on a bond drive pitch at the Tung-Sol plant, Newark, helped sell \$115,000 worth of 7th War Loan Bonds, the highest ever reached in that plant. . . . ESCO LA RUE, featured comic in Ice-Capades of 1945, just signed for Ice-Capades of 1946.

BARRY WOOD and Patsy Kelly package start their first nitery dates June 8 when they open at the Chase in St. Louis.

BARNEY JOSEPHSON, Cafe Society op, will open a Paris nitery as soon as officials permit. . . . ANDY McLAUGHLIN had a surprise birthday party thrown for him by op of Brandonville Country Club, Kingston, Pa., where he's current.

ADAMS, Newark, has shuttered for the summer. . . . SIMONE SIMON being submitted for theaters for about \$3,000. . . . JOHNNY JOHNSTON goes back into the Capitol about June 14. . . . GEORGIE TAPPS due back from overseas. . . . SENOR WENCES set for the Capitol after return from South America. . . DICK HAYMES, who preems at the Roxy rent at the Continental Room of Hotel July 25, will get approximately \$7,000. . . . HAL FISHER, who just closed at La Conga, opens at Club Charles, Baltimore, with wife, Laura Kellogg, on June 12.

## Chicago:

CONDOS BROTHERS, who opened at Chicago Theater May 25 for two weeks, are slated for the Warner Bros.' Hollywood studio around mid-June for a part in Night and Day, celluloid version of the life of Cole Porter. . . . DOROTHY CLAIRE, local radio and nitery thrush, makes her first West Coast p. a., starting June 28, for six weeks at Bal Tabarin, San Francisco. . . . EDDIE PEABODY, just out of the navy, makes his first theater p. a. at the Chicago, starting June 8.

Sawyer at the Latin Casino, . . FRANKIE SCHLUTH takes over the lead spot at the Cadillac Tavern. . . . HAL HOPE into Hopkins Rathskeller to head the new revue. . . . BERT STONE into the Casablanca on the Jersey side. . . . JERRI TRAVERS heads the new show at the Embassy. . . . RALPH LEWIS heads the new show at the Del Rio.

MICKEY ALPERT has signed a sixmonth contract to master the ceremonies at The Coronet. . . . JACK L. COHN, formerly with Suez Agency, has organized the Standard Theatrical Agency. . . ALAN GALE opens June 14 at the Chanticleer, Baltimore. . . . HILDE SIM-MONS back in the fold, going to Baltimore's Club Charles. . . . BILLY VINES due back June 4 at the Latin Casino.

## St. Louis:

DUCHESS AND HER MEN OF NOTE current at Hotel Statler. . . JUDY BLAINE, St. Louis vocalist, joined Lloyd LaBrie's orchestra, replacing Marianne Lucas. . . . CHICO MARX set for Lee 'n' Eddie's in Detroit. . . . Club Plantation, back on the old sked, is presenting FORD, HARRISON AND JONES; Salt and Pepper, Four Melotones and Dick Montgomery. . . . HELENE AND HAYES cur-Jefferson, backed by the Music of Tony DiPardo, with Betty Day, vocalist, and the Marie Asher Girls. . . . SULLY MA-SON ork booked in Chase Club for two weeks. . . . CAROL BRUCE and Arthur Blake are the attractions in the Crystal Terrace of the Hotel Park Plaza, with Ermie Venuto's orchestra still furnishing the music.

## Miami:

JACKIE GREEN closed at 5 o'Clock. . . . NEW bill headed by Carolyn Marsh with Lindsay Dancers held over. . . . Barton Brothers, transferred from Kitty BLANCHARD opened a return engage-

# Stem Takes Warm and Cold; Music Hall Red Hot 124G

Stem held up nicely for the last week. and Pillow to Post. Biggest grosser of the lot was Radio City Music Hall which is working to S. R. O. biz practically every day. Loew's State, Rognan, Clarence Stroud, Irving Caesar however, took a nose dive.

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats, average \$100,000) came thru with a terrific \$124,000 for its third week of the Waves. the Shyrettos, Tony Zukas and Valley of Decision against previous week's take of \$123,000. First stanza showed \$124,000. Roxy (6,000 seats, average \$75,000) added another \$76,000 for its third frame of Count Basie, Jerry Lester and Diamond Horseshoe. Opened with \$95,000. and followed with \$80,000.

## Paramount, Capitol

Paramount (3,664 seats, average \$75,-000) rolled up \$63,000 for its fourth week of Charlie Spivak ork, Jo Stafford and Salty O'Rourke, Opener brought \$100,000. Second week was \$85,000 and third heat was \$70,000.

Capitol (4,627 seats, average \$55,000) wound up its three-weeker with Jane Froman, Willie Howard, George Paxton's ork and The Clock by getting \$205,000 for the run. First week was \$79,000 followed by \$67,000. Third and final stanza counted \$59,000. New bill has Guy Lombardo, June Havoc, Joey Adams and Thrill of Romance.

## Strand, State

Strand (2,779 seats, average \$45,000) came in with \$40,000 for its second and last week with Henry Busse ork, Helmut Dantine, Andrewa King and Escape in the Desert. Show opened with \$45,-000, bringing total to \$95,000. New show

LEO FULD and Company, including Floods Wash Out Jerry Wald Davis to the Terrace. . . . JERRI In Detroit; Take Only 18G

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Biz along the has Shep Fields ork, Borrah Minevitch

Loew's State (3,500 seats, average \$25,-000) slipped down to \$19,000 for Lorraine and Guest in the House, against previous week's \$28,000. New bill has Pancho ork, Kitty Carlisle, Rolly Rolls and Here Come

## Philly Earle Slips Down To \$22,800 With Les Brown

PHILADELPHIA, May 26 .- After a record week with an all-new show, the Earle Theater (seating capacity, 3,000; house average, \$20,000; prices, 45 to 95 cents) returned to normal levels, with Les Brown for the week ended Thursday (24). The gate registered average business with a take of \$22,800.

Lenny Gale, Bobby Lane and Claire, and Frank Paris were the added acts. The band had Doris Day, Butch Stone, Dick Shanahan, Jimmy Zito and Ted Nash. Screen filled in with Delightfully Dangerous.

## Lorre Gets 28G in San Fran

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26 .- With a strong stage bill, Golden Gate (2,850 seats; prices, 45 to 95 cents; house average, \$27,000) grossed a nifty \$28,000 for week ended Tuesday (22). Bill had Peter Lorre, Irene Manning, Morey Amsterdam, the Three Flames, and the Albins. Pio was The Body Snatcher.



## **Philadelphia**:

JACK CURTIS, after 15 months at the Latin Casino, starts rehearsing in New York for USO overseas. . . . FRANKIE RICHARDSON in the emsee spot at Club Orlando. . . . ANN HOWARD back in town at Sciolla's Cafe. . . . ANDY AR-CARI, just back from an overseas tour, now at Sciolla's. . . . CALGARY BROTH-ERS added at the Latin Casino.

ELAINE BARRETT returns to the Swan Club. . . MARTY BOHN, recovcred from illness, takes over the lead spot at Palumbo's Theater-Restaurant. . . . JACKIE MILES at Jack Lynch's Walton Roof with Martha King an added starter. . . JERRY AND TURK back at Kaliner's Little Rathskeller. . ELSIE STERLING line of girls added at the Swan Club. . . . HELEN LANE returns to the Everglades. . . . DENNIS SISTERS back at the Latin Casino.

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ment at Airliner, headlining the new bill.

## Here and There:

JIMMY (THE FACE) BUTTS working at Elks' Rendezvous, New York, together with Dolores Brown, Heckle and Jive, Tarza and Sam Foche. . . . SKATING CONTINENTALS playing at the Village Barn, New York. . . . KATHRYN DUFFY line current at the Glass Hat, New York. . . . SHEA AND RAYMOND into show at Latin Quarter, New York. . . . JIMMY SAVO celebrated his second anniversary at Cafe Society Uptown, New York, last week.

MARJORIE HUDSON into the Fanfare, New York. . . . DEANE CARROLL current at the Brown Derby, Chicago. . . . DON.DORSEY set for Loew's State, New York. . . . CARTER AND MORELAND set for the Earle, Philadelphia, July 13, by Matty Rosen out of his new office. ... HELEN PARRISH opens at the Earle, Washington, on June 14. . . . DICK BUCKLY into the Latin Quarter, New York, on July 1. . . . WILLY GREEN to work all summer at Palisades Park, N. J., as vaude emsee. . . . PHIL BRITO appearing at the Blue Mirror, Newark. . . . HANLON AND CLARK in the Aleutians for USO. . . . JOEY NASH current at Curly's in Minneapolis.

# **Bands Best B. O.** At Det. Downtown

## (Continued from page 29)

one band, returning March 30 to do \$28,-300, and total for two weeks of \$55,800. Wald, May 11 of this year with \$18,000.

Gene Krupa, a high-priced show, proved a disappointment on December 15, a mere \$20,000. doing only \$24,500.

## **Rochester 35G**

Personality shows have done both good stride at a house "normal" of \$23,000. and bad. Rochester did \$35,000, July 7, and Jane Withers, \$28,000 February 23.

by the combo of Lulu Belle and Scotty \$28,000.

magic shows this past season.

Lowest gross of the year went to Rubin- Fitzgerald and Cootie Williams.

DETROIT, May 26 .- Business in Detroit show houses was away down everywhere this past week because of protracted rainfall that caused floods in suburban rivers and persuaded most Detroiters to stay home nights. At the Hughes-Downtown Theater (2,800 seats: house average, \$23,000) business dropped down to \$18,000, with Jerry Wald's ork on the stage. Picture was The Man Who Walked Alone.

Notable pick-up is evident generally this week. The Downtown is slated to hit \$28,000 with Borrah Minevitch's Harmonica Rascals, Current screen fare is Birth of a Star.

## "Slapsie" Maxie, Chaz Chase Chalk Mild 13G in Omaha

OMAHA, May 26.-Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom heading a so-so bill at the Orpheum Theater (3,000 seats; prices, 55 to 75 cents) pulled \$13,000 for the week ended Friday. Also on bill were Chaz Chase and Wilkey and Dare. Screen had Molly and Me.

off, October 13, with \$16,000. Highest for a single offering went to the combination, no-star show of the Roxyettes, Martha Tilton, Danny Drayson and Paul Remos. This moved in January 19 for four weeks -only stage hold-over of the year-with the Bop Hope film, Princess and the Pirate. It did a total gross of \$111,000.

Unit shows proved poor box-office stuff at this house. On the list played this season were George White's Scandals, Harry Howard's Pin-Up Girls, Soldiers in Lowest band-gross was scored by Jerry Grease Paint, Earl Carroll's Vanities, and the renamed Olsen-Johnson unit, Jerks Berserk. The Scandals did the best of any,

## Normal 23G

House, which has 2,800 scats, has set its

Bookings are continuing on the policy of using top band names and personali-One of the year's surprises was rung up ties with a occasional novelty interlude. Typical is the Renfrew Valley Barn Dance, with the Mills Brothers, April 1, doing hillbilly show set for June 1, a booking undoubtedly encouraged by the record of Only one magic show, Dante, was Lulu Belle and Scotty. Bookings set to booked-March 9-doing only \$18,000 in follow them are Louis Jordan, Irene Mana town that has had several full-evening ning, Ted Weems, Xavier Cugat in a repeat, Sammy Kaye, Skinnay Ennis, Ella

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## The Billboard 34

# Sked of 15 Legitimate **Highlights Terrific** Job of USO Post V-E

NEW YORK, May 28 .- The startling fact that 15 legits for overseas have gone into rehearsal since April 25, highlights the terrif job done by USO-Camp Shows and the stem producers on the new post V-E Day entertainment program. USO's legit department expects to have five shows ready for rehearsal during the months of June, July and August to complete the program. Besides shortage of acting talent on Main Stem. Camp Shows are faced with the problem of digging up scripts acceptable to army and G.I.'s. When USO picks a play it has to make sure script is easy to produce, undated, not smutty or dirty and acceptable to doughboys on pure entertainment grounds. Older and established thesps are really giving up a great deal to go overseas.

Of the seven musicals that the new drive calls for, four are already finished and three are now in rehearsal, Diamond Horseshoe, Copacabana Revue, Rosalinda and Up in Central Park have been put thru their paces. Radio City Music Hall Revue, Roxy Theater Revue and Sons of Fun are still in work.





## Dramas

Opened Perfs. Anna Lucasta..... 8-30, '44 317 (Mansfield)

Benefit on June 3 for benefit of Stage Relicf Fund, John Wildberg has Martha Raye and Phil Baker for his forthcoming musical, "Belle Brodie." Julie Styne and Sammy Cahn will do the score. Wildberg will leave for the Coast on Wednesday (30) to confer with Harry Delmar, who will stage the show.

Bell for Adano, A..... 12- 6, '44 197 (Cort)

Albert Remo out ill on Tuesday (22). Philip Arthur guests with Allen Prescott (WNEW) on Wednesday (30).

Common Ground ..... 4-25, '45 37 (Golden)

Grosses have taken a substantial pick-up. Will stick along. Mary Healy has been named the 1945 "Health Week Girl." Sam Friedman has joined the Dick Maney drum-beating corps.

Dark of the Moon ..... 3-14, '45 83 (46th Street)

Joseph Gary and Riggs Luther joined cast Friday (24). Replaced Harry Wilton and John Gerstad.

193 Dear Ruth ..... 12-13, '44 (Henry Miller's)

Robert Road is the replacement for John Dall when latter leaves cast on June 2.

86 Foolish Notion ..... 3-13, '45 (Martin Beck)

Joan Shepard will receive her diploma as a graduate of the Professional Children's School from Russell Crouse on Tuesday (29). Exercises will be held on the City Center stage. Benefit for Actors' Fund on Sunday (27).

Show closes June 16.

Foxhole in the Parlor... 5-23, '45 (Booth)

Scored 11 per cent on eight to one vote by crix. No: Robert Coleman

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SALE IS STEM'S BIG NEWS

Index to post-war Stem legit futures was sign-posted this week with announcement on Monday (21) of one of largest showhouse transfers in recent years. A half interest in a group comprising the Majestic, the Royale and the Golden was acquired by interests affiliated with Messrs. Lee and J. J. Shubert. Sale was made for the Bankers Securities Corporation, Philadelphia, via Albert M. Greenfield & Company, Ownership of the other half-interest remains in hands of the Shuberts, and deal therefore gives the latter complete control of three more

Stem houses. With such astute operators on the buying end, the current upswing of legit is in the spotlight for a continued session of post-V-J Day prosperity.

B.-o. improvement is reported all down the line for the week, with several weakles which were on the verge of shuttering deciding to stick it out. The three new arrivals didn't fare too well at the hands of the crix. "Mempitis Bound" came off best with a 67 per cent score, while "Foxhole" managed a scant 11 and "Blue Holiday" drew a flat zero. Guild's revival of "Othello," however, bowed in to such an advance, that it is being held over for a third week at the City Center.

## Opened Perfs. Late George Apley, The. 11-21, '44 217

(Lyceum) Ellen Cobb Hill will get the Joan Chandler role when latter leaves troupe next month.

Life With Father ..... 11- 8, '39 2,334 (Empire)

Wallis Clark and Lily Cahill take over the "Father" and "Vinnie" roles from Arthur Margetson and Nydia Westman on June 4. They are the 10th couple to play the roles.

126 Overtons, The ..... 2- 6, 45 (Forrest)

Charles Lang out of cast since Monday (21). Donald Kohler has been playing for him. Stage manager Victor Sutherland has been filling in at Kohler's chore.

342 School for Brides..... 8- 1, '44 (Ambassador)

Biz is up. "Last week's" announce-ment deleted from ads. Show will stay on at Ambassador until hot weather and then look for an air-cooled house. Edmund Dorsey replaces John Sheehan on Tuesday (29), and Allen Kearns takes over from Roscoe Karns on June 2.

Ten Little Indians..... 6-27, '44 885 (Plymouth)

Tee Hot for Maneuvers. 5- 2, '45 (Broadhurst) Closed Saturday (19).

Voice of the Tartle, The. 12- 3, '43 (Morosco)

Opened Perfs.

Wednesday (23). She will be out another week. Shannon Dean and Vicki Barrett are subbing for her. Pat Brewster will take over lead chant slot from Betty Garrett on June 4. Kathryn Lce, previously reported leaving troupe, will remain at least into July. Intends a summer vacation and return to company in the fall. Penny Edwards left cast on Wednesday (23) to go into rehearsal for "Marinka." June Walker has taken over her dances and Jennie Lewis her gag spots.

Memphis Bound ..... 5-24, '45 (Broadway)

Orix gave it a six to three nod for a score of 67 per cent. Yes: Louis Kronenberger (PM), Lewis Nichols (Times), Wilella Waldorf (Post), John Chapman (News), Herrick Brown (Sun), Robert Garland (Journal-American). No: Howard Barnes (Herald-Tribune), Robert Coleman (Mirror), Burton Rascoe (World-Telegram).

Oklahoma! ..... 3-31, '43 951 (St. James)

Tommy Avera switches from "Carousel" to replace Paul Orabtree on June 1. Latter to Hollywood. Ruth Weston out since Monday (21) with infected foot. Edith Gresham has been subbing. Louise Fornaca leaves Monday (28) for week's vacation. June Graham will take over her role. Maria Harriton leaves on June 2 for West Coast vacation. Cast will be Guild's guests at Thursday (31) mat of "Carousel." Harry Stockwell leaves cast on June 2 for Hollywood, Evelyn Wykoff out ill since Friday (24). Virginia Oswald subbed. Whole company to Camp Endicott, R. I., on Sunday 26) to give two shows to Seabces.

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EulaliaJoy Merrimore
BarabelleHarriet Jackson
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GabrielWilliam Dillard
Cherubs-
Georgia Ann Timmons Marliana Strong

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Traverse Craword, Rene De Knight, Carl Jones, Kelsey Pharr, Lee Gaines. MEMBERS OF THE CALLIBOGA SOCIAL DRAMA CENTER: Lee Eberlee, Ethel White, Joy Merrimore, Eulabel Riley, Nell Plante, Marion Bruce, Harriet Jackson, Mary Lewis, Muriel Watkins. John Diggs, Leslie Gray, William C. Smith, Oscar Plante, Roy White, William Archer, David Perry, Rodesta Timmons, Lulling Williams, Charles Welch, Theodore Brown, William Dillard.

DANCING GIRLS: Sophia Miller, Louise Patterson, Lula Hill, Bethesta Williamson, Laure Catherell, Mitzi Coleman, Clarice Cook, Eleanor Brown, Mimi Williams, Jacqueline Petty, Jackie Lewis, Joan Cooper, Charlotte Saunders, Libby Parker.

SONGS: "Big Old River," "Stand Around the Band," "Old Love and Brand New Love," "Growing Pains," "We Sail the Ocean Blue," "Tin Called Little Buttercup," "A Maiden Fair to See." "Captain of the Pinafore." "Sorry Her Lot," "Over the Bright Blue Sea," "I Am the Monarch of the Sea," "The Ruler of the Queen's Navee"; "Nightingale, the Moon and I"; "Gilbert and Sullivan Blue"; "Farewell, My Own"; "Love or Reason," "Things Are Seldom What They Seem," "Trial by Jury," "A-Many Years Ago," "Ring the Merry Belles."

John Wildberg has slipped with his second try at an all-Negro show. He hasn't got an Anna Lucasta this time.

## THEATER WANTED FOR SUMMER SEASON By Actress Producer

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(Mirror), John Chapman (News), Robert Garland (Journal-American), Louis Kronenberger (PM), Howard Barnes (Herald - Tribune), Lewis Nichols (Times), Wilclia Waldorf (Post), Herrick Brown (Sun). Yes: Burton Rascoo (World-Telegram).

Glass Menagerie, The... 3-31, '45 (Playhouse)

Margo Jones, co-director, leaves shortly for Texas to carry out plans for a theater in Dallas. Eddie Dowling is planning a world tour for the show at the end of local run. Trip looks distant with tix selling currently into November.

Harvey ..... 11- 1, '44 246 (48th Street)

Hasty Heart, The ..... 1- 3, '45 165 (Hudson)

Richard Coogan replaces John Lund on June 4. Latter goes to West Coast.

I Remember Mama..... 10-19, '44 254(Music Box)

Francis Heflin replaces Joan Tetzel June 11. Latter to Coast for pix.

924 Kiss and Tell..... 3-17, '48 (Bijou)

Betty Caulfield leaves cast on Thursday (31). Betty Ann Nyman is the likely replacement. Touring troups (labeled "Boston Company") closes Saturday (26). Alice John will continue in role of housekeeper with the New York troupe, replacing Frances Bavier. Latter is leaving for USO overseas trek in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Kiss Them for Me ..... 3-20, '45 78 (Fulton)

Richard Widmark airguests with Jane Cowl on Thursday (31).

Memphis Bound is a big, lush and color- Lucinda Ballard has dressed the boys and ful musical. It starts off at a dazzling pace and looks for a bit as if it might pack the cock spark. However, it speedily becomes evident that, except when Bill Robinson is in there pitching, the overall is distinctly disappointing.

It is a pity, because Albert Parker and Sally Benson had an amusing idea about a Negro showboat troupe and a swing version of Pinafore. However, it never seems to jell all along the line and Director Ross has been forced to camouflage with noise what the script lacks in comedy. Added to that a second act slows down to a walk-and frequently to a limp. It is a pity because there is so much that is good in Memphis-and so much more that could be better.

Wildberg has opened the coin-satchel wide and the production is top-drawer. George Jenkins' half dozen sets are imaginative. Two of them, the deck of the showboat and a village square, are sock.

## Musicals

Bloomer Girl ..... 10- 5, '44 269 (Shubert) Olive Reeves Smith takes over permanently from Margaret Douglass on Monday (28). Joe E. Marks took over the emsee chore on "Ladies Be Seated" (Blue) program as of Monday (21). Nanctte Fabray replaces Celeste Holm and Terry Saunders steps into Nancy Douglass's shoes on June 4. Blue Holiday ..... 5-21, '45 (Belasco) Took a complete beating from the alsle experts for a zero per cent. No: Louis Kronenberger (PM), John Chapman (News), Robert Coleman (Mirror) Lewis Nichols (Times), Herrick Brown (Sun), Robert Garland (Journal-American), Howard Barnes (Herald-Tribune), Burton Rascoe (World-Telegram), Wilclla Waldorf (Post). Carousel ..... 4-19, '45 (Majestie) Ruth Miller, understudy for Jean Casto, marries Dr. J. R. Wilder, USNR, at the Waldorf on Sunday (26). Pearl Lang, dancer, returned to full-time chore on Tuesday (22). Has been

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doubling with Martha Graham troupe. Ferne Whitney, who has been filling in for her remains as member of ballet. Bob Kennedy, understudy for John Raitt, played "I Am An American Day" benefit at Springfield, Mass., on Monday (21).

Follow the Girls..... 4- 8, '44 474 (44th St. Theater)

Laffing Room Only..... 12-23, '44 176 (Winter Garden)

Jean Moorhean in St. Vincent's Hospital for check-up and rest since

gals in fine style. Al White Jr. has staged effectively frenzied dances in the Harlem groove and Eva Jessye has been called in to assist Ross on the staging. There is better than a competent cast and they all get into it for all their worth. It should add up to a solid click. But it misses.

Some of the blame can be laid at the door of the score department. Don Walker and Clay Warnick have not come up with a single outstanding tune or lyric of their own. Where they have switched to Gilbert and Sullivan original -juiced up to swing tempo-the results are better, but the lyrics don't keep the pace. Both get better treatment than they deserve via the delivery of Robinson, Avon Long and Billy Daniels, not to mention the fine harmonizing by the Delta Rhythm Boys.

It must be fairly reported that Mem-(See Memphis Bound on page 59)

On the Town...... 12-28, '44 172 (Adelphi)

Jerry Robins danced the lead on Tuesday (22), replacing Ray Harrison. Oliver Smith is back in town from Florida vacation.

Song of Norway ..... 8-21, '44 321 (Imperial)

Natalia Krassovska, ballerina from Ballet Russe, replaced Olga Suarcz on Friday (24). Latter is out ill. Richard Reed, of the Ballet Theater, also joined troupe, same date.

Up In Central Park.... 1-27, '45 187 (Century)

Moves to the Broadway Theater on June 11. Noah Beery will be airguested by Paula Stone on Tuesday (29). Dancers Lillian Horn, Donna Hughes, Elyse Jahoda, Mildred Jocelyn and Marie Patane participated in United Nations clothing drive at Columbus Circle on Tuesday (22). Sam Stratton leaves Monday (28) to do special out-of-town exploitation for New York troupe.

REVIVALS

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Barretts of Wimpole 8-26, '45 Street, The..... (Barrymore)

Othello ..... 5-22, '45 (City Center) Held over for next week. Closes June 10.

## ROUTES **Dramatic and Musical**

## (Routes are for current week when no dates are given) Carmen Jones (Russ Auditorium) San Diego, Calif., 1-2. Doll's House (Music Hall) Houston, Tex., 30; (Paramount) Austin 31; (Texas) San Antonio June 1-2. Dear Ruth (Harris) Chi. Good Night, Ladies (Shubert) Boston. Hayes, Helen, in Harriet (Metropolitan) Seattle. Jacobowsky and the Colonel (Blackstone) Ohl. Kiss and Tell (Plymouth) Boston, Life With Father (Erlanger) Chi. Oklahoma (Forrest) Phila. Oh, Brother (Walnut) Phila, San Carlo Opera Co. (National) Washington. Soldier's Wife (Wilbur) Boston. Ten Little Indians (Auditorium) Denver 28-30; (Capitol) Salt Lake City June 1. Two Mrs. Carrolls (Cass) Detroit. Voice of the Turtle (Selwyn) Chi. Wind Is 90 (Colonial) Boston.



## LEGITIMATE 35

# Out-of-Town Opening

## "A MOMENT OF **IMPORTANCE**"

(Opened May 15, 1945)

## ERLANGER THEATER, BUFFALO

A psycho-melo by Roy Walling. Staged by author. Presented by Frank McCoy and Victor Payne-Jennings. Settings by Claude Lewis. General manager, Andrew Gibson, Press representative, Maurice Turct. Stage manager, Dann Malloy, Assistant D. A. Johnson....Donald McClelland Nicholas F. Vitalo, James Batron, Maurice Defense Attorney Hunter......David Lewis Judge Winston ..... Bram Nossen Bates ......Harry Mehaffey James Shane.....Dean Norton Court Officer.....Arthur Costello Baxter.....George Blackwood Swanson .....Kirk Brown Court Clerk ..... George Hamblin Foreman of Jury ..... Dann Malloy Mrs. Shane.....Gladys Klark Susie.....Marilyn Croll Manuel......Sammy Samuelson Court Attendants, Spectators, etc.

possibilities, A Moment of Importance is a psychological murder thriller, replete with several unusual angles, and spots good audience suspense. It could stand tightening and polishing. Fourth act ending especially is weak, and generally, there are many loose ends in script.

Play pivots around James Shane, an odd type of egomaniac, who is driven to killings by his all-consuming desire to be important-to get newspaper publicity, and his insatiable quest for revenge on anyone who tries to ridicule him. He has committed a murder, is tried, acquitted, and thereupon flings the truth of his guilt at the assembled court. The effects of the ensuing newspaper publicity give him brief glory and happiness, but lose him his wife's love, and drive him on to another murder, and suicide at final curtain. The cast does a job, but is not always forceful and is difficult to hear at times. Dean Norton is well cast as the im- HBA was in no way connected with either portance-craving Shane. Margaret Hayes, an attractive gal, gives a fine portrayal by 802. They also contend that watchers, as the much harassed wife, and George Baxter is good as the reporter who helps her, and wins her affection. Bram Nossen does a typical political judge, while Donald McClelland as the D. A. is somewhat stiff. Kirk Brown, as a press photog, provides the only slight comedy relief, together with Ruth Conley as a hard-boiled sob sister. David Lewis' defense attorney is nondescript. There are four different and rather well-done sets. Good staging is responsible for some interesting moments, especially at the opening of first and third acts. Eva Warner.

# Local 802 Battle in NY Supreme Court

(Continued from page 3)

Feinberg, 802 secretary, and Richard Mc-Cann, Harry A. Suber, Emil G. Balzer, John H. Long, Robert Sterne and Samuel Suber, union officers; plus the Honest Ballot Association and George Abrams, who is allegedly HBA chief investigator. In the suit filed in New York Supreme Court, the plaintiffs seek to have the recent elections of Local 802 declared null and void.

In addition to Calmen Fleisig other plaintiff in the coming action are Joseph W. Lemair, Al Raderman, Edward Horn, Benevant, Albert A. Green-Gold, Joseph Malkin, Victor Montes, Ray Parker, Al Stanley, Thomas J. Connelly, Leo Faberman, Robert Greenfield, Frank Levinn, Henri Noel, Gerald Serly and William Wohlman, all losing candidates in the

## Want New Balloting

The 20 plaintiffs also ask that an injunction be issued ordering another election of officers be held June 15, or at a date to be set by the court. If the HBA. whom the plaintiffs claim had no part Not without some okay commercial in previous elections, agree to handle the June 15 polling it is asked that they be allowed to but if the HBA nixes the deal the plaintiffs then ask that the balloting be placed under court supervision.

> Also asked by the Unity-ites is that if the court approves the special election that all money, records, accounts, books and other 802 properties be placed in the hands of a court-appointed receiver pending the balloting. And, if the past elections are proven n. g. that George Abrams, alleged chief investigator of HBA, be investigated as to how he conducted both elections and a recount of both be taken, with an injunction ordering the defendants to abide by the court's findings.

## Claim "Controlled" Elections

The complainants allege that in 1942 Jacob Rosenberg and others constituting a majority of the 802 executive board were in a position to control the local's actions to an unfair advantage.

# **BROADWAY OPENINGS**

## BLUE HOLIDAY

(Opened Monday, May 21, 1945)

## BELASCO THEATER

A variety show. Staged by Monroe B. Hack. Music and lyrics by Al Moritz. Production designed by Perry Watkins. Choral direction by Hall Johnson. Costumes by Kasia. Orchestra under direction of Billy Butler. General manager, Gerald Goode. Stage manager, Henry Altner. Press representa-tive, Bernard Simon. Presented by Irvin Shapiro and Doris Cole.

CAST: Ethel Waters, Josh White, Willie Bryant, Timmie Rogers, Katherine Dunham Dancers, Hall Johnson Choir, Mary Lou Williams, Lillian Fitzgerald, the Three Poms, Josephine Premice, the Chocolateers,

SONGS: "Blue Holiday"; "Sleep Time Lullaby."

plenty of talent in Blue Holiday to add up to a sock show. On paper such billing as Ethel Waters, Josh White, Katherine Dunham's Dancers, the Hall Johnson Choir, Mary Lou Williams, Willie Bryant, Timmie Rogers and some lesser for entertainment. Unfortunately, in first place, spite of odd moments of individual brilliance, it comes to life only intermittently. Holiday is too long plus being badly paced. In fact, it is tedious.

Likely, the fault stems from the fact that most of the performers-with the exception of Ethel Waters-arrive via the club route. There is a vast difference between projecting on a nitery floor and in a theater. Holiday sums up to just a big club show. There is also the inescapable flaw in that all of them-and Ethel Waters is as guilty as the resttry to do too much. The over-all needs more judicious pruning.

There is plenty of fine singing and dancing, a couple of streamlined scenes from Mamba's Daughters with La Waters and Willie Bryant in their original roles. some fast acro-terping-but the whole is woefully scant in the comic department -and the emseeing efforts of Bryant and Timmie Rogers never seem able to pull it together.

Tops on the list-outside of the Water's familiar chant specialty-are

## FOXHOLE IN THE PARLOR

(Opened Wednesday, May 23, 1945)

## BOOTH THEATER

A new play by Elsa Shelley. Directed by John Haggott. Setting designed by Lee Simonson. Company manager, James McKechnie, Stage manager, John Effrat. Press representative. Wolfe Kaufman, Presented by Harry Bloomfield.

LeroyReginald Be	ane
Tom AustenRussell Hay	
Vicki KingAnn Line	oln
Ann Austen	bell
Senator BowenRaymond Greenl	
Dennis Patterson Montgomery C	lift
Kate Mitchell Grace Cop	pin

The scenery moved, but the play stood still. That briefly is the story of For-As an all-Negro vaude-revue there is hole in the Parlor. Rumor has it that the play's four scenes in two acts were what remained of a full three-act play. That's just what it resembled. The curtains just weren't. In fact, the audience in three out of the four scenes wondered why the curtain came down-and ended lights would look like a winning combo by wondering why it ever went up in the

> The latter, however, wasn't too difficult to answer. Elsa Shelley had a message and tried to put it into a play. That's as good as reason for writing a play as any. What went sour was the fact that all that was on the stage was a message, no drama, no comedy. There were a few formula characters played by swell misdirected and mis-scripted actors. Nobody can take away the ability of Russell Hardie, Raymond Greenleaf or Flora Campbell, but not even this trio could do anything with their parts.

The story of a returned neurotic G.I., who wants to tell the world his message that there must be no more wars and who gets nowhere despite understanding friends, could have been good. Montgomery Clift did okay by the G.I. but one real and difficult character in a collection of stereotypes can't make a play, anymore than a single idea can make a conflict.

The set, two houses with their fourth walls torn down, is placed on the Booth

## Flo's Heirs Sought

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Heirs to the estate of the late Flo Ziegfeld are being sought by Robert Siebert, local chief of the Department of Buildings, so that the city official can make some disposition of the original Ziegfeld homestead, on a 30 by 125foot lot at 1448 W. Adams and built by the late Broadway producers' father, Florenz Ziegfeld, in 1882.

The Ziegfeld homestead came to the attention of local city officials recently when a survey of the city, pointed toward clearing up old buildings whose condition was hazardous to public safety, revealed that the house and stable located on the property were unsafe for human occupation. According to the deed on the property in the office of the Register of Deeds, the property was willed to Flo Ziegfeld Jr. in 1922 in his father's last testament.

Siebert would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in the late Flo Ziegfeld's estate so that some move can be made in either demolishing the buildings or in repairing them.

Biggest bone of contention, however, seems to be over the fact of whether or not the HBA supervised the elections and if Abrams was their authorized representaitve. The plaintiffs allege that the election and that Abrams conducted the balloting solely for the dough paid him counters, inspectors and other officiating at the polls were hired by Abrams and were not connected with the HBA as stated by the defendants.

## **By-Law Violation?**

Further details entailed in the lengthy legal proceedings allege that the elections were in direct violation of existing union by-laws which state that any election held in violation of the local articles is automatically null and void.

Previous to the current suit, three of the plaintiffs, as a delegation representing the Unity Party, went to AFM prexy James C. Petrillo with a petition signed , by Unity members claiming that the election was a fraud, but Petrillo nixed the petition by claiming that the election was held on the square. Therefore, in the suit, the plaintiffs allege that Petrillo's stand was unfair and ask that the court order a reversal of the decision.

Exact date of the trial has not been set but the boys at Unity are rolling up their sleeves and preparing for a hot and heavy session while the Blue Ticketeers at 802 are sticking strongly and silently to their claim that the elections were on the up-and-up, with editor Robert Stern, of the 802 Journal, referring to the defeated candidates as "sore losers with no valid claims."

## "OTHELLO" PULLS IN \$ (Continued from page 3)

has brought a Barrymore touch of the ham to Jose Ferrer, which no doubt is again traceable to those huge auditoriums never intended for flesh theater. Perhaps, the ham may be traced to the fact that the Ferrer voice is not sized to auditoriums and what can't be heard vious. There are 22 categories divided can be seen and Jose knows it.

Othello is proof, good proof, what can be done even roadshow-wise with the Bard. It's a shame that it couldn't have been sold on tour as theater, not as an extravaganza, which it isn't. It's a sellout at the Hat's house, which it should be. It hasn't staled at bit since Bacon or Shakespeare wrote it.

Joe Koehler.

Josh White and his guitar who brings a Theater's revolving stage and as the sodancers contrib two colorful routines, a in the usual Dunham pattern. Mary Lou Williams offers terrific fingerwork on the keyboard, but needs plenty of ex-Bob Francis.

fresh talent to the Stem, and the Hall called dramatic interest moves from one Johnson Choir, which is in its regular house to another the turntable moves harmony groove. Katherine Dunham's that house to stage center. It was a grand Lee Simonson notion but what Haitian voodoo number and another should have been three scenes, each sounding a Fiji Island note. They are house and the out-of-doors, blended too often into one and the result was much like a three-ring circus. Lots could have been done production-wise to correct perience to sell herself theater-wise. It this, but since it wouldn't have helped is too had that Bryant and Rogers haven't the play, there's little use of discussing been given better material to work with. it. Count Forhole as another "spring mistake." Joe Kochler.

# Early Return in Donaldson Awards; Polls Close June 10

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10, when the polls officially close, To review for those who may still be

unfamiliar with the project, the Donaldson Awards were founded last year by The Billboard to give the people of the theater an opportunity to pick their own recipients for season's honors. The awards are named for William H. Donaldson, The Billboard founder, who spent a liftime in the interests of show business. It was The Billboard notion that honors for legit achievement should not stem from the opinions of any limited group, but should be the opinion of the theater as a whole, the electorate to include everybody actually connected with the production of a play. So, everyone from producer to stagehand was declared in on the deal, and the toppers have the satisfaction of knowing that their accolades represent a completely democratic consensus. That is the reason and principle for and of the Donaldson Awards.

## **Ballot Similar to Last Year's**

This year's ballot is similar to the prebetween straight shows and musicals which cover the best of everything in all departments, from play and performances to costume design. The ballot has been made as simple as possible and selfmailing to give the voter the least amount of trouble. The vote is entirely secret. From the mailbox it goes direct to the Reuben H. Donnelly Corporation, theater to get on record and get his balwhich makes up the tally. Neither The lot in the mail-but promptly.

Billboard nor anyone else sees it. Only the totals are announced.

When the final returns are in, the winners will receive their honors via appearances on a Coast-to-Coast hook-up. This year, the awards will consist of a gold key, faced with masks of comedy and tragedy, and suitably engraved. In addition, a scroll describing the winner's accomplishment and signed by the members of the awards committee will be given.

## Showbiz's Own

Once more, The Billboard wishes to emphasize that it acts solely as the agent of the people of the theater insofar as the awards are concerned. It has no ax to grind. The Donaldson Awards are the theater's own-by, for and of legit. The Billboard is proud to have a part in making them possible.

However, if they are to achieve their fullest meaning, it is essential that everybody in the theater do his individual part. The winners can only get what they really deserve, if their choice represents the voice of the whole theater. So, it is up to all to get their votes in. It doesn't matter that a voter may feel that he isn't familiar enough with the last season's Stem picture to pass on all categories. The reference book is sent with each ballot, so that each voter can check and fill in what he knows. The main thing is for everyone in the

## FINAL CURTAIN THE

ALMONTE-Juan De Jara, assistant to the president of National Broadcasting Company, of a heart ailment at his home in West Nyack, N. Y., May 19. Born in Paris and educated in England, he came to the U.S. as a youth and remained to work as a newspaper reporter. He was a staff member of The New York Globe, The Morning World and The New York Daily News. He started as a member of the sales department of NBC in 1927 and later became night general manager and finally assistant to the president.

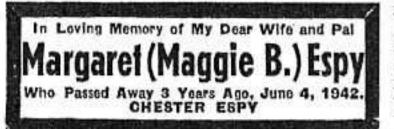
AYRES-Benjamin L., 91, stepfather of Mrs. Edythe Siegrist, in Massillon (O.) City Hospital May 2 following lingering illness. He was assistant sergeant at arms in the Ohio Legislature in 1910-'12. In addition to Mrs. Siegrist, Richville, O., he is survived by another stepdaughter, Mrs. Case L. Griffis, St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Susie Creery, Cherrytree, Pa., and a brother, Samuel, Canton, O. Interment in Richville (O.) Cemetery May 4.

BARNABY-Effie (Weston), 55, former vaude artist, in Memorial Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., of lobar pneumonia May 14. She began her career in 1910 with her brother as a member of the team of Bert and Effie Weston. She later teamed with Donald Kerr and then Jessie Brown. She appeared under Lew Cantor in & five-people act, Stepping in Society, and then again with her brother on the Keith-Orpheum Circuit. Burial in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Boston, Surviving are two brothers, Clarence A. Barnaby (Bert Weston) and George Barnaby.

BERRY-Dr. Kenneth K., 35, former actor, in Columbia, Mo., after a brief illness May 23. He had appeared in Broadway plays from 1931 to 1933 and had also played in summer stock at Cape Cod, Mass., and Baltimore. He joined the Stephens College Faculty, Columbia, as a member of the religion and philosophy department in 1943 and taught there until his death. Surviving Lady of the Camelias, Cinders, Footloose are his widow, two children and a and Follow Thru. In 1942, two years brother. BISCHOFF-Lieut. Robert W., 46, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Bischoff (Elsie Bishop, of the films), in Washington. He had been a film editor at 20th Century-Fox for 22 years prior to his enlistment with the navy's Photographic Science Laboratory, Anacostia, D. C., in November, 1942. Also surviving are his widow and two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Herscher and Mrs. Gertrude Brockway, Burbank, Calif. BRANDON-William M., 52, vice-president and secretary of Central Broadcasting Company, Des Moines, of a heart attack in Davenport, Ia., recently. He had also been secretary of the Tri-State Broadcasting Company, Davenport, operators of Station WOC. CHILLCOTT-Jack, of Jack and Louise Chillcott's Miniature Circus, at Norwalk, Calif., May 14 after a lingering illness. He formerly made his home at Hartford, Mich., and was at one time billed as Bertino. He played fairs and parks with his unit and had been with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus. COHN-Lester D., motion picture exhibitor, following a heart attack at his home in New York May 18. He was the proprietor of the Arcade Theater, New York, for more than 30 years. Surviving are his widow and daughter. COLTON-Charles E., 61, veteran rep show manager and younger brother of the Coltons, prominent in the tent-rep field, at his home in Indianapolis May 27 following a long illness. He was well known thru Indiana and Illinois and had his own show on the road for many years. Survived by his widow, Gladys; sons, Charles Jr., in the navy in the South Pacific, and Kenneth, Charlie, and a daughter, Betty. CRANDELL - Fred H., 55, bareback rider, leaper, tumbler and understander, at his home in Toledo April 25. He started in showbiz in 1903 with his brother, Everett, on the Campbell Bros.' Show out of Fairbury, Neb. He also was with Norris & Rowe, John Robinson, Sparks, Howes' Greater London and Sanger shows. He later worked with his wife, Margaret, in their own riding act with Gentry Bros., Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and Hagenbeck-Wallace circuses. His last engagement was with his brother-in-law, the late Sam Dill, on the Sam Dill show, which was later sold to Tom Mix. Survived by his widow, Margaret; four sisters, Rhoda Peters, Allio Peters, Jessie and Goldie, and three brothers, Joe, Earl and Everett. a magic act and later were managers of

DELANEY-Daniel, 59, owner-operator of Delaney Bar, Minneapolis, of a heart attack following an altercation with a soldier in his bar. Burial in St. Jospeh, Mo. Surviving are his widow, mother, two sisters and a brother.

DOWLING-Edward M., 60, theater manager at St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass., May 20. Before becoming a theater manager he was an advance publicity man for Barnum & Bailey and for Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show. He then became Tex Rickard's assistant in the management of Madison Square Garden, New York. He managed Paramount theaters in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York before going to Pittsfield in 1934 as manager of the Palace for Western Massachusetts Theaters, Inc. He later became district manager of six theaters in Pittsfield and North Adams for that company. Since 1942 he had been manager of the Victory Theater, Holyoke. Surviving are his widow and two daughters.



ELMENDORF-Mary, A., 76, former employee of the Columbia Recording Corporation, at Chatham, N. J., May 23. Surviving are a brother and sister.

FAVERSHAM-Edith C., 61, actress and widow of William Faversham, in the Kane Pavilion of the Home for Incurables in the Bronx, New York, May 20. As Edith Campbell, her stage career began in a Los Angeles stock company and she later appeared in Shakespearean repertoire with Robert Mantell. Her Broadway debut was in Nobody's Widow, with Blanche Bates. Some of the other productions she appeared in were The after the death of her husband, Mrs. Faversham used his name professionally to make her last appearance on the stage in Thornton Wilder's The Skin of Our Teeth. Services at St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church, New York, with interment in Actors' Fund Plot, Kensico Cemetery, Valhall, N. Y.

several Paris theaters, including the licist, to Gloria Blank, nonpro, in New Opera Comique.

LIGHTNING-Princess, 29. daughter of Chief and Princess Bearfoot, in Terre Haute, Ind., May 4. She was Rio Rita Myers Brokaw in private life. Survived by her husband, Ralph Brokaw; two daughters, Marcia Ann and Virginia Rose, and a son, Harrison,



MORRIS-William G., Sr., 56, circus man, following a week's illness in Clark County Memorial Hospital, Jeffersonville, Ind., May 8. He operated a circus bearing his name from 1922-'28 and following that was owner-manager of the Morris family of acrobats. He was active in both the indoor and outdoor circus fields and was last connected with the Williams & Lee Attractions in 1942. Survived by his widow, Ethel; and sons, William Jr., Edward; Merten, U.S.N.; Donald, U.S.M.C., and daughters, Emma Mathis and Blanche Sewell. Interment in Eastern Cemetery, Jeffersonville.

In Loving Memory of My Husband WALTER D. McGHEE June 1st, 1944 LOLA MCGHEE

York April 22.

THOMPSON-WHITE - Capt. Burnett Thompson to Francia White, opera and radio singer, in Rosarita. Baja Callfornia, Mexico, May 21.



A son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ketrow in Miami May 16. Father is co-owner of Renfro Valley Barn Dance tent show.

A son, Gerald O'Connor, to Mr. and Mrs. Joey Mack, of the comedy team of Jo and Joey Mack, in St. John Hospital, Springfield, Ill., May 19.

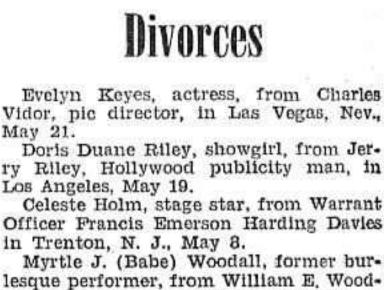
A daughter to Lieutenant and Mrs. Adrian Goodman in St. Vincent Hospital, Hollywood, May 21. Grandparents are Fibber McGee and Molly, of radio fame.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Don Good in Dr. Kay's Hospital, Byron, Ga., April 23. Parents are with Tex Ella's Wild West.

A son, Carlos, to Lieutenant and Mrs. James McClellan Kier in Fort Worth recently. Father is the grandson of J. T. McClellan,

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Al Carsky, formerly of Royal American Shows, at Wesleyan Memorial Hospital, Chicago, May 22.

A daughter, Virginia Lacy, to Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Byron May 21 in Covington, Ky. Father is member of sound effects department at WLW, Cincinnati.



in Trenton, N. J., May 8. Myrtle J. (Babe) Woodall, former burlesque performer, from William E. Woodall, burlesque and carnival showman, in

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FULTON-Maude, 47, known privately as Margaret Hansen, in San Francisco May 11. She leaves her husband, Frederick; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Petersen, and a sister, Mrs. Doletta Ackerman.



GARRETSON-E. E., 76, retired showman, in Huber Memorial Hospital, Pana, Ill., May 20. He was a Mason and Spanish-American War veteran.

GERARD-Alphonso, brother of Sacha Gerard, musical clown, recently in Paris. Efforts are being made to locate Sacha, who is reported to be appearing in America.

HAMILTON-Smith, rep show operator, following a four-month illness at the home of his brother, P. G. Hamilton, Weldon, N. C., May 14. He and his brother, Ollie, Colquith, Ga., operated a tent show for many years. Deceased had pix under canvas for the past 18 months. In addition to his brother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. H. H. Ellington, Memphis. Interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Memphis.

HAYS - Sgt. Clifford, 44, formerly known as the Wizard of the Stratosphere with the Greater Exposition Shows and also as Clif, of the team of Clif and Dot, the Iowa Farm Folks, following a heart attack in O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., March 12. He had been with various radio, vaude, carnival and circus organizations prior to his entry into the armed service. Survived by his widow, Dorothy, and an adopted son, John, Springfield. Interment in the National Cemetery, Springfield,

ISOLA - Emile, 85, who with his brother, Vincent, were known in France as the Weber and Fields type of comedians, in Paris March 17. They started as

O'CONNOR-Harry, 48, free-lance and motion picture writer, in Hollywood May 10. A brother, Frank, survives. Services at Sawtelle Cemetery Chapel, Sawtelle, Calif., May 15.

PRALL-Harry, pitchman, at his home in Upper Darby, Pa., May 11.

SAXON-Hugh Allen, 76, character actor of stage and films, in Beverly Hills, Calif., May 14. He leaves his wife, Ella; a daughter, Mrs. Van Shotwell, and two grandsons, Robert and James.

TAMBURRI-Joseph Steven, CM 1/c, 47, formerly with Zack Miller's 101 Ranch Wild West Show, following a heart attack in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, May 16. He was a carpenter's mate and joined the navy in 1942 and served overseas. Survived by his parents, three sisters and three brothers, all of Stamford, Conn. Interment in Stamford.

TORRISI-Samuel S., 45, radio pioneer, at his home in Philadelphia May 22. He was the inventor of an indirectly heated cathode tube which was later developed into the A-C tube now used in radio sets. Before establishing his own labs he worked for several years with the Music Master Corporation. Recently he had been experimenting with tele-Survived by his mother and vision. sister.

WEBB-Pearl, sister of Robert Webb, director at 20th Century-Fox studios, in Long Beach, Calif., May 13.

# Marriages

BOGART-BACALL-Humphrey Bogart, pic tough guy, to Lauren Bacall, film actress, at Louis Bromfield's farm home, near Mansfield, O., May 21.

FOOR-PALMER-Sam Foor, booking agent, to Ann Palmer, toe dancer, in Florida recently.

GREEN-ROBERTS - Banjamin Green (Alfred Green), alligator-skin man at Frank Forest's Museum, Whitney Beach, San Francisco, to Audry Eugenia Roberts in Reno, Nev., May 14.

MARTINEZ-RODRIGUEZ - Estelita Rodriguez, film dancer, to Chu Chu Martinez, singer now appearing at the Trocadero, Hollywood, in Los Angeles May 14. ORNSTEIN-PICKFORD-George Ornstein, nonpro. to Gwynne Pickford, niece of Mary Pickford, in Hollywood May 18. PRESTON-BLANK-Joel Preston, pub-

## MAGIC

Cincinnati May 21.

(Continued from page 28) mission deep into Germany." . . . DR. HARLAN TARBELL, whose recent onenight appearance at the Chicago Civio Theater proved good b. o., is set for a December show at Orchestra Hall, another huge Chi theater. . . . RICHARD B. HERMAN was elected president of the Philadelphia Assembly, S. A. M., at a recent meeting of that org. Other officers chosen were Dr. Lee C. Wagner, first v.-p.; Dr. Joseph S. Kenney, second v.-p.; P. William Yeager, treasurer, and James A. W. Killip (Chang Kuo Lao), secretary. James C. Wobensmith was reelected delegate to the National Council and John A. Boers was named alternate delegate and trustee. Other trustees are Dr. L. Waller Deichler and Francis B. Hall. . . . PRINCE MENDES, back on tour with This Is the Army after four weeks in the hospital with jaundice, typewrites from the Philippines under recent date: "After two months in Persia we proceeded to Bombay, where I met the officers of the Society of Indian Magicians, including its president, Dr. Framrose Nasikvala. Was made an honory member. After a fortnight in India we moved on to Australia, where I met Prince Hara, who is in the cast of Hey! Rookie, another G.I. extravaganza. Then to New Guinea; then the Admiralty Islands, where I met Adrian the Magician, who is in the navy Special Services. Then back to New Guinea, where I met more magi, including Maj. L. P. Sheedy, of Pittsburgh; Sgt. Frank Starinieri, and Capt. Kirk Allen, formerly the "Man With the Miracle Mind." Spent lots of time with Captain Allen, Special Services officer who is doing a splendid job keeping the soldiers fed with the necessary entertainment. Before leaving New Guinea for the Philippines, I met Arnold Furst, who is on his second trip to the Pacific for USO. While hospitalized here, I was entertained by George Jason, another USO magicker. Ray Pike Sr., juggler, was also with the unit. Also met Pvt. Fredric Kolb, who entertained at an officers' soiree with his amazing mental stunts. He hails from Montclair, N. J. I left the hospital in time to rejoin This Is the Army for the Manila premiere. If the boys care to write, my address is Sgt. Prince Mendes, 32161994, "This Is the Army," Det., A. P. O. 5324, care Postmaster, San Francisco."



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## No Ammunition

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 26 .-It looks as the the shooting gallery ducks are safe until the Japs are smashed.

According to word received here by Max Cohen, general counsel for the American Carnivals' Association, consultant in the Office of Civilian Requirements, V-E Day didn't do a thing for shooting gallery operators altho there will be some shotgun ammunition manufactured for civilian hunters.

Ackley believes there will be 22 shorts immediately after Japan is squelched, but not before.

## International Shows Have **Tough Going in Oklahoma**

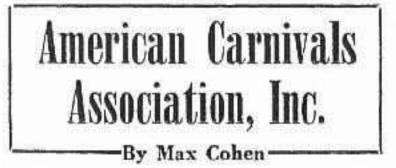
ST. LOUIS, May 26. - The weather finally broke in Kansas, but the International Shows did only a fair business until arrival in Dodge City, Kan., last week, usually getting in only two to four days at the spots in Oklahoma. Coleman Lee is manager; Al H. Herman, concession manager; Joe Howard, agent; Bill Hartman, transportation; O. W. Glover, electrician, and W. J. Lindsay, secretary-treasurer.

Red Dulin has the Posing Show; C. E. Shuey, Snake Show; Jerry Hall, Hula Show, and Josh Lee, Side Show. Ride men include John Hutchinson, William Freak Windstorm Damages Pearce, Travis Still, Arnold Tripp, Frank Robinson, Tommie Rhodes, Joe Bales, King Reid and Buck Shows Jack Davis, Jim Stone, Glen West, Leroy Hartman and Blue Osenbaugh. Along concession row are C. C. Jett, teen, Bob Morgan, A. Marchbanks, Charles Elder, Mrs. C. C. Jett, Marion Thompson, Roy Mackey, Mrs. J. Adams, Mrs. George Nolan, Frank Cannon, G. W. Moody and Nelson Wells.



THESE FORMER TROUPERS visited the Royal American Shows in St. Louis recently and expressed the hope that they would be with it again in another season. Heinie Halin (left) once operated a nail layout for Ritchie Marasco, while W. E. Thompson produced a dunking opera with RAS in 1934 and '35, and since has been with United Shows, Max Goodman, Hennies Bros. and Beckmann & Gerety. The chest ribbons show that both have seen plenty of foreign service.

and thunderstorm did damage to two George Nolan, A. H. Born, Charles Os- carnivals playing in this district Tuesday (22).



ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 26 .- Program for coming week includes visits to Valley Shows at Newark, N. Y., and James E. Strates Shows at Niagara Falls.

The WMC, thru Chairman Paul Mc-Nutt, issued a statement thanking amusement operators for "almost 100 per cent" observance of the midnight curfew which was terminated V-E Day.

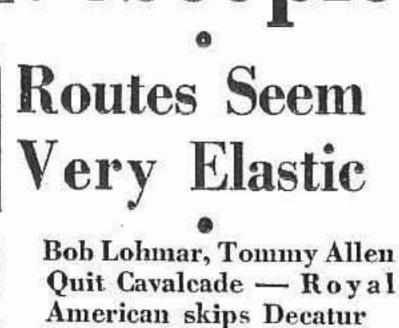
The United States Commerce Department has furnished detailed information relative to new materials to be available for construction purposes after the war. Much information of value is included and show owners would do well to acquaint themselves with the interesting possibilities presented by this information.

A request for personnel membership cards has been received from Blue Ribbon Shows.

# Lucky Royal Has Two Good

Royal Shows chalked up a good two weeks here, closing Saturday (12). Show opened to good business in Clarksville, Tex., Monday (14).

Thompson, long known in Southwest show circles. Thompson, recently recovered from a severe illness, formed a SYRACUSE, May 26 .- A freak wind partnership with William Gooch, owner of the Gooch Attractions.



CHICAGO, May 26 .- Delving into the over-all carnival picture this week-end, one is presented with an unusual picture of change partners, and away we go. Sites and contracts seems to be in the same category as partners.

Hot from the griddle comes news that Robert L. (Bob) Lohmar, corpulent gent who has been general manager of the Cavalcade of Amusements, has come to the parting of the ways with Al Wagner. Bob left the show at Alton, Ill., Saturday (19) for his home at Morton, III., for "a two weeks rest," but from that vantage point he made it clear that he does not intend to return and will have an important announcement to make within a few days.

Tommy M. Allen, Cavalcade trainmas-Weeks in Corsicana, Tex. ter, announced thru regular channels, the boss, that he will take the show into CORSICANA, Tex., May 26 .- Lucky Decatur, Ill., Monday (28) and will then leave for his old love, the Johnny J. Jones Exposition. Don Montgomery, who recently left Hennics Bros., was around the Cavalcade lot at Alton and is ex-Lucky Royal is the old title of D. R. pected to assume the trainmaster duties.

> The Cavalcade has been beset with the customary weather difficulties at Alton and hasn't done too well and, according to William B. Naylor, press chief, the show will close there Sunday, June 3, in place of sticking around for another week, as advertised on the window and wall bills. Show will hop to Peru (La-Salle), Ill., for an opening June 5. From there the itinerary will be rediscussed and revised. Bob Kline is still functioning as general agent but there was a report in Chicago today that he might not be there for long. Royal American enjoyed another terrific week-end business at Grand and LaClede, St. Louis, but business the remainder of the week has been spotty. Another healthy week-end is anticipated, and the show will stay there thru Decoration Day. Then it will skip good old Decatur on the theory that Dodson's World's Fair Shows and the Cavalcade of Amusements have given the fun-loving public plenty of action, and will jump to Hammond, Ind., for a June 2 opening. This would put the RAS in Hammond a week ahead of Hennies Bros., but no one yet has intimated that is the reason for the shift in dates.

## Prell, Short-Handed, But **Clicks 'Em Off in Newark**

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Prell's Broadway Shows opened a 10-day stand in Newark, N. J., Wednesday (23), occupying a lot near the railroad and bus stations. Midway was jammed opening night and business was brisk.

Show has four rides, four shows, a monkey race, a maze and concessions. Cash Miller has a Freak Show and Mrs. Miller has a Girl Show. Free attraction is Sonny Campbell, high diver. Thomas W. Rice is contracting agent and handles press and advertising.

Principal gripe is extreme shortage of manpower, and some rides and attractions were left at winter quarters.

## Lynch Shows Escape V-E Vandalism in Halifax, N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 26.-The rioting, looting and wrecking led by Canadian sailors here V-E week did not affect the base and properties of the Lynch Shows. to Harry; and they went to work. Activities were being carried on at the time in preparing the carnival for the opening of the season.

in not being open on or before May 7, as it would most likely have been a target for the vandals in and out of uniforms.

# Michigan Mud Scores Two

DETROIT, May 26 .- W. G. Wade and Joyland Shows were unable to move off their lots here last week-end as the result of excessive rainfall.

John Quinn called in an extra caterpillar tractor to get his World of Pleasure Shows away to open in Lansing, Mich., on time, while Sam Goldstein and Danny Elias shuffled their Majestic Greater thru the rain from Port Huron, Mich., to Jackson, Mich.

Hitting the O. C. Buck lot near here at 2:30 p.m., the storm ripped the marquee, but all other canvas was saved.

King Reid Shows, at Herkimer, N. Y., sustained the heaviest damage. The tent and stock of Harry Ange's bingo was ruined, and Bert Culliton's cookhouse was made a shambles. All show tops were reported blown to shreds and 16 concession tops and considerable stock went, too.

Buck Nelson's Rodeo, featuring the trained horse, White Cloud, joined here and will be the free act.

Executive staff is D. R. Thompson and Bill Gooch, co-owners and managers; Babe Enswiler, legal adjuster; B. C. Mc-Donald, secretary; Mrs. Audry Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Joy Gooch, secretary of concessions; A. Fuson, transportation; O. H. Thompson, light plants, with John Wright, assistant. Shows itinerary will include spots in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia.



Hennies, owner of the Hennies Bros.' director, and this reporter reached the Shows, and Fitzle Brown, concession lot at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Lou manager, stood in the railroad yards Berger, general agent, immediately rehere at 2:30 a.m. Monday (21) watching the Hennies flats slide into position at the run, but there was no trainmaster in sight.

"Anybody who's seen it done twice can do it," Harry said to Fitzie.

"Yah, let's us do it," replied Fitzie

Using Harry's own automobile on the business end of the dragline, the first wagon hit the street five minutes later. Show officials feel they were fortunate The rest of them rolled off with clocklike precision, and the last wagon was on the lot, two miles away, at 9 a.m.

> "We could amade it faster if Fitzle woulda let us use his car, too," Harry explained.

"Why should I let you use my car? Falls on Detroit Showmen It's your name on the wagons, not mine," was Fitzle's retort. It was obvious that reported the previous week at Evansville, both of 'em were well pleased with Ind., was almost a total loss until Satthemselves.

> As a result of his boss-labor plan, the show was in the air with surprising alacrity, despite a wind of gale-like proportions. The Arcade wasn't set for the opening, as the operator had some motor trouble en route from Evansville, Ind., and the side show wasn't up because the rider, rejoined and Whitey Lutz was back top was blown to shreds.

All this had been accomplished by the away on business.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26 .- Harry W. time J. C. McCaffery, the shows' general ported the first beef.

> "Imagine this, Mac," Berger said somewhat breathlessly, "the committee was just here and demanded a larger percentage because this show is much bigger than they thought it would be, but I straightened 'em out by telling 'em they should take less because it is such a big show." There was a triumphant gleam in the Berger eye.

Business was lousy Monday night because the wind was so strong that guy lines and cables were necessary to keep the light towers in the air. Tuesday there were more folks on the grounds, but it was still so windy there was the danger of a blowdown. The wind finally blew itself out, and when last heard from all hands were raking in a little kale.

Mike Conti, press, back with the show, urday when the weather finally faired off. However, Saturday biz was so big that the show quit that spot happy. Fitzle Brown's new custard opened there." while Joe Scortino assumed the management of the all-girl revue as well as the Posing Show, Jean Schaffer, drome handling his photo gallery after a week

Hennies's business picked up surprisingly after Tuesday at Springfield, Ill., and when the curtains drop tonight the show will be loaded for Kankakee, Ill., which is a first in, for sure.

Dodson's have been at Kenosha, Wis., since Monday, somewhat to the sorrow of most hands around there. Wisconsin's Governor took a hand at limiting the type of concessions allowed to work, so the front-end was rather dismal. Shows and rides had nothing to complain about when the weather was bright.

So much for the activity in the immediate region of Chicagoland, but it must be recorded that smiles wreathed the faces of the hands on Max Goodman's Wonder Shows of America at Hannibal, Mo., after that sad experience in St. Looey, and the Goodmans are happy tonight as they know they open in Peoria, Ill., Monday, another first in-for sure.

## **Bill Lynch Named in Group Negotiating for Race Track**

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Can., May 26.—A report is current here that a group of four is negotiating for the purchase of the Charlottetown Race Track connected with the P. E. I. Fairgrounds. Bill Lynch, owner-manager of the Lynch Shows, Halifax, N. S., is being named as one of the four. Lynch Shows play Charlottetown and the fair annually.

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# FROM THE LOTS

## **Garden State Shows**

TRENTON, N. J., May 26.-Week ended May 19, Phillipsburg, N. J.; auspices, Warren Chemical Fire Company; weather, inclement; business, good.

Move from the initial lot of the 1945 tour, Coplay, Pa., was made in good time. Monday night crowd was above expectations. Tuesday and Thursday were lost to the elements, but Friday and Saturday brought capacity crowds. Spot was well publicized with ample newspaper. radio and billposting, along with excellent support from the sponsors. Tilt-a-Whirl and Wheel led the rides, and the Garden State Revue, under management of Mrs. Dorothy Kerns, and William Stanley's Circus Side Show topped the shows.

Staff: R. H. Miner, owner-manager; William Goodrich, superintendent of rides; R. Parker, electrician; M. Roberts, billposter; J. Kerns, special agent and mailman and also The Billboard. Rides include Kiddie Autos, C. Fenkin; Wheel, R. Amy and C. Wallis; Tilt-a-Whirl, B. Smith, G. Benko and C. Lavinge; Chairplane, R. Kepple and G. Perrigo. Front entrance, Hip Roberts, J. E. (Dick) Richards is foreman of the office concessions. Concessionaires include Mr. Kuhns, Mrs. Mabel Goodrich, Mr. Evans, M. Wells, J. Dobish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Long, M. Amy, M. Lane, G. Evans, J. Richard, H. Cutshall, J. Kerns, L. Shoreck and W. Becker.

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## **Cetlin & Wilson Shows**

LEWISTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- Wilmington, Del., was a winner when weather permitted an opening, which wasn't often in the two weeks. After 8,000 paid admissions here opening night and a winner Tuesday, the rains came again

## Crafts 20 Big Shows

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., May 26 .-May 2-13 week, at location, Mount Vernon and Mill here, found the weather good and business fair. This was first California spot after seven weeks in Arizona. After a 350-mile jump, all trucks and equipment arrived in time for scheduled opening.

Ride personnel: Ferris Wheel, John Metzger, foreman; Cliff Rexinger, assistant; Alice Shepard, tickets. Merry-Go-Round, Harry Westberg, foreman; John Munsgrove, assistant; Lola Mason, tickets. Kiddie Rides, Rudd Curtis, foreman; Charles Ropp and Robert Tyson, assistants; Mrs. Fred Mortenson, tickets. Skooter, Charles Cooper, foreman; Julius Reberg and Edwin Costa, assistants; Mrs. Thomas Meyers, tickets. Roll-o-Plane, Dale Hester, foreman; Charles Ranthrun, assistant; Thomas Meyers, tickets. Tilta-Whirl, James (Patches) Parker, foreman; Carl Cox and Tony Lopaz, assistants; Mrs. Manual Regent, tickets. Flyo-Plane, William White, foreman; James Nolan and Henry Links, assistants; Lillian Shepard, tickets. Penny Arcade, Mack Doman, manager; J. B. Van Sickle, assistant; Marie Curtis, change. Roy Shepherd, ride superintendent; Robert Shepard, electrician, and Al Pierce, helper.

Don Gonzalas's Freak Museum did well, along with Clyde Gooding's Jungle Show. MONA VAUGHN.

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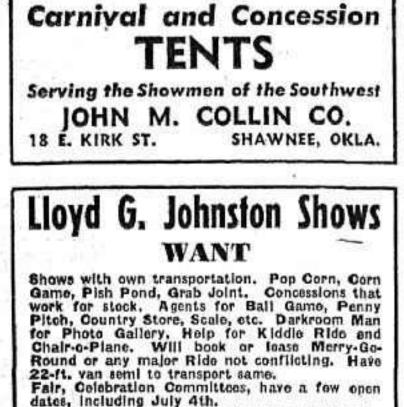
KANNAPOLIS, N. C., May 26.-Two weeks ended May 12 on Overcash Showgrounds under auspices of the American Legion brought cold weather and fair business.

After shows' closing at Thomasville, where the week was practically lost to rain, show made an uneventful run here and was ready for Monday night. Business opening night was good, despite the weather, and over 2,000 paid admissions came thru the gate. On closing night over 3,000 came thru in a steady drizzle of rain.

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I. Cetlin has returned after a brief visit with relatives in New England, and Mrs. Jack Wilson is back after a long illness aiding Mrs. Cetlin with their Paradise Revue: Mrs. Eugene R. Hughes, daughter of the writer, and her young daughter, visited for a week, and Mr. and Mrs. William Cowan had three weeks with their daughter, Maxine, who is in college in Wilmington, while the show was there and at Chester, Pa.

Lee Erbman, Paradise Revue talker, is back after a winning bout with pneumonia, while the same ailment has confined Mike Campbell Jr. Mrs. Campbell recently lost her father .--- R. C. McCAR-TER.

## **O. C. Buck Shows**

SYRACUSE, May 26.-Muddy grounds delayed the opening at Mattydale until Tuesday (22).

The second week layover at Menands, N. Y., proved unsatisfactory, due to continued rains and cold weather.

Mrs. O. C. Buck suggested that a jamboree be held each week, and James Thompson, side-show manager, volunteered to present the first one. Each week a new committee will present the show, the proceeds going to the NSA Benevolent Fund.

Visitors included Bernie Bennett, The Billboard representative in the Syracuse-Utica district; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Pollock, Tom Singleton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Essingard. Pvt. Edward Goynor, who was wounded in Germany and received the Purple Heart, is visiting his brother, Robert, Ferris Wheel foreman.

Sidney Goodwaldt, Bert Simons and Billy Boudreau have purchased new living trailers .-- ROY F. PEUGH.

### Art White's Exposition

BUTLER, Pa., May 26.-Art White's Exposition Shows opened in East Butler May 19 under the Volunteer Firemen to fair biz despite rough weather.

The personnel: Art White, owner; Mary Ellen White, secretary; Mark Wayne, advance; Hip Lewis, electrician; John Sherman, lot; Ed Payne, mechanic; Joe Vandervoot, pony ride. Concessionaires: Mr. and Mrs. George Renn, Stella Lacely, George Lampher, Austin McCandless and Gladys and Bert Frost. B. B. FROST.

V-E Day, with all mills closed, was banner night.

The Five Flying Fishers, free act presented by Charles Fisher, helped.

Spitfire topped the rides, with the Wheel and Whip running close for second honors. Minstrel Show topped, with Frank Zorda's Side Show, second. Org has a new Merry-Go-Round.

Show will remain in North Carolina five more weeks before going into Virginia and Tennessee .--- H. MONROE.

## **Sparks Bros.' Shows**

BENTON, Ky., May 26.-Week, May 14-19; auspices, American Legion; location, city park; weather, cold and rain.

When weather permitted, good crowds waded thru a muddy lot. Wreckers with winches were needed to get part of the rolling equipment off the lot. The close proximity of Paducah prompted many shopping trips. Auspices gave Owner Frank Sparks and Manager Jack Oliver a contract for a return engagement.

Texas Joe Franz purchased the Wild Life show from Ross Crawford. Texas Joe also has the photo and jingle board concessions. W. M. (Gechie) Harrell has been pinch-hitting as an electrician and is keeping the show lighted. Ralph Miller visited on his way up to St. Louis. Ted Sparks, high pitchman of Birmingham, stopped by. Show moved to Prince-H. G. STARBUCK. ton, Ky.

## Wonder City Shows

CHILDERSBURG, Ala., May 26 .- Show moved here from Centerville, Ala., after five weeks of bad weather. Mack House is now legal adjuster, and Knox Qualles has joined with concessions. Eddie Cole also has booked two concessions, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Neal came on with frozen custard.

Manager Joe Karr's brother-in-law, Buddy Lovell, recently returned with his family.

Ride foreman are Cliff Frantham, Wheel; George O'Neenery, Merry-Go-Round; Art O'Dell, Chair-o-Plane. Wynona Hill is featured dancer in Marie's Queens of Burlesque. MARIE JONES.

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North American Exposition

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 26 .- Due to

heavy rains, the lot here was almost im-

possible, but with co-operation from

hired local men and trucks and plenty

cinders and shavings, the midway was in

and making minor repairs, and a local

concern, specializing in neon signs, has

been engaged to repair all neon on light

was a complete stage performance, with acts taken from various shows on the

midway, at one of the large orphanages

Jim and June Taylor joined here with

popcorn, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander

Paul and daughter, Norma, joined last

week at Richmond, Ind., with frozen

MACON, Ga., May 26 .- Bill's Novelty

Rides opened at near-by Warner Robins

Air Depot Monday (21) with biz so brisk early in the week that a holdover week was ordered. Org has 18 concessions, two shows—Jack Orr's big snake and Wooley's

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**Bill's Novelty Rides** 

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Two new concessions were added when

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Men in all departments are painting

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### ART WHITE'S EXPOSITION SHOWS

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Nashville, Tenn., Ball Park, this week; Kentucky to follow with big 4th Celebration.

P.S.—Ernie Sylvester has good proposition for wounded ex-service man in uniform unable to do hard work, to lecture on brand new panel front Jap War Show; Grinder to handle Peep Show, Talker on Minstrel Show.

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### June 2, 1945



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#### MIDWAY weather.

Caffery, of Hennies Bros.; Carl Amrhein, BILLIE BAKER has joined Jimmie Baker DeLuxe; Chick Armbruster, the Hurd's side show on the Wonder Shows tent maker; Capt. Lyle A. Baker, and Pat of America. . . . DOC and MA KELLEY Purcell, of The Billboard, were William visited Dick's Paramount Shows and V. (Jake) Ward's guests at a super- Coleman Bros.' Shows near Waterford, steakeroo dinner at Jake's Springfield, N. Y., recently, Ill., apartment Tuesday (22).

Mrs. Hody Jones, has been awarded the sound like the truth.



Air Medal by the commanding general and superior performance of his

duties." He had been flying the dangerous route over the Hump, thru the Himalayas, from November, 1944, thru January, 1945.

THERE NEVER WAS an auspices that co-operated with a show 100 per cent.

CAPT. LUCKY JACOBS, human cannonball, opened with Fearless Gregg but is now recuperating from a serious back injury at Jackson, Mich. ... SGT. CHES-TER MASON, known as Darby on Byers Bros., has been in the South Pacific 14 months, while Mrs. Mason is making her home in Los Angeles for the duration.

WHEN A MANAGER canned his general agent, his son tin-canned the agent's dog.

MRS. PERCY MUNDY, wife of the late Col. P. J. Mundy, of Jacksonville,

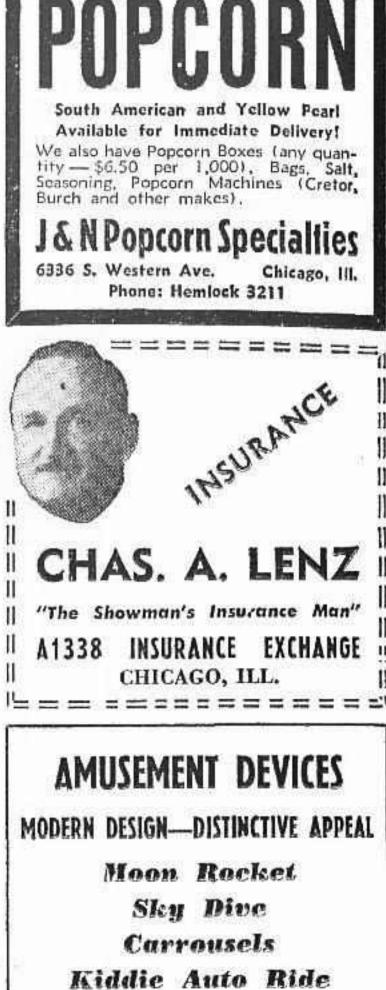
signed as resident manager of the bird farm at Kendall, Fla., and has moved to HARRY W. HENNIES and J. C. Mc- the Boardwalk at Daytona Beach, Fla. . .

ALL THAT a side show manager expects LIEUT. JOHNNY J. JONES JR., son of of his talker is that he make his openings

> FRANK (BUCK) STOCKTON, S2/c, of the India-China sends a hearty "hello" from San Diego, Theater of Opera- Callf., and a moan because he hasn't tions, the accom- heard much from his old friends on the panying citation C. F. Zeiger Shows since 1937. . . . crediting him with FRANCIS LEE, featured with Leona day and night LaRue's Hollywood Revue on the J. J. flights "in extremely Page Shows, bought a new car and trailer treacherous weather at Johnson City, Tenn. . . . K. C. MUR- || PHY, nephew of Tommie and Etto Henderson, was inducted in the army April 16.



BUSTER GOR-DON, athletic instructor at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Miami, hadn't been on a ladder for two years but he made a 110-foot fire gainer at the annual



Fla., is in New York on business, Colonel Mundy is credited with pioneering carnivals in America, having launched the Gaskill & Mundy Shows, one of the first carnival outfits to tour this country. . . . HADJI BEN ALI, fire eater, is occupied in war work at the New York plant of General Electric.

SOMETHING WE DON'T HEAR nowadays: "Is this a fit show to bring ladies into?"



CORP. SAM L. SWAIN has been overseas 18 months and misses the midways, but his work in the Special Services in the Pacific keeps him from getat Winston - Salem, N. C., and is ready hit the road to again.

with his wife on their cannon and water show.

WE NEVER DID LIKE press agents' copy stating that the sheriff and chief of police co-operated with a show's legal adjuster.

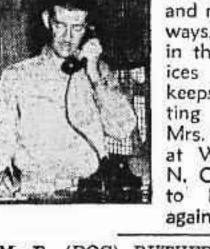
A. J. BUDD is operating three shows, two on the West Coast Victory and one with Douglas Greater. On Douglas Greater Freaks on Parade are Charles G. Cox Jr., manager and talker; John Lonas and Bob Southland, tickets; Prince Leon, midget emsce and magician; Zondou, quarter-boy; Ralph Page, fire and pincushion; Raye McFarland and Virginia Kelley, Illusions; Fanny Blaise, annex; Charles Wright, vent and punch; Jolly ting too lonesome. Babe, gat girl. West Coast Freaks on Mrs. Swain wintered Parade include Walter Paul, talker; Arthur Goodhew and Dale Wilsonhulme, tickets; Alzora, turtle girl; Ruth Le Argo, penguin girl; Eco Coleman, sword swallower; Vic Lopez, emsee and magic; Zimba, pinhead; William Hall, escape art-



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Besette, annex: May Castro and Emma Britton, illusions. In the French Casino are Marie La Doux, talker; Jimmie Udseth, tickets; Von Herman Sisters; Jewell, Electra, Evelyn, Peggy Goodhew and Dora Lane, dancers; Torchy Roberts, featured; Slim Murdock and Ralph Plant,

KEEP A LIGHT BURNING in your office window. That prodigal son, who staggered away at teardown time, may return at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

> PVT. RANDALL A. (TONY) RABER, who was killed in action in France April 15, was a corn game operator for Frank Pepper on the Wallace Bros.' Shows before entering the service. Former associates plan a perpetual memorial for him.

DETROIT NOTES - CORP. JOHN E. (MIKE) BALOG, formerly with the World of Pleasure Shows, was in this country recently for two weeks with a group of war prisoners, but has returned to his station in Belgium. . . . PFC. W. L. McHUGH, member of 'the Michigan Showmen's Association, has been upped to the post of bartender in the Marine Headquarters Officers' Club here, where he is stationed, . . . CORP. M. C. (TIM-MIE) CLAMAN, former concession agent at Eastwood Park, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Europe April 11. . . CHARLES (BLACKIE) STONE, Joyland Shows, has entered the Marine Hospital, Windmill Pointe. . . . PFC. NATE (NISE) SOBOL, former Eastwood Park concessionaire, has been transferred to Percy Jones Hospital, Ward 21, Section 11, Battle Creek, Mich. . . . STANLEY MOTYL, who ran the Skee-Ball alleys at Eastwood Park, Detroit, and recently discharged from the army, is now at Phoenix, Ariz., convalescing. . . . JAMES PHIPPS, who has been with various Southern shows, is now at Eastwood Park with his bride. . . . CHARLES H. STAPLETON is out of the hospital after several weeks' illness. . . . EARL WRIGHT is back on concession row, after being in business in Detroit for 10 years. . . . ROSCOE T. WADE, owner of the Joyland Shows, says this will be his last season as ride foreman. He says he'll be the "managing director" from now on. . . . KOKOMO JIMMIE and Eddie Carton are back at Eastwood Park. . . GEORGE MOYER is back playing local lots with his bucket concession. . . STANDARD BAKER and wife, who have rides and concessions with the Royal American Shows, were back for a visit to their home here.



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Wheels, Skillos, Tracks, Roll Downs, Razzle Dazzles, Pca Pool End Tables, Soup Pegs, Milk Bottles, Heavy Metal and Aluminum, Pan Joints, Laydowns, Ruckets, Eight Die Blocks, Ball Chucks, Waterfall Blowers, Bingo Blowers, Electric Bingo, Master Boards, Bingo Cards, Under and Over Cloths, Beat the Dealer Cloths, Penny Pitches, Bearings, Axles. Many Others Not Mentioned Not Mentioned.

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Man to make Candy Apples, good proposition. Those who wrote before write again.

## MILTON MORRIS

Care Johnny J. Jones Shows, Pittsburgh, Pa., week May 28th; Newcastle, Pa., week June 4th.

HATS OFF to the carnival owner who can take four solid weeks of rain and go on with a smile. Hats off to all of 'em. Out of 39 days, only four were fair, published a local newspaper: Here's hoping it will be "fair for the fairs."

# MERIT SHOWS

#### MAMMOTH BUNKER HILL DAY CELEBRATION

Charlestown, Mass.-3 Days and Nights-June 16, 17 and 18

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WANT for American Legion Victory Jublice, Lambertsville, N. J., June 4th to 9th, with Firemen's Celebration, Alpha, N. J., June 10th to 17th. 7 BIG DAYS-7, Including Sunday.

Want Cookhouse or Grab, Custard, Juice, Candy Apples, Scales, Age, Grind Stores (not conflicting), Ball Games, etc. What have you? Can place two more attractive Shows. Will book Little Beauty, Roll-o-Plane and Octopus, Want to buy 20x40 Show Tops and 20 Ft. Middle Section. Must be in A-1 condition. All address: R. H. MINER, GARDEN STATE SHOWS, Trenton, N. J., until June 2.

# A. M. P. SHOWS

#### "JUGGY"

Want Ride Help in all departments, semi-drivers preferred. Want Agents for office-owned Concessions. Want Shows of all kinds with or without equipment. Fun House, Motordrome and Penny Arcade. Want String Game, Custard, Scales and High Striker. Floyd Sheaks wants relief Bingo Caller and Agents for Penny Pitch and Hoopla. Mike Bosco wants Agents for Games and Slum Blower. All address:

A. M. PODSOBINSKI, this week, Blackman Patch, Pa.; next week, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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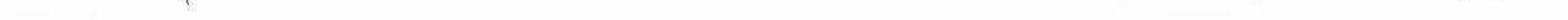
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# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## National Showmen's Association 1564 Broadway, New York

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Members are wondering what has become of Joseph Zeno, of Cetlin & Wilson Shows, and Thomas Vitelli, of Virginia Greater Shows.

Nathan House is back conducting his business despite a new artificial limb, and Jackie Bloom is recovering from an operation. Ross Manning was slightly injured when a motor fell on his chest.

Secretary Walter K. Sibley visited two shows last week. R. H. Miner's Garden State Shows were doing business between raindrops at Phillipsburg, N. J., Thursday (17), where Sibley met Raymond Parker, Matt Roberts, Jack Kerns and Leon Baker. R. H. Miner Jr., is off the road in war work.

Sibley visited Anthony (Juggy) Podsobinski's A.M.P. Shows at West Hazleton, Pa., and was received by Mrs. Podsobinski and C. C. Mitchell, general agent. Juggy was away on business. Visited with Jerry Martin, Al Hawker, J. P. (Lucky) Miller, S. D. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Happy Carr.

Recent visitors were Dave Solomon, D. D. Simmons, Casper Sargeant, Ike Weinberg, Red McKeon, Nate Weinberg, Paul Spitzer, Harry Kaplan, Lee Lewis, (See NSA on page 51)

## **Pacific Coast** Showmen's Association

6231/2 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, May 26,-Plans were made at regular meeting Monday (21) to pay homage to departed brothers on .Edna O'Shea. Decoration Day. Charlie Soderberg will again this year. Jim Gallagher urged and Bob Meyers.

## Showmen's League of America Sherman Hotel, Chicago

CHICAGO, May 26 .- A meeting will be held next week to formulate plans for the summer campaigns. The Mustering-Out Fund and the servicemen's package finances will be checked, and considerable effort will be put on the cemetery and hospital fund,

Permission has been granted the American Legion to blow taps at Showmen's Rest Decoration Day. Flags will be placed on all graves.

Recent visitors were Larry Rohter, Flash Williams, J. B. Hendershot, Max Goodman, Edward A. Johnson, Fitzie Brown, Sam Levy, Ben Herman and Sol Winnem. Leo Berrington is back from the West Coast, and Al Kaufman returned from St. Louis to prepare for his annual jaunt with the Conklin Shows in Canada.

Secretary Joe Streibich and Mike Wright visited the Dodson Shows at Kenosha, Wis., and Wright has increased the length of his week-ends at Lake Delavan to four days.

Membership cards for 1946 are now ready, and the secretary has been instructed to advise 1945 delinquents to "come up."

## **Missouri Show Women's** Club Maryland Hotel, St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, May 26 .- Club was host to many show women playing in this vicinity Thursday (17) at a card party. Bingo was also played, and prize winners were Harriet Maher, Hazel Maddox and

Nell Allen came up from Waynesville, have charge of decorating the graves Mo., and made a donation of \$5 for the raffle, which was won by Estelle Reagan. members to visit Showmen's Rest in Among others present were Vera Han-Evergreen Cemetery. Other committee cock, Louise Howe, Helen Maher, Ida members are Doc McCullough, Jim Dunn McCoy, Ada Miller, Gertrude Lang, Norma Lang, Lee Belmont, Adele Volker and Mildred Laird. At a short business meeting preceding the party, the following were elected to membership: Mrs. Goldie Kirsch, Mrs. Cora Travis, Mrs. Helen E. Maher, Mrs. Hazel Mae Maddox, Mrs. Genevee Hawkay. Iris Camen is confined to Jewish Hospital here.



# WANTED GENERAL AGENT

Must be capable. Also Secretary that understands show business. First Man for #5 Wheel and Spillman Merry-Go-Round. John Murry, get in touch. Jack Gore, come on.

# Hedrick's Gay Way Shows

Thomasville, N. C., week of 28th to June 2nd.

# **Bullock Amusement Co.**

DODSON'S WORLD'S FAIR SHOWS SHEBOYGAN, WIS., this week



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# **Tivoli Exposition Shows**

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# WANTED

For Minstrel Show, Trumpet and Trombone, a few Chorus Girls that can cut it. Alverta Snowden, Mark Baker, get in touch with me. Can use a good Dancer, also Ticket Seller. Yes, we have twenty people now, including a six-piece hand. All replies to

BOB BUFFINGTON World of Mirth Shows, Plainfield, N. J., this week; New Brunswick, N. J., next week.

# **BUFF HOTTLE SHOWS**

#### HAVE FOR SALE

1940 Chev. Dual Axle Tractor and 24-ft. Ell Van Traller, 26-ft. Cartor Van Traller, and other tractors and trallers; all descriptions. All A-1 condition, Brand New U 2 International Rida Motor, Single O Stranded Cable and No. 6 Solid Insulated Wire. All inquiries to BOX 1025, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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William Hobday, fourth vice-president, presided. Ed Mann, secretary, reported on Albert J. Musante's application and he was voted into membership.

Henry Wilbur, known professionally as the Mystic Clayton, attended from San Diego, Other visitors were Morris (Jack) Kaplan, of Chicago, and Douglas Nelson Rhodes, well-known circusiana writer.

John Backman, executive secretary, is issuing his third bulletin of the year. Bob Neil is still using crutches to get about but is well on the way to recovery.

Harry Quillen, of the publicity committee, is back. He has been on the road making photos of the various circuses.



Care CAVALCADE OF AMUSEMENTS Decatur, Ill., this week

## Caravans

#### 155 N. Clark St., Chicago

CHICAGO, May 26. - Edna Stenson, back from a visit with her sister, Evelyn Blakely, on the Royal American in St. Louis, and Claire Sopener directed the social Tuesday (22). Hattie Clinton and Emily Bailey will be hostesses May 29. Final meeting is set for June 5, after which Emily Bailey will leave for California. She announces a net of \$125 from the rummage sale.

Dorothy Sleyster has gone to Caravan Cottage, Lake Delavan, Wis., to rest after a four weeks' siege of scarlet fever.

Dorothee Bates is writing and directing for the Chicago Group Theater, Inc.

Lucille Hirsch and Pat Seery are with the Hock Amusement Company on Chicago lots.

# WANT ILLUSION SHOW HELP

Inside Man, Stage Assistant, Ticket Seller and Girls. Top salaries. Can place good Mental Act. Swell proposition to capable Talker. Beautiful new well-framed Show. Best route in America. Dave Campbell, Charlie Noler, Paul Payne, Raymond York, Bill Collins, write or wire.

## MACK MCASKILL

World of Mirth Shows, Plainfield, N. J., this week; then as per route.

# SHOWS WANTED

Lorain, Ohio, June 4 to 9 and balance of season; Shrine Fun Week, Massillon, Ohio, June 18 to 23. This is a great celebration. Can use Side Show, Large Snakes, Fat Family, Freak and Pit Shows. Must have your own transportation. Hollywood Horse Show, contact me immediately. Address inquiries

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## WANTS

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# WANT AGENTS

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**JOHNNY P. CIABURRI** Morgantown, W. Va., this week

# SOUTHERN STATES SHOWS

## WANT

Hoopla, Bowling Alley, Photo Studio, Bumper. All strictly stock. Ride Help in all departments. Regardless what your capacity, if you lush you will not last here. All answers:

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# SPONSORED EVENTS

Voteran, Lodge and Other Organization Festivities

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## Terre Haute DAV Combo Show Gets a Little Net

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 26 .- After all the bills were paid there was a little net left for the Disabled American Veterans and the promoters as a result of the combo rodeo-thrill show presented here Sunday (20).

Hugh Talbott handled the promotion, and Tom Aumann was producer. Iron-Man Jim Skinner was featured thrill driver.

Saturday's show was rained out, which hurt the take.

## Indianapolis Rodeo Nets Veterans' Center \$12,000

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26. - Fifteen thousand persons attended the Legion-News Rodeo and Horse Show at Fairgrounds Coliseum, Saturday and Sunday, matinee and night (19-20). Net of approximately \$12,000 will go to the Veterans' Service Center.

Admission for reserved seats was \$1.20, including tax. A downtown parade was held Saturday. Weather was ideal. Paul O. Ferrell, Indianapolis horseman, was general chairman.

For Southwest Kansas Race Meet on Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15, 1945, at Liberal, Kansas. For last year's four-day event had ten thousand attendance. Carnival will be booked for full week. Wonderful opportunity for carnival in-asmuch as we have one of the largest horse-racing programs in Kansas. This is an estab-lished meet going on its seventh year. Have lished meet going on its seventh year. Have army air field with 5,000 personnel. Frefer flat rate but will consider percentage deal. For full particulars write

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# SOUTH COMMON MIDWAY LOWELL, MASS., FOR JULY 4TH, 1945

Auction Sale for Choice of Lots at South Common Midway, Lowell, Mass., for July 4th Celebration will be held at City Hall, Lowell, Mass., Tuesday, June 26, 1945, at 10 A.M.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS: **GEORGE P. LEGRAND, Park Commissioner** 

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## 'Pleasure' for Auburn Event

AUBURN, Ind., May 26.-Local American Legion Post will stage a Victory Street Fair late in September, it is announced by H. E. Hart, of the Legion. John Quinn's World of Pleasure Shows will furnish the rides and shows.

## **Tecumseh Plans Carnival**

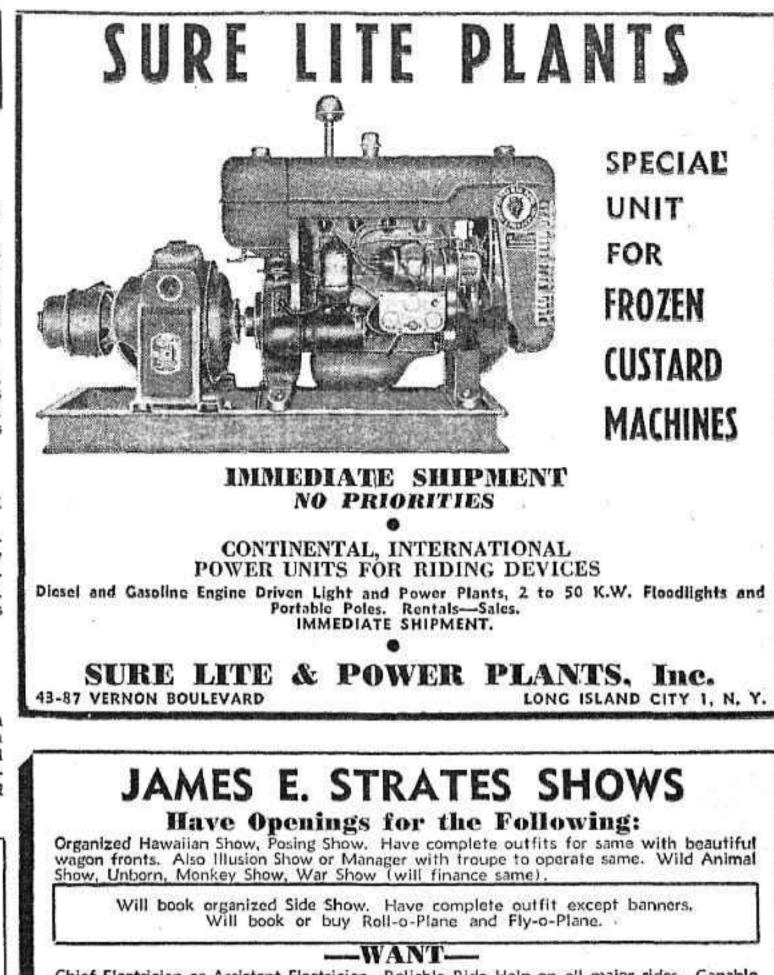
TECUMSEH, Neb., May 26.-Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce, headed by Leon Scharton, is planning a three-day fall carnival for the third week in September, between the Auburn, Neb., and Beatrice, Neb., dates.



Concessions for big 4th of July celebration. Celebration starts on evening of July 3, consisting of Horse Show, Horse Racing, Stage Show and Fireworks. This is a good location for Bingo.

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LOS ANGELES, May 26 .- Two more circuses took to the road from here this week and last, another is set to open June 2, and there is a probability that even the fourth will be launched. On the other hand, no date for the reopening of Cronin Bros.' Circus has been announced. However, S. L. Cronin said that the show would definitely go out again.

Bowing here were Escalante Bros.' Circo Mexico in the eastern part of the city, and Al Dean's Circus in Lynwood Friday (25). Yankee-Patterson, originally skedded for an opening in Venice, Calif., May 20, postponed its debut until June 2 in North Long Beach, Frank Chicarrelli, who was with the Cronin (See 2 BOW IN L. A. on page 46)

## Cole Blows Richmond Mat., **But Night Brings Out Straw**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Cole Bros,' phenomenal business, despite rain and muddy lots, was jerked to a brief halt when the show finally missed a matinee at Richmond, Ind., Thursday (17). Train didn't arrive there until shortly before noon and they couldn't get it up in the rain until time for the night show, which was strawed despite the elements. Columbus, O., came thru with banner biz for two days, and at Zanesville, O., the unloading pictures were good for five-column spread on the front page of The Signal, featuring a two-column mug of Huffy Hoffman, local clown with it. In Parkersburg, W. Va., Wednesday (23), the tent wasn't big enough either matinee or night, the spec being cut for both shows.

## **Protect** 'Em

SAFFORD, Ariz., May 26-Hazel King, Dailey Bros.' Circus, has come up with a novel idea to protect horses on the way to the train at night.

She ties reflectors on the tails of the last horses!

-Cronin still says "yes" Utah Health Moguls Shining the Badge

> SALT LAKE CITY, May 26 .- Legal representatives of circuses, carnivals and fairs had best look to their shows' sanitary facilities when booking Salt Lake City or other Utah dates.

> The State Board of Health, thru Dr. William M. McKay, is on a rampage, and is enforcing to the letter every regulation concerning all drink and eating spots.

> Cook tents must have proper disposal facilities, proper water connections, fans over griddles, caps for all attendants, proper refrigeration, etc., and health inspections for all cooks and waiters.

> So tough has the State health department become that at the Utah State Fair, owned and operated by the State itself, it closed down a number of concessionaires because of violation of the rules. It even forced the installation of chlorinators on the water for showers -showers, mind you, not drinking water -on the beaches of Great Salt Lake, plus the installation of "running" hot water for the attendants of all grease or hot dog stands.

# **Barnes Runs 15%** Ahead; Olympia **Mark Set Sunday**

DETROIT, May 26. - Fourth annual Barnes Bros.' Circus at Olympia is running steadily around 15 per cent ahead of 1944, management reports indicate. Show was hampered all last week by rain and cold weather.

Sunday (20), the show set a house record for a production of this type, with approximately 20,000 people paying an estimated \$16,000 net.

Several minor accidents have occurred. Thursday (17), the Great Bruffee, the "Man Who Hangs Himself," sustained severe rope burns on his neck and shoulder, but went on with his act.

One of the Ambassadorettes received a twisted knee, and one of the Flying Romas injured a shoulder when he dropped into the net at the end of the act, but neither missed any shows.

Tuesday (22), Mary Valentine, of the Romas flying act, fell into the net after a miss and was taken to Providence Hospital with possible internal injuries.

Monday night, 1,000 school children, all War Bond salesmen, were guests, and Bruffee bought a \$1,000 bond at the show as a tribute to them at the end of his act.

Build-up over last year, despite much local uncertainty over reconversion and coming employment problems, was largely attributable to an earlier start on advertising. Paper, cards and newspaper advertising started a week earlier

OAKLAND, Calif., May 26.-Aahmes Temple Shriners estimate that 105,000 people saw Polack Bros.' Shrine Circus here May 11-20, matinee and night, about the same number as last year. Auditorium seats 8,000 and was at or near capacity all nights, except Saturday and Sunday, when the drop was about 20 per cent. Matinees were well attended, and the two special extra morning shows for children were so overflowed that a third will be added next year.

Irma Buch, 26, of the Four Sidneys, was painfully injured and suffered a dislocated elbow when act spilled, due to an imperfection of the floor at a special show at the Oakland Naval Hospital. She was treated in Naval Hospital and showfolks had some trouble clipping the red tape to get her out.

# **Autry LA Coliseum Rodeo Set June 24**

LOS ANGELES, May 26.-Gene Autry's Championship Rodeo and Cavalcade of the West has been set for June 24 in the Coliseum here. Event will be presented by Walter E. Smith, with Abe Lefton, manager and announcer, and Hoot Gibson, arena director.

Serving on the rodeo committee are Smith, president; Autry, associate; Tom Breneman, grand marshal; Frances Langford; Merle Templeton, parade chairman; Bernie Williams, programs, and this year, while streetcar and bus cards. Nils Thor Granlund (NTG), publicity Money received at the event will be given to charity, with the four metropolitan dailies getting 50 per cent for welfare funds, \$5,000 to Breneman, of Breakfast in Hollywood radio show, for a youths' auditorium in Encino, Calif., and \$10,000 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. VFW members have been issued 10,000 tickets, Lefton said.

## **Russell Gathers Lots Of** Newspaper Praise

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Newspaper clippings from California bouncing onto The Billboard's circus editor's desk are full of puffs for Russell Bros.' Circus and its methods of operation.

Capacity houses are scarce, due to bad weather and rough competition, but attendance has been good enough to keep the show on the right side of the ledger.

At Hanford, Calif., Friday (18), Henry Keyes's band was tooted, while a runaway mare gave the natives something to talk about. At Lodi, Sunday, there were two paying houses, despite a new lot more than two miles from the biz center. Louise Cristiani was injured Saturday at Merced when she tumbled from a perch balanced by her husband, David.

The Woodland Democrat praised Praise-Agent William B. Antes for his charity work, and biz was good.

## **Hamid-Morton Beats Rain** To Net Kiwanis \$3,741

OTTAWA. May 26.-Hamid - Morton Circus closed a six-day run here Saturday (19), netting \$3,741 for the Kiwanis Club despite rain five of the six days. Five of the six night performances were sellouts. There were two sellout matinees and four that drew three-quarter houses.

act, was painfully injured Thursday (17) night. Act was moving into its finale midnight drive. when Josephine Berosini, top of threehigh on the bicycles, fell eight feet be- on its lot, our wagons, elephant, camel fore leaving the platform and landed and lead stock were still parked on the with her chair on Clara, who sustained streets. That led the natives to believe cuts and bruises on her face, shoulders and back.

## **Memorial for Billers**

CHICAGO, May 26.-Memorial services for departed members of the Billposters and Billers Union will be held at noon June 3 at Forest Home Cemetery. Henry Marquardt, Illinois State commander of the Order of the Purple Heart, will deliver the address, Otto Kruger, local president, announced.

not used in 1944, were added. Radio is and track director. not being used except for voluntary mentions by various radio personalities.

## Flood Chases Rock Bros.

CAMDEN, Ark., May 26 .- Rock Bros.' Rodeo and Circus did well here for two days but was forced to make a hurried move to another lot Saturday (19) when the Ouachita River went over the flood stage, curtailing Saturday night biz.

WON, HORSE & UPP COMBINED CIRCUS An Equine and Canine Paradox-The Show With a Leaf of Gold -By Starr De Belle-

#### Concert, Pa., May 26, 1945.

Dear Editor:

Carrying only overland wagon show equipment with a railroad circus proved its worth last week. When our agent reported that the Condon & Marsh-London & Bradley European Circus was billed to appear at Abrade, Pa., six days ahead of the show, the bosses decided to teach them a lesson by day-and-dating it. The burg is located on another railroad that runs parallel with the one we were on, and to reach it by highway it is only an 18-mile drive across country. The office wired its agent to contract a lot as close as possible to the opposition's.

Instead of loading on the train that night, we made an overland jump to roust the route stealers. (Any show that plays ahead of this one is considered a route thief. If they predate any other show, we consider it smart showmanship.) We arrived in the burg before daylight, long before our competitor's one car was shunted onto a siding. Not expecting the show to arrive so early, our agent was still in bed, which didn't improve Manager Upp's temper.

Learning that no lot except the one contracted by our competitors was available, the boss tore into our agent for his dumbness in bringing the show in, even Clara Berosini, 24, of the high-wire tho our agent had nothing to do with the office's quick decision to make the

Hours after the opposition's show was that the billed-in show traveled on both rail and highway, which riled the boss

even more. Again our agent was abraded for letting them beat us to the town. (All of our agents travel with the billers in order to save the expense of wiring to let 'em know where to go.) At 2 p.m., Manager Upp decided that he was whipped as there wasn't a lot big enough to even park the wagons available. We then drove out to a farm and camped on a pasture.

The bosses dropped their belligerent attitudes and visited their competitors' show with, "Our agent is to blame for bringing us here. Had we known that your show had the town, we wouldn't have stood for it." You can imagine the bosses' surprise when they learned that the Condon & Marsh-London & Bradley Combined European Circus was none other than their long-lost one-car show, formerly known as the Steed & Escadrille Bros.' Garland Entry Circus. which they had sent on the road as a separate unit under the management of a trusted employee.

Rushing to the county courthouse, the bosses soon had legal papers in their possession to take over the show. Our wagon-train was ordered to return to the train and to continue on its route, while the one-car unit stayed here until we played the town. Altho we lost a day with the Won, Horse & Upp Circus, we made up for it by taking the day's gross of our one-car show as well as regaining the property. It proved to be the best opposition date of the year without oppositioning.

Not only is the above a news item. but it proves that a circus can only be stolen by taking it over a bit at a time, and not as a whole.

## Sympathetic Press Says: **Circus Has Helluva Time**

NEBRASKA CITY, May 26 .--- Wending its way north thru belated spring weather in Oklahoma and Nebraska, the spirit of Austin Bros.' Circus was typified by a headline May 17 in The Lamar (Mo.) Democrat which read: "The Circus Has a Helluva Time."

It rained so hard all day at Paola, Kan., Wednesday (16) that Harry Hammill didn't unload. Shortly after 6 p.m. the train started for Lamar. Mo., and fire was discovered in a rear coach. Someone pulled the bell-cord and luckily the train stopped by a creek, so the bucket brigade promptly extinguished the blaze, and damage was estimated at \$250.

The fire and a side-tracking for a troop train made the arrival in Lamar late and two light houses were played. Several horses were reported ill and one died at that spot.

The weather broke at Bolivar, Mo., Saturday (19) for two big houses. Another side-tracking for troop trains caused the show to almost miss the matinee in Nebraska City Wednesday (23) and biz was light, but it was jam-up at night.

## As If RB Hasn't Enough **Trouble Without This!**

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Suit for \$6,250 damages has been brought against the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Balley Circus in New York Supreme Court by the New England Fire Insurance Company, which holds a policy issued to Harry S. Dube, publisher of The Circus Magazine, official Ringling program.

Damages claimed result from discontinuation of the program as a result of the lay-off of the Ringling circus after the Hartford, Conn., fire last July. Attorneys for the circus have moved for dismissal of the suit on technical grounds.



#### CIRCUSES 45

## DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

## **Ringling Bros.**

After a long and thresome ride from New York by the way of Albany, we arrived in Boston at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday (22) and could have made a matinee show. As there was no afternoon show scheduled, most everyone took advantage of the afternoon off sight-seeing or at picture shows, with the exception of the girls, who had a rehearsal call.

Night show was for bond purchasers, and we had a sellout. Phil Hall, former front doorman, visited his many friends. Father Sullivan was around to greet everyone, as he always does in Boston. Neets Deisler, on the sick list last week, is back in the flying act, and Helen Wallenda is also working again. Everyone is happy to see Frank Torrence back with us.

Helen (Frenchie) Wolthing was thrown from her horse in Amazonia and injured her ankle.

Back-Door Scenes: Little Tommy Seawell and dad, John, having a little heart-to-heart talk, while Tommy visits here. . . . Joyce Seawell and Patty Warfield making the clown firehouse number, as they have nothing else to do during that part of the performance. ... Gordy Orton trying to decide whether to have his picture taken with his hat on or off. . . . Gunther Wallenda, in his rummage-sale costume, gives everyone a big laugh with his antics while waiting to go. . . . Where does Chitlens Chase get DICK MILLER. all his energy?

## Bailey Bros.

Old Sol has begun to show his face daily. The backyard has its quota of camera fans and visitors. Chief White Eagle, of the Tim Mix concert, is far ahead of local camera fans. He manages to snap one when it is least expected, resulting in some very amusing and interesting shots.

Among the visitors of the week were

## Cole Bros.

George Telford has a fine privilege car this season, despite the rationing. His staff includes Charles E. Caldwell, Robert O'Neil and Oscar Hardiman. Workingmen's ple car is operated by Gus (Dutch) Czarnicki. Club 55 is very quiet this scason.

Emmett Kelly made Ripley's Believe-It-or-Not, and Otto Griebling says he can make it too, but that Rip wouldn't late matinee Thursday, due to delay in print it.

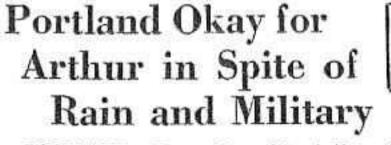
Jan Sidney, prima donna last year and in private life Mrs. C. A. Forrest, is off the road this season for a very good reason that concerns only Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Forrest.

In the aerial numbers this year wo have ladders and anchors around the track, with three webs centered, worked by Armida Loyal, Bette Biller and Vadis Engesser. In the end rings are Giustino Loyal, head balancing traps, and Bert Dearo, aerial contortion, and Corinne Dearo on front track doing muscle grinds.

Reta Talifario is back on show after undergoing operations for appendicitis and tonsilitis in Indianapolis.

A vote of thanks to the following bosses and their boys who have made it possible to get it up and down in uncircus weather: Gene Weeks and his candy butchers, Dutch Wise and his ticket sellers, James (Tex) Hayes and his ushers, Capt. Bill Curtis, Whitey Warren and their boys, Bill (Hammerhead) Dywer and his gang, George Davis and his walters, "German Red" Richardson and his outside bunch, Noyelles Burkhart, Irish Deady and his porters, Eugene (Arky) Scott and his elephant boys, Frank (Jersey) Schanck and his side show bunch, Frank (Dutch) Warner and his train-team boys, Jack Biggers and his train crew, Ace Donavan's tractors, and John McGraw's ring stock.

Huffy Hoffman and Lee Vertue, clowns, had a big day in Zanesville, O., their home town. Huffy gave a party at his



PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.-Arthur Bros.' Circus bucked unseasonable rainy weather and the competition of home games in the Pacific Coast Baseball League to sell 30,000 admissions during a four-day stand here, ended Sunday night (20). This exceeded last year's attendance, said Martin E. Arthur, owner.

Show got off to a bad start here with a arrival from Salem, Ore., where wet grounds made it impossible to use wagons, with result that all equipment had to be gilleyed on and off lot. Matinee turned 'em away at night.

Eight-performance stand in Portland averaged less than full house, with 4.200 capacity tent, and effective co-operation from local press helped bring customers in for night shows. The Journal co-operated on a special show Saturday morning for carriers, to which soldiers from Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver. Wash., also were invited.

This business came despite the fact that Col. A. W. Tyler, commanding officer of the Chico Army Air Field, announced Monday (14) that Arthur Bros, had been placed off limits to all military personnel in the Central Security District, which includes all Northern California. Complaints on losses in games by airmen was responsible for the order, Colonel Tyler said.

Two noteworthy changes in personnel since the start from Los Angeles involved ring and press. Pat Berry took over as equestrian director, replacing Tom Williams, and Harvey Walters, who was handling press, left for his home in Los Angeles.

At Corvallis, Ore., Tuesday (22), a storm broke an hour before matinee time, holding it to half a house, and natives sloshed thru mud to almost fill the top at night. Had it not been for the elephants, show would have been days getting off this lot.



President Secretary THOMAS M. GREGORY W. M. BUCKINGHAM 12039 Edgewater Drive P. O. Box 4 Lakewood 7. O. Gales Ferry, Conn. (Conducted by WALTER HOHENADEL, Editor "The White Tops," care Hohenadel Printing Company, Rochelle, Ill.)

Ted Loxley, Cranston, R. I., advises that "Bill H612 Amended" was passed by the Rhode Island House of Representatives but was killed in the Senate.

Dr. Henry H. Conley, Central vicepresident, was among those who caught the Big One in New York.

Thru the efforts of Dr. Harrison Powattendance at Salem was scant but show ers, Elkhart, Ind., a tent was raised there April 24, starting with 10 members. It was named the Kathryn (Kitty) Clark Tent No. 43, honoring the well-known performer on the Big One, Elkhart being her home town. Dr. Powers was elected president; Kitty's father, Edward L. Clark, vice-president, and T. A. (Ted) Reitz, secretary-treasurer. Next meeting will be held May 29. One of the objectives is to place circus books in the local library, and the first one presented was Pink Lemonade, recently published.

> National Director Jim Chloupek, San Jose, Calif., after being hospitalized for observation, has returned to his home.

> Eric F. Olson Jr., who has been with the armed forces, received discharge and has returned to Worcester, Mass.

> Members of the junior-senior classes of the Washington (Kan.) High School used the circus as a motif for their combined banquet held May 5. Bill Green helped with many circus posters and records of the Ringling circus.

## **Dailey Reports Okay**

SANDERSON, Tex., May 26.-Dailey Bros.' Circus stopped here Friday (18) for a jammed kid matinee, school letting out, and a strong night house despite a howling wind. Show is en route to Arizona, and management says biz has been okay since the rain stopped a week ago.

Walter L. Main; Mr. Works, Akron, and Corp. Ray Goode, wire walker on furlough from duty in the Aleutians. Of course, the big event of the week was our visit to the Cole show in Columbus, O. Equestrian Director George Myers, Albert White and your scribe made the trip, arriving in time for the matinee and staying over for the night show. Our thanks to Horace Laird, Freddie Freeman and all the gang for the courtesles extended us.

Arriving back on our own show we found a new addition to the program: Lippincott's Liberty act, pony drill, performing dogs and monkeys and menage horses.

Your scribe signs off to join a session of jackpotting with Walter Powell, Ray Goode and Joe Lewis. BILLIE BURKE.

## Dailey Bros.

Ben Davenport made a flying trip to Gonzales, Tex., for his final degree in Masonry, and was presented with a beautiful pin by Mrs. Davenport on his return.

There have been some long railroad runs but Burt Wallace and Mr. Douglas have the train crew hopping. It seems good to see Joe Wallace driving an eightup, pulling a cage wagon to the lot. Eddie Brodie has the light department running smoothly.

Birthdays have been celebrated by Peggy Harrison, Jean Allen and Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Wilson, Alpine, Tex., entertained the younger set at breakfast, and then swimming between shows.

Visitors: Mrs. Butch Cohn, Charley Smith, George Proctor, Bessie Pope's sister, Mr. Conley's mother, Frank Coleman, armless man, formerly with Cole Bros., and Len Smith, theater man from man and Frank Scott on the phones un-Gonzales.

Nora O'Rourke, secretary for Butch Cohn, was rushed to a hospital for an appendectomy.

Freddie Freeman note: In Laredo, Tex., It was 110 degrees; too bad Mother Nature won't even it up a bit and make us all happy .- GOLDA GRADY.

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Columbus, O., was a visiting spot and we had them from far and wide. From Cleveland came Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and Forrest Wilson. From the Balley show, only 70 miles away, came Flo White and Billy Burke, George Myers, Sylvia Forrest and Joe and Eva Lewis. Don S. Howland was on the lot two days.

Naomi and Forrest Fought showed the following performers a grand time at their Rendezvous Night Club in Richmond, Ind.: Florence Tennyson, Marion Knowlton, Ruth Nelson, Tommy Comstock and the rest of Eddie Woeckener's band, Harry Armstrong and the Freemans.

The writer received a telegram in Columbus reporting that his sister and her family had arrived in Los Angeles from Manila after being in a Jap concentration camp for three years.

To Ted and Joe Hodgini, who have been overseas with Uncle Sam's navy for nearly three years and now back for a rest: Sister Corinne, here with the show, was a mighty happy girl to have her two brothers back. FREDDIE FREEMAN.

## Wallace-Gordon Engaged For McKeesport Firemen

McKEESPORT, Pa., May 26.-The Wallace-Gordon Circus has been booked by Ideas, Inc., to present the program for the McKeesport Firemen's Pension Fund the week of June 25, G. Hodges Bryant, promotional director, announced.

Bryant has John F. Burke, Best Coleder the management of W. L. Wallace. Mayor Frank Buchanan heads the committee, with Paul G. McAtee, fire chief, secretary.

## **Bailey Rides Past Two Stands Because of Rain**

KENTON, O., May 26 .- Reports indicate that Bailey Bros.' Circus blew Painesville, O., (17) because of rain, and then didn't unload at Lorain the following day because the lot was a quagmire.

Weather broke here (23) for a smoothsailing, packed matinee and a big night Evansville, Indiana house.

## **Bond Bros.** Touring **Delaware River Towns**

WEST CHESTER, Pa., May 26 .-- Bond Bros.' Circus concluded a winning tour in Pennsylvania despite bad weather, and is now playing New Jersey towns along the Delaware River, making two-day stands.

Billy Barton, on his first leave from the Navy, worked his aerial act for nine days. Mrs. Harry Rutter, wife of the electrician, was injured on a swinging ladder. Manager George Barton has added a pit show to the midway.

## Mills Held Blameless When Truck Crushes Boy

ERIE, Pa., May 26 .- Authorities did not hold an inquest after a 12-year-old boy at Meadville, Pa., was crushed when he fell under one of Mills Bros.' Circus trucks while attempting to hitch a ride Saturday (19). It was the first warm day in this territory in two weeks, and biz was okay.

Freak business was reported in Western New York State. Circus played to two straw houses at Medina May 9, and then lost the next day at Batavia because of five inches of snow.

## **Rodeo Cowboys' Association** Has New Champion Formula

DALLAS, May 26 .- With one point to be awarded for each dollar won, including entry fees, champions will be named for the five major events in place of an all-round champion, the Rodeo Cowboys' Association has ruled. Winners are assured of over \$500 for each event.

Donors to the RCA point-award system include Everett Colburn, managing director of Gene Autry and Associates, \$1,500; Frank Moore, Madison Square Garden, \$1,000; O. C. Whitaker, El Chico Palamino Horse Ranch, Fort Worth, \$500, and five pair of \$65 boots from the Louis White Boot Shop, Fort Worth.

Thirty-five shows have paid membership fees, according to Earl Lindsey, RCA manager.

## 50 Cents Staggers 'Em

SCOTTSBUFF, Neb., May 26 .- Bud E. Anderson's performance made a hit here (22) but the 50-cent reserved seat charge, discovered at the matinee, chilled 'em at night.

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Circus at Geneva, O. (22), and will make Painesville, Willoughby, Lorain, Elyria, Norwalk, Sandusky and Bucyrus.

HOW ABOUT THIS? A circus unds given quite a panning because the management didn't spend anything for advertising, even the the editor wrote a friend he enjoyed the show.

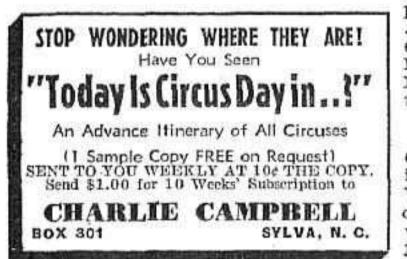
IS HITLER DEAD or alive? Advance crews beware. He may have switched from paperhanging to billposting.

NORMAN CARROLL returned to Los Angeles from the Russell show for an operation and will rejoin the org as soon as able.

RECENT VISITORS on the Monroe Bros. lot were Sidney Belmont, St. Louis booker; Jimmy Thomas, former clown, and Billy Griffith, formerly with Mills Brothers.

PROPER PUNISHMENT for war criminals: Sentence 'em to sleep on the top tier of three-high borths.

RENO McCREE, bareback rider, is in a sanitarium in Tampa. . . . MRS. THELMA MANN STROTHERS is matron



of a hospital in Columbus, O. . . . DOC WADDELL held memorial service for the DOC WADDELL rejoined Mills Bros.' late Harry Shannon, of Shannon Players.

> FRITZ HUBER, S2/c, met Eugene Gretona and Bela Danwill in Honolulu It is headed by Forrest Freeland, who and gave out with a few cheers for their respective USO acts. . . . BERT LINDSEY has retired his Funny Ford but will continue with his comedy boxing act, so Lee Sullivan says.

JERRY WILSON, owner of the Flying

Behrs and organizer of the Gran Circo Norte - Americano, which played many South American countries, answered the call of duty two months ago and is stationed with a tank destroyer unit at Camp Hood, Tex.

His wife, Janis, has returned to their home in New Orleans.

EVEN THO it may not be as big as some side show tents, it's the big top on some of the smaller shows.

C. W. BODINE will cast his lot with Lee Bros. . . . DON DORSEY will open outdoors with his aerial act in June to play fairs for Frank Wirth until fall. . . . R. M. HARVEY, Austin Bros.' general agent, visited the Barnes show in Detroit. . . DICK SCATTERDAY, Cole Bros.' advertising director, has been hitting the Atwell high spots in Chicago.

SACHA GERARD-Please notify the editorial department of The Billboard in Cincinnati of your present address. We are holding an important communid cation concerning your brother, Alphonso, who passed on recently in Paris. . . . M. L. CLARK & SONS CIRCUS couldn't (See Under the Marquee on opp. page)



### (Continued from page 44) show, was reported scouting for a big-

top to take out a show of 24 principal people working on a co-operative basis.

Dean's Circus is new to this section. was Cronin's press agent. Freeland had the Cooper-Dean Circus out of Detroit in 1931. Dean is Freeland's middle name. Booked under auspices, the show played its initial date in Lynwood under auspices of Lynwood Peace Officers' Association, Lynwood Firemen's Relief Association, and Youth Club of Lynwood.

Dean's has one ring and a track. Personnel includes Pete Smith, ringmaster; Tex Orton, general superintendent; Jack Bell, band leader; Leo Velarde, tops and rigging; Poodles Hanneford and Gracie; Eleanor Velarde, single traps; Alice and Tex Orton, perch; Alice Orton, high ironjaw; Bassett and Bailey, high equilibrium; Penny Parker, Provost, Charlie Bathe, clowns; Manuel Velarde, tight wire; Betty Miles and Sonny, her horse; Jack Darro and Freeland, publicity. Show will play under auspices on two and three day stands, with no shows scheduled for the following day, allowing show time to get up and down in the event of labor shortage. Tent, purchased from Downie Tent, & Awning Company, is 80 by 120 feet.

Yankee-Patterson is in quarters on the old Cheerful Gardner-Arthur Bros.' quarters in Venice. Big top was crected at Venice but taken down Saturday (19) because of high winds. Blues are being painted and things readied for the season. Jimmy Wood, who is putting out the show, was with Russell Bros.' Pan-Pacific Circus as legal adjuster and left the show following the Long Beach run. He has been putting on circuses under the Y-P title for about six years.

Wood plans to use a 140 by 60 top with a 40-foot middle. There will be seats down one side and no track. This will eliminate the spec. With the treasurer of the Cardston, Alta., Rodeo show are Walton dePellaton; Harvey Association. He succeeds J. Y. Card, Walters, press; Mark Smith and his who retired after eight years in that pohorses; Blackie Martin, dog act, and Jack Wright, inside tickets, Frank Yagla will have the concessions. Tom Johns will have the side show and use a 90-foot tent with a 120-foot banner line. Menagerie will be in the side show tent. Escalante Bros.' Circus bowed on the lot at West Third and Ford. Playing six weeks last year on the road, the show is reported to have picked up a neat \$3,000 in six days on the same lot. Show charges 75 cents admission and 50 cents for reserved seats. Show is on the Mexican circus pattern, with one ring and a stage. Using a canvas ring curb, the reserves are separated from the blues by a spit cloth. Tent is 120 feet long, with a 40-foot being planned on a far larger scale than middle, stage is 15 by 15 feet. Show moves on three trucks. Music is by a The program in order: Display 1. Over the ring, Escalante comedy bar act. No. 2. Stage, magic act. No. 3. Stage. six girls in sarongs; song, Chiu Chiu, dance. No. 4. Ring, clown stop. No. 5. Ring. Landon's Midgets, acrobats, No. 6. Over ring, Miranda, swinging ladder. No. 7. Ring, Mrs. O. N. Wach and her dogs. No. 8. Ring, trampoline (two men and a gal). No. 9. Ring, Eleanor Velarde, single trap. No. 10. Talking clown. No. 11. Ring, girl line, cigarette routine. No. 12, Ring, Glenn Henry (Tony Madison), rolling globe. No. 13. Ring, clown fight. No. 14. Ring, tight wire (man and woman), featuring basket walk. No. 15, Ring, talking clown. Show runs two hours.

# The Corral

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GEORGE ADAMS writes he will open his rodeo and a bus jump at Davenport. Ia., Wednesday (30).

PALO PINTO Livestock Association will hold its annual rodeo in Mineral Wells, Tex., June 30-July 1.

TRIBUTE WAS PAID the memory of Fritz Truan, champ bronk rider who died with the marines at Iwo Jima February 28 at the Hawaiian Rodeo May 1.

A NEW ARENA has been refinished for the West Fork Ranch Rodeo, which will be held three nights and a Sunday matinee, June 1-3, at Jonesboro, Tex.

PONOKA, Alta., will hold a two-day stampede in July with a budget of \$6,100. A new grandstand to seat 5,000 persons will be built.

SAN SABA, Tex., Junior Chamber of Commerce has contracted with Earl Sellers, of Del Rio, Tex., to manage the seventh annual rodeo to be held there June 14-16.

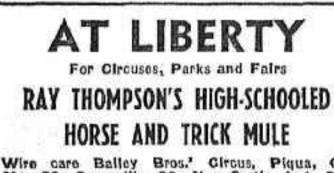
THE ANNUAL Atoka (Okla.) Rodeo will be held July 11-14, according to C. C. Stephens, president of the Atoka State Bank and one of the backers of the rodeo.

COLEMAN, TEX., Rodeo Association, has let a contract to Jack and Earl Sellers, of Del Rio, Tex., to produce the annual event, July 11-14. A horse show will be held closing day, according to the association president, E. C. Edens.

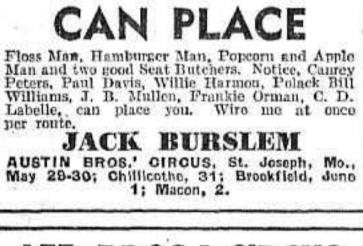
THE 54TH ANNUAL Rodeo and Celebration will be held in Clarendon, Tex., July 3 and 4, sponsored by the Lions' Club for the benefit of the community center. J. R. Gillham is chairman of the committee in charge.

O. D. STEED was elected secretarysition. Barnes, stalls and chutes have been improved and plans are under way for a dance pavilion.





Wire care Balley Bros.' Circus, Piqua, O., May 29; Greenville, 30; New Castle, Ind., 31; Connersville, June 1; Shelbyville, 2; Bloomington, 4.



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# Seek Foreign Pokes For Dallas, Nov. 2-11

DALLAS, May 26.—An international rodeo, featuring contestants from Latin-America and Canada will be held here under the auspices of the Greater Pan-American Hereford Association at the State Fairgrounds, November 2-11.

State fair facilities not already in use for the war effort have been offered to the Hereford people, who last year shattered all previous attendance records for a single cattle breed show. However, this year, according to Alex Mickle, executive director of the exposition, the event is ever before.

"Already inquiries are coming in from seven-piece band. Central and South America, Mexico and Canada and from all parts of this country," said Mickle, who has established headquarters here in the Liberty State Bank Building.

Mickle has a signed contract from Earl Lindsey, business representative of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association in which it was agreed that \$10,000 in prize money is to be staked on 12 performances for calf roping, bronk riding, bull dogging, and bull riding.

The Hereford show will follow the livestock show sponsored by the State Fair of Louisiana, October 20-29, at Shreveport.

## Poke Group To Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, May 26.—Headquarters of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association, formerly, the Cowboy Turtle Association, have been moved from Phoenix, Ariz., to 1116 Sinclair Building, Fort Worth. Earl Lindsey, until recently personal representative of Gene Autry, is business manager in charge of headquarters.

## Kelly-Miller Grinds Away

WOODWARD, Okla., May 26 .- Al G. matinee and an overflow night here (21). show here Wednesday (23).

JUNIOR CHAMBER of commerce of Ecorse, Mich., has dropped plans for sponsoring a rodeo because Municipal Field, which was to have been used, is being reconstructed and will not be available, according to Benjamin Goodell, chairman of the sponsoring committee.

EVERETT COLBORN, of Lightning O Ranch, Dublin, Tex., will furnish stock for the rodeo at Midland, Tex., June 7-9, it is announced by Roy Parks, president of Midland Fair, Inc. A \$500 Dobbs Trailer will be awarded cowgirls who are sent to the rodeo by Texas cities.

RED DEER, Alta., will hold its first stampede in 20 years-a two-day event in late June-under auspices of Red Deer Elks. The Lisogur Stampede Company has been engaged to put on the show at the Fairgrounds, where up-to-date corrals, costing \$2,000, will be built. Chuckwagon races will be included.

TOOTS MANSFIELD, of Big Spring. Tex., and James Kinney, of Marathon, Tex., have been matched in a calf-roping contest at the 16th annual rodeo in Pecos, Tex., July 3-4. Eddie Caldwell, of Fort Worth, and Sig Faircloth, of Ranger, Tex., will judge the rodeo; Lloyd Jenkins, of Fort Worth, will be arena director, and George Glasscock, of Cresson, Tex., will furnish livestock.

REGIN CALHOUN, of New Braunfels. Tex.; Lynn Smith and L. J. Piwetz will present a number of rodeos this summer. Smith states that the first will be held at Lockhart, Tex., May 26-27; then Burnet, Tex., June 1-2, and Corsicana, Tex., June 7-9. Calhoun will furnish the stock; Smith will handle the announcing and all advertising and booking; Piwetz, tickets, music, parades and other features. Cowboy McVea will handle novelties.

## Bradley & Benson Score

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., May 26 .-Kelley-Miller Bros.' Circus hit Oklahoma, Bradley & Benson Circus left the local when the weather cleared, getting two fire department a neat profit after a half nice houses (17) at Anadarko, and a good a house matinee and a sellout night

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Shelbyville, Ind., June 2; Bloomington, Ind., June 4.

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## Three More for RSROA

DETROIT, May 26 .- Three new rinks have been voted into full membership in the RSROA by action of the board of directors this week, according to Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer. Emphasizing the increasing importance which Western skating activities have assumed in the affairs of the organization, two of them are from the Far West-Sandpoint Roller (Idaho) Rink, operated by Harmon W. Cantrell, Chifford A. Coons, James M. Brown Jr. and Jack H. Knaggs; Rollerdrome, Portland, operated by Jesse Fee, and the Rollercade Rink, Saginaw, Mich., operated by M. B. Thompson.

### **ARSA Events at Ypsilanti**

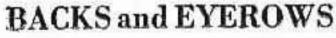
YPSILANTI, Mich., May 26 .- School figures, free style and pairs will be held at Imperial Rink here June 10. This follows the Michigan State speed and dance championships under the ARSA in the Arcadia Rink, Detroit, June 9.

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## **Perry Giles Gets Bronzer**

MUSKEGON, Mich., May 26 .- Perry Giles, owner-op of Curvecrest Roller Rink here, passed his bronze medal dance test at Bill and Ruth Holland's Skateland Rink, Bridgeport, Conn., recently. Judges were Theresa Licci and Donald Decker, qualified ARSA officials. Giles attended the recent meeting of the URO in New York and took the opportunity to get his medal.



UTICA, N. Y., May 26.-James Watson, formerly with the Coliseum Rink, Orlando, Fla., is now the pro, with Virginia Sinonaitis, assistant, at the Utica Roller Drome here, Spot, member of the United Rink Operators, is open nightly and Sunday matinees. Biz is normal for this time of year, altho it has been down considerably because of fuel shortage the past months.

## **Paragon Park Gets Going**

NANTASKET, Mass., May 26 .- Nantasket Rollerway at Paragon Park here is now open nightly for the summer season. It has a spacious maple floor and receives the ocean breeze. Frank Picher, formerly at the Chez Vous Rollerway, Boston, is the new organist at the Hammond. Fred H. Freeman operates both spots. He is on the board of control of the national RSROA.

### Mass. State Meet in Medford

MEDFORD, Mass., May 26.-Massachusetts State championships have been set for June 27 in the Bal-a-Rue here, according to Fred H. Freeman, operator. Entries in this RSROA contest will be accepted until June 17. Spot will operate thru the summer.

TERRY TARANTINO is now a member of the Four Whirlwinds act.

Murray on the Bailey show at Connellsville, Pa. . . . FRED TIMON and HARRY PHILLIPS, Oswego, N. Y., saw Mills Bros.' Circus at Medina, N. Y., and had a word of praise for the new khaki big top.

MOST CIRCUS FANS are real troupers at heart. Reason they are not with shows is that they couldn't make up their minds to run away and join when kids.

AL HUMKE will produce a combination rodeo and thrill show at Fort Wayne, Ind., June 16-17, and will then join Lee Bros.' Circus as general agent, . . , DEE ALDRICH is now side show manager for Austin Bros., while Guy Smuck, who had replaced Ted Wilson and Lloyd Laster on that job, has gone to Cole Bros. . . . DOC CHANDLER has just celebrated his 67th birthday and hopes that his son, Horace, will be thru with his job of plastering the Japs so they can return to the road together next year with their Punch and Judy.

**REGARDLESS** of what some workingmen say, a real showman never accepts the hospitality of another and then propositions his help. It is merely the way the workers have of letting their bosses know they are in demand.

ORRIN DAVENPORT is spending 10 days in Chicago after the completion of his successful Shrine Circus in Winnipeg (19) before returning to the Pacific Coast and Russell Bros.' Circus. Orrin reports he has his annual route of indoor shows for next season well set and entertains hope that Detroit will be back in the string.



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FRED STONE is now located at Midway Park Rink, Maple Springs, N. Y.

MEMBERSHIP open to persons 30 years and over is the basis for a new club at Eastern Parkway Rink, Brooklyn.

BARNEY FLUKE moved to Peekskill (N. Y.) Rollerdrome from the recently closed New Rochelle (N. Y.) Rollerdrome, where he was pro-manager.

ARENA GARDENS, Detroit, shifted over to its summer operating schedule this week, eliminating matinee and the Monday and Tuesday evening sessions of the winter schedule.

## UNDER THE MARQUEE

(Continued from opposite page) set up in Auburn, Ind., May 16, due to wet grounds.

**AVERAGE NATIVE** believes that all there is to running a circus is to sit at a ticket window and rake in the dough.

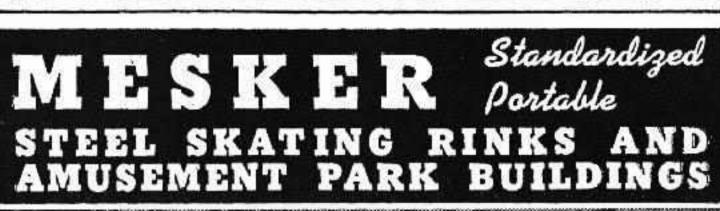
ESTRINA LOYAL REPENSKY, after 15 days in a New York hospital with a broken arm, will return to the act during the Ringling engagement in the Boston Garden. . . JUSTUS (EDWARDS) SCHLOTZHAUER was discharged from the army May 10 and is relaxing at Oquawka, Ill., while making up his mind which circus to take out after.

PERCY (ABE) RADEMACHER, veteran clown, whose last engagement was with the Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers, and Mrs. Rademacher are now managing a restaurant at Sheboygan, Wis. . . AERIAL CHRISTENSENS (Lew and El-sie) visited the Chicago office of The Billboard last week en route to Memphis. Later they will work in New Orleans.

REMEMBER THE SIGN in early-day dressing room: "Never mind what you did on the Barnum show; it's what you do here that counts?"

L. C. LANGHART, who was on the Ringling No. 1 car, has been forced to return to his Louisville home because of illness. . . . CIRCUS FANS Stanley Chlystek and Frank Rubinosky, of Mc-Kee Rocks, Pa., spent a day with Cy



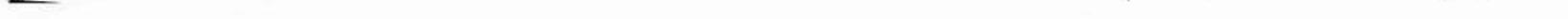




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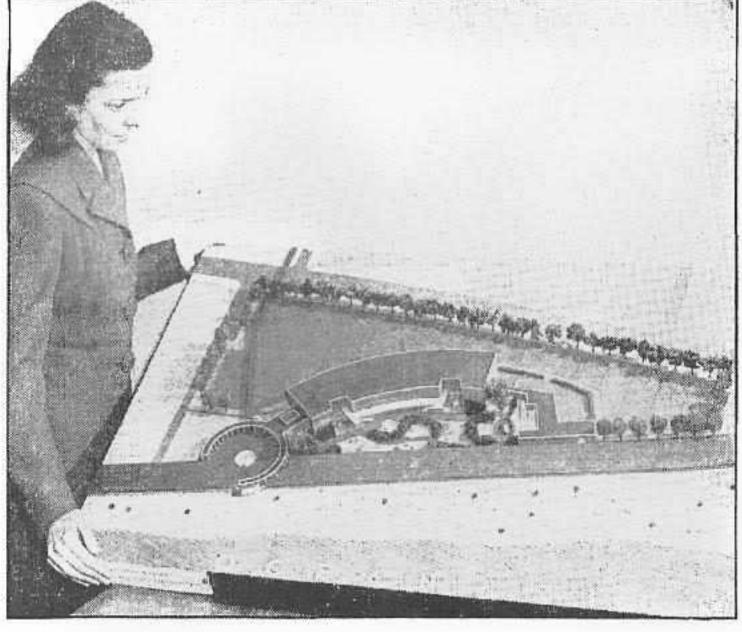
Many innovations planned when building restrictions are lifted-circus is out

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Atlantic City's Steel Pier goes under Hamid control as the result of a deal consummated at Atlantic City last Friday (18) between George A. Hamid and the group, headed by Abe Ellis, which a few days previously had bought all of the pier's capital stock from Frank Gravatt, owner since 1925.

Hamid has acquired a half interest in the new operating firm and will have complete and sole control over the policy and operation of the pier. At various times during the past four years Hamid has endeavored to secure control of the Steel Pier or to arrange for some form of combined operation of it and the Hamid Million-Dollar Pier but was unable to come to terms with Gravatt.

Within a few hours after securing control of Steel Pier, contracts were signed by Hamid for several innovations which he has envisaged for years. Principal change will be a complete facelifting which will get under way as soon as wartime building restrictions are lifted.

Major innovation to go into effect this season will be the elimination of the traditional circus at the stadium end of the pier. In front of the circus grandstand, seating 5,000, a large replica of a navy flat-top will be constructed. This will serve as the stage for a novel Watercade and water sports spectacle. Two tanks built into the decks of the flat-top will serve for the evolutions of a 16-girl water ballet and a cast of diving stars and comedy divers. Water-sports part of the spectacle will take place in a section of the ocean facing the grandstand and will include water-skiing, surfboard riding and other water stunts. The vaude and feature act policy of former years will be continued at the Steel Pier. Marine Ballroom, as usual, will feature name bands. Those already set to play there this season are Harry James, Woody Herman, Sammy Kaye, Louis Prima, Gene Krupa and Jerry Wahl. Frank Elliott is being retained as tail end of the 1944 term. amusement director of Steel Pier. Richard Endicott is pier manager, and Harry Volk will handle publicity. Steel Pier will stage a preview May 30 thru June 2, after which it will operate week-ends until regular season gets under way June 23. Acquisition of Steel Pier by Hamid will not detract from the Million-Dollar Pier, which will maintain its same high standard and will have the personal attention of Hamid and will continue under the management of Samuel W. Gumpertz. Million-Dollar Pier will continue its circus presentations at the stadium end of the pier and maintain all of its other features, bathing from pier, large funhouse, net hauls, vaude shows and name bands. Latter pier will open for Decoration Day-May 27-30-and begin its regular season June 23.



POST-WAR PLAN FOR CONEY ISLAND. Added to the amusement attractions at Coney Island, New York, after the war will be sea otters, porpoises, sea turtles, sea lions and small whales. Accompanying pic shows a plan for an Oceanarium, which will take the place of the old Aquarium on the Battery. The Oceanarium will cost \$3,100,000 and will feature a pair of glass-inclosed tanks 450 feet long and 40 feet wide to permit display of a collection of sea animals. Site is bounded by Eighth Street, Surf Avenue, Fifth Street and the Boardwalk. Photo by World Wide Photos.

# Weather Mars **Olympic Start**

Irvington spot attractive in new dress-pleasing circus bill presented in arena

NEW YORK, May 26.-Henry Guen-ther's Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., staged a damp opening last Saturday (19) as rain set in early in the morn-ing and continued most of the day. Downpour ceased just long enough in the afternoon for the four-act circusvaude show to be run thru, and then resumed until early evening, when the skies cleared. Afternoon attendance was light but there was a fair turnout for the night session.

Olympic has been given a thoro clean-up and coat of fresh paint and presents an attractive appearance. A new midway has been laid out at the rear end of the grounds, with a Maze, several concession stands and a novel water-rifle range built by Mangels of Coney Island. The new range has a battery of automatically controlled nozzles shouting powerful sets of water that can be aimed at various objects which revolve or spin around when hit.

Joe Basile and band are back at Olympic Park presenting concerts in the grove and playing for the circus performances. Bubbles Ricardo is vocalist.

Opening bill at the circus arena offered Louis and Cheric, Sinnot and Salo, the Malletts, and Torelli's trained animals.

## Spillman - Herschell **Deal On the Fire**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Merger of two large manufacturers of amusement devices appears likely to take place in the next few weeks.

Reports have been current here that the Spillman Engineering Corporation has been sold to the Allan Herschell Company. Both firms are located at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

the Allan Herschell Company, and George H. Cramer, president of Spillman Englneering Corporation, brought replies that four years ago, at Compton and Firestone the deal has not been definitely closed but probably will be concluded in two or last November soon after Frock's sudden three weeks.



priority on the contract for the Luna sale set for Decoration Day. up to the park's disastrous fire at the

ance money has been in controversy by all parties concerned. With lawsuits in to enter, decides to risk the cost of re-

# **Bradley, Kaye Buy** L. A. Kiddie Spot

LOS ANGELES, May 26.-Beverly Park in near-by Beverly Hills has been sold to Dave Bradley Jr. and Donald Kaye by William Meyer. Beverly was established two years ago by Meyer and his partner, the late Elden Frock.

Funspot has 18 kiddle rides and features what is said to be one of the finest miniature streamlined trains on the West Coast. Operating six days a week, Beverly is strictly a daylight affair. New owners have contracted with Meyer to build a miniature Roller Coaster when materials become available.

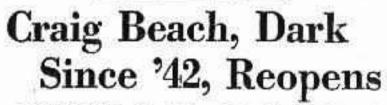
Bradley is the former manager of the Freddy Martin orchestra, and Kaye at one time managed the Ted Weems orchestra. Kaye has also been a band leader.

Meyer will devote his full time to the Queries to John Wendler, president of Frock & Meyer Engineering Company. The Frock & Meyer Combined Shows, original set-up of the partnership nearly boulevards, was leased to Harry Suker aeath.

Luna Park's contribution to the 1945 buck the whims of the army of city in-Coney season, according to present out- spectors' decisions. With Pates as onelook, will be from its exterior to the third partners are Abe Seskin, who con-Surf Avenue limit, covering a width of trolled all of the novelty stand conces-300 feet and barely a city block in depth. sions in the park, and Chick Guelfi, Phil Pates, park manager the last several park's chief electrician. On the site will seasons for operators William Miller and be built two ball games, a photo gallery, Sgt. Harry Lee and Capt. Eddie Danziger, a dump-the-lady, other games and remanaged to obtain a year's lease of the freshment stands and a novelty attractract for \$8,500 thru the Prudence Bond tion to tenant the building Hymic Wagpeople, owners of the property, and with ner and Louis Mariasch operated the last the consent of the Danzigers, who had two seasons as a freak show. Opening is

Tirza (Lee DuVal) and ma, Daisy, with Since then, the division of the insur- Bobbie Jr., are back from Miami where they purchased an eight-room home. A change in the Tirza Wine-Bath Show is prospect, the park's interior may remain a five-act vaude program from 1 to 7 idle unless Pates, who also has an option p.m. and an all-girl dancing revue for the rest of the day. Chick Gardner is building and clean away the debris and talker, general manager and producer, assisted by Joe Boston. A new Tanya is Betty Kelly, former Powers model, and new dancers are Helen Combs, Esther Brotman, Sandra Font, Dolly Joyce and Rivalda.

> Joe Kaufman, vet photo studio operator, has increased his holdings with a new streamlined camera shop on Surf Avenue. Mrs. Kaufman will preside in the other establishment on the Bowery. The Kaufmans were two of the many photogs to invade the Times Square dis-(See Coney Island, N. Y., on opp. page)



DIAMOND, O., May 26 .- Craig Beach Park, on Lake Milton, opened its season last Saturday (20) under the management of Earl F. Peitz. The park, which has been closed since 1942, has undergone an extensive remodeling.

A new Chair-o-Plane and pony track hav been installed, and there is all new equipment in the Sportland. The bathing beach has been covered with tons of white sand, and umbrellas, chairs and mats have been installed.

The dance hall has been remodeled and a new p.-a, system installed. Manager Peitz states that some of the top territorial bands have been engaged.

Fair weather Sunday (20) brought out a normal early-eason attendance.

New circus bill opening today is a good one, presenting the Juggling Jewels, Harvey and Millette (Ira), the Magic Arnolds and Tony Alvaredo.

## WildwoodSportsland **Features Watercade**

WILDWOOD, N. J., May 26 .- Sportland Amusement Center will open officially June 15, marking the second year's operation of this popular end of the Boardwalk,

Outstanding feature will be the Watercade, a water show to be presented in the pool each evening. Operated by Sportland Amusement Company, Inc., of which S. B. Ramagosa is president, show will be produced by Dick Edwards, with the ballet under the direction of Viola Dare. There will be seven principals, three vaude acts, a ballet of 15 people. five water clowns, and a six-piece band. Admission to the three-hour show set at \$1. Arena seats 1,500.

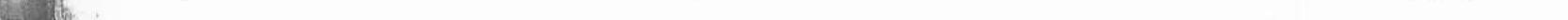
# **Chi Riverview Blows Opener to J. Pluvius**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Official opening of Riverview Park is always skedded for mid-May, rain or shine, and for some 27 out of 30 years it has been rain. This year's opening date was May 16, and George Schmidt, manager, had everything in readiness and a full crew on the job. Rain had been falling for three days, and it continued right thru opening day, coming down in torrents.

The gates were kept open and the staff on the job until 6 p.m., but no customers appeared, and Manager Schmidt chalked up the first totally blank day in years.

Weather cleared by Saturday and gave the park a fair week-end. The last few days have been favorable and thousands of amusement-seekers have visited the park. Rides and concessions have had an excellent play.

Riverview has been renovated and all buildings and rides repainted, but no new attractions have been added.



## Sunny Skies Draw Spending Crowd to Carroll's Riverside

AGAWAM, Mass., May 26.-After 20 consecutive days of rain and otherwise miserable weather, Eddie Carroll's Riverside Park hit the jackpot Sunday (20) when midsummer sunny weather hit the area. Close to 20,000 visited the resort and were in a spending mood, according to Carroll. Day also marked opening of the clambake season, and a postponed Mother's Day promotion helped considerably. Event was held in center of midway and \$200 distributed in various classes. Harry Storin was emsee of the three-hour presentation.

Go-Round proved banner attraction, with new highs registered all around.

Carroll is continuing name-band policy, with Mal Hallett and Duke Ellington early arrivals. Management reports increased interest in dancing this season. Elimination of night shifts in war plants plus returned vets are contributing factors in improved grosses.

## Waldameer Beach Opens Early; Using Name Bands

ERIE, Pa., May 26.-Waldameer Beach Park opened the season in advance of Decoration Day for the first time in several years. Opening today featured Vaughn Monroe and orchestra in the ballroom.

According to Manager and Owner Alex Moeller, name bands for one-night stands and week-end dancing will be the regular policy for the season. Park has 13 rides, Penny Arcade and other concessions. Free acts will be used thruout the season. Fireworks will also get their inning.

Picnic bookings are reported coming in well from the shops. Park faces the best local transportation condition in two years and general feeling is optimistic for a considerable increase in business in 1945.

# S-A Season Long, Weeks Short, With Upper Crust the Backbone

amusement parks have much in common with funspots in the United States, but in one important particular they differ cording to Samuel Bakerman, who, with his brother, operates the Coney Island parks in Caracas, Venezuela, and Panama City, Panama.

In the States, the amusement park is the workingman's amusement center, but south of the border the ordinary working man hasn't the means to pa-New kiddleland and modern Merry- tronize the parks and they must depend upon the upper strata for their patronage.

> Bakerman recently spent a week in Chicago lining up attractions for his parks, and is now in New York seeking other attractions. He uses many American acts, usually signing them for four weeks, with an option. The season at Coney Island, Caracas, is a year-round proposition, Bakerman says, but the park operates only on Saturdays and Sundays. Nevertheless, it is a profitable operation.

Admission charge is one Real, which is 161/2 cents in American money. For the general run of rides the charge also is one Real, but on new rides on Bolivare (33½ cents) is charged. The dry season extends from December to March, which is Venezuela's winter, but there is no cold weather. During the summer there are intermittent showers, tho not sufficient to seriously curtail park operations.

Bakerman's Caracas park has the same sort of rides as are found at parks in the States, Among them are the Coaster, Dodgem boat ride, Bubble Bounce, La Gondola boat ride, Scaplane, Spitfire, Aerial Joy Ride, Stratoship, Octopus, and large Merry-Go-Round,

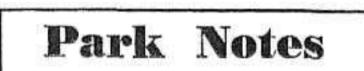
A popular free attraction is a huge,

Sammy Kaye, Other Names

CHICAGO, May 26.—South American iron barrel hung on a cable. The barrel is constructed of lattice-work. A girl on a motorcycle starts circling the wall and as she gets up on the perpendicular wall the barrel is hoisted high in the air then lowered to the ground.

> Bolo Humana, the man shot out of a cannon, also is quite popular.

In addition to the regular attractions, the park books varied features from time to time. Bull fights, boxing, tennis matches, and various other features draw big houses.



HAROLD C. BERG has been named publicity director for Edgewater Park, Detroit.

MODERNISTIC BALLROOM at State Fair Park, Milwaukee, opened Sunday (20) with Stephen Swedish's local band.

THE BEROSINIS, high-wire, opened May 26 at Palisades Park, Cliffside, N. J., for a four-week engagement.

JACK STERN'S Gay '90s opens at Hamid's Million-Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, May 30. He is current at Feltman's, Coney Island, N. Y., for his 10th consecutive season.

ALL ATTRACTIONS are in full swing at Pine Island Park, Manchester, N. H., Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Ballroom opens June 2, with Dick Taylor and orchestra. Arthur M. Gorman is supervising the skating rink for the third successive season.

TORELLI'S TRAINED ANIMAL CIR-CUS opened at Olympic Park, Irvington-Maplewood, N. J., when the funspot began its season May 19. It will be presented twice a day, with Joseph Basile Bubbles Ricardo at the mike. Other acts SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 26 .- Eddie on the bill are Louis and Cherie, gymnasts; Sinnott and Salo comedy acrobaand soda bar, and many other improve-

# Lewiston's Freak **Show Getting Solid** Play at Carlin's

BALTIMORE, May 26. - World's Fair Freak Show, presented by Harry Lewiston, is getting a hefty play at Carlin's Park here. Show is in a centrally located building which everyone entering the park must pass. Admission price is 50 cents for adults; 32 cents for children.

Line-up is as follows: Middleton's Marionettes; Stephan Brenner, magician; Ward's Pinheads; Frisco, Wonder Dog, and Kitty Lee; Laurello, man with revolving head; Zindra, mentalist; Clara Shazer, Canadian ossified girl; Joan Beach, 21-year-old armless girl musician; Frankenstein's double, presented by Art Donier; the Stiles Lobster Family; Popeye Perry; Hubbelo, human balloon.

Show's staff is: Owner-manager, Harry Lewiston; ticket sellers, Harold Heinrich, Elmer McDaniels and Marsdon Reese; ticket takers, Iola Lewis and Brady Franklin; lecturers, Rose Lewiston, assisted by Edna Stiles and Marion Francois. Bonnie Sneed accompanies the armless girl in her playing of steel guitar and piano. Grace McDaniels is presented as an annex attraction.

## **Ben Sterling Optimistic Despite Serious Shortages**

MOOSIC, Pa., May 26.-Rocky Glen Park opened Sunday (20), and Benjamin Sterling Jr., managing director, states that he expects a good season in spite of the many handlcaps to be faced.

"There has been a serious shortage of help," he says, "and parts and repairs are hard to get. The merchandise situation looks worse than last year, as far as candy and cigarettes are concerned. But in spite of these difficulties we are going right ahead and have done a lot of repairing, repainting and have planted a lot of new trees, shrubs and flowers."

Nickel days will be continued, Sterling says, and the funspot will use free attractions as usual.

## Ideal Beach, Indiana, **Installs New Cement Pier**

MONTICELLO, Ind., May 26 .--- Ideal Beach Resort, on Shafer Lake, will open its 21st season Decoration Day, it is announced by T. E. Spackman, manager.

Don Hampden and his 12-piece orchestra cracks the season at the ballroom with a three-week engagement. Louise Hunt is featured vocalist.

Work on the new cement-surfaced pier around the bathing beach is being rushed to completion. The new pier replaces the old wooden structure that had the last two winters.

Roller rink, bath house, beach, bowling alleys and all other amusements will be in full operation beginning May 30. As usual, there will be no admission charge, and free parking space will be provided.

A Ferris Wheel, ball game and high striker are all new. Barr and Sturken, Michigan City, Ind., have installed a Ferris Wheel, high striker and ball game.

# Dorney, Allentown, Sets

Park here celebrates the opening of its 61st season tomorrow. Vaude shows will be presented every Sunday and holidays right wrist in a plaster cast for five in the open-air theater.

Hillbilly jamborees will be featured every Saturday, starting June 2, with the opening bill featuring Elton Britt and company. Name bands will be featured in Castle Garden ballroom every Wednesday and Saturday nights beginning June 20.

A number of outdoor attractions are scheduled for July and August, including a circus and rodeo. Bookings are handled by Abe Feinberg of the Joe Feinberg Agency.



## For Carroll's Riverside and band furnishing the music, and

Carroll's name-band policy at Riverside Park Ballroom, Agawam, got off to such tic flying act and the Malletts marima strong start with Tommy Dorsey that baphone. Park has installed some new Carroll has booked two more name orks rides and concessions, a new cafeteria and has a number of deals pending for others. Sammy Kaye played Riverside ments. May 12, and Hal McIntyre, May 15. Ray Sparrow will continue to fill in open dates between names.

Riverside has just completed three preview week-ends and Carroll is elated with biz to date. Despite cool weather, figures are running well above previous been badly damaged by the ice during years. Park started daily operation May 7.

New kiddieland has been a strong winner since its inauguration opening day. Carroll is considering adding more features as the season gets under way.

## CONEY ISLAND, N. Y.

(Continued from opposite page)

trict last winter, but gave up when they found the pace much slower than on Coney. . . . James Kyrimes, the ride king, has bought the Comet Poker Roll adjoining the Cyclone from Tony Balzano, former shooting gallery op, and Acts, Name Orks, 'Billies installed his son, Cornelius, as manager. . . . Nicholas Kyrimes, James's brother, ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- Dorney is the daddy of a son, Peter, born recently. . . Julius Schoenberger, manager of World Circus Side Show, had his weeks as the result of a taxi accident, which followed closely upon a major operation in a Brooklyn hospital. . . . Coney Smithy, talker at Rosen's freakery, has discovered a new oddity, a goatfaced girl. . . . Charles Schiffmann, vet real estator, is recovering from a lengthy illness and expects to convalesce further in Florida. . . . Charles Cohen is celebrating his 12th year as ticket taker on the Looper Plane on West Sixth Street. His wife, Evelyn, is in her sixth year in charge of the eatery room of the Coney Hebrew Club in Loew's Theater Building. . . . Harold Gruder, who sold his S. & H. cafeteria because of illness, is now part owner of the Admiral restaurant on West 57th Street, Manhattan. . . . Leon Asbel is contemplating a change on the Famous on Surf Avenue. . . . Ben Fabricant, of the Jeweler's Exchange, Manhattan, is negotiating for the purchase of Feltman's. He also wants Luna, . . . Hy Green, Coney old-timer, is new bar-

keeper at Ludwig Simmons' Gilsey House.

CHICAGO .- R. Marlin Perkins, director of the Lincoln Park Zoo, recently returned from a snake hunt in Arkansas, bringing back with him 178 snakes, 7 turtles, 26 lizards, 32 green tree frogs and 2 Congo eels, all alive. Acccompanying him on the hunt were Henry M. Kennon, director of the Washington Park Zoological Gardens, Milwaukee, and Moody J. R. Lentz, curator of reptiles at the St. Louis Zoological Park.





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**Annuals** Plan For Post-War

to corral big commercial exhibs on large scale

#### By Nat Green

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Fair men who are looking forward to bigger and better fairs in the post-war era are mulling over plans for launching systematic efforts to corral large-scale commercial exhibits



which are sure to be available when peacetime productions is resumed. They are sure they have a solid proposition to offer manufacturers whose products are in demand for rural homes and farms, but they realize that they have a substantial sell-

ing job to do. In the past a majority of the fairs have made little effort to build their commercial exhibits into something big, having been content to go along with showings by local merchants and the few national accounts that came without too much solicitation. But since the war canceled out most of such exhibits there has come a greater realization of their value both to the fair and the exhibitor and several moves have been made to bring about a co-ordinated effort to put the exhibits on a more business-like basis.

County Fair here, to be held seven days Mulling systematic effort and nights, will be the biggest in the association's history, according to Harry Kahn, secretary. This applies, he says, to both the educational and entertainment features.

> Kahn, who has brought the fair to the front since he became secretary, is lining up a big exhibit program that will include large showings of agricultural and rural home products, 4-H Club work, and educational demonstrations. A special cookery and food demonstration is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday afternoons, with 1,600 women participating.

An exceptionally large entertainment program is being arranged. On Sunday afternoon (opening day), B. Ward Beam's Thrill Show will be presented; Sunday night, Graham's Riders and WLS National Barn Dance show; Monday and Tuesday nights, running races under the lights; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon, harness racing; Wednesday night, the WLW Boone County Jamboree; Thursday night, a Gus Sun ginia State Fair Association, Inc. revue; Friday night, vaude acts; Saturday afternoon, horse-pulling contest, and

Sherbrooke Exh. To mission approved a change in the Staun-**Celebrate 60th Year** 

SHERBROOKE, Que., May 26 .- Executive committee of the Eastern, Townships Agricultural Association, which operates the Sherbrooke Fair, met recently to complete plans for the Diamond Jubilee Exhibition marking the fair's 60th anniversary.

WAPAKONETA, O., May 26 .- Auglaize Saturday night, harness racing under the lights.

> Kahn states that \$20,000 is being spent on improvements this year. Included will be moving the location of the 340foot grandstand to provide a paddock, box seats and room for pari-mutuel; a new midway, and extensive landscaping of the grounds.

Staunton Annual Changes Name, **Broadens** Scope

STAUNTON, Va., May 26 .- C. B. Ralston, secretary of the Staunton Fair, has announced plans to broaden the scope of the annual to State-fair proportions. In line with these plans, the name of the association has been changed to the Vir-

The State fair title was discarded some months ago by the Richmond fair, which adopted the title Atlantic Rural Exposi-tion, Inc. The State Corporation Com- F. M. Sandusky, ton association's charter necessary to change the name.

The Staunton Fair, Inc., was chartered nine years ago. Under the direction of Secretary Ralston the fair has been successful, and under the new set-up it is expected to increase in size and importance.

**Chippewa** Falls **Offers Blend of** Education, Fun

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., May 26 .- A pleasing blend of educational attractions and entertainment will be offered by the Northern Wisconsin District Fair, according to A. L. Putnam, secretary-manager, who has just issued the 1945 premium list of 124 pages.

The entertainment program will include the Barnes-Carruthers revue, On to Victory, to be presented six nights in front of the grandstand; acts in front of the grandstand each afternoon; three days of harness racing, with Ralph Davis as starting judge, for \$4,000 in purses; a horse-pulling contest for \$265 in prizes on Tuesday, with the Royal American Shows on the midway all week.

In the educational line there will be large exhibits of dairy cattle, sheep, swine and poultry; farm products of all kinds, and extensive 4-H Club exhibits, as well as many educational demonstrations.

Admission price to the fair will be 50 cents for adults; children under 12 free. Grandstand admission will be 60 cents, including tax, for adults and 35 cents for children under 16.

Secretary-Manager **Of California State** SACRAMENTO, May 26 .- F. M. Sandusky, of San Diego, has been appointed secretary-manager of the California State Fair, it was announced this week by Fred Bixby, president of the fair board. The position was last held by Kenneth Hammaker, who left in 1941, when the last fair was held here, to go with the Office of Civilian Defense. He is presently with the OPA. Sandusky resigned an executive position with Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation to take the Sacramento job, which pays \$7,200 a year. He had charge of exhibits and concessions at the San Francisco Golden Gate International Exposition and at the California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego. Several weeks ago the fair directors voted in favor of a recommendation that Hammaker be reappointed to the post, but capital gossip said the appointment was opposed by Governor Warren. Sandusky's name was mentioned as an alternate at that time. The assembly of the State Legislature this week voted approximately \$50,000 to purchase additional land at the State fairgrounds here, on which it is planned to build a hostess house.

#### Better Handling Stressed

C. L. Harnden, vice-president of the IAFE and secretary-manager of the Saginaw (Mich.) County Fair, for several years has sought to interest more of the county fairs in the better handling of commercial exhibits. He has had some encouragement and this year he is working on a plan for a circuit of eight fairs in Michigan on which exhibits could be rotated. He feels that by combining the efforts of a number of fairs it would be (See Drive On to Corral on opp. page)

Ayer's Cliff Centennial To Show 100-Year Progress

AYER'S CLIFF, Que., May 26.-Ayer's Cliff Fair will celebrate its centennial this year with a special program that will include historical exhibits and a pageant titled The Parade of the Years, depicting the transformation from ox plow to modern tractor and other advances made by agriculture in the last century.

M. B. Corey, secretary-treasurer, also is arranging an ambitious entertainment program. In addition to horse racing there will be a variety of acts presented in front of the grandstand. Working in co-operation with the Jack Adams Productions of Montreal, Gordon Beerworth, publicity director of the fair, is arranging a musical revue under the title Cavalcade of Fun. He also is planning a fashion revue, Fair-goers of Yesterday and Today.

on the midway.

## Rodeo and Barn Dance Langdon, N. D., Features

LANGDON, N. D., May 26 .- A rodeo and the WLS Barn Dance will be features of the Cavalier County Fair to be held here in mid-July, it is announced by Dick Forkner, secretary. The rodeo will be held the second and third afternoons, and the barn dance at night. On the midway will be the W. T. Collins Shows.

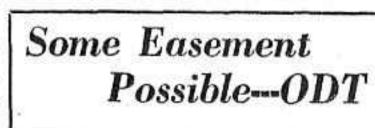
Secretary Forkner states that there will be some large educational exhibits from farms, homes and schools, including showings of the work of 4-H clubs and the FFA.

This year's fair will feature, in agricultural, livestock and machinery exhibits, the progress made in these lines in the last six decades. Increased prize money has been announced in many classes, and the exhibits are expected to be the largest in many years.

George A. Hamid will provide the grandstand attractions, and the Conklin Shows will be on the midway. Special days are to be set aside for the children, the militla, industrialists and farmers.

Among the improvements being planned for the fairgrounds are a paved midway. Restaurant concessions beneath the grandstand are being discontinued. J. W. (Patty) and Frank Conklin have told association members that the Conklin Shows are ready to shoulder the cost up to a certain sum for paving the midway zone, building 25-foot-wide lanes along and across the carnival zone and leading from the grandstand, provided their contract, which has another four years to run, is extended by five years.

The Conklins and engineers will survey the ground soon to mark out the midway and estimate the cost, and it is expected that work on the project will be started without delay.



CHICAGO, May 26.-Educational features of some of the larger fairs may make it possible to authorize some casing of restrictions, the Washington representative of The Billboard was told this week by an official of the ODT.

Conferences are now being held to determine whether there should be any change in policy. An official statement is expected momentarily. Meanwhile, the ODT warns against too much optimism.

County fairs, which involve no transportation problems, should encounter no difficulty.

DESPITE THE FACT that the directors of the Tennessee Valley Agricultural and Industrial Fair, Knoxville, some time ago voted not to hold a fair this year, an association official states that an acceptable new fair contract is being sibility of a fair being held this fall. worked out between the city and the association and that there still is a pos-

# **Illinois** Annuals **Increase to 67**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26.-Four new fairs and one renewal are skedded for this year, it is announced by Howard Leonard, State agriculture director.

The new annuals are at Altamont, Mendota, Amboy and Freeport. The Will County Fair at Monee, which was not held last year, will be resumed. In all, there will be 67 county and local agricultural fairs.

"Fair officials will continue to cooperate with the war effort," Leonard said. "Educational and recreational facilities for the rural population will be provided by these annual events, with a minimum use of gasoline and tires."

C. B. RALSTON, secretary of the Staunton (Va.) Fair, who has announced plans to broaden the scope of the annual. In line with these plans, the name of the association has been changed to Virginia State Fair Association, Inc.

# **Ambitious Building Program Considered** for **Texas** State

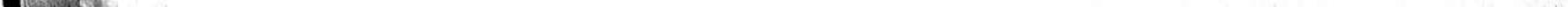
DALLAS, May 26 .- Directors of the mobile building are expected to be used State Fair of Texas are considering an extensive building program, as soon as building restrictions are removed, that would provide the fair with a large semipermanent exhibit hall and a new livestock -arena building and would relocate all of the Fair Park amusement devices. At a recent meeting called by R. L.

Thornton, president of the fair association, city and State fair association leaders seemed near agreement on a master plan for Fair Park. Funds obtained from the fire insurance on the auto- expected within a month.

for the new exhibit hall. It also is probable that the city will submit a \$1,500,-000 bond issue to provide funds for the livestock-arena building to be erected on the race track and grandstand site.

Consideration is being given to removal of all amusement devices to a central location east of the Cotton Bowl roller rink. When this is done, the amusement area across the lagoon will be developed as a scenic spot suitable for picnics and other public use.

A report on the proposed changes is



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The following corrections and additions to the List of Fair Dates were received during week ended May 25.

The complete List of Fair Dates was published in the is-sue dated May 26. The next TRADE SERVICE complete list will be published FEATURE in issue to be dated July 28, Billboard See each issue of The Billhoard for corrections and additions.

#### Arkansas

Clinton-Van Buren Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 4-5. Mrs. Emma Tingley.

#### Idaho

Pocatello-North Bannock Fair-Rodeo Assn. July 13-15. C. F. Criswell.

#### Indiana

Auburn-DeKalb Co. Free Fair. Bept. 18-22. H. E. Hart.

#### Kansas

Buhler-Buhler Community Fair Assn. Oct. 25-27. J. A. Johnson.

Cimarron-Gray Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 2-4, Chas. S. Sturtevant.

Conway Springs-Conway Springs Fair Assn. Oct. 11-12. R. H. Cline.

Effingham-Atchison Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 21-24. C. J. Hegarty. Ellis-Ellis Co. Junior Free Fair, Oct. 4-6.

Jack R. Nicholson.

Gardner-Johnson Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 5-8. Dale Baker.

Garnett-Anderson Co. Fair Asan. Aug. 29-31. Fred L. Coleman.

Goodland-Northwest Kan. Dist. Free Fair. Aug. 14-17. H. R. Shimeall.

Greensburg-Klowa Co. Free Fair Assn. Aug. 29-31. Bert L. McFadden, Mullinville.

Holton-Jackson Co. 4-H Fair. Aug. 15-17. Matt McAsey.

Newton-Harvey Co. Fair. Oct. 16-19. Guy W. Webster.

Norton-Norton Co. Agrl. Assn. Aug. 21-24. W. W. Isaac. Vinland-Douglas Co.-Vinland Grange Fair.

Sept. 27-29. I. F. Schellenberg.

Wetmore-Nemaha Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 20-22. Howard V. Bixby.

Wichita---Kansas Nat'l Livestock Show. Oct. 2-6. Conlee Smith.

#### Kentucky

Clinton-4-H Club Fair, Aug. 11. Juanita K. Carroll. Frenchburg—Frenchburg Fair.

21. Sept. Shelby Kash.

Manchester-Clay Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 30-Sept. 1. J. M. Rogers.

Middlesboro-Bell Co. 4-H School & Home Fair, Sept. 13-15. Sherman Chesteen.

Owenton-Owen Co. Fair. Sept. 28-29. A. E.

# Drive On To Corral **Commercial** Exhibs

(Continued from opposite page) possible to convince manufacturers of the value of exhibits by presenting definite figures as the average number of people that could be reached, guaranteeing an attractive set-up and a good location.

Carlton Duffus, of Washington, also has been at work on a plan for a circuit of exhibits at the larger fairs. His plan was presented at the annual IAFE meeting last December, but no definite action was taken. It was again discussed last month at the meeting of the Middle West Fair Circuit at Kansas City, Mo.

A number of the larger State fairs are putting forth special efforts this year to increase their exhibits of farm machinery and other products.

"One trouble with many of the smaller fairs," said a State fair official, "is that they have not realized the value of their exhibit space or the necessity for giving the exhibits an attractive setting. The result has been that their fair has been cheapened in the minds of the manufacturers. Put an adequate price on your space, make the booths attractive and if you can show that the fair draws the people you'll have no trouble selling space."

#### Must "Sell" National Exhibs

Leaders in the fair field are now generally agreed that concerted action will be necessary to "sell" the fair to national exhibitors. "We know from past 'experience," one fair manager stated, "that our exhibitors got results in past years because they came back year after year with larger space. But we have only scratched the surface. By combining our efforts and organizing circuits that can guarantee the exhibitor a substantial audience we can double and treble our exhibits. We have the necessary information to present to manufacturers. We know competition is going to be keen when peacetime production is resumed. The public will want a tremendous amount of all kinds of products, but they are not going to take just whatever is offered them. They will buy the articles that are presented to their attention in the most convincing manner. That is where we can be of immense service to the manufacturer and at the same time increase the prestige and usefulness of our fairs."



DIRECTORS of the Monroe County Fair, Rochester, N. Y., with the approval of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, have decided to revive the fair, which has not been held since 1942. A three-day fair will be held.

BARR LOCKHART, secretary of the Williams County Fair, Montpelier, O., says a well-planned program of entertainment and exhibits has been arranged. There will be three days of harness racing.

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(Continued from page 42) Leo Suggs, Ben Merson, D. Chisholm, Jack Zupan, Joe Dubin, Bill Wolper, Sol Eichen and Sam Lager.

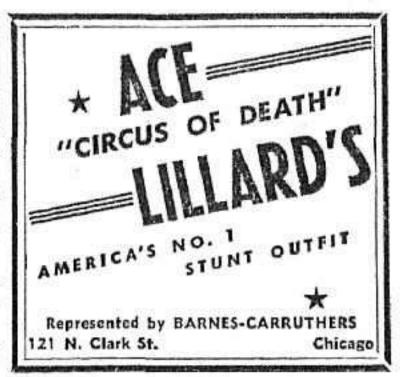
Joe Hughes left for Quebec, and Willie Gottlieb is planning a business in the Catskills. Eddie Kalin has left to join the North American Exposition. Johnny J. Kline's son, Manny, has completed boot training and is home awaiting assignment.

A new system makes it necessary for all members to send a mailing address so that letters will reach them thru their next of kin.

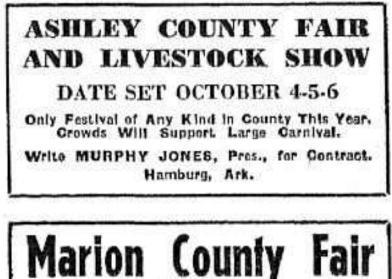
#### Ladies' Auxiliary

NEW YORK, May 26.-Last meeting of season, a social, was well attended, with President Edna Lasures in the chair. Greeted were Kate Benet, Anita Goldi, Fredi Coleman, Sidone Silver, Lenore Rich, Vi Lawrence, Palmina Fantino, Ann Sabin, Dolly Udowitz, Betty Endy, Louise Endy, Agnes Grauso and Hilda Roman. Pearl Meyers, entertainment chairman, was hostess. "Dark Horse," donated by Madge Bloch, went to Flora Elk.

Midge Cohen, chairman of Kiddle Fund, reported donations from Blanche Henderson, Louise Endy, Betty Endy, Madge Bloch, Dolly Udowitz, Ethel Shapiro and Hilda Roman. Also, as chairman of USO unit project, she gave a demonstration of this work. Meetings on Monday nights thruout the summer were announced for this project. Magnolia Hamld, chairman of Ways and Means, reported that donations for project "Sweepstakes and Lucky Night" were satisfactory. She asked that napkins be sent in with checks. Proceeds of "sweepstakes" and napkins go to the Bess Hamid Sunshine Fund. Donations were received from Margaret Lux, Evelyn Buck and Elsie Giroux, Betty Endy, president of Miami Ladies' Auxiliary, charmed with an amusing talk, accepted a napkin to be embroidered by the Miamians, and in return had a song dedicated by member Fredi Coleman. The first fall meeting is set for September 19.







#### Rose. Michigan

Addison-Addison Community Fair. Oct. 4-5. Clare E. Monroe.

Alpena-Alpena Agrl. Soc. July 31-Aug. 4. Alex Root. .

Goodells-St. Clair Co. 4-H Club Fair. Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Earl C. McCarty, Port Huron. Midland-Midland Agrl. Soc. Aug. 15-13. H. D. Parish.

#### Montana

Browning-Browning Fair Assn. July 3-4. Chinook-Blaine Co. Fair. Aug. 15-17. Shelby-Marias Fair. Aug. 11-13.

#### New Hampshire

Sandwich-Sandwich Grange Fair Assn. Oct. 12. Mrs. Mabel E. Ambrose, N. Sandwich.

#### New York

Angelica-Allegany Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 29-Sept. 1. L. L. Stillwell.

Rochester-Monroe Co. Fair. Aug. 30-Sept. 1. John C. Malloch, Churchville, N. Y.

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#### South Carolina

Chester-Chester Co. Colored Fair. Oct. 22-27. M. M. Sitton.

#### South Dakota

Edgemont-Fall River Co. Fair. Sept. 3-4. H. C. Porter.

#### Canada BRITISH COLUMBIA

Invermere-Windermere Agrl. Assn. Aug. 31-Sept. 1. N. M. Marples.

South Burnaby-S. Burnaby Agrl. Assn. Bept. 21-22. Mrs. J. C. Bellinger.

#### NOVA SCOTIA

Bridgewater-Lunenburg Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 25-28. W. J. Crouse. Caledonia-Queens Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-21.

Fred Kempton.

Digby-Digby Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 19-20. H. E. Chishalm, Bear River, N. S.

Falmouth-Hants Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 11-13. Chas. Douglas.

Lawrencetown-Annapolis Co. Exhn. Sept. 18-20. Donald White.

North Sydney-Cape Breton Co. Exhn. Sept. 3-7. Chas. Munn, Leitches Creek.

Oxford-Cumberland Co. Exhn. Sept. 11-14. Claude Thompson. Pictou-Pictou Co. Exhn. Sept. 4-6. J. J.

Ross. Yarmouth-Yarmouth Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept.

11-13. Clayton Hurlbert.

#### ONTARIO

Harrow-Colohester South Agrl. Soc. Sept. 19-21. L. Capstick. Lansdowne-Lansdowne Agrl. Soc. Sept. 11-13. S. C. E. Dixon.

Welland-Welland Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 29-

Sept. 1. A. A. Marshall.

#### QUEBEC

Aylmer-Gattineau Co. Agrl. Soc., Div. A. Sept. 13-15. R. K. Edey. Brome-Brome Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 3-5.

- George A. McClay.
- Chapeau-Chapeau Agrl. Soc. Sept. 17-19. Irvine P. Cahill.
- Montmagny-Montmagny Agrl. Soc. Aug. 23-26. Paul Carignan. Quyon-Pontiac Agrl. Soc., Div. C. Sept. 6-8.
- M. J. Muldoon, Beechgrove, Que.

Saint Bruno-Chambly Agrl. Soc. Aug. 24-26. Albert Bernard.

Saint Francois-du-Lac-South Shore Agrl. Soc. Aug. 16-18. Alexandre Trudeau.

Victoriaville-Arthabaska Agri. Soc. Aug. 14-16. Philippe Granger.

## **Cetlin & Wilson Books Two New Sponsored Dates**

LEWISTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- Two new sponsored events have been added to Cetiin & Wilson's list, R. C. McCarter, general agent, announces. West Virginia will be played for the first time in several years, having been booked for Morgantown under the Morgan County Memorial Association.

The Williamsport, Pa., War Fair, week of July 23, was signed thru the World War II Military Order of Purple Heart.

### Peru, Not Peoria, for C. of A.

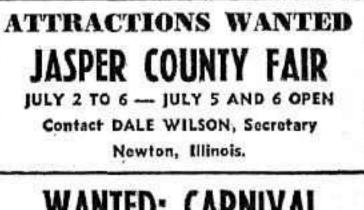
CHICAGO, May 26 .- Because the carnival editor of The Billboard failed to decipher correctly the handwriting on a postal card, it was erroneously reported the Cavalcade of Amusements will play Peoria June 13-23. It should have been Peru, Ill., on the Puloski Street lot those dates.

DATES: AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1945 WANT GOOD SHOWS AND CONCESSIONS. Cooding's Rides Will Be With Us Again This Year. HARRY C. ROBERTS, Secy. Wanamaker, Ind.



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H. M. CARL has a three phone, and in Hooker County, Oklahoma, and M. CARL has a three-people trick reports satisfactory business. . . . GLENN HARRISON, former repster and son of Charles Harrison, is located in Hollywood. . . . BOTTS SHOW, vaude-pic, is operating to satisfactory returns in the Bisbee (Ariz.) sector. . . N. A. HESS recently left Malcolm, Ia., with his vaude-pic unit and will put in most of the summer in Western Washington. . . . DRESSLER PLAYERS, four-people flesh unit, with Francis V. Dressler manager, will play the sector around Mountain Lake, Miss., this summer. . . . GUY H. JOHNSON will have a vaudepic and flesh unit in the Lake Luzerne (N. Y.) sector, opening late in June. He will use short cast flesh bills with three people. . . , HERBERT DUFFY is playing the part of the priest in the road show, Abie's Irish Rose. . . . DAVID AND CAROLINE UNRUH are with the Philharmonic Players, . . , DOROTHY RAY was struck by a hit-and-run driver in San Francisco recently, but is doing nicely now. . . . LULU NETHAWAY is coaching shows for the PTA in Oakland, Calif. . . . DICK BLEICH has received a medical discharge from the army and is back at his old job in the post office in Omaha. . . . GRACE M. RUSSELL made a trip to San Diego, Calif., from Omaha recently to visit her daughter, Flo Terry, formerly Flo Thompson. . . FROU-FROU has a wardrobe shop in Oakland, Calif.

DEPDOM HAS LOST another veteran L trouper in the passing of Charlton Colton, younger brother of the prominent rep family known as the Coltons, which also included Jessie, Lettie and John. The deceased for many years operated his own tent rep outfits in Indiana and parts of Illinois. Further details in Final Curtain, this issue. . . . ROY BOWLING. trumpeter, who until recently headed his own dance band, has taken over the band Players in Oklahoma. In San Antonio and orchestra on F. S. Wolcott's Rabbit they visited Gus Kiralfo, 80, retired Foot Minstrels. . . . BIRD'S SHOW, juggler, who gave them a varied assortnow playing around Bakersfield, Calif., ment of handbills and programs, some

under auspices, will go into Nevada for the summer. . . . BAILEY'S ALL-TEXAS SHOW, vaude and 16mm. pictures, is playing halls and schools in Stephens County, Tex., reporting satisfactory biz. Bailey and Austin present dramatic sketches. . . . BRUCE E. RINALDO and Maybelle Fowler Bryant were married in Chicago May 1 at home of Al and Flora Hunt. Latter is Maybelle's sister. A dinner followed the wedding ceremony, with 16 guests present, player associates of long standing. Says Rinaldo: "Maybelle and I first met in 1897, when she was 9, playing in rep and stock, and I was then a blossoming juvenile of 20 years." The Rinaldos are now settled in Eric, Pa. Bruce has been with the War Department the past two and onehalf years, being in charge of the 809th Army Air Forces Specialized Depot there.

LORIDA BLOSSOM SHOW, which re-L cently opened at Thomasville, Ga., to socko biz, has invaded North Carolina. Sherman Dudley last week hopped to Washington and Chicago in interest of show. Staff: George D. Floyd, ownermanager; Homer Lee Bowen, assistant; Kay Walker, secretary; M. L. Lloyd, stage manager; Romie Johnson, canvas boss; Mary Lou Crosby, chorus director; Katherine Bowen, wardrobe and sleeper; Butter Johnson, band and ork leader; James Schrop, lights; Dan Blunt, front door. . . . R. M. LORD will have a vaudepic unit in St. Lawrence County, New York, starting late in June. He has had pictures in Ontario halls and schools for several years and had a small flesh show in the same territory. . . . ROGERS VAUDE TENT SHOW, offering vaude and 16mm, pictures, will operate in the Hazleton (Pa.) section on three-week stands. . . . GATES FAMILY SHOW, three people, are in halls in Little River County, Arkansas. . . . DOUG AND LOLA COUDEN closed their school season in San Antonio and joined the Standley

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dating back to 1890. The Coudens caught two bills of the Plunkett Show recently and say that Director Swain has done a good job with the bills. Show is heavy on vaude acts. . . . CHARLES (KID) KOSTER, second man on the Mae West Catherine Was Great show, closed at Memphis and went immediately to his home in Hollywood to frame a 15-people musical which he will troupe under canvas, playing Los Angeles and vicinity.

ALPH BLACKWELL pencils from Inn dia under date of May 13 that he is in the process of going home and expects to be back in the States some time in July. He hopes to be discharged shortly after his arrival in the States. due to a bum hip which has been giving him considerable trouble. His address for the time being is 41 Columbus Avenue, Delaware, O. . . GEORGE N. PRICE, character actor, has returned to his native St. John, N. B., for his annual summer vacation. During the last several summers, Price has been a guest of W. E. Dan Ross, who makes the New Brunswick sector with a small show. Charlotte MacCormack and Laura F. Ross will be back with the Ross unit this season, Price reports. . . . HYATT AND KENNY will have a three-people flesh show in Maine coastal towns this summer. . . . GUNN FAMILY SHOW started the season at Leonia, Idaho, May 1, and is now in Eastern Washington. Org has 16mm, pix and three people do dramatio sketches and short-cast bills. . . . E. J. HARBRECK has a small flesh trick in Eastern Colorado playing halls and schools. He put in most of the winter with his show in Northwestern Oklahoma, and reports satisfactory biz.

### Sack Has Williams Westerns

DALLAS, May 26.-Sack Amusement Enterprises announces that it has acquired negatives and world rights to six Big Boy Williams Westerns which it will soon release in both 35mm, and 16mm. Deal was closed in Hollywood with Alexander Bros., who produced the pictures under their Beacon Productions banner.



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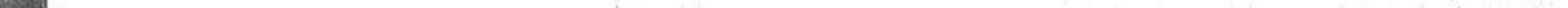


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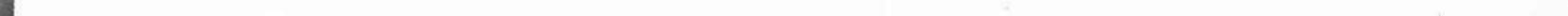
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#### GEORGE BRECHT . . .

(Beef-Stew Whitie), now in the South Pacific, would like letters from old friends, especially Joe E. Marks. Address him in care of Pacific Tankers, Inc., 433 California Street, San Francisco.

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cently were Benny (Rabbit) Reed, Brownie Talbert, Steve Powers, Drane Walters, Doc (Red) Manard, Hap Lauders and Mr and Mrs. Elmer Wright,

#### M. SPIEGEL . . .

lines from New York that Harry Prall, pitchman, of Upper Darby, Pa., died May 11.

SOME OF THE BOYS will be picking up their tripes and keisters again . . . with Uncle Sam's dough to start out with.

#### DOC BRUMMETT . . .

started with a Floyd A. Gooding unit in Ohio, but after Springfield, Chillicothe and Portsmouth had to give up when taken ill. He registered a 35-pound loss in weight in a few months. Doc is now in U. S. Marine Hospital, Louisville, and hopes to be with it again about June 1. He shoots congrats to Jeff Farmer on the occasion of the opening of his new tattoo studio.

#### NODAS HASTINGS ....

who was with Professor Seward in Mlami for many years, is now in Cincinnati doing a bit of astro for Doc Fredericks, who is in Detroit to receive his Masonic degrees.

FLAG DAY means something this June 14.

#### MADALINE E. RAGAN . . .

and hubby, Ray C. Herbers, are in St. Louis and for a stay on their near-by farm about June 5. Mary Ragan visited them on her trip east from the Coast and said she is set to open her med opera soon. Another visitor was Walter De Lenze, Mary asks for lines here on Doc Phil Bradley, Little Tommy Adkins, Harold Woods, Zack Hubbard, Babe Keating, Lake and Mike, Sailor Jim White, Mighty Atom, Buffalo Cody and Texas Tommy and Prairie Mae and Clark.

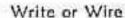
### DOC SAM FRIEDMAN ...

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DOC ARCHIE ROSENBERG'S .... son was recently reported released from a German prison camp.

WILL TYSON . . .

has been making his headquarters in a little trailer house on a trout stream near Midvale, Idaho, since the gas and (See PIPES on page 58)



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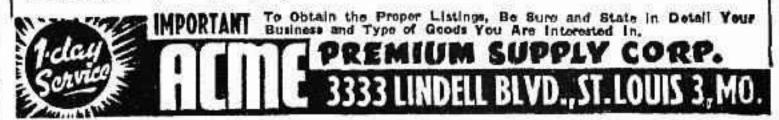
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# HARRY CRAIG WANTS

# **ODT Word on Fairs Expected This Week**

WASHINGTON, May 28.-Announcement by ODT clarifying its policy on fairs is still being held up pending more inside conferences. Chances are that it will be released some time this week.

Announcement in present form says that machinery for handling formal requests for staging fairs will be established practically identical with method now employed by ODT for ruling on conventions. In general, the policy continues to frown upon all mass centralization of people where travel is concerned.

It is expected that the new set-up will give big regional fairs an opportunity to request authorization formally on the grounds that fairs would serve war effort thru educational features, morale building, etc.

At present government has no official application method for fairs, and ODT is besieged with letters and phone inquiries.

## Williams Publicizes NAS

ST. LOUIS, May 26 .- Peter Kortes and Mel H. Vaught, owners of the North American Exposition, announce the engagement of Harvey B. Williams to handle publicity for their show, starting this week at Springfield, O. Williams was with Johnny J. Jones Exposition last year in the same capacity.

## **Trenton Poor for Hannum**

TRENTON, N. J., May 26. - Morris Hannum Shows closed here Saturday (19) to very poor biz. Show was the third one here in a month. Cold weather and rain kept natives away despite heavy spot announcements over WTTM.

## Dyer Says Gross Up 47%

CHICAGO, May 26 .- William R. Dyer,

## Bloomer

#### By Tom Kennedy-

COUNT SELDOM SKOFF and DOO LUSHWELL recently finished working Pratt Falls, Wis. If you want to find this spot we suggest you get a State map, also the most powerful magnifying glass obtainable, and then hold both under a strong light. If your eyesight is exceptionally good, you will find this town located halfway between Knee Bend and Rib Hollow. It is on the outskirts of the old Petticoat Reservation. No wonder our two chums played a bloomer!

When they landed in the town the first one to spot them was the constable who used to work as a stick on Ballyhoo Bros.' Carnival. He hailed our two heroes just as they emerged from the post office, where the Doc had stepped in to refill his fountain pen.

He wanted to know if our two chums had a reader. When they told him they didn't, he suggested they obtain one from the town clerk, as he thought a permit of some sort was necessary. He even offered to ride them down to the clerk's office, which was located upstairs over a beer parlor.

The Doc figured they could walk there quicker than the three of them could ride on a blcycle, so our two pals made for the town hall on foot. The clerk issued them a dog's license after our two chums explained how they had been leading a dog's life the past few weeks and how the city fathers had hounded them in the last town.

The clerk was very sympathetic and suggested that they remain in town a couple of weeks. The Doc told him a week would be long enough, as they would only work Saturday anyway. Each morning they would set-up on the main corner so they would be sure to have the spot for Saturday. Came Saturday and it rained till after 2 p.m. Then the sun came out and our two chums figured they would get a play from then on. Time passed and nobody on the drag. Around 4 p.m. they learned that the natives had left for a farm sale about 20 miles out of town. But our two chums figured they would really give them the business after supper, making up for the time they had lost. Supper time passed and not enough people in the town to start an argument. It was then they learned that everybody had gone to the neighboring town, about 15 miles distant, to take in the picture show. . As I said before, when telling of the exploits of these two fearless fakers, they are thinking seriously of quitting the business. The only thing is, the Doc is too heavy for light work and the Count is too light for heavy work.

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Everybody Address: J. J. PAGE SHOWS, Erwin, Tenn., this week; Appalachia, Va., June 4-9; followed by Middlesboro, Ky., auspices Elks' Entertainment Committee.

# MATTHEW J. RILEY ENTERPRISES WANT

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# SOUTHERN VALLEY SHOWS

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EDDIE MORAN, Southern Valley Shows, Natchitoches, La, this week; Jena, La., next week.

# WANTED

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in a wire from Greenfield, Tenn., says that his show is in its sixth week out and, despite the continuous bad weather, is grossing 47 per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

## PIPES

(Continued from page 57) tire situation left him high and dry. He was formerly with the Taylor Tent and a free-lance wire twister, and now makes the sticks with name pins, engraving and foil work. He sent a sample of a spinner to the desk and it'll entice a trout in a jiffy. He makes them out of gold wire and metal from cans and gets 35 cents a crack, with plenty of takers since the government stopped the manufacturing of fish lures. He uses silver and copper for the spoons that are special jobs. He would like to read lines here from some of his old buddles.

#### BOB MOSS . . .

was mapping Shenandoah Valley recently when caught by Jack (Bottles) Malone, "Fast-Money" Madison is still around Harrisonburg, Va.

#### W. J. ROWE . . .

reports from Clinton, N. C., that the med biz is okay thru that section. He recently spotted Red Jackson, Frank Preno and Melvin Cutler working sheet in Fayetteville, N. C., and relates that all were getting plenty of the soft stuff. Mrs. W. J. Rowe is working paper to good takes. Rowe and Jackson will soon head for Charlotte, N. C., to work the Carolina Pharmacy, and from there will go to Western North Carolina and South Carolina.

#### RICHARD ARCAND . . .

writes that biz went on as usual in the Los Angeles area on V-E Day. The reason for lack of interest, he says, was the fact that the Japs still had to be licked and all in the vicinity had their thoughts on that job. He reports seeing only three hustlers, one with horoscopes, another HELEN GAGEN ... with a badge board and a third, leis. On L. A.'s Broadway he spotted Ben Stone with novelties; the Carlsons, novelties; working soon.

Jack Vinick, badge board; Sammy, flowers; Margaretta Kelly, Americanmade fur monkeys and a few working around Russell Bros.' Circus. He adds that the town is close, and says that the sunshine cannot help you without green.

#### GEORGE ST. CLAIR . . .

lines from Grand Junction, Colo., that sheet boys are cleaning up in the West on war maps. He met Collar-Box Kelly in Denver and found him sporting a new car and poodle dog. Others glimmed by St. Clair in Denver were George Pech, who has a hotel there; Sam Jones, with rad; Johnny Hicks, with garters, and Goldburg. Bill Hough has a fruit stand on Wellon Street there. Ellery Reynolds, Billie Dick and Peggy Waddell are clowning with Dailey Bros.' Circus.

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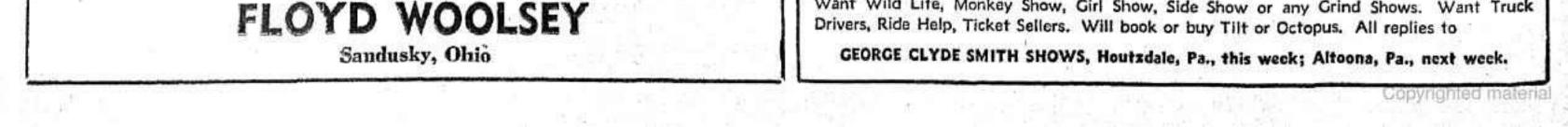
#### CAROL WANICE . . .

doing a lot with gummy in Kresge's downtown store, Cincinnati.

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Page Bros.: Springfield, Tenn., 30-June 9. Page, J. J.: Erwin, Tenn.; Appalachia, Va., 4-9. Pan-American: Marion, Ind. Parada: Neodesha, Kan. Peppers All-State: Clarksburg, W. Va., 28-Pike Am. Co.: Hayti, Mo. Playland: Neon, Ky. Playtime Am.: Belmont, Mass. Prell's Broadway: Newark, N. J. R. & S.: New Bern, N. C.; Jacksonville 4-9. Reading's: Gallatin, Tenn. Regal Expo.: Nashville, Tenn. Reid, King: East Syracuse, N. Y. Riley, Matthew J.: Maple Shade, N. J. Rogers Bros.: Pelican Rapids, Minn., 28-30; Abercrombie, N. D., June 1-2; Hankinson Rogers Greater: Kokomo, Ind. Rogers & Powell: Bay St. Louis, Miss. Royal American: St. Louis, Mo., 28-30. Shipley's Am.: Linden, Tex. Smith, Casey: Guthrie, Okla. Smith, George Clyde: Houtzdale, Pa.; Altoona Southern States: Ocala, Fla. Southern Valley: Natchitoches, La. Sparks Bros.: Earlington, Ky. Stafford's United: Hartford City, Ind. Stafford's United: Hartford City, Ind. Standard: Rapid City, S. D.; Deadwood 4-9, Star Am. Co.: Jacksonville, Ark. Steblar, J. J.: Honaker, Va. Stephen's: Tama, Ia. Strates, James E.: Buffalo, N. Y. Sunflower State: Bratt Kan, 28-June 9 Cunningham's: Byesville, O., 28-June 2. Curl Am. Co.: Springfield, S. D., 28-30; Tyn-dall 31-June 2; Platte 4-6; Lake Andes 7-9. Sunflower State: Pratt, Kan., 28-June 9. Sunset Am. Co.: Atchison, Kan.; Shenandoah, Ia., 4-9. Sunshine: Dade City, Fla., May 28-June 4.
Tassell, Sam: Eddystone, Pa., 31-June 9.
Thomas, Art: Colman, S. D., 30-31; Brookings June 1-2; Madison 4-5; Boyd, Minn., 6-7;

Imperial: Bushnell, Ill., 28-June 3.

**RB Early Hub Biz Under a Year Ago** 

BOSTON, May 28 .- Ringling Bros.' Circus take for first week here was slightly under last year. Advance sales on remaining days, however, indicate sellouts. War Bond sale opening night took in \$2,149,000, the highest take yet and larger

## than on the New York engagement.

## Shaler, Martin Launch New Blue Lantern Shows May 28

MANCHESTER, Tenn., May 26. - Joe Shaler and Billie C. Martin will launch their new Blue Lantern Shows Monday (28), with an anticipated line-up of five rides, six shows, concessions and a free Three rides and two shows are act. office-owned.

Tennessee and Virginia territory will be emphasized.

## **MSA** Waives Initiation Fee

DETROIT, May 26 .- A three-month membership drive is being launched by the Michigan Showmen's Association under the chairmanship of Harry Stahl. As an extra inducement, the initiation fee will be waived for all new members joining during June, July and August, leaving only the annual membership dues of \$10 to be paid.

## Moore Buys Ziegler Rides

NEW YORK, May 26. - It was announced here this week that Bill Moore has bought Mike Ziegler's rides and other equipment, the latter retiring because of ill health.

## Harrisburg Strates Click

ELMIRA, N. Y., May 26.-Incensed over a report of a bad location at Harrisburg, Pa., recently, Percy Morency, secretary of the James E. Strates Shows, reported the gross as \$20,773.22, despite considerable bad weather.

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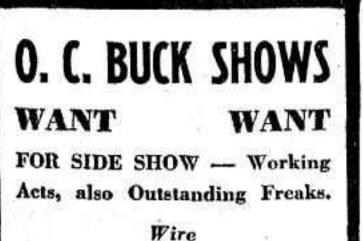
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- Custer United: Gonzales, La.
- Denton, Johnny J.: Cookeville, Tenn. Dick's Paramount: New Bedford, Mass.; New-

Curl, W. S.: Miamisburg, O.; Fairfield 4-9.

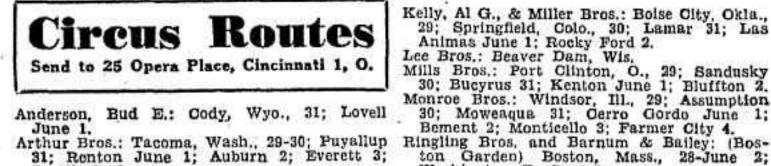
Cumberland Valley: Fayetteville, Tenn.

- port, R. I., 4-9. Dickson United: Maud, Okla.
- Dixle Belle: Beaver Dam, Ky.
- Dizieland: Savannah, Tenn.
- Dobson's United: Stillwater, Minn., 28-30; Forest Lake June 1-3.
- Dodson's World's Fair: Sheboygan, Wis
- Douglas Greater: Olympia, Wash.; Kirkland 5-10.
- Dudley, D. S.: Wichita Falls, Tex., May 28-June 9.
- Dumont: Carnegie, Pa. Dyer's Greater: Newbern, Tenn.
- Eastman Am.: Salamanca, N. Y.
- Eddie's Expo.: Greensburg, Pa. Edwards, J. R.: Marion, O.; Galion 4-9.
- Ellman United: Milwaukee.
- Endy Bros.: Paterson, N. J.
- Expo. at Home: Milton, Pa. Fidler United: Kankakee, Ill.; Harvey 4-9. Fleming, Mad Cody: Cordele, Ga.; Americus 4-9.
- Francis, John: East St. Louis, Ill. Garden State: Trenton, N. J.; Lambertville 4-9.
- Gay Way (Hedrick's): Thomasville, N. C. Gayland: Ardmore, Tenn.
- Gentsch, J. A.; Grenade, Miss., 28-June 2. Geren's United: Sidney, O.; Richmond, Ind.,
- Gold Medal: Terre Haute, Ind.; Danville, Ill.,
- 4-9.
- Golden Gate: Marion, Ky.
- Golden West: Jackson, Gallf., 29-June 3. Gooding: Newark, O.: Ironton 4-9. Gooding Greater: Charleston, W. Va., 28-
- June 9.
- Grady, Keller: Piedmont, Ala. Great Sutton: Jacksonville, Ill.; Canton 4-9. Greater Rainbow: Madrid, Ia.; Fairfield 4-9.
- Groves Greater: Zwolle, La.
- Hames, Bill: Paris, Tex.
- Hannum, Morris: Woodbury, N. J. Happy Attrs.: Goluster, O.; Wellston 4-9. Happyland: Royal Oak, Mich.
- Harrison Greater: Pocomoke City, Md.
- Heller's Acme: Bristol, Pa.
- Hennies Bros.: Kankakee, Ill. Henry, Lew, Rides: Clifton Forge, Va.; Waynes-
- boro, Va., 4-9. Heth, L. J.: Danville, Ky.
- Hill's Greater: Norman, Okla. Hottle, Buff: (3d & S: Claiborne) New Orleans, La.



O. C. BUCK, Yorkville, N. Y.

- Montevideo 8-10. Thompson Bros.: Jersey Shore, Pa., 28-30; Williamsport June 1-6. Tidwell, T. J.: Hereford, Tex.
- Turner Bros.: Streator, Ill., 28-June 6. Twin River: Manchester, Ia.
- United Expo.: Mount Pleasant, Tex. Victory Amusement Shows: Southern Pines, N. C.
- Victory Expo.; Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Victory United: Frederick, S. D., 28-30; Edge-ley, N. D., 31-June 2; Hecla, S. D., 3-4-5.
- Virginia Greater: Morristown, N. J.
- Wade, W. G.: Grand Rapids, Mich. Wallace Bros.: Marion, Ill.; Evansville, Ind., 4-9.
- Wallace Bros. of Canada: London, Ont., Can.; Ormstown, Que., 4-9. Ward, John R.: Little Rock, Ark.
- West Coast Am. Co.: Pittsburg, Calif., 29-June 3; (Rodeo) Livermore 5-10.
- Whitney & Scott United: Greene, Ia. Wilson Famous: Havana, Ill., 2-9.
- Wolfe Am. Co.; Liberty, S. C.
- Wonder City: Ashland, Ala.
- Wonder Shows of America: Peoria, Ill., 28-June 10.
- Wonderland: Capitol Heights, Md.; Tuxeco 4-9.
- World of Mirth: Plainfield, N. J.; New Brunswick 4-9.
- World of Pleasure: Muskegon, Mich.
- Worthy: Lancaster, N. Y.
  - Zeiger, C. F., United: Pueblo, Colo., 28-June hit grade. 16.



- ville 2; Bloomington 4. Beatty, Clyde: Allentown, Pa., 29-30; Phillips-
- burg 31; Norristown June 1-2; Chester 4-5. Bradley & Benson: Mannington, W. Va., 29; Moundsville 30; Weirton 31; Toronto, O.,
- June 1; Bridgeport 2; Cadiz 4. Clark, M. L.: Attica, Ind., 29; Watseks, Ill., 30; Kankakee 31; Pontiac June 1; Streator Ottawa 4.
- Cole Bros.: Indiana, Pa., 29; Johnstown 30; Punxsutawney 31; Altoona June 1; Lock Haven 2; Williamsport 4; York 5; Lancaster
- 6; Chester 7. Dalley Bros.; Tucson, Ariz., 28-29; Phoenix 30-31; Casa Grande June 1; Nogales 2; Douglas 4; Alamogordo, N. M., 5; Carrizazo, N. M., 6; Santa Rosa 7; Tucumcari 8; Dal-hart, Tex., 9.
- Dean, Al: Torrance, Calif., 29-30; Bell June 1-3; Hawthorne 5-6; Whittier 8-10.
- Garden Bros.: (Arena) Hamilton, Ont., Can., 28-June 2; (Arena) Peterborough 4-6; (Arena) Oshawa 7-9.

Sky Thriller act, wires from Montreal to correct the account of Jo Ann Warren's recent accident at Belmont Park, Montreal. He says that Irene Gibson was standing by on a ladder waiting for the next routine and was not "unlocking" herself as stated.

### MEMPHIS BOUND

#### (Continued from page 34)

phis shows Bill Robinson at his best. He hasn't lost an lota of canny salesmanship in putting a tune across either vocally or with his feet. He's still tops in his field and his standard stair dance is the sock spot of the show. Avon Long chants and steps it right along with him, making the most of material that is not too good. If two actors could put Memphis over for a smash, it should be Robinson and Long. Unfortunately, the task is too heavy for a two-man job.

Memphis should get a fair b.-o. play via the regular Robinson following. However, it doesn't look to make the sock-Bob Francis.

Kelly, Al G., & Miller Bros.: Boise City, Okla., 29; Springfield, Colo., 30; Lamar 31; Las Animas June 1; Rocky Ford 2. Lee Bros.: Beaver Dam, Wis.

Mills Bros.: Port Clinton, O., 29; Sandusky 30; Bucyrus 31; Kenton June 1; Bluffton 2. Monroe Bros.: Windsor, Ill., 29; Assumption 30; Moweaque 31; Cerro Gordo June 1;

Bement 2; Monticello 3; Farmer City 4.

31; Renton June 1; Auburn 2; Everett 3; Seattle 7-10.
Austin Bros.: St. Joseph, Mo., 29-30; Chilli-cothe 31; Brookfield June 1; Macon 2.
Balley Bros.: Piqua, O., 29; Greenville 30; New Castle, Ind., 31; Connersville June 1; Shelby-ville 2; Bloomington 4.
Auburn 2; Everett 3; Manging Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: (Bos-ton Garden) Boston, Mass., 28-June 2; Washington, D. C., 5-9.
Russell Bros.: Redwood City, Calif., 29; Palo Alto 30; Pittsubrg 31; Stockton June 1-2; Marysville 3; Oroville 4; Chico 5; Red-ding 6; Medford, Ore., 7; Roseburg 9;

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Harlan, Doc & Maxine: Dubois, Ind., 28-June 2.

Lippincott (President) Manchester, Ga., 2;

(Strand) Marietta 4; (Grand) Cartersville 5; (Wink) Dalton 6; (Strand) Athens, Tenn., 7. Long, Leon (Liberty City Park) Miami, Fla., 28-June 2.

Marquis (Center) Norfolk, Va., 31-June 6.

Renfro Valley Show: Harrisburg, Pa., 30-31; Carlisle June 1; Shippensburg 3.

Slout Players Tent Show: Archer City, Tex., 28-June 2.

Virgil: Sanger, Calif., 31.

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\$100,000 mark, with an average take in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Like its competitors up the street it also is in the market bidding for talent. Salary ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Yet, considering the average grosses, house obviously/puts away a tidy sum each week. After deducting even 50 per cent for the picture, house still has about \$40,000 out of which to pay performers. With a \$15,000 salary nut (exclusive of house pay roll), profit is no snicker.

The Roxy is a different operation. Theoretically its 6,000 seats give it a commanding position on the Stem. Its grosses, however, usually run neck-andneck with Paramount. But unlike the Paramount, the Roxy has a bigger regular. nut to crack. It has a line of girls, a male glee club and an expensive production staff. But because of its capacity it can make deals with attractions on an overage basis. Milton Berle went in on that kind of a deal with a guaranty of \$10,000. During his run house averaged \$85,000. Other acts got probably another \$3,000. During Berle's run house dispensed with productions, so it cut operating expenses even tho the headliner collected a chunk of cabbage. It is not unreasonable to assume that the Berle show added \$15,000 or even more to the gross. So even if house didn't make a lot of money it wasn't in the hole either.

#### Music Hall Unique

Radio City Music Hall, with 6,200 seats, is unique in its field. House is production rather than attraction-minded. Its two or three acts bought for each show are all fitted into the big picture, making

It difficult to determine what the acts contribute to the gross. Customers, however, are attracted here by the stageshow to a greater proportion than in other houses. Operating costs of the Music Hall are no doubt tremendous. It maintains a 70-piece orchestra with a complete library and staff. Has 48 girls and 28 who work a swing shift and a backstage force the equal of any Broadway musical. House's takes seldom drop under the \$100,000 mark. Outside sources estimate that out of each \$100,000 house collects, \$30,000 is due to the stageshow.

#### State Like Out-of-Towner

Loow's State (3,500 seats) is also alone in its class. Operation is almost like an out-of-town house. It seldom has firstruns and when it does they're Bs. Weekin-and-week-out house has five or slx acts. Most of its performers are standard but they don't come cheap. Unlike out-of-town theaters, acts here get flat salaries, no percentage-no splits. Grosses here average \$25,000, and live show costs about \$8,000 to \$9,000. But being a second-run it gets a better picture deal so it isn't badly off. The twotimes salary yardstick is impractical in the case of Loew's State. The 18 per cent theory, however, is probably applicable. And that, authorities say, covers acts here nicely.

All Stem houses have at least one problem in common (that is, all but the Music Hall). The first is the picture and the second is the stage attractions. The Paramount, Strand and Capitol being flaghouses for their respective companies, house management has little say about the picture. But they do have a choice

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Rivers, Joe ROSENBERG,

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Sarver, Everett Lari Shafter, Harry

Paul Alfred

Rothrock, Ralph

Ryan, Mrs. A.

Sanfratello, Joe

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Scott, Edgar

Trevor, M.

les Woods, Eugenia Fenwick YATES, Sylvania

Sullivan, Fred

Thorne, Gerald R.

Valdemar, Odette

McCuaig, Mildred Martz, Evelyn

Baca

Arthur

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in stageshows. Here each booker has a chance to show some ingenuity about the kind of a show he can put together. But in the main he is limited to what is available and the price he can pay. The price can't be too high or the over-all operation will suffer. But if a strong attraction can bring in customers, cost can be and often is disregarded. For the bigger gross house can get, the better sales argument it has for out-of-town flicker deals.

The question of what brings in the money, the live acts or the film may not be at the fingertips of the individual house booker or manager, but the home offices have a pretty shrewd idea where their dollars go and what they bring in, They have run a series of undercover surveys of audiences' reactions to determine that question. The results are carefully guarded secrets, but in essence they boil down to this: The first day of a new bill, 50 per cent of the customers come for the stageshow, mainly because attractions represent a known quantity and picture is still an unknown. At night this percentage drops to 25 per cent. If the reviews of the film are good, the next day's mob is divided into 75 per cent for the picture and 25 per cent for the acts. Later in the run it levels off to about 15 to 20 per cent for the stageshows and 80 to 85 per cent for the film. So the question of what stageshows bring in to houses has been partially answered, tho anyone can still get plenty arguments about it.

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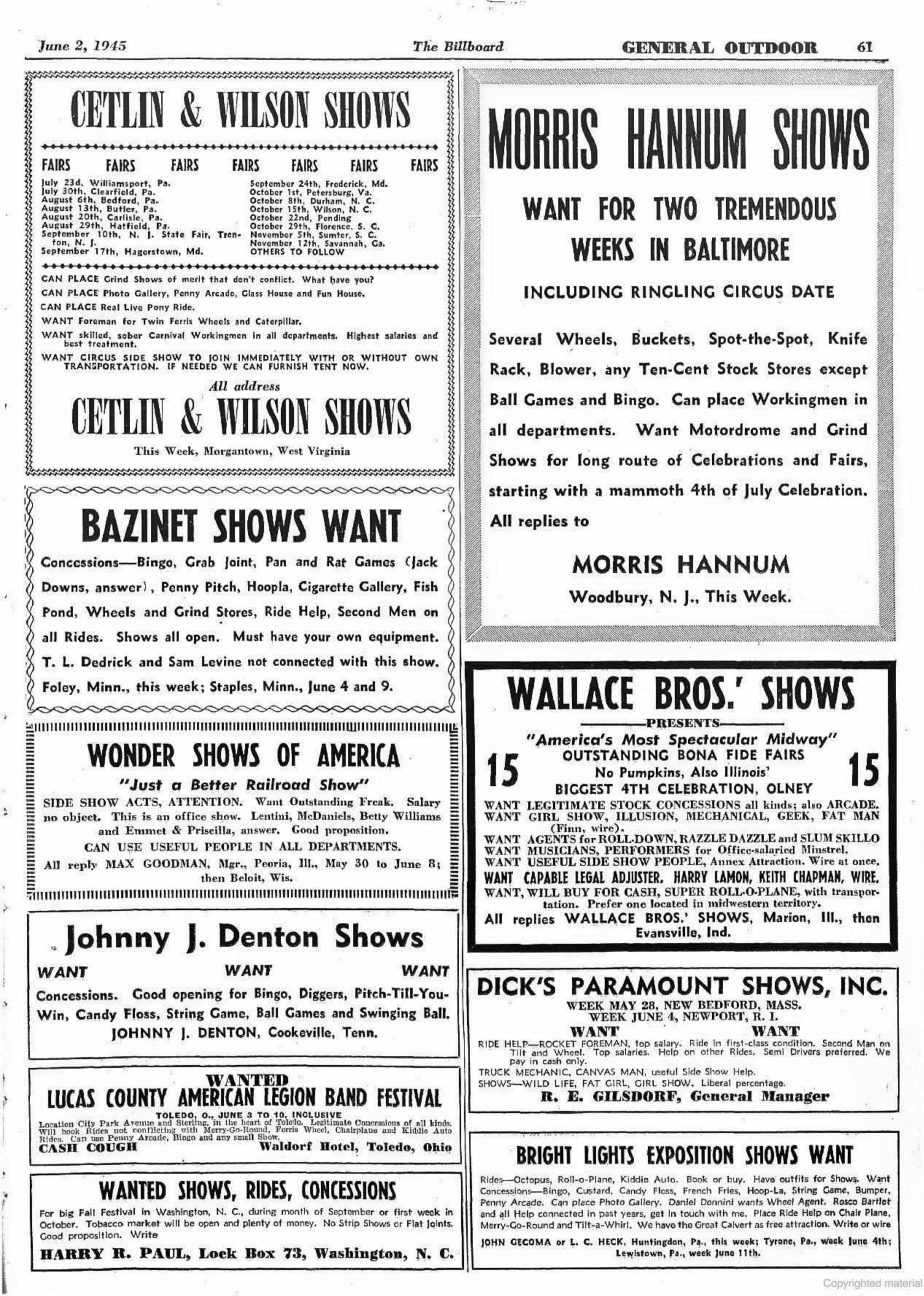
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(Ventriloquist)





CHICAGO, May 26 .- The coin machine manufacturing industry kept at its job of turning out war goods this week, altho it was understood that manufacturers had increased their pace of pushing developments toward the day when new machines can be made in quanity. A larger influx distributors than usual was reported in trade circles and at least one manufacturing firm here held a meeting of its distributors during the weck.

But a general atmosphere of quiet prevailed in industry circles. Trade rumors continued to speculate on the probable appearance of new machines. The estimates range all the way from 90 days to six months. Manufacturers themselves are just as indefinite about the time when they expect to have new machines on the market. The most specific rumor about new machines said that a new juke box model might make its appearance by July 1.

Altho a number of distributors were in the city this week, reports on used machine sales from the various parts of the country were still too indefinite to say just what effects the lifting of the ban on new machines would have on used sales. It will probably be three or four weeks yet before definite trends

stood thruout the trade that manufacturers making vending machines would not be able to rush into production of new models. But the fact that government agencies put vending machines at the head of the list, insofar as the coin machine industry is concerned, was a signal honor.

But far more serious to the vending machine trade than the lack of new machines is the curtailment of merchandise supplies due to the present sugar shortage. Soft drinks, candy and chewing gum are still missing from many thousands of vending machines because sugar is not available to make these products.

There are some general lessons to be learned from the present sugar shortage and that is the reason for this general editorial.

Small industries, such as the coin machine trade, are not accustomed to thinking in terms of world-wide conditions, but the sugar shortage is a world-wide condition and is bringing home to the vending machine trade the fact that world conditions are of immediate concern even to small industries. It seems reasonable to expect that in the future all branches of the coin machine industry will have to become accustomed to thinking more in terms of world affairs and world business. Even the smallest industries will have to become internationally-minded whether they want to or not.

# ing new in the vending machine trade.

Whether they are correct or not, some of our neighbors are accusing U. S. officials of refusing to face the seriousness of the sugar problem many months ago. A staff report in The Financial Post, the leading financial journal published in Canada, recently had the following to say:

"What apparently happened at Washington was an overdue realization on the part of U.S. authorities as to the seriousness and the imperious nature of the present sugar shortage."

The Canadian business journal has been reporting for some time that the sugar shortage is not merely a national question but a world shortage that affects civilized people everywhere, and that especially the U. S. Congress was trying to make a political football of the situation.

All these reports on political agitation about sugar simply serve to show how serious the situation really is. They suggest also that the remedy will be slow in coming. At present, prospects for supplies for soft drinks, candy and chewing gum are not so encouraging for the vending machine trade. Operators of soft drink machines have been able to show some ingenuity in using a variety of sirups, including root beer, and this group may therefore be able to overcome shortages and get a head start for post-war expansion.

# Mex. Business Men WillPutUpDo-Re-Mi For U.S. Enterprises

June 2, 1945

NEW YORK, May 26 .- An opportunity for American manufacturers to establish plants, or at least branch plants in Mexico, financed by Mexican business men, is seen by John B. Glenn, president of the New York Board of Trade. Glenn has lived in Mexico for 21 years and recently completed a business tour of 46 cities there.

He reports there is a decided stigma attached to foreign enterprises and the imports of foreign goods that compete with Mexican goods, but that the new plan whereby Mexican business interests put up all the money will remove this opposition.

According to the plan, Mexican interests will put up the money and will give the American company 30 per cent of the capital stock in a joint business in return for patents and other services which can best be supplied by American business men and firms.

Glenn reports that profits made by such companies already in action have proved to be very high. He thinks a number of American business enterprises will take advantage of such opportunity. At the present time there are about 25 American companies that have taken advantage of the idea.

In his report on Mexican market possibilities Glenn said that probably 9,000,000 of the 21,000,000 population of Mexico can afford to buy American goods right now. There is a decided industrial trend in Mexico. Mexican business leaders are anxious to build up industrial enterprises in 4 or 5 of the largest citics in the country. Mexico City itself has a population of approximately 2,000,000 (See Mex. Business on page 71)

## Many Months Yet

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Some manufacturers of coin machines here still busy with war work were reported to be considering a plan to send notice to distributors and operators that fully new machines should not be expected. until after next January 1.

Such notice would be given to the trade so that manufacturers would be saved from many telephone calls from various parts of the country, and also the trade would be saved from making fruitless visits to Chicago until new machine models are definitely ready for display.

An unofficial report was heard here this week that WPB had called a meeting of the three industry advisory committees in Washington during the first week in June. Meeting would be routine and for the purpose of learning what coin machine industry needs to reconvert, what employment it can give, etc.

can be analyzed, according to some leaders in the trade.

The most evident effect of the lifting of the ban on new machines at the present time is that everybody in the industry-from manufacturers to operators-are beginning to think specifically about post-war business.

Reports from Washington showed that the War Production Board is going ahead on its big program of revoking as many war control orders as possible. Most of the orders revoked this week related to civilian needs of various kinds and few of the orders had any direct interest for the coin machine industry.

It is reported from Washington that manufacturers may find important news on materials and metals forthcoming by July 1. Manufacturers in all lines of industry are said to be looking forward to announcements about materials by July

The sugar shortage has also become decidedly involved in political

# **British Coin Men Make P-W Plans at London Meeting**

machine trade paper, The World's Fair, reported a meeting of the trade association in London early in March. The meeting was called in order to discuss plans in getting ready for post-war activities. The national trade association in England representing the coin machine industry is known as the British Automatic Machine Operators Society (BAMOS).

Interesting to the American trade is the fact that BAMOS represents the three sections of the industry, operators, distributors and manufacturers.

Among the business topics brought up at the meeting according to the report was the changes in the rules of the association and also an increase in the membership fees. After considerable discussion the annual membership fee was increased from 2 guineas to 3. According to the report the increased fee was voted. by a considerable majority and the opposition came chiefly from those who tion fee.

CHICAGO, May 26 .- The British coin also from trade members who want to get into the organization for the future. A special provincial committee has been appointed to study post-war problems and possibilities, particularly those relating to manufacturers and distributors.

> An interesting fact about the work of the British coin machine association is that it holds membership in a general organization known as the National Amusement , Council. Apparently the NAO represents various amusement trades in England including show fraternities and other amusement groups. John Holloway gave a brief report on the work of the National Council.

Officers were elected for 1945-'46 and W. G. Green, chairman of the meeting, vacated the chair while Mr. Lennards, vice-president of the organization, took over. Lennards was elected president for the incoming year. The treasurer, W. H. Willmott, was elected for another term. The committee covering association activities was elected as follows: J. H. Holloway, A. E. Catt, W. G. Green, W. Wilkie, J. Gasparro, B. W. Brenner, M. Kraft, B. Rundle, C. Jermy, C. Lawes, J. G. Brenner and D. W. Brenner, the last named continuing as honorary secretary. Trustees are now A. E. Catt. C. firmly advocated a still higher subscrip- Lawes and J. G. Brenner, and the delegates to the National Amusement Coun-An interesting part of the meeting was cil. W. G. Green, J. H. Holloway, J. G. the large number of membership appli- Brenner, W. T. Willmott, with W. Wilkie

## For the Record

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- As a matter of history the official order of the War Production Board revoking the ban on making new yending machines was issued May 12 and appeared in The Federal Register May 15.

The official order revoking the ban on new juke boxes, games and other types of machines was issued by WPB May 16 and was published in The Federal Register May 17.

The official forms of the two orders as they were published, are reprinted in full as follows:

#### Vending Machines

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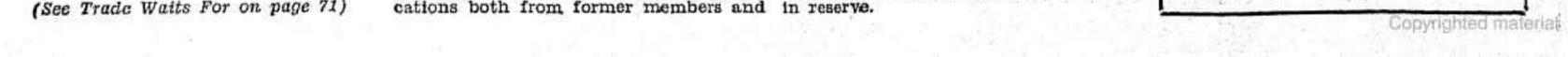
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#### Amusement Machines

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**COINMEN YOU KNOW** 

## New York:

#### GEORGE PONSER, of George Ponser & Company, has opened two large skeeball concessions-one with 50 skee-balls at Belmar, N. J. . . RAY HARRISON, one of New York's better-known coinmen, paid a flying visit to Boston this week, . . . DAVE SOLOMON, of the Eagle Tobacco Company, Syracuse, N. Y., visited his friends and business assoclates here to play for post-war expansion.

Major Amusement Company, Philly, announce the birth of a son May 20. . . GEORGE DUCKETT, of G. B. Macke Company, Washington, visited here and Haverhill, Mass. . . . HERMAN SIEGEL, of Apollo Records, is still on the West Coast trying to until the knotty problems of record production and distribu- moved to 3711 Tyler Avenue. . . . MRS. tion. He plans to return soon. . . . It is rumored that Max Weiss, of N & W Vending Company, is interested in all forthcoming events concerning the development of the cracker machine business-and also nuts. . . . The American Distributing Company, Rochester, N. Y., announces the opening of its new and larger quarters at 573-575 Clinton Avenue, North, Rochester, N. Y. NAT COHEN, of Modern Music Company, was in charge of selling \$1,274,000 worth of War Bonds at a rally held May 16 at the Equality Lodge of the B'nai B'rith. Nat plans to sell at least \$3,000,-000 worth of War Bonds before the present drive is over to build a new battlewagon honoring the late Major General Rose.



### **Detroit:**

ARTHUR P. SAUVE, veteran Detroit jobber, has returned from several months' vacation in Florida. . . . LEO WEINBERGER, son of Michael Weinberger, veteran Detroit operator and MAX SCHIFF has bought out the Sportland Arcade, 2967 Woodward Avenue, from the elder Weinberger and his two partners, Ben Robinson and Sol Schwartz. Mrs. Leo Weinberger will assist her husband in running the busi-MR. AND MRS. HARRY STERN, of ness. Michael Weinberger, of S. & W. Coin Machine Exchange, has left for a short vacation to be spent with relatives in New York, leaving the business to be run by his partner, Sol Schwartz. . . . MAX SCHIFF, who formerly had his amusement machine operations headquarters on Rochester Avenue, has MAX SCHIFF is a professional dancer, recently with the Pat Walsh line at the Bowery Night Club. . . ERWIN BALD-RIDGE, who recently closed the Joyland Arcade on Woodward Avenue, has opened a new arcade at Island Lake, 35 miles northwest of Detroit, and is looking forward to good business for the resort season.

#### Minneapolis:

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR SUNDEM, of Montevideo, Minn., where he is a coinman, came to the Twin Cities to spend a few days visiting the night clubs and a few other show spots hereabouts. . . . SGT. JIM BLENKER, who was associated with his brother, Joe, in the coin machine business at Junction City, Wis., until he entered the army more than three years ago, was in the Twin Cities with his brother visiting old friends while on furlough before going overseas with the Army Air Corps Ferry Command unit to which he is attached. Jim said it felt swell to get around and see some of the old friends again. . . . MARIE CASHMAN is the new stenographer at Hy-G Amusement Company, succeeding Scherna Schanfield Schwartz who went to Bermuda on a government civil service job. . . . L. A. GRUNDEEN, of Minot, N. D., stopped in Minneapolis to visit jobbers on his way home from Chicago. . . . Another visitor to this area was I. F. LEFLEUR of Devils Lake, N. D. . . . Now with BILL COHEN of Silent Sales Company, back from Chicago, BEN FRIEDMAN of that firm is preparing to go to the Windy City. Friedman is looking forward to getting enough fags to start his cigarette machines going once again. . . . FRED GATES, arcade man here, is in Chicago tending to business.



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### Los Angeles:

JOHN McCALL, Los Angeles operator, making contacts up and down the row. . . . JERRY PACKARD a visitor from Torrance. . . . JACK BAHLER, of Inglewood, reports that things are okay in his district. . . . HARRY ZEHNER, Los Angeles, getting equipment. . . . BILL RUSSELL, of San Fernando, in from the Valley. . . . MIKE SERASIO made one of his buying trips here from his bailiwick, Tucson. . . . CLARK & HINES adding equipment in Los Angeles.

L. B. MCCREARY, of E. T. Mape Music, in the city for a day. He completed his business and then took a night plane back to San Francisco. . . . NELS NEL-SON, of the Los Angeles branch of E. T. Mape, is planning a trip to the Bay City. ... TOM CATANA looking around the record suppply houses for more records of "Induction Blues." . . . AL STEPHEY is the new serviceman at Minthorne Music. . . . DOLORES AND JEAN MIN-THORNE recently purchased two music routes of 72 machines.

V. I. DAVIS, a new operator, is expanding his route and reported doing okay. . . . RAY GARCIA is taking over a record store on South Vermont Street. ... PERRY LEE has his cousin, Herman Jacobs, as a guest from Oklahoma. . . .

DAN DONOHUE, Seeburg factory representative, back from a trip to Phoenix.

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FASCINATION FOR THE FAMILIAR juke box which is held by most every American boy and girl, recently also captured the fancy of these two British lads in the company of England's Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden. Not fully cognizant of the juke box himself Eden had to borrow a nickel from a newspaperman to demonstrate the box to the two boys, Bobby Miller, left, and Rex Reeves, both of whom were internees of the Japs in the Philippines.



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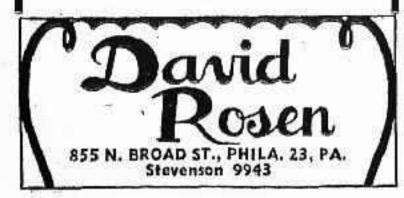
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# Anthony Eden Introduces Juke Box to Wondering British Lads

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Associated Press these sections were the scene of lively releases recently informed the nation activity and much chatter. But reports thru many newspapers that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had borrowed a nickel from a newspaperman so that two little British boys might hear an American juke box for the first time.

The boys looked wonderingly at the juke box while Eden searched his pockets.

"Boys," he said, "I can't find a nickel, box."

The boys-members of a group of 60 British subjects repatriated from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines en route to England-looked so disappointed that Eden turned to a newspaperman and got a coin.

The music started; one of the loud boogie-woogie tunes.

"Gee," one of the boys remarked, "I've never seen one of these before."

#### **Ready for England**

Juke boxes, so familiar to our own American youth, especially in the teenage clubs thruout the country, have not as yet been able to prove their tremendous value as a medium of entertainment for the teen-agers in Britain. A recent report on teen-age clubs in England said they are making good progress with these clubs there, altho no juke boxes were mentioned. Eden mentioned that juke boxes were not made in England, British trade imported many before the war but trade was stopped when the war began in 1939 and the machines have been too scarce to be put into the teen-age clubs.

The 1,750 youth clubs affiliated in the National Association of Girls and Mixed Clubs are already supplying a background of leisure-time activities for 100,000 teen-agers. Many clubs have been equipped from funds contributed by American trade unions thru the British War Relief Society of America.

#### Clubs Well Equipped

They have their own libraries, classes in carpentry, pottery, cooking, laundry, shoe repairing, toy making and sewing in the clubs. They also have refreshment bars and canteens, and it was reported that half an hour before closing time

do not feature juke boxes in the teenage work as is done in the U.S. When normal trade conditions prevail again it is expected that more juke boxes than ever will be shipped to the British trade and some of them are certain to appear in the clubs.

A court test case on copyright music appealed from Canada to the London so I guess we won't play this music Privy Council last year acquainted the English public with the name "juke box." To the British a phonograph i generally known as a gramophone. Reports here say that the coin machintrade in England has been using the name phonograph for the commercia machine and may now begin to use the name "juke box."

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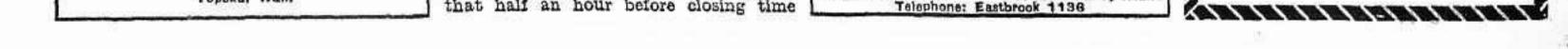
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# Columnist Humorously Flays Juke in Boost to Industry

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.-The War Production Board lifting restrictions on the manufacture of music machines brought a rise out of Don Rose, whose Stuff and Nonsense columns are one of the most popular daily features of The Evening Bulletin.

Writing in a lighter vein, Rose tagged his May 19 column as "Juke Box Stuff and Nonsense." And while he previously expressed himself as having a pet peeve where the juke box is concerned, his latest pillar of satire gives the industry a favorable plug-something rare in local newspapers and particularly in Rose's columns.

After writing about the prospects of more cigarettes and matches, Rose goes on to say:

"There are other indications that civilians may soon be able to buy something again, tho not what they want to buy. The War Production Board, with an air of justifiable pride, has announced that restrictions are to be lifted on the manufacture of juke boxes.

"There is a family birthday impending and there has been whispering around the house, obviously indicating doubt and uncertainty about birthday gifts. As

## **Disk Shipment** should have priority over watering cans, but they do." **Opens** Exports Portland Juke Play Slow Since Curfew Abolition To Congo Colony

everybody knows, civilian shopping has become a process of hunting for what you want and settling for something else. It might be a juke box.

#### Allergic to Jukes

"Is it unreasonable for a man to express a dislike for juke boxes? It might be that he is allergic to juke boxes. When some of my suffering friends sneeze violently they are allergic to ragweed or roses or radishes. When I feel an urgent impulse to push a chair thru the thorax of a howilng juke box it may be merely an allergic reaction.

"Juke boxes are no longer heard only in ice-cream parlors, where they are appreciated by a juvenile generation which has never known the joys of peace and quiet. They are found in all kinds of places of public assembly. It could be said of the juke box, as it was once said the rest out of restaurant.

"What a man wants for his birthday is a three-gallon watering can. But experts have searched the city and there are no watering cans. A worker for the WPB says confidently there will be none until six months after Japan surrenders. He does not know why. Nobody knows exactly why. Nobody knows why juke boxes

# Decree May Help To Offset Wide Publicity on Chi Tax

Agitation for juke tax in Chi began in 1940 — finally passed late in 1943 - separate test cases were filed by operators, locations — city talks of rehearing

CHICAGO, May 26 .- The widely publicized Chicago juke box tax received a setback in the Illinois Supreme Court in a decision handed down May 23. According to reports received here, the court declared the fee was too high, altho the city had the legal right to pass a license tax. The decision may turn out to be the first great victory the juke box industry has gained against high tax rates. At

# Portland Operators in December, 1943, at a time when the **Keep Race Disk Tab** As Cutbacks Start

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.-Music box of the dine-and-dance orchestra, that it operators in this war industry center are has put the din into dinner and taken keeping close tab on the race record situation lest reduction in employee rolls cut off their most appreciative audience -the Negro shipyard worker.

> Thus far in the curtailment program operators have reported no reduction in demand for race records, but they are keeping their fingers crossed.

As shipbuilding contracts are being completed, yards are trimming their forces, and the reduction is cutting heavily into the Negro population of the Portland-Vancouver area. Operators are are holding up, but they expect their race disks to be hit harder when the cut does begin to be felt.

least, that is the hope of the juke box trade here,

The Chicago juke box tax was passed city council was looking for all possible sources of new revenue. An annual license fee of \$50 was placed on juke box locations. Juke boxes were not singled out for punishment by high tax rates but the city needed more revenue and other lines of business were taxed at about the same time. In fact, two other coin machine license fees were passed at the same time; one covering arcade amusement machines and another covering target guns.

Operators of arcade machines and target guns accepted the license fees placed on them, but juke box operators and 10cation owners began at once to make plans to contest the high license charged for juke boxes.

The Chicago tax was not only a cause of worry for local operators and locations here but the high tax probably received pleasantly surprised the way the jukes more newspaper publicity all over the nation than any other single coin machine tax ever passed in any city, excepting the federal coin machine tax passed in 1941. The wide publicity given to the Chicago tax was an inspiration to a number of other cities, and even a State or two, to assess a similar high rate on juke boxes. For that reason, the test cases which were started by the trade in Chicago became of national interest,

NEW YORK, May 26 .- The first export shipment to the Belgian Congo since the war was on its way this week from a New York exporting firm, consisting of 1,400 popular phonograph records. "Music in all its forms is of great importance to the native population of the Congo," stated William Bruno, of Bruno Company, Inc., exporters, "and this shipment, which is the first of its kind for many years, is consigned to wholesalers in several of the larger cities of the colony."

The records were shipped thru the Bruno firm and supplied by Modern Music Company of New York. All transactions were made in terms of United States currency.

It is expected that a good share of this consignment of late record releases will be used by juke men who, having established routes in Leopoldville and Elisabethville are interested in enlarging their scope of activities as well as replacing obsolete equipment.

#### \$40,000,000 of Export Goods

During the last four years the United States has supplied the Congo with a high percentage of its fuel requirements. rolling stock, motor vehicles and machinery of all types. Belgian Congo Counselor Max F. Horn stated in a recent interview that exports to the Belgian Congo increased from an annual value of \$4,000,000 prior to the war to a present figure of \$40,000,000 of valued goods of all kinds.

#### Venders in Demand

The juke box manufacturers and distributors will be able to sell a considerable amount of used jukes as well as some new equipment. Drink vending machines, candy and gum venders will also be much in demand. (There are three large beverage bottling concerns located in Leopoldville, Elisabethville and Uvira.)

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It will take, however, an enterprising coinman to enter into the exporting of coin-operated equipment to the Belgian Congo. Altho French is the official language, there exsists four native tongues which are written as well as spoken, with over 200 variations of dialects.

Horn remarked that the people of the

(See Disk Shipment on page 66)

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 .- Take from juke boxes has been slow to increase with housing project-Vanport City, which the lifting of the curfew, altho operators are all optimistic about future possibilities.

Many locations - especially private clubs-have been operating on old schedules for the first week of the new set-up, the manpower problem being the chief deterent. Nearly all, however, plan to take advantage of the longer hours of operation.

Management at the area's largest war numbers many Negroes among its tenants-has felt that presence of jukes in Negro recreation centers has aggravated the policing problem. Accordingly, one large juke operator recently requested to remove all of his machines. He complied, with cafe operators stating confidentially to the operator that the tune blackout cut business as high as 50 per cent.

Subscription Radio Spot in **FM Band Considered by FCC** 

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- One of the most unique developments in the use of coin-operated devices may have received a temporary setback before the Federal Communication Commission here recently. The issue was involved in the allocation of radio wave lengths to the FM radio band.

Specifically, the question came up in an application of Muzak Corporation for a special allotment band for what they called subscription radio.

FCC officials delayed passing on this question and the eventual decision the board will have to make is whether it will treat subscription radio as a commercial FM service.

#### Much Publicized

Wide publicity has been given to the Muzak plan for a subscription radio service on the basis of a charge of 5 cents per day to subscribers. At the same time Muzak began making plans for a coinoperated FM device to place with subscribers if they desired such a convenience. Muzak officials are well acquainted with the juke box industry because juke boxes have been used in offering industrial music services similar to the Muzak industrial service.

The idea of using coin-operated FM radio receiving sets for subscribers would not be entirely new. Even before the modern juke box became so popular coinoperated radio sets were used in a number of hotels and are still to be found in many.

Backers of the coin slot idea say that the use of a coin device on the FM receivers would prove practical and that a large percentage of people who would subscribe to the service would prefer the coin-operated set just as many people today prefer the coin box telephone in their homes. The use of the coin-operated set would be in lieu of paying the rent for the service on a monthly basis.

#### **Delay Temporary**

The delay in passing on the application of Muzak is regarded as temporary. One report here this week was that a decision might be made within the next 10 days. One report said that the FCC may state that it does not, have sufficient information to determine whether or not stations should be licensed for subscription radio.

It is understood, however, that FCC officials feel that if the subscription service proves feasible and the commission decides to license stations of the type proposed by Muzak, applicants in the future will be permitted to apply for channels in the regular FM band or in such other band as the commission may later decide on.

James L. Fly, formerly chairman of the FCC, is now chairman of the board of Muzak. A subsidiary of Muzak, known as Subscription Radio, Incorporated, has been formed to handle the subscription service if it is finally approved by the FCC.

#### May Help Others

Now that the State high court seems to have nullified the high tax on jukes, the decision may become ammunition to operators in other cities and States to fight similar high rates. The trade here is awaiting copies of the decision with great anticipation.

When city officials here received news of the Supreme Court decision, attorneys for the city stated that a rehearing probably would be asked for after the decision could be studied. City officials said it was understood the decision declared against the high rate but admitted that the city had a right to pass a license on juke boxes. Operators and location owners were quietly awaiting the next steps to be taken by city officials. They feel that a rehearing, after all, will really not take place.

The agitation for a city tax on juke boxes really began in 1940. At that time newspapers were headlining stories of a meeting of the City Council to near pleas of location owners and operators against the tax proposed at that time.

Thru all the long period of agitation for a juke box tax, owners of taverns played an important part in fighting the proposals. They were probably responsible for the many delays in passing the tax, until finally the pressure for more revenue led the city council to pass a license ordinance in 1943.

A committee of the city council began its actual work on the juke box license ordinance in November of 1943. Many proposals were considered and the juke box license ordinances of a number of other cities were studied by the committee before a final draft of the Chicago ordinance was made. At that time some members of the council estimated there were at least 10,000 juke boxes operating in the city and suburbs. The proposal to license them at \$50 a year would thus bring in about \$500,000 annual revenue.

Early in 1944, operators began to make plans for a test case on the city ordinance and city officials made a friendly

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## **Record Reviews**

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#### JERRY WALD (Majestic) Clarinet High Jinks-FT. A Friend of Yours-FT; VC. Can't You Read Between the Lines-FT; VC. Clarinet Boogie Blues-FT; VC.

The clarinet piping of Jerry Wald and the solid rock syncos of his band boys, as exemplified in these four sides, should win much popular acclaim for the maestro. Filling the void left by Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, Maestro Wald proves himself a highly potent Pied Piper when it comes to heating the licorice stick. Clarinet High Jinks, following the Sing, Sing, Sing pattern, is a powerhouse platter, with Wald playing his clarinet with wild abandon. He displays a full appreciation of the blues form in piping it hot for Clarinet Boogie Blues, for which Billy Rogers adds a lowdown make any real impression. Even the lyrical interlude. Mating the sides are solid and sock renditions of current ted by Leonard Joy, are not enough to pops, with the Wald clarinet creating the instrumental excitement. A Friend of Yours, from Bing Crosby's The Great John L. movie, spinning as a rhythm ballad, is heightened by the singing of Dick Merrick. Kay Allen adds the lyrical lustre for the slow love ballad, Can't may manifest a following, to make for steady You Read Between the Lines.

These four sides are bound to bring about a widening gulf of Jerry Wald fans, and music ops should be able to make the most of all Dark Eyes-FT. four sides.

#### VAUGHN MONROE (Victor)

#### So-o-o-o in Love-FT; VC. All at Once-FT; VC.

Vaughn Monroe dominates the disking for both of these screen ballads in the role of the romantic troubador. While he sings 'em forcefully rather than soothingly, there is plenty of attraction in his piping. For So-o-o-o in Love, from the movie Wonder Man, the maestro's balladeering is contrasted with the more attractive rhythm singing, the tempo stepped up, of Rosemary Calvin. For All

at Once the maestro takes the side to himself.

The popularity of the macstro plus two important screen songs mean plenty of phono attraction for both of these sides.

#### MIGUELITO VALDES (Decca) Good, Good, Good-FT; V.

You Never Say Yes-FT; V.

Attracting wide attention for his scatstyled singing of the Spanish songs, when chanting with Xavier Cugat's band, Miguelito Valdes makes his solo bow on the disks with a pair of Tin Pan Alley pops. While both Good, Good, Good and You Never Say Yes are bright and breezy rhythm ditties, command of the English language is far short to make for songselling quality. Difficult to follow his exposition, and entirely restrained in his singing, Valdes never has a chance to Latin rhythms of the studio band, direccharacterize the stylings of the singer. Save for a flash of his Spanish speed singing to tag the tunes, there is little stamp of individuality to attract attention to either the singer or his sides.

There is little here, even where the singer spinning in the music boxes.

# **GENE KRUPA** (Columbia)

#### Leave Us Leap-FT.

After making his waxing re-entrance on the sweet side, steeped with string flourishes, Gene Krupa reverts to his original rhythm pattern that is strictly swing. Prime interest in the platter is packed in the Dark Eyes disking, introducing a Gene Krupa Jazz Trio. With the maestro again wielding the sticks with wild abandon, plus the pure tenor sax sorcery of Charlie Venturo, who is both a jazzist and a technician, and Teddy Napoleon rounding out the threesome at the Steinway, it's a real lowdown jam fest for the Russo classic. The en-

tire band joins in at the same lively a breath of sliphorn sliding to brand it pace for a ride and jump Leave Us Leap a Dorsey disk. opus. A tuneful riff, it gets sock treatment by the band boys with fancy riding from trumpet, tenor sax and trombone, plus a bang-up bang bridge by the maestro beating the skins.

For the hot jazz enthusiastics, there is plenty power in both of these sides at a nickel a clip.

#### THE FOUR KING SISTERS (Victor) A Tender Word Will Mend it All-FT: V. Sweetheart of All My Dreams-FT; V.

The sister harmonies of the Four King gals never get beyond the mill-run varicty of local blends for either of these two sides. Nor do these ballad selections enhance the appeal of the spinning. A Tender Word Will Mend It All, from the movie Small World, is an outdoor hymnal type of tune with little melodic or lyrical appeal. Sweetheart of All My Dreams is the evergreen brought back in the Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo movie. Buddy Cole's band provides the conventional orchestral background, and like the singers, without any distinguishing note.

Nothing in these sides that might stir up any real enthusiasm among the phono fans.

#### BING CROSBY-XAVIER CUGAT (Decca)

You Belong To My Heart-FT; VC. Baia-FT; VC.

Xavier Cugat, moving into the Decca camp, gets Bing Crosby to tee off on the new label. However, neither Crosby nor Cugat enhance each other's capabilities in combination. Each holding to their in favor of operators. own ground, Cugat's music is hardly the flavor for Crosby's chanting, nor is the singing a fitting blend for the band. As a result, neither Crosby nor Cugat spin to any definite advantage for either side. Selections both stem from the movie The Three Caballeros, and both artists share in the spinning for both You Belong to My Heart and the haunting Baia.

Only the combination of names provides any phono attraction for these sides, with "You Belong To My Heart" the most effective of the two.

#### CARMEN CAVALLARO (Decca) The More I See You-FT; VC.

The popularity of the maestro for these picture tunes of promise gives music box import to these sides.

HELEN FORREST (Decca)

He's Home for a Little While-FT; V. Ev'ry Time-FT; V.

For the sentimental songs, particularly where there is a strong nostalgic note as in He's Home for a Little While, Helen Forrest sells the song hands down. With Victor Young's orchestral creations for a colorful background, la Helen makes 'em wilt with her wordage caresses. In sharp contrast, the chanteuse applies her pipes to the rhythmic pattern of Ev'ry Time. With strong support from the musical director, imparts selling qualities to the song.

The Helen Forrest fans will shower most favor on "He's Home for a Little While."

## COURT HITS HIGH

(Continued from page 65) agreement to delay collection of the tax until the case could be tested. A Circuit Court handed down its first decision on a petition from operators March 15. The court decided in favor of the city and thus sustained the right to tax juke boxes but suggested that operators might bring another test questioning the fairness of the high rate.

Operators promptly prepared another test petition questioning the fairness of the rate of \$50 a year and it was this question upon which the high court recently passed and decided the rate issue

#### Locations Fight

While the juke box operators were preparing their test cases and carrying their appeals toward the State high court, location owners represented by the Amalgamated Beverage Congress planned a still stronger fight. This influential organization representing taverns went into Circuit Court early in June, but the court also decided against the association and in favor of the city. The organization then appealed to the State high court, thus making two appeals on the juke tax quesion.

The petition of the beverage association



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#### In Acapulco-FT; VC.

It's smart syncos expounded by Carmen Cavallaro for both of these screen songs, with the maestro's Steinway sparkle adding the individual touch. For the slow ballad, The More I See You, the spinning is enhanced by the smooth song-selling of Gloria Foster. For In Acapulco, Mexicali melody for which bright Latin rhythms are applied, the lyrical flavor is brought out attractively by the Andy Love Four. Both songs are from Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe in which Cavallaro appeared before the cameras.

For the smarter spots where the class rhythms are in high order, both of these sides are top of the selector.

#### ANDREWS SISTERS-DICK HAYMES (Decca)

Great Day-FT; V. Smile, Smile, Smile-FT; V.

Instead of a delightful contrast, there is a clash of styles when pitching the romantic baritoning of Dick Haymes with a light rhythmic blend in the harmonies of the Andrews Sisters. Their first pairing on a platter, neither the combination nor the choice of selections attracts any attention. Tempos see-saw for both sides in order to match the mood of the singers. In spite of Vic Schoen's bright rhythmic band backgrounds, neither the Andrews gals nor Haymes ever meet on common ground. Both selections are way backs, Great Day being the Vincent Youmans fave and Smile, Smile, Smile is the Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag classic of the last war.

While long life can hardly be predicted for this couplet, the combination of Dick Haymes and the Andrews Sisters might attract some measure of coins for the "Smile, Smile, Smile" side.

#### TOMMY DORSEY (Victor)

June Comes Around Every Year-FT1 VC. Out of This World-FT; VC.

Tommy Dorsey gives a completely commercial cutting for both of these Johnny Mercer-Harold Arlen ballads from the movie Out of This World. While Stuart Foster for the song selling makes for no real romantic guns, the solid band backing makes it all spin out interesting enough. June Comes Around Every Year, a blues ballad, is taken at a slow tempo. While Foster is forced to drag out the ditty, Dorsey showers it with a lowdown and scorching background. A livelier beat is set for Out of This World, the singer taking up the side with just equipment of all types.

was brief but very pertinent in its declarations against the juke box ordinance. The petition that had been prepared by attorneys for operators was lengthy and was noted for its data on the operation of juke boxes in general.

Both test cases from Chicago went before the State Supreme Court in September, 1944, and hearings were held some months later. In the meantime, the city started the collection of the annual license fee. The question has already been raised this week in Chicago as to whether the city might be required to refund some of the tax money.

DISK SHIPMENT

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Belgian Congo are interested in all forms of vending equipment and music machines.

The basis of the Belgian Congo's monetary system is figured in terms of the franc, present value approximately 44 francs to the United States dollar.

#### Coin Mechanism Reconversion

A certain amount of reconversion must be made on the coin mechanisms before Congo's "coin of the realm" will properly actuate the equipment. There are two types of Belgian Congo 1-cent pieces in general use. One 1-cent copper is the same size and thickness as the United States penny. The second 1-cent plece is as large as the United States quarter, and it is very popular with the natives simply because it is larger, altho both have the same value.

The Congo 2-penny piece (value approximately 2 cents in United States money) of silver contest is the size of our quarter and the Congo 10-cent piece of copper hue is the size of our half dollar-slightly thicker. All coins used in the Belgian Congo are specially milled for colony exchange only.

A check with several exporters of coinoperated equipment to the Belgian Congo indicates that the problem of reconversion of coin mechanisms is primarily the job of the importing concern, and the general practice has been to sell all machines as is, as the importer is familiar with United States coin sizes and the problems he faces.

The shipment of records to this part of the world indicates that the time has come for the coin machine industry to put in motion its respective plans for the exportation of used coin-operated



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# AMERICAN FOLK TUNES

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#### **Cross To Stage Jamborecs**

Hugh Cross, organizer of the WIBC Jamboree, Indianapolis, will stage a series of jamborees this summer at the Dude Ranch, outdoor spot near Louisville. He plans to use folk talent from thruout Kentucky. Cross recently joined the Federation of American Folk Artists.

### Pappy Howard's Barn Dance

The WJW Barn Dance Jamboree, heard for two and a half hours every Saturday over WJW, Cleveland, has become an immensely popular program in Ohio and adjoining States. Headed by Pappy Howard, the jamboree offers a varied lot of folk tune artists. Howard and His Connecticut Kernels, the WJW Clambake group, Ernie Benedict and His Range Riders from WGAR, Pieplant Pete and Bashful Harmonica Joe, Smiley and Sue, and the Wyoming Cowboys are some of the talent that have helped to build up a tremendous audience for the show.

During the summer months the jamboree will be playing five days a week. On Wednesday and Sunday the show will appear at the Chippewa Lake ballroom; on Thursday from the Akron Armory and on alternate Thursdays from the Goodyear Auditorium; on Fridays at the Odd Fellows Temple, Canton, and on Saturdays the regularly skedded programs from the stage of the Masonic Auditorium in Cleveland. The Saturday shows draw a capacity house of 2,500.

Among the top-notchers skedded for appearances on the jamboree this summer are Patsy Montana, Lulu Belle and Scotty, Elton Britt, the Hoosier and the Arkansas Woodchopper.

#### **Busy Hot Shots**

The Hoosler Hot Shots have a busy season ahead of them. They are making a Memorial Day appearance at Adamstown, Pa., booked by the William Morris office, and have been booked by the Jolly Joyce Agency for appearances at Harrisburg, Newcastle and Uniontown, Pa., and Baltimore the first week in June. July 4 they go to Hollywood to make another Columbia pic, tentatively titled Song of the Prairie. Then on July 29 they will fly to Europe for an eight-week tour entertaining the troops. They will work as an act, not a unit, for the Hollywood Victory Committee.

ter, Wade Ray, Bob Hastings, Roy Queen, Eddie Gentry, Stuffy Austin, and Roy and Linda Fields.

Pee Wee King, of the Golden West Cowboys, WSM, Nashville, was in Chicago recently and threw a banquet for a number of his friends, among them Jack Baker, formerly on the Don McNeill Cactus Cowboys who toured with Roy Breakfast Club and now on WSM.

WCAR, Pontlac, Mich., is leading all stations in Central Michigan in presenting folk song. Western and hillbilly programs. The Songs of Mountain Red, quarter-hour program is heard four times a week, and among the bands featuring Western, hillbilly and pop music are Smoky Mountaineers, Four Rhythm Oklahoma, is reported on the up-grade Boys, Rock Mountain Ramblers and on New Jersey, New York and other East-Rhythm Range Riders. Program Director ern States stations.

Bill Lofback says he is looking forward to another program of this type soon.

Lee Penny, Western songwriter, has joined Hill and Ranch Songs, Inc., Hollywood, and the firm is pushing his new tune Ten Gallon Hat. Bob Wills and Smiley Burnette are using the tune in a picture and also are recording it. Odd twist is that Louis Jordan also is recording the tune.

Sgt. Frank Ewing is now emsee of his own recorded Western hillbilly program on KPDN, Pampa, Tex. Ewing has been in khaki since shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Gene La Verne, former member of the Rogers and Smiley Burnette, is now working with Ambrose Haley at KXOK, St. Louis, after having filled in several weeks at WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind. Gene has written four new tunes which he expects to be published in the near future.

Curley Clements' new song, Tishomingo

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#### Random Notes

Rusty Marion, the Sagebrush Crooner, last four years with KMBC, Kansas City, Mo., is now master of ceremonies for the Barnyard Follies on KMOX, St. Louis. Among the popularitists heard on the show are Skeets and Frankie, Sally Fos-

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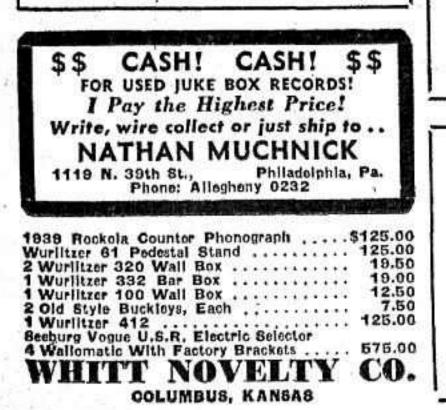
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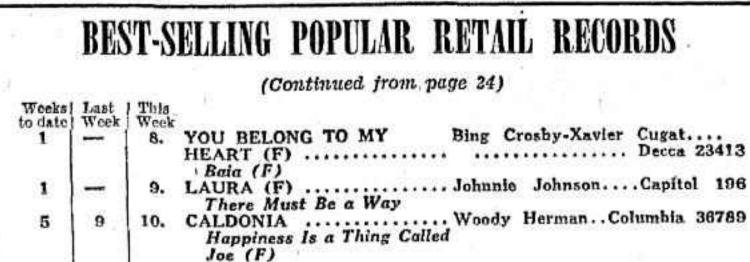
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# VENDING MACHINES 68 The Billboard June 2, 1945 NO PRODUCTION YET---GREEN **Rowe Prexy**

## Manpower, materials still. needed-war work comes first-no relief in sight

**States Why** 

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Since last week, when the War Production Board revoked Limitation Order L-27, which suspended the manufacture of all vending machines back in April of 1942, much clarification was in order on the part of the manufacturer. Distributors thruout the nation were under the impression that coin-operated equipment would be made available just as soon as time would permit.

In a statement to the industry, made this week by R. Z. Greene, president of the Rowe Manufacturing Company, Inc., it was thoroly understood that this step taken by the WPB, while in the right (See No Production on opposite page)

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# Coin - Operated Washers in Pic as WPB OK's Production

Production Board early this week approved a production of 700,000 new household washing machines for this year, speculation was aroused as to how soon new machines may be obtained for expansion in the use of coin-operated washing machines for providing laundry services to housewives.

Speculation about the use of coinoperated washing machines was based on reports in February widely publicized in newspapers thruout the country about a very successful enterprise in this field in the Bronx.

#### Successful in Chicago

Trade reports say that there are very successful coin-operated washing machine services in Chicago, Detroit and some other large cities as well as here. The firm here which obtained the publicity has a battery of 14 coin-operated washers and each will turn out about 10 pounds of laundry in an hour. The service compares with the usual wet



the coin machine industry, attended the official opening of

NEW YORK, May 26 .- When the War wash service offered by standard laundries and housewives can get the service. at the cost of 25 cents per hour.

The firm reports that a housewife puts her laundry in one of the machines, deposits the quarter, then does her shopping and returns to pick up the laundry.

According to the operating firm some apartment houses provide this type of service but they claim this is the first time a specially outfitted laundry room has been equipped with the automatic machines. Customers must make appointments to do their laundry. Girls employed at the store are all wives of servicemen. The housewife must prepare her laundry ready for the washing machine and simply inserts the coin and puts in her washing and when it is finished it is taken out.

The machines in use here are a very modern type of the Bendix Washer. The service is offered by attaching standard coin meters to the machines. In the past coin meters have been attached to other prominent makes of home washing machines.

The chief manufacturers of electric washing machines are located in the Middle West. Heads of these firms have reported very enthusiastically about WPB's approval for manufacture of new machines as soon as possible.

According to trade reports the new washers will not be available for retail sale until late in the year, if at that time. The production rate of 700,000 new washers during the second half of the year is estimated to be about 7 per the new offices cent of the pre-war rate of output. The and showrooms of trade estimates that there is a pent up the Rake Coin Ma- demand for over 5,000,000 new washers

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"Barney Ross" has been put on the market by the Hollywood Fruit Confections, Inc., 5939 Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles. The firm has had long experience in preparing fruit confections of various kinds for concession trades and retail outlets. The new candy bar is being offered to the trade, with vending machine outlets especially in mind. Barney himself is president of the firm.

The bar has been made attractive with an illustration of Barney which will appeal to the eye. The wrapper also states the ingredients contained in the candy bar and among the other items used, the wrapper states that it also contains a well-known vitamin much publicized in newspapers today. This will give the bar a very modern appeal because there is much discussion in industrial and medical circles today of the use of vitamins in candy to give it an extra health factor.

Bob Baer, vice-president of the firm, was in Chicago recently explaining the good qualities of the bar and also the plans of the firm to supply goods to the vending machine trade as fast as sugar and other materials make it possible to turn out bars in quantity. The firm has good prospects, he said, in supplying the needs of operators as time goes on. Plans smokes. have been made to build up a list of operator customers so that when more sugar is available, the firm will be ready to supply their needs in good order.

Baer has long been known to the coln machine industry here in Chicago and was greeting old friends. He has been in the business for a good many years and knows the trade from top to bottom, as he puts it.

# PackagingHeadaches **Of Confectioners Are** Same as Vending Ops

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Promise of more containers for the confectionery field in the immediate future is not too good unless the mills are able to produce more tonnage when the government terminates or retards its purchases of the available tonnage according to K. V. Robinson, Atlanta Paper Company, speaking in Atlanta, this past week at the NCA conference.



chine Exchange, 609 for the home. Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. Highlighting the affair was the fact that Nat Rake was in on his first army furlough and was

able to greet his friends. A buffet lunch was served and the guests were taken on a tour of inspection of the new building to view the various facilities for servicing all types of coin-operated equipment.

# **Cig Shortage Brings Decline in Revenue** For Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, May 26. - Pennsylvania State cigarette tax receipts fell off nearly \$1,000,000 during the first quarter of this year, compared with those of 1944, due to the continuing shortage of

The State Revenue Department this week listed receipts for January thru March at \$2,566,007 representing two cents on 128,300,350 packs against \$3,-442,267 for a similar period a year ago.

Biggest drop in any one month was that for January, only \$886,826 being collected this year against \$1,280,465 in 1944. February receipts this year were \$826,270 against \$993,949 as a year ago and March collections \$846,911 against \$1,167,853.

son's statement that "can bring a ray of hope for tomorrow, however, as war demands have compelled mills and converters to develop new grades of materials and new designs all much better than anything in the past." He further stated that he honestly believed that the quality of folding cartons, set-up boxes and corrugated and fiber containers will be much better than anything we have ever seen.

The packaging problems for the vending machines of the coin machine industry which have plagued the designers of coin-operated equipment are getting much study from the members of the Members of the vending machine confectionery industry and much time branch of the coin machine industry and capital is being devoted to this one

# **OmahaVendingFirm** Adds Bldg. Quarters

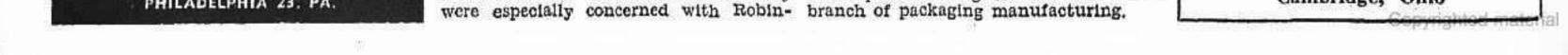
OMAHA, May 26 .- Still another vending machine firm of the Midwest has announced its plans for post-war expansion. The H. Z. Vending & Sales Company, one of Nebraska's largest distributors, has purchased the building next to their present headquarters and is making plans for extensive showroom quarters.

Bob Wiley, well known in the coin machine business, who was recently honorably discharged from the navy, has been added to the staff as general sales manager.

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# Chicago Candy Exec **Commends Wash'ton** For Action on Sugar

**Ops Eager To Compare Items** 

**Atlanta Candy Conference** reveals post-war sweet sale improvement plans

ATLANTA, May 26 .- Candy vending machine operators of the trade know full well that the patronage given venders in the post-war will depend greatly on the competition which these vended items can give packaged goods sold over the counters in retail establishments thruout the country.

As a result members of the trade have been watching closely the research on vitamized candy as well as other discoveries being made to promote the sale of candy in competition with other foodstuffs.

One of the latest developments in the · candy field was revealed last week at the Southern Conference of the National Confectioners' Association here. This discovery-candy made from starch sponge (a newly developed product) was announced as being a product of the National Regional Research Laboratory at Peoria, Ill., by Dr. H. H. Hall, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Hall is a member of the Department of Agricultural Southern Regional Research Laboratory at New Orleans and he stated "that encouraging results were obtained when starch sponge was used in chocolate mint crunches, chocolate clusters and similar pieces of candy which are free from moisture."

#### **Of Interest to Operators**

Another development of the Agricultural Department Laboratory was that of "Velva" purees which offered possibilities for use in a variety of candies. These are made from fresh, fully ripened fruits and berries and are not heat processed but are maintained in a frozen state where in itself it will find a ready usage with vending operators who contemplate frozen food venders in the postwar markets of the nation. Announcement was also made of other ~ investigations of candy products to increase the civilian candy appetite. These include the utilization in candy making of such agricultural products as refined soya for carmels, fudge and nougats; sunflower seed for carmel; defatted peanut flour for fudge and carmel; wheatgerm for cast creams and nougats and cottonseed flour for fudge and fruit roll.

# **Historical** Sketch

CHICAGO, May 26 .- The following historical sketch on the Mills Novelty Company appeared in the company's employee bulletin Mills Warrior here recently and is reprinted herewith for the general interest of the trade.

Vending Mchs. Watch Products

The regular peacetime products of Mills Industries, Inc., have been heavy intricate mechanisms varying in weight from 20 pounds to 4,000 pounds. In 1889 the company was established in Chicago by Herbert S. Mills, father of the present owners. Mills products have always been machines of an automatic or semi-automatic nature, and during the company's lifetime many thousands of different types and models of these machines have been manufactured in our plants.

#### **Inside Manufacturing**

It has always been part of the Mills tradition to handle as much of the manufacture of each product as was possible inside our own organization-the idea, the development, the design, engineering, tooling, pattern making, making of small parts, assembly and final inspection. As a consequence we have built up a highly skilled, self-conscious factory and office organization capable Army, Navy and Air Force. of handling the mass of details and problems attendant on fulfilling given assignments in a definite period of time. This organization pride and unified NO RRODUCTION ability are most mobile and can be addressed to the accomplishment of any new task, great or small.

Such company spirit lends itself to the spur of any occasion or emergency, and the organization has proven itself capable many times in the past of "doing the impossible" when the impossible was asked. From a small upstairs shop with five employees 56 years ago, the Mills organization today with 2,700 employees has accomplished at least a dozen major expansions over the years. It is universally acknowledged to be one of the truly great industrial enterprises of America,

stands of these machines are now playing all over America. They are supplied with movies created and produced by Mills own subsidiaries: Soundies Distributing Corporation of America, Inc.; R. C. M. Productions, Inc., and Filmeraft Productions, that also handle the service problems. The professional-like handling and the clear preciseness of these movies has won the approval of the millions of people who have seen them.

These organizations have produced 14,000,000 feet of 16mm, sound film for Panoram in one year. The latest development in Mills sound-on film machines is the Sono-Vision. This machine is used strictly as an educational media for schools, sales training and also for army and navy personnel training.

With equal versatility and more spirit than the organization had ever accepted a previous assignment, Mills Industries, Inc., early in 1941 entered the field of national defense, and to the production of war material has applied the same inspired execution that has characterized its foundation. They have contributed many ingenious inventions and short cuts to production, but have always held quality in allotted time the watchword of all our operations. They have completed or now have in work over 45 individual type jobs for the United States

(Continued from opposite page) direction, is by no means a signal to start immediate production.

#### War Work First

CHICAGO, May 26 .- With the sugar crisis thrucut the nation becoming more acute as the weeks go by, the vending branch of the coin machine industry has been perking up its cars at the news coming out of Washington this past week.

Knowing full well that the critical status of the sugar quotas must be brought under control as soon as possible to prevent stoppage of candy and soft drink sales thru coin-operated vending machines, members of the trade are highly commending the recommendations set forth and announced last week by the special House Committee investigating food shortages.

#### Must Be Met

Here in Chicago, too, one of the leading candy company executives, Edwin O. Blomquist, vice-president of E. J. Brach & Son, commended this special House Committee for their "specific and sweeping recommendations for coping with the national situation in sugar." Blomquist is also chairman of the Food Industry War Committee, Special Sub-Committee on Sugar. The report by the House Committee upon which Blomquist made his commendation gave first importance to setting up one co-ordinating head with authority and responsibility for procurement, transportation, pricing and distribution of sugar.

"It is interesting to note that the House Committee's proposal for an overall sugar executive covers the same important point emphasized by the FIWC sugar committee in April, 1943, reiterated by it before numerous Washington agencies and Congressional committees and submitted last week to the committee," Blomquist said.

The committee of which Blomquist is chairman has consistently urged that Hawaiian and United States sugar production be aided by machinery, supplies and labor and that rationing controls be tightened to prevent exceeding allocation and that all commitments of sugar by Washington to foreign governments be reviewed and adjusted to guard the minimum allotments for civilians here at home.

#### **Major Headaches**

It is also acknowledged that the candy industry's major headaches at the present time are sugar, manpower and containers. Apparently manufacturers are obtaining only 65 per cent of the sugar they used in 1941; the outlook for the third quarter appears to be for a substantial decrease in quotas. It was the statement of C. J. Worrall, representing corn industries research foundation, New York, that "chief among several factors which may result in a reduced output of corn sirup and corn sugar in the remainder of this year is the manpower shortage in corn refining plants." Other factors bearing on the future supplies of corn facturers combined. sirup he listed as increasing pressure on the industries to provide more of its fruit products for lend-lease and the extent of the new corn sirup. A drought year is overdue, he said, but he expressed hope that in the event of severe drought increased planting of hybrid corn might offset its worse effects.

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A stress on advertising was made during the conference by C. H. Cady Jr., of Chicago, who advocated extensive advertising to feature "candy as an energy food." The industry at the present time is spending \$500,000 a year in advertising.

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#### **Greatest Invention Here**

At first the company made colnoperated amusement, vending and arcade machines; then it added music to its lines and in the period from 1910 to 1920 manufactured and sold the first and only self-playing violin, with plano, ever created, the Mills Violano-Virtuoso, designated by the United States Patent Office as one of the 10 greatest inventions of the decade. Many different forms of musical wonders followed, including the first of the new amplified phonographs or juke boxes, which it introduced way back in 1928.

Adding to its coin-operated line, in 1929 Mills put in a whole line of icecream freezing and hardening equipment, allowing the small merchant to freeze his own ice cream in his own store right at the point of sale. For 10 years Mills sold more freezers and hardeners of this type than all other manu-

Ice-cream equipment needed condensing units capable of doing a superior job under a very strict type of application. They were not satisfied with those they were buying for their freezers, and 60 started to make their own, installing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of special machinery for the purpose. The record of their compressors was so outstanding that they found themselves in another field-commercial refrigeration. Following the compressors, they went into the bottled drink dispensing business, making the famous dispenser for the Coca-Cola Company which vends an ice-cold bottle, perfectly dry, at the drop of a nickel with no buttons or levers of any kind to manipulate.

#### **Introduced Talkie Picture**

Following the tremendous sales of juke boxes, the company in 1940 introduced the first automatic coin-operated talkie picture machine, Mills Panoram. Thou-

Greene said: "The lifting of Order L-27 does not make it possible to resume production immediately, since the necessary materials and manpower have not yet been released. At this time, there is no indication when the needed materials will be made available as war production still demands top priority.

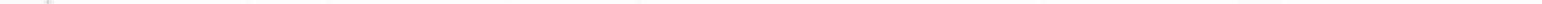
"Right now, Rowe is working full capacity to meet military demands for the production of M-69 Incendiary Bomb 'Cluster'-the same bombs that have been firing the heart of Japan." This statement by the president of one of the largest Eastern concerns indicates to distributors and operatorss alike that war work comes first, and it will be some time yet before the first coinoperated machine will roll off the production lines.

#### Full Publicity Needed

It was also suggested by Blomquist that all such allocations and commitments by Washington, not only to foreign lands but for American use as well, be given full publicity in the public press.

Representative Clinton T. Anderson (Dem., New Mexico), Chairman of the House Committee, made the Washington report, and his co-workers should be congratulated for their great job according to Blomquist and also commended on the fairness with which they went into the sugar problem.





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# **Report Action on Florida** Bill; Spite Bill in Mass.; **Tax Bills Drop to New Low**

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## Some Sleeping Bills Still Exist in Pivotal States

legislation continued to be a very minor note in trade history, as the industry spent its second week watching general progress toward reconversion.

The only legislative report of importance received during the week came from Florida. A report received here on the early morning of May 25 said the Florida House had passed a bill legalizing gambling and that the bill had passed by a vote of 39 to 26. Further details were lacking and members of the trade here were not sure just what type of bill had been passed. Some members of the trade surmised that it might mean gaming devices had been legalized once again by the House. The bill, of course, goes to the Senate and details on the bill will be forthcoming at an early date,

Early in the week the Florida House had acted unfavorably on a Senate bill which had originated for the purpose of carrying out the administration policies on amusement games.

Legislative action in Wisconsin dropped

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CHICAGO, May 26 .- Coin machine to a new low during the week after the House had sent back to committee the administration bill aimed at banning slots and gaming devices from the State. Earlier in the week the Senate had started an action aimed at preventing the formation of social clubs and other organizations which planned to use gaming devices to finance activities.

#### Various Reports

Other legislative reports received in Chicago during the week include the following:

ILLINOIS. The Senate now has a bill to amend the State cigarette tax law and one of the new sections which would be added to the law has extended directions on what to do with vending machines in which unstamped cigarettes are found. A bill to regulate rural taverns passed the Legislature almost unnoticed and is now before the governor for signature. Juke boxes and pinball games will be affected indirectly by the regulations.

MASSACHUSETTS. One of the most unique types of bills showed up in the House May 23. The bill would prohibit the collection of money for the use of toilet facilities. Some representative tly has a grudge against pay

W HAMPSHIRE, The Legislaadjourned May 18 after turning a proposal to license coin machines.

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# **Chi Exposition To Offer Trade Display Opportunity**

CHICAGO, May 26 .- An opportunity ucts will provide many new industries, Chicago early in 1946.

The exhibition to be held in Chicago's Collseum, 1513 South Wabash Avenue, some time between January 1 and March 1, 1946, has been approved in Washington by the Office of Defense Transportation.

This exhibition has been planned for Chicago because the Midwest location does not present as tight a transportation condition as would be prevalent in some other place in the country. In addition most of the buildings which will house the exhibition are already constructed and will need a minimum amount of work to provide for exhibits.

Because the coin machine industry has shown its progressiveness by taking advantage of display opportunities to acquaint the general public with the variety of coin-operated equipment which vends necessities as well as amusement.

Already plans have progressed to the stage where the Gardner Display Company, of Pittsburgh, one of the better known exposition and exhibit designers, has been engaged to complete designs for the group of buildings centering in the Chicago Coliseum, as for a complete departure from the usual run-of-themill floor plans. The Gardner Company, basing its placement of buildings on a scientific study of the control of movement of crowds, has made an unusual use of building and decorative materials to provide an ultra-modern interior,

On the whole, exhibitors announced officials had caused few restrictions on the design of their displays. Each will be encouraged to go the limit in originality and effectiveness. It is expected that many of the exhibitors will set a style for years to come as at last they will have the opportunity to unleash the plans and skills which have been under wraps for the past five war-embroiled years. The "Products of Tomorrow Exhibition" will comprise two main divisions, consumer and industrial products with the addition of others as the demand requires. Plans are being formulated for the use of 1,000,000 square feet and exhibitors are being encouraged to make effective use of the approaches thru all of the five senses (the 5 windows to the mind), sight, sound, touch, taste and odor, by driving home the individual merits of their product. In reviewing these senses, it can be seen that the coin machine industry is especially adaptable to exhibits of this nature as many examples of coin-operated equipment can be put on display to exhibit sight, sound, touch, taste or odor. This exhibition has been planned as an annual event to provide a springboard for the introduction of new products, new designs for all industries. It is thought that such an exhibition of prod-

for coin machine manufacturers and as well as those which have been estabdistributors to display coin-operated lished for years, an opportunity to "deequipment for inspection of the public sign for obsolescence" which the autois presenting itself to the trade in the mobile industry has been doing so sucplans of the first annual "Products of cessfully for the past 20 years. It was Tomorrow Exhibition" to be held in pointed out that if the original purchasers of automobiles had kept them for 10 years there would never have been 30,000,000 automobiles in use as there were at the beginning of the war. The principle upon which the exposition has been founded is "to encourage enthuslasm" for "owning the new" and "passing on the old." It is thought that if more industries successfully introduce new models of their product as soon as they feel the public will require them, the more rapid expansion of the use or export of such products will automatically develop, and millions of jobs be created and a more level national economy be established.

#### TRADE WAITS FOR (Continued from page 62)

1. WPB officials have made public statements to this affect.

News from the Office of Price Administration has been held in the background during recent weeks because of the importance of the news from WPB, but operators of coin machines will take special interest in the promise of increased gasoline supplies after June 22. A temporary resume of the present trade situation was published by The Billboard in its weekly bulletin May 25 as follows:

"From time control bans were removed till May 24 not a single manufacturer had announced a new machine or product of any kind to the trade; trade reports say some plants will have new machines in 90 days; most reports say there will be no really new machines for at least six months yet. Manufacturers still have important war contracts, plan to

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reconvert gradually. Most reports this week say lumber and brass threaten to be the scarcest materials needed to make new machines. Shortage of fractional motors is quite evident; electrical wiring can't be had; parts manufacturers busy on war orders and can't do work for coin machine manufacturers.

#### **Display Models**

"Plants are speeding up experimental work and making of parts; plan to get display models to distributors as soon as possible. May develop into business of distributors taking orders for new machines on basis of display model. First new machines likely to be pre-war mechanisms assembled into new cabinets; manufacturers have approached distributors to buy parts for use in making games; operators need revamped games to hold locations. Rumor here that a well-known juke box firm will offer new model about July 1. But for the high federal tax on counter games, early manufacturing activity might appear in this field.

"A decided lull in sales of used machines was generally expected thruout the trade following the news that ban on new machines had been lifted; actual reports from the field were not available at this time to confirm or deny. Operators expected to quicken their plans for changing type of machines, territory, etc., which will stimulate sales of used machine:, revamps. Operators must now begin to at set for post-war business.

"Increasing shortage of sugar may put serious crimp in new vending machine expansion; candy shortage may last longest; operators of soft-drink venders can find some relief by diversifying drinks; soft-drink field likely to get first relief; cigarette shortage also may last another year."

## MEX. BUSINESS

#### (Continued from page 62)

and already coin machines are used quite extensively there.

There has already been some talk of American coin machine firms establishing branches in Canada and it may be that if business develops favorably in Mexico, that branch offices might be established there also. Branch firms in Mexico will be considered an ideal approach to the entire Latin-American market during the next several years.

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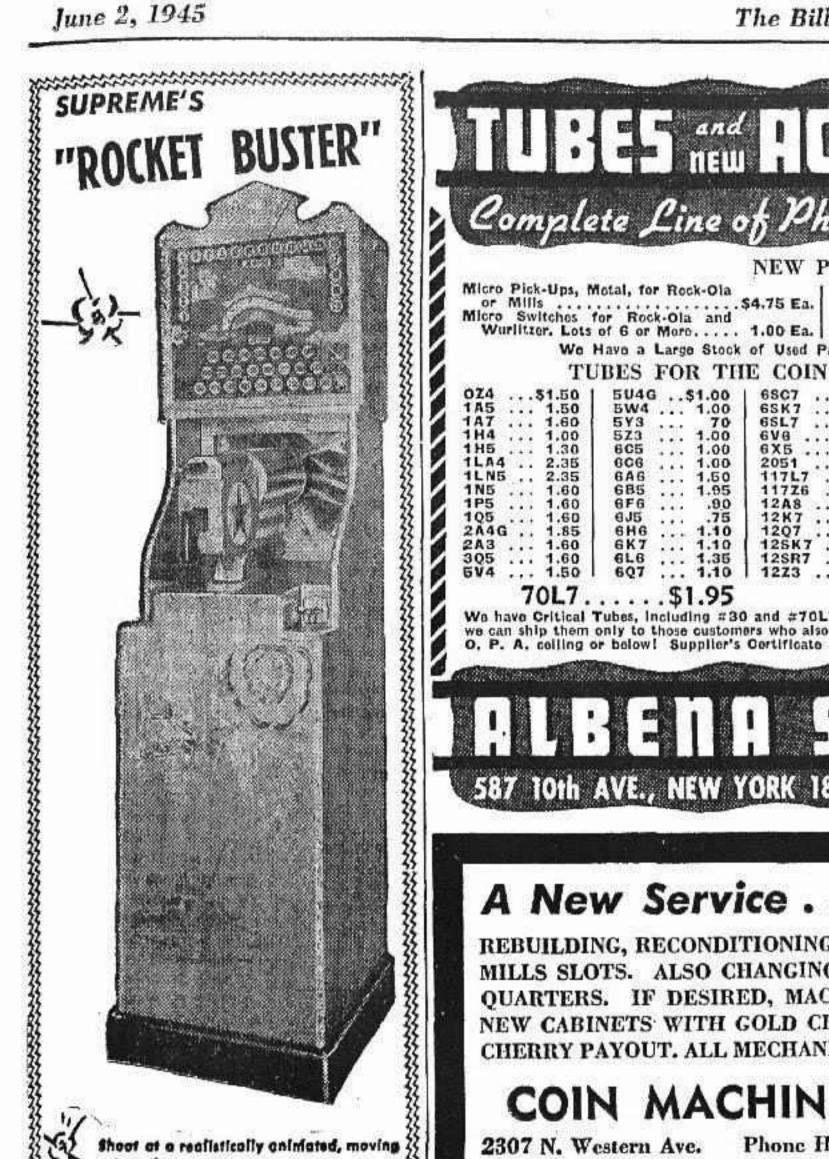
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8' tall - Fits Any Location1 Head removable for transportation - simple construction - fool Proof - Mechanically Perfect1 Cash Box in separate, sealed unit from mechanism1 A REAL MONEY-MAKER1 Supreme Enterprises, Inc. 557 Rogers Avenue BROOKLYN 25, N. Y.	1 Rookola in Charm Cabinet	Model       1 Jumbo Parade, Comb.         Model       CPO and FP 140.00         All above Consoles with Check       Separators and A-1 Condition.         SLOTS       1 Brown Front Original.         #454901       \$235.00         With       1 Pace Kitty       100.00         Inc       98.50       1 Pace Royal Twin.         Store Champ.       24.50       1 Airport         1 Score Champ.       24.50       1 Zip         1 Power House.       29.50       1 Nippy	PRICED RIGHT REMEMBER—These Are Originals Phone • Wire • Write SOLD ON MONEY BACK GUARANTEE Reference: First National Bank of Chicago
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ONE BALLS-PAY OUT	GUARANTEED BY OUR 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WRITE FOR PRICES.	***************************************
Fortune, Convertible to Free Play	MILLS GOLD OHROMES - BROWN FRONTS - BLUE FRONTS - 54, 104, 254 PLAY.	
or Pay Out	MILLS Q.T.'S, Originally Blue Made GLITTER GOLD, 54, 10¢ Play.	
or Pay Out 169.50	MILLS Q.T.'S, Same As Above But With SPECIAL 3/5 Payout, 25¢ Play.	36 11
Challenger, Like New 249.50 Race King, Like New 249.50	MILLS VEST POCKETS, Blue and Gold Model, 5¢ Play. All Above Machines Have Knee Action, Club Handles and Drill Proof.	
Mills Big Race (7 Coin) 94.50	JENNINGS - PACE - WATLING - CAILLE SLOTS IN STOCK.	
Sea Biscult	DADTS FOD MILLS SLOTS	
Thistledown	PARTS FOR MILLS SLOTS	00
Gold Cup 49.50	SPRING KITS Large Assortment of Various Springs SPRING KITS Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Cotter Pins and Large Assortment of Springs. 9.75	
Gold Medal 49.50 Gottlieb Multiple Races 49.50	Bell Looks for Mills Slots. Each \$2.50   Jack-Pot Glass	1 - (1/1) - 1
Ak Sar Ben 49,50	Bottom Main Sildes, 1 Cherry or 3/5 P.O., 5¢, 10¢, 25¢	1 W W 30 =
Bally Stables	P.O., 5¢, 10¢, 25¢	
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ALL ORIGINAL SLOTS	Vest Pecket Coin Chute, 5¢ 3.25 Plug Shield To Fill Space on Wood Cabi-	
High Serial Numbers, Completely Recondi-	Reel Strips, 3 /5 or 1 Cherry P.O. Set	
tioned and Refinished, Cannot Be Told From New!	Reward Gards, 1 Cherry or 3/5 P.O20 Reels Completely Assembled With Payout	-10.10
Blue Fronts, 5c, 10c, 25c Write for Prices	In Lots of 100. Each	BEWISEI
Brown Fronts, 54, 104, 254, Write for Prices	Bell, 1 Cherry or 3/5 P.O 7.50 Payout Base Assembly, 5c, C.S.P. 3265.12.50	PE TISE!
Melon Bells, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢. Write for Prices Bonus Bells, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢. Write for Prices	Marker Button, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, for Blue or Mechanism Base, M.L.B. 2516 4.50	
Club Balls, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ Write for Prices	Marker Plates for Gold or Silver Chrome, War Eagle	and the second s
Cherry Bells, 3-10 or 3-5 Pay, 5c, 10c, 25c Write for Prices	5¢, 10¢, 25¢ 1.50   Complete Set Castings for Brown	
Callie 3-5, 5¢, \$79.50; 10¢,	Large Olock Gears, Complete 3.50 Front	
\$94.50; 25¢ \$139.50 Callle 2-4, 5¢ 97.50	Plate and Frame to Cover Upper J.P. 60 2799 C.S.P.	
Pace Comets, 3-5, 5¢, \$87.50; 10¢ 97.50	Only One J.P. Will Show 2.50 Check Detector Operating Arm Assembly, Club Handles, Painted and Chromed 4.50 2761 C.S.P	U
Mills Vest Pocket (A-1 Condition), Blue & Gold, S57.50; Green 47.50	Reel Glass Frames 1.25 Piston Operating Lever Assombly, 2755	It sure will be swell when we can
Bally Reliance Dice Game 49.50	Payout Discs, 1 Cherry or 3/5 P.O. Set. 7.50 C.S.P.	
Q.T., 5¢, \$69.50; 10¢ 89.50	Oval Chrome Frame To Use Papar Reward Operating Lever Lock and Pin Assembly.	again see the familiar Mills Owl
onnings 4-Star Chief, 5¢-10¢-25¢ Write for Prices	Card on Brown Front 2.00 3453A C.S.P 1.50	
Ills Silver Chrome.	Payout Tubes with Hopper, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 3.75   C.S.P.	Trademark on new coin machines.
5¢-10¢-25¢ Write for Prices	20-Stop Star Wheel. Set	
CONSOLES Double Bells, 5-10¢, have two	Top Covers for 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ Sildes 3.50 Steel Drill Proof for Cabinet Sides. Set 5.00	This wise old Owl has always led
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Jumbo Parado, F.P. or P.O., \$109.50; Late Hoad 139.50		When the present emergency ends,
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Watling Rol-a-Top, 5¢, \$94.50; 10¢ 109.50	SLOTS 5c-10c-25c-50c, Mills, Jennings, Pace and Watling. Completely refinished and rebuilt.	
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# Manufacturers Survey Tips **New Product Plans for P-W**

pansion was recently revealed in a Dun & Bradstreet survey which found that 37 per cent of the manufacturers polled plan to manufacture new products after the war.

In all, 13,666 manufacturers reported to Dun & Bradstreet and besides those going into new product production, 29 per cent planned to sell a new class of customer; 46 per cent to expand sales territories and 22 per cent are to use "new methods or channels of distribution."

### **Tobacco Sales Expansion**

Interesting to the vending machine branch of the coin machine industry was the revelation that the tobacco industry, with 64 per cent, indicates plans for sales territory expansion leading the survey among those who intend to expand sales routes. Then came chemicals, 61 per cent; transportation equipment, 59 per cent; automobiles, 55 per cent; nonelectrical machinery, 55 per cent, and electrical machinery, 51 per cent.

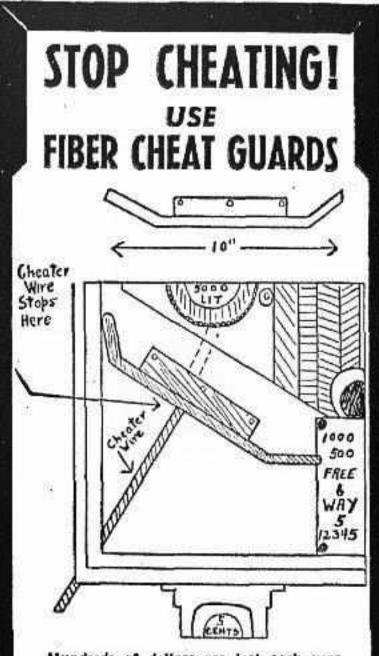
Transportation equipment, which includes the manufacturers who make aircraft and parts, railroad equipment, motorcycles, blcycles and parts, etc., was far ahead of those planning to use new methods or channels of distribution.

Surprisingly, food--probably the biggest and certainly the most basic industry-was below the average of all of them in proportion of members planning to introduce new products and to sell new classes of customers, but a bit above the average in percentage of these intending to expand sales territories and to adopt new methods or channels of distribution.

## **Drug Venders Interested**

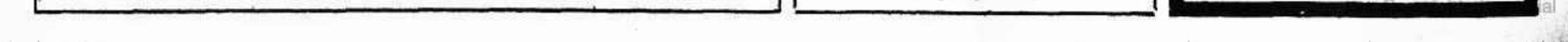
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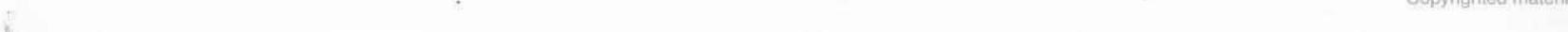


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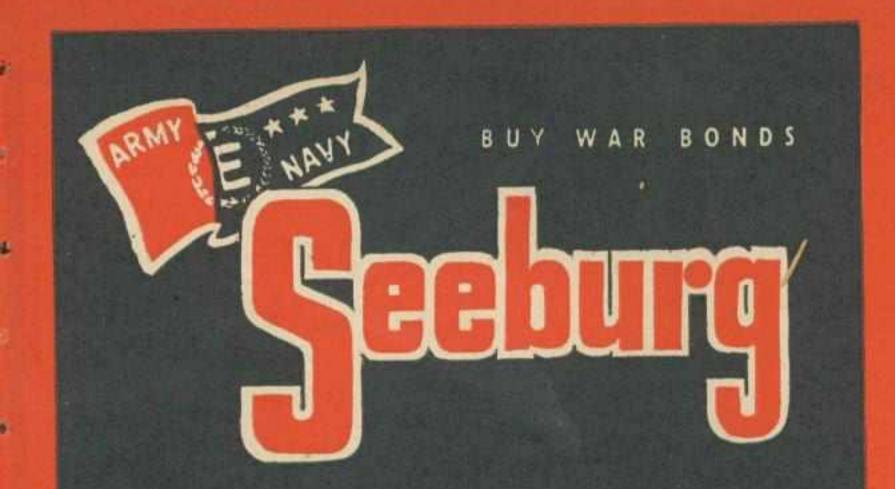




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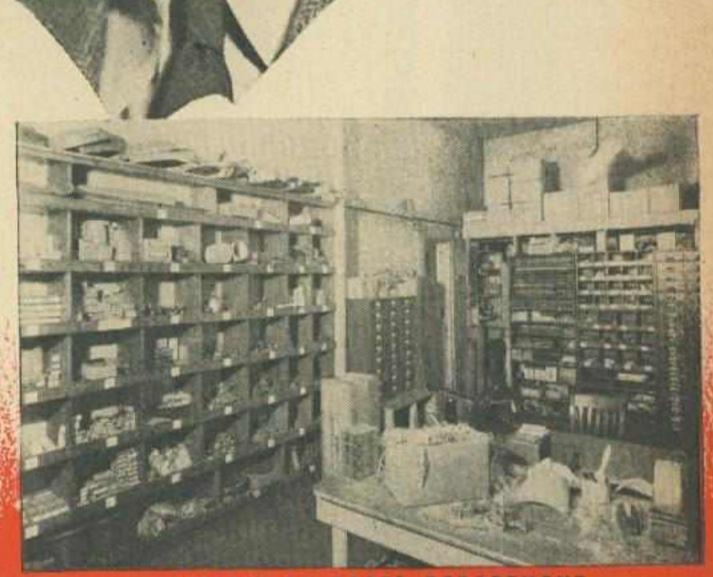
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