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You might call this spadework for a bright future since it's Spade Cooley who vamped to RCA just a few weeks ogo with a re-vamped Western arew that makes Steve Sholes at Victor mighty proud of his new folk department acquisition. Cooley goes off on a national tour shortly with his new Western Swing Gang... and if the past be fair criterion, you can look for Spade to spread his pocketbook along with his reputation. With a backlog of major film credits, crack p.a. dates and a host of Columbia disks made before his switch to Victor, the music trade can call a spade a spade, and top-grade this Spade in the big parade. Two slow-tempo hits from the new Broadway success, "Finian's Rainbow." The romantic vocals are by Stuart Foster.

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**OUT-OF-TOWN CRIX IN LAST LAP** 

## **Coast's AFM Socks Tonkins** With 20G Fine

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. - Local AFM 47 dished out the most severe penalty in its history when it tacked a \$20,000 fine on Van Tonkins, personal manager and part-time fronter of Teen-Agers' ork. Union found Tonkins guilty of 40 violations, each carrying a \$500 fine.

Union charged that Tonkins had paid under scale for one-nighters and breached union's code of good faith and fair dealing with musicians. Twenty members of teen-timers crew lodged individual complaints with union, demanding back payments to-taling \$3,100 for road engagements from April to November, 1946. AFM execs stated that other violations had been uncovered for periods as far back as two and three years before formal charges were made.

When called on the carpet at closed trial board hearing, union revealed that Tonkins attempted to wiggle out of charges by resigning from union. AFM refused to accept resignation, however, insisting that Tonkins stand trial on charges.

trial on charges. Since it is obvious that Tonkins will make no effort to shell out fine, union is taking steps to expell him from org and has placed Tonkins on national unfair list prior to more severe action. It was learned at Lo-cal 47 offices that Tonkins has once before been in dutch with union, having lost his personal manager's li-cense several years ago. Subse-quently he rejoined union as a work-ing member, thus getting back in ing member, thus getting back in p. m. field.

Band meanwhile is inactive, but will reorganize under title of Former Teen-Agers' Band, to be fronted by Charley Payne.

## **Eating and Drinking Receipts Up 6 Pct.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Sales in eating and drinking places during the fourth quarter of 1946 rose 6 per cent above those for the same period the previous year, the Commerce Department disclosed this week, following a sample survey.

During December the total for all such establishments was \$1,015,000,-000 in comparison with the December, 1945, total of \$968,000,000. In No-vember, 1946, the total was \$1,011,-000,000 and in October of the same year, \$1,072,000,000.

New York, heart of the night club trade, had a December total of \$11,164,823 for eating and drinking places, with restaurants, cafeterias and lunchrooms reporting a volume of \$7,838,355 and drinking places \$3,297,041.

California reports a December total of \$9,866,863 in eating and drinking places, with \$6,991,715 in restaurants, cafeterias and lunchrooms: Illinois \$6,050,016 for all eating and drinking places for December, and Georgia, for the same month, \$264,822.

## **Out-of-Town Critics' Accuracy** Averages

## (May 1, 1946, to February 15, 1947)

BOSTON	Shows Caught	Right	Wrong or No Opinion	Accuracy Average
Elliot Norton (Post)	10	8	2	80.0
Leslie Sloper (Monitor)		6	2	75.0
Leo Gaffney (Record)		7	3	70.0
Peggy Doyle (American)		7	4	63.6
Elinor Hughes (Herald)		5	3	62.5
Cyrus Dugin (Globe)		5	5	50. <b>0</b>
Helen Eager (Traveler)		4	5	44.5
PHILADELPHIA				
Linton Martin (Inquirer)	8	7	1	87.5
*Edwin Schloss (Record)	7	6	1	85.7
Jerry Gaghan (News)	6	5	1	83.3
R. E. P. Sensenderfer (Bulletin)	9	6	3	66.6
WASHINGTON				
Nelson Bell (Post)	3	2	1	66.6
Jay Carmody (Star)	3	2	1	66.6
Don Craig (Times-Herald)	3	2	1	66.6
Tom Donnelly (News)	3	1	2	33.3
(Note: Not included in the chart ar	e plays with	fixed of	r limited run	s of less
than 100 performances and eight prod	uctions which	I nave l	neemed 100	recounty

on Broadway to have made the success grade.) (\*Edwin Schloss served as drama critic for The Philadelphia Record until November 7, 1946, when the paper went on strike. Record was sold to The Philadelphia Bulletin January 27, 1947.)

## Legit Bows Out of Lisner Aud; **Lessees To Decide Color Issue**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- A new the legit lists leaves National once in Washington's legit houses (National Theater and Lisner Auditorium), developed yesterday (14) when George Washington University, owner of Lisner, announced that it would "drop the color ban" but also ban plays from the new auditorium. However, President Cloyd Heck Marvin, of GWU, in explaining the new Lisner policy, admitted that there is nothing to keep a lessee from "restricting" any further audiences. Thus, the hall which provided the stage for world preem of Ingrid Bergman in Joan of Lorraine has dropped—at least for the time be-ing—out of the legit lists after a brief, and what might have been promising, career. George Wash-ington U's board of trustees, in an-nouncing the dropping of the ban on Negroes in Lisner audiences, deban plays from the new auditorium. nouncing the dropping of the ban on Negroes in Lisner audiences, de-clared the hall would hereafter be used for nothing but "meetings or functions of a general educational nature." The avowed policy of drop-ping Jim Crowism even for those functions is not being taken at face value by GWU critics here who are pointing out that the university has left the door open to banning of Negroes by any commercial organi-zation which wants to hire the hall. zation which wants to hire the hall. Robert V. Fleming, chairman of GWU board, emphasized that the new policy on use of the hall will preclude presentation of legitimate stage productions since "dramatic art does not come within the field of 'general education'." rent boost of 15 p GWU's withdrawal of Lisner from abouts will follow.

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twist in the battle over Jim Crowism again the sole legit outlet here. National continues to face the wrath of numerous organizations for its Jim Crow policy. In addition, it is confronted with a boycott by several show stars, producers and playwrights and is facing court action brought by a Negro allegedly barred from the theater.

## **Raised Hotel Rates New Showbiz Worry**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Steadily increasing hotel rates reported gener-ally thruout the country are develop-ing into a serious problem for many ends of showbiz. Hardest clipped are legit road companies and traveling bands.

In Boston, this week, for instance, the Call Me Mister company, estimated as ranging between 50 and 100 people, ran into trouble at the Hotel Bradford. Troupe received notice from the hotel management that with the lifting of transient ceilings by the OPA, room rates would go up. Rather than pay the hikes, Mister personnel planned to leave en masse and try to locate in boarding houses.

In New York, most hotels raised their rates an average of 11 per cent effective today, when the OPA ceilings' discontinuance became effective. It is believed that a national hotel rent boost of 15 per cent of there-

## Hub's Norton, Philly's Martin **Pace the Field**

#### Three Tied in Washington

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—With the 1946-'47 legit season practically at the three-quarter mark, it is time to tab the scores of out-of-town drama pundits as they come into the home-stretch in the seasonal race for critical accuracy honors. Results to date, except for one or two notable exceptions, show the aisle-experts of Boston, Philadelphia and Washing-ton running in practically the same order as at last year's tape-breaking. Elliot Norton (Post) again is out in front of the Hub drama pooh-bahs. In Philly, Inquirer's Linton Martin has jumped to the lead from a fourth place finish last year, and in Wash-ington, Nelson Bell (Post), Jay Car-mody (Star) and Don Craig (Times-Herald) are battling neck-and-neck. The Billboard tabs the out-of-

The Billboard tabs the out-of-towners on the basis of their pre-Broadway sum-ups of productions presented in their local theaters. Ac-curacy of opinions is based on length curacy of opinions is based on length of run when each play subsequently hits the Stem. If it survives 100 per-formances (*The Billboard's* yard-stick), it is rated a success. Less puts it in the flop column. If a cirtic thumbdowns a show which runs, he's charged with an error, and vice-versa. A "no opinion" re-

(See Out-of-Town Crix on page 39)

## WM Showcases **Pederson With Package Deals**

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15 .--- In order to properly showcase its most recent band acquisition, Tommy Pederson ork, William Morris Agency is offerork, William Morris Agency is offer-ing week-end combination packages of radio-theater names, plus Peder-son ork, for bookings in and around ' Hollywood. First such package, set for March 8 week-end, will include Frances Langford and husband, Jon Hall, teamed with Pederson crew at San Diego's Pacific Square Ballroom. Package, price is reportedly \$2.000 Package price is reportedly \$2,000 per night, against percentage.

If gimmick works out, Morris office will make available similar road packages offering Pied Pipers, Mar-garet Whiting, Art Lund, and other names.

Pederson's ork has been given No. 1 promotional perch by Morris office, according to band chief Jack Archer. Recently organized crew boasts top sidemen from disbanded name bands, including Dodo Marmarosa, Corky Corchran, Gus Vivona and others. Pederson was featured trombonist with Krupa, Barnet, Herman and T. Dorsey orks. Vocalist Billie Rog-ers, ex-Herman thrush, will chirp with new crew. with new crew.

# **Potential Sponsors' Eyes** Potential Sponsors' Eyes Caught by Socko Preem of Television in Mound City Called Outstanding Advertising Medium of Future

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—"Our op-eration this week proves that an independent station in a secondary mar-ket can and should get into television right now." That is the way Robert L. Coe, chief engineer of KSD, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and head of its new video outlet, KSD-TV, summed up the first week of operation of the country's first new commercial postwar television station.

It is Coe's contention that any organization seeking to be a force in its community and a leader in the dissemination of information and entertainment must get into tele-vision. The operation this week, to which the owner of the television in vision. The operation this week, to which the eyes of the television in-dustry all over the country have been turned because it was in the nature of a guinea pig—an attempt by a station other than one in the major markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago to swing right into full-time commercial operation into full-time commercial operationwas a success. The topic of conver-sation in St. Louis homes, hotels and bars was television. Thousands of Louisians gathered at video receivers in department stores and ho-tels. Indicative of the public reac-tion were the records of attendance chalked up by the Famous and Barr Department Store. According to A. D. Buckland, advertising executive for the store, about 45,000 people witnessed television at the store during the week.

In addition to this display of public interest, thousands more witnessed man-on-the-street shows, visited the KSD studios to see the programs or called the station for information about television, where sets could be bought, etc.

Reaction on the part of advertisers

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and executives of agencies handling the programs was a similar tenor of enthusiasm. Of course, no advertiser or agency executive was willing to say he was satisfied with present television "circulation," but practical-ly all were enthusiastic about the medium as an advertising force as well as the programs produced by 'Television Advertising Productions, new Chicago video producing com-pany which whipped into shape all of the programs for this week's schedule of about 25 hours.

Commercial participants in the week's video venture were no second raters, either. A partial list of the sponsors included the Monstano Chemical Company, Missouri-Kan-sas-Texas Railroad, Union Electric Company; Hyde Park Breweries' As-sociation Inc. American Backing sociation, Inc.; American Packing Company, and the Johnson Stephens & Shinkle Shoe Company. Among the most enthusiastic boost-

ers of the medium were spokesmen for the Hyde Park Breweries and Union Electric; Howard V. Stephens, president of Johnson, Stephens & shinkle, and Elmer Marshutz, president of the Gardner Advertising Agency, which represented the majority of sponsors.

Stephens, after seeing a TAP-pro-duced dancing dramatic show for his Rhythm Step women's shoes, im-mediately began talking about putting on a similar show on television stations thruout the country. Stephens said he thought television would be 'the greatest and an unequaled mass advertising medium." Marshutz called television "the most powerful thing in advertising ever created, the answer to the salesman who has al-ways cried, 'If only I could sell in person to about 1,000 people at once.'" Marshutz said television made it possible to sell, personally and by demonstration, to thousands and eventually, millions. He added, however, that "the medium is going to be a challenge to the advertising profession to find the most effective, most efficient way to use the adver-tiser's dollar."

To put on all the shows which won the support of viewers and adver-tisers, TAP, under the supervision of its head, Ardien Rodner, brought in a crew of six. Getting help from 11 KSD-TV staffers and working (See St. Louis Video on page 14)

#### Shortage of Coal Curtails Showbiz, Radio in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 15. -- England's drastic coal shortage crisis hit showbiz this week when, by executive order, all pic and legit houses were instructed to remain closed for five hours during the day, thereby can-celing matinees. They are permitted, however, to open in the evenings, even tho houses remain unheated.

The BBC, government-owned ra-dio, has put a voluntary ban on airings for five hours during the day.

#### **Bullet Names 5 Distribs**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Bullet Records appointed five new distribs for orus appointed ive new distribs for its disks last week, including David Rosen, Philadelphia;- R. S. Sales, Marietta, O.; Bullet Record Dis-tributing Company, Detroit; Allen Distributing Company, Richmond, Va., and Eddie's Record Distributing Company, Houston. Company, Houston,

ICE AND STARS

The Billboard

bahn, Hans Altin, William Jon-Stone, Victor Goldis, George Krammer, Norman Tetrault, Stanley Belleveau, Richard Bianchi and Gordon Finney. Victor

The Chandlers have put plenty of variety in the first ice show ever to hit the tropics.

Show is in two parts, with special costumes, lighting and music, and the All-American cast is dishing out suave blade work, bringing plenty of palm-whacking by the natives.

Big production number, Salute to South America, opens the show, with every member of the troupe on ice. every member of the floupe on ite. Winter number follows, with a sock solo by 14-year old Joan Walden. As King and Queen, Roy McDonald and Laurel Harrod pair up for some intricate skating. The candy number brings on Lucky Peterson, 19-year-old Latin from Manhattan, and she has the audience with her all the way. Marguerite Easter mixes a bit of boogie with her fire dance, and then it's all out for the Barn Dance, with Baby Voorhis and Inge Lubahan the standouts. A toy number features Joan Walden and the line. A Gypsy soan Walden and the line. A Gypsy sequence closes the first half of the show, with Laurel Harrod and Don Wussow in the solo spots, and Baby Voorhis and Roy McDonald pairing for a fast Apache.

Second half opens with a tuneful Cinderella number, featuring Baby Voorhis. Miss Easter returns this time in a rhythm act, followed by Lucky Peterson and Joan Walden teaming up for an Indian number, after stage set by line girls in colorful costumes. A big Christmas num-ber has Joan Walden handling solo honors, with well-trained chorus splitting up to appear as can-can dancers, toy soldiers, animals, etc. Lucky Peterson does a fast Chinese number, then, set to opera music, Don Wussow does a turn that brings the heaviest applause of the show. Down in the Land of a Million Smiles brings all on deck to close the show.

Comedy is sprinkled thruout the show, heaviest chores handled by Art Rude and Jack Lewis. They do Art Rude and Jack Lewis. They do Hula dancers, Gay Nineties and even witches. Paul Leduc, William Jon-Stone and Stanley Belleveau do a bullfight burlesque, and another comedy number, *The Three Greeks*, is handled deftly by Hans Altin, Gordon Finney and George Kramser.

When show ends here, present cast, portable theater and special ice-mak-ing equipment needed for the tropics will be sent to Rio and then to Buenos Aires and other South American capitals. Ten performances a week are given with prices ranging from \$2 to \$6. Denny Landry.

## N. Y. Philharmonic's **Baton Job Still Open**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-The No. 1 NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The No. 1 symph ork conducting spot in the country—the N. Y. Philharmonic—is still open, despite the agreement Thursday (13) by vet Maestro Bruno Walter to act as "musical adviser" for a year or until a younger, per-manent conductor can be found.

It seems likely that since Arthur Judson, ork's manager and head of Columbia Concerts, Inc., has all but a few major maestri pacted with Columbia, he will sift thru his stable to find a successor to Arthur Rod-zinski, who resigned last week to go with the Chicago Symphony.

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## **TBA Decries** "Unfounded" **Aerial Talk**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Widespread daily paper publicity given this week to action by certain apartment house owners in New York barring television antennae on their properties was described as much ado about nothing by television execs. Vir-tually all metropolitan dailies gave the yarn, which was oroginally broken by Jack Gould in The New York

ken by Jack Gould in The New York Times, a big play. Television Broadcasters' Associa-tion, which met yesterday following The Times story, decided as a re-sult to embark on a widespread edu-stional associate designed to show cational campaign, designed to show property owners and prospective vi-deo set buyers that there was no need for concern over antennae and no danger attached. TBA will also tell those concerned that master aerial systems will be available soon. These master aerials, said Jack Poppele, TBA prexy, may be camou-flaged as water tanks, in precisely the same fashion that radar antennae were camouflaged during the war. Poppele added that since the ma-jority of video set owners would probably be located in urban centers, the TBA will emphasize its educational drive in such locations. Poppele, who has been chief engi-

neer of WOR since it went on the air 25 years ago this month, said the same sort of unfounded hullabaloo was raised when radio was in its diapers. He declared that radio aerials were described as light-ning hazards, etc., and that when radio first began, many fire insurance companies warned policyhold-ers that installation of roof-top equipment would bring cancella-tion of policies. He added that he expects the current tele situation to develop along invites. develop along similar lines, and that video "ears" will be able to conform video "ears" will be able to control both to building and underwriter codes.

#### **Donahue to Tremont**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Sam Dnoahue's ork has been booked for a two-week stand at Tremont Terrace Ballroom, Bronx, N. Y., beginning March 12. Spot operates on a four-day-a-week basis, with ork working on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

In This Issue American Folk Tunes ..... Broadway Showlog .104 Broadway Showlog Burlesque ..... Carnival .51-70 .46-50 .80-88 Cartuya Circus Classified Ads Club Activities Coin Machines Fairs and Expositions Final Curtain, Births, Marriages Final Curtain, Birth General Outdoor Honor Roll of Hits In Short Lesitimate Letter List Magie Merchandise-Pipes Mucia ....42.80.92 .15-32 Music Music as Written Music Machines Music Popularity Charts Misht Clubs Night Clubs Parks and Pools Pipes for Pitchmen 100-10 .20-29 .34-38 .....83 .75-76 Parks and Pools Pipes for Pitchmen Radio Repertoire Reviews: Legit Night Club On the Stands Records Television Vaudeville Routes: Garnival Circus Legitimate Miscellaneous Sponsored Events Talent Cost Index Too Short for a Head Vandeville Vending Machines The Billboard, Main Of .5-14 40-41 41 The Billhoard, Main Office, 25 Opera Place, Cincin-natl 1, Ohio. Subscription Rate: One year, \$10.00. Entered as second-class matter June 4, 1897, at Post Office, Cincinnati, O., under act of March, 1897. Copyright 1947 by The Billboard Publishing Co.

RADIO Communications to 1564 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. **AGENCIES FACE TALENT TASK** 

## La Stafford Must **Enter Huddleston** Vs. Pipers Trial

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.-Attempt to keep Jo Stafford out of the drawnout suit filed by ex-Pied Piper Johnny Huddleston failed last week Johnny Huddleston failed last week when Superior Court Judge Allen Ashburn ruled that the former Piper thrush must be brought into the forthcoming court battle (*The Bill-board*, February 8). Court ruling held that since Miss Stafford was a party to the original alleged partner-shin contract botween Huddlester ship contract between Huddleston, Pipers Lowry and Yocum and herself, it will be necessary for her to

become a defendant in the case. Pipers' attorney Max Fink at the same time won a plea for declaratory relief, thereby consolidating two State court suits and making the Superior Court's decisions binding on perior Court's decisions binding on all subsequent claims filed by Hud-dleston. Case will probably be heard this fall unless Huddleston changes his mind and accepts the out-of-court offer of \$7,500 previously made him but summarily turned down.

## **New Alligator Ciggie** Widens Spot Bally

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Alligator cigarettes (Larus & Bros.) which recently began a spot radio campaign cently began a spot radio campaign in Hartford, Conn., is expanding its air placements, with Boston, Spring-field and Worcester, Mass., starting this week. It's believed possible that as the new ciggie's distribution widens, spot radio purchases will exand accordingly. Duane Jones accordingly. Duane Jones agency is handling. Boston-Springfield buy on WBZ-

WBZA has three 15-minute spots on Dress Parade, a.m. platter stanza. An additional Saturday morning spot will start Saturday (22). Worcester station is WTAG. Account is also continuing its Hartford pitch.

Alligators have been on the market for about four months. Copy theme features "air-washed" tobacco to lessen irritation.

## **Offer George Raft** E.T. Whodunit

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.—George Raft is currently being peddled on wax in an open-end e. t. air series tagged Eddie Age. Audition platter is now in New York, with deals being handled by Bernie Tabakin, of Paragon Transcriptions.

Movie tough-man's whodunit series is supported by AFRA talent toppers and full ork for background. Kitty Lewis appears opposite Raft, with gabber chores going to Carlton Ka-dell. Writing production is being handled by Jason Mason.

#### Yank "Dr. Tweedy" Show

For Newspaper Yarn Series HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.—American Cigar & Cigarette Company (Pall Mall) is dropping its current Frank Morgan Dr. Tweedy program after the March 26 broadcast, replacing it with Feature Assignment New the March 26 broadcast, replacing it with Feature Assignment. New show is based on top newspaper yarns. Show airs Wednesday nights on NBC.

Foote, Cone & Belding is the ac-count's agency, with Assignment an MCA property.

## Switch to 50Kw. **KMPC** Reported As Due for NBC

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. - G. A. Richards' KMPC will boost its power from 10,000 to 50,000 watts Thursday (20), becoming the most powerful indie outlet west of the powerful indie outlet west of the Mississippi. Staton will operate on a 50-kw. basis daytime only until March 19, when it goes to the power peak full time. As the power hike neared, trade talk continued to mount that KMPC will become the outlet for the National Broadcasting Company when the net's paper with its present affiliate, KFI, expires at the end of the year. the end of the year.

The repeatedly denied by all con-cerned, rumor mills quickened their pace in grinding out KMPC-NBC wedding gossip. Some foresaw a wedding gossip. Some foresaw a straight sale of the station to NBC straight sale of the station to NBC, which to this date has been the sole net sans an owned and operated out-let in Hollywood. Others predicted a straight switch in affiliacy, mo-tivated, they claimed, by the not always happy relationship between the web and Earle C. Anthony's KFI. Transaction might also reach as far as Detroit, it was speculated, involving Richards' 50,000 watter, WJR. WJR.

#### Plenty Bally

Unconcerned by the whispering campaign, but inwardly welcoming it, since time buyers, convinced KMPC will be the NBC outlet, are eager to sew up time at current rates, the station readied its ballyhoo guns to herald the power boost in typi-cal film city fashion. Special 18-hour sked has been prepared for that day, featuring top pix and music names, as well as personal addresses by State and civic luminaries.

In preparing for its step into the 50-kw. class, KMPC gradually al-tered its program sked, strengthen-ing its news department, music segs and reinforcing its already strong sports coverage. According to station manager Bob Reynolds, further changes will continue on a gradual basis. Clete Roberts, ex-ABC forbasis. Clete Roberts eign correspondent, recently was named director of public affairs and news.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—NBC of-ficials in New York today (Satur-day) stated they knew nothing about the rumored KMPC-KFI affiliation switch now being bruited about on the Coast.

## Ask \$3,500 for New Todd, J. Ameche Seg

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dick Todd, crooner; Jim Ameche, radio actor and announcer, and Frank Gelinas, formerly in Hollywood and Boston radio production, this week organized a new production office called Tag Productions, First offering is a quar-ter hour, five-times-a-week series starring Todd and Ameche with an asking price of \$3,500.

Series, called Song in My Heart, features a favorite song gimmick, plus dramatizations and giveaways to the radio—not studio—audience. Pro-gram is geared as opposition to straight daytime soapers.

## **Bing Sponsors Bing**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Bing Crosby continues to shatter radio tradition and occasion plenty of trade talk. Latest development on his ABC-Philco e. t. shows has tradesters won-dering how the groan guy gets away with it. On past several shows, Croz has thrown in very open plugs for Lime Cola, soft-drink firm which he and Bob Hope (among others) purchased

recently. On Wednesday's show (12), On Wednesday's show (12), toward the program's end, Crosby said: "Well, I think I'll amble along and get with Elsie." Somebody asked whether he meant the cow, and Crosby then explained it was neither boyine nor babe, but L-C, Lime Cole that wooderful new cole Cola, that wonderful new cola drink, etc. Is L-C paying part of that heavy nut?

## **NewKLAC** Campaign Uses Pic Stars To **Bally Call Letters**

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15 .-- Contending that even a year's intense listener promotion has failed to make the station's new call letters a household word, KLAC's Don Fedderson last week launched a new call letter campaign, using screen glamour for au-dience bait. Outlet began a 13-week tie-up with Universal International pix for a series of 20 transcribed sta-tion breaks daily, aired every half hour, calling attention to the KLAC call tag.

According to Fedderson, surveys reveal that all promotional tie-ups, both black and white and airplugs, some L. A. listeners still refer to the some L. A. listeners still refer to the outlet by its former KMTR letters. New plug campaign is designed spe-cifically to remedy this ill and sell the ownership switch with more force. Transcribed tags merely state, "This is Susie Glutz, and this is KLAC, Los Angeles." U-I pix has provided plattered spots with top male and female stars, in return for which KLAC is giving the flickery 19 cuffo live plugs daily. 19 cuffo live plugs daily.

U-I pix stars batting for KLAC include Doug Fairbanks Jr., Eddie Albert, Ann Blyth, Phyllis Calvert, Rod Cameron, Yvonne De Carlo, Albert, Ann Blyth, Phyllis Caly Rod Cameron, Yvonne De Ca Susan Hayward and Ella Raines.

## Sinatra O. G. Show **Ending Next June**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Frank Si-natra, who recently tried to get a release from his Old Gold cigarette (P. Lorillard Company) contract, later agreeing to resume the show after a four-week vacation, definitely will one his that for that space in will end his stint for that sponsor in June. Contract has a couple of years to run. The understanding when Sinatra agreed to resume was that he'd play out the pact. Parting is amicable, according to reports.

Sinatra's spot Wednesday (19) will be filled by Buddy Clark, who planes to the Coast after his Monday night Carnation Milk show. Conjecture as to Clark's taking over the O.G. spot permanently was described as groundless by MCA, which manages him.

# K. & E. Offers **Clients** Plan **To Test Shows**

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Would Try Web Sustainers

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Agencyclient camp of the radio industry is taking an increasingly progressive view of its obligations and potentialities in the matter of new program and talent development. Latest evidence along these lines was shown this week, when execs of Kenyon & Eckhardt, at a meeting of the Plans Eckhardt, at a meeting of the Plans Board, decided to suggest to clients that the latter co-operate with net-works to the extent of bankrolling some of the better current web sus-tainers for brief periods—say one or two weeks. Under this plan, client would foot the bills for time cost and talent, and would test the program as a commercial venture.

Points raised during the K&E discussion included the fact that even if the web sustainer did not shape up as a commercial property, the client would nevertheless have gained preswould nevertheless have gained pres-tige from a one or two-shot spon-sorship of a top public service show —such as CBS's Norman Corwin. In addition, a client buying such one-shots would gain inestimable expe-rience by virtue of testing shows on various webs during various time slots. One disadvantage would be that sponsors could not take ad-vantage of networks' system of dis-counts. However, rate deals could be worked out, it is declared, since such a development would be mu-tually advantageous. As for the webs, K&E men figure

As for the webs, K&E men figure they would take to the idea avidly, inasmuch as it would enable them to show some financial return even from properties which would not be sold on a regular 13-week-or-more basis.

#### Follows Y. & R. Plan

K&E suggestion of agency-clientnetwork co-operation follows closely upon Young & Rubicam's idea of having clients block out cities on a network and allocate such cities to testing new programs and talent. (See Agencies Face on page 9)

### Saphier To Handle New Heidt Air Show

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. -- Horace Heidt, his Music Corporation of America contract expiring today (15) will be handled for radio by Jimmy Sa-phier and probably will turn over his ork to Joe Glaser's Associated Booking Corporation for theater and location dates. While final knot with a booking agency is yet to be tied, Heidt indicated the Glaser deal now cook-ing will simmer down to an affilia-tion in time for his spring return to the podium.

Heidt also told The Billboard that his radio package, a giveaway show somewhat similar to former Heidt air shows, is currently on the Saphier salesblock and a deal for a coast-to-coast seg may soon be closed. Batoneer preferred to stay mum on further details of airer's format or its name as well as the prospective bank roller.

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## May Be 10G Worth of Moola FCC Won't Call **Over MBS-K. Smith Mountain**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .--- Indications are that when Kate Smith starts her co-operatively sponsored noontime chatter series over Mutual this coming June, she will set an all-time high both as to income and the number of sponsors bankrolling her. It's quite possible, according to reliable info, that Miss Smith and her manager and co-chatterer, Ted Collins, will split in excess of 10G weekly from the Mutual deal. Highest co-op money maker in the biz today is Fulton Lewis Jr., whose Mutual commentaries fetch him a bit over \$5,000 weekly. Mutual sales execs now believe that

when the Smith series starts, follow-ing her departure from the General Foods-CBS fold, she may have in the neighborhood of 300 sponsors on Mutual's 400 skein. Actually, this would mean that she is being spon-sored on virtually the entire MBS web, since there are numerous ac-counts which are trying to buy regional networks, rather than indiv-idual cities alone. One agency, for instance, made inquiries after the deal first was announced, asking for the full Yankee Network, plus Upper New York State stations.

#### Easy Sailing

Mutual sales department is basking in an unusual situation in that, for a change, it has no sales problem on the Smith-Collins package. Usually, Mutual has to work plenty hard on its sales. This time, however, the web was really deluged with nationwide inquiries as to costs, availabilities, etc.

From accounts, Miss Smith is doing her five-time-a-week bit on a \$5,000 weekly guarantee, against a percentage split. In such co-op deals, talent fees are usually 40 per cent of the individual station's card rate. There are, of course, some excep-tions. In New York, for instance, Manhattan Soap is paying \$1,000, plus WOR's time tab. Full MBS. web, five times a week, carries a total time cost of \$24,000, with 40 per cent of that possibly reflecting the Smith take—or \$9,600.

Meanwhile, Mutual is about ready to get to work on an all-out promo-tion campaign heralding the new series, plus a reprograming effort designed to capitalize on the new noon-time headliner. Promosh campaign will be an effort akin to the socko drive which started the Crosby show on ABC. Programing changes will probably be designed to bolster Miss Smith, fore and aft, with stronger programs than are on MBS around noon now. This might mean time switches for Victor Lindlahr (Serutan) and the Ralston hillbilly show at 12:15.

## Laud WNYC's Sock **Transit Coverage**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Coverage accorded New York's 5-cent subway fare hearings this week by WNYC, municipally owned station, earned municipally owned station, earned the station accolades both within and outside the trade. Friday's (14) PM, in a column by John T. McManus, and Sunday's (16) *Times*, in a commen-tary by Jack Gould, gave the station reverse for "noticable nublic service" raves for "notable public service."

City station devoted about 20 hours Monday and Tuesday (10-11) to the board of estimate hearings, setting up 18 mikes in the board room. Sta-18 mikes in the board room. Sta-tion had to borrow some equipment from United Nations, lacking enough of its own to cover. A p. a. system was provided, too, for standees in City Hall Park. Monday's coverage alone ran for 12 hours, station get-ting a special FCC okay to remain on office its neural sign off time. on after its normal sign-off time.

WNYC also fed WOR, WJZ, WMCA and WLIB with hearing coverage. These stations recorded the feeds and aired them on their own. There was no time duplication involved.

## 100 From 12 States **Slated To Attend Cincy Sales Clinic**

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—Nearly 100 radio men from 12 States are slated to attend the Radio Sales Training Seminar being conducted by the Fred A. Palmer Company, local radio according to the Company, local radio consultants, at Hotel here February 24-26. at Gibson

Enrollment for the three-day radio sales training clinic, said to be the first ever attempted in the radio field, will be made up of more than half of radio station execs and will include a sizeable group of owners of FM stations, many of which are not yet on the air, according to Fred A. Palmer, head of the Palmer firm.

Palmer says he conceived the idea for the training school to fill the heavy demand for trained sales talent in the radio field and he plans to make the clinic an annual event.

Instructors at the initial schooling will include Charles C. Caley, exec-utive vice-president of WMBD, will include Charles C. Caley, exec-utive vice-president of WMBD, Peoria, Ill.; Kenneth Church, exec-utive vice-president of WCKY, Cin-cinnati; Don Davis, president of WHB, Kansas City, Mo.; J. W. Knodel, of the Avery-Knodel Com-pany, station representatives; Clark A. Luther, national sales manager of KFH, Wichita, Kan.; Fred Weber, of WDSU, New Orleans; Robert M. Fleming and Fred A. Palmer, of the Fred A. Palmer Company, and Steve Douglas, director of sales of the Kroger Company, national grocery chain. chain.

## **Jolson** Nixes Air Show Bid

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.-Al Jolson this week flatly turned down any and all offers for a permanent radio show, thereby killing current negotiations for Elgin American package, as well as scotching other hot rumors of imminent pacting. According to an MCA exec, Jolson has decided to stick to occasional guest shots "for personal reasons.'

Trade speculation has it that Jolson nixed regular radio berth because of responsibility onsibility involved, reasoning well-placed guest shots on imreasoning portant air shows would insure him a continuing high Hooper without any comparative risk of prestige. Understanding is, however, that both William Morris and MCA are still scouting air-show field in the hope that Jolson may change mind, especially if an interesting transcribed show is offered him. Jolson is said to have signed no exclusive contracts with any agency, giving a willing ear to all propositions.

#### **Bob Feller's E.T. Series**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Radio Productions, Inc., is making a series of 26 quarter-hour transcriptions starring Bob Feller, baseball pitcher, and Hi, Lo, Jack and the Dame quartet. Material will be mostly human in-terest stories of baseball personalities. Waxes will be open end for local sponsorship. A three-minute spot in the middle of each show will be left open for late baseball scores.

## Hearst on WBAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Whether Federal Communications Commis-sion will again defer hearing in WBAL, Baltimore, case, is sub-ject of conjecture here after third deferment announced by FCC—this time from February 24 to 25. FCC time from February 24 to 25. FCC insiders are indicating, tho, that the commish will go ahead with the con-solidated hearing on Hearst Radio, Inc.'s bid to get a permanent re-newal and counter bid by Public Service Radio Corporation (Drew Pearson and Bob Allen) to wrest the frequency away

Meanwhile, FCC this week flatly turned down Public Service Radio Corporation's formal request to subpoena William Randolph Hearst for the hearing.

## Nets, N.Y. AFM Stalled; Sign **Chi Deal Soon**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Negotiations between the four major net-works and Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, for a new contract covering wage of musicians for one year, are apparently at an impasse. Both sides met again this week and agreed to adjourn and meet once more next week. No date was set.

It is stated that 802 this week made a new proposal to the webs, which the webs now have under consideration. Local's original proposal was for a hike of  $37\frac{1}{2}$  per cent for for staffers and 50 per cent on commercials.

Members of 802's board stated yesterday (14) that the union nego-tiators have not reported to the board—an indication that the negotiations are not yet nearing comple-tion. Board must approve any deal the negotiators make.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Contract be-tween American Federation of Mu-sicians, Local 10, and the web sta-tions in Chi is expected to be inked in New York sometime next week, it was reported here. Agreement on all was reported here. Agreement on an points has been reached by negotiat-ing parties, but actual signing will probably occur when James C. Pe-trillo, union prexy, sits down with top net brass in New York and not before according to trade talk

before, according to trade talk. Local 10 agreed to a general in-crease of 18½ per cent. Likelihood that this would be the increase agreed upon between the AFM and agreed upon between the AFM and the web stations here was first pointed out in the February 8 issue of *The Billboard*. Net stations here are WMAQ (NBC), WBBM (CBS), WLS, WGN (Mutual), and WENR (ABC). Some of the network officials here expressed surprise that Local 10

expressed surprise that Local 10, negotiating autonomously as do the New York and Hollywood locals, had requested only an 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cent increase. Judging by requests in New York, where union asked a 37<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cent increase, network officials here expected a stiffer demand than that which was forthcoming and consequently put up no fight when initial demands were made. As a result of the new increase,

As a result of the new increase, musicians at the net stations here will receive about \$177 per week for commercial staffers and about \$142 for sustaining staffers. Commercial men before received \$150 per week, and sustaining staff men got \$120. Hours of work per week will still remain at 25 under the new con-tract, which will be effective for one year. retroactive to February 1. year, retroactive to February 1.

## Webs' '46 Net 70 Million on 193 Mil Gross

#### AM Income Up 7 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Standard broadcast webs and stations showed a 7 per cent increase in net time sales in 1946 over the previous year, Federal Communications Commission revealed this week in a preliminary report. This was the first such report compiled by the Commish since it completed similar data for 1945 which was publicly announced last November and re-iterated in Commish's recent annual

report. FCC disclosed that net time sales reported by the four national net-works and their 10 key stations was \$70,008,962 on a gross of \$193,000,-000, an increase of 2 per cent over the amount reported for 1945. This the amount reported for 1945. This figure represents the amount re-tained after payments to affiliated stations. At same time, reports from three out of the five regional net-works indicate a 10 per cent de-crease in net time sales in 1946 as compared with 1945, FCC disclosed.

#### **Financial Reports**

Preliminary financial reports to FCC from 751 AM stations show an increase of 9.2 per cent over the amount of net time sales reported by the same stations n 1945, FCC stated. This increase was the result of a 4.9 per cent rice in sole of state stated. This increase was the result of a 4.9 per cent rise in sale of sta-tion time to networks, an 8.1 per cent increase in the sale of station time to non-network advertisers, and a 9.2 per cent increase in the amount of commissions paid to agencies, FCC added: "With respect to total broad-cast revenues (that is, net time sales plus incidental broadcast revenues, such as sale of talent, and so forth), an increase of 8.9 per cent was in-dicated over 1945 for the same stations.'

For 620 stations serving as outlets for nationwide webs, a rise of 8.1 per cent in net time sales was reper cent in net time sales was re-ported, while for 131 stations not serving as such outlets, an increase of 18 per cent was reported in net time sales, FCC said. Stations of the various classes reported increases in net time sales during 1946 as follows: 41 clear channel 50-kw. unlimited time stations, 9 per cent; 251 regional unlimited time stations, 7.7 per cent; 49 regional part time stations, 9.7 per cent; 371 local un-limited time stations, 19.4 per cent; 13 local day and part time stations, 27 per cent.

### **CBS** Cancels "Info" **For Onetime Pubserv**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.--Information NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Information Please will be canceled for one broadcast, Wednesday, March 5, 10:30-11 p.m., to make way for the airing of CBS's documentary Eagle's Brood, set for the 10-11 p.m. slot that evening. Brood, based on three months<sup>4</sup> study by CBS Producer-Director-Writer Robert Lewis Shay-on, is an examination of the rising tide of juvenile delinquency in the USA. USA.

Brood is the first of three CBS programs set for 1947 by Robert Heller's special documentary unit. On March 9 (Sunday), day pre-ceding the Moscow conference, the documentary unit will do Prelude to Moscow, and on March 27 (Thurs-day), another program will drama-tize the state of the nation's health. Brood will air opposite ABC's Crosby-Henry Morgan parkay.

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WIN I actilitate listening for prospective buyers.
 More importantly, if the waxed air audition idea works out, station hopes to effect a similar deal with one of the industry's top talent agencies, which not too long ago expressed interest in such a program for its own talent. Live-act gimmick would provide WNEW with name and seminame acts, and also give the commish house a chance to present its stable
 Win I actilitate listening for prospective buyers. Talent also would be given a chance to develop much mike experience. WNEW's pancake pitch got under way this week when Ted Cott, station's program head, who formulated the idea with Bernice Judis, WNEW g.m., made the offer to diskeries. First to accept was Shep Chartok, Chi wax cutter. Deal gives WNEW a short option on the recordings, providing that if as a result of

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the airing, a series should be sold in New York, time to be bought if available, on WNEW. Arrangement also provides that each recording firm back the pro-gram with ad agency promotion, this not only working in favor of the companies, but selling WNEW to agencies at the same time. Station also figures to nab itself some good programs, in view of the high quality of many transcriptions nowadays.

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#### Live Talent Deal Pends

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.--Actual air tests of new transcription shows beoffered to agencies and sponsors ing offered to agencies and sponsors will be inaugurated shortly in a new will be inaugurated shortly in a new program being started by WNEW, New York indie. Series is to start in two or three weeks, and will represent a joint promotional deal in which station and the waxeries will narticipate

which station and the participate. Series idea provides that once a week, WNEW is to broadcast new e.t.'s being put on the market by the diskeries, with a special view of diskeries, with a special view of getting the shows heard by ad agency and sponsor execs. One big sales problem confronting all platteries is getting such execs to take time out of their working days to audition new recorded shows. Theory behind the new WNEW stanza is that not only will the e.t.'s benefit from their radio station showcasing but that it radio station showcasing, but that it

## **Radio Eds Plan Code of Ethics For Newscasts**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Newly formed National Association of Radio News Editors this week began formulating Editors this week began formulating a code of ethics for news airing. Standards committee, headed by Se-reno B. Gammell, news director at Station WTHT, Hartford, is doing the drafting. Serving with Gam-mell are Jack Krueger, WTMJ, Mil-waukee; Jack Knell, WBT, Char-lotte; Soren Munkof, WOW, Omaha, and Fred M. Hinshaw, news direc-tor at WLBC, Muncie, Ind. John F. Hogan, WCSH, Portland, Me., prexy of the org, said the code probably will be completed in 30 days, after which the committee will begin a study of standards looking

begin a study of standards looking toward the improvement of radio anization of the new group has par-ticular interest at this time in view of the current campaign by the Na-

of the current campaign by the Na-tional Association of Broadcasters to permit broadcasters to editorialize on the news. Under current FCC pol-icy, this is not now permitted. NARNE prexy feels radio has done a good news job in the past, but that there still is plenty of room for im-provement. Association members pointed out at their Cleveland con-vention last fall that too often the vention last fall that too often the mistakes of a few stations reflect upon all. Standards committee also will consider the need for a style book for radio news departments, and what such a book should include. Recommendations will be placed be-fore the full NARNE membership

fore the full INARINE memorism for adoption. Other committee chairman ap-pointed by Hogan are John Ver-straete, KSTP, St. Paul, education; J. Edgar Kirk, WPTE, Raleigh, mem-bership; Charles Hilton, KGLO, Ma-son City, Ia., convention; Walter Paschall, WSB, Atlanta, awards; and Charles Day, WGAR, Cleveland, pub-licity. licity.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 15. — With the Radio Writers' Guild currently work-

cover free lance scriveners, beefing among writer circles is reaching a

new high here. Primarily, the new yowls result from the realization that as a result of the new AFRA contract, many Chi scribblers now earn less than the thesps who give

voice to their words. As a result, writers are asking, "Should writers eat?" or "Should writers eat their their own words?"

Some scripters also voice the opin-

ion that they are being made the unwilling victims of a squeeze play, stemming from the 25 per cent AFRA

hike and the  $18\frac{1}{2}$  per cent boost given musicians. They believe that

sponsors are trying to compensate for these increases by taking it out of the writing budget. Situation doesn't

disturb staffers who belong to RWG, but free lancers and non-union men

of letters are considerably concerned, with the loudest beefs emanating from free lancers on local and Chi-

originated web stanzas. Orin Tuvrov, head of the Chi RWG, told *The Billboard* last week that fees for free lance literateurs have gone up little, if at all, since before the war. Contrasted to this is the fact that actors and musicians, even those working at scale, are being

those working at scale, are being paid on the basis of two wage in-creases, negotiated since the war, one in '44 and the other just recently.

Cost of living increases, point out

Here are typical instances: One five-time-a-week kid show writer here is getting only \$200, or \$40 a script, with the basic idea included.

AFRA acting scale for such shows is a bit more than \$150, but leads in-

variably get over scale. In this case, the top player in the cast gets con-siderable more than the writer. On another strip show here, the writer is getting but \$100 a week. Not only do the steady each members get more

do the steady cast members get more, but the director does, too. Average fees here for half-hour web com-mercials range from \$100 to \$150. "It ain't good," says the writers, add-ing that it's considerably below New York or Hollwood pop

Writers direct their bitterness against agency and web execs who adopt what they feel is a short-sighted policy in trying to economize at the expense of the writer and also at the expense of their own programs. They ask the inevitable—"Without

writers, how can you have scripts?"

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NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Young & Rubicam reportedly has taken an option on Tex Beneke and the Glenn Miller band and is considering using same as a summer replacement for the Cimpu Simmer Bender chem. J etc. the Ginny Simms Borden show. Late this week, deal for the band was plenty hot. Angle holding it up, however, is the fact that the band wants to travel during the summer, and Y & R would prefer to have it stay put so that the agency could supervise production supervise production.

Type of show being mulled is a quiz, with Tex as emsee. Option expires March 1.

## **Need Cryptographer** To Figure Chi AFM **Guest** - Shot Ruling

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Status of a recent dictum of Local 10, AFM Chi local, imposing severe restrictions and a \$200 minimum fee on radio guest shots of local members, was plenty confused this week. Razzmatazz situash resulted from an apparent bit of backtracking by Ed Benkert, Local 10 secretary.

· Chronological sequence goes some-thing like this: Local recently enacted a law asking a minimum of \$200 per guest shot for members, half to go to the local and half to the individual. This week, it was reported that the union had followed this up by banning all such guest appearances. When The Billboard called to verify, Benkert stated such a ruling had been made a week ago. Reason he gave was that the local had decided that it was best for its members to stick to their music-making jobs.

Benkert then inquired as to whether the story was to be printed, and when told it would be, retracted his statement. When clarification was sought, Benkert terminated the conversation rather neatly—slamming down the phone.

Only additional info known is that Benkert has told several others making inquiries that radio dates for Local 10 members are out from now on.

## Average Lux Cops Annual Milwaukee Poll

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 15.-Radio poll recently conducted by The Milpoll recently conducted by The Mil-waukee Journal showed Lux Radio Theater in the top spot as favorite program. Last year Lux was sev-enth, with Bing Crosby leading the parade. Following Lux on the poll this year were Fibber McGee and Molly, Bing, Red Skelton, Fred Allen, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Jack Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Jack Benny, Information, Please and The Great Gildersleeve.

Last year's poll had the following runners-up to Crosby: Fibber Mc-Gee, Sinatra, Hope, Danny Kaye, Allen, Lux, Gildersleeve, Durante-Moore and Red Skelton. **Predicted for Chi** CHICAGO, Feb. 15.— There are well over 200,000 FM listeners in the Chi area, Bill Lang, chief engineer of WGNB estimated here this week. His estimates are based on known set sales and requests for the sta-tion's program booklet.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 15.—Ray C. Jenk-ins, former g. m. of KSTP, NBC Twin Cities outlet, and who has operated his own advertising firm since 1945, Over 40 such requests are received has merged with the Erwin, Wasey a day, a rapid rise in the last six Minneapolis office. He will become months. exec v.-p. and board member.

struck in negotiations this week be-tween AFRA and Chi's seven Class B stations. Altho some serve of the CHICAGO, Feb. 15.stations. Altho some segs of trade hoped for a speedy settlement, most did not.

AFRA is asking for a 35 per cent increase in announcers' salaries (present minimum is \$63.50) and a 30 per cent increase for singers and actors. Very few singers and actors actors. Very few singers and actors are on Class B stations here, however.

It was learned that AFRA and the on the question of salaries. Also working conditions which the union is asking for in the contract are requiring serious study by the station execs.

A station spokesman stated em-phatically that stations would not "give a penny more" for salaries. Understood the stations have offered 877.50 minimum while union de-mands \$87.50. Negotiations will probably continue next week.

## **Trade Pubs Stories On Chi Originators** Draw Ryan's Fire

CHICAGO, Feb. 15. Recent stories in some trade publications (not The Billboard) that Chi had only one web origination drew heavy fire this week from Jack Ryan, NBC's Central Division flack chief. Ryan sent out a hotly worded memo to radio and trade editors with list of 55 Chi web originations. Ryan's memo follows:

"Within recent weeks many peo-ple have been given an entirely er-roneous idea' about Chicago as a radio production center thru various stories and statements indicating that this is a network ghost town. There are enough network shows originating in Chicago to keep a lot of peo-

ing in Chicago to keep a lot of peo-ple very busy. "As of this date, February 13, 1947, the four major networks are pro-ducing 55 network shows. "For the sake of the record and for your reference, a list of these shows is attached. There are two reasons why NBC shows are listed first in this summary. 1. I am using reasons why NBC snows are instea first in this summary. 1. I am using NBC's money to pay for compiling this material and getting the list to you, and the company ought to get a break. 2. According to the way my figures add up NBC seems to have more network originations out of this town than anybody else."

#### 802 Asks Reprieve for CBS Latin-American Orchestra

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, is American Federation of Musicians, is mulling advisability of trying to per-suade CBS to retain Alfred An-tonini's ork for the web's Latin-American network. Antonini and his 10-piece ork were given eight weeks' notice last week, with CBS decid-ing to drop the band owing to ris-ing operation costs

ing operation costs. Local's hope is that altho costs have risen, CBS has consistently showed an increase in profits, and therefore might be persuaded to keep the show.

In Stalemate NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—American Federation of Radio Artists signed an 18-month contract with WNEW, New York, this week, and expected week beto have signatures on its one-year deals with WINS and WMCA in a day or two. Negotiations had been going on for about a month.

New deals give staff announcers pay increases which will bring the average spielers' pay to about \$100, average spielers' pay to about \$100, altho the individual station contracts vary according to the nature of the biz each does. WNEW minimum is around \$65, plus \$1 for each spot announced and \$1.50 for newscasts. WMCA will pay \$100 weekly, includ-ing spots, and WINS \$105, including spots. WNEW spot fee pool was dis-continued, each announcer keeping his own fees. his own fees.

Actors' fees went up to \$9 per quarter-hour from \$7.50. Rehearsal pay remains the same, \$2.50 for an hour's rehearsal, one hour minimum required.

Average raise for all concerned is about 25 per cent.

## **Drop Detroit** "Bank Night"

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Plans for a weekly cash giveaway with prizes starting at \$500 to be sponsored by about 60 theaters were abandoned at a meeting of the Michigan Indeat a meeting of the Michigan Inde-pendent Theater Owners' Association here Thursday (13). Idea was pro-jected about two months ago, as reported in *The Billboard* at that time, and the idea looked like the biggest cash giveaway deal on a permanent basis in the radio-movie tie-um field tie-up field.

Opposition speedily developed from other theater owners, however, with many show managers taking the position that any giveaway of this sort should be stopped as a lot-tery. Detroit has been very cool to bank night and its numerous kin, even when they were welcomed in other parts of the country. Some concern was expressed whether the Detroit idea would be acceptable to the FCC, but the MITO claim it is fully legal.

A spokesman for the group said they dropped the idea "in the in-terest of harmony in the (motion picture) industry."

#### **Reichhold Still After** WQXR-Type for Detroit

DETROIT, Feb. 15 .-- Plans to es-DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Flans to es-tablish a local radio station have not been dropped by Henry Reichhold, manufacturer and angel of the De-troit Symphony. This counters ru-mors that he had dropped plans to cock a station license seek a station license.

No early developments in the way of a local station are likely, how-ever. Goal is frankly something like WQXR in New York, which has not hitherto been found commercially feasible in any other city.

Reichhold feels there is enough of A local population potential to make this possible. His original plans, in-cidentally, suggested the possibility of an application for a clear-channel station, which would give a much wider listening potential.

## **Coast Musikers**, **Net Brass Still MullPayRaises**

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. - Third week of negotiations between AFM Local 47 and radio net execs found agreement still out of sight. Webs upped pay hike offer a second time, proposing a 15 per cent raise for staff men and a 20 per cent boost for casual commercial orksters. Union remained firm with its demands for a 20 per cent hike in staff rates and a 33 1/3 raise for commercial men.

Neither union toppers nor net-work men seemed inclined to discuss compromises, and it appeared at week's end that negotiations may be drawn out indefinitely unless further concessions are made.

## **Mutual To Revamp** Coast Flack Set-Up drs declare.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.—Mutual will revamp its West Coast publicity set-up with appointment of Harriet Crouse, now holding down top KHJ-Don Lee flack desk, to job of co-ordinator of all Mutual publicity activi-ties in Hollywood. Web's Abe ties in Hollywood. webs this Schechter announced new set-up this light that skein's West week, declaring that skein's West Coast flackery will be hypoed to keep pace with net's growing Hollywood organizations.

Mark Finley remains public rela-tions director for Don Lee with Mar-cia Legere upped to handle press for local outlet KHJ. Vic Rowland continues in promotion director's slot, with June Weems named log editor.

## **Teeners in Halifax** Gird for Battle **Over** Petrillo Ban

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15, - The Fri-Teen Council, composed of boys and girls of teen age, has asked about 30 adult clubs and other organizations of Halifax to sign a petition addressed to the AFM local and J. Caesar Pe-trillo. The petition requests the AFM to permit use of teen-aged, non-union instrumentalists in a radio show the kids have planned and which the AFM has banned unless the kids hire members of the union for the musicing or as stand-bys and pay them the union scale. The kids say the planned program is not commercial and they cannot pay.

If the AFM and Petrillo refuse to recede from their position, the young-sters say they will boycott the union. They will picket all dances held in the Halifax district at which union musicians provide the music, and will refuse to patronize them, the teen-

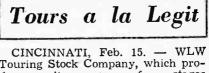
The kids claim they will battle un-til either they or the union have definitely won the struggle. The youngsters have contacted officers and members of groups which sponsor dances and use orks at dinners, banquets, etc. A mass meeting also was arranged, at which especially invited guests were those who pay for music here. The kids claim they will carry the warfare right into Pewill carry the warfare right into Pe-trillo's lap and the campaign may in-volve sending a delegation to inter-view the AFM dictator. Officers of the AFM local, including Don Low, who has headed an ork for the past 10 years, have refused to discuss the scrap with the teen-agers. The lat-ter claim 2,500 loyal members.

## **Agencies Face** A Talent Task

#### (Continued from page 5)

(Continued from page 5) Ideas of both agenices are indicative of one significant development, namely that the program problem, thus far tackled more or less unsuc-cessfully by the webs, is now filtering down to a point where agencies— CINCINNATI, Feb. 15. — WLW Touring Stock Company, which pro-duces radio programs from stages of high schools in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana, hits the road Friday (21) with Charles Lam-mers, station's dramatic director, in charge Cast of eight or ten therm down to a point where agenciesdown to a point where agencies— who control radio's moneybags—are with networks in an attempt to break away from run-of-the-mill radio,fare and to build future talent. Some clients also see the necessity of breaking away from orthodox radio practices. Notable example of this is Goodyear's sponsorship of The Greatest Story Ever Told on ABC— a program which last Sunday (9) received what amounts to a rave re-view in The New York Times. Story is considered unorthodox radio not is considered unorthodox radio not only in its subject matter, but in its handling of the Goodyear commercials.

K&E decision to broach the one-shot theory to clients is viewed by agency execs not only as a new ap-proach to program development, but as a possible new avenue of radio advertising. It's claimed, for in-stance, that a client with a small budget would do better, in prestige, advertising impact and publicity by bankrolling a series of selected onebankrolling a series of selected one-shots than he would by sponsoring a run-of-the-mill program. Client may land only low ratings with his one-shots—but there's the incentive that he may really uncover a sleeper.



WLW Air Stock Co.

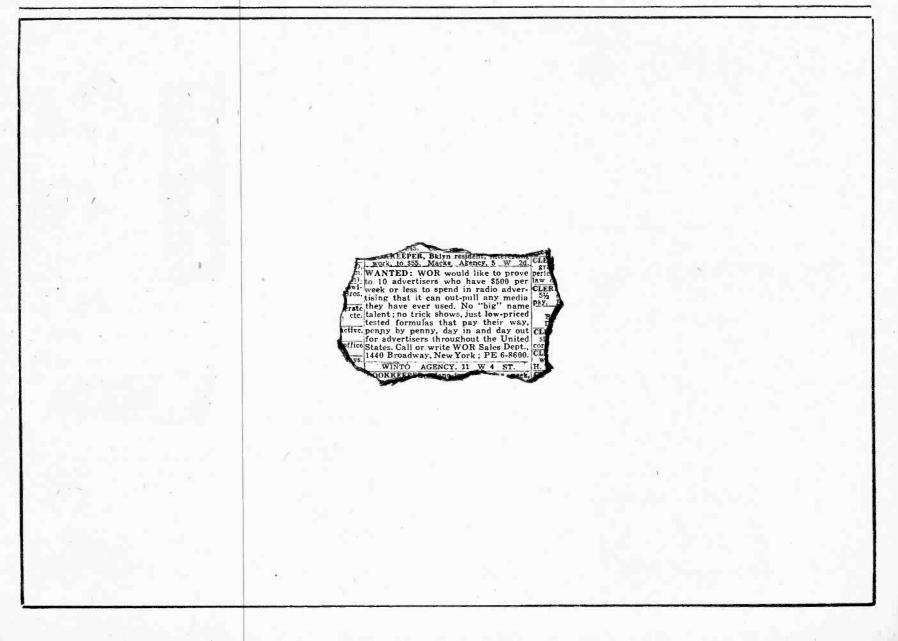
charge. Cast of eight or ten thesps, plus a sound man and engineer, will make up the troupe.

Station has skedded 'a series of 12 programs, which are expected to be viewed by thousands of Midwestern-ers who have never seen a radio production. Feature of the series will be the selection of high school performers to participate in the plays. WLW will broadcast the series at

11:30 p.m. Fridays thru May 2.

K&E. Latter is using this one-shot plan with NBC—to the extent of try-ing almost any show which NBC figures has commercial possibilities. The K&E expects to handle the Borden video experimentation for only 26 weeks, agency and web will work out no specific time schedule and no specific series of programs. Two shows may be telecast on one Two shows may be telecast on one night; time periods may be changed continually, etc. Meanwhile, the agency will go all out to seek a com-mercial formula on the different shows. In the event agency and web come up with something hot, K&E expects to land a permanent video commercial commercial.

Similar Tele Deal Idea for this type of agency-client-web co-operation in radio stems from K&E's plans for its television experi-mentation, bankrolled by Borden's. After a session with Young & Rubi-cam, which handled I Love To Eat over WNBT, Borden switched to for March 1.



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## **TOO SHORT FOR A HEAD** Ross Hails "Community Radio" As Strong Force in Democracy

SPEAKING at the dedicatory ceremonies in connection with the recent opening of WBBC, Bethesda-Chevy Chase station in the Washington area, Charles G. Ross, presidential secretary, stressed the increasing importance of "community" radio. "We are entering an age of community radio," Ross said. "A station like WBBC may be likened to a small-town newspaper. . . . We must, of course, have our great metropolitan dailies, just as we have our national radio chains. But the small town or country paper is equally indispensable in our democracy. The community radio can perform a service of the same kind as that of the small town paper." Ross also envisioned localized radio as a safeguard against too-great standardization.

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Ed Kobak. Mutual president. back from a Southern trip Monday (17).... George Miller, chief AFRA exec. off to Cuba on a vacash Saturday (15). ... Norbert L. O'Brien, exec with Frank Gannett newspaper and radio chain, named general manager of WBEC, Pittsfield. Mass. ... Three additional appointments to NAB's sales managers tele subcommittee named this weeks Sam Cuff. DuMont, New York; G. Emerson Markham, WRGB, Schenectady, and George Moskovics, commercial manager of WCBS-TV, New York.

KENYON & ECKHARDT'S Bill Lewis, vice-president in charge of radio, back in New York after a business trip to Battle Creek and Detroit...A. S. Lyons is packaging the sports quiz that formerly featured Leo Durocher on ABC as a program for Hank Greenberg. New entry into the station rep field is firm of Clark & McGeehan, Inc., with main offices in New York and Chicago and service office in key cities...Frank Short, of the commercial staff of WLBR, Lebanon, Pa., pulled a switch on the 'cigar gag when he recently became a father.' There being no cigar smokers on the staff, Short came in with a batch of popsicles and announced "It's a boy!"

Rod Jones, former advertising manager of The Jacksonville (N. C.) Record, has been appointed commercial manager of WINC, Jacksonville, N. C. ... John W. Hundley, assistant director of shortwave broadcasting for CBS, elected prexy of the Denison University Alumni Society of Greater New York.

SHERWIN R. RODGERS appointed account executive and publicity director for Harry J. Lazarus ad agency in Chicago. . . Joseph J. Friedman, formerly with WTAR, Norfolk, Va., has been appointed program director of WSAP, Portsmouth, Va., replacing Ernest Tannen. . Three vets have been named to key positions at WJOL, Joliet, Ill. Joseph B. Kirby, of the sales staff, has been promoted to sales manager; Joseph Lyons, staff organist, has been named musical director, and Burke R. Mead, former Chicago newspaperman, is new promotional and public relations director.

#### Expansion of the Oklahoma Network into a total of nine stations was voted recently at the annual meeting in Oklahoma City. The new affiliates are KSWO, Lawton, and KTMC, McAlester. Milton B. Garber, KCRC, Enid, was named prexy, succeeding Tams Bixby Jr., KBIX, Muskogee. Albert Riesen, KVSO, Ardmore, v.p., and James M. Griffith, KADA, Ada, secretary-treasurer, were re-elected. Robert D. Enoch,

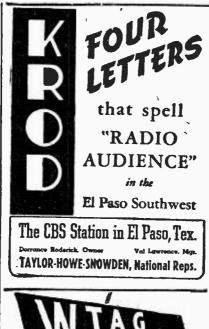
KTOK, Oklahoma City, will continue , as managing director.

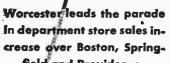
**B**OB JENKINS and John Harper have joined the announcing staff of KABC, San Antonio. Ray V. Hamilton, formerly v.-p. exec at Universal Broadcasting Company, and Commander J. W. Blackburn, of Washington, D. C., have organized a brokerage firm for the broadcasting industry.

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Irving E. Dierdorff Jr., announcer at WCOP, Boston, and Helen F. Larson, former traffic manager at the station, are engaged. . . Dorothy E. Coen, traffic manager of WCOP, a veteran Wave, has been named sergeant at arms of the newly formed all women's post, American Legion, Belmont, Mass. . . Lloyd E. Yoder, general manager of KOA, Denver, will head of the Denver Red Cross Fund Campaign in its drive to raise \$197.000.

NEW STAFF announcers at KYSM, Mankato, Minn., include Richard L. Stevens and Paul E. Herbold, both ex-G.I.'s. . . Claude V. Dunnagan, staff announcer at WRAL, Raieigh, N. C., has been appointed director of sales and promotion of WRAL-FM. . . . Reorganization at WJPA, Mutual outlet in Washington, Pa., resulted in the following changes recently: C. B. Heller, former commercial manager of WLOK, Lima, O., and WJPA, succeeded Robert F. Kliment as general manager. Latter moved to Buffalo's WKBW as account exec. Charles R. Duvall, former sales rep, promoted to commercial manager, and George Gailey now is program manager succeeding Kieran Balfe. Stan Prager is news editor and publicity director. . . . Rita Meehan has joined auditing department of KGO, San Francisco, replacing Jane Ross, resigned.







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## Soap Operas Fare Poorly in Butte, **Des Moines Surveys**

Part I

Program

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Opposition

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Soap operas rate poorly as radio fare in both Butte, Mont., and Des Moines, ac-cording to surveys made there by KBOW (Butte) and KCBC (Des Moines), both new stations. Surveys were made by the respective outlets in preparation for going on the air, results to be used as guides in set-ting program skeds.

Tastes in both cities ran somewh alike, and additionally conformed pretty much to nationwide prefe ences. Music ran one-two, first ences. Music ran one-two, first Des Moines and second in Butt Sharpest difference was in new which ranked second in the Iov city but considerably further dow the list in Butte.

FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY S.C. Johnson & Son, In Floor Wax N.L:&B. NBC 143		NSP-ABO NSP-CBS NSP-MBS		\$ 314.37		
BOB HOPE Pepsodent Div. Lever Bros, Various Products F. C.& B. NBC 127	32.9	NSPABC NSPCBS Upton Close, MAMBS	\$20,000	\$ 607.90	\$	
AMOS 'N' ANDY Lever Bros. Rinso R.& R. NBC 149	30.9	Boston Symphony—ABC Vox Pop—CBS Gabriel Heatter—MBS Real Stories-Real Life— MBS	\$15,000	\$ 485.44	\$	
JACK BENNY* American Tobacco Lucky Strike Cigarettes F.C.&B. NBC 153	27.8	Drew Pearson—ABC Monday Morning Headlines—ABC Gene Autry Show—CBS NSP—MB8	\$22,500	\$ 809.35	\$	;
RED SKELTON B. & W. Tobacco Raleighs R.M.S. NBC 146	27.6	NSP-ABC NSP-CBS NSP-MBS	\$ 9,500	\$ 344.20	\$	
EDGAR BERGEN Standard Brands Chase & Sanborn Coffee J.W.T. NBC 144	26.7	Sunday Evening Hour ABC Adv. of Sam SpadeCBS NSPMBS	\$20,000	\$ 749.08	\$	,
FRED ALLEN Standard Brands Tenderleaf Tea and Shefford Cheese J.W.T. NBC 143	25.9	Sunday Evening Hour- ABC Crime Doctor-CBS Parker Pen News-CBS Special Investigator-MBS	\$18,500	\$ 714.29	\$	
WALTER WINCHELL* Andrew Jergens Jergens Lotion Robert Orr ABC 213		Hildegarde—CBS Exploring the Unknown— MBS Man, Merry-Go-Round— NBC	\$ 7,500	\$ 331.86	\$	
RADIO THEATER Lever Bros. Lux Soap and Flakes J.W.T. CBS 149	22.5	NSP—ABC Gabriel Heatter—MBS Real Storles-Real Life— MBS Telephone Hour—NBC Borge-Goodman Show— NBC	ş1 <del>8</del> ,000	\$ 711.11	\$	
DUFFY'S TAVERN Bristol-Myers Ipana, Trushay, Minit-Rub Y.& R. NBC 132	22.0	NSP-ABC Songs by Sinatra-CBS Gabriel Heatter-MBS Real Stories-Real Life	\$10,000	\$ 454.55	\$	;
BANDWAGON F. W. Fitch Various Products L.W.R. NBC 154	21.7	NSPABC BlondieCBS NSPMBS	\$12,500	\$ 576.04	\$	;
SCREEN GUILD PLAYERS Lady Esther Blow CBS 152	21.2	Doctors Talk It Over-ABC Fishing & Hunting Club, MA, LNMBS Contented ProgramNBC	\$10,000	\$ 471.70	\$	;
MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY Bristol-Myers Vitalis and Sal Hepatics 0.C.&S. NBC 132	21.1	Pot o' Gold_ABC Ford Show-Dinah Shoro CBS NSPMBS	\$ 6,800	\$ 322.27	\$	
F.B.I. IN PEACE AND WAR Procter & Gamble Lava Soap Blow CBS 79	18.8	America's Town Meeting of the Air. LN—ABC NSP—MBS Burns and Allen—NBC	\$ 4,500	\$ 239.36	.,	
GREAT GILDERSLEEVE Kraft Foods Co. Kraft Mayonnaise	18.5	NSPABC Dr. ChristianCBS Johns-Manville NewsCBS It's Up to YouthMBS	\$ 6,500	· · · · ·	\$	
N.L.&B. NBC 125	_		L	AY AFTERN		
THE SHADOW Carey Salt Co., McJunki Del. Lack. & West. R.&R., George Barr Co. Moyerhoff MBS 217		Darts for Dough—ABO Family Hour—CBS NSP—NBC	\$ 2,500	§ 200.00	\$	•
ONE MAN'S FAMILY Standard Brands Fleischmann's Yeast, Royal Desserts J.W.T. NBC 144	10.8	Samuel Pettengill—ABC N. Y. Philharmonic—CBS Crimes of Carelessness— MBS	\$ 4,500	\$ 416.67	\$	
CARMEN CAVALLARO Sheaffer Pon R.M.S. NBC 148	9.8	Danger, Dr. Danfield-ABC N. Y. Philharmonic-CBS NSPMBS	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	\$ 357,14	\$	;

L. & M.—Lennen & Mitchell. F., C. & B.—Foote, Cone & Belding. Y. & R.— Rublcam. W. & L.—Warwick & Legier. W. & C.—Williams & Cleary. L. W. R. Ramsey. J. W. T.—J. Walter Thompson. McK. & A.—McKee & Albright. R. & R.— & Ryan. D. C. & S.—Doherty, Cilifford & Shenfield. S. & S.—Schwimmer & Scott. C.—Roche, Williams & Cleary. A. M. & W.—Audrey. Moore & Wallace. W. H. W.-H. Weintraub. McC-E.—McCann-Erickson. P. & R.—Pedlar & Ryan. D. F. S. Fitzgerald-Sample. N. L. & B.—Needham, Lewis & Brorby. R. M. S.—Russel i B. & B.—Benton & Bowies. ---Young & R.---L. W. ---Ruthrauff , R. W. & V.---William

Average audience rating is 11.3, as against 10.9 last report, 10.5 a year ago. Average eveni sets-in-use reported are 34.3, as against 33.6 last report, 32.6 a year ago. Average available hom is 81.4, as against 81.7 last report, 80.8 a year ago. Number of sponsored hours is 71½ against 72½ last report, 78 a year ago.

Cost Per 1,000 Urban Listeners **Fibber McGee Tops Best Buy** .34 **Evening List** .69

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### Winchell, "D. A." Follow

NEW YORK, Feb. 15-Radio's best NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Radio's best program buy among big time night-time shows, based on the first 15 Hooperated programs as of February 15, is also the top-rated program, *Fibber McGee and Molly* (Johnson's Wax, NBC). Studies made by the Hooper organization for *The Bill-board's* continuing program studies give McGee (Marion and Jim Jordan) a cost per 1,000 urban listeners of 34 cents. Next two best buys on the same

34 cents. Next two best buys on the same basis, are Walter Winchell, whose 1,000 listener figure is 36 cents, and *Mr. District Attorney*, at 37 cents. Winchell and *D. A.* are, respectively, eighth and 13th in the top 15 list. Rating of *D. A.*, without a star, is re-markable markable.

There have been some changes since the previous (January 30) Hooperatings, with Fibber moving up from second into first. Swapping places with Bob Hope (69 cents per 1000) Big currence house and the second 1,000). Big surprise, however, is Amos 'n' Andy who took a terrific jump, from eighth two weeks ago to third in the new standing. Fourth place in both reports is held by Jack Benny.

#### **Crosby Loses Out**

One casualty from the January 30 report is Bing Crosby, who's Philco-ABC e. t. series was 10th in that re-ABC e. t. series was 10th in that report. In the new study, Crosby failed to place in the money—the top 15. Groaner's ratings have been dipsy-doodling since his start last fall. New list, moreover, has a newcomer, *F.B.I. in Peace and War* (Procter & Gamble for Lava Soap), one of that big-spending accounts few nighttime radio ventures. However, since the show is on a small network of only 79 stations, cost per 1,000 cannot be figured. figured.

Top 15 programs in this report, with their standing in the January 30 ratings parenthesized follow:

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Fibber McGee and Molly (2)33.4
Bob Hope (1)
Amos 'n' Andy (8) 30.9
Jack Benny (4)
Red Skelton (7)
Edgar Bergen (3)
Fred Allen (5)
Walter Winchell (10)
Radio Theater (6)
Duffy's Tavern (4)
Bandwagon (12)
Screen Guild Players (9)21.2
Mr. D. A. (13)
F.B.I. in War and Peace (*) 18.8
Great Gildersleeve (15)
(*) Not in top 15 last report.



### **Des Moines Results** DES MOINES, Feb. 15.-In

DES MOINES, Feb. 15.—In house-to-house survey to determin public preference as to progra types, KCBC, new Des Moines ou let, ascertained that 71.1 per cent interviewees favored music mo than any other type of show. Po which sampled more than 2,0 homes, was carried out by four st tion announcers under supervision tion announcers under supervision Promotion Manager Wayne Cru-just prior to the station's debut the air this week.

Poll showed news in the seco spot, with 48.8 per cent voting in favor. Comedy-variety programs a drama followed closely.

In answer to the query: "Are the any types you particularly dislike 47.4 per cent answered "soap opera. Another 20.2 per cent indicated th had no dislikes, and the remaind nixed hillbilly shows and mysteri

### **Butte Conferences**

Butte Conterences BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Survey conducted here for two weeks pri-to opening of KBOW was based two questions: "What type of pri-grams do you like?" and "What type of music do you prefer?" Answers to the first showed con-edy topping the list, with music se-ond, mysteries third and dram fourth. Sports and commentary we least popular. However, an analysi of replies revealed that a music, ev-tho their prime favorite was som other type of program. The second question showed th swing and jazz were very low on the scale, with sweet tunes, new hits an standard sweet pops leading classic music and the source of the standard sweet pops leading classic

standard sweet pops leading classi numbers. Hillbilly ditties rank third. Over-all conclusion of stati was that about 60 per cent of the interested in pops want them swe while at least 75 per cent are in terested in current hits and standar

## Washington Study

WÁSHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A four of all District of Columbia radio lis eners prefer news broadcasts, a cording to a study of listening hab conducted by WRC. Twenty-fi per cent of the listeners survey listen because of personality appe of radio, the study showed, 11.7 p cent listen for the correct time, 1 per cent for music, 7.6 per cent the weather reports, 5.1 per cent for "no reason," and 14.4 per cent for other reasons.

Among the "other reasons" tited was that the dial had been set on the table the night before by a mem-ber of the surveyed families and an-other member of the family just switched the radio on and left it there.



## Based on "First 15" Evening Hooperatings and "First 3" Sunday Afternoon Ratings

Talent Cost

Cost Per Point

The Billboard

# FCC'S ECONOMIC BUGABOO **TeleMonopoly Issue Emerges** As Top Factor

#### Weighty Problem Posed

By Our Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ques-tion whether a monopoly will be en-couraged in the multi-million dollar video industry by the decision on up-stairs color standards is overshadowstairs color standards is overshadow-ing all other considerations in the Federal Communications Commis-sion's deliberations, The Billboard has learned reliably. Commish, which would up final hearings here this week in the dispute between low-band black-whites and ultra-high color proponents has been sounding out top legalists of both factions for off the record views on the economic issue. This is regarded as of topmost significance since the FCC, in originally outlining the scope of the hearing, confined proceedings FCC, in originally outlining the scope of the hearing, confined proceedings solely to "engineering" issues in-volved in Columbia Broadcasting System's petition to open the present upstairs experimental TV band for commercial operations. As revealed in *The Billboard* after the first hear-ings here last December, monopoly issue dominated backstage discus-sions. Apparently the question now sions. Apparently the question now has become the all-important one for FCC to answer altho the official decish which is expected within a few weeks may not specifically ex-plore this subject.

Commission's interest in getting an answer to the monopoly question revealed itself more glaringly than ever before in a question put to top industry lawyers at a brief, closed door conference during a recess this

It was learned that the attorneys were asked whether they consider the commish authorized to change standards once a system was under way with apparent success, even if a proposed new system might offer ad-



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Matches, Maybe?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.— Some diversion—yet with a serious undertone—was occa-sioned here during the color hearings this week as to whether FCC "has jurisdiction over light." Question arose as the result of Dr. Allen B. DuMont's experiments with video trans-mission on a light beam, which the inventor patented in 1934. the inventor patented in 1934, and which, he stated this week, eventually will be practical for commercial use. One legalite stated that if

One legalite stated that if FCC were to attempt regulating light beam transmission, it could be expected to "regulate every-thing from flashlights to street lamps." Another merely ob-served: "Ain't they got enough trouble now?"

ditional features. Legalists for the black-white downstairs faction are known to have replied that the commish would be justified only if it could be proved that the proposed new system would offer "revolution-ary improvements" at a "lower cost" to broadcasters and the public.

#### Varying Views

CBS legalists have been contending that upstairs color offers drastic im-provements. Question of costs has remained one of the most debatable points of discussion with the blackwhiters insisting that CBS upstairs color is "too costly" for popular use and far more costly for popular use and far more costly than downstairs TV. CBS has been arguing that the system could be installed without undue expense compared with blackwhite.

Because of the explosiveness of the economic question, backstage talk about a possible straddle by FCC gained steam in the wake of the wind-up Thursday (13) of four days' hearings here. One compromise sug-gested as a possibility in behind-scenes discussions is a decish which would invite further propagation and engineering studies on ultra-high band, but such a ruling would be considered to be tantamount to a defeat for CBS, since it would in effect be a denial of the petition on the ground that upstairs color is not ready for commercial operation. However, it is possible FCC might put a time-limit on the studies.

A decish by FCC authorizing "dual-band" operation continuation of low band black-white and introduction of commercial color on high band would be considered a defeat rather than a compromise for black-whiters, who have insisted that dualband operation would prolong "an uncertainty" in the entire video in-dustry, chiefly at the cost of black-white development. Also the black-whiters say dual-band TV is financially prohibitive.

#### **Huge Investments**

With present investment in downstairs black-white estimated to ex-ceed \$200 million and CBS staking its future in TV on several millions investment in ultra-high band color investment in ultra-high band color research, question of financial loss and gain is inescapable. Viewed as considerably more important is the impact of a decision on the imme-diate future. CBS would be certain to get a long head-start if FCC upped commercial standards, while black-whiters are ready to push rapidly ahead, presumably at expense of CBS, if Columbia's bid is denied. Both sides have shrewdly anticipated the economic factors which inevitably *(See Tele Monoply on page 14)* 

## **TV License Bids** Await **FCC Decish**

#### **Industry Bitterly Divided**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- A new wave of applications for commercial video stations is being forecast in industry circles in the event of a decisive ruling by the Federal Com-munications Commission on the downstairs-upstairs TV issue. Black-whiters are insisting that a flood of applications will greet a downstairs decish, while ultra-high protagonists are declaring that approval of Co-lumbia Broadcasting System's bid would result in mushrooming of commercial color.

Complicating the rival claims are assertions by CBS that if black-white wins, CBS will drop its research, while black-whites say that a victory for upstairs color would stymic prac-ticelly all current TV production and for upstairs color would stymie prac-tically all current TV production and black-white broadcasting. Final phase of FCC's hearing left the in-dustry bitterly divided, with tempers continuing to flare even after FCC had closed the record on the final four days of testimony. Almost two-thirds of this week's hearing revolved around claims and counter-claims on whether CBS's

counter-claims on whether CBS's filter color system is practical enough filter color system is practical enough to warrant an immediate commercial band on existing experimental chan-nels. CBS rested its case in final moments of hearings in pleas for dual-band, pointing out that it was not concerned about black-white op-erations in present 44-216 MC. band for commercial TV but only wanted additional upstairs band for com-mercial color. CBS, in addition, pro-posed that a new ultra-high channel be made available for experimental be made available for experimental TV.

#### **B-W** Stand

Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Ra-Alten B. DuMont Laboratories, Ra-dio Corporation of America, National Broadcasting Company and Westing-house, carrying the ball for down-stairs video, argued that CBS's color demonstrations showed the CBS sys-tem to be "immature" and insisted that any attempt to commercialize it now would destroy public taste for color and discourage downstairs

color and discourage downstairs black-white development. Hearing, originally set for two days, wound up Thursday (13) with final shots fired by E. W. Engstrom, v.-p. in charge of research at RCA, and G. L. Beers on behalf of RCA and NBC. Engstrom charged that CBS color television "is not only far from being mody for comparailize. from being ready for commercialization, but also has basic limitations so that it can never render a satisfac-tory commercial service." He in-sisted that RCA's simultaneous color system "is compatible with the pres-ent commercial black-and-white television and solves the problem of obsolescence." Beers put emphasis on allegedly low cost of black-white TV.

Dr. Peter S. Goldmark, chief TV engineer for CBS and Adrian Mur-phy, of CBS, declared that black-whiters' arguments were "obstruc-tionistic." Murphy argued that upstairs color was practical enough to go forward on a commercial basis on an equal footing with black-white. CBS stalwarts took hope from ques-

## Tele "Monopoly" Intrigues GOP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-GOP-controlled Congress is watching closely the running battle on tele-vision with the idea of staging an inquiry to determine whether the public is being deprived of its use be-cause of conflicts within the industry and uncertainties resulting from the and uncertainties resulting from the and uncertainties resulting from the temporary nature of standards, it was learned this week. Chairman Charles A. Wolverton (R., N. J.) of the House Interstate and Foreign Com-merce Committee, told The Billboard roday that his committee use the terms today that his committee, told *The Butoodra* today that his committee was "greatly interested" in the subject, but added that no hearings were planned yet and no legislation had been intro-duced. Question of monopoly in tele is reportedly drawing increased Con-gressional interest, with Department of Justice also sharpening its watchfulness.

Congressional interest, it was re-vealed, has risen sharply as a result of Federal Communications Commission's hearings on the fateful ismission's hearings on the fateful is-sue of downstairs-upstairs video. One congressman, who preferred to re-main unnamed, said that Congress "could not possibly ignore the fight between the titans of the communi-cations industry," and added that the feeling prevailed that FCC in the role of referee faces "probably one of the toughest issues that any regu-latory body has yet been called upon latory body has yet been called upon to decide." It is increasingly ap-parent that the commish's decision on the color video question will be exhaustively studied on "the hill."

Meanwhile, the Justice Department is continuing an inquiry into the role of the movie industry in television, with interest centering on whether large screens have been held back from tele by motion picture interests. Also, as result of testimony put on record in this week's color video hearing, Justice Department is studying complaints that 35mm. film for color tele is being bottlenecked.

tioning by Commissioners E. W. Jett and Rosel Hyde on whether the two systems operating simultaneously systems operating simultaneously would prove workable. Chairman Charles Denny in intermittent re-marks left a strong impression that commish felt that the full case was in and that no additional demon-strations or hearings would be needed.

#### **Craven Supports Color**

T. A. M. Craven, veepee of Cowles Broadcasting Company, contended that CBS color demonstrations, un-der normal lighting condition, was equally "if not more useful than any of the black-and-white demonstra-strations." He said that color video "is far more ready than black-and-(See Television License on page 14)



#### All-American Gallery of **Fashions Preview**

Reviewed Thursday (13), 3 to 4 p.m. Presented by St. Louis Fashion Creators, Inc., on KSD-TV, St. Louis. Produced by Television Advertising Productions.

This was one show that should have been seen by the FCC, in fact by anyone who is trying to make up his mind whether black and white television is good enough now to be given the go-ahead signal, good enough to be promoted and sold all the way. If all television stations could consistently put on shows with the high caliber of production, planning, direction and execution of this television would be assured a one.

one, television would be assured a rosy future. Just as its name implies, show was a television preview of a St. Louis fashion show at the Chase Hotel Friday (14) in which the country's top designers displayed their newest creations. Video pro-gram showed the same designs, but had the additional value only tele-vision could provide. vision could provide.

As just a fashion show, it would have been a success. But the pro-duction extras woven in gave it top showmanship and entertainment and the value which distinbest from just the good. which distinguishes the

Program's high quality was sur-prising in view of the fact that KSD does not have all the equipment it needs, and the confusion encountered in last-minute rehearsals and production arrangements, with the production staff working until about 3 a.m. the morning of the show mak-

ing sets, rewriting and rehearsing. Despite this, precision and smooth execution was one of the most notable attributes of the program. Each model, as she showed her clothes, knew what to do and did it well. Camera work was tops, with the lenses accurately following each model. Latter is especially surprising since cameras used were not equipped with view finders, and therefore the cameramen were sight-ing along the tops of the camera. Even video tricks, such as having models' hats shown as notes on a set painted to resemble a musical score, went off well. Examples of the showmanship and

program's plus value were an orig-inally written ballet, a song routine featuring tenor Leroy Busch and in-terviews with designers as well as demonstrations of how designs are created. All came off without hitch. Don Faust narrated the show, which was a television advertising produc-tion supervised by John Gibney, written by Leonard Nathanson and directed by Lorraine Larson. Par-ticularly noteworthy was Gibney's low level lighting and use of image arthion camera, which resulted in a well modulated picture with a deep

plane of focus. Of course, there were some mis-takes. But none which could not be attributed to a lack of proper equipment or time for rehearsal. On the whole, the program was one of which KSD-TV could have felt proud, one which must have done plenty toward helping to sell television to the people of St. Louis.

Cy Wagner.



Reviewed Friday (14), 1:45-to 2 p.m. Commercial man-on-the-street program produced by Television Advertising Pro-ductions for Hyde Park Breweries Asso-ciation, Inc. Telecast on KSD-TV, St. ouis.

**Meet St. Louis** 

As an example of a cheap but efective video show that could sell merchandise as well as provide good merchandise as well as provide good public relations for the sponsor while presenting interest-holding enter-tainment, this program was quite good. It provided publicity and pub-lic relations for the sponsor when about 200 people (some of them waiting since 11:30 a.m.) gathered in front of *The Post-Dispatch* buildwaiting since 11:30 a.m.) gathered in front of The Post-Dispatch building to watch its progress. It was good entertainment as a result of the top job emsee Don Faust did in handling members of the street crowd and showing off the talents of each to best advantage. Selling advertis-ing was the very essence of a spe-cially produced TAP film explaining the

he merits of Hyde Park Beer. Altho man-on-the-street radio programs are far from the best in radio fare and altho many video programs the same type have flopped enthusiasm with which St. Louis populace is co-operating with anything that has anything to do with television made this show good. There were amateur singers, pro-fessional dancers and singers and semi-pro comedians who volunteered to appear on the show. None, Faust insisted, were ringers. Presence of these people gave the show a real entertaining quality and since they could be seen as well as heard what they did had double impact.

The two-minute opening and clos-ing films, both completed in three hours of rehearsing and camera shooting, proved again that any sponsor getting into television must investigate closely the advantages of film presentations. First constituted a title and showed a cartoonist at work drawing a Hyde Park bottle and glass, with credit lines for the program. Last featured the same cartoonist, but this time he drank program. some beer, and, of course, was caught (See Meet St. Louis on page 14)

#### House of 10,000 Costumes

Reviewed Tuesday (11), 8:45-9 p.m. yle—Skit, slides. Sustaining over KTLA Style (Paramount), Hollywood.

Maybe the ladies' aid society would have gotten a kick out of this one, but have gotten a kick out of this one, but it's a 10-1 cinch the average looker switched off his set to save the tube for better days. One of the corniest offerings ever to travel this outlet's channel, tonight's scanning was de-voted to the city playground sys-tem's wardrobe of kiddie costumes. Sog opened with a series of stale-

Seg opened with a series of stalelooking slides showing youngsters in various costumes and dance poses. Calendar of the month of February filled the screen with small pix of Lincoln, Washington and a valentine superimposed on the appropriate dates. Kids in period garb go thru a dates. Kids in period garb go thru a couple of ho-hum routines showing how costumes are put to use. Kids can be cute if handled properly but there's nothing quite so sad as the old "grade school technique" of monotone recitation, stiff-legged min-

uets, etc. As if this didn't provide a sufficient As if this didn't provide a summer corn ration for the evening, the wind-up provided a double dose. Costumed kids paraded before cam-eras, each with its own identification tag: "I'm a little girl from Sweden, "here little how from merry old Eng-I'm a little boy from merry old Eng-land," etc., and KTLA labeled this one public service.

Same station recently proved public service could be entertaining as well as informative. Having already set high standards (outlet won TBA public service award) it must stand comparison with what it had offered in the past. Lee Zhito.

**Thomas A. Edison Centennial** Dinner

#### Lincoln Day Dinner

Edison Show reviewed Tuesday (11), 9:20-11 p.m. Style—Special event. Sustaining on WNBT (NBC), New York. Lincoln Show reviewed Wednesday (12), 8-11 p.m. Style—Special event. Sustaining on WNBT (NBC), New York.

These shows are reviewed as a single unit because they were similar in form, and graphically point up the problems with which video is, and will be, faced in covering such speproblems with which video is, and will be, faced in covering such spe-cial events. While it is unquestion-ably public service of a high order for a tele station to bring to viewers occasions of this kind, it is equally unquestionable that "great man" banquets will drive spectators away from their sets in droves unless from their sets in droves . . . unless TV producers can solve some ex-cruciatingly difficult inherent problems.

Banquets' daises, as anyone knows who is forced by the nature of his business to attend, are almost in-variably loaded with stuffed-shirts who have made careers of cliches. And at "great man" eatfests these oratorical ogres invariably pull out all the stops. Few of them are photoall the stops. Few of them are photo-genic, so that the video producer is faced with the dual problem of bales of boring blather plus as unappeal-ing a picture as can be imagined. Shooting other dais deities while the shooting other data defiles while the speeches are in progress is a partial solution, but it is probably disre-spectful for the telecrew to stay off the pop-off at the mike too long. And it may be a little uncricket to shoot some of the unsuspecting celebs, who may, and often are hid-ing yawns behind upraised hands, picking their schnozzes, or otherwise attempting to stay awake.

Probably no real answer will be forthcoming until video gets enough sets around to make professional banqueteers aware of the importance of delivering a good visual as well as oral performance. In the meantime, it may be that a production genius somewhere will come up with some ideas to make these shows a little less painful.

In the case of these two offerings, In the case of these two offerings, of course, each banquet proper was preceded by appropriate films. On the Edison program, NBC did a fine job of selection, using early news-reel shots with real nostalgic quality and full footage of the movie classics, The Great Train Robbery and The Coar Themas A Ediana en area 140 (See Thomas A. Edison on page 14)

#### **Televiews of the News**

Reviewed Sunday (9), 8:15-8:30 p.m. Style—News. Sponsored by Tupman Mo-tors/ Agency—J. Walter Thompson. KTLA (Paramount), Hollywood.

To Hilton Tupman, the local Ford-Lincoln dealer who became the Coast's first (and so far, only) tele bankroller, goes credit for his seem-ingly limitless faith in video. Only a man with unflinching faith in the air-pic medium would shell out coin for a seg as sad as this. To KTLA this offering is no credit, and while utiliz-ing a few technical improvements, outlet's news presentation generally totals a step backward.

Viewers can recall the sponsorless days when the same format of slideillustrated newscasts, stilted as it was (and still remains) had a measure of appeal. There was more punch and color to the scripting then, and tho the news items treated were oftentimes older than yesterday's news-paper, the dramatic flavor with which they were presented spurred renewed interest. At least then, an effort was made to treat each item completely.

To make room for three unconvincing Tupman Motors plugs (in a 15-minute seg), news items have been trimmed to the bone and telescoped into the remaining time. Since the material covered is already known to the newspaper reading audience and seg at best is but a review of the seg at best is but a review of the week's news, the few sentences de-voted to each item are woefully in-adequate. For some unknown rea-son the quality of the writing has dropped considerably. The stock shots (stills) that are flashed on dur-ing the reading add little spark. Pix used, with few exceptions, were pre-viously seen elsewhere and stills hold little interest to an audience nur-tured on motion picture newsreels. Furthermore, little if any marked integration exists in the script be-tween the spoken word and the pic on the screen. If what the announcer reads is self sufficient, there is no reason why the set-owner should look to the receiver. If stills are to be used, announcer's patter, like the caption to a phonograph, should complement rather than parallel what is to be seen and should be so worded as to capture the attention of the viewer.

Stills were also used for each of the three commercials. From the stand-point of sales impact, Tupman need (See TELEVIEWS on page 14)



(Continued from page 12) white was when standards were promulgated for that service before the war." F. J. Bingley, chief tele engineer of Philco, charged that mechanical color video sent out by CBS "is so deficient at the present time it could not even be seen at seven out of eight test locations within 25 miles of New York." He said the present power of the CBS color system would have to be increased at least a hundredfold to approach the broadcast service now being provided by black-white television transmitters.

Adrian Murphy, in battling for CBS color, insisted that the public be given a chance to choose between upstairs color and downstairs blackwhite. He asserted that if the public turns down CBS's color, then FCC should withdraw the band, but insisted the opportunity for witnessing the system should be given thru practical experience.

David B. Smith, vice-president in charge of Philco Corporation and chairman of the engineering department special committee No. 3 of, Radio Manufacturers' Association, spearfieaded a good deal of the blackwhite attack against CBS's system, declaring that the proposed UHF standards "do not provide a bright enough picture now for freedom from flicker." He pointed out that lowband video has had adequate testing and that it would be a serious risk to freeze upstairs standards for commercial video after only "a very skimpy test."

R. D.<sup>1</sup> Kell, RCA and NBC representative, said standards proposed by CBS "are not adequate and will not permit the development of a satisfactory or feasible color television service." Paul Raibourn, vice-president of Paramount Pictures, charged that because the rods and cones in the human eye see only black-andwhite and the cones of the eyes are used for color vision the two conflict with each other when viewing color video pictures. Refuting his charge, Dr. Selig Hecht, Columbia University biophysicist testifying for CBS, said Raibourn's statement was the "sheerest irrelevance."

#### **DuMont Stand**

Dr. Allen B. DuMont said that his laboratories had withheld demonstrations of color video because "we feel that until the technical problems have been more nearly solved these demonstrations when widely publicized serve to confuse the public and raise false hopes." His reasons for believing the proposed CBS system inferior are (1) it does not provide wide enough coverage; (2) it does not provide for as bright or as large a picture as the present blackand-white standards and the standard proposed is totally inadequate in this respect; (3) it requires duplicate equipment for black-and-white and color transmissions, increasing the cost of capital equipment and increasing the cost of producing pro-

#### **OPENING NIGHT?**

That was 11 years ago! But I'm still going strongwith a full house of Stage. Screen and Radio Stars, tool See why!



grams; (4) it requires more expensive and complicated receivers; (5) it does not provide a practical method of allowing black-and-white receivers to be converted so they can also receive color transmissions.

receive color transmissions. Thomas T. Goldsmith Jr., director of research for DuMont, recommended expansion of black-white service and development of color for two more years; setting of tentative color standards for one year; performing of color field tests for one year of provision of color stations and receivers for one year. Those recommendations, he added, would give five and a half years before full commercial color television operations could be accomplished.

Dr. Peter C. Goldmark, for CBS, emphasized four points. He said color television under the proposed standards already is performing better than did black-and-white when it was commercialized; he said all of the equipment necessary for a highly satisfactory commercial color television system has been developed and tested; the standards proposed by CBS impose no practical technical limitations on future developments; and color television to realize its full capabilities, needs the same period of commercial development that black-and-white enjoyed.

#### THOMAS A. EDISON (Continued from page 13)

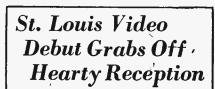
Eagle's Nest. Both films would draw as sock comedy material in any house in the country. Bob Stanton's commentary on Edison's career was well written and delivered, too.

commentary on Edison's career was well written and delivered, too. Lincoln film job was another story. D. W. Griffith's Abraham Lincoln, starring Walter Huston, was shown and Huston in those days was high quality hamola. His portrayal of the great President was tantamount to a burlesque, and the inane script and performances of the other players were no help. NBC could have done better elsewhere, perhaps, but tele's problem in securing rights to decent film is well known. At any rate, what would have made the Great Emancipator to whirl in his grave were some of the speeches made about him, and the tasteless Republican attempts to build for the '48 elections on his great contributions to the nation. Aside from Thomas Edison's son, Charles, ex-governor of New Jersey, the speeches at the inventor's dinner probably caused him to do some whirling on his own too. Joe Csida.

#### **TELEVIEWS** (Continued from page 13)

not fear a buying spree from these drab and unimaginative plugs. If there's anything that can be displayed to its best advantage in motion it's an auto, and why KTLA must stick to the unflattering stills is unexplainable. It's going to take more than a shot of a Mercury grill or the pic of an auto's interior to convince the average on-looker. If that's the way KTLA is going to sell, it offers advertisers nothing more than they have been receiving from the printed

page. Tupman Motors is KTLA's first account and, as a result, all Coast ad men's eyes are focused on this show. With this in mind, outlet should waste no time to get on the ball and give this seg quick hypo. First of all, the slide system must be chucked out of the window and be replaced by a motion picture newsreel. If the station is not adequately prepared to make this change-over immediately, it should lose no time in doctoring the scripting and choice of pix. Above all, the slide plugs should be replaced



(Continued from page 4) about 20 hours a day, they managed to whip out programs that ordinarily require a video staff of more than

require a video staff of more than 50. To accomplish this they had to overcome obstacles such as 'lack of equipment at the station and an untrained staff that first had to be whipped into shape before being used. Thru tough work, imagination and initiative they accomplished such things as a special television production of the well-known Broadway futuristic hit, R. U. R. Coe admitted that much of the success of the week's venture could be attributed to TAP, with due allowance for his own staff's hard work.

Starting next week KSD-TV will produce its own shows. The staff will undergo further training and Rodner will be called upon as a consultant periodically. KSD-TV's staff will number 15. Most of its programs will be in the nature of films and remote pick-ups of hockey games, wrestling matches, etc. One of the most important prob-

One of the most important problems facing the station and others getting into video has been solved. That is the union problem. Agreement has been worked out with locals of IBEW and IATSE whereby IATSE has stage hands and a film projectionist. IBEW has cameramen and engineers.

Coe does not expect to have smooth sailing. He admits the station's staff has much to learn, many problems to solve, that a lot of new equipment must be obtained, and that new studios, other than the present one which measures 25 by 50 feet, will have to be located. But he repeats that now is the time to get into television, and that no good operator will wait for the other guy to solve his problems for him, but will get right in and solve them himself to get the jump on his competitors and reap the profits later.

reap the profits later. So far, KSD-TV has not set its rate card. It doesn't expect to for a few weeks, but will have it ready for the use of a new, more powerful transmitter which it expects to get in April. Even when it does have a rate card, the station expects to lose money for a while, as it will charge advertisers only part of the cost. Rate will be based on cost, with charges for this week's operation having a lot to do with setting exact amounts. Following the already established p.-d. policy, there will be good taste, restrictions on advertisers and plenty of sustaining time. Even tho the *Post-Dispatch* expects to lose money for a time with vided, it expects, naturally, to reap rewards later. Whether or not video will cut down on its radio revenue they can't determine yet. But they want to be ready. This week's response by the St. Louis populace indicates they'll support KSD-TV.

almost immediately by one-minute movies.

On the credit side are Keith Hetherington's clean-cut voicing, increased use of title slides and increased number of pix per news item. Latter device tends to slightly improve the static quality of stills. *Lee Zhito.* 

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### MEET ST. LOUIS

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(Continued from page 13) with a close-up shot as he smacked his lips and indicated how good the beer was. Behind all this was a running commentary of commercial copy and music.

copy and music. Program's advertising sold. Its show content entertained. What else could be asked? Cy Wagner.

## Tele Monopoly Important Issue

(Continued from page 12) must be weighed by FCC in its deliberations and a mass of rival evidence was rushed into the record this week.

#### **Goldmark's Converter**

Spokesmen for Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Radio Corporation of America and other downstairs protagonists tossed in testimony which in effect indicated that present production plans for next few years would be dropped if upstairs standards are authorized. CBS threw in testimony to show that Columbia's ultra-high system could operate on a dual-band system which would let black-white compete. Dr. Peter C. Goldmark, inventor of CBS's color, said he was perfecting a set capable of receiving either color or blackwhite thru a gadget similar to a converter. This testimony created a minor sensation at the hearing. Proponents of black-white challenged the testimony as "theoretical," insisting that even if it were proven valid it would be impractical allegedly because broadcasters and manufacturers would not be willing to invest in black-white on a dual basis. RCA spokesmen contended that the dual operation might be practical when upstairs color is perfected and can be "sold" to public. This they said is not likely to happen for another five years. RCA said it too would have converter ready by that time.

#### **Economic Aspects**

Commission's interest in the economic angle crept subtly into this week's hearing in intermittent questioning by commissioners. Interest also showed itself on the record in testimony introduced by FCC itself showing findings of a survey made of television manufacturers' plans for 1947. FCC reported it had been making the survey since last November. Twenty-five companies responded to commish's questions. Of these, two were making color equipment. Twenty-three companies reported they expected to be in production on one or more models of black-white receivers during 1947. Four of the companies were in production in 1946, six others planned to start production in the first quarter of 1947, one in the second quarter, nine in the third quarter and three gave no specific 1947 starting dates. Of the 23 who responded for blackwhite 19 gave 1947 production estimates which ranged from 435,000 to 468,000 sets. FCC stated it was not possible to make an exhaustive summary of 1947 projected output since two companies accounting for 59 per cent of the total estimated 1947 production data by individual models." Implication behind the figures introduced by the commite on estimates with pro-

Implication behind the figures introduced by the commish on set production was that were CBS to get an okay, it was possible the investment made by set manufacturers in dies, tools and other equipment might be jeopardized. Similarly, while no mention was made, investments of transmitter manufacturers and 40odd b-w station licenses, all of whom have transmitters and studios on order, would be iconardized

on order, would be jeopardized. Regardless of what FCC's ultimate decision is, the hearings have pointed up one fact. That is that no problem placed before the agency, or its predeccessor, the Federal Radio Commission, has had such deep-rooted ramifications, affecting both the public and the television-broadcasting industry.



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MUSIC Communications to 1564 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. The Billboard 15

**Courtney's Poison Pen Pal Stirs New Trade Talk Re Morris Agency Band Wing** 

If-Guys Blow Tops as Crank Prank News Spreads

#### By Joe Csida

By Joe Usida NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A poison pen scribbled a somewhat intriguing note into band-booking circles this week when a number of William Morris Agency bands, their personal managers and (some reports say) American Federation of Musicians Prexy James C. Petrillo received anonymous letters concerning the activities and practices of Cress Courtney, WM key band de-partment man. Letters were typewritten on plain white paper, and identified only as coming from a "band leader," who claimed he feared to reveal his name only because his "bookings would be hurt." They discussed Courtney's business relationships with Duke Ell-ington, commented on the deal Court-

ington, commented on the deal Court-ney made for the Duke with Musicraft, ney made for the Duke with Musicraft, and went into Courtney's handling of band bookings generally. Allegations made in the letters were extreme and vicious. Courtney told *The Billboard* that he categorically denies all charges, and said that while it caused him some annoyance at first, he new menicat that the letters had nrobably him some annoyance at first, he new realized that the letters had probably been written by a "moron," and he (Courtney) would be silly to do any-thing but laugh the matter off. "If I had all the sources of income attribut-ed to me in the letters," Courtney said, "I'd have to get myself a vault to hold the money."

#### No Credence

Nat Lefkowitz, WM administrative Nat Lefkowitz, WM administrative exec, who received copies of the letter from others to whom orig-inally they had been sent, said the Morris agency certainly would lend no credence to an anonymous, crank letter of this type. "We have no evidence to substantiate any of the charges in the letter," said Lefko-witz, "and we simply are ignoring the entire matter."

In the meantime, as' word of the letter got around, trade if-boys be-gan to speculate on the possible, eventual ramifications. It is re-called that it wasn't too long ago that turmoil reigned in the agency's (Courtney's Poison Pen on page 31)

## **MGM's** Preem Album, 4 Disks, **Popsfor60Cents**

YORK, Feb. ecords' release NEW 15.--Initial MGM Records' release sheet was mailed to dealers for orders this week. Initial shipments are sked-ded for March I, with listing high-lighted by an album of recordings ingneed by an album of recordings taken from the sound track of the flick, Till the Clouds Roll By, fea-turing an ork led by Lennie Hayton and vocals by Kathryn Grayson, Tony Martin, Judy Garland, Vir-ginia O'Brien, Lena Horne, June Allyson and Caleb Peterson. Single non releases to be ped-

Allyson and Caleb Peterson. Single pop releases to be ped-dled at 60 cents retail are topped by a Jimmy Dorsey disk pairing Heart-aches, in a two-tempoed arrange-ment, and There Is No Greater Love. Others include Kate Smith doing Anniversary Song and If I Had My Life to Live Over, and Sy Oliver's new ork pairing a novelty, Hey Daddy-O, with an instrumental, Slow Burn. In the longer-hair depart-ment, Lauritz Melchior's coupling of Without a Song with For You Alone will preem. will preem.

A-Door-Able! NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Get the latest follow-up to Open the Door, Richard. West Coast diskery is cou-pling The Key Is in the Mail Box with Richard Gets Hitched.

## 802 To Warn Caterers on **Ork Collusion**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Spurred by recent membership complaints, administration of Local 802, AFM, will shortly issue a warning to catering hall and hotel proprietors to keep free of the hiring of musicians for single engagements or face complete loss of tootler services. Ork leaders who have been accused of monopolizing the single engagement dance biz will also be brought up for reprimand.

Local is now formulating a letter to go to caterers threatening to place them on the 802 unfair list unless they stop booking orks direct. Such action would automatically deprive the spots of all live music, usually necessary to successful weddings and other social affairs.

Decision to lay down the law follows a month's activity on the part of the union's dance committee, appointed to investigate charges of collusion between baton wielders and heads of catering spots.

Since certain favored leaders reportedly have acted as sub-bookers for catering establishments, the union for catering establishments, the union holds that proprietors are hiring side-men. This practice is contrary to the local's laws and has resulted in much discord among the org's 29,000 members, many of who are de-pendent on this type of work.



#### By Joe Carlton

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Release date problem popped into the limelight again this week when the Columbia diskery threatened the Shapiro-Bernstein and Santly-Joy pub-beries specifically and other pubs generally that if they (the pubs) continue to let rival disk companies break release dates on songs without doing anything about it, Columbia was not going "to make up their songs."

Columbia spokesmen pointed directly to two examples which irked them anew. The first involved the them anew. The first involved the S-B tune, Midnight Masquerade, which was given to Columbia with which was given to Columbia with the alleged understanding that the pub would restrict disk releases until the end of April. Tune has already been marked for recording by Eddy Howard (Majestic), Carmen Caval-laro (Decca) and Sammy Kaye (Vic-tor). But the Sammy Kaye version, according to Columbia execs, not only has been recorded but pressings have been shipped Without making a case been shipped. Without making a case against Victor's Eli Oberstein for reportedly jumping the gun, Columbia portedly jumping the gun, Columbia pointed a finger at the pub for al-lowing "Eli to get away with it." They also added that they were not going to make the song since they had to protect their artists and felt that a whole month's jump on a re-lease date was hardly equitable. Song had originally been assigned for had originally been assigned for Frankie Carle to record.

Gripe at Santly-Joy involved the forthcoming George Weiss-Benny Benjamin tune, Speaking of Angels, which Columbia claimed had been assigned to Elliot Lawrence with the understanding this time that release date was not until the month of May. Diskery's burn evolved when it re-portedly discovered that Victor had already recorded, pressed and shipped the Tex Beneke ork version of the tune. Gripe at Santly-Joy involved the orthcoming George Weiss-Benny

#### **Columbia** Firm

**Columbia Firm** Pub helplessness at release-date control has been a thing of long standing in the industry, altho pub-lished listings of such dates in *The Billboard* in recent periods went a long way to alleviate the evil. After *The Billboard* ran this feature for several weeks the practice of date jumping reached a low ebb in the trade and eventually disappeared. Co-lumbia's burn at pubs and at Victor's Oberstein highlights a new phase of the problem which may call forth some kind of determined action from the sheet sellers. the sheet sellers.

Columbia's position is that pubs have to control Oberstein, or anybody else, or else. They indicated this stand in commenting on a letter from stand in commenting on a letter from Georgie Joy, co-owner of the Santly-Joy firm, in which the latter ex-pressed his regret at the release-date jumping but stated that "we can't control Oberstein." Columbia's response took the line that if pubs can't control Obie—no Columbia records—and said that if pubs send Obie a release date and he jumps (See Columbia Baefs on page 32) (See Columbia Beefs on page 32)

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## **Deals Shaping** For 4 Big Bands

#### Howard, Beneke, Carle, Herman seen as hopping on revived air-wavings

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- All other reports to the contrary, name bands seem to be hitting the road back toward radio commercials, with at least four names now in the process of being proferred to sponsors. Latest ork names mentioned as ether pos-sibilities are Eddy Howard, Tex Beneke and Frankie Carle.

Howard, who rose to national rec-ognition on the strength of his Ma-jestic recordings, has been bought on option by the Buchanan Agency (Name Ork Web Trek on page 32)

**Return of One-Man Bands? Keener** Into Pennsy Hotel

Name Ork Web Trek Spotted

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Lee Keener, a one-man band, has been booked for the Hotel Pennsylvania Cocktail Lounge and as relief man for Cafe Rouge by General Artists Corporation. Keener plays a self-devised five-string instrument, banjo, drums, cymbals and other rhythm and string in-struments and currently is experi-menting with an idea to include a vibraharp in his band. Latter would require use of an electric-eye gadget.

get. One-man unit will play in the cock-tail lounge from 5 to 7 and then will move to the Cafe Rouge for 9:30 band intermission hour. Keener will play for dancing in the Cafe Rouge and will replace the current pianist policy used by the spot.

## **Philbin Gets** GAC V.-P. Post

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Jack Phil-bin, former Glenn Miller road man-ager and current Les Elgart personal manager and music publisher, has been appointed vice-president in charge of artist relations at General Artists' Corporation. Post is newly created, with Philbin skedded to serve as liaison between the agency and its artists. and its artists.

Altho Philbin couldn't be reached at press time, other sources indi-cated that he would drop his other interests in favor of the veepee post.

#### Starlit New H'wood Disker

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Newest addition to the ranks of indie diskeries in Starlit Records. Firm headquar-ters in Hollywood and outfit is headed by songwriter Dennis D. Fernando. The Billboard

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# **BMI Drive On Roller Rinks** Set

#### "Admish Clause" Twist

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-BMI li-NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—BMI li-censing org setting a drive to sign up roller-skating rink operators' na-tionally, it was learned this week. Rinks will be approached under a new-type contract which differs not only from the ASCAP rate schedule but marks a new twist in BMI type of paper which normally collects for of paper which normally collects for performance of music on a "music pay-roll" basis.

New plan to be applied to rink ops calls for "licensee to pay to BMI dur-ing each year of the contract a sum equal to the maximum price charged at the premises for one adult admish at the premises for one adult admish ticket, excluding federal tax, multi-plied by the number of weeks or parts of weeks that such establish-ment shall be open during such year." This plan applies provided rinks do not use "live" music. Then the fee will be on a normal "music pay-roll" basis which calls for one-belf of 1 basis, which calls for one-half of 1 per cent of the first \$50,000 spent for music and one-fourth of 1 per cent for all sums in excess of 50G.

#### Fairer Clause

the rink ops operate on a short sea-son arrangement and that the admish clause was tacked into standard con-tract in an effort to give short-season ops a break and give all ops a formula for payment which would raise a minimum squawk.

a minimum squawk. BMI plan has already been com-municated to Victor Brown, honorary president of Roller Skating Rink Op-erators' Association, with Brown re-portedly indicating his preliminary approval and co-operation.

### Hot Jazz To Take **Philly Week-Ender**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 .--- While interest in hot jazz runs high locally question of whether hep fans will spend moola to fill a concert hall will be answered twice this weekend: This afternoon (15) at the Acad-emy of Music and tomorrow after-noon (16) at Town Hall.

Making the first pitch will be Nor-man Granz's Jazz at the Philharmonic at the Academy matinee. Granz is bringing in drummer Buddy Rich, alto sax man Willie Smith, tenor saxer Flip Phillips, drummer Ken Kersey and vocalist Helen Humes.

Town Hall bash 24 hours later marks the first promotion of Richard and Robert Watts, who operate the and Robert Watts, who operate the Zanzibar, swing den in town. Jazz splash will bring out pianist Eddie Heywood, home-towner Charlie Ven-tura on tenor sax, bassist Chubby Jackson, drummer Big Sid Catlett, tenor saxers Ike Quebec and Ben Webster and the Zanzibar's Jimmy Oliver unit.

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## ASCAP-BMI Beset by State Tax Bill; Conn. Follows Ind.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Individual must obtain a license from the State State legal moves against ASCAP, BMI and other music collection orgs —which started anew in Indiana last week—were capped this week by a measure introduced in Connecticut Teturned to New York by the week-State Legislature proposing a new tay End. they could not be reached for State Legislature proposing a new tax against all composer groups. Connecticut bill, introed by State

Senator Rocco Pallotti, would tax all music composers' associations 10 per cent of gross income rung up in State territory.

Bill was a rapid follow-up to the "anti-music monopoly" bill present-ed in Indiana legislative house by State Senator Samuel E. Johnson last week. Johnson's measure, which brought ASCAP's John Paine and Louis Frohlich flying to Indianapolis early in the week, would virtually outlaw ASCAP, BMI, etc., if passed by both houses. Measure would make it "unlawful for writers, printers or pubs to form, associate or become members in any combination, the objective of which is to own or control the right to perform musical compo-sitions for profit." Such combination would be illegal if it fixed license fees or attempted to contract for public performance rights. At the same time, Representative Herbert M.

Altho both Paine and Frohlich had returned to New York by the week-end, they could not be reached for comment on their Indiana trek. BMI spokesmen, however, deprecated the trip by ASCAP reps as being not only premature but probably doing more harm than good. Claimed that legis-lation probably was run-of-the-mill stuff, whereby politicians enter meastuff, whereby politicians enter mea-sures into the legislative houses to satisfy certain constituents without much hope that bills will ever be finally passed. In the Indiana action, BMUer falt that measuring by New BMI'ers felt that pressuring by New York lawyers without sufficient assurance of the seriousness of the situation, hight actually prove a boom-erang with loyal Hoosiers apt to resent alleged interference and possibly repress efforts to pass a bill that otherwise might never have been more than a newspaper item.

Practice of legislators to intro so-called "constituent-satisfying" bills was deemed by BMI'ers as probably typified with the new Connecticut bill. It was pointed out that the same senator who introed the 10 per cent Copeland offered a House bill aimed tax bill also had presented a measure also at ASCAP-BMI, etc., which de- to permit women to work in restau-manded that any such association rants after 1 a.m.



#### **2 Per Employee Per Month?**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-New facet in collection org moves against users of industrial music was revealed this week with the report that the ASCAP licensing reps had approached a large Midwest industrial company which plays recorded music (not wired mu-sic which is licensed at the source) and asked for contract agreements.

ASCAP's move into the industrial field, which started more than six months ago with at-the-source li-censing, holds significance in that the proffered method of collection from disk-playing plant calls for a fee of a disk-playing plant calls for a fee of 2 cents per employee per month. In case of a plant hiring 6,000 or more employees—reported company was of similar size—return to ASCAP would be at least \$1,440. Spread of initial ASCAP move to other com-parable plants, which would bring the money total up to more important proportions for music biz, probably proportions for music biz, probably hinges on the amount of success the society will have with initial collection attempt. Company has already indicated resistance, it is reported, and has been calling on rival org, BMI, for possible assistance. Also reportedly toying with the idea of putting in juke box installation and ettompting thereby to the power of the terms of terms of terms of terms of terms of the terms of terms attempting thereby to thumb-down the ASCAP proposal on the grounds that latter has no authority to collect from jukes.

# Admish ticket gimmick is claimed by BMI licensing reps as being the most equitable way to handle rink ops who in the main use re-corded music (not wired music which is licensed at the source simi-lar to ASCAP collection method). BMI'sters point out that many of the rink ops operate on a short ser-**To Owners; Diamond Boss?**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Plan for re- Puner, who has reportedly been apcapitalization of the entire Musicraft diskery set-up launched into its first active phase this week with the firm's directors, meeting yesterday, approving a new stock reorganization plan and readying letters to go out next week asking for approval of the plan by common stockholders.

Indications are that financial straightening out of the Musicraft picture will safely get past the com-mon stock (and final) stage. Preferred stockholders already have indicated their unofficial approval of the new structure. Altho Musi-crafters would not talk about new crafters would not talk about new monies involved, it is understood that thru recapitalization, if it passes, more than \$1,000,000 will be poured into the diskery's coffers, with entire personnel of the organization and policies in for drastic changes. Plan in its final stage reportedly calls for heavy investment by inter-

calls for heavy investment by inter-ests which include Atlas Corporation in a major role and other interests connected with Apollo Records— Industries. Importantly involved in the plan is ex-Decca exec and still British Decca attorney Milton Dia-mond, who is expected to come in as new chairman of the board, vice Irving Felt, when reorganization is completed.

#### **Puner Factor**

Still another important personnel consideration rotates about Paul Puner, former Musicraft prexy and currently a large stockholder and exec in the set-up, whose classical and kiddle department is considered one of the more valuable and more solvent parts of the firm's properties.

proached by both the Decca and MGM diskeries to take an exec post, hasn't indicated which way he will turn, but it is understood that the wax firm is anxious to hold Probability is he will resume indie him. his prexy role under Diamond or head up the talent department in both pop up the talent department in both pop and longhair, with reports having it that Albert Marx, current artist and repertoire head, will bow out of the set-up. Marx, off to Bermuda on vacation, could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile Musicraft continued to Meanwhile Musicraft continued to consolidate its production problems by working out plans this week to sell its wax plant in Norwalk, Conn. Pressery is the one originally ac-quired when Musicraft took over the old Guild disk properties, and entire works—physical equipment—will be peddled to International Recording Company upical properties. Company which reportedly has made a down payment for the property.

#### Sell Plant

Disposal of the Connecticut plant, coming on top of the recent closing of the West Coast plattery, carries out the firm's intention to concentrate production on the most economical sources of distribution. Claim is that New York, Baltimore and Boston areas are now getting more Musicraft wax than ever before, with output of the Ossining, N. Y., plant no longer being spread over too large an area. Firm spokesman said over \$45,000 in net billings in January were registered in the New York area alone, more than it had ever rung up before in that termiterer that territory.

Earlier, Musicrafters had strongly no attempt to breach artist denied rumors that the firm was had come to their attention.

## **Philly Longhair** Short at the B. O.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 .- Show-PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Show-biz slump has caught up with the concert field here, box-office at the Academy of Music, major concert hall, taking a dive worse than the temperature. On the safe side for the time being are series events such as the Philadelphia orchestra, Phila-delphia Forum and Emma Feldman's All-Star Concerts which were largely sold last spring but solo affairs have sold last spring but solo affairs have run into a terrific box-office slump, with concert bout promoters taking baths they can ill-afford.

baths they can ill-afford. Even the grand opera, generally the most popular branch of the long-hair events, has been affected. Last week, \$7.80 tickets for the Metropoli-tan Opera Company were being hawked outside of the Academy for \$4. In another solo stand, a popular concert singer called off her pitch, the excuse being laryngitis. Insid-ers said, however, that advance sale was hardly enough to drag the singer out of a sick bed. In a last-minute stand to bolster the concert box-office, promoters are sounding an S. O. S. to the recording companies and offering record distributors cutand offering record distributors cut-rate tickets to help fill up the house. Disk distribs are steering clear for the time being.

passing into receivership. "There have been no suits, no subpoenas, nothing," they said, and added that no attempt to breach artist contracts

## **Decca's Original-Cast Domain** Invaded by Columbia; Latter On 'Finian,' 'Street,' 'Brig'?

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Emergence of Columbia diskery as new power in original-cast Broadway show albums—territory formerly presided over by Decca exclusively—was seen with indications that Columbia not only will come up with o-c Finian's Rainbow package but will follow up with two other legiters, Street Scene and the new musical yet to hit Broadway boards, Brigadoon. Columbia pact with Finian show has been hinted by both diskery execs and show producer Lee Sabinson. Latter isn't talking about money arrangements but in light of Decca deal falling thru last week because

money arrangements but in light of Dec of producer's demand for heavy royalty cut it is assumed that ar-rangement with Columbia will at least equal Decca offer which stood at reported 5-cent per album over first 50,000 sold. Columbia in re-portedly snapping up *Finian* propo-sition was understood to have done so only on stipulation that original cast participate. Point involves the much-discussed question of how long Ella Logan will stay with the show, whether she has special deal with Apollo Records, where her agent Paul Small holds an interest, or whether she will leave show in June as reported in some quarters. as reported in some quarters.

as reported in some quarters. Logan in-or-out situation, insiders say, won't affect Columbia deal too drastically with diskery figured to prefer Logan in star wax role but willing to take Kitty Kallen (Sho Sabinson signed last week as under-study) so long as rest of cast stays intact. Should Kallen come in for waxing, however, question of chirp's Musicraft ties probably would come up. Indie firm's release of the singer for the package should be easily forthcoming since Kallen has cut no Musicraft wax in some time. Co-lumbia waxings too, could hardly hurt billing on a smaller label. "Street-Brig"

#### "Street-Brig"

Also known that Columbia has been working on *Street Scene* album, altho question of royalties or any other cut to producers—Dwight Deere Wi-man and Playwrights Company—has not yet been ironed out, it is under-stood. Original cast quirk here may stood. Original cast quirk here may develop, too, involving Norman Cor-den, singing star of the Kurt Weill musical. Columbia's Goodard Lie-berson is said to have all pacts straightened out but reports have it that Victor is re-negotiating an old contract with Corden. Either Corden will have to hold back on Victor paper, presumably, or Columbia will have to cut the album in interim period when Corden is unaffiliated.

Beriod when Corden is unaminated. Brigadoon legiter which debuted out-of-town this week and hits the Gotham boards shortly also under-stood to be wrapped up by Columbia execs. Deal said to have been already set with producer Cheryl Crawford and writers Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe, altho score still has not been set with any music pub-lisher. lisher.

#### Koussevitsky Biog Suit May Set Law Precedent

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A court order restraining publication and distribution of Koussevitsky, a bio by Moses Smith, Hub longhair cric, by Moses Smith, Hub longhair cric, on complaint of Serge Koussevitsky, Boston Symphony batoneer, was granted here Thursday (13) by Su-preme Court Justice Bernhard L. Shientag. In granting the injunction, Justice Shientag indicated that the suit would establish a precedent on the rights of publishers to publish biographies without the subject's consent. Opposing attorneys were ordered to submit briefs Wednes-day (19). day (19).

Notice of a \$500,000 libel suit against Smith and publishers of the tome, Allen, Towne & Heath, Inc.— book is firm's initial venture—was filed Thursday with the complaint

## **ASCAP** Slate **Posted**; Ballots **Out This Week**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .-- Pub and ASCAP at meeting Thursday (13) posted over 18 names for forthcom-ing board of directors general elec-tion ballot to be mailed out to mem-horship probably this work bership, probably this week.

Actual slate line-up will not be set until Society gets acceptances from preliminary nominees. Ac-cording to by-laws, one candidate for each pub vacancy and two candidates for each writer's post must be selected. These are in ad-dian to incumbent directors who dtion to incumbent directors who also must appear on slate. Number also must appear on slate. Number of directorial posts available are three for writers and one for pubs. three for writers and one for pubs. Initial list of prospective nominees drawn up Thursday includes in writer categories Deems Taylor, Abram Chasins and Phillip James for standard scribes; Joe Myer, John Redman, Bennie Benjamin, Runy Bloom and Pinky Herman for pop cleffers, and Oscar Hammerstein II and Otto Harbach in production writers' group. As pub nominees names of Bob

As pub nominees, names of Bob Miller, Irving Caesar and Ben Bar-ton were among those submitted.

#### **Caesar-Herman**

Posting of Irving Caesar's name as Posting of Irving Caesar's name as a pub rep was taken as significant in the trade, which saw Caesar run last year for director's post as a writer, only to be beaten in run-offs. Caesar has apparent right to be pub delegate since he has operated Irving Caesar, Inc., firm. For long time, however, considerable discussion was raised over his status when he was boosted for Society's Appeals Board in last elections. in last elections.

Considerable interest also will be engendered by Pinky Herman's name getting on the slate if Herman man-ages to avoid being one of the "ex-cess" weeded out in acceptance syscess weeded out in acceptance sys-tem. Herman has been canvassing scribes nationally for months in ef-fort to enroll support for his "re-forms," and test of his strength would be effectively displayed by re-turns in general elections.

Bennie Benjamin nomination was Bennie Benjamin nomination was seen as effort of committee to round out a "democratic" slate. Last year's rep for Negro writers was Andy Razaf, but he was defeated in final balloting which may have prompted nominators to substitute Benjamin in Razaf's place this year.

While nominations were being set, ASCAP's Deems Taylor and John Paine were making preparations to leave for the West Coast, where on February 25 annual Coast membership meeting will be held.

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#### NEW YORK:

Rumor had Milton Berger bowing out of William Morris Agency's theater booking spot, with Joe Wolfson skedded to move up from the cocktail department to replace him. Berger, still with the agency at press time, indicated his status was questionable, altho both Morris Stoller and Cress Courtney denied Berger was out of the agency picture. ... Pianist Art Tatum is skedded to start a 30-day concert tour in Boston on March 30, working series on a guarantee-percentage deal.

Norman Granz's Jazz at the Philharmonic will play its first theater date at the Earle, Philadelphia, for one week beginning February 21. . . . National diskery prexy, Al Green, on the West Coast looking for pressing facilities. . . Riley Shepherd back from recording tour of the South with 16 masters for Majestic. . . . Russ Lyons, former band booker with Music Corporation of America and who more recently had his own personal management agency, has retired from showbiz and is going to Phoenix, Ariz.

Jane Russell, of The Outlaw flick fame, who recently joined Kay Kyser on his air show, also has recorded with Kyser. Initial release, As Long As I Love, due out on Columbia late in March... William Morris Agency exec, Nat Kalcheim, on vacation down south... National diskery added two new distribs... Johnny Moore's Three Blazers open at Chicago's Rhumboogie for four weeks March 21... Columbia Records's Mexico City plant due to begin operations June 1... Flack Jim McCarthy off for Chicago for 10-day exploitation tour on Count Basie.

Columbia execs Edward Wallerstein and Manie Sacks off to the West Coast to attend breaking of ground for diskery's pressing plant skedded to be put up in Beverly Hills... Barton Brothers signed to an Apollo disking pact. ... Jimmy Crawley and His Musical The Billboard

Chips recorded four sides for Super Discs... Doris Day and Kitty Kallen are the two newest additions to George Evans's flack list... Elmer Eldridge is new director of personnel for Columbia Records.

Capitol Songs prepping sale of a series of Stan Kenton orchestrations, to be sold at \$1 per cleffing. The first group will feature *Fantasy* and others from the Kenton Capitol album. . . Milt Ebbins will take over personal managership of singer Bill Darnell, and is fishing around for other additions to his p.m. stable. . . Singer Larry Marvin held over indefinitely at the Embassy Club.

#### CHICAGO:

Jack Russell, of Mutual Entertainment Agency here, has worked out a deal for Art Van Damme's Quintet, NBC staff combo, to do background music for three Capitol sides by the Dinning Sisters, to be cut here next week. . . Louis Jordan will make his Paramount Theater date, opening as slated March 26 and will do a week of one-nighters before the theater opening. . . Billy Eckstine will do picture work for MGM, a clause included in his recent MGM Record pact. . . Charlie Parker, the rebop altoist, is recovering from his illness and back jobbing in L. A.

Irving Caesar, the songsmith, presented his Songs of Friendship Tuesday (18) at the Chi Symphony's Young People's concert. Benny Strong opened his fourth stay in two years at the Trianon February 18... Pearl Bailey, the Columbia Recording throater, will be divorced next week, with her hubby accepting a cash settlement plus their home.

Walter Bloom's ork, recently taken over by McConkey Music Corporation, plays a return twoweeker at the Iriquois Gardens, Louisville, February 18. ... Johnny Apt opens his Fort Wayne, Ind., ballroom Prom Terrace, shortly after Lent... Sherman Hayes inked to come into the Martinique, dispelling reports that the spot would begin playing local bands. ... Teddy Phillips has added a celeste to his band. ... Dolph Nelson is conducting a new jazz show for Carson-Pierie-Scott, local department store, over WCFL daily at 5:30 p.m.

#### PHILADELPHIA:

Frankie Carle cutting Frank Capano's and Johnny Farro's Rocking Horse Cowboy, kiddie ballad, on his next Columbia waxing session. . . . Vince Carson leaves Rocky Valentine to sing with Jimmy Dorsey.

Clarence Fuhrman, who chalked up an attendance record at Brookline-onthe-Boulevard Ballroom, opening his own booking agency. . . Dolie Amenra, one-time trumpeter with Louis Armstrong, brings her new band to the 200 Club, bowing with an Interracial male crew.

#### KANSAS CITY:

Diane Courtney moved into Hotel Bellerive's El Casbah Room February 14 for two weeks. Bill Snyder ork signed for the terpery thru March... Bea Vera band into the Hotel President's Drum Room February 10.

#### DETROIT:

Harry Levin is taking over distributorship here for Cadet, Urban, Top and Sterling records. Will be factory representative for Dial Records.

#### HOLLYWOOD:

Carl Von Ritter, GAC booker, and Hal Zeiger, of the Phil Shelly office, will soon snip their present affiliations and together form an indie bookery. Scarcity of office space is holding up the operations. . . Capitol Records will no longer have a mere flackery but will now offer trade, biz and feature scribes the services of its newly formed information bureau, managed by George Oliver. New department will strive to offer specialized services to meet the varied demands of scriblers.

There'll be no Coast one-nighters for the Vaughn Monroe aggregation when it leaves the Palladium's stand five weeks hence. Crew will shoot straight for string of theater dates in Midwest. ... Ike Carpenter's new ork, recently attracting attention on the Coast, opens first location date at Casino Gardens, Santa Monica, February 28, Crew will follow nine-day fill in with four-week run at Jerry Jones Rendezvous, Salt Lake City. ... Ginny Simms set for four guest shots on Hit Parade air show.... Republic Music bought pub rights to Tune Town Tunes My Pretty Girl by Del Porter and Ray Johnson.

Cugat returns to Ciro's Hollywood for four weeks beginning February 28. Jewel Records' Ben Pollack claims Boyd Raeburn's sudden burst of popularity following ork's opening at New York's Vanity Fair has boosted Raeburn's platter sales tenfold. Pollack holds a seven-year contract for Raeburn's services with six more years to go... Trade talk has it that MGM Records will go full steam ahead to build Van Johnson as a platter crooner.

Freddy Martin appears definitely set to do some traveling this summer. Orkster toyed with idea of becoming local disk jockey to promote his music and record side biz but finally nixed own idea.



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#### Earl Spencer

(Reviewed at Meadowbrook, Cul-ver City, Calif., February 9. Booked independently.)

SAXES: Ralph Lee, Jeff Massinger, George Wilder and Bob Poland. TRUMPETS: Bob Fowler, Paul Lopez, Carl Tornow and Al Killian. TROMBONES: Leon Price, Dick Binns and J. D. Morsch. RHYTMM: Bob White drumes, Bob Part

TROMBONES: Leon Price, Dick Binns and J. D. Morsch. RHTHM: Bob White, drums; Bob Park, plano, and Joe Rizzo, bass. VOCALISTS: Doris Carle and Earle Spencer. ARRANGERS: Bill Gillett, Morty Corb, Harry Wham and Frank Erickson.

For a 21-year-old youngster with little more than perseverance under

his belt, Earl Spencer has been get-ting some pretty good breaks. With an idea under his hat and a couple of arrangements under his arm, kid of arrangements under his arm, kid nine months ago caught the eye of Ralph Bass, Black & White diskery chief. Studio band was hired for waxing of Bolero in Boogie, a Bill Gillett note-placer penned in Kenton-colored ink. Diskery poured plenty of ballyhoo behind Spencer's initial release, sending out more than a release, sending out more than a thousand complimentary platters to phono ops, dealers, distribs, radio stations, etc., heralding ork as "the band find of the year." Type of pro-motion, unusual for indie plattery, netted Spencer plenty of plugs on local disk jockey shows. Band then opened at Tommy Dorsey's Casino Gardens, Ocean Park, getting local as well as Coast air shots, and later moving to this dancery when it went moving to this dancery when it went to a two-night-a-week policy.

For a spot that's clamping down on expenses, this low budget crew is passable but offers nothing to excite the musical world. Its chief fault (and one that's most unfor-givable) is total lack of individuality of style. Arrangements for the most part are patterned strictly after Stan Kenton, but as any imitation, lack the originator's imagination and flair for novel color. In addition, the Spencer novel color. In addition, the Spencer corps is sans the top-drawer instru-mental qualifications to be found in Kenton. If this youngster expects to go anywhere in the band biz, he better chuck his present copied style better chuck his present copied style and give out with something that shows some originality. The way it now stands, he at best is only a poor man's Kenton.

At a time when even Kenton is injecting commercial serum into his injecting commercial serum into his music-making, Spencer's book is dangerously in want of slow items and current pop faves. Of what was heard tonight, best in the book is still Bolero in Boogie. Originals and mad-frantic stuff has to have something more on the ball than a fast beat and loud playing to click these days. Instrumentation is brass-heavy, lacking sufficient weight in the reed department. Songstress Doris Carle has a listenable voice but totally lacks sales savvy. Lass should realize it takes more than voicing words and tune to put a song across. Deadpan mike manner doesn't help across. De doesn't help.

Youthful batoner should improve his stand manner. Wild arm waving and knocking himself out in an effort to get the boys to give out is okay during rehearsals but looks sad from the dance floor. Customers get tired watching the kid work so hard Lee Zhito.

#### Wax Flacks Land Bailey

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-First client of the new Buddy Robbins-Nat Lorof the new Buddy Robbins-Nat Lor-man disk promotion office will be Mildred Bailey, Majestic Record star. Deal has been arranged thru Irv Brabec, the Bailey gal's manager. Wax flacks will work out of the American Artists' Bureau office in which ,despite previous reports, young Robbins will maintain an ac-tive interest. tive interest.

#### Lee Williams

(Reviewed at the Trianon Ball-room, Chicago, February 12. Booked by National Orchestra Service, Omaha.)

SAXES: Jack Wood, Ralph Reznicek, Wil-am Buckeyne, Jay Jaumotte. TRUMPETS: Al Hudson, Bruce Miller, liam

TRUMPEIS. ... Jerry Mouser. TROMBONE: Phil Bowers. RHYTHM: Laurence Mosher, bass; Pat Hamilton, piano, and Don Hansen, drums. ARRANGERS: Larry Cassara, Hal Rude and George Williams. VOCALISTS: Jay Jaumotte and Laurence Mosher.

After seven years' conditioning in

the Midwest, Lee Williams' ork, like such fronters as Lawrence Welk, Bob Cross and Del Courtney, is finally getting into the major location bracket. Williams, a personable, hand-some fronter, who always works to the crowd, seldom turning his back to watch sidemen, has had this present crew together since last June when he got a service discharge.

Biggest asset of this crew is its stylized scorings. In these days when so many commercial crews lack individuality, the Williams' ork stands out, for it's using the "stepping tones" rhythm, similar to Al Kavelin's onceused cascading chords and also by a few other name crews years back. While gimmick isn't new, it's catchy and after one visit, the terper will recall this band pleasantly on hearing it a second time. Band's book is well rounded, with dance tempos accented on every number. Williams uses plenty of novelties, which he wasn't able to break out here because this ballroom likes continuous dancing ballroom likes continuous dancing and no breaks to the bandstand. To keep rhythm continuous, ork uses celeste in between numbers.

Vocals are handled by two sidewords: are nanued by two slde-men, saxist Jay Jaumotte, a curly-head blond, whose high, sensitive voice is just right for the sugary words; and bassist Larry Mosher, a rotund lad, who doubles between novelties and Irish ballads. Ork has fine key lead and solo men, such as sweetramist Phil Bowers, lead alto Ralph Reznicek and lead trumpet Al Hudson, the last named doing lots of pantomime comedy. Proof of the ork's standing in the territory is its 1947 booking slate, which has only seven open dates until September 1.

John Sippel.

#### **Carmen** Cavallaro

(Reviewed at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, February 11. Booked thru Music Corporation of America. Manager: Al Dale.) TRUMPETS: Tony Lipe, Charles Cognata,

TRUMPETS: Tony Lipe, Charles Countries Sid Feller. SAXES: Hy Miller, Milt Washburn, Ed Litten. VIOLINS: Tony Maratea, Ed Koski, Sol Nathan. RHYTHM: Andy Ajello, drums; Frank Granato, bass; George Harris, guitar. ARRANGER: Sid Feller. VOCALISTS: Bob Allen, Gloria Stewart. LEADER (plano): Carmen Cavallaro. The poet of the piano has lost none

The poet of the piano has lost none of his skill even if the band behind him has yet to emerge from second-ary stature. Not that Cavallaro need fret—from a money-making point of view, with a good band or no, he's one of the few "namers" to still hold down a top web commercial (Schaeffer Pen) and with top theater bill-ings-Paramount date is cominghe's a mighty fine commission maker for MCA.

Answer is that Carmen's technique and personality on the keyboard-supported by Decca Record salescan be done no harm by a mediocre ork. The musikers are there, obviously, to showcase the maestro's fingerings and give terps something to bite on between shows. Customers come for Cavallaro, and carried away by the intensely wonderful solo spottings of Jalousie, Warsaw Con-certo, a medley of Italian standards,

#### Vaughn Monroe

(Reviewed at the Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood, February 13. Booked by Willard Alexander. Per-sonal manager, Jack Marshard. Road manager, Stan Sawler.

manager, Stan Sawler. TRUMPETS: Frånk Ryerson, Richie La Sala, James Messina and Sal Gianettino. TROMBONES: Joe Connie, Sam Hyster, Joe Bennett and Bill Mustard. SAXES: Andy Bayne, Ziggy Talent, Johnny West, Wedo Marano and Babe Feldman. RHYTHM: Eddie Julian, drum; Jack Fay, bass; John Pizzarelli, guitar, and Mike Shelly, plano.

Shelly, piano. VIOLINS: VIOLINS: Maurice Archer, Sam Caplan, Edmund Braghittoni and Irving Raymond. VIOLA: Seymour Berman.

Ed Sodero.

'OELLO: Ed Sodero. ARRANGERS: Gene Hamitt, Frank Ryer-son and Art Dedrich. VOCALISTS: Vaughn Monroe, Betty Norton and The Moonmaids (Marce Lee, Mary Jo Thomas, Kate Myatt, Arline Truax and Tinker Cunnivehen).

inker Cunningham). COMEDIAN: Frank Fontaine.

Vaughn Monroe's two-year absence from a Coast stand has left his pull-ing power unaffected. Preceded by a string of disk hits on the Victor label plus a coast-to-coast show, the Mon-roe troupe, aimed strictly at the cash register, is hitting a solid bull's eye here. With a playing style made to order for today's market, Monroe is giving the customers more than their money's worth in smooth, terp-tempting music, a well-rounded li-brary that's hard to beat and a good show besides.

Accent here is on vocals with the batoner and his Moonmaids (5) for the dream ballads, Betty Norton (of the Norton Sisters who had formerly worked with this aggregation) who is equally fetching in straight and rhythm tunes, and the zany novelty word-slinging of saxman Ziggy Talword-singing of saxman Ziggy Tal-ent to complete the voice dish. With a complete vocal battery such as this to accentuate band's versatility in meeting nearly all musical tastes, there's little wonder why this aggre-ortion is currently riding the band gation is currently riding the bandstand crest.

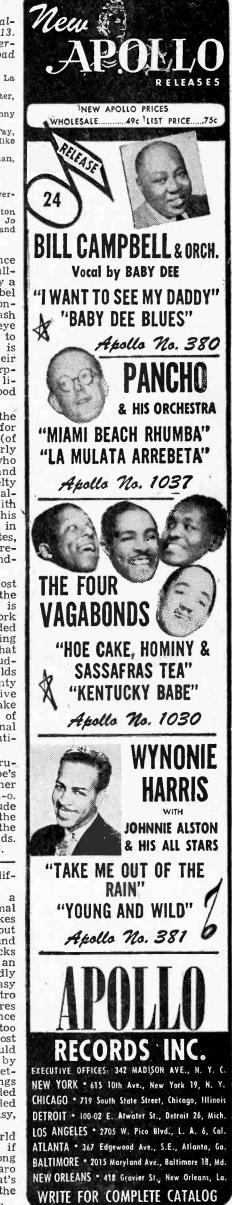
Since Monroe was last here, most noticeable change in his crew is the addition of a Strad wing. This is used to good advantage in giving ork a full-bodied tone when blended with sugary brass and reeds, making for velvety tonal combinations that have the hand-holding crowd cud-dling closer. Book, however, holds more than honey, for there are plenty of bouncers and jivey items to give the fast-beat crowd a chance to take a whill Library is check full of a whirl. Library is chock full of current pop faves, with an occasional oldie thrown in to keep the sentimentalists happy.

In addition to a top-notch instru-In addition to a top-notch instru-mental and vocal corps, Monroe's relaxed and friendly stand manner adds immeasurably to ork's b.-o. value. This plus a straight vaude comic, Frank Fontaine, makes the Vaughn Monroe troupe one of the best in the biz to pull in the kids. Lee Zhito.

etc.—they can well afford to be indif-ferent to indifferent ork sessions.

Pitch at the Biltmore follows a different vein from bands at a normal hotel location spot. Cavallaro makes a show out of it—piano is yanked out to mid-floor; vocalists Bob Allen and Gloria Stewart get individual cracks at the audience—and maintain an informal air, which, while hardly over-bubbling with wit, rests easy and well on a sedate crowd. Maestro does seem to hold his piano chores for too long a stretch. Performance is unquestionably brilliant, but too much of a good thing will make most devout fans itchy. Show should either be shortened or vocals by Allen and Stewart interspersed better. Allen, incidentally, still sings great; one of those lads who sounded like Sinatra before Sinatra sounded like Sinatra. Stewart gal has an easy, pleasant air.

But the greatest band in the world today probably wouldn't do well if its leader possessed not one strong identification key. That Cavallaro has—"love that piano"—and that's all he needs to do as well as the greatest. Joe Carlton.





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AND Say So RCA Victor 20-2136

HERBIE FIELDS

and his Orchestra Misirlou AND

Baby Made a Change in Me

RCA Victor 20-2138

LESLIE SCOTT with Billy Moore, Jr. and his Orchestra Stars Fell on Alabama AND Baby, Get Lost RCA Victor 20-2143

## TOMMY DORSEY ALL-TIME HITS

RCA Victor Album P-163

Somewhere Voice Is Calling Vocal by Frank Sinatra

AND Hawaiian War Chant (Ta-hu-wai) RCA Victor 20-2006

Embraceable You Lyrics by Jo Staffard and The Pied Pipers AND

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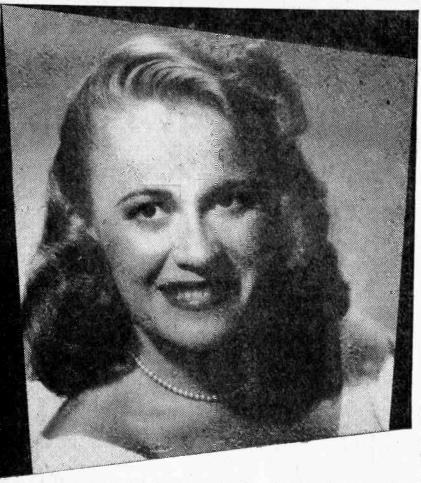
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## **BEST-SELLING SHEET MUSIC**

Tunes listed are the national best sheet music sellers. List is based on reports received each week from all the nation's sheet music jobbers. Songs are listed (F) Indicates tune is in legit musical; (R) indicates tune is available on records.

	POSI	TION	
Weeks			
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5	5	2.	ANNIVERSART SUNG (F) (R) M
3	7	3.	OFEN THE DOUR, RICHARD (R) Durbase
12	2	4.	ZIF-A-DEE DUU-DAH (F) (R) Santin tan
7	4	5.	
5	9	5.	MANAGUA, NICAKAGUA (R)
8	6	6.	ILL CLUSE WIT FIFS (K) Datas Manda
19	8	7.	ULE DUITERWITER SKY (F) (R) Ruska Van Hannen
10	3	8.	A GAL IN CALICO (F) (R) D
11	10	9.	SOONER OR LATER (F) (R)Santly-Joy
3	12	10.	GUILTY (R)Feist
3	11	11.	SUNALA (R)
14 [	13	12.	THE GIRL THAT I MARRY (M) (R) Position
17	14	13.	THE WHULL WURLD IS SINGING MY SONG (D) D-LL
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## ENGLAND'S TOP TWENTY

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Week	s Last	This	
13	e Week	1.	EIVE MINUTES MODE DI LA MARINA
21	3	1 1.	FIVE MINUTES MORE Edwin Morris Melrose
8	1		TO EACH HIS OWN Victoria Paramount
8	1 1	2.	THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER. Irwin Dash Shapiro-
-	1 .	1 0	Bernstein
5	4	3.	ANNIVERSARY SONG Campbell-Connelly . Mood
4	6	4.	(1 Love You) FOR SEN-
			TIMENTAL REASONS Peter Maurice Duchess
8	5	5.	DREAM AGAINBox and Cox*
3	9	6.	MAY I CALL YOU
	1	1	SWEETHEART?Irwin Dash*
3	7	7.	APRIL SHOWERSChappell
2	11	8.	THE THINGS WE DID
	1	1	LAST SUMMEREdwin MorrisE. H. Morris
15	10	9.	IILL IHENChappellSun
9	8	10.	THE STARS WILL
			REMEMBER Feldman
18	10	111.	PRETENDING
1	-	12.	THE ACCORDION Lawrence Wright*
7	12	13.	GO HOME (Your Mother
	1	1	Wants You)
21	14	14.	ALL THROUGH THE DAY. Chappell Williamson
20	17	14.	YOU KEEP COMING
	1	1	BACK LIKE A SONG ChappellBerlin
30	11	15.	YOU ALWAYS HURT THE
			ONE YOU LOVE Bradbury Wood Sup
1	1 -	15.	ONE YOU LOVEBradbury Wood Sun THE WHOLE WORLD IS
	1	1	SINGING MY SONG Francis Day Robbins
4	19	16.	THE WORLD BELONGS
			TO YOU*
20	1 13	1 16.	SWEETHEART, WE'LL
	1	1	NEVER GROW OLD Strauss-Miller
2	1 18	1 17.	ZIP-A-DEE DOO-DAHSun
30	15	18.	DOWN IN THE VALLEY. Leeds Leeds
1	-	19.	OLE BUTTERMILK SKY Edwin Morris Burke-Van
			United States Signa Sign
1	-	20.	I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH Heusen
•		20.	YOU
		•	Broadway

\*Publisher not available as The Billboard goes to press.

## PLAY STATUS OF FILMS WITH LEADING SONGS

Tunes listed alphabetically are in films Chart are listed, since many film-featured currently showing or to be shown soon. Only tunes which have won a position in one or more of the other features of the published.

1946.

AMONG MY SOUVENIRS (T. B. Harms), sung by Hoagy Carmichael in Sam Gold-wyn's "The Best Years of Our Lives." National release date—November 20, 1946.

ANNIVERSARY SONG (Mood), sung by Al Jolson in Columbia's "The Jolson Story." National release date-January, 1947.

GOTTA GET ME SOMEBODY TO LOVE (E. H. Morris), in David O. Selznick's "Duel in the Sun." National release date not set.

A GAL IN CALICO (Remick), in Warner Brothers' "The Time, the Place, and the Girl." National release date—December 28, date—February, 1947.

SEPTEMBER SONG (Crawford), in United Artists' "Knickerbocker HoHday." Re-leased in 1944.

OH, BUT I DO (Witmark), in Warner Brothers' "The Time, the Place and the Girl." National release date—December 28, 1946.

OLE BUTTERMILK SKY (Burke-Van Heusen), sung by Hoagy Carmichael in Universal's "Canyon Passage." National release date—July 26, 1946.

SOONER OR LATER (Santly-Joy), in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." National release date-November 20, 1946.

ZIP-A-DEE DOO-DAH (Santly-Joy), in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." Na-tional release date--November 20, 1946.

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#### SONGS WITH GREATEST RADIO AUDIENCES

Tunes listed have the greatest audiences on programs heard on network stations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. List is based upon John G. Peatman's Audience Coverage Index. The index is projected upon radio logs made available to Peat-man's ACI by the Accurate Reporting Service in Chicago, Radio Checking Service in Los Angeles. Listed are the top 3Q (more in

(Beginning Friday, February 7, 8 a.m., and ending Friday, 8 a.m., February 14)

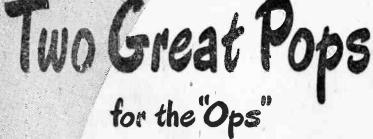
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13.	A Gal in Calico (F) (R)	Remick—ASCAP
7.	A Rainy Night in Rio (F) (R)	Witmark—ASCAP
7.	Among My Souvenirs (F) (R)	
8.	And So to Bed (R)	Famous—ASCAP
6.	Anniversary Song (F) (R)	
4,	Bless You (For Being an Angel) (F	)Shapiro-Bernstein-ASCAP
13.	(I Love You) For Sentimental Reas	ons (R)Duchess-BMI
5.	Gotta Get Me Somebody to Love (F)	(R)E. H. Morris-ASCAP
6.	Guilty (R)	Feist—ASCAP
3.	How Are Things in Glocca Morra? (	M) (R)Crawford—ASCAP
8.	I'll Close My Eyes (R)	Peter Maurice-ASCAP
6.	It's a Good Day (R)	Capitol Songs-ASCAP
9.	It's All Over Now (R)	BMI—BMI
3.	Life Can Be Beautiful (F) (R)	
5.	Managua, Nicaragua (R)	Encore—BMI
2.	(There Is) No Greater Love	
11.	Oh. But I Do (F) (R)	Witmark—ASCAP
4.	Oh Why, Oh Why, Did I Ever Leave	Wyoming? (R)Feist-ASCAP
20.	Ole Buttermilk Sky (F) (R)	Burke-Van Heusen-ASCAP
4.	On the Other End of a Kiss (R)	Beverly-ASCAP
17.	Sentember Song (F) (R)	Crawford—ASCAP
5.		Oxford—ASCAP
12.		Santly-Joy-ASCAP
8.		Vanguard-BMI
18.	The Cirl That I Marry (M) (R)	Berlin—ASCAP
19.	The Old Lamplighter (R)	Shapiro-Bernstein-ASCAP
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14.	Tim A Day Day Date (R) (P)	Santly-Joy—ASCAP
14.	Lip-A-Dee 100-Dan (F) (R)	ASCAP

### RECORDS MOST-PLAYED ON THE AIR

Records listed here in numerical order are those played over the greatest number of record shows. List is based on replies from weekly survey among 1,359 disk jockeys thruout the country. Unless shown in this chart, other available records of tunes listed here will be found in the Honor Rell of Hits, Music Popularity Chart, Part I. (F) Indicates tune is from a film; (M) indicates tune is from a legit musical.

#### POSITION **Going Strong** Last | This Week | Week 4 | 1. Lic. By to date OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, WIT EN THE DOOR, RICHARD Three Flames.....Columbia 37268—BMI (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS King Cole Trio......Capitol 304—BMI (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS Dinah Shore.....Columbia 37188—BMI MANAGUA, NICA Freddy Martin (Stuart Wade-Ensemble) RAGUA NICA SENTIMENTAL REASONS RAGUA NICA MANAGUA, NICA Freddy Martin (Stuart Wade-Ensemble) RAGUA NICA MANAGUA, NICA Freddy Howard 1. 3 2 2. 3. 15 1 4 4. 7 5. 5 6 RAGUA RAGUA (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS MANAGUA, NICA- Kay Kyser (The Campus Kids). RAGUA RAGUA THE OLD LAMP-Sammy Kaye (Billy Williams-Choir) LIGHTER THE OLD LAMP-SenTIMENTAL REASONS (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS OPEN THE DOOR, Jack McVea OPEN THE DOOR, Jack McVea Wittor 20-1963-ASCAP UIGGIN' AND Hoagy Carmichael (The Chickadees-Vic CHALKIN' Schoen OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD OPEN THE DOOR, 'Dusty'' Fletcher (Jimmy Jones Ork) RICHARD ONATA ONATA OS Stafford (Carlyle Hall Ork) Carmen Cavallaro (Frank Gallagher). Decca 23747; Perry Como (Lloyd Shaffer Ork), Victor 20-2033; Larry Green Ork (Gibert Phelan, Victor 20-2010; Tony Martin, Mercury 3045; Claude Thornhill (Buddy Hughes), Columbia 37219; George Towne Ork Russell Drew), Sonora 2004; The Three SUNS, Majestic 1090 OLE BUTTERMILK Hoagy Carmichael (Lou Bring Ork) SKY (F) Margaret Whiting (Jerry Gray Ork). Carlot 324-ASCAP (Nick De Lano (Al Sack Ork), Black & White BW-821; Johnny Desmond-Page Cavanaugh Trio, Victor 20-2109; Tony Martin, Mercury 3042; Tony Mottola Four, Majestic 1106; Artie Shaw-Mel Torme and the Mel-Tones, Musicraft 428) HUGGIN' AND Kay Kyser (Jack Martin-The Campus CHALKIN'. Kids ....Columbia 37095-ASCAP 3 6. 14 7 6 17 6 8 3 10 8 2 8 8 2 6 9 13 4 16 1 4 HUGGIN' AND o) GIN' AND Kay Kyser (Jack Martin-The Campus LKIN' ...... Kids) .....Columpia 37095—ASCAP AGUA, NICA- Guy Lombardo (Don Rodney-The Lom-UA ...... bardo Trio) ......Decca 23782—BMI 13 13. HALKIN MANAG 4 10 13. (Continued on page 102)





JOHNNY LONG and his orchestra

HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA Vocal by Francey Lane and Long Beachcombers (I LOVED HER BEST OF ALL)

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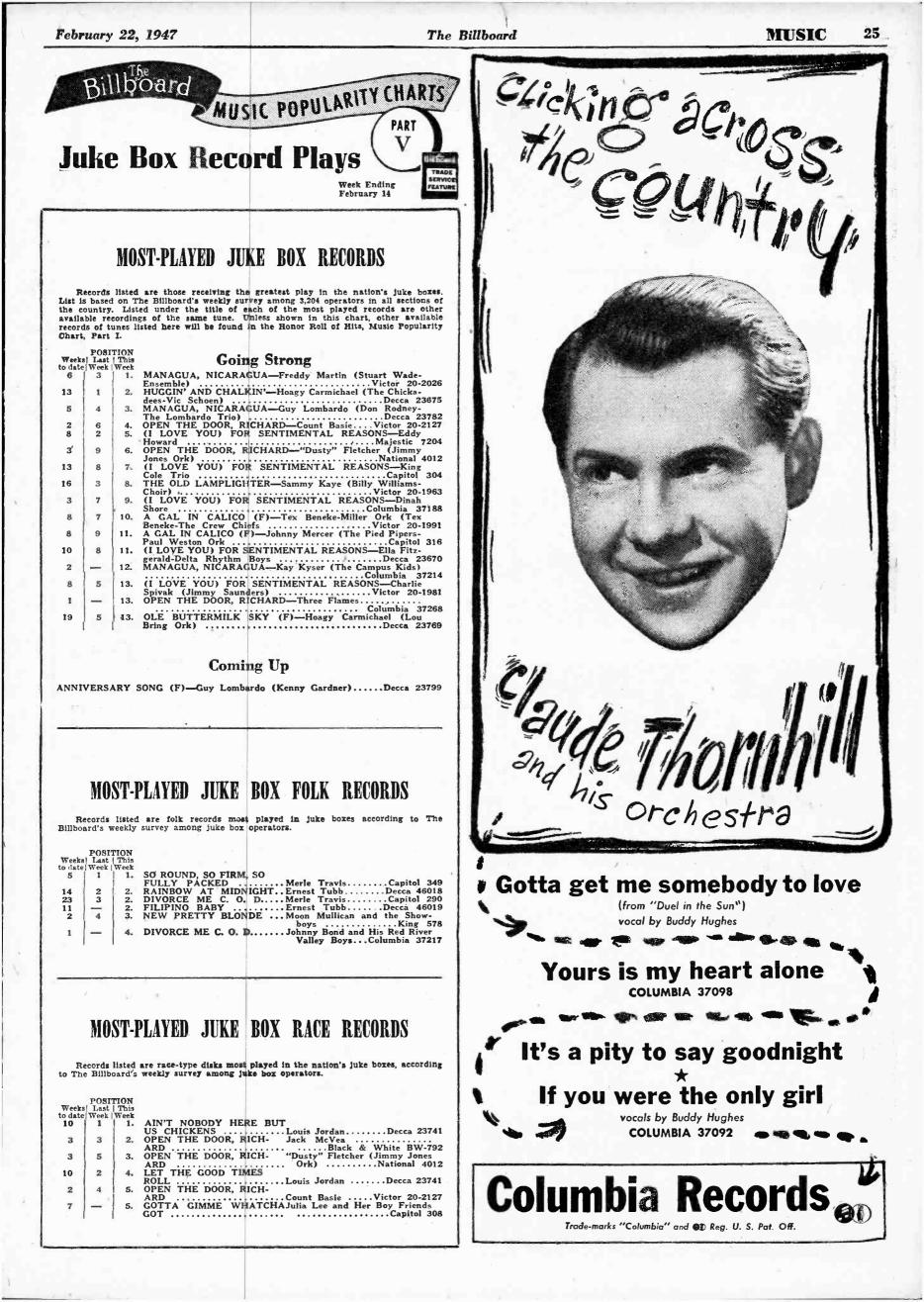
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LOUIS JORDAN (Decca 23810)

Texas and Pacific—FT; VC. I Like 'Em Fat Like That—FT; VC. Another choo-choo chanty, Louis Jordan applies a shuffle eight-beat for "Texas and Pacific." The maestro sings it and this applies a shuffle eight-beat for "Texas and Pacific." The maestro sings it and his small band plays it enthusiastically enough, but the impression of this rail-road ride is short-lived. Also taken at a jump tempo is "I Like 'Em Fat Like That" for which Jordan adds his alto sax playing to his piping. However, it's a trite Harlemese ditty that spins just as desulto desultory. Way below the Louis Jordan par to woo any real coinage.

BETTY HUTTON (Victor 20-2046)

It's Lovin' Time—FT; V. The More I Go Out With Somebody Else —FT; V.

Betty Hutton having skipped the label, it would have been just as well to have left well enough alone. For in spite of the vocal assist of the Four Hits, male quartet, and a lush musical setting provided by Joe Lilley, neither of these ballads are meant for Miss Betty's hazy chanting or word

## styling. Spinning to skip by.

EDDY HOWARD (Majestic 1114) Don't Tell Me That Story—FT; VC. Santa Catalina—FT; VC.

Santa Catalina—FT; VC. The sweet singing of Eddy Howard, banked by the other male voices in the band, lends itself to these lullables. Easy to take is the torch ballad, "Don't Tell Me That Story," which the maestro manages alone, bringing on the male quartet only for the finishing bars. While it's an even lovelier lullaby for "Santa Catalina," Howard misses the mark here. Making it entirely a vocal spin, adding the male trio and finally the entire band in song, it spins at a deadly slow tempo that makes for dirge disking. "Don't Tell Me That Story" holds the phono attraction for the Howard fans. IUIS RUSSELI (Apollo 1035)

LUIS RUSSELL (Apollo 1035)

My Silent Love—FT; VC. All the Things You Are—FT; VC.

All the Things You Are—FT; VC. While 'maestro Luis Russell takes the lead on the label, it's the vocal efforts of Lee Richardson that make the cutting count. With rich romantic and dramatic power in his pipes, Richardson promises to crowd Billy Eckstine in the Negro swoon sweepstakes. In the slow ballad tempo, he makes both of these evergreens bloom again. Race spots will lap up both sides.

**BILL OSBORNE (Continental C-6042)** 

#### Open the Door, Richard—FT; V. Ball and Chain Boogie—FT; V.

Ball and Chain Boogie—FT; V. Keeping the craze click entirely within the framework of a song, Bill Osborne imparts a rhythmic punch in his song shouts for "Open the Door, Richard." There's a bouyancy to his chant as much as there is in the accompanying heptet sparked by Arnett Cobbs's sax smoke. Milton Buckner on piano and Bill Makel on guitar, also out of Lionel Hampton's camp, provide plenty of instrumental kick to the eight-beat "Ball and Chain Boogie." While Osborne displays good voice, it's too even-tempered to make this back-biting wordage count. Should share in the "Open the Door, Richard" coin crop.

#### JERRY GRAY (Mercury 5015)

JERRY GRAY (Mercury 5015) Anvil Chorus—Instr. Texas and Pacific—TT; VC. Tho he captured early prominence as scorer for the Glenn Miller Ork, Gray doesn't stick to his previous arrangement for the ex-AAF music chief, on this "Anvil Chorus." This Gray penning carries about 75 per cent of the punch of the Miller scoring, but doesn't capture the commer-cial appeal of his former effort. Reverse, the first double artist deal for Mercury, palring Jerry Gray and vocalist Frankle Lane with the Stardusters, harmony group. Tune, from Louis Jordan's "Reet., Petite and Gone," is another of the current raliroad song epidemic, but doesn't ap-proach "Atcheson," etc. "Anvil Chorus" will pull in spots where the hepsters hang out, while reverse car-ries popular and some race appeal. STAN KENTON (Capitol 361)

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His Feet Too Big for De Bed-FT; V. After You-FT; V.

After You—FT; V. With an optic almed at the juke trade, Stan Kenton subdues his usual musical enthusiasm to do a strictly commercial turnabout for both of these sides. "His Feet," a calypso-flavored novelty item, catches June Christy vocally below par as the Kent crew plows thru an over-embel-lished arrangement. Pastels, ork's new vocal corps, make their wax bow here, chiming in on the rhythmic refrain to add to the side's nickel appeal. Kenton goes dreamy on the flip, a Seger Ellis love tune, with the Pastels living up to their tag in the vocal spotlight. Instrumental backing is soft-pedaled, with only Eddie tag in the vocal spotlight. Instrumental backing is soft-pedaled, with only Eddle Safranski's bass and the maestro's Stein-waying coming to the fore most of the

way. Tho The musically beneath the Kenton standard "His Feet" will climb to a top rung on the money-making ladder.

NAT TOWLES (Tower 1247)

NAT TOWLES (Tower 1247) Lots o' Poppa—FT. For You—FT; VC. "Lots o' Poppa" is what they call portly Nat Towles. And it's lots of jump rhythms he provides for his descriptive riff opus, with Rooseveit Loveti's piano and George Williams's torrid tenor sax making for the solo flashes. Backside finds the Towles aggregation even more potent for the bal-lad spinning. Etching a colorful musical background for the familiar "For You," spinning sports a winning baritone voice in the lyrical romantics of Prince Moss, who can crowd Billy Eckstine's seat. Race locations, where Nat Towles is best known, will find "For You" much to their likings. BAY McKINLEY (Mgiestic 7211)

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**RAY McKINLEY (Majestic 7211)** 

That's Where I Came In-FT; VC. Howdy Friends-FT; VC.

Howdy Friends—FT; VC. Chris Adams scores a personal triumph in her expressive projection for the ballad "That's Where I Came In." Her piping and diction crystal clear, the gal gets a smooth and rhythmic scoring setting from the McKinley men to add to the attraction of her efforts. Backside is the band's radio theme song. "Howdy Friends," using the familiar riff to Introduce all the hot horns in the band. If the ballad strikes pay dirt, Ray Mc-Kinley's cutting of "That's Where I Came In" should pay off plenty.

**DINAH WASHINGTON (Mercury 8030)** 

Embraceable You—FT; VC. That's Why a Woman a Loves a Hell— FT; VC.

FT; VC. The ex-Lionel Hampton chirp, who vaulted to the top as a blues singer, seems out of her element on these two slow, dolorous ditties. Gal, who is at her best on bouncier material, sounds like just an-other chirp, especially on the Gershwin standard. Mating, especially written for the date, is again in draggy tempo, and isn't in the right groove for this hep sourstress. songstress. Neither side carries much coin-catching

quality. HARRY BABBITT (Mercury 3056)

How Are Things in Glocca Morra?-FT; VC. Oshkosh, Wis.-FT; VC.

Oshkosh, Wis.—FT; VC. The "Finian's Rainbow" ditty gets its finest treatment to date from the tenor crooner who just rejoined his old boss, Kay Kyser. Babbit's one of the few crooners who has a high-register range to handle this ditty in the style to which it should be accustomed. Mating is a sleeper novelty bit about the Badger over-all-capital. Number should prove seller in the Midwest and might hit nationally for it has plenty of references to other lesser known U. S. cities. The tardy, "Glocce Morra's" quality should give it a share of the plays.

SHERIFF TOM OWENS (Mercury 6018)

SHERIFF TOM OWENS (Mercury 6018) Baby, You Done Flubbed Your Dub With Me—FT; VC. Don't Say You Love Me If You Don't— FT; VC. The Midwest territory cowboy favorite. Sheriff Tom Owens, racks up a pair of potent sides for the rustic music fans. "Flubbed" is not the risque double en-tendre side the title implies, but rather is a paraphrasing of "Baby, You Cooked Your Goose With Me." Side is full of comedy and vocals are capably handled by Bub and Chuck. Reverse is a poignant love ditty, done with heavier tinges of Western style. A catchy title and fine lyrics combine to make "Baby, You Done Flubbed Your Dub With Me" an odds-on favorite to capture nickels.

MATT DENNIS (Capitol 362) Roses in the Rain—FT; V. Linda—FT; V.

Dripping with romantic appeal. Matt Dennis convincingly sells both of these love tunes. Voicer easily wraps up the sentimentality of Frankle Carle's beaut ballad, "Roses in the Rain," as Paul Wesballad, "Roses in the Rain," as Paul Wes-ton blends reeds, muted brass and a full-bodied Strad wing to provide the mood set-ting. Filp brightens as Weston's ork, with fiddles in the background and more em-phasis on brass, gives the synco pulse stronger definition. Dennis takes 'Jack Lawrence's tuneful name ditty in pleasing vocal stride vocal stride.

There's plenty of coin promise in the hit-headed topside, but look to the name tune on the reverse to deliver as a profitable sleeper.

ALVINO REY (Capitol 363)

That's How Much I Love You-FT; V. Why Don't We Say We're Sorry?-FT; V.

Listenable but far from exciting. Alvino Rey's bland offerings here make for unin-spired spinning. With harmonizers, the spired spinning. With harmonizers, the Blue Reys, holding the vocal slot, novely-patterned topside is out-weighed in monot-ony only by the drab ballad flip. For the latter, Jimmy Joyce shares the yawn-spur-ring vocals with the voice blenders. ring vocals with the voice denuers. If there's coin attraction here, it'll go to "That's How Much."

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"HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA" "OSHKOSH, WISC."

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HARRY BABBITT with Jimmy Hilliard's Orchestra

Popular series No. 3056 - 60c

Rejoining the Mercury "spotlight" in a blaze of glory, Herry Babbitt weeks one of the most promising hits of the day, "HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORA." Already headed for the top of the song heap, this lovely nostaigic melody fram the "Finian's Reinbow" stege musical success, gets its best disking to date in the firilling Bebbitt menner... The flip finds Herry bouncin' on the musical byways from Tallarasse to Oshkosh as he sings the clever lyrics to the litting music of "OSHKOSH, WISC."... With the strings getting full sway. Jimmy Hilliard turns in one of the best backing errangements to date, on "Glocce."

#### "DON'T SAY YOU LOVE ME IF YOU DON'T" **"BABY YOU DONE FLUBBED** YOUR DUB WITH ME"

SHERIFF TOM OWEN and His Cowboys

Mercury series No. 6018 - 75c

One of the most favored Western combinations, Sheriff Tom Owen and His Cowboys gang up on two "country" errangements . . . "DON'T SAY YOU LOVE ME" features the vocelizing of Arkanses Jim, while the flip, "BABY YOU DONE FLUBBED YOUR DUB WITH ME," showcases a vocal duet by Bob and Chuck.

#### "MANAGUA NICARAGUA" "I GOTTA GAL I LOVE".

(In North and South Dakota)



Celebrity series No. 5016 - 75c

Two Ton Baker hops on the "eir band" and warbles his Latin-American way dewn to "MANAGUA NICARAGUA" on a Good Neighbor jaunt . . . Two Ton goes Latin on his latest version of that "rhumba numba," that is rooming up the Hit Parades . . Baker rakes up a solid beat while two-timing his gal friends on "I GOTTA GAL LOVE (In North and South Dakota) . . . This spin is from the Paramount screen offer "Ladies Man," and also spottights a groovy guitar solo by one of Baker's Music Maters.

### *"UNCLE REMUS SAID"* "EVERYBODY HAS A LAUGHING PLACE"



and His Merry Music Makers Celebrity series No. 5017 - 75c

TWO TON BAKER

Following his hit number "Zip-A-Dee-Deo-Deh" from Disney's "Sang Of The South." Two Ton Baker has disked two more hit tunes from the same movie . . . "UNCLE REMUS SAID" and "EVERYBODY HAS A LAUGHING PLACE" are both light musical fare for the appetite of America, and are naturals for that inimitable Two Toe Baker style . . . Everybody will be howling with laughter at the punch ending of "LAUGH-ING PLACE."

"TEXAS AND PACIFIC" "ANVIL CHORUS"



Celebrity series No. 5015 - 75c

Jerry Grey. Frenkie Leine, and The Smart Set are West Texes bound on the "T.P." special; to be specific, "TEXAS AND PACIFIC"... Combining the wond-rful swingy music of Jerry Grey, the tentellising voice of Frenkie Leine, and the smooth coonting of a new group. The Smart Set, "TEXAS AND PACIFIC" is a new tune steled for top bonors on the music boxes, and with record shops, jess fens, bobby-somers ... and well, just everybody!... Becked by "ANVIL CHORUS" another one of these femous Jerry Grey instrumentals.

### *"EMBRACEABLE YOU"* "THAT'S WHY A WOMAN LOVES A HEEL" DINAH WASHINGTON



The former Lionel Hampton vocalist, and favorite of night spots, supia Dineh Was ton cuts two wonderful numbers for this release . . . The A side features Dineh on lovely stenderd, "EMBRACEABLE YOU," with Gus Chappell's Orchestre providin backing . . Reverse is a new tune with original lyrics, "THAT'S WHY A WOU LOVES A HEEL," and the sensetional Tab Smith's Orchestra for the music. WOMAN

















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	Les Brown (Jack Haskell) (IN MY) Columbia 37235
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YOU CAN TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, BABY	Charlie Spivak ("Rusty" Nichols-The Star- , dreamers) (WHY DID)Victor 20-2166
ATOM AND EVIL	RACE .Golden Gate Quartet (SHADRACK)
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JERSEY COW BOUNCEBuster Bennett Ork (Buster Bennett) (GOT TOO)Columbia 37273
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MY FRIENDS DON'T KNOW ME Walter Davis (WHEN YOU). Victor 20-2156 SHADRACK
SLOW BURN
THAT'S THE STUFF YOU GOTTA Buddy Johnson Ork (Ella Johnson) (FINE WATCH
WHEN YOU NEED MY HELP Walter Davis (MY FRIENDS) Victor 20-2156

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EILEEN ALBUM
My Little Irish Rose (Jimmy Carroll)
When Love Awakens (Frances Greer)
LEONCAVALLO: I PAGLIACCI: Jussi Bjoerling-Nils Grevillius, Dir. Ork
MUSIC OF RICHARD RODGERS
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MAID OF THE MILLS, OD. 25 MICHAIN CROCKS (FIAMA LA FOIXE)
(3-12")
SOON-A WILL BE DONE
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RICHARD STRAUSS: DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION, Op. 24 Eugene Ormandy, DirThe Philadelphia ALBUM RICHARD STRAUSS: DON JUAN-
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**Taxmen Explain Disparities** In Levies and Diskers' Totals

The story on record dollar volume sales in the January 11 issue of monor readers. To The Billboard appears to have created some confusion among readers. To clarify the facts, this story is based on the latest income tax figures, explaining the subject in detail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Retail wax dollar volume tax collected by the Internal Revenue Office at the first level of sales (i.e., manufacturers' sales to distributors) during 1946 amounted to \$6,129,456.18. This figure repre-sents a tax on albums as well as single sides. Tax is 10 per cent. From this figure it would appear that total disk dollar volume for 1946 at manuthis figure it would appear that total disk dollar volume for 1946 at manu-

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Irving Tanz has quit Encore pub (BMI) as pro-fessional manager. Sam Wigler, Sam Wigler, Tanz gave as staffer, replaces him. Tanz gave as his reason for bowing out fact that "certain considerations asked for were not granted."

were not granted." Other changes in the outfit—the BMI half of Herb Levine's pub prop-erties which take in Jewel pub (ASCAP)—include Jay Mayer, for-merly with T. B. Harms and Ted Persons, lately with Mutual Music, who both join the staff Monday (27), Immer Ullmern will head the Chi Irving Ullman will head the Chi office and Danny Cameron the West Coast office.

#### **Spivak Slates a Vacation**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Charlie Spivak is skeddng a three-week va-**9**, following three college dates in the West. Vacation has been ar-ranged inasmuch as Spivak feels this would be the best time before tack-ling a strenuous schedule of onenighters and theater dates which begins April 5. Spivak sources in-dicated that this vacation was not a preliminary to break-up of the a pre band.

#### **Finn Victor Sales Topper**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dave J. 'inn has been appointed general sales manager of the RCA-Victor record department. Finn has been in the Victor firm for 17 means in the Victor firm for 17 years, and most recently held the post of re-newal sales manager of the RCA tube department.

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Tanz Quits Encore; Pub Staff Shuffles First, internal revenue figures sometimes lag, with December sales often failing to show up until January of the next year or later. Also in their reports, manufacturers may include "consignment" sales in gross figures shown to stockholders, altho these igures would be "adjusted" for internal revenue purposes. In addition, some manufacturers are inclined to puff sales grosses for stockholders' benefit. Then, too, there is the quesbenefit. Then, too, there is the ques-tion of duplicate sales where plat-teries are replacing breakage, losses in transit, etc.

#### Hard To Figure

It is difficult to estimate exact platter volume sales when all the above factors are taken into consideration, but according to the internal revenue total, some very general estimates can be made. If all records sold in '46 were assumed to have been in the 50 to 75-cent retail or 25 to 33-cent wholesale level, then diskeries could be reckoned as selling from 204 to 270 million records for the year. Exact figure probably would tend to move toward the smaller-unit figure, since in '46 the bulk of major company disks were peddled at retail at a 60 to 75-cent price. Disparities in dollar volume estimates also would explain the dis-parity between unit-sales computed on tax monies and manufacturer es-timates that between 250,000,000 and 200 000 000 phone disks were peddled 300,000,000 phono disks were peddled last year.

Announcement February 8 (The Billboard, February 15) by James C. Petrillo throws additional light on disk production figures. According to Petrillo, AFM prexy, his union collected \$1,756,000 royalties on disks for the three-year period ended De-cember 31, 1946. Assuming most disks were at a 50-cent retail price, on which union collects ½-cent per, platteries' production for the three years would have been at least 375,000,000 for the 36-month period, and probably more, since in the beginning of Petrillo's royalty-fund set-up, some quantity of 35-cent wax was still being peddled. Of the mini-mum 375,000,000 disks for the threeyear period, biggest proportion is safely placed as being sold in 1946, since in the two war years, produc-tion was not up to last year's boom.





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## **Courtney's Poison Pen Talk Stirs** New Trade Talk (Continued from page 15)

band department, when Willard Al-exander (then the department's head), Billy Shaw and others left the office. At that time there was much discussion as to whether Cress Courtney, Bill Burnham and others might not also pull out. While the letter itself can be given no cred-ence whatsoever, if for no other reason than its anonymity, trade speculators point out that only recently there was some misunder-standing as to who actually was the band department's head. An-other publication claimed that Courtney had been made ork wing top-per, but the Morris agency denied this to *The Billboard*, maintaining that Nat Kalcheim continued to head the department. Kalcheim is pres-ently vacationing in Florida. It is believed in some quarters that there is a degree of rivalry, not only be-tween Courtney and Kalcheim, but between the former and Bill Burnham.

#### **Plenty Speculation**

If-guys also point to Pat Lomthree or four weeks ago. Lombard set up a personal management office set up a personal management office and has Raymond Scott, Earl Hines and Dick LaSalle. Gossip lads point out that Courtney is a good friend of Lombard's, and in the event of a break with the Morris office, for any reason, Courtney might set up in a p. m. deal with Lombard and possibly several others. Others may map. m. dear with Lombard and possibly several others. Others may come from ranks of bookers who scrammed or were dumped from WM, MCA rosters, or from present WM personnel who might be close to Courtney.

If Courtney should leave the WM agency (and it is known that he has given it some thought from time to time ever since the Alexander-Shaw situation), the office would be in the position of having to find a quick and presumably high priced and powerful replacement. Whole situation, dating back to Alexander regime bust-up and fanned into new fire by the poison pen epistle, has led to a flock of rumors extending to such seemingly fantastic speculations as the possibilities that the Morris office may put its band department on the auction block; that they may buy up the recently formed they may buy up the recently formed Mus-Art agency (Jack Whittemore, Russ Facchine and Lyle Thayer), and bring those three ex-MCAers into the agency's ork wing; and (hold your hats. kids), that they might bring Willard Alexander back into the office to head up the music-making division at a fantastic salmaking division at a fantastic sal-ary plus percentage of the profits. AFM refused to comment on the letter which whipped up all the new chatter, and WM band leaders and their managers are being hushhush and circumspect about the whole situation. Guesses on who wrote the letter ran the gamut, in-cluding almost everybody but Joe Stalin.

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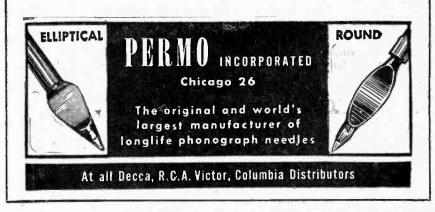


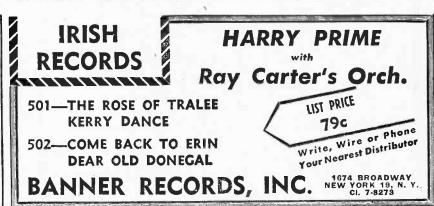
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## THE WHOLE WORLD IS SINGING OUR Columbia Beefs SONG, 100 ! Is It True? At Music Pubs At Music Pubs

(Continued from page 15) the former should feel obligated

to do something. Columbia pointed to Herman Starr's recent battling with the Victor company on that point as being evidence that a firm pub stand would keep release dates inviolable. Firm also cited the ex-ample of Capitol and A Gal in Calico, saying that Starr wouldn't let Mercer beat the release date on the tune and Capitol finally backed down.

Henceforth, too, said Columbia brass, any pub who sets a release date on his plug tunes will have to give them to Columbia in writing, with any violations from rival diskeries marking the pubs for that horrible "no records" niche.

**Pub** Position

From the pub point of view doing something about Oberstein or any other diskery presents its own prob-lems. Pubs obviously can't sue a recording company in a day when records are precious and vital to song exploitation. Situations similar to the Columbia peeve are certainly not liked by pubs, but the latter up to now have been reticent about taking action. Columbia's stand, however, may result in a change.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15.-Eli Oberstein, Victor recording chief, shrugged off Columbia's claims that he jumped release dates on Midnight Masquerade and Speaking of Angels, stating that at the time tunes were offered to Victor, there were no release date restrictions tied to the tunes. If release dates were imposed on tunes, it happened after Victor got the tunes, Oberstein said, and therefore waxery doesn't feel responsible if it happens to come out first with the tunes. "We're not jumping anybody's gun. The publishers are trying to sell Columbia a bill of goods on that one," Oberstein said.

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## McRae Trips (?) in Hop on McVea Pop 'Door' Bandwagon

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. -- Efforts of musiker Jack McRae to cash in on popularity of Jack (Open the Door) McVea were at least partially successful when promoter Gene Pope won fight to play McRae in one-nighter in Indianapolis's Tomlinson highter in Indianapolis's Tomlinson Hall Friday (14). Date went thru as advertised, with pre-dance flack campaign heralding McRae as "orig-inator and author" of Open the Door, Richard despite attempts of Reg Marshall, McVea's Hollywood agent, to put kibosh on deal on grounds of fraud and misrepresentation. McRae, nevertheless, faces pros-

McRae, nevertheless, faces pros-pect of a legal battle from Duchess Music, publishers of the tune, who are readying an injunction to stop McRae from playing *Richard*. Duch-ess's Chi rep, Don Genson, was re-ported to be preparing papers in time to serve McRae before Friday night date, with a suit for damages in the offing in the offing.

#### NAME ORK WEB TREK (Continued from page 15)

for a radio package deal. The Bene-ke crew is being offered as a summer replacement by Young & Rubicam, with only current obstacle reported to be over getting a sponsor who will pick up the ork from the road when

it is traveling. Carle has been rumored for the slot on the *Hit Parade* show, altho this has been denied by both Foote, Cone & Belding and the leader's managers. Carle's p. m., Warren Pearl, and lawyer, Leonard Zissu, however, have both intimated that the leader has some sort of ether deal cooking cooking.

Fourth leader hot for a radio slot is Woody Herman. Report three weeks ago that Herman is prepping self as emsee of a variety show to be offered for radio has become hushhush, but there is an indication of an early break on a web deal.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 15 -Civilian Production Administration has approved the building of a new \$437,000 factory here by the Colum-bia Recording Company, of Bridgeport.

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## IN SHORT

#### New York:

Katherine Duffy takes over pro-duction chores at the Latin Quarter, Boston, February 23, when her 14girl dance unit moves in for an in-definite stay. A second unit, now at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., returns to Beverly Hills Coun-try, Club, Newport, Ky., when that spot cracks its new season March 14. It will mark Miss Duffy's fourth season at the latter spot.

Bud Taylor, Hotel Sheraton Lounge organist, extended for three more months. . . Machito, at La Conga, cut four sides for Continental Records last week. . . . Carla Patsuris, of recent Panther and Pawnee team, now reading palms at Le Valois. . . Jerri Blanchard doubling from Burlesque into the Crest Room, starting February 18.

. Armory Brothers into Loew's State February 20 and then to Leon and February 20 and then to Leon and Eddie's for a return engagement starting February 28 for five weeks. They also go to the Latin Casino, Philadelphia, April 7 for two weeks. . . Loretta Miller in new show at Bal Tabarin. . . Catalino and his rep, Freddie Fields, have bought a record shop in Harlem. . . Herman Chittison Trio start February 18 in lounge of House of Dixon.

Weela Gallez preemed at 23 Room of George Washington Hotel Febru-ary 11. . . Piccadilly Pipers and Bonnie Davis bowed into Joe Louis's Cafe February 11.

#### Chicago: `

Sid Fischer, fronter at Helsing's Vodvil Lounge, out with a sprained Vodvil Lounge, out with a sprained back....Shirley Smith left the Am-bassadorettes, tumbling trio, to re-place Flora Corwin, who is leaving the Corwin Sisters after a serious leg injury....Eddie Noel has taken over as producer at the Copacabana, with Don Arden reportedly taking his for-mer spot at the Rio Cabana.... The Copacabana inaugurated tea-dancing February 16 when Pancho and a small rumba combo opened in and a small rumba combo opened in the spot's Carribbean Room.

Jerry Lester is writing a play with Sherman Marx, radio producer. . . . Sid Harris, who left William Morris's Chi act department recently, is vac-cationing in Florida until mid-March,



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#### San Francisco:

Joaquin Garay has cut line at Copacabana from 10 to six girls and Jack Fisher's ork from eight to six bandsmen. . . Jack Dempsey and a local syndicate rumored to be negotiating for Reno's Fortune Club.

Thrush Patsy Parker inked for six months at Bee and Ray Goman's Gay '90's. ,

Jose Manero and His Altenitas open Jose Manero and His Altenitas open February 27 in the Rose Room of the Palace Hotel, with Jean Sablon set to follow March 20. . . . Flo Del Turco into Dunne's for six weeks. . . . John-ny Anderson's ork now at Shalmar Cafe. . . Johnny O'Brien, har-monica player, into the Copacabana for three weeks for three weeks.

Dennis O'Connor, former quarter back on the St. Mary's Gaels football team, joins Kona Club show' as singer. ... Pete Eastman Trio into the Mardi Gras.... Thick and Thin signed for the Club Oakland. . . . Doris Allyn inked for four weeks at Lloyd Johnson's Lakeshore Lounge, with Tune mixers getting a six-week renewal at the same spot.

Charlie Aaron's stay at the 365 Club extended three months for total of 28 weeks, making run the longest of any performer to play this spot. . . Club Lido shutters February 18 for four weeks for remodeling.... Alan Stone back at the Copacabana for six weeks and op-tions.... Ork leader Al Wallace has set up a music store in town.

Fernando and Mimi, Mexican terp team, will make their American debut soon at La Vie Parisienne. . . . The Polynaires, tropical quartet, signed a series of short wave broadcasts to Hawaii. . . . Comic Billy Grant into , the Club Alsam, LaFayette.

#### **Philadelphia:**

Flamingo has switched from musical bar to floorshow policy. Room has Jack Fisher, Bonnie Byron, Bon-nie Lee and the Three Debs. . . . DePinto's, while undergoing extensive alterations, remaining open Fri-days and Saturdays with floorshows. . . . The 212 Club has switched to straight eatery with dinner dancing.

Five waiters from shuttered Coronet are now operating the swank room and are running what is probably Philadelphia's first co-op cafe. . . Hotel Senator reopened its Rendez-vous Room. Thelma Mayer is the starter.

Gypsy Rose Lee takes over at Latin Casino, with Sophie Tucker, Arthur Lee Simpkins and Martha Raye inked for later dates. . . . Mills Brothers head the show at the Cove.... Dolores head the show at the Cove... Dolores Lane Four new in Twin Bar at Glou-cester, N. J. . . Primrose Semon takes over at Roman Grille. . . Nino Ripepi, opera singer, added starter at Sciolla's. . . Johnny Patitucci Trio takes over at Flamingo Cafe, where pianist Jack Fisher rounds out a five-year stretch. a five-year stretch.

Mary Harrison's quartet new at O'Drajn's Musical Bar. . . . Curran Bligh takes over emsee spot at Weber's Hof Brau. . . . Joe E. Ross and Bob E. Byron share the comedy spot at Swan Club... Flash Lane added at DiPinto's... Barbary Coast Boys back at Frank Palumbo's.

#### West Coast:

Eleanor Powell opens at Chez Paree, Chicago, in March.

Jewel (Hopkins) and the Gems set

ior Frederick's Lounge, Santa Monica. Ben Blue, Patti Moore and Ben Lessy out of Slapsy Maxie's for

nationwide tour, opening February 13 at Chanticleer, Baltimore. Harold and Lola held over again

at Ken Murray's Blackouts. ... Gene Raymond set for Broadway show, The Greatest of These.

Nilsson Twins going into Las Vegas' El Rancho Hotel February 20.

#### Miami:

Lanny Ross singing at the Brook. Lang, Sunny Kay and DeMarco and Boya... Babe Baker's Ha Ha spot at Hallendale featuring Jackie Maye. Doing good biz. . . . Eddie Schaeffer, comic, is new at Latin Quarter.

Patsy Shaw doing her songs at Sky Club.... Benny Gaines's celebrity matinees at Blackamoor a big draw on Sunday. . . . Lecuona Cuban Boys head Ciro's show.

#### Milwaukee:

Billy Bishop, Lowe, Hite and Stan-ley, and Jack Herbert go into the Empire Room February 18. The Al-bins, comedy dance duo, will be held over. . . Wynette, dancer, due at the Showboat soon. . . The Non-chalants current at the Blackamoor Room of the Wisconsin Hotel. . . Betty Ryan, Beverly Morio and Carl Kilroy, at Club Terris.

#### **Detroit:**

Kenny Newcomb, pianist at Bouche's, is on the sick list and slated Famous Door Goes All-Girl for an operation soon.

#### Here and There:

Mary Kaaihue Trio, now at Baltimore Spa, move into Loew's State Theater, New York, February 27 for their first big town theater job. . . . New York agent Henry Herrman spending two weeks in Miami.

Delores Marshall now at Towers Club, Hot Springs National Park, Ark., thru February 28. . . Don and Fran Costa back in New York after six months with the USO in the Orient.... Terese Rudolph current at the Copacabana, Miami Beach.

Rozzino penciled for Rosario and Antonio dance concert at Carnegie Hall. New York, March 2. . . Irene Brooks

hew lock in Hollywood after eight weeks at La Martinique, New York. Emmett Kelly pencilled in for Weber's Hofbrau, Camden, N. J., March 4. . . Mayo Brothers open with Martha Raye at Latin Casino, Philadolphia March 24 Hollo Philadelphia, March 24. . . Hollo-way Sisters getting eight weeks on Frank Sennes's circuit. . . Little Jack Little set for the Glenn Rendezvous, Newport, Ky., his third date there within a year. . . Johnny Morris ork into Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, March 6, for four weeks.

Colonnades. Bethlehem, Pa., now running floorshows on week-ends only. . . Neil Fontaine into Latin Casino February 17. . . . Tito Pandley's option picked up at Wendover Hotel, Wappinger Falls, N. Y. . . . Bud Taylor and Lynn James held over at Hotel

## **Pully Pulls Another**

MIAMI, Feb. 15.—B. S. Pully has done it again, this time at the Kitty Davis Airliner here, forcing the club to cancel its third show.

It all began when Pully started to introduce a Latin-Amer-ican diplomat from the floor. Noting that Pully had the in-

Noting that Pully had the in-troduction all wrong, one of the diplomat's party stepped up to the mike to make a correction. Pully grabbed the mike and became abusive—calling on his four-letter vocabulary to tell the corrector off. The scene be-came ac tense that Kitty Davis came so tense that Kitty Davis, co-operator of the spot, was forced to pull the plug on the mike.

At that, Pully became more enraged and dug deeper into his dictionary. Then, seeing Danny Davis in the audience, he exceeded his usual vituperative tirade while the audience sat transfixed. Miss Davis fi-nally ordered Pully off the floor and out of the club.

Among those in the capacity audience was Mrs. Matt Shelvey, wife of the AGVA topper.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Famous Door, 52d Street nitery, has started an all-girl show policy. Spot has Mae Kennedy, Rosalyn Dean, Jo Ann Marshall, Marianne Field, Marsha Raye and Lois Walsh. Musical end is held up by Sy Taylor Trio and Jimmy Komack ork. Spot is oper-ated by Max Schreiber and Harry Holland. Holland.

#### **Connecticut Nitery Burns**

NEWTON, Conn., Feb. 15.—Fire of unknown origin this week, de-stroyed the 6-25 Club, nitery restau-rant between Newton and Danbury, with an estimated damage of \$35,-000 to \$50,000, according to Wal-lace Pledger owner and operator of lace Pledger, owner and operator of the spot.

Sheraton Lounge, New York. . . . Jeff Brophy, 500-pound comic, new at Hogan's Irish House, New York.

O'Brien and Evans new at the Boat Club, Terre Haute, Ind. . . . Jimmy Raimond at the Green Lan-tern, Woodbridge, N. J., indef. . . . Compo Inn, Westport, Conn., now operated by Walter J. Mangler, who also operates the Outpost Inn in Bidgefield Ridgefield.

Princess and Willie, with their Kaiamas Novelty Four, going into their 13th week at the Brown Derby, Akron. . . Four Bits current at the 600 Club, Miami.



# WM'S LUSH FLA. PICKIN'S **Slew of Name Dates Paying Big Coconuts**

## **Booking All Miami Spots**

#### By Bill Smith

MIAMI, Feb. 15 .- Niteries in this palm-tree borscht belt may not be grabbing off as much coin as they hoped for, but there's nothing wrong with at least two seasonal activities— talent agency and hotel biz, tho neither has much to do with the other.

Local hot spots, all plush lined and Expensive, are strictly one-show-a-night affairs. Joints are jammed for the dinner show, and half empty for the second show. Only the Kitty Davis Airliner operates with three shows. But if the ops are soaking up linen hankies with salty tears, at least one talent office is eating straw-berries—and with heavy cream, too berries—and with heavy cream, too. That's the William Morris Agency. Morris office is making it hand over fist, whether it's one show, two

or three shows a night. Practically every club in town has either a whole Morris show or a Morris act. Other offices do some business in this land of the platina and silver mink, but their sum total means very little against the WM billings.

#### **Copa Top Buyer**

Biggest buyer in town, fcr exam-ple, is the Copacabana. Club started its season with a couple of MCA acts, then came up with Milton Berle. When Berle's date fell thru, Danny Kaye took over. Comic was in for \$12,500 plus a percentage and prob-\$12,500 plus a percentage and prob-ably got the widely reported 20G as a weekly total. With Kaye in for slightly more than two weeks, the Morris office collected in the neighborhood of \$4,000 via commish.

Across the street is the Beach-comber, the Copa's biggest competitor, which opened with Jackie Miles at \$3,500, brought him back for at least the same figure, and now has Sophie Tucker in for \$7,500, and Harry Richman is due in on the same bill with Tucker and Miles. Rich-man will probably get about \$4,000, tho it might be \$5,000. All are Morris acts, meaning about \$1,600 a week for the office ac long as the acts stay for the office as long as the acts stay here. It is likely that some of these

here. It is likely that some of these names don't pay a full 10 per cent, but even 5 per cent isn't hay. Major reason for the Richman booking on an already strong bill is to hypo biz against Mickey Rooney who is coming into the Copa after the Ritz Brothers finish. And to make it still better for the Morris office, Rooney is also theirs, coming in for a reported \$15,000. So win, lose or draw, the Morris office col-lects. lects.

#### That Ain't All

Over at the Colonial Inn the whole Over at the Colonial Inn the whole show is also Morris property. It had Jane Froman (\$5,000); it has Joe E. Lewis (at least \$5,000, maybe \$6,000 —and perhaps more). Rest of the acts, including the band, are in via Morris. Next attraction at Colonial will be Carmen Miranda for about \$8,500—also with Morris in for a cut. Brook Club had Lanny Ross (\$2,500) and is bringing in Gracie Fields for about \$7,500. about \$7,500.

Among the Morris people who have season.

## Flesh To Stay, Bookers Say, Pointing to Vaude Upsurge

**NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE** 

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Altho the Million Dollar Theater, Los Angeles, has dropped vaude, and the Adams, Newark, N. J., is slated to follow suit March 13, there are healthy indications that flesh will continue as a main draw over most of the nation, according to vaude bookers who point out that many other theaters have returned to stageshow policies in the past six months. The rumors that falling box-office grosses would result in the am-putation of live attractions are groundless, these bookers say. All six Stem pic houses which double with vaude definitely brush aside suggestions that

## **NewarkAdamsDrops** Flesh for 1st-Run Pix

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Newark (N. J.) Adams Theater will drop vaude shows and switch to straight first-run film policy March 13. Ben Griefer, house manager, said that it was uncertain whether Adams would go back to live shows in fall or not. He tried first-run film policy last summer when Adams discontinued its live shows for summer only. Film policy paid off, bringing about de-cision to switch. Griefer said move may be perma-pent adding that house hed a touch

Griefer said move may be perma-nent, adding that house had a tough time making up stage bills since "right now there aren't enough at-tractions to keep business going." He also said that house had been using name bands a good deal as attrac-tions "but how many big bands are left now?"

#### **Oregon Bill Would Permit** Sale of Liquor by Drink

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—Hearing on a bill to permit sale of liquor by the drink in Oregon—now limited to bot-tle service—was held by the Senate Alcoholic Traffic Committee, without action being taken. Drive for the bill was spearheaded

by hotel interests in Portland, but all clubs licensed by the State Liquor Control Commission would benefit by enactment of the measure.

#### Vancouver 'State' To Reopen

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 15.— State Theater, former burly closed a year ago by police, this week was leased for 10 years to Keith Linforth, manager of the Rivoli, a burly house, and the Starling Theater Store Demanager of the Rivoli, a burly house, and the Sterling Theater Stage Pro-ductions, Seattle. House will be a vaude-filmer with seven stage acts and two films, booked independently. House scale will be 40 cents to 5 p.m. and 55 to 80 cents at night. House manager is Joe F. Elias, formerly with the Capitol Theater, Seattle.

been here already, are now here or will be here, are names like Danny Kaye, Mickey Rooney, Gracie Fields, Joe E. Lewis, Sophie Tucker, Jane Froman, Jackie Miles, the DeMarcos, Martha Raye, Harry Richman and a map of smaller fur. mob of smaller fry. Add their sal-aries together, take the number of weeks they work, and divide by 10 and it means that Miami Beach spells heavy loot for the Morris toppers. In

heavy loot for the Morris toppers. In addition, there are the profitable club dates in the Miami region which means still more heavy scratch. Weather here is cold, but it's nice and comfy for the hotels with their \$40-a-day rents and the Abe Last-fogel lads who don't even have to sell. They just answer the phone and collect checks every week of the season.

definitely brush aside suggestions that they may dispense with flesh by com-paring grosses this week with those of the same week a year ago, when paychecks were big and John Q. Public was spending high. This week, the figures show, the take was \$416,500 as against \$441,000 in 1946 which, the managers add, is good enough for them when they consider the shrunken national income, the curtailed employment and the van-ished wartime salaries. The custom-ers, they say, are still laying it on the ished wartime salaries. The custom-ers, they say, are still laying it on the line, so why should they change? In dismissing fears that the Million Dollar and Adams switcheroos may

indicate a trend, the bookers call at-tention to the number of houses which have resumed live shows within the past six months after having tried to lure the ticket-buyers without them.

#### **Bookers Offer Proof**

Bookers Offer Proof The Capitol, Scranton, Pa., and the Penn, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are back on full weeks. Binghamton, N. Y., is in again on a split week, while the Hippodrome, Pottsville, Pa., and the Feeley, Hazelton, Pa., are also on split weeks. All five are part of the Comerford chain. Full-week bills are again in opera-tion at the National, Richmond, Va.; Birmingham, Birmingham, and Weis, Savannah, Ga. The Norva, Norfolk, Va., is also back in the live sweep-stakes with a part-time vaude-pic policy.

policy.

So the 10 per centers say, head-liners and supporting performers may set their fears at rest. Vaude will be around a while.

#### Sally Rand Held Over **3 Days at Detroit "Hat"**

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Club Top Hat here is reported to have drawn capac-ity crowds since Sally Rand opened there Sunday (9) plus a 75 per cent turnoved between shows. Club has held her over for three days thru Wednesday. Dancer came in for only one week after finishing a month at 509 Club. 509 Club.

Burned remains of a trunk stolen from Miss Rand during her Top Hat date were found on lot adjoining club. Contents were valued at about \$2,500. Missing wardrobe consisted chiefly of costume hats, tiaras and footwear, loss of which, she said, seriously han-dicaps her act. Dancer is claiming replacement from club management, charging storage space was inade-quate. Miss Rand also charged that Manager Puss Trillel assured auto Manager Russ Trilick assumed cus-tody of trunk during show and alegedly neglected it.

#### Sweeney Heads R. I. AGVA

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 15.—At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island division of AGVA, held recently, Mildivision of AGVA, held recently, Mil-ton Sweeney, local emsee, was elected to head the board of directors for the coming year. Charles Clinghan was elected vice-president of the board, to which the following were elected: Buddy Lewis, Dick Martin, Anne Loring, Shirley May, Joe Dan-

## **Miami Nitery Ops in Dither Ôver "Hoods"**

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MIAMI, Feb. 15,—Nitery ops here are plenty worried by what appears to be a full-fledged crime wave. Hardly a night goes by without a stick-up and some of them are in broad daylight. Town is loaded with mobsters here for the races and ac-cording to residents when these cording to residents, when these hoods drop their rolls at Hialeah a stick-up seems the easiest way to renew them.

One night last week a car en route to Colonial Inn was forced off the road and the passengers lost their money and sparklers. Park Avenue money and sparklers. Park Avenue Club was broken into and the safe smashed. A jewelry store was robbed and the owner shot. Ivan Black, New York p. a., walking in the street, was held up by three muscle boys who kicked out three of his teeth and split his lip. Local police seem helpless or at least seldom appear on the scene. This reporter has been here almost a week and so far has seen only one

a week and so far has seen only one cop and not a single squad car. Lush nightery patrons, who usually go out loaded with sparklers, not to say cash (for in this town a double sawbuck just about gets you by the head waiter) are doing a stay at home. Everybody does a lot of talking about what should be done, but like Mark Twain's weather, nobody does anything about it.

## New Zanzibar Set **To Light This Week**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- New Zanzibar, situated two blocks from its former location on Broadway, will light up Thursday (20). Spot will tee off with Mills Bros, Eddie Heywood's ork and a medium budget supporting show.

supporting show. Nitery has been redecorated by Franklin Hughes. Only holdover in decor from original Zanzibar (now the Vanity Fair) will be the two familiar large blackmoors. New nit-ery will be operated by Wid Widney and Zeke Ruzicka, with Carle Erbe and Joe Howard, Vanity Fair ops, retaining only a small interest. Lat-ter pair will concentrate principally ter pair will concentrate principally on the Vanity Fair. The new Zanzibar location formerly was the Ole

## **Tax Drive May Hit Florida Night Spots**

MIAMI, Feb. 15. — A tax drive aimed at local hot spots is getting under way and may hit the niteries before the month is over. Unusual fact about it is that the period the Treasury Department seems inter-ested in is from 1945 to 1947. Ordinarily a check on income reports goes back a couple of years rather than for the current or approximately current period.

Insiders here admit that the search may be for the 20 per cent enter-tainment tax which some niteries have been slow in sending in to the revenuers.

iels and Billy Van. Cliff Barnes, local business agent, presided at the meeting and announced membership in the division now numbers about 250.

## **On Commission?**

MIAMI, Feb. 15. - Sophie Tucker is now a book sales-woman and works at it. She stands in the lobby of the Beach-comber, behind a table stacked with her books, yelling out, "Book, sir?" to any guy who looks at her.

## Vaude Artists Meet In Denmark To Plan **All-European Union**

All-Luropean Union COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 15. —A confab of major vaude per-former unions thruout Europe was called here recently by the Federa-tion of Danish Artists. The move spearheads a drive to organize all European vaude performers into one large trade union, thru which current post-war difficulties of travel, en-gagements in foreign countries and the removal of money from one coun-try to another could be ironed out. Due to transportation difficulties, many delegates could not attend, but a second meeting, expected to pull full attendance, is skedded for Stock-holm soon. holm soon.

Most important delegate to the powwow was Georgie Wood, rep of the Variety Artists Federation of England, largest union in Europe (6,000 members), who told gathering that British vaude performers have pacted with managers as of January 1 this year to have only trade union members on vaude bills. Those from foreign countries, who are nonforeign countries, who are non-unionists, must register with VAF in order to get a work permit for Eng-land. VAF, Wood told group, will permit up to 40 per cent of vaude acts in London to be foreign per-formers and 25 per cent in the Provinces. In circuses, 50 per cent in London may be foreign acts and 40 per cent in the binterlands 40 per cent in the hinterlands.

Ask 2 Per cent Share Danish union offered a motion that Danish union offered a motion that all foreign performers appearing in Denmark divvy up 2 per cent of their salaries to the Danish Artists Fed-eration to help the union. Wood agreed to take up this suggestion with VAF in London.

With VAF in London. Among unions represented were Syndicat National Des Artistes De Variete, France; L'Union Des Ar-tistes, France; Musicians and Artists Union, Sweden; Revue and Cabaret Artistes Federation, Norway; Schwei-periseben Artister und Musiken Verzerischer Artisten und Musiker Ver-band, Switzerland; Finska Artistfor-bundet, Finland; Syndicat Des Ar-tistes D'Attraction, Belgium, and Section Des Artistes Tchecoslovaques, Czechoslovakia.

#### Montana Bill Would Allot

Night Spots by Population HELENA, Mont., Feb. 15.—A bill before Montana's Legislative Assembly would limit retail liquor licenses in ratio to size of communities in which licensees would operate. Re-tailers now in business favor the bill,

which would eliminate competition. Opponents contend the public would suffer. They cite Helena, where there are only five first class niteries and beer prices rang from 20 cents to 35 cents a bottle. Whisky and gin drinks start at 40 cents and rise to \$1.

In Butte, where other considerations are identical, there are a dozen niteries and beer prices range from 20 that the bill opponents say this is the result of fair competition and that the bill would kill competition. Two other bills are pending. One

would levy a 6 per cent tax on all liquor retailed in Montana, revenue to go to city and county general funds. The other would forbid minors to enter any place where beer is sold.

## New Embassy Ops Seek To Make Deal **OnTrenet** Complaint

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—New own-ers of Embassy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schwartz, and Harold Orenstein, at-torney for Charles Trenet, are retorney for Charles Trenet, are re-portedly working out an agreement which would wipe out the \$5,000 complaint to AGVA brought against the singer by Bill Miller, who sold the spot last week. Deal Joe Schwartz and Orenstein are reported to be working on would have the club's complaint withdrawn in return for which Trenet would come into the Embassy March 18 for six weeks at \$1,500 each for the first two weeks, \$2,000 the third week and \$2,500 the \$2,000 the third week and \$2,500 the emaining three weeks.

Trenet was scheduled to open at the Embassy January 7, but was still in France on that date. Miller then

in France on that date. Miller then filed a complaint for breach of con-tract with AGVA. The singer is still in France so AGVA's trial board has reserved decision until he gets here around the first week in March. The Embassy's new owners are bringing in Zero Mostel, doubling. from Beggar's Holiday, to work the midnight show only, starting Tuesday (18). Mostel booked himself into the spot. the spot.

#### Evelyn Knight To Play Hotelg

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Evelyn Knight, now in her first vaude date at the Roxy Theater, has been booked by the William Morris Agency for an eight-week tour of smart hotel niteries. Thrush has already been set for the Park Plaza, St. Louis, in eddition to dates in Minneapolis and addition to dates in Minneapolis and San Francisco. Tour will start at the end of Miss Knight's Roxy date, which runs another two weeks.

Gal's p. a. tour is seen as a means of boosting her Decca record sales

#### New York:

## What, No Fiddles?

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Milt NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Milt Britton, who opened at the Ice-land Restaurant with his mad ork men Tuesday (11) didn't pull his famous fiddle-smash-ing stint for the opener. Britton is out of violins. This week is out of violins. This week (10) he placed an ad in *The Daily News* offering \$2.50 each for fiddles "to be broken over musicians' heads." Ad netted 18 violins in two days.

## **AGVA-MEMA Rule** Agent Booking for **Milwaukee Club Acts**

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 15.—All night club acts here must book thru agents from now on, as the result of a joint meeting of the AGVA local and the Milwaukee Entertainment Managers' Association held yesterday. Acts now will be liable to AGVA discipline for booking independently.

Acts signed for club dates also were urged to secure contracts covering their dates so that AGVA could back them in any difficulty. Some 50 members and 10 agents were present at yesterday's meeting which was held in AFM Local 8 Hall. Session had been called by Don Hart, local AGVA rep. Local 8, AFM Prexy Volmer Dahlstrand was the meeting's guest of honor. He spoke on the importance of unity as a successful means of securing benefits for all.

by showing her to the customers and also grooming her for a top summer replacement radio spot which is now cooking.

## PhillyAutonomy Or Fight --- Jones; Shelvey --- What?

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Altho Dick Jones, executive secretary of AGVA in Philly, insists that his org will re-main autonomous and will ignore demain autonomous and will ignore de-mands that it become a branch of the national body, Matt Shelvey here, national AGVA topper, 'today said he doesn't know what the shouting's all about. Jones's declarations fol-lowed a meeting of the Philadelphia unit January 30 in which the membership voted unanimously to remain an autonomous local of the vaude union. If the national body, Jones added, has other designs, the Philly group will take its orders from the Four A's."

Commenting on rumors circulating freely in the city of brotherly love, Jones stated that "if Matt Shelvey has national autonomy we'll keep our own local. If need be, we'll go to the courts and fight it out. Branches have a tendency to make for a onemay a tendency to make for a one-man union which we in Philadelphia resent." The rumors had it that na-tional AGVA planned to take over the Philadelphia Local March 1 and not up a local March 1 set up a local branch.

The declining to comment directly on Jones's statements, Shelvey de-clared he knew nothing of any plans to take over and expressed surprise at the January 30 action of the Philly unit adding the national office had had no report of the meeting. He knows nothing, he said, of plans to "move into Philadelphia."

#### **Organized** Itself

Jones also had declared that the national group did not organize national group did not organize Philadelphia, that Philadelphia or-ganized itself and "aims to keep the union for itself." National body doesn't even have a constitution, Jones said. "We have no intention of breaking away from AGVA and setting up an independent union just because the national body doesn't have a constitution," Jones declared. "All we intend to do is to ward off any attempt to make our union here any attempt to make our union here merely a branch."

Asked to comment on this statement, Shelvey displayed a printed copy of the national constitution.

#### **Comments on Auto**

Jones also commented on reports that some performers had complained that some performers had complained to the national body that they had been assessed to help pay for an automobile the membership gave him (*The Billboard*, February 8). Jones said the car was purchased from voluntary contributions and that not a penny of its cost had come from the union treasury or from assess-ments of any kind. "As far as the car is concerned."

"As far as the car is concerned," he declared, "if Matt Shelvey or any-one else can produce a single mem-ber who says they were assessed, I'll give them the car."

#### **Ont.** Spots Seek Licenses

TORONTO, Feb. 15.-First application for a dining lounge license to sell liquor as well as wine and beer was received by the Ontario Liquor License Board this week from Marie Lavail, op of a local French restau-rant, La Chaumiere. Application will be heard before the board March 18. A lounge license has been ap-plied for by the Arena House, 68-room hotel, which wishes to change its name to the Mayberry Lounge Hotel.

Johnny Andrews new at the Moor-ish Room, Wilmington, Del.

## B'way Takes Dip Further; MH 128G; Cap 76G; Para Up

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. -NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Despite several days of balmy weather in a switch from the cold of the preced-ing week, plus the Lincoln's Birth-day holiday (12), grosses at the six Stem pic-vaude houses continued to the back work bringing in \$416,500 dip last week, bringing in \$416,500 against earlier stanza's \$443,100. Only two houses, Paramount and Loew's State, showed an increase over earlier box-office totals.

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; average \$110,000) in third week with Gil Maison, Patricia Bowman, Ted and Flo Vallett and The Yearling, col-lected \$128,000 against preceding week's \$137,000. Started with \$140,-000.

Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$85,000) tabbed \$58,500 for last six days with Gracie Fields, Arthur Blake and 13 Rue Madeleine as compared to preceding week's \$32,000. Preemed with \$120,000, then went to \$89,000. New bill, reviewed this issue, has Peter Lorre, Gil Lamb, Evelyn Knight and The Shocking Miss Pilgrim.

#### Cap So-So

Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$72,-000) brought in \$76,000 for third fname with Tex Beneke ork, Gene Sheldon, the Fontaines and Lady in the Lake, as against \$88,700 the week

the Lake, as against \$88,700 the week before. Started with \$94,600. Paramount (3,654 seats; average \$15,000) scored \$83,000 with the Ink Spots, Cootie Williams ork, Ella Fitzgerald, Stump and Stumpy and Easy Come, Easy Go opening stanza. Loew's State (3,500 seats; average \$25,000) rang up \$33,000 with Plack

- Despite and Sully, Wilbur Evans, Paul Remos and Blue Skies, as against previous frame's \$29,400 with John Boles, Jim Wong Troupe and Lorraine Rognan and Secret Heart. New bill, reviewed

and Secret Heart. New bill, reviewed this issue, has Jackie Gleason, Jerry Bergen, Harrison and Fisher and Till the Clouds Roll By. Strand (2,700 seats; average \$40,-000) got \$38,000 for third week with Charlie Barnet ork, Ray English, Boni Coles and Cholly Atkins and The Man I Love, compared to \$51,000 for preceding stanza. Started with \$61,-000.

A. C.'s Steel Pier **Offers Haymes 35G** For July 4 Week HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. -- Dick

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. — Dick Haymes has been offered a flat guar-antee of \$35,000 for a one-week stint at Alantic City's Steel Pier for week including July 4. Fabulous offer, ready for inking, is not a packaged deal, entire take going into Haymes coffers coffers.

coffers. Singer is also skedded for date at Chicago's Oriental Theater week of August 28 at a salary of \$25,000 against a 50-50 split. Singer's vaude stock has hit the ceiling following record-breaking date at Boston's RKO Theater. Haymes grossed \$70,-000 for the week-an all-time high Loew's State (3,500 seats; average 000 for the week—an all-time high \$25,000) rang up \$33,000 with Block for that house.

## 36 2907 NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE

#### Cafe Society Uptown, **New York** (Monday, February 10)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 9:15 and 12:30. Owner-operator, Barney Josephson; publicity, Kohn-Nard. Prices: \$3.50 minimum.

On Monday, night (10) at Cafe Society Uptown, a very voluble Frenchwoman, as she listened to Frenchwoman, as she listened to Lucienne Boyer, kept proclaiming loudly in broken English, "She is so wonderful." Miss Boyer is all that and much more. She is a beautiful woman with exquisite artistry and showmanship, the glamor of the theater personified.

All this was very much in evidence on opening night as Miss Boyer ended a 10-year absence from the U. S., with the distinction of being U. S., with the distinction of being the only performer (except for ac-companists) on the bill, the first time in Uptown's history. In 1936 the French chanteuse appeared at the Rainbow Room and the Versailles. Her return via Josephson's boite is on a class scale, with the usual three shows cut to two and no convice being shows cut to two and no service being permitted during her performance, which lasts about 45 minutes.

Miss Boyer's dramatic entrance MISS Boyer's aramatic entrance was well calculated to heighten the excitement, suspense and anticipa-tion of the blue bloods, many of them from the French Colony, who were there to greet her. The lights blacked out, a violin sang the strains of Parles Moi D'Amour, her trade mark, and then she appeared in a simple blue velvet gown, carelessly holding a corsage of orchids which she quickly discarded. The audience gave her an ovation.

She was nervous, but it was thrilling to see her maneuver herself back to confidence with the skill of a top showwoman in the first number, Chez Moi. From then on she soared higher in the esteem of the crowd with each successive number, vary-ing her performance with Un Air d'Accordeon and Mon Coeur est un *G'Accordeon* and Mon Coeur est un Violon, the hits with which she is instantly identified, Hands Across the Table and Parlez Moi d'Amour, the dramatic Estampe Moroccaine and La Dame Du Bar, the charming Si Patite La Detit Vin Plane and the Si Petite, Le Petit Vin Blanc and the closer Au Revoir. 941

Vin Blanc was a community sing affair and it was amusing and warming to see her make the white tie set sing tra-la-la-la-la, but they did it and enjoyed it. In this number she strolled around the floor, with a and bantered the customers in French. Her singing was capably backed by the six-piece combo (cello, bass, guitar, accordion, piano and violin), of which only the violinist was imported. aB

Miss Boyer's charm even veils the fact that she no longer is slim and the styling of her gown seemed to emphasize it. However, her most thrilling quality is her voice, which is at various times soft and caressing, breathless, dominant and husky. It is kaleidoscopic in its change to suit the song she is singing.

It can all be summed up simply in one sentence-her return was a triumph. George Berkowitz.



#### **Glass Hat, Belmont Plaza** Hotel, New York (Thursday, February 13)

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Talent Policy: Floorshows at 8:30 and 12:30. Owner, Belmont Palza Hotel; manager, Carl F. Johnson; publicity, Bayne-Zussman. Prices: \$2.50-\$3.50 minimums.

If ever entertainers worked themselves into a sweat to put over a show, it was in the opening performance at this room. Despite their efforts, however, the bill laid an egg. Only half of the four acts were even passable.

Right from the beginning the show evidenced a lack of sparkle and smart entertainment generally found in Glass Hat revues. Opening act, Bonnie and Ray, hoofers, looked nice but showed, little imagination in their three numbers. The whole routine was just a series of taps without much flash and without the charm it could have. The youngsters were dressed well in chartreuse and black contrasts, but need more than run-ofthe-mill foot routines. Also they overdo the winking almost to the point of nausea.

Wendy Bishop; blond thrush, was loused up by the ork right at the start—they started playing the wrong number—and she probably never recovered her equilibrium. In addition, she sang old tunes, such as Night and Day, Sunny Side of the Street, and Coax Me a Little Bit, for which she could do little and vice versa. Her Night and Day was slightly nasal. To do herself justice, Miss Bishop should pick more suitable songs—she is sexy looking and probably could do torrid numbers well. She could im-prove her mike technique, too.

Intro of Paul Sydel and Susie, dog act, was confusing in that there were three dogs brought on, `one after the other, the middle one being Susie. Only when the ork started playing If You Knew Susie when the second pooch came on did the customer realize the first one wasn't Susie. Susie. First dog did some unusual balancing stunts and then Susie balancing stunts and then Susie came on for the tough ones. A small hound brought on last for laughs wasn't funny and killed the closer. Nevertheless, the act got a fair hand. Sydell could rearrange the order of appearance, spotting the small dog in the middle of the act with a funnier routine, and Susie last to build up to a better finish. Also an explanation, preferably humorous, could eliminate the confusion about the dogs and some patter at the start the dogs and some patter at the start of the act between stunts would hypo the turn and prevent monotony.

It was painful to watch Bernie West, a likable guy with a flexible pan, work. West had laryngitis, his timing was off, he was playing to an empty table right in front of him empty table right in front of nim and there was a graveyard stillness in response to his lines. When his first few gags thudded to dead si-lence, he permitted himself to be stampeded and began pushing the lines out without the showmanlike delivery processor is a coming the delivery necessary in a comic. He was so discouraged after a while that altho he had already cued the band for a song he decided to call it off. Under more favorable circumstances, West probably can get some laughs with his material—which is no worse than getting plenty of yocks for other comics-but it was a tough road opening night.

opening night. Eddie Stone's ork (11) didn't help the situation either. The band plays great for dancing with a smooth society style, but cutting a show takes skill. The acts and music couldn't get together and occasionally the boys hit a clinker.

George Berkowitz.

#### College Inn, Hotel Sherman, Chicago (Friday, February 14)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:30 and 11:30. Manager, Joe Spieler; pro-duction, Marty Bloom; Howard Mayer, pub-licity. Prices: \$1.50 and \$2.50 minimums.

Marty Bloom again hypos biz here by bringing in pertinent amusement names, following Jan August's pian-istics, with the current headliner, Dusty Fletcher, who saw the door to success opened by *Richard* after 20 years in showbiz without recognition. The Negro comic is using basically the same act he did for years, except that now instead of lying on the floor in front of the mike he spends his time sitting at a small tavern table, and he's added a stooge to straight for him. Lines are about 90 per cent the same, except that he's blue-penciled a lot of the shadier gags. He got yocks consistently and walked off to a huge mitt. Despite the fact that he's currently hot because of inspiring the door-opener opus, he should stay in the big time as he's a solid seller.

Raymond Scott, band headliner, has worked out a different floorshow since last seen here two months ago. He's returned to stressing more of the well-known Scott classics, such as Power House, 18th Century Draw-ing Room and Wooden Indians, tunes which are still widely associated with him. Result is that his specials got bigger hands than commercial scorings he used in his theater stand here. Dorothy Collins, petite chirp who looks like the college freshie in a soap ad, has the song style that matches her chic appearance. She was called back twice, a rare thing in this room.

A waltz medley to pace their dancing stints, with a beat on bounce dit-ties is fine, but Scott very often kicks off the ballads either too fast or too Johnny Sippel. slow.

#### Helsing's Vodvil Lounge, Chicago

(Friday, February 14)

Talent Policy: Intermission planist and floorshows at 9:45, 11:45 and 1:30. Manager, Frank Helsing; publicity, Betty Rogers. Prices: Drinks from 50 cents.

Show is Class A from the standoint of talent but short on production and the necessary rehearsals. However, clever ad libbing from most of the principals covered it up. Sid Fisher and his combo open the show with a clarinet solo, *Hora Staccato*, by Junior Nordeen. Lad shows

promise. Toni Rami, chirp, breaking into night clubs from radio, has an in-gratiating manner with the customers but needs to work a little more on stage savvy. Her pipes and figure are first class, but little mannerisms such as keeping her left arm cocked apart from her body will have to be overcome. However, her naivety and freshness charmed the table sitters into a palm-whacking session.

The Three Imaginators do a clever panto of various radio and movie personalities, using records. Lip movements, aided by costumes and movements, alded by costumes and unique burlesque, definitely scored these three lads with the opening night crowd. Among those pantoed were Tex Beneke, the Ink Spots, Mary Martin, Bing Crosby and the Androus Sisters Andrews Sisters. Larry Ross, handling emsee chores

plus his own act, got the crowd with him after a difficult break-in period. Lad is clever but some of his busi-ness is a little too blue for this bistro. He should stick to panto, his bistro. He should stick to panto, his specialty, instead of trying to dig too far down for his laughs. His panto of a squire riding a streetcar wowed Herb Bailey. 'em as usual.

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Lookout House, Covington, Kentucky (Wednesday, February 12)

Talent Policy: Dance and show band; floor-shows at 8:30 and 1. Owner, Lookout House, Inc.; manager, Clay A. Rambeau; publicity, Betty Kapp. Prices: From \$2.

Spot has dished out more moola for some of its previous offerings but few have been more enthusiastically received than the current Valentine Revue.

Lindsay Lovely Ladies (8), back in after several months' absence, display wide versatility in a trio of offerings, first of which is a sultry strut to Harlem Moon, with Captain Peggy Ray doing a top canarying job to get proceedings under way to a fast pitch. Midway, the shapely, well-garbed gals offer a See America First turn, clicking with toe taps and acro stunts and go native in the finale with a flashy South Sea number, with Goldie Gay sparkling in an Hawaiian hula.

Tom and Jerry, handsome youths, had payees on the edge of their chairs with their neck-risking double horizontal bar work. Grabbed belly chuckles with their comedy gym-nastics. Lads work with enthusiasm and ring the rafters with a brilliant blindfold twisting somersault finish.

Packed house was with Rochelle and Beebe, boy and gal, all the way, with their screwball ballroomistics. Loose-jointed gal hits pay dirt with her zany acro antics, with the male member providing excellent muscular foil. Their phony sophisticated terping netted a beg-off hand.

ing netted a beg-off hand. Personable George Gobel, youth-ful comic-emsee, had 'em in stitches from the opening gong, with his sharp army AWOL routine as emsee break-in fodder, until his beg-off in his own slot. Homespun chatter and easy-fingered guitar picking jells handsomely. Also gives with ace yodeling of We Sipped Cider Thru a Straw, solid tenoring of Ireland, and a side-splitting Cowboy Paint, in which he defty utilizes band's sidewhich he deftly utilizes band's side-

men to put across his hep material. His work elicited numerous recalls. Jimmy Wilbur's ork (10), new at this outing, rates cheers for its ace showcutting and danceable book, Teddy Raymore Trio, also new, capably handled the lulls, altho hampered by a spotty mike. Larry Vin-cent still pulling 'em to the Wonder Bar with his Steinwaying.

Bob Doepker.

#### Larry Potter's Supper Club, Los Angeles

(Wednesday, February 12)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:15 and midnight. Owner-manager, Larry Potter. Maitre d'hotel, Leo Gray. Prices: No cover or minimum.

Billed as the "Naughty Nightingale," Reta Ray voices material that's beyond the boundaries of double entendre and closer to the smutty side of the laugh fence. Blue stuff can be clever but when a comic must resort to dirt instead of showmanship to pull laughs, there isn't much there. Accompanying herself on the ivories, lass shouts it loud and thin, but crowd goes for it, winning plenty chuckles and palming for more of the same.

Best on the bill are the Philharmonicas, a lively mouth-organ three-some that couples smooth music-making with a fine sense of sales savvy. Lads are particularly good in Horra Staccato and Holiday for Strings A hard-working unit lads Staccato and Holiday for A hard-working unit, lads Strings. Strings. A hard-working unit, lads click with the payees and after a number of encores, have to beg off. Nick Cochrane adequately emsees and fronts a four-piece combo for the dance music. A clever lad, his zany patter adds spark to the show. Lee Zhito.

#### Minnesota Terrace, Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis (Tuesday, February 11)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 8:30 and 12. Manager, Neil R. Messick; room manager, James Hickman; publicity, Sally Delaney. Prices: \$2.50 minimum.

South American Sway, a lively tuneful three-act package, bids fair to be one of the top offerings at the most popular Twin Cities night spot. Show gets started with fast castanets dance by Irma Henriquez, who is fast on her feet and good with the fingers. She did three numbers which got strong mitt.

The dance team of Carlos and Linda is the best of its kind to show here in a long time. The pair of youngsters open with a rib-tickling youngsters open with a rib-ticking rumba and their unique Begin the Beguine stopped the show. Kids en-cored with a Cuban rumba and Mexi-can hat dance. Still couldn't get off, so they did South American version of U. S. jitterbug. Final beg-off

number was a samba. Tito Coral is a pleasant-voiced bary with sock selling appeal. His method of working with audience, method of working with audience, running off at the mouth with Span-ish and Latin gestures, sold big. Of-ferings were In Havana for a Night, done in Spanish; Donkey Serenade, in English and Spanish; Begin the Beguine, in English; Babalu, in Span-ish, and for encore, Chio Chio, in Spanish

Spanish. Billy Stofft's 11-piece ork still good. Tony Grise fronts and vocals. Inck Weinberg. Jack Weinberg.

#### **Tom Breneman's Hollywood** (Saturday, February 1)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshow at 10 p.m. Owners: Tom Breneman and Walter Smith; manager, Frank Kern; publicity, Renzo Cesana. No cover or minimum.

Having found that the spot couldn't do biz without a floorshow, ops set-tled their squabble with AGVA, put up a cash bond and reinstituted entertainment policy. Result is a pleasing show and brisk biz. Spot cut out the late show in favor of one turn a night.

Carrying the weight of show is Carrying the weight of show is comic Joey Cappo, long a fixture around smaller Hollywood clubs. Gagster's material is of the some-thing old-something new variety, with a fast, clipped delivery that leaves ringsiders holding on for dear life. With informality the keynote, Cappo plays down the customers, with the usual bound of gags and navee insults. payee insults.

Piece de resistance, and one of the best of its type, is Cappo's 15-min-ute pantomime of Charlie Chaplin in a bit from the old-time movie, In a bit from the old-time movie, Gold Rush. Cappo captures Chaplin's appearance, facial gestures, and inti-mate pieces of biz with amazing accurracy. It's a difficult chore to attempt on a nitery floor, but Cappo winds up with customers clemening winds up with customers clamoring for more.

Bill includes acro ballet hoofer Ruth Hazen, and baritone Tony Far-rell, both of whom do well in their spots, wrapping up things in a neat, compact package. Chick Floyd's ork spots, wrapping Chick Floya s one compact package. Chick Floya s one cuts the show and dishes out tunes torpsing. Alan Fischler.

#### **Caracas Nitery Burns**

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 15.-Fire of undetermined origin caused \$5,000 damages to the Miami, res-taurant-cabaret here. Carlos Vargas, owner, said repairs would be made at once.



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(Tuesday, February 11)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 9 and 1. Op-erator, Sam Taustin. Prices: No cover or minimum.

City spot is fairly nice layout, with a raised floor, better than average lighting and Danny Yates's band, which cuts a show completely. Patrons, on night caught, were strictly square. So corn got yocks, while fast work just lay there panting. Top spot belongs to Sid Gould, who

has lost his mountain accent and now uses almost pear-shaped words. Material was a combo of something new, something borrowed and some-thing blue. Oddly enough, in prac-tically every nitery caught so far in Miami, it's the blue stuff that gets the yocks. Gould has developed a style that is rapidly getting into the groove. He's fast, plays with ringsiders and registered okay after a dead start. Good thing about him is his rubber mug, which is enough to raise titters. Uses a harmonica to raise titters. Uses a harmonica bit for a walk-off which can stand severe pruning. Switch from knock-about comedy into concertish ar-rangement of *Rhapsody in Blue* is too much of a let-down. If the lad makes a couple of changes he'll soon be ready for the big time.

Lois Lee, announced as a 19-yearold, is an attractive branching piercing soprano pipes. Material was poor and the constant piping of material was almost painful to old. is an attractive brunette with high notes was almost painful to hear. It was when she did Chocolate Soldier that she finally showed something. Her middle register was pleasant. With proper coaching, betthing. ter costuming and less over-acting, plus some diction lessons, she might go places. But right now she is some

distance away. Joan Brandon, magic act, showed a lot of flash and little else. Her tricks, mostly standard, weren't done too well. Black light opening was effective, particularly with her platinum hair. Effect, however, was lost in full light. Gal isn't a lightweight and an over-sexy gown emphasized her heaviness. Finished with her change-a-drink routine and pulled good hands.

Productions with six girls were merely stage waits. Line wasn't particularly attractive and work showed need for rehearsals. Bill Smith.

## Village Vanguard, New York

(Monday, February 10) Talent Policy: Floorshows at 10:30 and 12:30. Owner, Max Gordon; manager, Jerry Milich; publicity, Jay Russell. Prices: \$2.50-\$3 minimums.

The Vanguard still has one of the best shows in town. The current bill, with Maxine Sullivan, Richard Dyer-Bennet and the Three Flames, up to par-solid entertainment thruout.

From all indications, Max Gordon may have a real find in the Flames judging from the reaction of the basement habitues. The trio (Roy Testamark, pianist; Bill Pollard, bass, and Tiger Haynes, amplified guitar) has the opening spot, but puts on such a terrific show that the other acts have a tough time follow-ing. The boys play and sing race tunes, but gag them up so humorously and with so much zest and spontaneity that the audience yocks

from start to finish. The Flames seem to get as much kick out of their act as the customers and constant ad libbing gives their work a freshness rare among such combos. Sometimes they even surrise themselves at what comes out. With such talent, the boys make a mistake in occasionally letting their lines get blue, albeit slyly done. In addition, Testamark sometimes gets lost in the shuffle for the limelight, but smoothing out the routine will fix that. Boys did The Best Man Who (See Village Vanguard on page 38)

Iceland Restaurant, New York

(Tuesday Evening, February 11)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 7, 10 and 12. Operators, Noel Lee-Abe Goldstein; publicity, Frances Kaye. Prices: \$2 minimum.

Initial choice in switch to straight floorshow policy from icers is a good for this spot. Centered around one for this spot. Contered when is Milt Britton's screwball ork, show is good for laughs all the way and should click with the tourist trade.

Except for an occasional off-timed execution, Britton and the boys are still knocking out the laughs. Ork has restyled several of the familiar routines which it dropped during the war years when it concentrated on straight dance music. Missing only is brother Frank, but Milt, ably sparked things on the night caught to keep the hoke antics paced. caught to keep the hoke antics paced. Britton's old stand-by, Tommy (Cow-boy) Rafferty, was also up to par in drawing the heavy chuckles. Lad has an easy flair for comedy and made good use of every opportunity tossed his way. Also good on the yock side was Blimpy Blank, hold-over from the spot's former ork, now working with Britton. Their Unfinished Sumphony routine was Unfinished Symphony routine was loaded all the way. Altho sprouting golden bantam frequently, lads still got good results.

Solid on the acro novelty side were the Honey Brothers, three lads who knocked themselves out for heavy mitts. Boys did a casual, yet difficult looking routine that kept the customers yocking. Also scored okay in two acro bits. Knockabout hoofers and comics and three handsome looking boys to boot, they are a good bet for pictures.

Nola Day showed only a fair set of pipes, but good delivery. Encore piece, Begin the Beguine, was hard to hear sometimes.

Ted Taft and his line of four showgals and four hoofers registered well, but ballet routines could stand some sparkle. Their Manhattan Serenade bit was too close to the familiar Slaughter on 10th Avenue routine. Costumes good.

Closer, an audience participation bit, with the band and Taft girls getting customers out on the floor as dance partners, also scored.

Lou Menschel's ork on the relief sessions. Don Marshall.

#### Cafe Bagatelle, New York (Thursday February 13)

Talent Policy: Entertainment at 9:30, 11:30 and 1. Operators, Lou Shayne, Irving Wexler. Prices: \$1.50-\$2 minimum.

Spot's sole entertainment is Dorothy Ross, who came here after five years of chirping unexpurgated lyrical pornography at the 23 Room of the George Washington Hotel until last week. Except for one or two new ones, the gal is still selling the same blue lyrics of novelty numbers and parodies on a couple of pops.

Despite material, Miss Ross is a good showman with a keen sense of comedy and timing which she showed more than once in verbal skirmishes with noisy customers. She was quick on the comeback in sparring with hecklers.

Dirty songs alone, however, won't hold her in an East Side nitery long, no matter how small the room. Stint lasts 40 minutes. Gal accom-

panies herself on the 88. Don Marshall. Empire Room, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee

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(Saturday, February 8)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 3 and 11. Owner, Walter Schroeder; manager, Frank Econom. Prices: \$1.75 minimum.

Tommy Weaver and Bill Gaffney opened this week's show with a flashy cro act. Split-second timing and seldom-seen tricks got a big hand and finishing trick, done while blind-folded on the cross bars, had the audience tense.

The Albins, comedy dance team, at first found staid customers didn't understand that their falls and slips were intentional. When smooth dance work got broader and mugging became obvious, audience got wise and sent them off to a strong mitt.

Johnny Knapp, fourth week holdover, setting a record for the Empire over, setting a record for the Empire Room, savvies song salesmanship. Good-looking lad has plenty of sparkle and likes to sing. Audience wouldn't let him off the floor. Lilt-ing delivery of recent favorites had several original gimmicks that were clever, such as his turning imaginary lamplights out as he slowly loft the lamplights out as he slowly left the room while singing The Old Lamplighter.

Freddy Nagel's band cut the show well. Nagel's bouncy singing of pops, plus that of his lovely blonde thrush, Jane Easton, and saxophonist Dick Baldwin, added variety. Clever musi-cal touches by Don Gerard on his celeste, and Duke Byasse on an am-plified bass, made ork's work out-Sylvia Schuster. standing.

#### Latin Quarter, Boston (Monday, February 10)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 8 and 11:30. Owner-manager, Michael Redstone; publicity, Frank Cronin. Prices: \$4 minimum.

With Martha Raye headlining in with Martha Raye headining in her first Hub night spot appearance, Michael Redstone has a solid gold show that had the place packed even at the Monday dinner show. The cash customers don't seem to mind the minimum being upped to \$4 eithor either.

The new revue, staged by Madame Kamarova, is sock entertainment and long on eye appeal. The ensemble opener has Cliff Hayden as singing emsee and eight of the 12 line girls decked out in fancy waitress garb. Following the usual Kamarova pattern, the gals don't dance much and acts are introed fast in brief solo Barbara Barry does a short spots. tap turn, Nick and Nina Orloff con-trib a so-so Russian number with costumes cluttering up the effect of the trick steps, and the Ben Yost Guardsmen give out with a medley led off by Camp, Camp Along the Highways and winding up with opera excerpts.

Revue gets under way in the solo slot, with Barbara Barry back to sing and tap to *Broadway Rhythm*. Gal has a nice style but warbles too much. Cliff Hayden gets his root delivering a well-sung Moonspot, delivering a well-sung Moonglow. The Orloffs follow with the line backing their top-bracket ballet turn that drew a good mitt from the cash customers who were obviously wait-ing for Martha Raye.

The comedienne made a strictly glamorous entrance in a flashy se-quin gown by Kathryn Kuhn and a smart Grecian hair-do. The cus-tomers gave out with a heavy hand and La Raye cut loose with Sun in the Morning Sung straight and at ful the Morning, sung straight and at full throttle, seguing into a laugh-winning (See Latin Quarter on page 38)

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## Roxy, New York

(Tuesday Evening, February 11)

Bill is sock, well paced and fast moving, marred only by a let-down in the closing act, headliner Peter Lorre. Standouts were Gil Lamb and Evelyn Knight.

Lamb's comedy material wasn't hefty, but when he got started on the pantomime, he kept the stint going fast and furious. Jitterbug routine sold well, but the best hit was his sold well, but the best hit was his swallowed harmonica routine, both seen here before. Baseball patter drew a few chuckles, which might have been built up for bigger laughs had Lamb pitched faster.

Evelyn Knight had the balcony wolves yelping. Gal made a pretty picture working in spot against the show's single set, an attractive col-umn effect, with Paul Ash's house ork centered. She has a solid style, probably a result of her plush nitery work. Had to beg off after her Saloon, Saloon, Saloon encore.

Show opened with the sole pro-Show opened with the sole pro-duction number, a snappy piece with the Gay Foster Roxyettes on roller skates, introing singer Pat Terry, doubling from Bobby Byrne's ork at Roseland Ballroom. Ensemble num-ber was good, with the pinwheel routines selling for big hands as usual. Costumes of line gals, inci-dentally, might have looked cuter if they had been shorter. They were just about standard length and dejust about standard length and detracted from the gay, youthful effect attempted. Terry pleased with a fair set of tenor pipes. He started with Linda, and followed with Open the Door, Richard, with line seguing in. Skating in routine was of only fair caliber but number as a whole was good.

Boy Foy clicked with his standard top unicycle and juggling stint, foul-ing up on only one routine while working the high bike.

Introing Peter Lorre, Gil Lamb ex plained that the screen player had been ill, which might necessitate re-ferring to the script during his bit, a ferring to the script during his bit, a dramatic reading of Edgar Allen Poe's *Telltale Heart*. Working in a white light against a, blue scrim, backed by ork's dramatic score, Lorre turned out to be a sad disappoint-ment for a name act. Bit was over-acted and difficult to follow in places, because of lack of continuity. Story was chonned beyond recognition. In was chopped beyond recognition. In the dramatic department, Lorre was way off.

Pic, Shocking Miss Pilgrim. Don Marshall.

#### Strand, New York (Friday, February 14)

Initial and major portion of this show, paced by the mellow musician-ship of the Claude Thornhill band, gives the impression it's going to be great. But just when everything appears to be building to a solid fin-ish, Hollywood invades the stage and the chown goos mediocre Blame the show goes mediocre. Blame Martha Vickers, who may be a top Blame movie starlet, but who, on stage, is given little to work with and does virtually nothing with it. And vet Alan Hale, as genial as he may be, certainly could do with better material as a gagster and could make a better choice for his dramatic readbetter choice for his dramatic read-ing than an excerpt from the God Is My Co-Pilot flick. Full house re-ceived the filmsters with a fairish mitt. But let's face it, Hollywood names may be box-office draws, but it's only the rare exception that can deliver, and neither Miss Vickers nor Hale are exceptions.

The Thornhill band teed off with a brief flag-waverish, Buster's Last Stand, and segued into an instrumental medley of top pops to good returns. Band singer Fran Warren

#### Loew's State, New York

(Thursday Afternoon, February 13) House has a full-rounded, com-mercial bill this week, with emphasis on the comedy side.

Jackie Gleason was on the ball all the way with rep routines which the customers were quick to latch onto. Lad handled himself with onto. Lad handled himself with ease and in cross patter with acts on bill glided in at every opening to pull a yock. Worked blue gags in and out smoothly. One fault comic has in his stage manner, a habit of placing his hands on his bins. Otherwise, he sold bimself hips. Otherwise, he sold himself all the way. Came on after opening act to work as emsee but should have started there.

Half-pint comic Jerry Bergen scored with his alleged instrumental routine. His fiddle, xylophone and bell act was up to par. Routine bell act was up to par. Routine as conductor of house ork in concert fashion sold best. Kept pace fast and registered well from walk-on to exit. Comic's timing was good and boffs were generous. A tall blonde chirp, Elizabeth Balberg, did an operatic bit to foil for him. Good.

Bill opened with the Jansleys in their comic acro turn. Started slow but caught on fast. Two gals doing a double somersault starting from a sitting stance on man's heels brought best mitts. Man worked as tho he were peeved at some one. Should make with charm by turning on an occasional smile.

Terry Lawlor fared so-so in the voice department. Showed a fault in exhaling deeply into the mike between phrases of her numbers. Went thru three numbers but Old Shillelagh on the recall sold best. Before encore did a patter routine with Jackie Gleason and had to prompt him with his cue in one spot. Miss Lawlor worked with her own piano accompanist, Addison Bailey. Ruth Harrison and Alex Fisher wrapped up the week's laugh pack-age. Pair did two routines. Their age. second, a satire on the South Amer-

ican tango, has been polished up and most of the rough spots have been knocked out. As a result, both now fall into an easy casual bit, with yocks evenly spaced. Gleason closed show with routine on celeb take-offs. Bits on Peter Lorre and Jimmy Durante clicked

solid. House ork, Louis Basil's, teed off bill with leader's original composition, State Opening, a fast, breezy number.

Pic, Till the Clouds Roll By. Don Marshall.

did a bracket of songs, topped by a stellar rendition of *A Sunday Kind* of *Love* to a solid mitt. Gal sings with lots of savvy and feeling. Pro-duction on ork rendition of Yours Is My Heart Alone is effective both musically and visually, with the Strand's staging and lighting crew due a nod for their superior handling of this and most other ork shows. Thornhill becomes a showman for a set of piano-and-rhythm tunes, topped by some knocked-out boogiewoogie, which closes to hefty reception.

Ork plays excellent backgrounds, for the Di Gatanos, a good and hand-some terp team. Mimicomic Bob Hopkins comes on midway in the show for a rapid-fire series of excellent impressions, follows with a sock finale to his own act, laughing thru a chorus of Holiday for Strings, and then takes over the emsee post from Thornhill to serve as mitt milker for the anemic Hollywoodians' stanza.

Pic, That Way With Women. Hal Webman.

### February 22, 1947 **Spike Jones First**

## **To Post AFVA Bond**

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15. — Spike Jones this week posted a \$4,500 cash bond with AGVA's Hollywood office to cover acts set to travel with ork during forthcoming road tour. "Slickers" batoneer is the first

"Slickers" batoneer is the first Hollywood fronter to come in under AGVA's new policy which requires all band leaders who employ acts to dish out bond money to union same as nitery or theater ops.

#### **Nick Edwards to Frederick**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Frederick Bros.' Agency has added Nick Ed-wards to its cocktail department. Edwards had been working with Leon-ard Green for the past month, and with Bill Peterson and Charlie Busch in the cocktail division of CRA before that.

#### VILLAGE VANGUARD

(Continued from page 37) Ever Knocked on Her Door; Pollard, nice-looking guy with an infectious smile, soloed Salt Peanuts, and Haynes did a twist on Open the Door, Richard. All got hearty applause. They encored with a rapid tempoed St. Louis Blues. In comparison folk singer-guitarist

Richard Dyer-Bennet, who followed the Flames, appeared almost too dignified in black dinner jacket. Cou-pled with his serious, aesthetic mien and a repertoire of, for the most part, melancholy tunes, he wasn't the smash hit he usually is at the Van-guard. Undoubtedly, following the Flames had something to do with it, but better balance in tunes, mixing more light folk song with the beau It, but better balance in tunes, mixing more light folk songs with the heavy ones would help. Also Dyer-Bennet has been around long enough to have warmed up and learned to sell his personality to the audience. He sang So We'll Go No More A-Roving, The Charleston Merchant and The Rising of the Moon He then encoded with of the Moon. He then encored with Eggs and Marrowbone and a weak

closer, Searching for Lambs. Working with a single spot on her face and a blacked-out house was very effective for Maxine Sullivan, but the chirper seemed to be having an off night. Her Skylight, Molly Malone and The Folks on the Hill were good, but not done as well as usual. But that clean enunciation and lovely voice is still fine enter-tainment. tainment.

The Three Flames play for dancing and Don Frye, intermission planist-emsee, still backgrounds the chitchit-George Berkowitz. chat.

#### LATIN QUARTER

(Continued from page 37)

"arrangement" as a chanteuse would do it. From there on she had the place in her pocket while she clowned, imitated, ad libbed and told jokes that didn't leave much to the imagination. From the laughs and paddy whacking that she drew from ringsiders, this was what they wanted. Tampico and Mr. Paganini wanted. Tampico and Mr. Paganini got a solid working over, with Stone Cold Dead as an encore.

The Guardsmen, on next, scored well with We're All Pals Together. Announcement that they would sing a song in tribute to the sword brought Martha Raye back dressed in a bur-Martha Raye back dressed in a bur-lesque of their uniform and with funny business which broke up the act. It's not for the kiddies, but the customers howled. She could have stayed on all night as far as they were concerned. Her act stacks up as sock entertainment all the way. Jack Russin does a good job of accompaniment.

Finale brought back the acts for a bow while the line, dressed in long flannel nightgowns and carrying candles, made with an ensemble number. Tony Bruno and his band cut a fine show. Barbara Pearson.

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## "Wanhope" Spurs Summer Hope for Experiment Thea.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Experi-mental Theater, Inc., gratified by the favorable reception for presentation of its first script, Wanhope Building, has decided to produce six or seven additional plays this summer. EPI's winter program includes only five scripts scripts.

Series subscription sales are so great that only about 300 sets of du-cats are left to sell out solid. There are only 1,500 tix at \$15 a head for the series. American National Thethe series. American National The-ater and Academy, sponsor of EPI, has been receiving calls all week from people who have seen *Building* to congratulate them on the pro-gram's revivification.

#### **Equity Answers 'No Control'** To Toplitzky Eviction Beef

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Execs at Actors' Equity have rejected a pro-test by several of the cast of Top-litzky of Notre Dame because the musical was forced out of the Century Theater to make way for Donald Wolfit and his Shakespearean Reper-tory Company. Wolfit comes in Tuesday (12) with View

Wolfit and his Shakespearean Reper-tory Company. Wolfit comes in Tuesday (18) with King Lear. Equity's attitude is that the union has "no control over booking." In answer to the thesps' claim that British labor laws make it manda-tory that 50 per cent of the actors in the cast of American shows playin the cast of American shows playing in England be British, Equity officials state that there are "no rules restricting English companies here

They also dispute the actors' claim, pointing out that *Our Town* was played with an entirely American cast in London.

#### 'State' 111/2G Near 1-Night Legit Mark for Des Moines

DES MOINES, Feb. 15.—State of the Union, playing at KRNT Radio Theater here, came within \$700 of breaking all-time record for one-night dramatic shows with a gross of \$11464 and 3 2000 attendance Ofof \$11,464 and 3,900 attendance. Ofof \$11,464 and 3,900 attendance. Of-ficials said take was only \$700 short of mark set during 1945 season by Helen Hayes. It was still season's biggest one-night dramatic record and biggest for *State* of the Union for any one-night stop. Top of tick-ets was \$3.36 as against \$3.60 charged for other shows recently.

#### Schonceit Options Segall Play

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Louis Schonceit, manager of Mackey's Theater Ticket Agency here, an-nounced from Hollywood Wednesday (12) that he has optioned Harry Segall's play The Stars Weep and is segars play *The stars weep* and is currently negotiating with a director. Production dates, cast, etc., will be set on Schonceit's return to Stem within the next few weeks.

#### Myerberg Skeds "Balloon"

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. -- Michael NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Michael Myerberg has put Padraic Column's Balloon on his production sked for next season. Producer has been working on the show for several years. Balloon was produced by Myerberg in summer stock at Ogon-quit, N. Y., last year.

## B'way Legit In Comeback; **B.O.HotAgain**

#### **3 Hits Make a Difference**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Broadway's legit season, which started to to-boggan after six years of steadily building prosperity, has made a strong comeback recently on the strength of three new sock hits— Finian's Rainbow, Street Scene and John Loves Mary—which started the John Loves Mary—which started the customers coming back to the box offices. Christmas and pre-holiday ducat sales had producers wonder-ing what had hit them, with only a few shows sold out and the ma-jority with plenty of empty pews. Heavy New Year's Eve tariffs didn't help any.

Finian's came in with good try-out notices and before it preemed had built to a 225G advance. Show had built to a 225G advance. Show is now selling into the fall, with a road company skedded for Sep-tember. Street Scene, on the con-irary, had been panned by out-of-town crix, but with the first-night finale, Stem wise money had Dwight Deere Wiman cedited with another hit. Musical has plenty of pull at the b. o. and has snared an extra good press from the major music crix on the strength of its score.

#### Stars and Top Trio

Of the established shows, Happy Birthday, Joan of Lorraine and Annie, Get Your Gun are getting the strongest play from legit customers. Success of first two is due in a large measure to the stars, Helen Hayes and Ingrid Bergman. Annie is clicking because of a combo of Irving Berlin's tunes and Ethel Merman. However, the season has had more However, the season has had more than its share of turkeys, 15 shows closing out of town minus Stem unveiling. The clinkers include Laura, Windy City, Lambs Will Gamble, Sweet Bye and Bye, Mag-nificent Heel, Barnaby and Mr. O'Malley, A Young Man's Fancy, Carrot and Club; Set 'Em Up, Tony; Rope, Best of Spirits; Darling, Dar-ling, Darling; Lady Passing Fair, Washington Square and Gay New Orleans. Last named turned out to be not so gay for its producer, Forbes Randolph, who tossed 300G into the Randolph, who tossed 300G into the cabbage puree. Bye and Bye was only \$50,000 short of this mark.

#### Plenty of Ace Writers

Legit can't complain this season of a paucity of scripts by top play-wrights. Eugene O'Neill, Moss Hart, George Kelly, Lillian Hellman, Maxwell Anderson, Elmer Rice and Noel Coward have put wares on the Stem. However, except for Anderson, Rice and possibly Hellman, the big-time scripters haven't come off impressively on the commercial side.

Christopher Blake, the Hart script, cost \$118,000 to raise a Stem cur-tain, which should be some sort of a record for a straight play, but in spite of heavy theater party book-ings, it is starting to founder at the b. o. The Iceman Cometh, the O'Neil course received the acclaim O'Neill opus, received the acclaim of crix. However, the customers haven't been so kind and it's a cinch the Theater Guild will go into (See Broadway Legit on page 41)

Tank Town Legit **Clicking** for Wolff

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Stanley Wolff's tank town legit subscription series has clicked in its first season on the out-of-town boards. Civic Drama Guild, its official moniker, covers 110 towns and so far has been grossing about \$5,000 per week. Weekly nut is 4G.

Producer has served up Dear Ruth and The Philadelphia Story to most of his customers with Therese still to come. Org is booked into every section of the country except West Coast, with perhaps Texas being the most lucrative cabbage patch. High weekly. gross was 7G in Texas, low \$2,700 in North Dakota. Lowest daily take was \$270 in Jefferson City,

Mo. Wolff's set-up works exclusively thru sponsors who pre-sell the three attractions for \$6. He has three men out booking and has resold 90 per Tank town company of Life With Father, after a bad start in New England, also has begun to make the

cash register jump. Compa erage weekly 9G gross, Company's av-gross, balanced against its \$6,400 nut each week, amounts to a tidy profit.

Father hit a gross of 3,325 in York, Pa., on January 11. Troupe now is in Florida and will head into Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

#### N. Y. Bill Would Bar Kids

**Under 16 From Showbiz** ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A child labor bill has been introduced in the State Legislature here which would prohibit "the employment of chil-dren under 16 years in theatrical performances, circuses, motion pic-tures, radio or television broadcasts (around chunch or gehoed arbibition (except church or school exhibition or an amateur program) unless board of education officials decide such performance is not harmful. It has been referred to the codes committee.

Bill roughly corresponds to one in-troduced last year which was lost in committee. Actors' Equity and in committee. Actors' Equity and League of New York Theaters are huddling this week to determine whether to throw their support to the legislation.

#### 'Oklahoma!' Advance Heavy For Dallas, Ft. Worth Dates

FORT WORTH, Feb. 15.—Advance seat sales in Fort Worth and Dallas have been heavy for the Theater Guild production of Oklahoma! The show will be at Fort Worth April 1 to 5 with three matinees and five night shows. Six night and two matinee performances will be given

## in Dallas beginning March 24. Show will be at Fair Park Audi-torium in Dallas and Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth.

#### **Equity Meeting March 21 To Pick Council Committee**

To Pick Council Committee NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Next quar-terly meeting of Actors' Equity is March 21 at the Hotel Astor. Big news at the gathering will be the selection of six members to form a committee and nominate 10 mem-bers for the group's council. Org's council is choosing three other members for the nominating committee. Only council members will be elected this year, as officers' posts were filled in 1946 for three-year terms.

year terms.

## **OUT-OF-TOWN CRIX IN LAST LAP** Hub's Norton, Philly's Martin **Pace the Field**

#### Three Tied in Washington

(Continued from page 3)

view is inevitably marked wrong, as it is *The Billboard's* contention that experts, sitting in judgment, should have an opinion one way or the other.

#### **Only 11 Considered**

Current tabulation considers only 11 shows which have opened in Bos-ton since last May 1, since six at the moment on Broadway have not had time to prove themselves. Pundit moment on Broadway have not had time to prove themselves. Pundit Norton has passed judgment on 10 out of the 11 with two wrong guesses. His score is 80 per cent. Monitor's' Leslie Sloper is still in second slot with a score of 75 per cent, based on two errors out of eight shows caught. Leo Gaffney (Record) is in third place with American's Peggy Doyle following. Latter finished third in last year's tally. Gaffney saw 10 shows and was wrong three times for a 70 per cent average. American's fem expert sat in on all 11. but missed 4 for an an average of 63.6. Hub's remaining first stringers maintain same positions as of 1945-'46 finish. Elinor Hughes (Herald) covered eight items and was wrong

'46 finish. Elinor Hughes (Herald) covered eight items and was wrong three times to hold fifth place with a score of 62.5. Globe's Cyrus Dur-gin split 10 judgments, five right and five wrong for a 50 per cent tally, and Helen Eager (Traveler) trails the field with a 44.5 score, rated on five errors out of nine tries.

#### Schloss Trails Martin

Schloss Trails Martin Current Philly picture is based on tab of nine unveilings with four others still too Stem-young to be counted. Martin's spurt to a pace-setting average of 87.5 per cent stems from one wrong guess out of a pos-sible eight. Edwin Schloss (Record), last year's winner, is right on his heels with a score of 85.7 with only one error out of seven tries. As noted in the chart, however, Schloss' play-judging spans only the period of May 1 to November 7, when the Record went on strike. Jerry Gaghan (News) is a pace be-hind in third slot with an average of

hind in third slot with an average of 83.3. News expert sat in on six plays and was wrong once. R. E. P. Sensenderfer (Bulletin) saw all nine included in tab and was right two-thirds of the time for a tally of 66.6.

thirds of the time for a tally of 66.6. Results on only three plays can be computed for the Washington ex-perts. There have been no unveil-ings since the beginning of Decem-ber, when the arguments over racial discrimination in the National The-ater came to a head. Currently, Nelson Bell (Post), Jay Carmody (Star) and Don Craig (Times-Her-ald) are tied for first place. All have been right twice out of three tries for a 66.6 average. Tom Donel-ly, News drama expert, trails with a 33.3 tally. He has been wrong two out of three times at bat. Grist for the out-of-town pundits'

Grist for the out-of-town pundits' average-mill is at a lower ebb than is usual at this point in a theatrical season. Nearly a dozen shows which ordinarily would have run the Broadway gamut by this time died aborning on the road, either because of Stem housing shortages or be-(See Crix in Last Lap on page 41)

#### 140 LEGITIMATE

## Chi B. O.'s Hit Wartime Peaks; Song Does 38G

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Every legit show in town boomed this week with grosses soaring to points equaling wartime levels. Reasons given were that doctors' and dentists' conven-tions stimulated b.o. take, yet last

tions stimulated b.o. take, yet last week when conventions weren't here, grosses still were high. Song of Norway (Shubert) zoomed to 38 from 36G; Harvey (Harris) shot up from 20G to 24 this week. Three to Make Ready (Blackstone) with Ray Bolger, opening (8), will gross 29G. Ready is scaled for a \$5.40 top Saturdays, a price unprecedented in Chi standard legit. Lute Song (Studebaker) under im-pact of heavy flacking and crix raves,

pact of heavy flacking and crix raves, continued to hold at a solid \$23,000. Magnificent Yankee (Erlanger) peg-ged at 17G last week under Theater Guild subscription, launched out this week on its own and will gross around 20G. Springtime for Henry (Selwyn) was upped from \$13,000 last week to 20G this week.

### **U.S.** Opera Company **Does Chi Folderoo**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Ill-fated U. S. Opera Company which was sked-S. Opera Company which was sked-ded to open here last month before going on a road tour, finally folded last week and this week imported German and Italian opera stars were on their way back to their native lands without having had the footlights go on for them once.

Altho backers twice came to the aid of the hard-pressed company, the American Guild of Musical Artists kept to its original demand for a five-week salary guarantee, and forced final closedown of company which was headed by Ottavio Scotto.

#### "Surratt" Cast Loses Pay For Two Postponed Shows

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. - Actors' Equity has exempted Russell Lewis and Howard Young from paying sal-aries of thesps in their show, The and flower arises of theses in their show, *The* Story of Mary Surratt, for two post-poned performances last Friday night (7) and Saturday matinee (8). Play skedded to open Friday,

Play, skedded to open Friday couldn't preem until Saturday be cause the baggage cars were frozen in Chicago. Equity recognized the de-lay as an "act of God."

#### 'Union' Hot 24G in K.C. Cold

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.--State of the Union brought in a neat \$24,000 for six performances (6-9) in the Music Hall, Jimmie Nixon, of A & N Presentations, reported. This was the largest draw in several years for any dramatic production here, he said. Zero temperatures prevented a larger gross, Nixon said, since 20 per cent of Kansas City's legit trade is from out of town. Next legit booking is *Dear Ruth*, skedded for three performances 'February 21-22.

#### **Antoinette Perry Awards**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Ameri-can Theater Wing will sponsor the Antoinette Perry Awards this spring for achievement in all branches of legit as a memorial to its wartime secretary and chairman of the board who died last year. Self-perpetuat-ing project will involve the entire industry and will be made at a sup-per in the Hotel Astor April 6. Details of the plan are yet to be worked out.

## **OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS**

PARLOR STORY (Opened Friday, February 14, 1947) PLAYHOUSE, WILMINGTON, DEL.

LATINOUSE, WILMINGTON, DEL. play by William McCleery. Staged by Bretaigne Windust. Setting by Raymond Sovey. Costumes by Bianca Stroock. Com-pany manager, Edgar Runkle. Press repre-sentative, Willard Keefe. Stage manager, Maury Tuckerman. Presented by Paul Streger.

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 Charles Burnett.
 Walter Abel

 Marian Burnett.
 Edith Atwater

 Katy
 Joan Vohs

 Christine.
 Carol Wheeler

 Eddie West.
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 Gor. Sam Wright.
 Paul Huber

 Mrs. Bright.
 Dorothy Eaton

 Mel Granite.
 Royal Beal

 Mike, a State Trooper.
 Frank Wilcox

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 Dennis King Jr.

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Parlor Story is a play with distinct possibilities in spite of its tendency toward prolonged situations and excessive over-all length, not unusual on an opening night. However, Author William McCleery's second play -he also wrote Hope for the Bestdefinitely lives up to its advance press notices as a comedy of sparkle and substance.

McCleery, an ex-newspaperman, has injected timely angles into his plot. Among these are the underhas injected timely angles into in-plot. Among these are the under-paid teaching profession, modern youth problems, marriage and di-vorce and the tendency of reading communistic leanings into harmless utterances. Underlying the momentary issues the author reveals a clear understanding of human reactions and political machinations — both brought out in clever lines that evoked laughs thruout in the right places.

Walter Abel is perfectly cast and gives an excellent performance as the ex-newspaperman who strives to have himself named president of the university. The he maintains a high moral plane in seeking the post, he becomes involved by his wife's wellintentioned politicking in his behalf, and by his championing a favored journalism student.

The wife who matches wits with the politicians is expertly played by Edith Atwater, who does a bang-up job.

As the young student whose editorial on marriage was seized upon by the politicos as a weapon against the professor, Richard Noyes gives sincere and realistic interpretation of the role. He delivers most con-vincingly the viewpoint of the child of divorced parents.

The attractive daughters are charmingly delineated by two Conover models, Carol Wheeler as Chris-tine and Joan Vohs as Katy.

Royal Beal scores with a convincing and restrained portrayal of Pub-lisher Mel Granite, "the villain," who personifies yellow journalism and trickery. Dennis King Jr. makes his minor role of a State cop an out-standing one, and Paul Huber, as Gov. Sam Bright, who is willing to play both ends against the middle in his re-election campaign, is properly pompous.

Dorothy Eaton, as the governor's wife, and Frank Wilcox as the other State trooper, are adequate in lesser roles.

Director Bretaigne Windust-Director Bretaigne Windust—as the program notes point out—is a skilled hand at family comedy, and his ex-pert guidance is evident thruout. But tip-top performances by Walter Abel and Miss Atwater, who make the most of their lines and situations, are chiefly responsible for providing an enjoyable and refreshing eve-ning's entertainment. This play is meaty but not stuffy. Story takes place in the "perfor"

Story takes place in the "parlor" of the college professor, and the ac-tion is confined to one Friday evening in October. Raymond Sovey has designed an appropriate setting. Henry L. Sholly.

SAIL TO THE SKY (Opened Tuesday, February 4, 1947) ELEVENTH ST. THEATER, CHICAGO

A drama by Herbert Balley. Director, Maurice Tei Dunn. Scenery, Franklin Oakley. Cos-tumes by Lester Ltd. Presented by the Driftwood Players.

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 Capt. Lane Dorsey
 Larry Wayne

 Eric Macilvane.
 Jean W. Fenner

 Lieutenant Andrews
 Marvin Abrams

 Lieutenant Hightower
 Franklin Oakley

 Jackie
 Michael Scimeca

 Mary Goldsmith
 Janne Grosse

 Sam Goldsmith
 Franklin Oakley

 Sergeant Williams
 James H. Smith

 Solders....Marvin Abrams, Colman Rusnak
 When a presentation is labeled

When a presentation is labeled showcase, there is an implication that it should be viewed with leniency. The Driftwood Players are frankly showcase, but they make too great a strain upon leniency with *The Bill*board staffer Herb Bailey's Sail to the Sky.

The play attempts to envision a Fascist United States, with opposition to the totalitarian regime by a few remaining renegades. A liberal scienremaining renegades. A liberal scien-tist, permitted to remain at liberty only because he has developed a space ship which the government wishes to use as a weapon of war, is being pressured by the government to reveal how the ship is run. One of the renegades, sweetheart of the scientist's daughter, appears on the scene and the three decide to take off in the space ship for some Shangriin the space ship for some ShangrI-La. The Fascists learn of the plan, however, and attempt to force the secret from the scientist by removing his eyes. The latter is freed from his eyes. The latter is freed from prison by the renegades and all sail off happily into the stratosphere after provide the stratesphere after almost all the bad guys are mowed down in one of the rootinest, tootinwild Westerns. Somehow, too, a monkey gets into the plot.

Sky's theme is important enough to make a powerful play with proper development. Playwright Bailey has made it seem at various times naive, fantastic and absurd.

A cast, whose uniform amateurished hard to make Sky credible, but succeeded only in emphasizing the play's defects and their own lack of ability. Ridiculous lines were ham-med up even more by melodramatic posing and inflection. At times, it was uncertain whether the play was being done straight or as a burlesque of an old melo. But the audience decided that with little doubt. They laughed in the most serious places. George Berkowitz.

#### AS YOU LIKE IT

(Opened Saturday, February 8, 1947) GRAND THEATER, LONDON, ONT.

Presented by Donald Wolfst and his Shake-speare company. Settings and costumes, Ernest Stern. Music arranged by Rosabel Watson. Director, Roy Hawkins. General manager, Graham Pocket.

CAST: Alexander Gauge, David Dodimead, Robert Algar, John Wynyard, Geoffrey Wil-kinson, Josef Shear, Frederick Horrey, Kemp-ster Barnes, Eric Adeney, Charles Ollington, Malcolm Watson, Richard Blythe, Donald Wolfit, Rosalind Iden, Penelope Chandler, Ann Chalkley and Marion Marshall.

Examined closely, this production weaker in structure than Wolfit's is other offerings. The company seemed to be in small voice at the start and

to be in small voice at the start and in the early scenes were somewhat inaudible. However, they managed to make As You Like It good theater. Wolfit contents himself with the comparatively small part of Touch-stone, the clown. Wolfit as a clown is closely akin to Wolfit as Hamlet. There is no question of his outstand-ing qualities as an actor but he can't ing qualities as an actor, but he can't seem to overcome Wolfit. His great-ness is obvious when the rest of the

### **Ballet Russe Bows** In N. Y. With 49G Advance; 2 Newies

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Last night Sergei Denham bowed in his Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo for a seventh session at the City Center. Russe's stay this time is skedded for six weeks, terminating March 30. Tulle-and-tighters are off to another ausand-tighters are on to another aus-picious coin-start at popular prices. Preem night's house was sold out to the rafters and a 49G advance al-ready is wrapped up in the till. Opening bill featured Dances Con-certantes stepped by Russe's top-terpers, Alexandra Danilova and Frederick Franklin; Night Shadow, with Nathalie Krassowka Buthappa

with Nathalie Krassovska, Ruthanna Boris, Maria Tallchief and Nicalas Boris, Maria Talichief and Nicalas Magallenes in the toe leads; Nijinski's old tour-de-force; Spectre De La Rose, danced by Leon Danelian and Krassovska; and the happy nonsense of Gaite Parisienne with Danilova, Franklin and Danelian taking the bows hows.

Troupe will preem at least two Troupe will preem at least two new ballets as addition to their standard rep during stay. Virginia Sampler will be unveiled March 4 and another newie, as yet untitled, is up for subsequent production. Schedule calls for eight perform-ances weekly, with mats Saturday and Sunday, and Monday showings omitted. The usual \$2.40 top will prevail.

prevail.

#### **MERCHANT OF VENICE**

(Opened Saturday, February 8, 1947)

GRAND THEATER, LONDON, ONT. Presented by Donald Wolfit and his Shake-speare company. Costumes, Shella Jackson. Music arranged by Rosabel Watson.

CAST: Eric. Adeney, Robert Algar, David Dodimead, Alexander Gauge, John Wynyard, Frederick Horrey, Richard Blythe, Josef Shear, Kempster Barnes, Donald Wolft, Eric Maxon, Geoffrey Wilkinson, Malcolm Watson, George Bradford, Margaret Stallard, Rosalind Iden, Marion Marshall and Penelope Chandler.

Wolfit commands sympathy for his Shylock and manages to dominate the stage as he has previously in *Lear* and *Hamlet*. Frequently, there was evidence that the audience was not in full accord with Wolfit's interpretation of Shylock, but he managed an effective comeback as he struggled to his feet and staggered blindly before moving with faltering step to the exit. During these few minutes he achieved his greatest triumph, the tribute of a silent audience before a storm of applause swept the theater.

Any actress playing Portia has a tough go with the set speeches, but Rosalind Iden hurdled these in a way that made her delivery not mere recitations of famous passages, but an integral and natural part of the play. play.

Keynote of the whole production from a scenic angle is a simplicity near grimness. Wolfit plays Shylock as a study of the hounding and persecution of a Jew. His interpretation lacks comedy but arouses sympathy. Humor is carried by others in the troupe. Geoffrey Wilkinson comes up again in outstanding support. W. J. Binkley.

company is examined at close quar-ters, but there it ends. However, the top thesping was done by Rosalind Iden playing her namesake. Geoffrey Wilkinson, who turned in such good stuff as the jester in Lour and as the grave digger in in Lear and as the grave digger in Hamlet, missed the boat in this one as Le Beau. The scenery is false-looking and

The scenery is false-looking and the costumes must have been the first clothes prepared for the first company's wardrobe. Sets may have been kept purposely lightweight for the sake of the little pages who doubled as stagehands during the play. The star announced at the final curtain that he would be back on another tour with new produc-tions by Shakespeare next year. W. J. Binkley.

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#### The Billboard

## **DG** Studios Joining **International Group**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dramatists' Guild is considering affiliating with Confederation Internationale des So-Confederation Internationale des So-cietes D'Auteurs et Compositeurs, an international outfit of scripters and composers, with branches in almost every country. Not only would the affiliation mean that DG and its parent body, the Authors' League, would be the American headquarters of the confederation but tie up would of the confederation, but tie-up would work reciprocally, so that the Euro-pean org would collect royalties for the DG and check the financial statements given by foreign producers

If the hook-up solves the problem of getting royalties on American scripts produced abroad, it would eliminate the necessity for setting up individual agents in foreign coun-tries. Confederation already has ASCAP as an affiliate.

#### CRIX IN LAST LAP

(Continued from page 39) cause the drama repair bills were too high. A few others are still hovering in the sticks waiting a chance at a N. Y. stage.

Folded items looked at by the Hub, Philly and Washington experts in-clude Lambs Will Gamble, Sweet Bye clude Lambs Will Gamble, Sweet Bye and Bye, Carrot and Club, Best of Spirits, A Young Man's Fancy, In Gay New Orleans; Darling, Darling, Darling; Laura, Magnificent Heel and Washington Square. The Billboard has decided also that it would be unhas decided also that it would be un-fair to include three of the rep of the American Repertory Theater, John Gabriel Borkman, Henry VIII and What Every Woman Knows, since these have been presented in weekly odd lots and have not been given an equal opportunity to prove them-selves on a par with regular pro-ductions. ductions.

But the record so far has given the out-of-town drama pooh-bahs ample chance to show their astute-ness. The race still has three months to go and there is still plenty of room for a slip and a flounder in the run-ning order before the final tape-breaching on May 31 breaking on May 31.



Dramatic and Musical
Anna Lucasta (Locust St.) Philadelphia.
Anna Lucasta (Geary) San Francisco.
Apple of His Eye, with Walter Huston (Memorial Hall) Dayton, O., 19; (Town Hall) Toledo 20-22.
Ballet Theater (Municipal Aud.) St. Louis, 19.
Blackstone (Lyceum) Minneapolis.
Biomer Girl (Bushnell Aud.) Hartford, Conn., 19; (Shubert) New Haven 20-22.
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Dear Ruth (Paramount) Waterloo. Ia., 19; (Music Hall) Kansas City, Mo., 21-2.
Eagle Rampant, with Tullalah Bankhead (Royal Alexandra) Toronto.
Glass Menagerle (Ford) Baltimore.
Gratest of These (Shubert-Lafayette) Detroit.
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#### **CRAIG'S WIFE** (Opened Wednesday, February 12, 1947) THE PLAYHOUSE

drama by George Kelly. Directed by the author. Setting, Stewart Chaney. Decor, Jensen's. General manager, Paul Vroom. Stage manager, Hugh Rennie. Press repre-sentatives, David Lipsky and Phil Bloom. Presented by Gant Gaither.

The revival of *Craig's Wife* is spick and span in all departments and is likely no better and no worse than its original was 22 years ago, when the Pulitzer Prize committee gave the Pulitzer Prize committee gave it the season's accolade. But some-how this reporter never quite be-lieved in Mr. Kelly's Mrs. Craig then, nor does anything in her current re-incarnation tend to make her more credible. It has always seemed im-possible that a lady could be such an obviously complete three-dimenan obviously complete, three-dimen-sioned bitch and get away with two full years of marital concord, even with a husband as innocuously credulous as Kelly paints him.

The gal is certainly neither clever nor close-mouthed and in real life her pay-off, even spliced to such a nitwit partner, would come in a matter of months rather than years. Nor would the comuppance pattern the super-crushing cataclysm arranged in Kelly's yarn. It all is too sud-den and too complete. Therefore, the Kelly excursion into hard-boiled, fem selfishness seemed to add up to a shrewd exercise in dramatic stringa shrewd exercise in dramatic stringpulling with an obvious effort to create moments of good theater. It still does.

It is hardly necessary to recap the tale of the possessive wife who put house, trinkets and personal security above all other considerations. She is mean, sly and domineering, but so stupidly obvious about it, that no man in his right mind could be in her neighborhood for a month and not catch on. But in the Kelly work it takes her husband two whole years, plus a chain of overnight events which throws the whole book at her. Kelly certainly sees to it that the lady gets her retribution a la ava-lanche.

The revival puts Judith Evelyn in the star's slot as the efficiently bitchy Harriet Craig. She makes the lady a whole-hearted stinker and as such, the performance may be credited as a small triumph. It's a tough chore to be progressively nasty thru three full acts, but Miss Evelyn keeps at full acts, but Miss Evelyn keeps at it lustily right down the home stretch. Philip Ober gives her an able assist as the bedeviled husband in the first and third stanzas. But Kelly's direction of the second act quarrel scene, which, in a measure, is the crux of the whole proceedings, has him stiff and wooden has him stiff and wooden.

As in other Kelly opera, Wife abounds with fine support opportuabounds with fine support opportu-nities and these have been excellently filled for the revival. Viola Roache is splendid as the housekeeper and Kathleen Comegys turns in an equally effective portrait as the maiden aunt. Virginia Hammond's gabby neighbor highlights another scene or two and Virginia Dwyer make a promising Stem debut as the little niece from Albany. little niece from Albany.

The new edition of Wife has a plush production with a living room in-terior by Stewart Chaney that leaves no question as to why Harriet Craig wanted to hang on to it. But cur-rent customers are not likely to want

## **Broadway Legit** Makes Comeback; **B.** O. Hot Again

(Continued from page 39) the red on this one. Iceman is slated to tour soon and is already having censorship trouble in Boston. It may hit similar snags in other cities.

cities. Revival of Burlesque, with Bert Lahr, came in from the road not rated too highly and has astonished the trade with surprising staying power. Lahr pulls ducat buyers to the b. o. steadily. All My Sons, by newcomer Arthur Miller, started off strong but is not riding as high as good crix notices seemed to predict. Play's bitter theme may be respon-sible. sible.

#### Anti-Discrimination Drive

Equity drive to unite groups to Equity drive to unite groups to fight Negro discrimination in Wash-ington may partially result in the closing of the National Theater to legit next season. Playwrights, led by Robert Sherwood, led the drive. Some 33 of the top scripters in the biz pledged not to have their scripts performed there if there was dis-crimination. crimination.

American Repertory Theater, after an auspicious start, found itself with three turkeys on its hands, Androcles and the Lion being the only play to bring in substantial cash. Henry VIII and John Gabriel Borkman are trictly for local locit professors and strictly for local legit professors, and What Every Woman Knows hasn't been drawing.

#### **ART** Getting Help

However, a committee headed by Helen Hayes is making certain that ART's bacon is saved. Group already has received 13G in contributions and has lined up unions solidly behind the rep project, Equity donating \$5,000 and Scenic Artists \$285, with more to come. Group is not only interested in ART's welfare, but wants to see repertory click so that the theater can produce this type of legit in the future.

ART also has changed its policy and will present Yellow Jack for one month beginning February 27. Alice in Wonderland will follow for the rest of season.

Theater, Inc., which started off with a big splash with *Pygmalion* last season, has run into trouble. Legit outfit no longer is on a non-profit basis. From here in, investors will share. Policy has been changed because Theater, Inc., dropped a package on their production of *Play-*boy of the Western World this season. Big People, their new show, goes into production under the new set-up.

#### Housing Problem

Broadway finds itself with the usual booking jam on its hands. Toplitzky of Notre Dame is getting the heave-ho from the Century Theater tonight, with Donald Wolfit's repertory company slated to preem on Tuesday (18) in that house. Lovely Me was given the same treatment a week ago from the Coronet Theater. Booking jam will continue for a while. Right now several shows are looking for houses. Eagle Has Two Heads and the John Gielgud rep troupe may stay out on the road for a while longer until the situation clears up.

Balcony seats still continue to be the most available. Season seems to have gotten over the hump, but the boys are bracing themselves for a cold winter in 1947.

to hold onto Harriet Craig. If this be heresy to a former Pulitzer prizewinner, why then-so it is. Bob Francis.

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**GENERAL NEWS** 



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LEE TRENT, last starred at Club Charles, Baltimore, and ex-burly, has quit niteries and organized an 18-piece ork that will make its debut in May in an exclusive New Jersey Johnny Wise with Dot Mercy, pro-ducer, constituting the Mercy unit on the Jack Kane (Ohio) Circuit, last week threw a surprise birthday party for Ray Kolb at the Colonial, Youngstown, O. Also participating were the Eight Mercerettes, including Ruby Harris, Dell Adams, Kath-leen Kelly, Gay Brooks, Dottie Lee Lane, Bonnie Fitzgerald, Gerry White and Anna Costa and strip principals Olga Tarnova, Gail Garber and Stella Paloais . . . Vivian Kent, ex-principal, was entertained by Renee Grif-fin, Hirst feature, in Newark, N. J., recently.... Midgie Miller, two-time winner of a chorine strip contest, last week was featured at the Grand, St Louis as The Promote Lady St. Louis, as The Bronze Lady. ... Jack Goodman, new house singer at

the Empress, Milwaukee, replaced Chuck Curtis. . . Mrs. Bob Frances Johnston, of the executive staff of the Hollywood, San Diego, Calif., was robbed of jewelry worth 25G Jan-uary 15. With her and also a victim of the bandit was Marie (Hazel Nilson) Carlett, dancer at the Burbank, Los Angeles.

\* \* \* MAR-SHAN (Marsha Blue) and Rosalie are taking a six-week vacation away from Hirst shows at former's home, near Tirza's, at Miami Beach, Fla. . . . George Pronath, producer at the Burbank, Los An-geles, plans to present Nadine, fea-tured strip, billed as the Modern Lady Godiva, on a white horse, plus her Godiva, on a white horse, plus her golden tresses.... Bert Carr, Charlie Goldie, Joe Lyons, Lois DeFee (fea-tured), Darlene Drake and Jean Caton comprise a new Hirst unit that opened in St. Louis last week. . . . opened in St. Louis last week. . . . Louise Shannon, dancer and former tumbler of the Shannon Sisters, was held over for a second week at the Hudson, Union City, N. J. . . . Hook Lewin, who managed Hurtig & Sea-mon's burly house in Harlem before it became the Apollo, is doubling as barkeep at Madison Square Garden Restaurant, New York, for John P. Coleman, and as sports columnist for Coleman, and as sports columnist for the Garden's *Here's* to Ya, a two-page herald. . . . Carol Lord booked Mae Murray to open February 17 for two weeks at the Gay '90's Club, Boston. . . . Abe Gore is in his sixth week at the Follies, Los Angeles, his first time in California. . . Harry Diehl, ex-show and theater manager, is drink doctor at the Paddock Tavern, Paterson, N. J.

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## **New State Tax** Levies To Hit **Showbiz Takes**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- This year appears likely to be one in which many States thruout the country levy new laws putting additional taxes on showbiz, an analysis of reports from State legislative bodies, Coast-to-Coast, revealed this week. Within the past months about 10 bills levying new amusement admission taxes have been introduced. Most of them became law in a hurry. All new State and local amusement taxes are, of course, in addition to the regular federal tax of 10 per cent on showbiz admissions.

Most of the new tax bills. pro-Most of the new tax bills, pro-posed and passed, call for a tax not to exceed 10 per cent and give local municipalities the right to set exact amount. Judging by trend, as ex-emplified in Maryland and Iowa, the new State taxes will be about 2 per cent.

States in which new tax bills have been introduced are: Maryland, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Montana. Virginia leads in number of bills, with four calling for new amusement taxes in five different cities in the State — Petersburg, Portsmouth, South Norfolk, Norfolk, Norfolk, Hopewell and Suffolk. All of the Virginia bills have been approved. In the other States the bills are still being considered.

#### Mont., Tex. Mull Admission Tax; Pa. Bill Bans Standees

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Levies on showbiz ducats are being mulled in two States, Montana and Texas. In the former, a measure authorizing townships and cities in the State to levy amusement taxes was fix and recently brought up at the State Leg-islature and referred to the cities committee for action. Bill is all-in-clusive, affecting even season tickets and auto parking lots in places where entertainment is provided.

In Texas, niteries, hotel ballrooms, nd dance halls will be subjected to and and dance halls will be subjected to a 10 per cent bite if a recently in-troed bill passed in the Legislature. Bill calls for a tax on any enter-tainment where admission price exceeds 51 cents. Meanwhile, in Pennsylvania a bill

has been offered to the Legislature whereby ops would be forbidden to sell ducats to amusement places in excess of seating capacity. Measure was referred to the judiciary com-mittee. Penalties for violation of this ordinance, if passed, would be fines ranging from \$200-\$500 or a three-month jail sentence, or both.

#### **USO Officers Re-Elected**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The whole slate of officers of the United Serv-ice Organizations, headed by Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball, prexy, was re-elected this week for another year. Others re-elected were Mrs. Henry A. Ingraham, Randall J. LeBoeuf Jr., Francis P. Matthews, Donald Mc-Millan, W. Spencer Robertson and Frank L. Weil, v.-p.'s; John D. Rocke-feller Jr., honorary chairman; John F. Hickey, treasurer, and C. Frank Kramer Jr., secretary. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- The whole

#### Salmaggi Jr. Turns Agent

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Felix W. Salmaggi, son of Alfredo Salmaggi, Brooklyn opera impresario, has inked a management basic agreement with the American Guild of Musical Artists, to operate under the name of International Lyric Bureau as agent, EVELYN ROWE P. O. Box 233, Station G, New York 19, N. Y. and concert artists. First clients are



The Billboard

OAN BRANDON, who has been fronting her own 12-piece or-chestra in recent months, has sent the combo to Japan for a USO tour and has resumed with her own magic single. She closes Thursday (20) at Club Bali, Miami, and is set in the Miami sector until March 15 Miami sector until March 15. . . Buddy and Boots Womack, of St. Louis, who have been playing niter-ies and schools thru Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio the last three months, have taken delivery on a lot of new props and will start working theorem and will start working theaters around March 1. . . . Cantu is current at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, and Tommy Hanlon Jr. has just finished at the State Theater, that city. . . . Marquis the Magician, currently playing Michigan dates for the Pete Iodice office with his new bride, Alice Carr, infos that he is combining his show with that of the Great Darrell, of Indianapolis, to play under canvas at a number of prominent fairs later in the season. ... Professor Clarence Slyter has just concluded a fortnight's stand on the Normandian Roof of the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal. . . Tony Kardyre has just finished a week at the Gayety Theater in the same city. . . Ed B. Hugh, of Halifax, N. S., one of the oldest active pro magicians in the business, is working special matinee performance in film houses thru the Canadian maritime provinces. Hugh, who is in his 80's, has been doing magic professionally for 55 years. He is assisted by his daughter. . . . George Johnstone, of the Johnstones, magical "Our train was snowbound and ar-rived here six hours late, so we missed the opening at the Beacon Theater. We're here and now we're trying to figure howinell we're going to get out. Upon our arrival here, temperature was 32 below. The na-tives here love American novelty acts."...Cedric, the British wizard whom many Americans met at a prewar IBM convention, is playing South African theaters. Pablo, from whom little has been heard during the war years, is back in the United States from Palestine and, more recently, England.

G. RAY TERRELL, assisted by Judy • and Jack, concluded a two-weeker at Glenn Rendezvous, Newport, Ky., last Thursday (13) and de-parted for New York where they will work several dates before opening at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans. Terrell was a Magic-Desk visitor last Wednesday (12), together with Lieut-Lee Allen Estes, Safety First Magi-cian of the Kentucky State Highway Patrol, and Walter Labermaier, Cincy magic enthusiast. Estes is presenting his magic in the Kentucky schools across the river from Cincinnati. Milbourne Christopher's newest book on magic, written in collaboration with Hen Fetsch, is in the hands of the illustrator. Tentative title is the illustrator. Tentative title is Magic At Your Fingertips....Lucille and Eddie Roberts, currently pre-senting their mental magic at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, open in the Terrace Room of Hotel Statler, Buffalo, March 4. . . . George Evans, in his fifth season as stage manager with the Blackstone show, is leaving the road at the conclusion of the '47 tour to settle in his native Chicago tour to settle in his native Chicago and engage in the mail-order magic business. . . Al DeLage and Shirley, who opened with the Connee Boswell show February 14 at the Orpheum Theater, Omaha, lost all their ward-robe in a fire which gutted their dressing room at the Club Andre, Syracuse, recently. Luckily, their props were in another room and thus escaped damage escaped damage.

his father's opera company and Barbara Patton, newcomer to diva ranks with Salmaggi Sr.

#### February 22, 1947

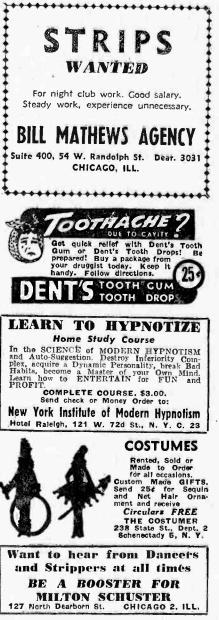
### N. Y.'s Dog Show Pulls 29,000 Fans

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Poochdom's annual classic got back on an even post-war keel when the Westminster Kennel Club took over Madison Square Garden Wednesday (12) and Thursday (13) for its 71st yearly dog show. Last year the routine had to be cut to one day, due to the coal shortage black-out. This year coal shortage black-out. This year it was back on its regular two-day schedule, with benches packed with 2,598 specimens of canine aristocracy representing 92 breeds. WKC's venerable classic, which holds some-thing of a record as the oldest are thing of a record as the oldest con-secutively run sporting spectacle in the country, lured over 12,000 pooch-fans into the Garden during the first day and racked up an attendance of 5,000 over that figure for the final session.

Finale, Thursday night, high-lighted the exhibit of obedience training, with big fellows of various breeds competing against little ones, under direction of Blanche Saunders. Honors went to the big team. Wind-up, as usual, was the picking of the vegris ten ders. Luder Devid Wert staff, of Tuxedo, N. Y., looked over a Boxer, Pointer, Pomeranian, Bos-ton Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer and Cravburd, and an angle Schnauzer and Greyhound, respective bests in the six major divisions. Crown went to Boxer, Ch. Warlord of Mazelaine, altho the little Boston, Ch. Mighty Sweet Regardless, gave him a run for the moreu for the money.

#### Mae Murray Back to Niteries

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Mae Murray is returning to nitery work Mon-day (17) at the Gay Nineties, Boston, on a two-week deal with the usual options. Miss Murray's Boston date was arranged thru Jack Kalcheim.



ANDRUS-William, 77, retired circus clown and former vaude come-dian, in the Isabella County Infirm-

dian, in the Isabella County Infirm-ary, Mount Pleasant, Mich., February 7 after two years' illness. BRATTON—John W., 80, popular song composer, in Brooklyn February 7. He started as a chorus boy in Ship Ahoy, at which time he wrote his first song, with lyrics by Walter H. Ford, and the pair teamed up as songwriters after selling their first effort for \$10. He later turned to producing musicals as a partner of the firm of Leffler & Bratton, put-ting on several shows on Broadway ting on several shows on Broadway and on the road. Bratton and John and on the road. Bratton and John Leffler were charter members of ASCAP. In late years Bratton wrote lyrics for songs written by Leo Edwards, brother of the late Gus Edwards, and on the day of his death had completed the words of a song entitled *Time Brings Many* Changen the is gradied with baying Changes. He is credited with having written hundreds of songs, including special songs for such artists as Gracie Fields and Gertrude Law-Gracie Fields and Gertrude Law-rence. Among his numbers are Sun-shine of Paradise Valley, The Mender of Broken Dreams, In a Cosy Corner and Only Me. More recently he provided the lyrics for One World, based on Wendell Willkie's book, for which Geoffrey O'Hara wrote the score. Survived by his widow and a daughter, Margaret Bratton. BROWN-Charles Ernest, 84, vet-eran circus and vaudeville per-former, in Lawrence, Kan., February 11. Burial was in Tonganoxie, Kan. Surviving are two sons, Foy E. and

Surviving are two sons, Foy E. and Joy Pearl, both of Lawrence, and a daughter, Mrs. Fayola Brown En-dacott, of Kansas City, Mo.

CAMPBELL—Todd M., 66, presi-dent for 25 years of the Armstrong County Fair, Ford City, Pa., in that city recently. Survived by his widow, Bessie; a son, Floyd, Ford City, and two daughters, Mrs. Noble Heilman, Kittaning, Pa., and Mrs. Frank Ise-man, Ford City. CARROLL—Thomas F., 62, car-

CARROLL—Inomas F., 62, car-nival and circus concessionaire, in Los Angeles General Hospital Feb-ruary 9. He was connected with outdoor shows for more than 20 years. He was a member of the PCSA. No known survivors. Burial in Los Angeles in Los Angeles.

CAUFFMAN—Stanley H., 66, mu-sician, conductor and composer, February 11 in Toxborough Me-morial Hospital, Philadelphia. Son of the noted Metropolitan opera baritone, Frank G. Cauffman, he was a cellist for five 'years in the Phil-adelphia Orchestra; organized the Roxborough Symphony Orchestra in Philadelphia, which he conducted from 1932 to 1935, and wrote 25 Hom 1852 to 1955, and wrote 25 musical compositions and one opera. His widow, Marion, and a son, sur-vive. Services in Philadelphia Feb-ruary 15, with interment in St. Tim-othy's Episcopal Church Cemetery in that city. that city.

COUCH-Mrs. Caroline Frey, wife of Sterling V. Couch, traffic man-ager and head of religious broad-casts at WDRC, Hartford, Conn., re-cently in Wethersfield, Conn. She also leaves a daughter, her mother and a brother. Burial in Rocky Hill, Conn Conn

Conn. FINKE—Albert J., 51, theater op-erator and vice-president of Ever-green Theaters Corporation, in Port-land. Ore., December 29. Survived green Theaters Corporation, in Port-land, Ore., December 29. Survived by his widow, a daughter and son. FISHER—Arthur H., writer and wild animal photographer, in Wash-ington February 8. He recently made a set of special animal act photo-graphs at the Ringling circus winter quarters in Sarasota, Fla. FREDERICK—Henry A., 71, for-mer concessionaire at Indian Point Park on the Hudson River, in Peek-skill, N. Y., February 6.

skill, N. Y., February 6. GANZER—Alfred, 72, retired Ger-man Shakespearean actor, in Berlin February 9.

GILMAN—Joseph. 65, for many years owner-operator of Gilman's

## THE FINAL CURTAIN

Music Store in Bridgeport, Conn., February 8 in that city. Survived by his widow, a son, a daughter, and his father. Burial in B'Nai Israel Ceme-tery, Fairfield, Conn., February 10. GRAVES—John E., San Antonio showman, in that city February 5. Survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Carroll, Mrs. Evelyn Archer and

J. R. Carron, Mrs. Evelyn Archer and Mrs. Helen James, and two sons, John and Jack. Burial in San Jose Cemetery, San Antonio. GUELSTORFF—Max, 65, German character actor, in Berlin February Formerly associated with Max Reinhardt.

HOSOM-76, former De-Jessie. troit musician, February 9 at her home in Highland Park, Mich. Sur-vived by a son. Interment in Romeo, Mich.

JACOBSON-Joe, 50, partner and secretary of Bush & Laube Concessions, Kansas City, Mo., in Dothan, Ala., February 7 in an auto accident while en route from the Florida State Fair, Tampa, to the firm's headquarters. At one time Jacobson was Pittsburgh representative for The Billboard. Survived by his widow, Mabel, and two sisters. Burial in Kansas City.

MAYNE-Eric, 81, stage and screen character actor, in Hollywood February 10. Born in Dublin, Ireland, he starred on the London stage 40 years ago, specializing in Shake-spearean roles. The past 25 years he had played character roles in

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 Hollywood movies. No known survivors. Burial in Hollywood.
 MONTAGU — William Angus
 Drogo, 69, ninth duke of Manchester, oue time actor and head of an Eng. one-time actor and head of an English motion picture enterprise, in Seaford, Sussex, Eng., February 9. He made a brief appearance as an actor on Broadway. His first wife was Helene Zimmerman, of Cin-cinnati, who divorced him in 1931. He later married Kathleen Dawes, a

WILL MORRES "The Merriest Wag on Wheels" February 18, 1944 MRS. WILL MORRIS SHIRLEY & BOB NIELEN-Gerard, 57, Dutch play-wright, in Haarlem, Holland, Feb-ruary 12. Wrote many plays pop-

ular with amateur dramatic groups

and founded, 25 years ago, the Pieter Langendijik Theatrical Fund for im-

Langendijk Theatrical Fund for Inf-proving amateur productions. NOOVAK—Ignatz, 68, father of Charley Noovak, musician at the Grand Theater, St. Louis, in that city February 2. Survived by his widow

and three other sons. Services and burial in St. Louis. O'NEILL—Peggy, theatrical pro-ducer and former director of stage shows at the Golden Gate Theater, San Francisco, February 7 at Poly-clinic Hospital, that city. She was the widow of Archer M. Bowles, the-She was ater chain executive. Survived by a brother. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Francisco. SAWADE — Richard, former

SAWADE — Richard, former European circus performer, known as the "King of the Lion Trainers," in Hamburg, Germany, February 12. SELDNER—Isaac, 81, oldest active theater manager of Loew's Circuit, in New York February 9. In the employ of Loew's since 1905, he was relief manager of Loew's Mayfair

employ of Loew's since 1903, he was relief manager of Loew's Mayfair Theater, New York, the past two years. Survived by his widow. SEVERSON—John, with Kendall & Graham Rides for the past 10 years and at one time with Hughes and Logman, February 8 in General Hospitel, Sap Francisco, He was Hospital, San Francisco. He was chairman of the 1946 House Com-mittee of the Show Folks of America, San Francisco chapter. Services

San Francisco chapter. Services February 11 in San Francisco, burial in Show Folks' Rest, that city. SISITZKY—Nathan, 86, former operator of the Franklin Theater, Thompsonville, Conn., recently at his home in that city. SMITH—Dell G., 37, rodeo per-former, at Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb-ruary 2.

STARR—Henry A., 62, former outdoor showman and horse trainer, February 4 in Rock Island, Ill., at the home of Ruby Latham. Burial in Maquoketa, Ia.

TEICHMAN—Abraham, 83, father of Arthur Murray, the dance in-structor, in Miami Beach, Flå., Feb-ruary 10.

TOLER—Sidney H., 59, film char-acter actor, noted for his Charlie Chan roles, in Los Angeles, February 12, after a long illness. He made his first stage appearance at age of 18 at Ninth Street Theater, Kanof 18 at Ninth Street Theater, Kan-sas City, Mo., in The Master Man. His film roles included parts in Madam X, The Gorgeous Hussy, The Phantom President, Gold Is Where You Find It and The Kid From Kokomo, in addition to the Charlie Chan series. Toler assumed Chan's cinematic character after the death of the late Warner Oland, who cre-ated the film sleuth. In all, he made 25 Chan movies. He toured for several years with Julia Mar-lowe on the stage and won fame in New York with David Belasco before coming to Hollywood in 1929. He was the author of several plays, He was the author of several plays, including *The Dancing Master* and *Ritzy*. Survived by his widow, Viva. Services in Beverly Hills, Calif., with burial in Los Angeles. TORELLI-Edward Stafford, well-

## K. JELLY VAN ZANDT Passed Away on February 3, 1947

We would like to take this means of thanking our many friends of the show world for their kindness and acts of sympathy extended to us during the illness of our beloved husband, son and friend.

> ONA VAN ZANDT MR. AND MRS. L. VAN ZANDT MR. AND MRS. CARL SHERMAN

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known dog and pony trainer, in Som-erville, N. J., February 11. Sur-vived by his widow, Evelyn, and daughters, Dolores and Eileen. Further details in Circus Department.

WILLIAMS—Ernest S., 66, former first trumpet of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski, in Kingston, N. Y., Feb-ruary 8. Toured with the Sousa, Pryor and Goldman bands. He was Pryor and Goldman bands. He was also a composer of band music and a teacher of music, conducting the Ernest Williams Musical Camp at Pine Grove, N. Y., and the Ernest Williams School of Music, Brooklyn, as well as being dean of the Ithaca (N. Y.) College of Music.

## Marriages

BILLETTI-KNOWLTON - Eddie BILLETTI-KNOWLTON — Eddie Billetti, of the Billetti high wire act, and Thais Knowlton, aerialist, both with the Eagles' Circus, in Coving-ton, Ky., January 31.

HAYES-ALEXANDER --John Hayes, non-pro, and Martha Alexan-der, scripter of the radio serials, The Romance of Helen Trent and Holly-wood Story, in Danbury, Conn., January 29.

HEIFETZ-SPIEGELBERG-Jascha Heifetz, violinist, and Mrs. Frances Spiegelberg, non-pro, in Beverly Hills, Calif., January 10.

HIGHTOWER-ROSS -Robert Hightower, dancer, and Betsy Ross, of the Ross Sisters (featured in *Pic-cadilly Hayride* at the Prince of Wales Theater), in London January 11

11. HOUGHLIN-COOPER—Brig. Gen. Harold Houghlin, of Fairfield, Ia., and Desiree Cooper, London show girl, in Norbiton, Surrey (near Lon-don), England, January 7. HOWARD-BARRYMORE — John Howard pro tennis player and

Howard, pro tennis player, and Diana Barrymore, stage and screen star, in New York January 15. JACKSON-HENRY—Charles Jack-son and Charlotte Henry, radio actress, in San Diego, Calif., Janu-ary 6 ary 6.

JAGGER - LING — Dean Jagger, stage and film actor, and Gloria Ling,

stage and film actor, and Gloria Ling, Fortune magazine writer, in Santa Fe, N. M., January 26. LANDRY - AMES — Dick Landry and Joy Ames, both film dancers, in Los Angeles January 24. Bridegroom is the son of Ed Landry, former vaude performer.

LEVY-LAWRENCE — Samuel S. Levy, co-owner of the Lawrence Greater Shows, and Mrs. Shirley Lawrence, at the Hotel Pierre, New York, January 12. LEWIS-EDWARDS\_J.

C. Lewis LEWIS-EDWARDS-J. C. Lewis Jr., Hollywood radio producer and author of the service show *Hey*, *Rookie!*, and Florida Edwards, ac-tress, in Las Vegas, Nev., January 26. McMANNIS-MILLER-Russell L. McMannis and Janet Miller, recep-tionist at Station WHBC, Canton, O., in that city December 26.

MEYER-BLUMBERG MEYER-BLOMBERG — Stanley Meyer, theater chain executive, and Doris Jean Blumberg, non-pro, in Beverly Hills, Calif., January 14. Bride's father is president of Uni-versal Pictures, Inc. MIRSKY-DITTA—Harry Mirsky,

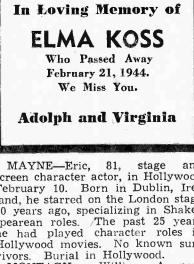
road manager of the Student Prince, currently in Chicago, to Helen Ruth Ditta, January 20 in Chicago. MLYNARSKI-KENYON - Bronis-

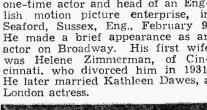
MLYNARSKI-KENYON -- Bronis-law Mlynarski, brother-in-law of pianist Artur Rubenstein, and Doris Kenyon, film actress and concert singer, in New York January 28. PROUTY-DAVIS—Robert Prouty, pianist at the Confetti Club, Mil-waukee, and Dolly Davis, comed-ienne, in that city December 26. SHUSTERMAN-MILLER-Murray Shusterman, concernaster, and busi-

Shusterman, concernaster and busi-ness agent of the Forrest Theater orchestra, Philadelphia, and Miller, in that city January 6. ZUCKERMAN-H A R R I S Joan

Abe Zuckerman, concessionaire, and Pat-ricia Harris, nonpro, in New Orleans January 16.

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## '46 Outdoor Union Balks When Mardi Gras Ups Ore. Bill Would Up **Biz Hits Three** Mil. in Kansas MEMPHIS, Feb. 15. — Memphis Trades and Labor Council went on record in opposition to the building by school children of floats used in the Memphis Cotton Carnival.

Pays 60G on 2% Sales Tax

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—Circuses and carnivals grossed \$3,033,050 in Kansas during 1946, it is reported by the State Commission of Revenue and Taxation. This was reflected by payment of \$60,661 on the State's 2 per cent sales and "compensating"

tax. Tax is collected on admissions as well as the sale of merchandise on the grounds, commission officials said, but the figures in this classification represent chiefly tax admissions. Tickets to State, county, district and local fairs, and to educational, re-ligious and charitable activities are exempt.

exempt. Comparison of collections for the last half of 1946, when carnival and circus operations are at their peak, indicated business last year out-stripped the summer and fall of 1945 by more than 50 per cent. Collec-tions for the last six months of 1946 totaled \$45.112 reflecting gross busis totaled \$45,112, reflecting gross busi-ness of \$2,255,600. This compared with collections of \$28,937 in the last half of 1945, echoing the tinkle of \$1,446,850 into circus and carnival tills.

#### Health Dept. Okay of Shows Required in Winchester, Va.

WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 15. — Common Council here has passed on first and second reading of an ordi-nance which would require all carnivals and traveling shows to prove to the health department they have the health department adequate sanitation facilities before they are allowed to show.

Also, the council indicated it no longer will waive license fees when stand is sponsored by a local organi-zation. Fee for one-week stand of a carnival is \$1,000.

#### Flash Williams to Europe In Quest of Ideas, Talent

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Ward (Flash) Williams, thrill show oper-ator, and Mrs. Williams sailed on the Queen Elizabeth Wednesday (5) a two-month tour of Europe. Will visit London, Paris, Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples, Brussels, Amster-dam, Berne, Zurich, Stockholm and

Copenhagen. Williams is in search of new ideas and also will scout for new acts for the Ernie Young office.

#### **Sports-Home Show Set**

TOLEDO, Feb. 15 .- The ninth annual Sports and Home Show will open in the Civic Auditorium here open in the Civic Auditorium here March 1 and continue nine days. More than 23,000 square feet of space has been added to the display area for the show. Milt Turloff, manager, said the National Decora-tion Company, Detroit, will be in charge of decorations.

#### Valty in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Paul Valty, European horse trainer, arrived in New York from Denver, where he exhibited his Arabian high school horse, Agab, at the National Westhorse. ern Stock Show and Rodeo.

The council, comprised of repre-sentatives of AFL unions, contend that the use of school children deprives union men of work. It also pointed out that F. M. Abt, Tech High School art instructor, received pay for directing the children, altho the children did not. Council ap-pointed a committee, headed by its president, Levi Loring, to confer with the board of education in an effort

Abt declined comment. E. W. Hale Jr., president of the Cotton Carnival Association, said ending the practice "would deprive many children of a vital part in their educa-tion." He emphasized that art students get an important part of their practical training in building the floats and many secure jobs as a re-

sult. "This course has been pursued since the Cotton Carnival was or-ganized," Hale asserted. "The students get credits in their school work for their part in the float building."

#### **Charles Brown**, Veteran Trouper, Dies at Age 84

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 15.-

Methodist services for Charles Ernest Brown, 84, veteran circus and vaude-(11) in the home of his son, Foy E. Brown here, were held Friday (14) in Tonganoxie, Kan. Burial was in Tonganoxie.

Brown was credited with having performed nearly 60 years under his own name and his stage name of Professor Marettus. He was featured chiefly as a ventriloquist. He ap-peared with both large and small circuses and on the major vaudeville circuits.

He began his career in show business at 15 in Kansas City, Mo., and at 19 went on the road with the Kickapoo Medicine Show. He won the medal for ventriloquism at the St. Louis Exposition. His last pro-fessional appearance was at a Labor Day celebration here in 1941.

#### **Topeka Round-Up Club** Skeds Rodeo for July 4-6

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—Preliminary plans have been completed for the Santa Fe Trail Rodeo here at the Kańsas Free Fairgrounds July 4-6. Sponsoring org, Topeka Round-Up Club, has contracted Ken Roberts, rodeo performer from Strong City, Kan., the Strauss trick riders and ropers, and organist Louis H. Eversole, who will supply the music. L. L. Schell and Elmer Curtis are

handling publicity. Other officials are Jake Southard, Wade West and Bill Rhynas, arena directors; Dale Witam, grandstand, and Rush Quail, parade.

#### **California Joe Honored**

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—California Joe, of California Joe & Company, was presented with a special silver buckle by Chuck Hass and Driff Jones of the Old Corral, Detroit, for amass-ing the greatest number of points during 1946. Presentation was made at the Michigan Showmen's Associa-tion's annual New Year's Eve Ball at Eastwood Park.

## Kids Build Floats New Orleans Biz

on huge parade turnoutshotels ready price jump

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—Amuse-ment biz in New Orleans was booming as the Mardi Gras carnival season got underway officially this week. Night clubs have been packed son for the past week and pitchmen and vendors were capitalizing on the huge crowds turning out for the parades.

Bad weather plagued the first parades and their elaborate floats but didn't dampen spirits of the city or its countless thousands of visitors.

The mounting gayety, marked by numerous balls, as well as street events, reaches its peak Tuesday (18), Mardi Gras Day, when general masking is in order for the 24-hour long revelry. Flaming flambeaux made their appearance for the first time since the war in the night parades.

Hotels long have been well filled to capacity, and railroad companies have established Pullman cities to accommodate paying passengers. Mardi Gras visitors were due for a boost in rents today, according to John J. O'Leary, president of the New Orleans Hotel Association. How much the raise would be, he would not say. But he stressed there would be no gouging. Private room renters were reported in some cases of getting fantastic prices for rooms. Clubs and bars added extra help

to take care of the jam, and prices remained nearly normal, but may skyrocket before the celebration is over.

#### **Davies Show Playing in** Wis. After Illinois Tour

DIXON, Ill., Feb. 15.—The Ayres and Kathryn Davies Circus played Chicago suburbs last week and now is in Wisconsin. First week this season was spent in the Illinois Einer territory in Northern Illinois to River territory in Northern Illinois to good results, they report. Champaign was only fair on a two-day date, but Lockport and Blue Island, Ill., were Lockport and Blue Island, III., were very good. A Saturday matinee in Morgan Park High School, within the city limits of Chicago, proved okay, while at Coal City, III., Sunday (2) the matinee was poor, but the night crowd good. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Wil-liam Morris, Kelly-Miller Circus.

#### Am. Motor Racing Assn.

To Meet in Chi Feb. 21-23 NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .--- William Kay, secretary of the American Motor Racing Society, announces that the annual convention of the AMRS will be held at the Hotel Stevens, Chi-cago, February 21-23. Ab Jenkins, of Salt Lake City, is president of this group of auto rac-ing promoters, owners, drivers, offi-cials and fans.

cials and fans.

#### Daytona To Get New Aud

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 15.-Contracts with three architects to draw plans for a new auditorium to replace Peabody Auditorium, de-stroyed by fire a year ago, have been signed by the City of Daytona Beach. New building will be erected on the site occupied by the Peabody build-

## Truck Show Tax

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15 .--- Cost of op-Pitchmen, vendors cash in erations would be increased for truck-borne entertainment under terms of a bill before the current Legislature to change the system of taxing trucks, increasing by \$1,000,-000 annually the amount trucks now pay for privilege of using highways. Bill would tax trucks by weight

and mileage, fees ranging from 3.75 mills per mile for the lightest trucks to 40.87 mills, or slightly more than four cents per mile for trucks heavier than 44,000 pounds.

### **200G Auto Track** For Artesia, Calif.

ARTESIA, Calif., Feb. 15. Ground-breaking for construction of a planned \$200,000 auto race track at Firestone Bouleverd and the start irestone Boulevard and Valley View Road will take place this month, ac-cording to Arthur M. Lanthier, Long Beach, president of Pacific Speedway, Inc., sponsors.

Inc., sponsors. The speedway will comprise a half-mile big car track, to be billed as the "Indianapolis of the West," Lan-thier stated. Construction plans, some of which are dependent on Civilian Production Administration approval, call for concrete reinforced bleachers for 20,000 spectators; night lighting and pressed oil track. Also contemplated are facilities for night contemplated are facilities for night baseball and football games.

Opening has been tentatively set for April 6.

#### Southern Alberta Rodeo **Circuit Formed at MacLeod**

MacLEOD, Alta., Feb. 15. — The Southern Alberta Rodeo Circuit was organized here with dates set for Nanton, Claresholm, MacLeod, High River, Lethbridge, Cardston, Pincher Crack and Coleman Creek and Coleman.

Officers are: Honorary president, Herman Linder; president, D. Boyle; vice-president, Allie Streeter and J. S. Richards, and secretary-treasurer, J. Burke.

In addition to the usual day money awards, the circuit will put up a special award of \$2,000 to the top point winners of the circuit.

#### Lee-Tex Rubber Company Secures New Building

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Lee-Tex Rub-ber Products Corporation, which re-cently was burned out of its plant, announces it has secured new quarters and renovation of the new building is being pushed. Company expects to start produc-

tion of toy balloons, and other novel-ties will be resumed this spring. New plant is located on Chicago's North Side.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Feb. 15.-Edward S. Torelli, well known trainer and exhibitor of horses, dogs Tuesday (11). Torelli presented his animal acts, known as Torelli's Cir-cus, in the United States and Canla, for 40 years. Torelli's widow, Evelyn, announces ada.

the act will continue under her man-agement, with the assistance of his daughters, Dolores and Eileen.

## 4 Calif. Annuals Get 65G Each for **Capital Outlay**

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 15.--Assembly Bill 94 introduced by As-semblymen Beck (San Fernando) and George Clarke (Merced County) was passed by both houses of the Cali-fornia Legislature January 27 as an urgency measure and sent to Governor Earl Warren for signing.

ernor Earl Warren for signing. By its term the bill gives the Merced County Fair at Los Banos, the Madera County Fair at Chow-chilla, the San Luis Obispo County Fair, and the 51st District Fair at San Fernando in Los Angeles County the respective sums of \$65,000 each for capital outlay at their grounds.

This is the same amount received by other fairs thruout the State and brings the codes up to date to allow all the existing county and district fairs to share alike in construction balances that may accrue to the fairs under the California Fairs and Expositions fund.

Aside from Beck and Clarke, Art Craner did most of the leg work at the State Capitol to hurry the bill thru the two houses in time for use during the 1947 season.

#### K. C. Aud Concesh Revenue May Hit 20G by April 30

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Feb. 15.— Revenue from concessions located in the Municipal Auditorium are ex-pected to bring the city \$20,000 by the close of the fiscal year, April 30, it was reported.

Six additional concession stands, two large and four small, are planned, as soon as building costs decline. Cost for the stands was estimated around \$6,290, but bids submitted by contractors in December, 1945, showed the lowest bid at \$21,439, Reed McKinley, city engineer said. Present building prices would run the cost to \$25,000, he said.

#### Warns of Coming Shortage In Popcorn Seasoning Oils

NASHVILLE, Feb. 15.—J. V. Blev-ins, president of the Blevins Popcorn Company, processing firm, warned today of a critical shortage in oils

for popcorn seasoning. Unlimited use since decontrol, coupled with increasing rumors concern-ing the action of the State Department in promoting cutbacks in Philippine copra imports, is responsible, Blevins said. According to Blevins, the shortage is due to develop during spring and summer months.

#### Pa. Bill Would Pave Way For Sunday Ice Shows

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 15. — Legislation to provide for the legal-ization of Sunday ice shows, ice hockey and basketball games, thru local option voting, has been intro-duced in the State Senate by Sen. W. J. Crowe. The bill, S 103, would permit

municipalities to vote on the question of having such sports events held after 2 p.m. on Sundays.

#### Wixom Busy With Plans

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., Feb. 15.—John D. Wixom has leased barns on the fairgrounds here for his wild animals and rodeo stock. He an-nounces he is building a new animal nounces he is building a new animal show on the order of one he has had the past three years on carnivals and plans a wild life show of 26 cages. He says he will also have a rodeo, consisting of 125 head of stock, for fairs and still dates. He recently sold 10 head of bucking horses to Bill Blomberg Bill Blomberg.

## With the Circus Fans By The Ringmaster

The Billboard

CFA President THOMAS M. GREGORY 12039 Edgewater Drive Lakewood 7, O. Scertary-Treasurer GIL CONLINN 71 Allendale Road Hartford 6, Cont. (Conducted by WALTER HOHENADEL, Editor "The White Tops," care Hohenadel Printing Company, Rochelle, IL.)

Murray Powers, news and Sunday editor of *The Beacon-Journal*, Ak-ron, was elected "general manager" of Pete Mardo Tent, CFA, Sunday (2). The Tent met in the home of Mr and Mrr Ceal Elwell 509 More-Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elwell, 509 More-ley Avenue. Pete Mardo, for whom the Tent was named, was elected ringmaster, and Elwell, assistant vicepresident First Central Trust Company, was re-elected secretary-treas-urer. Tom Gregory, former Akron-ite and national president of the CFA, came from Cleveland, with Mrs. Gregory, for the session.

Charles E. Davis, circus fan and elephant biographer of Hartford, Conn., received the tail hairs from the five elephants bought by Bob Stevens, owner of Bailey Bros.' Circus. He has also received as a gift from his friend Mac MacDonald, eleof the bull hooks (Ankus) that was brought to the U. S. by one of the Hindus that accompanied the elephants from Ceylon, India.

Hubert Castle Tent, CFA, at its an-nual meeting in the Elks' Home at New Hartford, N. Y., elected Stuart Davis general manager to succeed Frederic Roedel. Others chosen were Roedel; superintendent of cook-Roedel; superintendent house, George Fisher; superintend-Enable Baker; 24house, George Fisher; superintend-ent of menagerie, Frank Baker; 24-hour man, Charles Baker; superin-tendent of elephants, Bruce M. Sou-ter; boss canvasman, Waldo Griffith; superintendent of opposed for Wild superintendent of concessions, Wil-bur Tinney; manager of Side Show, Harold Wells; superintendent of sanitation, Harvey Keilbach.

Ray T. Bast, 59, CFA, prominent figure in the State cheese industry and manager of the Monroe plant of the Kraft Goods Company, died of a heart attack at his home in Monroe, Wis., January 30. He was a lifelong resident of that city.

#### **Bi-State Circuit To Meet** At Ottawa, O., March 6

OTTAWA, O., Feb. 15.—Bi-State Fair Circuit, composed of fairs in Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Henry, Paulding, Defiance, Van Wert and Putnam counties, all in Northwest Ohio, and Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe counties in Southern Michi-gan, will hold their annual meeting here Thursday, March 6. Afternoon session will start at 2

Afternoon session will start at 2 p.m. in the courthouse, with a ban-quet, followed by talks and acts in the Eagles Hall in the evening. Board members are urged to bring their wives. An invitation also has been extended to board members and their wives from the fairs of Darke, Mer-cer, Allen, Auglaize, Wapakoneta, Hancock and Sandusky counties.

#### May 1 Expo for Vernon, B. C.

VERNON, B. C., Feb. 15.—An in-dustrial exhibition is planned here in May. Farm and orchard imple-ments will be featured, according to Dr. Hugh Ormsby, originator.

#### Spreng New Ohio Secretary

MILLERBURG, O., Feb. 15.-Verle H. Spreng is the new secretary of Holmes County Fair here. He suc-ceeds H. C. Logsdon, retired after 16 years. Dates for the '47 event are September 3-6.

Agricade for Opening NORFOLK, Feb. 15.-Work on the 22-acre site of the new Agricade driving park and fairgrounds, fairgrounds, for year-around use, is yay. An entrance built of planned under way. An entrance built of corrugated aluminum is being installed.

Ready Norfolk's New

Preliminary work has begun on the half-mile track, used heretofore for motorcycle races. Plans call for the constructing of an overlapping quarter-mile track for midget auto racing, erection of a cinder block and wood grandstand with a ca-pacity of 10,000 and the construc-tion of a 10-foot high fence around the entire tract. the entire tract.

Official opening will be April 13, when a thrill show will be staged. The following day the Paramount Shows, which winter here, will open a week's stand.

According to H. A. Grey, presi-dent and general manager of Agricade, Inc., arrangements have been made for staging the Norfolk and Princess Anne County Fair here September 22-27.

Officials expect to present motor-cycle and auto races, trotting races, saddle horse shows and stock shows thruout the year.

Besides Grey, other officers of the operating corporation are Mahlon C. Mohr, first vice-president; H. J. Mohr, first vice-president; H. J. Burke, second vice-president, and R. Grey, secretary-treasurer. Or-ganization also presents the Hampton Roads District Fair on the 28-acre dude ranch near Hampton, and the Six County Fair at Elizabeth City, N. C.

#### **Urges Legalized Bingo;** Elected Vt. Senate Clerk

BURLINGTON, Vt., Feb. 15.-Two days prior to his election as senate clerk in the 1947 Vermont Legislature, Municipal Court Judge Willsie E. Brisbin, of this city, advocated thru his newspaper columns, which circu-late the rural area of the State, the legalizing of "bingo and other par-ties" of chance run for charitable ties" of chance run for charitable purposes with a tax assessed on the proceeds.

Briskin said "that would allow Briskin said "that would allow churches and other organizations to raise money legally and give the State a bite out of the take. They're doing it illegally at present." Tho casting doubt as to its intro-duction into the logislative comis-

duction into the legislative session this year, the judge remarked, "I also think pari-mutuels at approved agricultural fairs wouldn't be as bad as might seem at first blush."

#### Victoria, B. C., Seeks Okay To Erect 200G Stock Bldg.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—B. C. Agricultural Association will make application to Oak Bay municipality for a building permit to erect a \$200,-000 livestock building on the Willows fairgrounds, Manager W. H. Mearns announces. He said the association hoped to

make a later application for a permit to erect a \$150,000 sports auditorium at the Willows.

## Seek Right of Way Thru

AUBURN, Calif., Feb. 15. — The California Department of Public Works has asked supervisors of Placer County to grant a right of way thru the Placer County Fair-grounds in Posonilla for highgrounds in Roseville for highway purposes.

Supervisors have put the matter on the calendar for March action, plan-ning to discuss the matter with the fair board directors.

## Yelp at City Dudes For Spoiling Rodeo

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—In-ternational Rodeo Association has opened a drive to keep the rodeo a true "cow country" show instead of a "vaudeville circus." Clifford Kaynor, Ellensburg, Wash.. vice-president of the association, said "outside promoters were trying to turn rodeos into big-city 'glamour extravaganzas' instead of Western round-ups." round-ups."

He urged association members to keep community control of rodeos and avoid promotions by "outside organizations."

#### Jake Kedenburg Plans Midget Racing in Cuba

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Jake Kedenburg, promoter of midget auto rac-ing at the Freeport (Long Island) Stadium, has returned from Cuba, where he concluded arrangements to Tropical Stadium. With this new set-up, Kedenburg will have summer and fall racing in New York and a winter and early spring season in Cuba. Plan is to have top-notch Cuban

drivers compete with American aces of the Automobile Racing Association.

#### New Mercer, Pa., Officers **Draft Increased Budgets**

MERCER, Pa., Feb. 15.—New own-ers and directors of the Mercer Fair here have set a \$6,000 grandstand attraction budget and allocated an additional \$4,500 for horse races. Both budgets represent sharp increases.

The advertising budget has been tripled, with the increase slated to go into newspapers and radio. Ground improvements will include grading and surfacing and oiling of roadways. Midway contract has been signed with Merle A. Beam. Annual's of-Midway ficers are Lewis Persch Sr., presi-dent; Harry Moore, secretary, and Lewis Persch Jr., treasurer.

#### **Directs Hotel Construction**

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.-Bill Fisher, who was associated with the conwho was associated with the con-cession and engineering departments of the New York World's Fair, is now with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects, as construction superintendent of the Terrace Plaza Hotel here.

#### **Field Being Renovated**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 15 .--Schwartz Field here is being reno-vated and when completed will give Bridgeport a new ultra-modern ath-letic stadium available for sports, outdoor shows and midget auto races. Field was taken over by Carl Bru-netto and George and Robert Sherwood.

#### Horse Barn Burns

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 15.--A 40-stall horse barn at Exhibition Park was destroyed by fire Wedneseek Right of Way Thru Roseville, Calif., Grounds AUBURN. Calif. Feb. 17

#### **Tillou Named Trot Official**

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Dr. Lyle Tillou, secretary, Erie County Agricultural Society, Hamburg, N. Y., was elected a member of District 9, United States Trotting Association, at a meeting of members of that dis-trict here Monday (10). He succeeds the late Jacob Newton. 46

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**R-B PREP WORK ON SCHEDUL** 

## **Lumber Still Big Problem**

Haley's program calls for new quarters, wagons with all parts interchangeable

By a Staff Correspondent

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 15.—Work of preparing the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for its annual tour is progressing according to nual tour is progressing according to schedule in all departments, and an over-all building program to modern-ize the winter quarters has been started, according to James A. Haley, president, who took *The Billboard's* Outdoor Editor on a personally con-ducted tour of the grounds here Tues-day (11)

day (11). Every department apparently has a full complement of workingmen, a full complement of workingmen, but a shortage of suitable lumber is necessitating some improvisation with inferior materials in some branches. Some of the lumber going into wagon repairs ordinarily would be used for firewood.

New wagons, however, are being constructed entirely of steel, with the exception of the wheels and the pneumatic tires. 'Those now under construction have been designed to last one or two lifetimes, and everything possible is being made interchangeable, which will mean a huge saving to the circus in years to come.

**Dressing Up New Train** 

The train crew was busy working on the 14 new all-steel, air condi-tioned hospital cars recently pur-chased from the army. Four or five of these will be rebuilt into stateor these will be rebuilt into state-room cars, and plans are now not definite for the others. These cars already are equipped with three-high, 30-inch berths, and if these are not changed it will be a great break for the workingmen, as it will mean the end of doubling up in berths. One of these cars would be ideal for the advance as the bitchen would

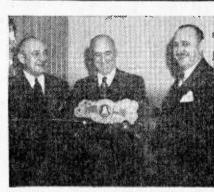
for the advance, as the kitchen would make an excellent paste room, and the doctor's office could readily be converted for the use of the car man-ager. However, this apparently is not the plan at present as the No. 1 bill car is in the shop, and is about ready for the road.

ready for the road. Haley has started a definite re-building program to modernize the quarters, with the plan in mind to erect at least one building each year. A new office building is now in use, and a new centrally-located grab joint is in operation. This ends the winter quarters building for this year, and is a step in the right directon.

F. Beverly Kelly, general press representative, assisted by Frank Morrissey, has completed the press book as far as is possible until John Ringling North, vice-president, re-turns from Furger with his line up turns from Europe with his line-up of new acts.

Other than show-owned acts, Roand Tiebor's seals is the only act re-contracted for the 1947 tour, it being the aim of the management to take out as entirely a new show as pos-sible. North has reported many of his deals to Pat Valdo, personnel director, but there will be no official release on these until after North's return and the work of arranging the program is well under way

Valdo reported that all sketches for (See R-B Prep Work on page 49)



PAUL F. VAN POOL, right, presenting Merle Evans, Ringling-Barnum bandmaster, with a miniature of the Liberty band wagon at the Connor Ho-tel, Joplin, Mo. Burt L. Wilson, Chicago circus fan, left, was the speaker of the evening.

## **IRA** Appoints Talbot, Boylen

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 15.---Bav Talbot, acting postmaster here, has been appointed treasurer of the International Rodeo Association. He succeeds Fred S. McCarger, Salinas, Calif., who resigned as secretarytreasurer after holding office since

With McCarger's resignation, the office was divided into two branches, with E. N. Boylen, of Pendleton, Ore., as temporary secretary. Boylen also is rodeo commissioner and Talbot a

is rodeo commissioner and Talbot a vice-president of IRA. Treasurer's office will be main-tained here. Office work will be handled by State fair personnel. As treasurer, Talbot will administer the IRA point-award system and keep records of competition in IRA-ap-proved rodeos. One point is given for each dollar of prize money won in approved rodeos. Talbot announced the award sys-

In approved rodeos. Talbot announced the award sys-tem for 1947 with \$5,000 for win-ners. This allows first prize money of \$600 to \$650 in each event for IRA champions in addition to other cash and prizes donated by interested persons.

#### LaVelda Preps Mouroe Bros. For Opening Early in April

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 15. Ted LaVelda announces plans for opening his Monroe Bros.' Circus early in April near St. Louis. Two trucks have been added and motors of others are being overhauled. Bill E. Thompson, ahead of the show the last half of '46, again will head the advance. It is planned to play mostly sponsored dates.

Curtis Kirchner, who will be back as boss canvasman, is spending the winter at his home in California, Mo. New trappings for the ring stock are being made by the Thoreen leather shop at Harlan, Ia., according to LaVelda.

Kitty Kemp Training Stock KANSAS, Ill., Feb. 15. — Kitty Kemp is training new stock in local quarters for her show this season. Org will carry seven persons, eight head of stock and eight acts. Faith-ful Flash is featured act, followed by the white-footed mule and nine-yearold Joan and her dancing trick stal-lion. Other acts include trick riding, rope spinning, acrobatic, trick dog and goat.

# **Big in Cincy**

-extra show on Friday

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—The 25th annual Shrine Circus, presented by Polack Bros. (Irv J. Polack-Louis Stern combo), which opened its 10-day run here Wednesday (12) with two packed houses, is running neck and neck from attendance standpoint with last year's figures, which were big. From all indications, these big. big. From all indications, these crowds will continue thruout the run. Thursday (13) saw two full houses, and the afternoon show yesterday was the same. An extra night per-formance will be given next Friday (21). Orphans and underprivileged children have been guests of Syrian Temple at the matinees. Show again Temple at the matinees. Show again is being staged at the Taft Theater. Org will give matinees each day with two on each of the Saturdays. Show prices are \$2.40, \$1.80, \$1.50, \$1 and 50 cents.

\$1 and 50 cents. Acts include the Giustino Loyal Troupe of riders; Miss Malikova, high wire; Emil Pallenberg Jr. and His Bears (not the Powers bears as previously reported); Adolph Del-bosq's musical wonder horse, Sere-nado the Second; the Five Willys, jugglers; the Erickson Brothers, hand and head balancers; the Black Brothers, pantomime tramp come-dians; Lopez Trio, casting, and the Ward-Bell Troupe, flying return. (Complete program was published in previous issues). The Ward-Bell Troupe will be with the Ringling-Barnum circus this season. George J. Westerman again is in

charge of promotion; Jack Klein is announcer and emsee, Walter Fleck is

press representative, and Bee Car-sey is band director. Friday morning the clowns and several acts entertained at General Hospital and at the Condon School for Crippled Children.

## Vern Williams Gets **Sparks Advance Job**

VENICE, Fla., Feb. 15.—Vern Wil-liams, veteran circus agent who has been in retirement for four years, is en route from Los Angeles to take charge of the advance for Sparks Circus, James Edgar, owner-manager, announced today.

Williams will handle the general agent assignment in place of Mar-shall Green until the latter recovers from the serious injuries suffered in an auto accident near Cincinnati 10 days ago. It is believed that Green will be incapacitated for at least two months, and possibly three. Williams retired from circus busi-

ness because of ill health and has been taking things comparatively easy as a mutuel clerk at Los An-geles race tracks. He told Edgar he feels fit and is anxious to get back in the harness.

Winter quarters activities will be whiter quarters activities will be speeded up next week. The new 120-foot round with three 40's that will house the big show will go in the air next week, and rehearsals will start, with the prevue opening set for Sunday, March 2, and the season to officially open at Fort Myers, Fla., the following day.

## Polack Doing Show'll Be Bigger This Yr., King Says **On Visit to Chicago**

Org running neck and neck with '46 attendance figures CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Floyd King, owner of King Bros.' Circus, was a Billboard visitor here Monday (10), en route to Cincinnati before leav-ing for the org's winter quarters in

ing for the org's winter quarters in Jackson, Miss. Floyd opened up with, "Every-thing's going along great. We've got 38 people working in quarters and the show will be a lot bigger this year." Then, taking time to catch his breath, he went on: "This year we'll have 32 trucks, all company owned, and that's three more than we had last year. We've ordered 1,000 new chairs, giving us 1,800 this year." King said his show will open about the first week in April in Jackson. The route isn't complete yet, he said, but intimated it was all but ready for release.

for release. The King Bros.' owner plans to be

back in quarters the latter part of the month to see everything is in the readiness stage.

### Mroczkowski in U.S. For Duties With RB

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Czeslaw Mroczkowski, European horse train-er, arrived at LaGuardia Airport here Saturday (8) en route from London to the Sarasota, Fla., winter quarters of the Ringling circus where he will take over as equestrian director

Mroczkowski is the first performer signed by John Ringling North, cir-cus vice-president, during his just-concluded European scouting trip, to arrive in this country. Big Show was interested as early as 1939 in bringing Mroczkowski to this country until it was found he was already contracted with England's Bertram Mills 🔨 Circus.

Circus. Mroczkowski, a member of the Polish army stationed in England during the war, was last associated with the late Reginald Goddard, well-known English showman, at Chessington Zoo. Vander Barbette, who was not re-tained during Backett Binglingle term

tained during Robert Ringling's term as circus president, will return to the Big Show, and once again have charge of aerial displays. Latter will include training girls for the aerial ballet.

#### Former R-B Performer's **Condition Is Unchanged**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Condition of Mrs. Lorenz Hirschhorn, 72, who, with her late husband, was a Ringling with her late husband, was a Ringling performer of years ago, was reported "about the same" by Cook County Hospital attendants Friday (14) where she has been a patient a week after being found half frozen in a snow bank near the converted panel truck in which she lived. Her husband, 86, was found frozen to death in the make-shift home.

#### Admire To Pilot Burns

GREENEVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.-Larry R. Burns states that the fol-Larry R. Burns states that the fol-lowing have been signed for the Kay Burns Circus: J. C. Admire, general agent; Paul Hubbard, Side Show manager; Roy Rice, superintendent, and Thomas Winford, superintendent of concessions.

## Attendance at **Detroit Show**

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Attendance at the second post-war Orrin Davenport the second post-war Orrin Davenport Shrine Circus topped the quarter million mark Tuesday (11), and 7-moved toward a Sunday (16) clos-and some blues—on park benches in-side the arena—being available the rest of the week.

Steady upward move of attendance into the third week-the first time this event has run over two weeks-helped swell total attendance to 268,-000, thru Wednesday, for the event Sawade Dies in Germany so far.

Figures from February 6-12 follow:

	Matinee	Evening
Thursday (6)	- 8:000	10.000
Friday (7)	11.000	11,000
Saturday (8)	11,000	11.000
Sunday (9)	11,000	10.000
Monday (10)	7,000	9.000
Tuesday (11)	7,000	9,000
Wednesday (12)	8.000	11,000

Capacity was again hit for the Capacity was again hit for the week-end shows (8-9), with the ex-ception of Sunday night (9), which showed a surprising drop-off. Turna-ways were the order of the week, with an entire caravan of 41 cars, estimated at around 200 people, turned back at the Sunday matinee offer they had made an 80-mile trip after they had made an 80-mile trip from Jackson to see the show—but

from Jackson to see the show—but failed to arrange for reservations. The sequence of minor accidents which seemed to jinx the show for the first several days was missing this week, with all those who re-ceived minor injuries, as listed in *The Billboard* (February 15) back in the line-up. Sole exception was Mariorie Meyer Geiger, trapeze attthe line-up. Sole exception was of which her husband, Jo Marjorie Meyer Geiger, trapeze art- is a member, to convalesce.

## Circo Atayde Bill

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Leaps Upward MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Here's the program for the Circo Atayde, now playing Mexico City (see Bill-board February 15):

1—Presentation (spec.); 2—The In-dians of the Far West, riding act; 3 dians of the Far West, riding act; 3— Pony drill; 4—clown gag; 5—comedy acrobats; 6—aerial ballot (webs); 7—clown gag; 8—Knight troupe, wire act; 9—elephant; 10—acrobats; 11— The Flying Behees; 12—jugglers; 13—The Therons, bicycle act; 14— Pat Knight, foot slide; 15—teeter-board; 16—swinging ladders; 17— double traps; 18—walkaround; 19— cat act cat act.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. - Richard awade, former well-known Euro-NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Richard Sawade, former well-known Euro-pean animal trainer and circus per-former, died in Hamburg, Germany, February 12. Sawade, known pro-fessionally as the King of the Lion Tamers, was the first trainer to pre-sent a mixed group of wild animals. For a time he was a director of the Sent a mixed group of wild animals. For a time he was a director of the Hagenbeck Circus, in Germany, but also worked in England, appearing at the Tower Circus, in Blackpool, and in other important cities of the British Isles British Isles.

#### **Circus Knie in Amsterdam**

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb 15 .---The noted Swiss circus, Knie, is showing here. Frans Mikkenie, for-mer manager of the Circus Strasburger, is manager.

ist, who is recovering from a com pound fracture of the ankle, but will go south with the Wallenda Troupe, of which her husband, Joe Geiger,

5,000 See Elks Annual in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15,—Ap-proximately 5,000 attended the Los Angeles Elks' annual Circus Night performance Wednesday (5). Judge Guerin, exalted ruler, introduced the committee comprised of S. L. (Bus-ter) Cronin, Paul Eagles, Hunter Farmer, Walter Trask and J. Eddie Brown. Officers of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association, who assisted, also were introduced

also were introduced. Norman Carroll handled the equestrian director duties and did the an-nouncing, and acts presented in-cluded Fred Bowery, whips; Dick Learmont, chimp; Irene and her dogs; the Titans, balancing; Bill Dedrick, pony drill; Teresa Morales, 'traps; Three Jays, trampoline, and the Di-resky Family, which presented a wire

act, head-balancing and acro. Clowns, working four numbers, were Fay Avalon, Georgie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Philogage and Cocoa and Jack McAfee.

#### Checks Totaling \$1,500,000 Mailed to R-B Fire Victims

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 15. — Checks totaling \$1,500,000 were mailed last week to victims of the July, 1944, Hartford circus fire, At-torney Julius B. Schatz, receiver of Pingling Bross and Bargure & Philer Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, announced.

Checks represent a 37½ per cent discount. A payment of 25 per cent was made previously.

#### **Omaha Shrine Dates Set**

OMAHA, Feb. 15 .- Tangier Temple will stage its annual Shrine Cir-cus here April 7-12. Dr. Fred F. Whitcomb, general chairman, án-nounced. Rink Wright again will be director and producer.

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### **Beatty Not Selling**

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Reports that he had sold out his circus interests were strongly denied by Clyde Beatty in a statement to *The Billboard* here. Report apparently arose from a mis-understanding by a local re-porter when Beatty referred to selling his Florida home. A story was published in a local newspaper that he was

local newspaper that he was selling out his show interests. Report spread widely in circus circles following the publication, altho it was fully corrected in a later issue of the same paper, and caused considerable anxiety among the Beatty per-sonnel until he corrected the statement.

#### **Dailey Band Augments** To 15; Rossi Re-Signs

GONZALES, Tex., Feb. 15 .- Dailey Bros.' Circus band will be augmented to 15 pieces this season, Owner Ben Davenport announces. New uniforms have been ordered and the new calliope already has arrived in quarters.

Joe Rossi, who again signed to direct the band, says he will feature a center ring band concert this year before the spec.

#### **George Sanger Succumbs**

LONDON, Feb 15-George Sanger, 79, retired English circus owner, died at his home in Horley, Surrey, January 31. Altho Sanger retired 15 years ago, the circus is still controlled by the Sanger family and continues to use the Lord George Sanger title.

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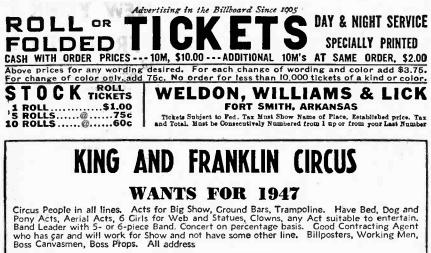
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#### **Polack Bros.**

The week in Louisville was okay, with the exception of the weather. With the thermometer down to three above, it was very uncomfortable going from the building to the hotel. The Ward-Bell troupe joined. Some 22 performers went to the Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital

and gave a great performance. Fol-lowing the show, the troupers were luncheon guests of the Kosair Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Polack re-

turned to the show after a business trip to Chicago.

Jack Klein picked another win-ner at Santa Anita. Name was El Lobo. Someone tried to catch a mouse in the dressing room. We know, because Eugene Hoffman found limburger cheese in his socks. Visitors in Louisville included Mrs. Zack Terrell, Jimmie Julius and Cheelee Beimer ell of the Cole Berger Zack Terrell, Jimmie Julius and Charles Raimer, all of the Cole Bros.' show.

Question of the week: What candy butcher is learning to speak Italian? —ELMER SANTANA.

#### **Clyde Bros.**

While in Galveston, Tex., the entire personnel had a big time with much entertainment being provided. Bill and Yetta Irwin had a hard time keeping Jimmy Armstrong from eat-ing too much spaghetti, prepared by Mrs. Louella Parth, assisted by her daughter, Marilyn. You ought to hear George and Kay Hanneford going around hollering those pet words of theirs. We had a big time at Lloyd Harri-

son's 68th birthday party and believe it or not, he was windy enough to It was a treat to see Ellie, Kay and Yetta trying to eat more cake than Bill Irwin and Jimmy Armstrong. Buzzy Pates was the judge. Mrs. Muier helped Mr. Harrison cut the cake to keep the eaters supplied.

Recent visitors were Billy Senior. of the Barnes-Carruthers Theatrical Enterprises, Chicago; George Flint, Boyle Woolfolk Agency, Chicago, and Colonel Williams, of the Shreveport, La., Circus.-JIMMY ARMSTRONG.

James E. Miller, Peter J. Pheabon James E. Miller, Peter J. Pheabon and Sam Delaney, who refer to them-selves as "three old-time circus butchers from the Ringling show," write that they recently attended a bull fight in Monterey, Mex.

## Yankee-Patterson

Construction work is moving along. Construction work is moving along. Jimmie Wood, owner-manager, and Lou Diego made a flying business trip to Portland, Ore. Harry Mellon is booking the opening towns. Frank Chicarello, who will be featured in the Wild West concert, is lining up acts and also will have Frank Rainey, wrettler, with the show. wrestler, with the show.

Acts signed to date include Lan-don's Midgets, Cliff and Mary Henry, dogs and rolling globe; the Guiterrez family, trampoline and wire walking; Fred and Cecelia Bowery; Harold Smith, Liberty and high school horses, plus four girls; Joe and Anna Metcalfe, elephants, and Bob Thorn-ton, mule and pony drills. Clown alley will include Ko-Ko and Grace Fairburn, Fay and Grace Avalon and George Perkins.

Norman and Frances Anderson are busy with their crew of butchers, painting their confection concessions. Johnnie Cardwell and his crew completed work on his concessions. cage of monkeys arrived and will be added to the menagerie. Several sections of seats and a big top were shipped to Indio, Calif., for the an-nual Indio Date Fair and were erected under supervision of Frank Chicarello and his aides, Jimmie Davidson, Murl Claybough, Bobbie De Shayne, Richard Miller and Paul Scott.

New arrivals in camp include Cliff and Mary Henry, with a new 35-foot truck and trailer which also will be used as living quarters; William DeBarrie, with a new Sparton trailer; Alfredo Loudon, with a new West-craft house car; the Guiterrez, with two trucks and a station wagon; Fred and Cecelia Bowery with a house trailer and pony caravan. new

Charles and Lena Marshall spent a week-end as house guests of Al Kennan in Monterey Park. Ova Thornton, treasurer, and the writer, secretary, opened the newly painted office, relieving Ruby Woods of the office work.

The art work on the trucks and trailers is being done under direction of Dolores Moore, artist.—WALTON de PELLATON.

#### **Detroit Shrine**

Everyone anxious for the move to leveland. Three weeks in this Cleveland. building have developed too many colds. . . . Kenneth Waite is evidently not satisfied to confine his clowning to the 12-hour-a-day stretch here. He lost his pants in a downtown drugstore the other night, much to his seeming mortification, and the de-light of the crowd in the store. . . Otto Griebling, Paul Jerome, Freddie Griebling, Paul Jerome, Fred-die Freeman, Bozo Harrell and Joe Lewis engage in a balloon race during come-in each day. And then they sit on the ring curb and blow for 15 minutes. Can it be these fellows are getting old?

Wardrobe mistresses Nena Thomas and Mamie Ward are busy gals—and after each bit of piece work, they point to the piggy banks which are always prominently sitting in front of them. . . Why is Kurt Orantos called "Lucky?" Actors all over the nation should know. . . . Whitey, pet stable dog of Cole Bros.' grooms, is the proud mother of four pups, born during this engagement. Everybody on the show pays her a daily visit with a bone from the cookhouse.

They are calling Izzy Cervone the Gene Autry of musicland. Is it because he is a tough rider, or a smooth crooner? . . Florence Tennyson fell down the other night. Was she trying to evade the AGVA man? . . . Big houses, lots of noise, swell folks looking forward to next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mills and Arlene Mills recently returned to Cleveland Heights, O., after a long tour. En route to Los Angeles they stopped in Joplin, Mo., for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Pool and George R. Bell, Mills Bros,' band leader. Bell informed thom he would have a 12 piece hard them he would have a 12-piece band this season, will all except three men the season, will all except three men already under contract. From Joplin, the Mills family went to L. A., where they stayed 10 days. During their Coast stay they were guests of Dave Siegel and Ken Murray at the Brown Derby: word the unit Derby; went on a tour of the Uni-versal Studios; were luncheon guests of Paul Eagles at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, along with Eddie Brown and Louie Goebels; attended the Blackouts of 1947 as Ken Murray's guests; visited Trader Horn and Richard's Animal Farm and caught Earl Carroll's Vanities.

The Mills family visited Murray Pennock, one-time general agent for the Al G. Barnes Circus and now owner of a large costume supply house, and purchased costumes for the show's spec.

A visit was enjoyed with Teresa Morales, who will do heel and toe catching with the show this year, and her mother, who will have charge of the wardrobe and take reserve seat tickets.

En route home they visited in Phoenix, Ariz., where they met many members of the Arizona Showmen's Association, including Don Hanna; in El Paso and Gonzales, Tex., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davenport, Bill Moore and Art Miller, re-cently returned from Florida; in Nacogdoches, Tex., where they enjoyed a visit with Mrs. and Mrs. Ira Watts, of the Clyde Beatty Circus; in Jackson, Missi, where they visited War Tax Carter and Doc Hall; in Memphis, where they visited Vernon McCreavy, and in Louisville, where they met Louis Stern, George Paige and Jimmy Bicon and Jimmy Rison.

From Louisville they journeyed tothe org's winter quarters at Bucyrus, O, to find Bert and Jeanette Wallace, who were not due in quarters until later. The Wallaces, with a new (See MILLS BROS. on opp. page)

#### Eagles

Our overnight trek to Youngstown, O., up and down hills and thru a blizzard, was made without a bobble. The performance opened on schedule and everyone clicked his heels and and everyone clicked his heels and smiled to a near-capacity audience that never suspected the vivacious girls and athletic young men didn't get a wink of sleep the night before. A big time was had by all in To-ledo with much entertaining and vis-

ledo with much entertaining and vis-iting. The week was climaxed by a party for the entire personnel, given by the Eagles in the clubrooms. Visitors in Toledo included Ben Grewold, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin M. Ronk, Archie and Jean Williams and 10,000 Eagles and their wives and families families.

This is the first circus to play the beautiful \$2,000,000 Stambaugh Au-ditorium in Youngstown. A spectacle indeed to see—Josh Kitchen's mon-keys climbing the Grecian columns, Professor Keller's wild animals peep-ing they broade yelvet derper Lib Liling thru brocade velvet drapes lian Kitchen's mules and horses blissfully riding elevators; Modoc, Em-press and Judy munching hay in the spacious ballroom, then admiring the oil paintings as they trod the thickly carpeted aisles thru the audience and shinny up on the stage. Helen Billetti is back in the pro-

gram and feeling okay. . . Little Dick Heerdink has been very ill. . . . Dick Heerdink has been very ill. . . . Charles Stauffer and Coy Lee take unique 3 a.m. showers. . . The Morris Troupe is back after a few days' absence. . . The Silverlake kiddies were kept busy pasting and coloring valentines. — DOLLY JACOBS. JACOBS.

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## **Clemans and Colburn** Supply Stock, Riders For Phoenix Rodeo

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 15.—A contract with Twain Clemans and Everett Colburn to provide stock and exhibition riders for \$20,000 was signed this week for the 1947 World's Championship Rodeo at the State Fairgrounds, April 11-13.

Hohen Foster, committee chairman for the Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce, said the Jaycees have posted \$9,000 in prize money. The sponsoring group already has con-tracted for the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band, which played for the 1938 and '39 shows. Cy Tail-lan, recently discharged from the service, will announce.

New animal chutes will be erected at the rodeo site and new street decorations placed in the downtown area. Early interest points to a record number of participants and record-breaking attendance, Foster said.

#### **MILLS BROS.**

(Continued from opposite page) house trailer, were hosts at a chicken dinner.

Charles Brady, superintendent of quarters, is doing a nice job of readying things for the season. Roy Howze has two new Liberty acts working; Harry Coen, ring stock boss and his five assistants, have the 30 head of horses, ponies and mules in shape. At the animal barn the Mills visited with Bert Petis, who has Big Burma, the elephant, and 11 cages of wild animals in good shape.

There are now 40 persons in quar-ters. Louie Watson is doing the buying for the cookhouse and all hands expressed satisfaction over the food.

Following the visit to quarters, the Mills went to Cleveland, where Jack Mills and Ted Edlin, general agent, cago.

**Report White, Loy** Framing New Show

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 15.-Ernie White, well-known circus performer and John Loy, Hendersonville, N. C., have formed a partnership and will take a motorized circus on the road this spring, it was reported here today.

today. Org, to be known as the King & Franklin Circus, will travel on seven trucks, three semis and four single body trucks. The big top, it was said, will be a 70 with three 30's and will have one ring and two stages. Show will carry a Side Show and cookbouse cookhouse.

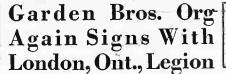
Plans are, according to the report, to open about April 21. Loy has purchased six palomino horses, Liberty act, has an order in for an elephant and plans other animal purchases shortly, the report stated.

#### Hamid-Morton Will Show In Newark Week of May 19

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—Con-tracts have been inked for the ap-pearance of the Hamid-Morton Cir-cus at the Armory here during the week of May 19, under auspices of the Shriner's Salaam Temple. Carl Sonitz, circus representative, com-pleted negotiations following three years of effort years of effort.

Date will mark the first showing of full-size circus here, other than Ringling Bros., in about 20 years. Show will be under the personal direction of Robert H. Morton.

attended to business matters. The new tent, a 60 with three 30s, which has white flameproofed can-



LONDON, Ont., Feb. 15 .-- Garden Bros.' Circus again will be sponsored by the Tweedsmuir branch of the Canadian Legion for its appearance here April 14-19.

Show this year will spot in the Ontario Arena, Queen's Park, and will work with the legion branch on a straight percentage of the take.

Legionnaires will handle the ad-vance sale starting 30 days before the opening.

Show will continue playing indoor dates this year, altho it was thought last year it would come out in '47 under canvas. Some of the show's dates are played in the open.

### Duggan Is Readying **New Animal Exhibit**

WAELDER, Tex., Feb. 15.-W. F. WAELDER, Tex., Feb. 15.—W. F. Duggan, former circus owner, is readying a new animal show, to be known as the World Wide Animal Exhibit, which will take to the road shortly after March 1. Under direc-tion of Leo (Tiger Bill) Snyder, workers are now building corrals and enclosures here. Box-offices and other frame structures will be painted in general circus colors in general circus colors.

Duggan himself is on an animal buying trip to Mexico and Central America to augment his present collection.

Central Canvas Company, of Kansas City, Mo., is making the big top which will be 36 by 120. Three semis with heavy Mack tractors are en with heavy Mack route from Florida.



DAYTON, O., Feb. 15 .- The 17th annual convention of the Circus Fans Association of America will be held here May 10-12. Headquarters will be in the Dayton Biltmore Hotel.

The program and other details will be announced later, Bill Montague, West Hartford, Conn., publicity di-rector of CFA, said.

### **R-B** Prep Work **Moves on Schedule**

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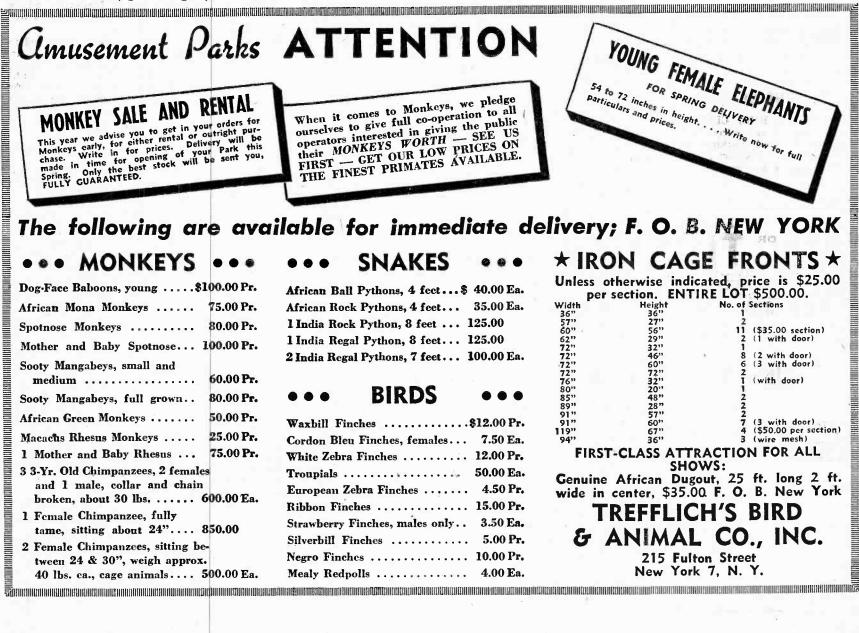
new costumes and spec material have been okayed and "these are now in the works," which indicates that the Fairyland theme has been okayed and is being brought to life. Title for the spec has not been announced.

#### Anderson in Quarters

Anderson in Quarters Rehearsals are due to begin at once as John Murray Anderson was scheduled to arrive from New York yesterday, and many of the ballet girls are on the lot. Leonard Ayles-worth, boss canvasman, has the 1946 big top in the air, and it will be used for rehearsal sessions for rehearsal sessions.

The menagerie top also is in the air on a downtown lot to be used during the annual Sara de Sota pageant, Sarasota big winter doings.

Visitors have been numerous at winter quarters, and they have been impressed with the amount of new stock that has been added. Among recent arrivals were 20 white Shet-land ponies. There is hardly time left to break them for big show pony drills, but they will be used in the spec, and will be in the regular performance as soon as schooling is completed.



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## UNDER THE MARQUEE

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The condition of Marshall Green, general agent of the Sparks Circus, who was recently injured in an auto accident and is in the General Hospital, Cincinnati, is reported good.

Mystery of the century is how early-day circuses ever did it with such oldfashioned ideas.

Tige Hale cards from Tampa that his Gold Medal Circus Band has been contracted to furnish the music at the Great Miami Shrine Fair February 21-March 2.

Arthur (I Walk Alone) Cooksey writes from San Diego, Calif., that he has signed as a clown with Ringling-Barnum for '47.

Victor Robbins writes from Bangor, Me., that he will be the band leader on the Clyde Beatty Circus this season and will handle mail and The Billboard.

In the ticket selling department, the first offender is one who has never been caught before.

Joe Short, midget clown, who has been playing the Shrine Circus in Detroit, will open May 8 with the Children's Zoo at the Detroit Zoological Park.

R. M. Harvey, veteran general agent for Dailey Bros.' Circus, was interviewed recently by Herb Owens, of *The Des Moines Tribune*, and the trials and tribulations of a circus agent were well aired.

(Paterson Slim) McLean John worked the Worcester (Mass.) Char-ity Circus with candy floss, and John Looney, of Brockton, Mass., had a novelty stand. Both reported good business.

#### Circus's leading dunce still doesn't know what a privilege car is and is determined that he never will.

Mrs. Etta Bel-Mar, one-time op-erator of a flea circus in the Sam Houston Museum in Beaumont, Tex., and more recently manager of the Cassville Dog Kennels near Kokomo, Ind., suffered the loss of some of her Alaskan huskies when the ken-N nels burned recently. In the fire MONROE, LA. Mrs. Del-Mar also sustained the loss



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of her furniture and other belong-ings. She had planned to go on the road with the dogs this season.

Joe Fountain, former electrician with Cole Bros.' Circus, is seriously ill in the U. S. Navy Hospital, Oak-land, Calif. . . Lorraine V. Wallace, wild animal trainer, is seriously ill ilĺ in Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Ind.

DaViso Cristiani (the Great Da-Viso), perch act, returned to the line-up at the opening of the Shrine Circus in Detroit, recovering from the twisted vertebrae which laid him up during the Grand Rapids (Mich.) engagement.

Englishman's reaction to his first view of an American cooche blow-off: "It's an uncouth/study in anatomy."

Fred (Dutch) Loeber, who will be 24-hour man with Cole Bros.' Circus, will report to winter quarters in Louisville April 8. He is at his home in Fort Dodge, Ia. . . Buck Leahy is playing night clubs in and around Dittelwork Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards, of Tampa, and Bernie Mendelson, of Chicago, were visitors at the Ringling-Barnum winter quarters in Sara-sota Tuesday (11). . . . Al Wagner, owner of the Cavalcade of Amuse-ments, and Jack Tavelin were Sarasota visitors the same day.

Visitors at The Billboard offices in Cincinnati last week were Bennie Fowler, of the Sparks Circus, who has recovered from injuries recently received in an auto accident; Ed Raymond, Kinko, and Dennis Stevens, of Polack Bros.' Circus. Kinko's wife, Mary, is handling novelties with Polack.

Sam Houston writes from Avenida. Madero, Mexico, he is having a won-Madero, Mexico, he is having a won-derful success with his silver fleet train of circus cars. Trains are made up of solid silver steel and when they roll into town "the folks look with amazement and stand in line with pesos in hand and ready to spend," Houston says.

Then there were the early-day wet-clowns that absorbed all the moisture in the old barbershop, fire and camera gags.

Frank and Anna De Rue and Edward Sifert have signed with Cole Bros.' Circus. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Marteney, formerly with Polack Bros.' Circus and now with the Eagles Circus, en route to Moline, Ill., from Springfield, O., stopped in In-dianapolis to visit Joe O'Donnell.

The Madden & Stillian Shows, a The Madden & Stillian Shows, a traveling stock show, which winters at Lake City, Ia., recently was the subject of a long story in *The Fort Dodge* (Ia.) *Messenger*, accompanied by pictures. Tropical Slim Mitchell, veteran trouper, is in charge of the animals at Lake City.

Remember the yesteryear circus managers who decided how late-and with whom—show gals could stay away from the sleepers?

Zeek LaMont writes from West Chester, Pa., that he has joined the James M. Cole Circus to play a string of indoor dates in New York, but Nuts from Brazil.

Harry Hayes, vet trouper now with the Bascomb Advertising Company, recently visited Clyde Mallory, agent and biller, in Williamsport, Pa. Many jackpots were cut up and such names of a to be a from Rodeo People with own outfit to play summer Spot at big Lake Resort; new population every week. Address BOONE WOODS c/o Palse's Dude Ranch, R. R. 1, Monticello, Ind.

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as Curtis Little, Pud Johnson and Bobby Emerick often popped up in the conversation.

Hardships of the early-day showmen may have been over-emphasized—they at least had established winter quarters to go to.

L. E. (Roba) Collins writes from Hot Springs, where he is vacationing, that he expects to be back in Pater-son, N. J., and St. Louis sometime this month waiting the call of the white tops. He reports visiting Elmer Myers and Henry Carter, of King Bros.' Cir-cus, and Joe B. Webb.

Jack Raum reports his circus-rodeo completely booked for 1947, opening April 15 with a string of Canadian dates, and going on to play Michigan, Indiana and Ohio fairs later in the season. . . Johanna Rittley, mental-ist, has signed with Pete Kortes for the Sparks Circus Side Show.

Increased shifting from one show to another may be due to the fact that managers and employees are smartet than they used to be and get wise to each other quicker.

Dick Clemens, who hit the nation's headlines a few months ago in a battle with one of his tigers, hit the picture pages January 28 when Chi-cago papers carried pictures of Dick and the lion cub he was flying to Rochester, N. Y., via American Air Lines.

Marvin (Slim) Girard, comedy juggler and trick and fancy roper with Webster Bros.' Circus last season, has webster Bros. Circus last season, has joined the Byron Gosh Show in Georgia. Before heading south with the show, Girard visited R. W. Couls, owner-manager of Webster Bros.' Circus, in Detroit and Flint.

Carl Frazer, general agent for Mills Bros.' Circus last year, who has been managing editor of The Veterans' Voice, weekly newspaper published for service men and women in Buf-falo, recently was named as one of a committee of 10 Buffalo citizens to determine the young man of Buffalo, (See Under the Marquee on page 92)



15 Shows Stalk N.Y.Fair Confab

**Dormant State fair leaves** Strates with Hamburg, Bath, Elmira

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Repre-sentatives of some 15 shows attended the annual meeting of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fair Societies here Monday and Tuesday (10-11). Competitive inter-est in the 30-odd fair dates within the State was keen, altho a few of the front men were strictly on the kibitz and out of their chosen territory. Last available reports, however, in-dicated that, for the most part, shows would be playing repeat dates at the annuals they held last year. Dormant status of the State fair

Dormant status of the State fair date had the James E. Strates Shows settling for a route it held last year, including Hamburg, Elmira and Bath. Strates and William C. Fleming represented the org.

King Reid inked annuals for his show at Lowville, Schaghticoke, Cobleskill, Sandy Creek and Rhineshow beck.

Showmen and allied representa-tives registered here included Gerald Snellens, World of Mirth Shows; Mickey Percell, Pioneer Shows; Mickey Percell, Pioneer Shows; Ralph P. Flannagan and Ben Braun-Raiph P. Flannagan and Ben Braun-stein, Paramount Exposition Shows; Lawrence Carr, Lawrence Carr Shows; Fred B. Perkins, Caledonia Shows; Oscar C. Buck, O. C. Buck Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy and Dec. Mormon, Lawrence, Corpeter Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy and Ben Herman, Lawrence Greater Shows; Paul Mottle, Mottle Amuse-ments; Ralph Decker, Joseph J. Kirk-wood Shows; Dick Coleman, Cole-man Bros.' Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Jus-tin Van Vliet, B. & V. Shows; D. B. Baims, N. R. and M. N. Colgrove, B. & C. Exposition Shows.

& C. Exposition Shows. William (Bill) Sanders, Norfolk Tent & Awning Company; Gene Johnson, WWVA Artists' Service Bureau; James G. Montross, ampli-fying equipment; Joseph J. Godin, fireworks; F. C. Digman, sound sys-tems; Walter C. Stebbins, automo-bile racing; Lee W. Lott, Lucky Lott Hell Drivers; Harry Cooke and Har-(See N. Y. Fair Confab on page 63)

### **Downs Inks Cannon** Act, Buys 2 Towers

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—En route from Chicago, where he attended the coin machine show, to the Eldorado, Ark., winter quarters of the Gem City Shows, Jack Downs, org's gen-eral manager, visited *The Billboard* office and reported purchase of two additional Downey Telescopic light towers, giving the shows eight towers.

Downs was elated over the strength of fair contracts signed. Included are La Crosse, Wausau, Manitowoc and Beaver Dam, all in Wisconsin; Escanaba, Mich.; Eldorado, Ark., and Monroe, La.

Downs announced his org closed a 25-week contract with Emanuel Zac-chini, cannon act, as the free attrac-

#### Return to London, Ont.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 15.—Bernard & Barry Shows again are booked in here under auspices of the Lions Club. Show will play at the Horton and Ridout lot May 12-17.

## ACA Maps Aggressive Public Relations Drive, Cohen Says Repeat of '46

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15. — An aggressive publicity and public relations program for the carnival industry is being planned by the American Carnivals Association, according to Max Cohen, secretary and general counsel, who was here attending the annual meeting of the New York counsel, who was here attending the annual meeting of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs Monday and Tuesday (10-11). The presence here of Leonard Traube, erstwhile editor-in-chief of The Billboard and now vice-presi-The Billboard and now vice-presi-dent of the Earle Ferris Company, New York and Hollywood public relations consultants, lent credence to the report that a contract, if awarded, would go to him. Cohen had no direct comment but said in view of his (Traube's) background, ex-perience and standing "it is not illogical to regard him as foremost in the running."

#### **Traube Confers**

Traube left here Tuesday for Toronto, saying he was to engage in "personal conversations" with Elwood Hughes, general manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, resuming this year after a five-season hiatus, and J. W. (Patty) and Frank Conklin, directors of the CNE's midway and related attrac-tions and concessions tions and concessions.

Cohen shares the belief of many showmen that the carnival industry has for too long been fighting a "rear

guard defensive battle" for participa-tion in the nation's public print and other primary and secondary outlets for attention.

#### **Outlines Aims**

He said a forceful, descriptive public relations campaign interpreting the industry to the public "was never more needed than at this time-the nore needed than at this time—the crucial transition period in carnival history—which might easily be called the 'crossroads' in the industry's life." He said ACA was definitely going ahead with a national program and it's just a question of how much of an appropriation can be worked up.

Altho the association's membership numbers more than 200, previous attempts to raise funds for public relations met with only limited success.



MIAMI, Feb. 15.—William B. (Bill) Starr has been signed by L. C. (Curly) Reynolds as legal adjuster for the World of Today Shows. Starr, veteran legal adjuster, last year was with John R. Ward's World's Fair Shows. Prior to that he was with Dodson's World's Fair Shows.

## Hennies Builds New Winter **Quarters Near Hot Springs**

TAMPA, Feb. 15.-Harry W. Hennies, owner of Hennies Bros.' Shows announced here today that he has purchased 35 acres of land near Hot Springs, his winter home, and construction work is already under way on a new winter quarters for his organization. Show has wintered on Alabama State Fairgrounds, Birmingham, the past three years, but the grounds were sold recently to the city and planned year-round activities will not make it available for wintering in the future. Hennies explained that his new available for wintering in the future. Hennies explained that his new property is adjacent to the main line of the Rock Island Railroad, and the building of a spur onto the site has started. It is three miles from the Hot Springs post office on the Benton Highway and is about two miles from the home Hennies purchased two

years ago.

Contracts have been let for erection contracts have been let for erection of two buildings, each 64 by 125 feet, to be built of galvanized iron. They will be ready for occupancy next fall. Contour of the property is such that only two days of work with a buildozer will be necessary for grad-ing for the trackage Work also has ing for the trackage. Work also has started on fencing of the grounds. Hennies explained that Hot Springs

entertained more than 600,000 visitors last year, and he sees great possibilities of the establishment of a permanent zoo and other winter entertainment features.

"We will have the new quarters ready for our show next fall and in another year we will be in a position to winter a circus as well. I be-lieve the animals placed in an at-tractive setting would draw many visitors," he explained. "Between the activities at our quarters and at circus quarters there would be plenty of action for sight-seers, and it will definitely solve our winter housing problem." ready for our show next fall and in

## **Rides**, Bank Roll

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Joe Hernan-dez, concession agent, writes from Houston that Bobby Burns, wellknown athletic show operator for 15 years with leading carnivals, came to grief as an operator in Mexico City, the government confiscating his rides and bank roll on the claim that he owed for taxes and had no right to operate there because he was a foreigner.

Hernandez reports Burns had four rides — a Rollo-o-Plane, Chair-o-Plane, miniature train and Kiddie Aeroplane—an athletic show and a few concessions on a good corner lot in Mexico City. He was allowed to operate for two months without in-terference when the gendarmer gendarmes terference when the stepped in.

Now Hernandez claims that Burns would like to get some of his stuff and himself back to the U.S.

# TAMPA OFF BUT STILL OKA Weather Kills

Milling crowds on final day big help-Sedlmayr buys 47 units

By a Staff Correspondent TAMPA, Feb. 15.—When the Royal American Shows rolled up a gross in American Shows rolled up a gross in excess of \$138,000 at the 1946 revival of the Florida State Fair, the lads up and down the country shook their collective noggins wisely and cracked that it would never be done again. Well, so far it hasn't, but the irre-futable evidence, cash in the wagon, indicates tonight, as this second post-war annual comes to a close, that a decent break in weather was all that decent break in weather was all that was necessary to kick the record. around, but good,

around, but good, Sure, there isn't the cash in the wagon there was a year ago at this time, but of the 11-day run only to-day's weather could be classed as ideal, and yet Carl J. Sedlmayr has gone on record that this run will dou-ble any pre-war gross in Tampa's lengthy history. This means there must be around \$100,000 taken from the shows and rides, and while the cost of operation is at least double what it ever was during the pre-war days, it still isn't fodder.

#### Just Who Tells It

There has been all sorts of specu-lation around here as to just how the business has been, and that can be shaken down when it is considered that the varied reports come from operators of different types of amuse-ment, and by assorted fellows who operate their business differently.

The conservative fellows, usually found among the show operators, found among the show operators, have made little complaint as they were too busy enticing the few folks around on the damp, chilly days to have time to beef. These fellows seem to agree they are off between 20 and 30 per cent, but a few admit their figures hugged the grosses they turned in a voca add turned in a year ago.

#### All Off the Nut

Around the front end, where the operation is free and easy and the lads have become accustomed to very expensive habits, indeed, they say the whole thing has been a larry. But Sam Gordon, the man who manages the concessions and who should (See Weather Nullifies on page 59)

## Fla. Amusement Signs St. Pete

TAMPA, Feb. 15.—Berney Smuck-ler, general representative of the Florida Amusement Company, an-nounced here today he had signed with John C. Wehrley, general man-ager of the new St. Petersburg, Fla., Fair, for his org to provide the mid-way attractions at the annual. Fair is skedded March 18-29. The St Petersburg annual brings

is skedded March 18-29. The St. Petersburg annual brings to 10 the number of fairs booked by Smuckler for Florida Amusement. Others include the Plant City Straw-berry Festival; the recently com-pleted Fort Myers, Fla., Edison Pag-eant of Lights Celebration; Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Sebring, Fla.

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gagement at Pittsburgh's Casino Theater, where they were booked thru Dave Solti, of the George A. Hamid office.

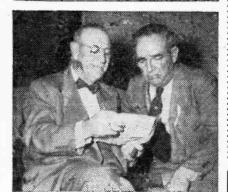
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. (Curly) Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. M. Deemer and Mr. and Mrs. William B. Starr, of World of Today Shows, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen, are vacation-ing in Miami. The Reynolds planed to Havana for three days recently.

Jack O'Brien, who operated the Broadway Museum and Girl Show in St. Louis, writes he no longer is connected with the museum, but will take out a 10-in-1 and girl show this spring. At present, Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan are vacationing in Florida.

As an educational feature, an Eskimo village would be good at Florida fairs this winter. It would teach the natives how to stay warm in snow houses.

Cleo Renee and Francis Lee, annex attractions, now playing the My O My Club, New Orleans, re-cently were visited by Stanley Barbay, Lee Erdman, Francis Freeney, Leone LaRue, Doral Dina and Vicki Paul LaPage,

Omar D. Shull has joined Doc Hagaar as a partner in the Zombie Castle, Detroit... Cameron D. Mur-ray is getting ready to open the Detroit carnival season, tentatively



J. CEORCE LOOS, left, owner of Greater United Shows, and Tom Tid-well, owner of the T. J. Tidwell Shows, were snapped discussing business at the recent annual dance of the Lone Star Women's Club in Dallas.

Saturday (22), with the debut of the W. G. Wade No. 2 Shows.

Sam Gluskin, general agent, John R. Ward's World's Fair Shows, spent several days in St. Louis, execut-ing railroad contracts. William E. (Bill) Snyder, concession manager of the same org, left the Mound City Monday (10) after visiting friends. He headed for the org's Baton Rouge, La., winter quarters.

What burns up a gal show dancer the most is to be recognized out loud by a hometown guy after the talker introduced her as a Hollywood starlet.

During the Fat Stock Show in Houston recently, Carl Stone hosted a number of showfolk playing the event in his new Side Show. Stone provided the refreshments. Guests included Prince Omar, Gypsy Pete, Ben Ali, Little Red, Leslie Smith, Frank Chaney, Tiny Tiny, Twisto Pearson and Red Moreau.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have returned AddressThere are several ways of getting<br/>prompt deliveries of iron in winter quarters.<br/>but none so fast and sure as taking it off<br/>a discarded wagon.Mr. and Mrs. Hall have returned<br/>to Philadelphia after making the<br/>but various eastern fair meetings. They<br/>booked their age and scales with<br/>Triangle Shows and plan to illumi-<br/>nate their concessions with the World of<br/>BETEIN<br/>GREENSBORO, N. C.Mr. and Mrs. Hall have returned<br/>Mr. and Mrs. Hall have returned<br/>to Philadelphia after making the<br/>but various eastern fair meetings. They<br/>booked their age and scales with<br/>Triangle Shows and plan to illumi-<br/>nate their concessions with their own<br/>light plant, mounted on a newly pur-<br/>chased tractor-trailer. February 22, 1947



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Yogi Ray informs he will close in Peoria, Ill., Monday (17) and re-turned to Chicago before taking to

Dee Jay Cox, wintering in Tucson, Ariz., announces he has booked his Wild Life Exhibit on the Catlett Greater Shows for 1947.

Jackpots have grown to such heights that the guy who tries to put in his 2 cents'

the general agents participating drive 70

miles per hour between bar stops.

business trip thru Ohio.

the road.

KING REID, owner of the shows bearing his name and a member of the Vermont State Legislature, posed for this photo recently while in conference with Gov. Ernest W. Gibson (right) in the executive offices of the State capitol at Montpelier.

Daisy and Joseph Walk report they will have five stands with the No. 1 unit of Happy Powelson's Attractions this year.

After being off the road for three years, Harry Myers, formerly with the Penn Premier Shows, is ready-ing his concessions for the '47 season.

Life of an editor of The Billboard should never be dull. He gets to read showmen's jackpots before they are told.

Albert Rorr, the Alligator Boy, writes that he is with Billy Logs-don's Side Show for the season. Nurse Maude Scratchett is handling the pitch.

Frank J. Kuba, in charge of the painting and remodeling of Myers' concession equipment at winter quarters in Dupont, O., has been on the sick list for 10 days but is reported improving.

Mrs. C. N. (Lina) Hill writes from Dallas that she no longer is con-nected with Hill's Greater Shows. Mrs. Hill recently returned to her home in Dallas after vacationing in Aransas Pass, Tex.

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sporting a 1947 Buick, a birthday gift from her husband.

Arthur DeForest Smith, 60-year-old electrician, was the subject of a feature story recently in *The Mobile* (Ala.) *Press Register*. Story told of his decision to remain in Mobile, where he here lived for the past two where he has lived for the past two and one-half years, most of it while engaged in war construction. Prior to that he traveled with circuses, carnivals and tent shows for 45 years.

Years ago the Little Gignt, who then wned more carnivals than any man, said, "Any sucker can overbid and get a fair, and being one, he'll play it."

Mr. and Mrs. David Kieffer, for-merly with Orton Bros.' Circus, now owners of the LaCaroso Tap Room and Restaurant, St. Louis, recently entertained Elma Obermark, Mrs. Orval Williams, Mrs. Dee Lang, Mrs. Leo Lang, Mrs. Tillie Kahl, Mrs. Ada Miller and Mrs. George Ragan, all members of the Missouri Show Women's Club, at a spaghetti dinner.

Euby L. Cobb, secretary, International Association of Showmen, is in Florida visiting his brother. . . . Mel H. Vaught, business manager, Wonder Shows of America, spent sev-eral days in St. Louis following a trip thru the Midwest for his org. Max Goodman, show's owner-general manager, is expected back in winter quarters following a trip to Tampa.

A baby shower for Mrs. Shirley Carroll, daughter of Mrs. Esther Felke, concessionaire at Riverview Park, Chicago, was held in the Tampa home of Mrs. Slim Donald-son. Guests included Mmes. Evelyn Clair, Jay Brown, Hazel Maddox, Rose Hunter, Eleanor Steppes, Blanche Lamensh, Sylvia Warren, Mary Pasterczyk, Marie Hayes and Virginia Kulups.

Some boys rush to guarters and stay just long enough to get the wrinkles out of their bellies, grab a few dollars and dis-organize  $\alpha$  bit, which makes their visit more of a commando raid.

Edgar Neville, who celebrates his 78th birthday April 20, arrived in Mobile, Ala., winter guarters of the Cavalcade of Amusements, where he will be secretary of concessions for O. J. (Whitey) Weiss. During the past three months, Neville, in out-(Continued on page 54)

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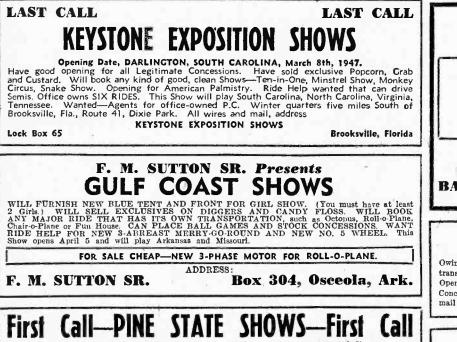
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## Showmen's League of America 34 Years Old; To Mark Event

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .--Wednesday (19) will mark the 34th birthday of the Showmen's League of America and Thursday (20) the club will celebrate the occasion at the regular weekly meeting. There will be a lunch and entertainment, Secretary Los Streibigh announced Joe Streibich announced.

First meeting of the League was held in the Saratoga Hotel, Chicago, at 8:30 p.m., February 19, 1913. Thirty-two men were present at the initial gathering. They were Frank L. Albert, Tom W. Allen, Charles Andress, A. H. Barkley, J. J. Be-jano, M. S. Bodkin, J. L. Brown, E. F. Caruthers, W. C. Cunningham, Arthur Davis, Walter F. Driver, Al F. Gorman, J. M. Hathaway, U. J. Herman, Victor Hugo, David J. Jar-rett, Con T. Kennedy, Charles Mc-Donald, John F. McGrail, Edward P. Neumann Jr., George Newton, Harry First meeting of the League was Neumann Jr., George Newton, Harry S. Noyes, James Patterson, C. W. Parker, B. R. Parker, Rhoda Royal, V. C. Seaver Sr., H. M. Shoub, Wal-ter K. Sibley, John O. Talbott, John B. Warran and Batrick A. Warran B. Warren and Patrick A. Warren.

Named to the first nominating com mittee were Frank L. Albert, A. H. Barkley and Vernon C. Seavers. First officers were Col. William F. Cody, president; Charles Andress, first vicepresident; Charles Andress, first vice-president; Frank L. Albert, second vice-president and director of pub-licity and organization; U. J. Herr-man, third vice-president; C. W. Parker, treasurer; Warren A. Pat-rick, secretary; Rhoda Royal, super-intendent of paraphernalia; Arthur Davis, superintendent of commis-siarat; Park B. Pretiss, director of music; J. D. O'Neil, auditor; Harry S. Noyes, sergeant at arms; J. M. S. Noyes, sergeant at arms; J. M. Hathaway, assistant sergeant at arms; Charles McDonald, superintendent of main entrance; J. L. Brown, assistant superintendent of main entrance.

Named to the board of governors were Louis E. Cooke, A. H. Barkley, Vernon C. Seaver, Herbert A. Kline, Con T. Kennedy, Fred Gollmar, Al G. Campbell, James Patterson, George Arlington, Tom W. Allen and Henry B. Gentry.

In order to give the new-born organization a financial footing, it was suggested by John Warren that do nations be made. Charles W. Parker started it off with a \$100 donation started it off with a \$100 donation. Others donating were J. B. Warren, Con T. Kennedy, Vernon C. Seaver Sr., each \$100; James A. Patterson Sr., \$110; George C. Newton, \$25; Dave Jarrett, \$10; Charles Andress, \$25; John F. McGrail, \$10; Rhoda Royal, Victor Hugo, U. J. Herrmann,



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Later, upon learning such an or-ganization had been formed, the late W. H. Donaldson, first editor and publisher of *The Billboard*, donated \$500.

## Weather Hampers Fla. Amusement Org **On Ft. Pierce Stand**

FORT PIERCE, Fla., Feb. 15 .-Playing here this week at the Saint Lucie County Fair, the Florida Amusement Company was hampered by cold weather the first part of the by cold weather the first part of the week. By midweek, however, it warmed up and business was good. Org moves next week to Sebring, Fla., for the Great Highlands County Fair, with the Indian County Fair at Vero Beach and the Broward County Fair at Fort Lauderdale to follow.

The trip here from Fort Myers, Fla., was made without mishap. The Fort Myers engagement was under auspices of the Egypt Temple Shrine Club and business after the first two

Club and business after the first two days, which were too cold for com-fort, was good. Biggest day was Sat-urday (8), which was Shrine Day. Visitors at Fort Myers included Johnnie Fox, former circus trouper now in the lumber business at Punta Gorda, Fla.; Raymond Kohrn and party, en route to Tampa; Sam Gold-stein and Max Kane of the Majestic Greater Shows; S. T. Jessup, U. S. Tent & Awning Company, Chicago; Mal Flemming, circus fan: many Mal Flemming, circus fan; many members of the Bolt Shows, and Arnold Malley, Sparks Circus.

Business Manager John Terry en-joyed great co-operation from city and county officials.

### **Brewer's United Open in Beaumont**

BEAUMONT, Tex., Feb. 15.— Brewer's United Shows were set to open the '47 season today in this city, site of the org's winter quarters. Tee-off stand will run eight days.

On the eve of the oepning, arriv-ing concessionaires included Messrs. and Mmes. Jim Willis, Doc Carver, Tom Davidson, A. J. Rounds and Pat Patterson.

Newly purchased Spitfire arrived for the opening. Jim Kearns is su-pervising the ride help.

## **Roy Peugh Joins King Reid Staff**

MANCHESTER, Vt., Feb. 15. -King Reid announced today that Roy Peugh, well-known special agent, has been contracted for the 1947 season as supervisor of all radio and press exploitation and special events for

the King Reid Shows. Peugh is widely known thruout the East for his association with auto racing, fairs and some of the leading carnivals. He is expected next week at winter quarters here to confer with Owner Reid regarding plans for the coming season.



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## American Carnivals Association, Inc.

#### -By Max Cohen

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 15 .- In-

Membership now totals 201 follow-ing receipt of an application from the Crystal Exposition Shows. Personnel membership cards have gone to that org, to Paramount Exposition Shows and to Clarence St. Germaine. The latter, until recently, was con-fined to the Framingham (Mass.) General Hospital as a result of injuries sustained while in service.

Mats of the association emblem are available, and members may obtain them by writing the association's offices. Proofs of several size mats will be available in the near future and mailed to each member.

Now that the State fair meetings are over, the association will launch its 1947 membership drive. Each non-member show will receive a letter from President O. C. Buck and additional information relative to the association.

### **Pearl City Plans Bow Late in March**

CANTON, Mo., Feb. 15. - Pearl City Rides and Shows will bow here the latter part of March, Wayne L. and William J. Reger, co-owners, announced. Org will travel thru Mis-souri, Illinois and Iowa.

Reger brothers, who for the past 12 years have operated rides at in-dependent street celebrations, last fall purchased additional rides and equipment from A. H. Freers, Muscatine, Ia., and moved all the equip-ment here, where they had previously erected a new concrete-block winter quarters and repair shop. The building also provides living quarters on another floor.

Equipment is being overhauled and redecorated in bright red and yellow. In addition to the Regers executive staff includes Charles Fisher, Monty Florie and A. H. Freers.

### **Capell Org To Open** In McAlester, Okla.

HASKELL, Okla., Feb. 15.-Capell Bros.' Shows, in local quarters, will open the 1947 season March 22 in McAlester, Okla.

Preparations here are being super-vised by H. N. (Doc) Capell, gen-eral manager. New front entrance, 80 feet long, has been built. Much repainting has been done. Org will have practically all new canvas.

Frank Gaskins reported he has turned in 16 contracts for fairs and celebrations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Arkansas. Dates contracted include Weeping Water, McCook and Nebraska City, all in Nebraska; Leavenworth and Iola, in Kansas, and St. Joseph, Mo.

#### Lawrence Greater Snares **Seven Fair Contracts**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Lawrence Greater Shows have inked seven fairs, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy and Ben Herman announced. They are Oxford, Goldsboro, Durham and Reidsville, all in N. C.; Reedsville and Lewistown, both in Pa., and the Lewiston (Me.) State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Levy returned from a 5,000-mile business trip which in-J cluded several fair meetings. Herman left to supervise winter quarters activities at Chester, S. C.



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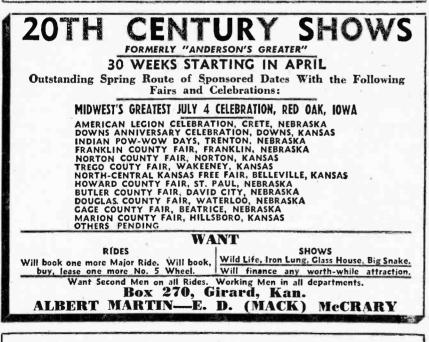
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Wagner Adds 4 Chimps; Builds Western Show

TAMPA, Feb. 15. — Al Wagner, owner of Cavalcade of Amusements, still has the rubber off his bank roll in his effort to add to the attractive-ness of his organization. During the state of the state of

During the past week he purchased four trained chimpanzees to form the nucleus of the big midway show. Three came from the Anthropoid Ape Research Institute, and the fourth from Dennis Roosevelt.

He also announced that he is framing a Wild West Show for his midway "that will feature a star who has appeared in movies and is wellknown to almost every kid in the country." Wagner said there are a few details to be ironed out before a definite announcement of personnel of the rodeo show can be made.

Wagner reiterated that he is still in the running for the Michigan State Fair, Detroit, if that annual is revived this year, and added, "I've got a lot of competition for that date, but regardless of which way it goes I still will have a strong route."

Wagner, accompanied by Mrs. Wagner, left here Wednesday for winter quarters at Mobile, Ala., where he plans to remain until his April opening, with a possible quick trin or two over his territory in the trip or two over his territory in the meanwhile.

### **Hicks Designs Fronts** For Sally Rand Unit

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Preparations for the Sally Rand Show, to be fea-tured this year with the Hennies Bros.' Shows, got under way as the fan dancer returned here to open at the Top Hat Club in suburban Ecorse. Bob Hicks, who doubles as company manager and Sally's per-sonal manager started designing sonal manager, started designing new fronts, a return to his experience of several years ago when he de-signed fronts for the Hennies' org.

Mamie Ward, formerly of the Flying Wards, circus act, currently wardrobe mistress of the Shrine Cir-cus at the State Fair Coliseum here, has been placed in charge of the Rand company which will tour this Birmingham about April 15 to com-plete final arrangements for her tour.

#### Plant City, Fla., Nixes Fee Waiving for Auspice Dates

PLANT CITY, Fla., Feb. 15 .--The city commission here ruled it no longer will waive license fees to carnivals when they are sponsored by local organizations. Shows will be required to pay full fee, which is \$200 and up, depending upon org's size org's size.

Regulation will be effective after Regulation will be effective after a carnival, already scheduled for a late stand here, plays the date under VFW auspices. The commission also ruled shows can only locate at a site fixed by the city manager, which means they would have to use the city owned Strawberry Festival Grounds. The action followed pro-tests from property owners regarding a lot adjacent to Jackson School and from the East Hillsborough Ministhe East Hillsborough Minisfrom terial Association.

#### Brookston, Ind., To Go

BROOKSTON, Ind., Feb. 15.—The American Legion Post here again will hold a free street fair. Four-day event is skedded for August. S. M. Wynkoop is secretary.





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#### Pause-A-While, Ga., February 8, 1947. Dear Pat:

BALLYHOO BROS.' CIRCULATING EXPO

**A Century of Profit Show** -By Starr De Belle

After enjoying one of the most prosperous seasons of the shows' long and unbroken career, the Ballyprosperous hoo Bros.' Circulating Exposition moved into winter quarters here three weeks ago. It was a surprise move with no one knowing that it was going into the barn, which caught our independent attraction operators off guard and made it im-possible for them to blow with their equipment during the night because of being on the nut to the office.

Manager Pete Ballyhoo ordered full steam ahead and the building and enlarging program is going in stride. Our slogan is: "You won't have to wait to see it at fair time, you can see it when it opens." To prove that we are really spending plenty, enclosed find a copy of the burg's newspaper, *The Weekly Wipe*, wherein it states that the shows' coowners will spend approximately \$150,000 with the local merchants, providing they can furnish the mate-rial essential in rebuilding a midway of this magnitude.

What has somewhat held up the big building program is, our master builder reported that horsebarn humber with manure on one side lumber, with manure on one side and whitewash on the other, won't hold a good circus red paint. How-ever, four logs were brought to a local sawmill and we are first in line for whatever boards they will make.

On the bosses' return from the Northern fair meetings, they were surprised at the amount of work already accomplished. As a matter of fact, they were surprised that anything had been done. The office-owned skillos have been nickle-plated, the 50 missing light sockets on our front arch have been re-placed and the slits in the sidewall on the blow-off end of our gal show top have been patched. The shows top have been patched. The shows' purchasing agent reported 500 feet of chain is available, which will give the Chairplane a full 24-customer seating capacity. A letter from the Old and New Ride<sup>•</sup>Mart stated our Ocean Wave ride has been almost rebuilt and will be ready to ship in time for the opening. Gal mem-bers of our show beautiful, Poses Plastique, report from Florida that they have gathered enough swamp moss to re-tail every horse on our

#### **Silver States Bow** Feb. 22 in Tucson

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. Feb. 15. Harry Richman and James S. Car-penter, co-owners of the new Silver States Shows, will unveil their org here Saturday (22) when they launch the planned eight-month tour. Pla-a-Park and Kiddieland, which they own here, will be closed when the road unit bows.

During the past four months a full crew has been busy here ready-ing equipment. Show will offer a 60-foot front entrance built of aluminum and colored plastic. Front is 20 feet high at its entrance panels and has indirect lighting to emphasize the depth of the flexiglas pilasters. Front was designed and built under Richman's direction. Show fronts, rides and ticket boxes also offer much

rides and ticket boxes also offer much bright metal and eye-catching color. Carpenter and Whitey Dixon, ad-juster, returned from an extended booking trip, stepping off for the Billings, Mont., and Lincoln, Neb., fair meetings. Tom L. Wentworth, who managed the park for the Rich-man-Carpenter combo is secretary man-Carpenter combo, is secretary of the road unit.

Merry-Go-Round. From his home at Hog Wallow, Va., General Agent Lem Trucklow advised that as soon as he finishes his winter hog butchering, he will step out and contract the best still date route in America.

Kindly run the following ad: Ballyhoo Bros.' Circulating Exposi-Ballyhoo Bros.' Circulating Exposi-tion wants people for the best framed Side Show in America. Can place producer, chorus girls, musicians, specialty artists and comedians for the best framed Minstrel Show on earth. Can always use girls with form and heauty for the best framed form and beauty for the best framed Posing Show ever built. Need magi-cian and bally girls for the best framed Illusion Show in the world. Talented dancers and teams, contact us for the best framed Girl Revue on any midway. Can place concessions of all kinds for the rest route of still or all kinds for the rest route of still dates, celebrations and fairs in the United States. Want tribe of calico palmists. Privilege \$100 per week and \$10 for each kid. All apply here. (Readers, please don't ask us why we said: "The best framed this and that." How do you know whether that." How do you know whether we have seen them all? Furthermore, the words "best framed" makes it a standard carnival ad).

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### **Hill's Greater Bows** Mar. 1 in So. Texas

ARANSAS PASS, Tex., Feb. 15.---Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Hill, co-owners of Hill's Greater Shows, returned recently to winter quarters here after an extensive booking trip, and said shows would be out 38 weeks.

Opening is set for March 1 in an industrial South Texas city, they said. Fourteen fairs and celebrations, the first of which is the North Platte Neb., rodeo, opening June 12, have been signed.

Other dates include the Round-up-July 4 Belle Fourche (S. D.) Cele-bration; Hot Springs, S. D., Race Meet-Water Pageant; Rapid City, S. D., Black Hills Days; Custer, S. D., Gold Rush; Omaha, Saint Lucia Street Celebration; Burwell, Neb., Rodeo; Spaulding, Neb., Free Fair; Akron, Neb., Rodeo and Fair; Iola, Kan., Free Fair and Labor Day Celebration: Le Flores County Free Other dates include the Round-up-Celebration; Le Flores County Free Fair, Poteau, Okla.; Red River Free Fair, Sherman, Tex., and Collins Collins County Free Fair, McKinney, Tex.

The Hills say the season's route in five States will cover 7,000 miles.

Work in quarters under super-vision of Co-Owner Clyde O. Hill, is nearing completion. C. L. Runnells, chief electrician, is directing activities.

Carl W. Byers has booked his Fun in the Dark, Funhouse, corn game and frozen custard. H. Dunn, for-merly with Byers Bros.' Shows, is here, readying his Side Show and Unborn Show.

#### La Cross Forms Own Show; Will Tour New England

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Feb. 15.—Paul R. La Cross, former concessionaire, for the last few years with the O. C. Buck Shows, announces he is organizing his own carnival and will bring the show out this season under the name of the La Cross Amusement Enterprises.

La Cross said the org "Won't be big, but it will be good." Plans call for 20 weeks of celebrations thru New England.

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## RubackNames Weather Nullifies Austin as Bow For 1946 Repeater **ForAlamoOrg**

#### Hames Joins for Flower Go

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Jack Ruback will open his Alamo Exposition Shows at Austin, Tex., early in April and there give his organization a final going over prior to the annual Battle of Flowers on the numerous plazas of San Antonio April 21 thru April 26.

Ruback, according to H. B. Rowe, tub thumper, has been awarded so many extra locations for San An-tonio's big fete that his org will be combined with Bill Hames' Shows, Texas' only railroad show, for the date. It is believed that between the two shows there will be at least 30 riding devices and 20 shows in op-eration. Space has been allotted for more than 100 concessions, and Rowe reports that fully as many more applicants will have to be turned down.

Show sector figures to be enhanced considerably by the addition of Ray Marsh Brydon's independent organization to the shows owned by Ruback and Hames. Brydon will have five units, including his large side show

Ruback's show, according to Rowe, will take the road in fine condition, as all equipment has been overhauled from stem to stern, and paint applied freely.

Considerable attention will be paid to the advance this season, with a special agent working in front in addition to the billposters and press representative. A new line of post-ing paper has been ordered, and special transcriptions have been cut for radio campaigns. Ruback has announced that matinees will be staged every Saturday afternoon thru the still date season with special reduced prices for children.

Tampa's Prospects

(Continued from page 51) know, reported as of last Monday that every concession had made its nut except the beer store, and that figured to take a walloping as it was anything but beer-guzzling weather.

One veteran concession operator summed it up quite sensibly when he said that it wasn't nearly as good as it might have been, yet if the lads had arrived empty and needed the scratch it would have been classed as scratch it would have been classed as a good stand. But with money in their pockets and lots of places around after hours to deal it out, they hit a nifty, frolicsome pace and, of course, some won't have as much as they started with. Anyway, it sounds logical.

#### **Comes the Rebuilding**

Royal American will sit idle for a week and then move to Orlando for its annual stand there. After that all equipment will be returned to winter quarters here, where it will be re-furbished for the next annual tour. SedImayr has not divulged any of his plans, remarking that if he sprung the new stuff during the annual here all the others would be around with pencil and paper to copy it, and he will be satisfied if they continue to copy the ideas used during the past season.

Around the shops there is a lot of activity, and recently 17 20-foot all-steel wagons purchased from army surplus were received. The wagons are equipped with pneumatic-tired dual wheels both front and back; the walls are insulated with spun glass, and the doors sealed with rubber so they are dustproof when closed. Thirty additional all-steel trailers, with duals front and back, are also on the lot, and the task of building steel bodies on them will be started at once.

## Want—REGENT SHOWS—Want

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**HOWARD INGRAM** 

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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

#### Showmen's League of America

400 So. State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Mike Wright presided at th regular weekly meet-ing Thursday in the absence of President Irving J. Polack. Also on the rostrum were Treasurer Walter Driver and Secretary Joe Streibich.

Members observed one minute of silence in memory of Kenneth Van Zandt, who recently passed away.

Morris Batalasky and George J. Frazer were elected members.

Sick list includes Ozy Breger, conin General Hospital, Cincinnati, as a result of an accident; Thomas M. Henderson, hospitalized in Marianna, Fla.; Dave Tennyson, recuperating at home following his discharge from the hospital; James P. Madigan, still hospitalized; August Jansley, George Terry, Harry Westbrook and Eddie Conners, all confined to their homes. There is no late news on Maxie Her There is no late news on Maxie Herman's condition.

Fred Weidmann, chairman of the board of directors of the San Fran-cisco Chapter, Show Folks of America, was a caller at the rooms, as were William J. Stevens, in town for a brief visit, and Ned Torti, en route to Florida.

Oliver Barnes is back from Florida. Back after absences are Manny Wein-berg, Jack Kerschner, Louis Berger, Berger, Bob Seery, Jack Woody and Al Latto.

Rube Liebman, chairman of the membership committee, reports he is planning a big membership drive this summer.

Secretary Streibich urges all mem-bers who give The Billboard Cincinnati office as their mailing address to call for their mail.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Social was held Thursday night (6), with Ida Chase and Delgarian Hoffman hostesses. Letters were received from President Viola Fairly; Grace M. Brown, who will remain on the West Coast; Myrtle Hutt Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Al Wagner, Mrs. Henderson and Juanita and Hedda.

Phoebe Carsky and baby are en route to Chicago from Miami Beach. Frances Keller, like Mrs. Carsky, a past president, is in Miami Beach to recommende offer an illness. Mark recuperate after an illness. Mrs. Margaret Hock and Evelyn Hock are in Hot Springs. Billie Wasserman is recuperating from illness at the La-fayette Hotel, Tampa. Goldie Fisher and Josephine Glickman, who have

and Josephine Glickman, who have been ill, are recuperating. Rose Page, treasurer, was the win-ner of the prize sent in by Myrtle Hutt Beard. Donations for the fall bazaar are being received by Mrs. Henry T. Belden, chairman, at 6136 North Knox Avenue, Chicago North Knox Avenue, Chicago.

#### **Heart of America** Showmen's Club 931A Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.-President Harold Elliott presided at KANSAS CITY. the regular meeting, with C. C. Mc-Ginnis, secretary, and George Car-penter, treasurer, on the rostrum.

Sam Benjiman, chairman of the banquet and ball committee, reported the Hotel Continental again has been engaged for the annual New Year's Eve event. Card of thanks from Mrs. Katherine Carpenter was read. Edward (Slim) Johnson and Leo Levin, Midwest Merchandising Company, who have been vacationing in Tucson, Ariz., arrived in the city.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

#### National

Showmen's Association 1564 Broadway, New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—First Vice-President James E. Strates presided the regular meeting Wednesday at (12). He was en route from the New York fair meeting at Albany to his Jacksonville, Fla., winter quar-ters. Assistant Treasurer Ralph Decker came in from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to attend the meeting and later left for his Raleigh, N. C., quarters.

Decker also heads the membership rive. At the meeting he promised drive. he would bring in more than 50 new members during the coming year. He is already credited with 16. Decker said that he was going to try to convince officials of fairs played by his shows to become members. Latter plan was suggested by Chap-lain Fred Murray. Clubs financial condition was reported as excellent by Treasurer Harry Rosen.

D. D. Simmons, chairman of the entertainment committee, predicted a sell-out for the Barn Dance scheduled for Washington's Birthday (22). Jack Lichter, chairman of the veterans' committee, gave a detailed re-port of aid extended to veterans.

Lichter, who also is chairman of the eligibility committee, reported the following membership applications had been approved: W. D. Page, Clyde Toler, Calvin Berry, Allen Mc-Combs and Roy Allen, all sponsored by Ralph Decker; Nathan Antillis, by Loff Houvis and Evancia I. Colorado Jeff Harris and Francis J. Coleman, by Justin Van Vliet.

Dr. Jacob Cohen reported that Jack Carr, Irving Udowitz, Earl Feek and True Perkins are still confined to their homes and that Irving Gold to their homes and that Irving Gold is a patient at Fordham Hospital. Chaplain Fred Murray called for a silent tribute to Joe End, who died recently. He also reported the death last fall of John T. Doran, a fact only recently learned. Walter K. Sibley announced that present mem-bership was the greatest in history. bership was the greatest in history.

#### **Miami Showmen's Association** 236 W. Flagler St., Miami

MIAMI, Feb. 15. — It was quiet around the clubrooms this week; most of the folks were attending the Tampa fair. Walter Sibley, secre-tary of the National Showmen's As-sociation now vacationing was a sociation, now vacationing, was a visitor. Frank Bergen, Bucky Allen, Jack Wilson, Al Wagner and Charlie Abbott arrived for a vacation. J. C. McCaffery was in and off to the Tampa fair.

George Hurley, Waterbury, Conn., showman, was stricken here with serious illness and sent to a Meriden, Conn., sanitarium. Sid Markham week-ended at Eddie's Hut, Gibsonton, Fla. Max Gruberg is another addition to the list of showfolks huiding homes here showfolks building homes here.

Lew (Blinky) Bernstein returned from a trip to Massachusetts. Paul Lane, on the sick list all winter, is recovering at his home. Cash Miller left for Gibsonton, Fla.

Johnny (Milwaukee Red) Young returned from a Florida Keys fish-ing trip. Leonard Ross is back from his Schenectady, N. Y., home. <sup>\*</sup> Bill Cowan this year will have the mid-way on the Bistany Greater Shows.

Frances is on the sick list with flu. Past President Jess Nathan is recovering from a minor operation.

Meeting was a social, with games Attendance at the regular meeting as the feature. Door prize, donated was hit by the cold weather and the by Ruth Ann Levin, was won by many cases of flu. President Blanche Charlotte Clayton.

#### **Pacific Coast Showmen's** Association

6231/2 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 .- Monday (10) meeting was conducted by President Bill Hobday. Vice-Presi-dents Harry Suker and George Coe, and Secretary Ed Mann also were on the rostrum.

Following reports of committees, lights were dimmed in memory of Tom Carroll who died Sunday (9).

G. Rosencrantz and Albert R. Wright were inducted as members. Ticket sale was opened for the February 24 going-away party in the large dining room of the Ca-brillo Hotel. Event will feature dancing, entertainment and refreshments. Members of the ladies' auxiliary are invited.

Visitors and those present after absences included Wayne Parkinson, Earl Harvey, Tom Heney, Tony DeFabro, E. C. Learmont, Fred Birs-ley, Louis Glassman and Ray Cope-land, who is here on business for the coming Utab Fair. coming Utah Fair.

Drawing was won by R. E. Jacobi.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

President DiSanti presided at the meeting Monday (10). It was voted to continue with bank night tickets and add name punchboards and a dime card, the cards to be sent to out of town members. In addition, the cards will be given the ladies for their home parties.

Edith Hargraves and Rosemary Loomis presented constructive ideas for the season.

Margaret Farmer, in charge of the food for the going-away party Mon-day (24), reports an "out of this world" smorgasbord will be featured.

Gifts to raise money for the bazaar were donated by Madge Buckley, President DiSanti, Peggy Forstall, Margaret Farmer, Vivienne Jacobi and Betty G. Coe.

It was voted to hold the installa-tion dinner hereafter on the first Monday of the new year. Ann Stewart is reported ill with bronchial pneumonia. Sally Flint is

improving but is still under a doctor's care.

Mary Taylor, while en route to San Bernardino, Calif., stopped to visit Cora Miller and helped her mark her 78th birthday. President Di-Santi and husband, accompanied by Peggy Steinberg, spent a day in San Bernardino visiting the Long Shows and the California Shows. First Vice-President Jessie Looms re-turned from a visit with her sister, Clara Zeiger, in Arizona; Rosemary Loomis returned from a visit with her aunt, Allie Wrightsman, in the Bay area.

#### **Show Folks of America** 1839 W. Monroe St., Chicago

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.-President Harry Seber presided at the February 3 meeting, with all other officers in attendance. Mike Krekos also was on the rostrum.

Vernon M. Tousey, Lena Mae Herman, Lou Serbin and Dan Dix were elected members. Eddie Harris, Los Angeles, present after an absence, donated \$10 to the sick and relief fund. Others present included Don Meiggs, who had been away for the Meiggs, who had been away for the past year; Mrs. Jeanette Young, vis-iting the club after a long illness; Tom O'Toole and Bud Task, Joe Franks, Dave McCarron, George McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. Freitas.

Following suggestion by Frank Forrest that one day a month be set aside as ladies' day, President Seber named him chairman of the ladies' day committee. Mike Krekos told of plans for the spring High Jinks, March 3. Estelle Rosenthal's biothday was observed with a song birthday was observed with a song. Mrs. Billie Hodges reported Harry Reynolds is still a patient at Hasseler Sanitarium. Mrs. Hodges, Glenn Artz and Mrs. Boehn recently visited

him. Mrs. Boehn reported Eddie Kluck will soon undergo an operation. Milt Williams visited Joe Alterman at Hahneman Hospital, where he is re-covering from an operation.

#### Lone Star Show Women's Club

#### 19281/2 Elm, Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Feb. 15.—Sally Murphy, president, presided at the January 27 meeting, assisted by Mary Ellen Liberman, first vice-president; Madeline Chambers, second vice-president; Made-lent; Milly Hudspeth, treasurer; Margaret Sandell, secretary, and Honey Vaughn, chaplain.

Financial report on the dance, given by Treasurer Milly Hudspeth, showed event netted \$2300. Presi-dent Murphy and Corine Greer, chairman of the entertainment com-mittee, thanked the dance committee and presented a gift to each commit-tee member tee member.

Honey Vaughn and Louise Hickman reported on their St. Louis trip. Kette Lindsey was back from Tulsa, Okla. Ruth Martone was a visitor. Myrtle Potter and Frances Phillips are on the sick list.

Raffle prizes donated by hostess Lois Berger, were won by Lois Crangle and Bette Harris, and night award went to Mrs. Phil Little, Luggage winners at the close of the fair meeting were Charley White and Bert Welshman.





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## **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### **Show Folks of America** 1839 W. Monroe St., Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Darrell Lyall was elected chairman of the board of directors at the regular meeting Tuesday (4).

Tuesday (4). May Adams Stoker, new president of the Chicago chapter, addressed the board and named the following 1947 committes: Advisory, Peggy Richards, Florence Reiselt, Mento Everett, Wade Booth, Dorothy Bates and Morton Schaeffer; ways and means, Florence Reiselt, Rose Page, Thresa Clark, Etta Coulthard and Nellie Grosch; relief, Nellie Grosch, Jane Schaeffer, Nellie Abbott, Ida Jane Schaeffer, Nellie Abbott, Ida Chase, Mary Fitzgerald, Letty Lorenzo and Maud Green; finance, Ross Abbott, Al Appel, Ace Jacoby, War-ren Warren, Leah Brownleve, Al Geiler and Isaac Chapple; entertain-ment, Jack Lamey, Helen Wong, Cecil Lorayne, Caroline Bradley, Bergie Bergman, Violet Lamey, Ger-trude Lyall and Gene Bradley; ac-tivition Base Base Base Bradley; activities, Rose Page, Peggy Richards, Coral Chapple, Theresa Clark, Rob-ert Hallie, Grace Fox and Julia Appel; press, Darrell Lyall, Jess Har-Appel; press, Darren Lyan, Jess Har-low and Elsie Miller; membership, Madam Pinxy, Herbert Fitzgerald, Myrtle Hutt Beard, Melvin Remmick; house, Tom Coulthard, Carl Nelson, Golda Inskeep, Margaret Armstrong and Etta Coulthard; cemetery, Her-man Stoike, Chet Genter, Carl Nelman Storke, Chet Gener, Carl Per-son and Maud Green; general coun-sel, Meyer Cherkas; / legal, Thomas Johnson, Dave Driver and Morton Schaeffer; \$50,000 club, Florence Reiselt; chaplain, Rev. Marcel La Voy; sergeant at arms, Chet Genter.

A special meeting of the board was called Tuesday (11) to hear a report from Fred Weidmann, chair-man of the board of directors of the San Francisco chapter. Bud Schaef-far presided in the observe of Derrel fer presided in the absence of Darrell Lyall.

SFA now has 1,200 paid-up mem-SFA now has 1,200 paid-up mem-bers, with the San Francisco chapter having possibly as many or more, Jess Harlow points out. During De-cember, 1946, 47 new members were added to the Chicago chapter.

#### **Regular Associated Troupers** 106 E. Washington, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 .-- President Jimmy Lynch, presiding at the February 6 meeting, his last before going on the road, was given a rising vote of approval for his services.

Bazaar chairman Lill Eisenman thanked the following for their dona-tions: Whitey Bahr, musician liquor pourer and bronze horse; Madame Delma, crocheted shopping bag, and Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, 10 cigarette lighters. Thanks also were extended to Lill Eisenman, refreshments; Joe Horwitz, playing cards, and Jack Wasserman, \$10 donation.

Newlyweds June and Ivan Gilligan were called on for remarks. So were George and Billie Bryant, Doreen and Jack Dyke and Peggy and Leon Blondin.

Blondin. Guests were Mr. and Yeggy and Leon Mr. and Mrs. Tuffy, Jerry Eagle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyke and Joe Derby. Three new members, Clarence H. Krug and Lynn and Richard Alex-andre, the latter released recently from service, were introduced. Act, staged by Mary Kanthe, with Dick Kanthe, Thomas Johns, Flor-ence Lusby, John Lorman, Jerry Eagle, Joe Horwitz and Frank Yagla, scored. Box lunch party, which fol-lowed, added \$152 to the bazaar fund. Max Sharp was auctioneer. Emily Bailey won the \$5 prize do-nated by Madame Delma for the most artistic box. Judges were Ma-dame Delma, Jack Dyke and Johnny Castle. Door prizes went to Harry Castle. Door prizes went to Harry Levin, Inez Allton, Charles Walpert and Jimmy Dunn.

#### Michigan Showmen's Association

3153 Cass Avenue, Detroit

DETROIT, Feb. 15. - Jack Dickstein, first vice-president, presided at the Monday (10) meeting, assisted by Roscoe Wade, second vice-pres ident; Lou Rosenthal, treasurer; Bernhard Robbins, secretary, and Arthur Grzann, chaplain.

Charles Rafael was named fire marshal. Reports from New Orleans were Vic Parr has quite a system. This prompted several members to hop planes for a supposedly good thing. Last reports, however, are "the game is good, but please send me more."

New members are Phil Cohen and Warren D. Hartwig, Membership committee plans, calling for giveaway of club pins and \$500 in cash, are being mailed to members. Arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day party are being handled by Arthur J. Frayne. Tommy Paddles writes he is having a mix-up in the horses and ladies department; the ladies, it appears, are too fast.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Regular meeting Monday (10) was presided over by Bernice Stahl, first vice-president. Other officers pres-ent were Ann Borker, second vice-president; Marian Dickstein, third vice-president; Dorothy Gold, treasurer, and Belle Powers, secretary.

Funeral committee, composed of Hilda Deccorado, Rose Lewiston and

Hida Deccorado, Rose Lewiston and Dorothy Miller was named. Bessie Gallagher returned from Canada. Joe Quinn headed for Flor-ida. Mrs. Roscoe Wade, Helen Schwartz, June Douglas and Mae

Louraine are ill. Belle Powers, Dorothy Gold and Rose Lewiston helped the Joey Moss Rose Lewiston helped the Joey Moss American Legion Post stage its dance Saturday (8). Club is working with the Men's Club on St. Patrick's Day dance plans. A letter from Shirley Lawrence Levy was read. Refreshments were served by Peggy Wilson.

#### **Missouri Show Women's Club** 415A Chestnut Street, St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—President Mrs. Lee Belmont presided at the regular meeting February 6. Mrs. Norma Lang, treasurer, and Ada Miller, secretary, also were on the restrum rostrum.

Gold charms, tokens of apprecia-tion for their services, were pre-sented Mrs. Daisy Davis, Norma and Gertrude Lang and Harriet Maher, past presidents. Similar charms will

past presidents. Similar charms will be sent other past presidents. Mrs. Fred Reed, presented by Mrs. Harriet Maher, was elected to mem-bership. Daisy Davis and Norma Lang donated a mirror for the meet-ing room. President Belmont do-nated a metal filing cohinet nated a metal filing cabinet.



TAMPA, Feb. 15.—Plenty of show-folks were on hand at the Valen-tine party at Eddie's Hut, Gibson-ton, Fla., Friday night (14).

Special guests included Ben Saw-yer, secretary of the Saginaw (Mich.) Fair; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dumas and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, retired showfolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, retired showfolks. Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Smythe, W. F. Wilson, Mrs. Betty Heider, Pop and Mom Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. William Parmapy, Mrs. Bertha Parmapy, Eddie Miller, Bertha (Gyp) Mc-Daniels, Burt Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Grant, Peggy Wilson, Mr. Mrs. Whitey Erdman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moody, Mrs. Stella Manning, Joe Alexander, Frank Shephard, Mack Maxwell, Bill Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rex Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Sutton and daughter, Kathy; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyles, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Hartwick, Mr. and Mrs. Cash Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Alsup, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rice, Mrs. Mathilda Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Alsup, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Young, Glenn Cooley, Norman Lass, Mrs. Pearl Gooding, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bronson, Mrs. Kay Lorimer, Doc Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer, Doc Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie LeMay, Fred Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackpot, Mrs. Ann Galpin, Dorris Thurston, Berth Leach, Bill Rice and Harry E. Wilson.

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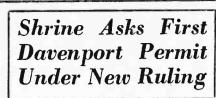
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Ordinance rules that permits must be obtained from both the police de-partment and the City License Committee, and these orgs shall carefully investigate all applications before

such permits are issued. Permit fees are \$50 a day for each show.

#### Set To Replay 1946 Route

HOT SPRINGS, Feb. 15.-Back in HOT SPRINGS, FED. 15.—Back in winter quarters here after an ex-tended buying and booking tour, Michael Stark, owner of the Gold Bond Shows, announced purchase of two new trucks and trailers, a large army searchlight, a Penny Arcade and five light towers.

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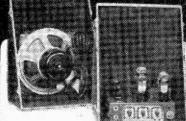


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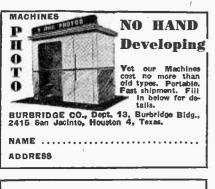
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#### C. A. Stephens

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla., Feb. 15.-Cold weather has slowed up activities here. However, everyone continues

to push in order to complete the work before the opening date. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mack are readying their Fun House. Mike Flynn and Bill Stephens returned from Indiana with the Loon-Plana from Indiana with the Loop-o-Plane and light wagon. Pat Brady, org's electrician, is preparing the lighting equipment.

Bill Rabon, ride superintendent, checked in with two assistants, and began going over rides and motors. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones are putting the finishing touches to their concessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Long, conces-Mr. and MrS. Earl Long, conces-sionaires, are due shortly. Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, who will have the bingo and arcade, are winding up their work. Mr. and Mrs. Webber are completing preparations on the kiddie rides

are completing preparations on the kiddie rides. R. G. (Doc) Felmet, general agent, and C. A. Stephens, manager, back from a booking trip, said they signed contracts with the 22d Annual Farm-ers' Fair, Clintwood, Va.; the Hawkins County Fair, Rogersville, Tenn., and the Fayetteville County Fair, Fay-etteville, Ga. While in Atlanta, they purchased two more trailers and one purchased two more trailers and one International tractor, with delivery promised within a week. Mrs. C. A. Stephens continues to win praise for the food being served under her supervision in quarters.

#### **Crescent Canadian**

PENTICTON, B. C., Feb. 15.-Scheduled for a March opening, 21 men, under supervision of Bob Ranmen, under supervision of Bob Ran-dall, are busy getting things in shape for the '47 bow. The new kiddie train, manufactured by the Miniature Train & Railroad Company, Addi-son, Ill., which was purchased by Owner Henry Meyerhoff from the Ziegler Shows, is expected this month. It has four coaches and a locomotive and will come directly from the manufacturers, the original order having been placed by Ziegler. order having been placed by Ziegler.

Line-up of rides to date includes the Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Caterpillar, Tilt-a-Whirl, Spitfire, Jeep Kiddie Ride, Aerial Joy Ride, Rollerplane, Silver Streak, Boome-rang, Octopus, Lindy Loop, Funhouse and Albert Slim and his edu-cated horses. To date, 25 conces-sions have been signed. Org will travel in 20 railroad cars and will be out 27 weeks, playing dates in British Columbia, Alberta

and Saskatchewan.

#### Playland United

DETROIT, Feb. 15. — Much has been accomplished in quarters. Al Davis, scenic artist and superintendent, has been busy repainting and decorating equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Moyer and son, Donnie, arrived from Lewiston, N. Y. They brought their kiddie autos, kiddie airplane, new streamlined train and a new semi. Owners Bennett and Gallagher expect the new Cater-

pillar this month. Recent visitors included Red Collins, of Eastwood Park; Harry Stahl, manager of Jefferson Beach; Timmie Clamon, Ray Williams and Louis Molton—L. BENNETT.

#### **Enos Greater**

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 15.-Preparations are proceeding on schedule. Rides and trucks are being overhauled. Manager Enos has employed George Patrice as lot foreman and mechanic. Org plans to open near here in March.

#### **Mighty Page**

GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 15.—Quar-ters work is being speeded up for shows May 8 opening. Hubert Boy-kin, ride superintendent, has the rides ready for the paint shop. Pop Mc-Donald is rebuilding show fronts, and Red Corbett is getting the sound equipment in order and helping out in the paint shop.

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Mrs. Katie Page is at her home following her release from the hospital where she underwent an operation. Roland Page is confined in Veterans' Hospital, Biloxi, Miss., where he underwent a minor operation. He is expected out soon and will have charge of the stock truck and a number of concessions.

C. V. (Mack) House, business man-C. V. (Mack) House, business man-ager, is helping with the booking duties, and Manager Bill Page re-turned to local quarters from the Nashville and Raleigh, N. C., fair meetings. He says the shows will be enlarged for the coming season and another Ferris Wheel, train and kiddie ride have been added to give the org a total of 10. the org a total of 10.

Phil Rocco is readying his cook-Phil Rocco is readying his cook-house and other concessions, and Frank Zorda is expected soon with his side show. Pocket Book Harris is playing Biloxi, Miss., niteries with his band and chorus. Tom Bass, owner of Gulf City Shows and a fre-quent visitor, arranged the shows' opening in Gulfport, under Coast Shrine Club and Knights of Pythias auspices.—JACK KENNEDY.

#### Harrison Greater

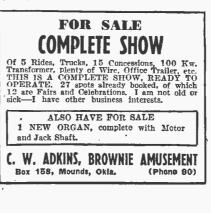
WEST COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 15. -Work in quarters is going at top speed since opening is scheduled for speed since opening is scheduled for March 7 on the circus lot here, man-ager Frank Harrison announces. Rides have been painted and shows are being made ready. Ten rides are show-owned and include the Merry - Go - Round, Ferris Wheel, Loop-o-Plane, Rolloplane, Octopus, Whip, Chair Plane, Caterpillar and train. There are two Kiddie Rides.

A new front has been completed A new front has been completed for the Funhouse, as have two wagon fronts for the Girl Show and Jig Shows. Master Builder Bert Miller is in charge of the crew, with Jake Hogan in charge of rides.

Staff will be about the same as last season, with the post of legal adjuster being filled by Willie Lewis, adjuster being filled by Willie Lewis, formerly with the John H. Marks Shows. Dallas Duncan, also with Marks, will join this org. Robert Deckman continues as special agent, with A. Sullivansky holding down the sound department. Earl Tilgh-man will supervise the four Diesel light plants, assisted by Bill Martin. Frances Harrison again will be in the wagon. Leo Hirsch will be conceswagon. Leo Hirsch will be conces-sion manager, and the writer will handle public relations.

Jake Hogan is ride superintendent. and Charles M. Powell is starting his second year as general agent.

Harrison is pleased with the progress made in quarters. - TOMMY RICE







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WILSON, N. C., Feb. 15.-Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley, Veterans' Ad-Omar Nelson Bradley, Veterans' Ad-ministrator, has advised Clayton Bemen, commander of the local AMVETS post, sponsor of the show's opening stand, that he will attend opening night. Other veteran orgs, such as the Legion and VFW, will turn out for the opener, according to AMVET officials. Stand will mark season's premier for show.

General Manager Jake Shapiro has purchased new canvas to house Clementine Coffey's revue and other new attractions, and new wardrobe and scenic effects for the Coffey show.

Harry Suss, now in Florida, infos that he will arrive soon to build a new front for his Life show. Pete Thompson, lot superintendent, writes from Florida that he will be here March 1.

Bill and Effie Thompson are due from Concord, N. C. They spent part of the winter fishing in Florida. Mike Roman, arcade and custard, also is expected soon.

Tarzan Banks advises from Georgia that he will be back with his Snake Show. Whitey again will be with him. Lew Alters is building a new show at Reading, Pa. John Fabrick Company advises Manager Shapiro that four Diesel power units will be ready for March 1 delivery. Plants are now mounted on new Fruehauf trailers. Another searchlight was purchased at Norfolk for advertising purposes.—RUSSELL MARRS.

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Quarters crew is repairing and painting all rides. Shows have added new blue canvas. Owner-Manager Joe Karr and family arrived from Mobile, Ala., where Karr purchased several new trucks. Mr. Riley joined with a Ferris Wheel, making two with the shows. Mr. and Mrs. Willis will operate Mrs.

Karr's bingo stand this season Shows will carry 7 rides. 8 shows, 30 concessions, a sound car and Diesel light plants and move on 16 trucks and semis. Opening is set for the middle of March in Monticello, Ark., and tour will include Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tenessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Evelyn Karr rejoined her mother and father after a few months away at school. Personnel includes Joe at school. Personnel includes Joe Karr, owner-manager; Mrs. Joe Karr, secretary-treasurer; Walter B. Fox, advance agent; Ray Ware, second man and bill poster; George Hall, legal adjuster; Jack Oliver. conces-sion manager; Bob Smallwood, Diesel; Sailor Evans. lot man; Leo Russell, mechanic and transportation manager. The writer is mailman and manager. The writer is mailman and The Billboard sales agent.—HONEY MAE KARR.

#### B. & H. Amusement

SUMTER, S. C., Feb. 15.-Building and painting is nearing an end. Most of the rides and show fronts are out of the paint shop. All trailers and tractors have been repainted after being overhauled.

Manager W. E. Hobbs purchased two new trailers and tractors, with delivery skedded before show leaves

quarters. Org has all new canvas. Mrs. Eleanor McCune returned from a visit in Columbia, S. C. Marion Chalmers returned after two years overseas duty. Show will open here with an eight-

day stand early in March. The writer this year will assist Mrs. Hobbs in the cookhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs re-turned from a visit to Kentucky and Ohio.

Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. (Bill) Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, P. Shields and Louis Fowler and party from the Crescent Shows.—FRED OWENS.

MONTICELLO, Ark., Feb. 15. рното

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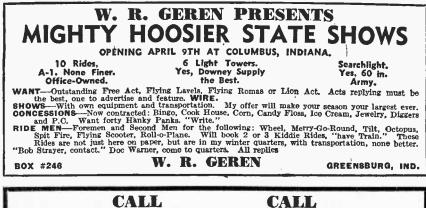
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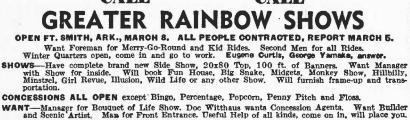
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### Winter Quarters

#### **Pine State**

GREENWOOD, Miss., Feb. 15.--Work in quarters here is about com-pleted. Mac Hoge has repainted the Merry-Go-Round. Lynn Webb, who has charge of major rides, and his crew have rides painted and ready for operation. Trucks have been overhauled. Manager Caruso has re-ceived two new trailers and show will be ready to go on tour March 1, opening at Grenada, Miss., then tour-ing Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Maryland. Show was represented at fair meetings in these States and some good fairs were contracted. Johnny Caruso and Fred Bolis have returned from a business trip on which they purchased two new rides and received a promise for June delivery. This will make eight office-owned rides.

Recent visitors have been Harry Craig, Bill Gooch, Harry Lamon, Dick Bayes, Bill Carnen, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Malbin, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hoge, George Valani and Patty O'Shea. Esco Collins has returned to operate the photo machine for Mr. and Mrs. Bolis.—ETHEL BOLIS.

#### J. A. Gentsch

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 15.—J. A. Gentsch has recovered from typhus fever which kept him bedridden since Christmas.

Org is getting thoro overhauling. Dad Grant has completed streamlining of Merry-Go-Rounds. New aluminum cars have been installed in the kiddie ride. Light plant has been enlarged. Russell Cooper will be in charge.

Indications are that org will have four booked rides, as well as six-office-owned rides and four shows, including Harold's one-ring circus and Side Show, plus a free act. Shows open March 10 at Forest, Miss., with Port Gibson, Miss., fol-lowing. Both are livestock show stands.—FAY CURTIS.

#### A-1 Amusement

CATARINA, Tex., Feb. 15.-Org set up on a downtown street here De-cember 29 but was open only five days in January and three days so far this month because of the weather. Mrs. Thad McCormick joined with two concessions and an animal show and Jack and Beulah Bannister joined with two concessions. Jack also will have charge of rides.

Manager William A. Reid recently returned from a booking trip and reports signing the Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Eagle Pass; district fat stock show, Carrizo Springs, May 12-15; Fifth Cavalry Reunion, Fort Brackettville, April 22-23, and Old Settlers' Reunion, Hono, June 7-8, all in Texas.

#### James E. Strates

-DICK O'BRIEN.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—James E. Strates, general manager; Mr. Graham, with his Glass House, and Jim Yotas are recent arrivals. B. McAskill is erecting a new alumihum from the his Ulucion Shout

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#### **Great Sutton**

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 15. —Quarters opened January 15 with a crew of 22 men painting, remodel-ing and building equipment. Much of the equipment formerly was with the show owned by F. N. Sutton Sr. and was purchased by his son in No-ne bast ways. Since then much vember last year. Since then, much has been added. Recent additions are three light towers, bringing the org's total to six.

Bill Norwood was in charge here while F. N. Sutton Jr. made a book-ing trip. Rolling stock is being overhauled and getting a spray paint job of cream and red. A new shop truck is being added, raising units to 26 semis and two straight jobs. Jean and Sam Caldwell and crew

are busy building a 100-foot front for the Motordrome. Ted England, office concession manager, finds time short for his proposed building program, but maintains he will have a strong line-up before spring Limmy Woon line-up before spring. Jimmy Wen-son arrived to assume charge of the new neon wagon and ready new neon the fronts and towers. for

Elmer Vladstock, arcade manager, ordered new machines and equipment to reframe the office-owned arcade. He formerly owned and managed the Acme Playland arcades in Utah. Rides purchased from the Bunting Shows are being overhauled and repainted.

#### Madison Bros.

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HOPE, Ark., Feb. 15-Cold weather temporarily halted painting, but work is nearly completed. Org is set to open here March 1. Owners bought a new Reo tractor and a 34-foot trailer for the Merry-Go-Round.

for the Merry-Go-Round. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Davis returned from Florida, where they visited Mrs. Davis's mother. New arrivals and re-cent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Malbin, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mat-thews, Mrs. Esther Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davis. Mrs. Charles Stephens and Mrs. Max Madison, both of whom under-

Mrs. Charles Stephens and Mrs. Max Madison, both of whom under-went operations in the Julia Chester Hospital here, are recuperating.

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#### International

MORRIS, Okla., Feb. 15 .-- Work is progressing at a satisfactory rate, with 10 men painting and repairing equip-ment. Org plans to open the latter part of March. Coleman Lee and W. J. Lindsay,

returned from fair and booking trips, with an impressive route. A new Spitfire was purchased, with delivery promised before opening. Three new trucks and five new show tops also have been bought.

Joyce Lee is building a new ball game. Bill Childers is repairing the cookhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearce arrived from Kansas City, Mo. Charlie Elders is building his new bingo. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott phoned from Dallas, saying they would arrive soon. Scott is the org's secretary and Mrs. Scott has the pan game. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson returned from a trip to Arkansas. Nelson Lee is visiting friends in Texas.

Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Doc Capell, owners of Capell Shows; Izzy Wells and Noble Fairly, World of Today Shows, and Brownie Atkins, owner of Brownie's Amusements.

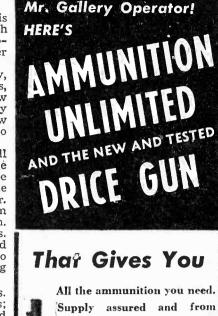
#### Virgnia Greater

SUFFOLK, Va., Feb. 15.-While cold weather has slowed down outcold weather has slowed down out-side work, preparations are proceed-ing at a satisfactory rate. Rocco Masucci, general agent; William C. Murray and the three midgets, Ike, Mike and Leo, and their guest, Harry Mike and Leo, and their guest, Harry P. Taylor, Suffolk, Va., attended the Col. Consolvo Tent, Saints and Sinners Club annual banquet at Ocean View, Va., Saturday (8). The midgets put on their act.

Mrs. Chet Klinetop, wife of the Whip foreman, left for her home in New Jersey. Arthur Gibson is over-hauling the Kiddie Auto Ride and building a new platform. D. D. (Doc) Hall is improving the Funhouse. James Edwards, formerly with the shows and only recently released from the army, is in quarters.—MIKE MATINA.

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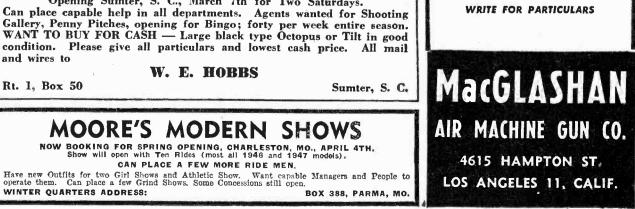
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SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Feb. 15,-Mel (Sambo) Hummitsch's Dixie-land Minstrels inked the Garton Toy Goodfellowship Club as sponsor for the sixth straight year. Show will the sixth straight year. Show will run two days, April 19-20, in the Municipal Auditorium.

At present Hummitsch is busy get-At present Hummitsch is busy get-ting new costumes and scenery to-gether. Org, with a cast of 25 per-sons, plus an eight-piece band, will play Wisconsin territory following the Sheboygan date.

#### Herbert Jacobsen Is Named **To Greeley Rodeo Committee**

GREELEY, Colo., Feb. 15.---Herbert Jacobsen, bank official here, was named to the Greeley Spud Rodeo committee by the Chamber of Commerce

Re-elected were Jack Bruno, theater manager, and Harry Gibson, busi-ness man. The committee handles arrangements for the annual July 4 Celebration.

#### **Columbia City Cele Set**

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Feb. 15.-Dates for the combined Old Settlers' Day and American Legion celebration have been set for April 6-9. The F. E. Gooding Amusement Company will furnish the rides and shows.

#### Legion To Sponsor Rodeo

MELFORT, Sask., Feb. 15.-The Melfort Branch of the Canadian Le-gion will sponsor a two-day rodeo in May.

#### **Carnival Date Set**

BETHEL, Conn., Feb. 15.—Bethel Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual carnival here June 23-28. Jack Gaffney is in charge.

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#### Fort Recovery Sets Dates

FORT RECOVERY, O., Feb. 15.-Annual Harvest Jubilee, this town's biggest summer event, is skedded for July 21-26. Dates were set at a meet-ing with the Floyd E. Gooding Amusement Company, which will have midway.

#### **Baldridge Heads Festival**

WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 15.-Tom Baldridge, Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer mid-Atlantic States representative, has been named director-general of the 20th annual Apple Blosson Festival here May 1-2.

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## Lack of Time **Voids Pomona Revival in '47**

#### **U. S. Continues as Occupant**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Definite decision not to hold a Los Angeles County Fair this year was reached by the board of directors after the annual membership meeting Thurs-

annual memoership meeting Thurs-day (6). C. B. (Jack) Afflerbaugh, presi-dent-manager, submitted his report on the future of the fair following re-election of officers and directors for another year. Said Afflerbaugh: "In my opinion

Said Afflerbaugh: "In my opinion we are faced with too many adverse conditions at this time to make a definite decision to hold the fair this year. The United States Engineers have no date set for return of the property to the fair association. They have had a number of men re-check-ing the restoration figures before the ing the restoration figures before the claim is approved in Washington." He referred to the settlement to be made by the government.

May Be Released March 15

He stated the fair may be in pos-session of the property about March 15, but there would not be sufficient time to restore the buildings and grounds to the same condition they were when the army took possession in 1041

in 1941. Pointing out that the Los Angeles County Fair has gained a national reputation as "the most beautiful fair in America," Afflerbaugh said this motto should be the first thought in operation of the exposition. With the present shortage of ma-

with the present shortage of ma-terials and labor it would be impos-sible at this late date to reconstruct the large exhibition building, de-stroyed by fire, by September, the usual date of the event.

#### Would Require Tents

Would Require Tents "Under this condition," he said, "it would necessitate using one large and two smaller tents for the ma-chinery, junior fair and poultry de-partments. This would involve an expenditure of over \$75,000 to make the change for this year's fair, and then rearrange the buildings for the 1948 fair."

It was stated one of the most serious problems the fair faces is accom-(See Lack of Time on page 77)

### Grand Nat'l Expo **Advances '47 Dates**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.-Third annual Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo will be held in the Cow Palace here November 1-9. Dates are two weeks earlier than two previous Grand Na-tionals, directors decided to advace them to take advantage of better weather and also to fit into the national stock show circuit. Grand National will follow the Pa-

Grand National will follow the Pa-cific International Livestock Exposi-tion, Portland, October 4-11, and the American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, Mo., which closes Octo-ber 25, and will precede the Ogden (Utah) Livestock Show, opening November 15, the International, Chi-cago, and the Great Western Live-stock Show, Los Angeles, both of which will run the first week in De-cember. cember.



THREE OFFICIALS of the Western Fairs Association are pictured in a huddle. They are, left to right, President E. G. Vollmann, manager of San Joaquin County Fair, Stockton, Calif.; Secretary-Treasurer Rose E. Links and Vice-Presi-dent Jesse H. Chambers, manager of Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria,

## **Pacific Coast Fair College Inspires Similar Courses; Public Relations Stressed**

#### Western Assoc. Beats Drums, Alerts Against Aid Raids

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., Feb. 15.—If to be imitated is proof of success, then the Western Fairs Asso-ciation and its offspring, the College

ciation and its offspring, the College of Fairs, are successes. As members of the association head here for the second annual College of Fairs, to be held at California Polytechnic School Monday thru Thursday (17-20), association officials can pride themselves on the success of their offorts not the least of which of their efforts, not the least of which is the College of Fairs.

Already, a similar short course in fair management has been drafted for early spring in Minnesota, with

the State Agricultural College col-laborating with the fairs of the State in instituting it.

In Indiana, a move is under way for a carbon copy of the college, while in Ohio, the Fair Managers' Association has a committee at work, empowered to act with the State's Department of Agriculture in mapping a course. Inspiration for these courses sprung

from the college instituted here last year. Benefiting by the experience in that course, association officials have drafted a more intensive course (See Coast Fair College on page 77)

## When and If In Far West

Calif. execs call estimate 'conservative'-hinged on continued aid from racing

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., Feb. 15. —A \$42,000,000 five-year building and plant rehabilitation program looms for the fairs in the Far West. The estimate has been compiled by

the Western Fairs Association, which embraces fairs of Washington, Ore-gon, Utah, Western Canada and Cali-fornia, in co-operation with State agencies.

The sum has been termed "con-servative" and its expenditure held contingent upon the continuation in California, the major prospective builder, of funds from taxes on State-supervised thorobred racing.

#### Housing Shortage Hurdle

The program is based on solution first of the national housing short-age and on the continuation of the present racing set-up in California, A. E. Snider, chief of the California Division of Fairs and Expositions, pointed out pointed out.

Such a program, Snider added, would enable "year-round use of fairgrounds for livestock auctions, agricultural experiments, 4-H Club and Future Farmer work, veterans, meeting places, community gardens, farm advisor activities, barbecue and other recreational and educational purposes

Earl Hampton, senior technician for the California State Division of Architecture, called the \$42,000,000 estimate "conservative." It was estimated on a basis of last year's cost index, he explained. "At present cost indices it would exceed \$60,000,000," he maintained.

#### Heralds New Trend

Heralds New Trend Hampton said the proposed re-habilitation and building program would herald a totally new trend in fairgrounds architecture and use, at least in California. "While there are many existing limitations under the law, and many conflicting opinions on year-round use of fairgrounds, this much is cer-tain: The tremendous growth of can-

tain: The tremendous growth of cap-(See West's Bldg. Program, page 77)

## **Calif. State Fair Votes** For Vaude, Nixes Pageant

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 15.—The board of directors of the Cali-fornia State Fair, meeting here Thursday (6), voted to streamline their organization, place auto parking in the hands of a concessionaire, and present vaudeville acts, instead of a pageant, at night. Streamlining, made at the request of Chairman Fred H. Bixby following conferences with Secretary-Manager E. P. (Ned) Green, calls for the following changes: Com-bining dairy products and livestock committees, special events and attraction committees, commercial exhibits and concession committees; art, educational

and State exhibits committee; abolishing executive committee and the commercial machinery and manufac-

commercial machinery and manufac-turers' committee, and setting the third Thursday of each month as a meeting date, beginning March 20. Proposal to turn over the parking lot to a concessionaire was voted at the urging of W. S. Hillis, finance committee chairman. He reported an offer from a San Francisco garage which would take over parking and pay the State 50 per cent of the gross pay the State 50 per cent of the gross receipts.

Hillis reported the State Finance Department informed him condem-(See Calif. Favors Vaude on page 74)

#### World's Inventors' Expo **Skedded in Los Angeles**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 .--United LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—United Inventors and Scientists of America will sponsor a World Inventors' Ex-position in the Pan-Pacific Audi-torium here July 11-20, according to H. M. Joyce, org's managing director. The show will feature products now being manufactured in the West and products of the future now in and products of the future now in development stage, Joyce said. Prod-ucts of the future will compete for cash prizes.

## Calif. Measure Would Alter Aid

#### Finance dept.-backed measure would base help upon stock and ag showing

stock and ag showing SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 15.— California Legislature, which re-cessed February 5, will return March 17 to consider over 4,000 bills of every conceivable type of legisla-tion, including a welter of measures affecting fairs. There is little like-lihood a majority of the fair legis-lation will pass, much of it being freak in nature. freak in nature. Some important allocation

bills. however, have been endorsed by the State finance department, and prob-ably will be enacted and signed by (See Calif. Fair Aid on page 76)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 15.— A bill introduced in the South Carolina Legislature by Senator Cantwell, Williamsburg, would make Thursday of fair week a make Thursday of fair week a legal holiday in each county holding a fair. Another bill, in-troduced by Representatives Butler, Gains and Miller, all of Orangeburg, which would ban the sale and shooting of fire-works, including sparklers, has passed its second reading. Measure would help fairs, as it would serve to build more inwould serve to build more in-terest in pyrotechnic displays at annuals.

### **Beam Beefs About Unethical Tactics**

Ward CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—B. Beam, veteran impresario of the Congress of Daredevils, in a letter to Congress of Daredevils, in a letter to the Outdoor Editor of The Billboard, claims the story printed in The Bill-board February 8 which said, in part, "Lucky Lee Crosby, formerly fea-tured with the B. Ward Beam and Jack Kochman Thrill shows, will head his own troupe of auto stunters ..." is unethical and a misstatement of facts. of facts.

of facts. Beam wrote: "I have never fea-tured anyone in my thrill show ex-cept the late Mary Wiggins. All the boys have been on equal terms and equal billing, and no one man was outstanding above the others. I had 10 stunt men with my show when Crosby was with it...."

Beam also complained that Crosby and his partner, Buddy Wagner, have used his pictures in advertising their new show.

## N. Y. Annuals Draw Praise From State's Ag. Director

#### By Jim McHugh

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Members of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fair Societies attending their third annual meeting at the Ten Eyck Hotel here Monday and Tuesday (10-11) were complimented on their past operations by C. Chester DuMond, commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Markets, and promised continuing maximum co-operation on the part of the department. DuMond credited fairs with being the first means of educating farm people and indicated fairs in this State had done a fine job in the instruction of rural folks. He gave no hint, however, as

> **Rename All Officers** President Bligh A. Dodds, Gou-Verneur, and his fellow officers were

> unanimously re-elected for a third

term. J. Alfred Valentine, East Wil-

liston, is first vice-president; W. Ray Converse, Palmyra, second vice-president; Edward L. Hardeman, sec-retary; James A. Carey, Albany, ex-ecutive secretary, and William A. Dardess, Chatham, treasurer. Carey

also was elected assistant treasurer.

Sessions held Monday night and Tuesday morning and afternoon were heavily attended. Archie Putnam, president, International Association of Fairs and Expositions, scheduled for a prominent role, was unable to attend because of illness. His ap-pointed substitute, Clarence Harn-den, past president, IAFE, was snowbound as was Col. Hugh Bar-clay of Pulaski.

**Tells of Comeback** 

Charles Bochert, Mineola, outlined the programs used at his fair in over-

coming financial losses of as much as \$50,000 annually for a period of 20 consecutive years. The fair now

has a surplus in excess of \$100,000

and is planning many improvements.

standardization of health regulations applying to cattle exhibited at fairs within the State was offered the as-sociation by Dr. Erwin V. Moore, assistant commissioner of the De-partment of Agriculture and Mar-kets. A committee was appointed to work with him and other depart-ment members in formulating perma-nent qualifications

**Outlines** Themes

Other speakers and their subjects were Dr. J. C. Marquardt, Geneva, Dairy Products at Our Fairs; Prof. Harold A. William, Cornell Univer-sity and William Pendergast, farm agent, New York State 4-H Winners of the Informational Linested Share

at the International Livestock Show;

Henry Knauf, president, United States, Trotting Racing Association, Developments in Harness Horse Racing, and Harold Keller, deputy commissioner, Department of Com-merce, Industry and Commerce Have

More than 600 people crowded into the ballroom and an adjacent room to set an all time record for this

George A. Hamid contributed and emseed a fast-moving show. An eight-girl line was presented by Bill

Behney in three production num-bers; Jose Basile, cornet solo; Bobby Vernon and Jesse Braydon, songs and eccentric dancing; Koko, Stew and Eddie, teeterboard; Marlboros, tap dancers, and Ginger Harris, featured

Fred Ashworth, Cortland, outlined the use of themes in presenting his fair. To date milk, agriculture and transport-exhibits, which trace de-velopment and growth, have been

A tentative set of rules for the standardization of health regulations

clay of Pulaski.

nent qualifications.

Their Place at Fairs.

dancer with the revue.

affair.

featured.

Sessions held Monday night and

# Cancel La. Meeting; Hotels Unavailable BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 15.— The 1947 meeting of the Louisiana Association of Fairs has here here annual with con-struction delayed until the present scarcity of building materials is past.

Association of Fairs has been can-celed, Harry D. Wilson, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, announced. Inability to secure hotel accommodations this month was cited as the reason.

Wilson, in his announcement, urged fairs to advise his office of the dates they have set and the estimated total which they will offer in premiums.

#### **Miller Signs Four**

ST. PAUL, Feb. 15.—Jule Miller, Northwestern Amusement Company, this city, announces he has closed attraction contracts with fairs at Rugby, Langdon, Hamilton and Fes-senden, all in North Dakota.

#### **Sked Canadian Trade Fair**

TORONTO, Feb. 15.-Canada's first international trade fair is scheduled here May 30-June 12.



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ASSN.

C. B. AFFLERBAUGH President-Manager

## 110G Advance Sale FORT WORTH, Feb. 15.

Advance ticket sale for the rodeo at the Southwestern Exrodeo at the Southwestern Ex-position and Fat Stock Show here March 5-16 has hit \$110,-000. At the corresponding point last year the advance sale amounted to only \$10,000. Cheapest ticket, matinee or night, is \$3. The \$3 minimum went into effect a year ago. Prior to that many tickets were Prior to that many tickets were offered at \$2.50.

## **Calif.** Favors Vaude **But Nixes Pageants**

(Continued from page 71)

nation proceedings to add 20 acres to the present parking area are under way, and that the land should be available by fair time. Contract for the parking concessionaire will pro-vide 50-cent daily parking fee, with the concessionaire to carry liability insurance. The State will control printing and daily distribution of the parking ticket. parking tickets.

Directors concurred in the recom-mendation of William C. Wright, chairman of the attractions commit-tee, not to hold a pageant as night entertainment but to obtain vaude acts instead. It also was decided not to stage entertainment in the infield between race events.

#### Set Admission Scale

A grounds admission of 50 cents was approved. With the tax this will make a 60-cent gate. Other prices, including taxes, will be: Grandstand, 60 cents; reserved seats, \$1.20; boxes, \$1.80; bleachers for races, 30 cents; horse show general admission, 60 cents, reserved seats, \$1.20, and boxes \$1.80; afternoon horse show arena, 30 cents. No provision was made for lower prices on reserved seats or boxes for children.

Monthly financial report by J. A. Patterson, of the fair board, showed the exposition had a balance of \$169,528.53 in its fund as of January 1.

Value of the fair grounds was re-ported at \$341,012 and the buildings at \$2,517,209. Grand total, includ-ing improvements, was given as \$3,324,496.17.

Directors also voted to refuse carnivals the use of parking lot on Fifth Avenue between April 15 and after the fair closes, in order not to "jeop-ardize" the fair and approved the fair management's outline of a \$435,375 proposed work program on fair-grounds before the fair opens.

John Robinson, secretary of the Hickory (N. C.) Fair, has been on the job for 35 years.



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## Seek To Build Popular Feature **O**maha Spot

#### **Carter Lake Site Sought**

OMAHA, Feb. 15 .- Omaha may have another amusement park, one in the Carter Lake area, Mayor Charles Leeman announces.

At present three groups are bid-ding for the right to operate a fun spot in that section, the mayor said, naming a group headed by Lou Hoff-man, Salt Lake City promoter; Wil-liam Raab and Joseph Malec, who operate Peony Park on the outskirts of Omaha, and the Tri-States Thea-ter Corporation, which has a district office here. The theater group, the mayor said, is willing to spend \$1,000,000 in building a park here. Matter has been referred to a city park and recreation committee.

CINCINNATI. Feb. 15.--- A proposal by Gerritt J. Fredriks, re-elected sec-retary of the Cincinnati Zoological Society, that a circus be staged on the zoo grounds during the period between close of the summer opera season and start of the annual food show was taken under advisement by directors who re-elected James A. Reilly to his 15th consecutive term as society president at the annual meeting Wednesday (12) in the Alms Hotel.

It was reported that the zoo showed a profit of \$35,411.52 in 1946 as compared with a loss of \$1,339.37 in 1945. Attendance, too, zoomed, rising to 723,086 last year as against 494,456 the previous year. Reilly pointed out that while Cincinnati is the only large city in the country to depend entirely on operating revenue for its existence, it was also the only city last year to draw more patrons than its population.

Principal speaker at the meeting was George P. Vierheller, general manager of the St. Louis Zoo, who gave a review, illustrated with mov-ing pictures, of recent improvements at that institution.

It was announced that A. E. (Tony) Scheffer would again be in charge of the 1947 food show. Other officers re-elected were Ir-

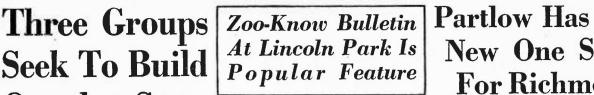
Other officers re-elected were Ir-win M. Krohn and L. P. Lewin, vice-presidents; E. W. Townsley, treas-urer, and Bolton S. Armstrong, Eric L. Schulte, Dr. G. A. Hinnen, W. O. Mashburn and Alfred Nippert, trus-tees. New trustees are Karl H. Mas-lowski, *Cincinnati Enquirer* nature columnist; Dr. William H. Wolfram, and Philip Meyer.

#### First Robin Story

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass., Feb. 15.—Along with the story of the first robin, add this one to your list of sure signs of spring.

Lincoln Park here staged its first picnic of the '47 season February 1, when 35 children from Sacred Heart Academy, Fairhaven, ate their box lunches in Bingroup

"With a start like that," says Roland S. Gamache, public re-lations director, "I believe we should go over the top in pic-nics this year."



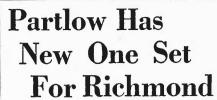
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A new fea-ture, Zoo-Know Bulletin, information sheets posted in each of the five buildings at Lincoln Park Zoo here, is proving popular. The bulletin, changed once a month, contains bits of odd information about animals.

A recent issue, for instance, in-formed visitors it would take 23 possums at birth to weigh as much as a penny bulls have been known to attain a height of 18 feet of the 3,000 species of lizards in the world, only two are known to be poisonous that you can't make a crow a conversationalist by splitting its tongue.

## **Dallas** Funspot To Open April 5

DALLAS, Feb. 15 .-- A special pro-Cincy Zoo May Take 3d Step in Showbiz Puddle; Profit 35G CINCINNATI Feb 15 - A proposal will be ready for the opening date,

he said. Park's new \$50,000 picnic shelter and area will be available this year. Shelter is a large building with ample room for picnics, including outside area for games and open air tables. It is equipped with a dance floor and has all modern conven-iences. This will be in joint op-eration with the amusements and midway, as it is adjacent to that area in the part of the part in the east part of the park.



RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 15. nichmond, Va., Feb. 15.—Part-low's, Inc., operators of Airport Park, Charlotte, N. C., and ride owners and operators in Municipal Park, Win-ston-Salem, N. C., have purchased 40 acres of land fronting Petersburg Pike, four miles south of here, for an amusement park. Announcement was made by David T. Partlow, man-ager of the concern.

At present the land is being graded and rides will be set up soon. Part-low has six rides set, including a low has six rides set, including a Merry-Go-Round, Eli Wheel, Chair-plane, eight-car Whip and two kid-die rides. Negotiations are now under way for a new Tilt and a Scooter.

Due to the building material shortage, Partlow said, canvas will be used for buildings. When the short-age lifts, permanent buildings will be erected. Within a year or so, plans are to build a modern swim-ming pool ming pool.

B. F. Partlow is president of Part-low's, Inc., and J. A. Partlow is secretary-treasurer. Home office is at Airport Park, Charlotte.

#### San Francisco Playland Has New 70G Derby Ride

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.— George Whitney, owner of Playland-at-the-Beach, reports its new \$70,000 Race Derby, unveiled here this week, is getting a big play.

Skateland added another session Saturday, according to M. M. (Red) Shattuck, general manager. New pol-icy calls for a matinee and two night sessions.

## Sitting 'Round the Table

(Editor's note: "Are fireworks and/or free acts necessary in parks?" That is the new question for the round table and herewith are the ideas from two men on the subject. This column is intended for use by all park owners, operators, publicity men, etc. Certainly you as a park man must have some ideas on this subject. If so, sent in your ideas to the Outdoor Editor, The Billboard, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1, Ill., and we will present them in this column. Too, if you have a subject you'd like discussed send it along.)

#### A Necessity

displays draw immense crowds, mak-ing Wednesday night a second Sat-urday night, and the aerial acts hold the crowds at night well beyond their normal departure time. However, our problem is that of a large amusement

problem is that of a large amusement park surrounded by small competi-tors who ride on the promotions of the 'big guy," namely ourselves. It is to the benefit of all that a vigorous promotion and publicity campaign is pursued, yet many of the small operators and concession-circs cannot understand the value of aires cannot understand the value of this concept. The problem boils down to educating the merchants of the to educating the merchants of the community of the fact fireworks, aerial acts, publicity and promotion are a community affair and should be supported financially by all.

That's the rub at the moment, and it's a bit irritating to know you're putting money into a competitor's pocket without even a thank you. It would greatly expedite the raising of funds for fireworks and free acts if the NAAPPB and *The Billboard* would institute a strong educational campaign to make every small operator and concessionaire promotion wise.—J. A. JOSEPH GEIST.

Nichols Gives Views

When the receipts of an amuse-ment park have dropped thru care-

### To us at Rockaways' Playland it is an accepted fact fireworks and aerial acts are a necessity. Fireworks Philly Zoo Denize Philly Zoo Denizen

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.-Keepers of the Philadelphia Zoo gathered around when the express man delivered a shipment of 16 unusual birds and a brace of crocodiles. Among the new arrivals were a brightly colored male satyr tragopan pheasant and a male impeyan pheasant.

Most comical and tame of the lot was a young pied hornbill, a bird of crow size with a huge bill and helmet-like casque on top of its head.

lessness or bad management and there is a sudden demand to do something to revive them, the first thought of such management is "we will put on fireworks or free acts; that will draw the crowd."

That's fine, but do you draw the right crowd? It generally draws the same old gang that has seen too much of your park and they are in-clined to laugh once more at your time-worn attractions.

For years I contributed liberally to fireworks and free shows at Revere the National Association of Amuse-Beach, Boston, and at several other ment Parks, Pools and Beaches, is East Coast resorts where I have had back in his Chicago office after visit-(See 'Round the Table, opp. page) ing his family in Portland, Ore.

## Zoo Has New Baby **Bears, But Number** Is Still a Question

CHICAGO, Feb. 15. — Brookfield Zoo here has some new black baby bears but zoo officials don't know how many and chances are they won't know until April 1, when the mama bears get ready to "unveil" them to the public.

Only by listening to the noises emerging from the dens can Zoo Director Robert Bean guess at the num-ber of occupants. There are two mothers, that he knows. Each, he believes, has two baby bears in her He said he can hear the difden. ference in voices.

The baby bears were born shortly after January 1, Bean said. For two weeks the mothers didn't leave their sides, not even coming out of the dens for food and water. He be-lieves by April 1 the mama bears will let their offspring leave the den.

## A.C. Steel Pier **To Celebrate 50th Birthday**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 15. —The 50th anniversary of the Steel Pier here will be celebrated this year and extensive plans are now being formulated by the management to exploit the occasion.

President George A. Hamid said effort will be made to bring back an outstanding name personalities who have played here in the past, for nave played here in the past, for either a guest appearance or a reg-ular engagement. Same entertain-ment policy will prevail with name bands and acts appearing thruout the season. A water show, thrill and circus acts will be presented at the end of the Pier. end of the Pier.

Hamid said it originally was intended to paint the entire outer sur-face of the Pier in gold, but the shortage of paint and painters make it necessary to confine this particu-lar decoration to the front of the Pier.

About 40 men, under direction of Richard Endicott, manager, have been employed thruout the winter to renovate the Pier. Theaters have been redecorated and a new air-con-ditioning system installed in the Mu-sic Hall. A set of chimes costing \$10,000 have been installed and will be played for the first time Pale be played for the first time Palm Sunday, after which they will be played twice daily.

#### Vickery, Dallas, To Open Season About April 1

DALLAS, Feb. 15.—Vickery Amusement Park here will open the 1947 season on or about April 1, ac-cording to T. Riley Hickman, owner and general manager. Park consists of 28 acres, has a

swimming pool and a large dance hall, and this year will add a roller rink. Many school and firm picnics already have been booked. Spot has

a free gate and free parking. Phil Little has contracted all con-cessions, including bingo. George cessions, including bingo. George Shaw will be in charge of concessions for Little. Oliver Cavitt and Bob Ivy will have charge of the swim-ming pool and dance hall, respectively.

Paul H. Huedepohl, secretary of

## AOW Contests Go March 6-8

Plastic floor gets speed trial—time not the best but improvement expected

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 15.— America-On-Wheels championships, second in scope only to the USARSA nationals, will be held March 6-8 in Twin City Arena here under sanction of the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association.

This year's meet promises to be the biggest ever, says AOW General Manager William Schmitz. Not only are there more entries for dance and figure competitions, but for the first time racing contests will be part of the competitions.

Climaxing the championship will be a dinner-dance in the Hotel Elizabeth Carteret here for officials and contestants.

#### **Plastic Workout**

AOW continues to emphasize racing, but received an unexpected setback January 11 when a team from Reading, Pa., took four out of five events on the plastic surface at Hackensack (N. J.) Arena. Howie Buckholz, of Twin City, was the only AOW speedster to receive a gold medal. He won it for finishing first in the two-mile race. Time: 7:23. The debut of means an the plastic

The debut of racing on the plastic floor was the subject of much interest among officials, and the surface received an okay from Jack Edwards, AOW racing director. Edwards said that altho the times were not as good as those made on standard floors in the past, he believes there will be improvement as skaters become used to the surface. Lack of dust and better traction were noticeable improvements.

Latest points standing in the AOW race division is: Twin City, 160; Mount Vernon (N. Y.) Arena, 135; Passaic, 90; Boulevard, 30; Hackensack, 5, and Perth Amboy, 0.

Bridgeton (N. J.) Roller Rink was recently destroyed by fire, according to R. J. Wilhelm, of Baltimore.





RINK OWNERS and managers in Philadelphia are shown working out details with Promotion Director Ray Gathrid for the annual Daily News roller-skating contest which got under way February 17. Sponsored by the newspaper for many years, the contest will be a streamlined event this year. Only four of the city's rinks have been invited to participate, Circus Gardens, Adelphia, Skateland and the Carman. Left to right, seated, are Warren Crub, manager of Adelphia; Cathrid and Jesse Carey, owner of Circus Gardens. Standing, left to right: Chick Spinelli, manager of Carman; Malcolm J. Carey Jr., manager of Circus Gardens and grandson of the elder Carey; Stewart Hall, manager of Skateland at Willow Grove Park, and Charles Sandom, assistant manager of Circus Gardens.

## Mooar Says Bergin Stood In Way of Own Ice Spray

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—"The roller skating world recieved a jolt in the February 1 issue of *The Bill*board upon reading the article by Fred Bergin, who admits one year's experience as manager of an ice rink," writes E. M. Mooar, of Carman Roller Rink here.

"It is hard to fathom the object of Bergin's explosion. The last we knew of him, he held some kind of an office with the RSROA, and as Cap Sefferino covered the point well, I can see no reason for me to elaborate.

"Perhaps I can give a few reasons why the ice rinks are far behind the roller rinks in attendance, altho I think icers are the older. I have seen may curious ice skates made of various materials which would lead one to believe that they outdate rollers by many years. Both ice and roller skates were modes of transportation and they still are in certain places. For many years climatic conditions were depended upon to create ice. I remember hearing of a man renting a vacant lot, excavating and flooding it during a cold spell, and charging a fee for skating after erecting a large tent over it. Attendance was nothing to sing about, as that particular town was blessed with a river and a number of small lakes which were free. By erecting and heating a shack and serving hot drinks the skaters were not subjected to much discomfort.

Philly Rolleries Wax Fat "For many years the Philadelphia Ice Club utilized one of the rivers here and held meetings in a boat

-RINK MEN WHO USE "CHICAGO" SKATES ARE SUCCESSFUL There's a Reason !! CHICAGO ROLLER SKATE CO, 4427 W. Lake St. CHICAGO, ILL. house which was heated for skaters. It also housed a refreshment stand. This club, by the way, is the oldest of its kind in America and from time to time has brought here all the leading amateurs and professionals of the world. When the Arena was built it moved there and promoted many shows, principally for charity. A year or so ago it erected its own rink at a cost of around \$100,000. This is now used for shows, contests, teaching and public skating on certain days. I cannot say offhand how many roller rinks are now operating (Mooar Says Bergin on opp. page)

### Concord Boosters Prepping 7 Free Rolleries for Kids

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 15.—Roller skating has been confined to sidewalks in this city of 30,000, but on Thursday (6) the first of seven rinks was inaugurated under sponsorship of the Booster Club and with the blessing of public officials. To be operated without profit for the hereft of grade-school young

To be operated without profit for the benefit of grade-school youngsters, the rinks made use of floor space donated by the city and local organizations. All of the rinks will fall in the same age group, below junior high school. It was felt necessary to provide seven places so that youngsters need not leave their neighborhoods.

Locations include a wardhouse, which sees little use outside of election time; an American Legion hall, and a privately-endowed gymnasium. Juke boxes will furnish music. The sponsoring club, organized a year ago to back sports activities, is financing the enterprise by contributions and waste paper drives.

waste paper drives. Dr. Pierce A. Boucher, president of the club, announced that 200 pairs of steel skates had been ordered for the first rink. Albert Foy, chairman of the committee, has been prominent in entertainment promotion and is the father of Patty Foy, radio singer.

## Set Combo Spot For Shreveport

#### 50G icer-roller project set by Leahy, Colquitt for summer, winter skating

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 15.—A \$50,000 combination roller and ice rink, which is expected to be one of the finest of its kind in this part of the country and the first one in this city, is to be built on Greenwood Road, two blocks west of Fair Park High School, it was announced by Joe P. Schierer, architect, who received construction approval from the CPA Saturday (8).

Saturday (8). Work on the structure is to start in about 30 days and it is expected to be completed by early summer. The building is being constructed by Bert J. Leahy and Colquitt Harper. The former has had wide experience in the skating business, having operated the roller rink in the fairgrounds Coliseum here for several years before entering the armed forces during the war. Harper is a local business man.

The one-story brick building will be 104 feet wide and 187 feet deep and will have floor space to accommodate 1,000 skaters, Schierer said, It will be modern in every respect, with bleachers along the sides, concession facilities, etc.

cession facilities, etc. Plans call for the building to be used for ice skating in the winter and roller skating in the summer.

#### Praise for Bergin Article

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 15.—"I thought the article by Freddy Bergin was great," writes Perry B. Rawson, of Rawson Associates, Asbury Park, N. J., who is currently vacationing here. "The ice rinks have been folding, one by one. If Bergin's experiment in Fresno, Calif., is successful, it will be the salvation of iceries, and everyone hopes the experiment will click."

New combination soda fountain and snack bar has been installed in Fred H. Freeman's Bal-a-Roue Rollerway, Medford, Mass.





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### **Mooar Says Bergin** Stood in Way of **Own Ice Spray**

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in this city. However, most of the operators, as Bergin states, are get-ting round shouldered from carrying money to the bank, and most of them do not have afternoon sessions except Saturdays and Sundays or short matinees for students who get credit in physical education for attending.

**Doubts Icers' Potential** 

"Bergin is right about the uninviting appearance of some ice rinks. However, I doubt whether they would attain the popularity of roller rinks if they were dolled up. Also, I question whether they could exist on skating alone. Hockey has become popular. While many skaters attend games and skate public sessions before and after the games, rink reve-nue, after the expense of upkeep, salaries and equipment for hockey players, leaves very little. It's doubtful if any individual could stand the cost. I believe, however, if builders of present-day roller rinks had used better judgment in giving more thought to seating capacity, much could have been gained at the box office. Ice rinks (the big ones) are office. Ice rinks (the big ones) are mostly housed in arenas which have a strong organization that is much better financed than organized roller skating. Also, it is my opinion that they have no great love for the rollers, since they have finally found out and now admit that roller skaters can do everything that is done on ice and much which is impossible to do

on ice. "Bergin complains about the noise in stopping. How about the much-touted plastic floors? Also, how about equipping skates with a well-advertised roller on the market that is, in my opinion, nearly silent? Precision bearings can be adapted to this wheel, which further tends to diminish noise.

**Excitement in Old Days** "The spraying of ice by hockey players and exhibitionists is not half as exciting as the slide for life from a height of 90 feet by one of our oldtime exhibitionists. At the end of the descent he jumped over seven people and into a terrific spin. Doubtful? Well, drop me a line and I'll produce the photo and plenty of newspaper clippings; one picture, for instance encoded to the Chicago instance, snapped at the Chicago Madison Garden Rink. A window in that building in 1908 measured 90 feet from the top to floor and that is where the performance, on 12-inch planks spliced together, started. Anplanks spliced together, started. An-other exciting stunt was Rexo's heel and toe split thru a specially-made tunnel for rinks that measured 13 inches from the floor. He later did the same stunt while going under an automobile. Now 81 years of age, I was told last summer that he had performed the tunnel stunt at a performed the tunnel stunt at a Grand Rapids, Mich., rink. Pop

"Not bad for excitement. Pop Carey says that's why they come. In fact, most roller rinks are community centers. Boys and girls marry, raise centers. Boys and girls marry, raise children and as soon as the kids are big enough papa and mama get skates for them. Ma and pa quit, but the kids continue. Sort of an endless chain. The air is not frigid and damp. Roller operators don't need the ice operators. They have pulled themselves up by their own efforts. I am afraid, Mr. Bergin, you got in front of one of those ice sprays. The RSROA gave you a pretty good break. Why try to incite unrest?"

Hoyt Rolling in Lyons, Kan. LYONS, Kan., Feb. 15.—Quonsett Roller Rink, housed in an all-metal building, has been opened on the outskirts of Lyons by Frank Hoyt. The building, 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, has a concrete floor surfaced with plastic.

# **Promotion Paying** Off at El Centro

EL CENTRO, Calif., Feb. 15.— Promotion is paying off for Larry A. Highsmith, former film stunt man and carnival shownan, who recently bought Victory Roller Rink here.

When Highsmith took over he found business "terrible." His first step was to announce free Wednesday skating sessions (afternoon for chil-dren and evenings for adults). This policy was eliminated after a month, but it had served its purpose. Saturday night sessions are now drawing some 160 adults, whereas he formerly drew about 50, and he is averaging 60 skaters nightly during the week. Wednesday matinees are now drawing, while night sessions, featuring dancing, draw about 150 adults.

Highsmith is now inaugurating a racing program. Another one of his stunts is to give balloons containing money and admission tickets.

Rainbow Rollers' Club, Rainbow Gardens Roller Rink, North Sacramento, has become a member of the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, reported Paul J. Gilbert.

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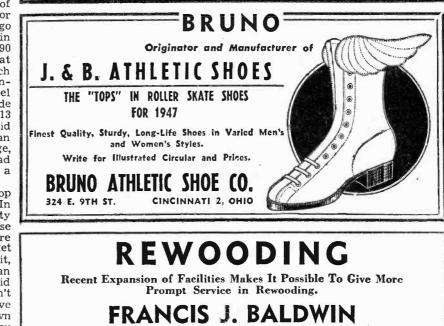
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FRANK L. SULLIVAN .... vet pitch proponent, is wintering in Moultrie, Ga., and would like to read pipes here from the boys working the West Coast and Fred Hudspeth.

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Some successful pitchmen are no more apable than their less successful brothers. The former just pitch longer and harder. LITTLE JOE POOLE ... comes thru with the following from Detroit: "Shrine Circus, which closes here February 16, is one of the big-gest things that ever happened to the boys of the pitch. Among those getting well are George Duncan, The Fox Big Murphy Little Low mem-

Fox, Big Murphy, Little Lou, mem-bers of the Chicago contingent, and a

few Clevelanders, including Sam Wexler. Among the local boys, Jack

Siegel is making so much money that

(See PIPES on page 92)

**Prosperity Binge!** Benny Stone's sudden burst of

generosity caused a near riot in

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Los Angeles recently and actu-ally resulted in the injury of a woman bystander before four local gendarmes intervened and restored order. The diminutive Stone, so the story goes, was pitching nylons, bubble gum and candy in the City of Angels when he suddenly mounted a box and began throwing his wares at passers-by. A stampede resulted with the woman sustaining cuts and

woman sustaining cuts and bruises requiring medical atten-tion before the police broke up

the melee and arrested Stone. At the police station where he was given a mental examination, Stone apologized for the riot, saying: "I'm an orphan. I was just trying to help the poor peo-

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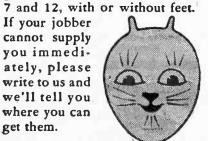
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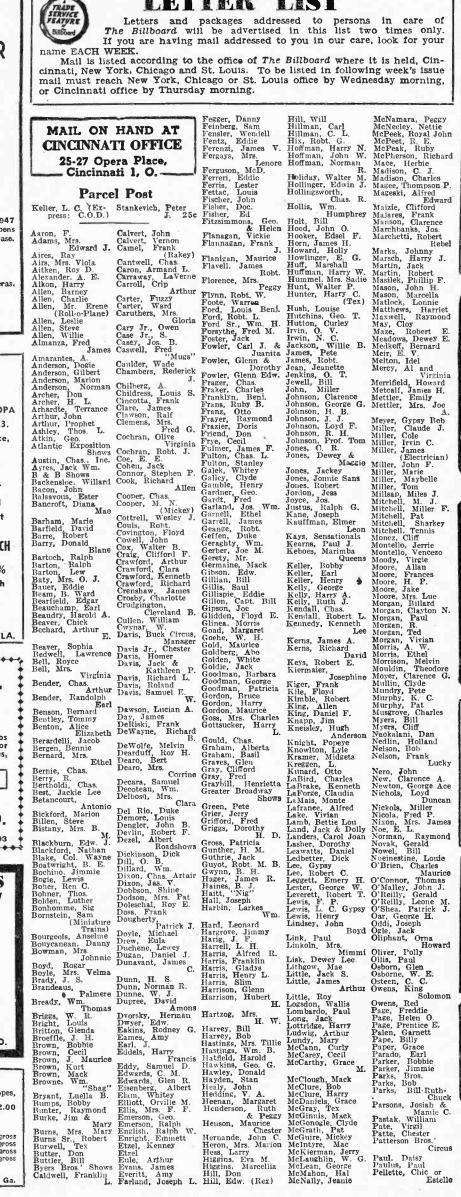
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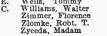


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# Annual Tops Nut First Week PIPES Rain, No Tears, in Florida;

(Continued from page 72) an adequate fair, as Florida's than agricultural exhibits promise great things for the annuals to come next

things for the annuals to come next fall in the Northern States. Among the visitors noted were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lund, Minnesota State; C. G. (Pete) Baker, Oklahoma State; William V. (Jake) Ward, Illinois State; William F. Brown, Vermillion County Fair, Danville, Ill.; Crawford Bickford and Col. R. M. Shearer, Or-lando, Fla.; John Logan, Pinellas County Fair, Largo, Fla.; John C. Wehrley, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Fair; Mrs. Maude Atwood, Chattanoga Fair; Joe Redding, representing M. Fair; Joe Redding, representing M. M. Benton, of Southeastern States Fair, Atlanta, and Julius Kahn, Luxemburg (Wis.) Fair.

#### Auto Races Click

Auto racing proved again Saturday (8) that it has lost none of its appeal as a major fair attraction, as the second of the series arranged here by Al Sweeney and Gaylord White, of National Speedways, packed in what Streider declared was the largest auto racing crowd in the annual's history. Joie Chitwood's thrill show held sway under rough weather conditions Wednesday (12) and did a paying business, with another whirl at the customers due Friday. The annual closes today with the third set of auto races.

#### Gaspar Draws 'Em

Other grandstand programs suf-fered, with the exception of Gas-parilla Day, Monday (10), when every nook of the grandstand, bleachers and temporary stands in the in-field was packed. It was the first

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Gasparilla Day since the some fantastic attendanc , and some fantastic attendance figures were released, but it is true that the arounds were packed and it would have been a tremendous day for Royal American Shows on the midway had it not been for a cold, biting wind which drove customers home-ward immediately after completion of the colorful parade late in the afternoon.

Thursday was Shrine Day and a huge parade was kayoed by a heavy all-day rain. The *Professor Quiz* program set as night grandstand attraction was staged in the Electrical Building. This took a slice of the profits, but not enough to cause more than a slight bruise on the bank roll. Gasparilla Day was a trifle expen-sive, too, as it cost the association \$10,000 to bring the parade into the grounds and the management laid out another \$2,000 for rain insurance, just in case. It didn't rain, and the folks were there to pay the outride just in case. It didn't rain, and the folks were there to pay the outside gate and grandstand freights, but the midway and other assorted revenue-gathering agencies suffered.

#### **Publicity Is Tops**

Publicity for the annual has been unusually strong. The two Tampa dailies, The Times and The Tribune, have been more than generous with space, both using huge art layouts daily as well as numerous individual stories on the various exhibits and attractions. Publicity has been han-dled by Russell Kay and the veteran Jimmie Malone, and their efforts have been far-reaching. Radio has been strong, with remotes regularly from the grounds as well as studio interviews, shots on news casts and breaks on locally sponsored programs.

Despite the continuous inclemency of the weather, Jimmy Owens and his crew have done a fine job in keeping the grounds presentable; a difficult task in the face of the dreariness which envelops one when it rains or is chilly in these parts.

### UNDER THE MARQUEE

(Continued from page 50) who, during 1946, did the most for his community.

R. E. Leonard, son of Wick Leonard, of Columbus, O., animal trainer, has opened a full-time training farm for circus animals, both wild and domesticated, southwest of Junction City, Kan. Leonard has been operating the business as a part-time venture but says business is such he can make a full-time job of it.

Worst insult to hard-driving pusher, after slugging it out with a tough canvasman, is to hear a towner call it a "tiff."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spiller, who have Spiller's Seals, recently returned from a Mexican tour and left immediately for South America to tour with the Gran Circo Americano. . . . Bill Brinley, Meriden, Conn., model builder, had his miniature circus on display at the American Hobby Show, Hearn's Department Store New York Hearn's Department Store, New York.

Ed Hanes is spending a few weeks in Kansas City, Mo., and reports visiting Hank Grimes, with whom he trouped on the old Gentry show. Grimes will be in the ticket department of the Sparks Circus this season.

Charles H. Liedel, Moberly, Mo., reports that the Wabash Railroad held up its St. Louis to Kansas City streamlined Diesel train two hours in St. Louis Saturday (8) for the ar-rival of Terrell Jacobs's lions, en route to the indoor circus engagement in Denver,

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he says he'll soon be even with everyhe says he'll soon be even with every-body. Morris Levine, of Chicago, says he plans to buy a home here. Billygoat Osborn left recently, but Zoot Suit O'Connell is still here, as are Marty Healy and Little McDon-ald. Nate Abrams is among the top workers, as is Jimmie the Cush. Also present is Edward Williams " present is Edward Williams."

MONEY SPOTS: Preparations for this year's 30th annual Pure Food and Health Exposition at the Cincinnati Zoo, August 19 thru September 1, are already under way, with A. E. (Tony) Scheifer, managing director, reporting heavy requests for booth space. Members of the tripes and keister fraternity who made the event last year wound up with plenty of dough in the poke. Current planning on the part of the committees in charge should make this year's stanza even better than the 1946 promotion.

IT'S ABOUT TIME ... this pillar is the recipient of pipes from such stalwarts as Art Nelson, Charley Courteaux, Fergie Ferguson, Doc Curly Bartok, George Haney, Doc George M. Reed, Shorty Tread-way, Clarence Heckendorn, Frank Butler, Muggsy Martin, Chet Greeley, Paul Demers, Eddie Sherica, Eddie Gillespie, George H. Brooks, Tom Kennedy and the veteran Doc Rous-sey. sey.

#### HENRY JARECKI ...

well known in pitch circles, has mi-grated to Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y., where he plans to make his home, and from which point he will demonstrate his games layouts.

#### PAT MALONE

and Jack (Bottles) Stover are corral-ing a few shekels in the Valley of Virginia despite the young blizzard which hit the spot recently.

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# **Kansas Ruling Classes** Op as **Retail Seller**

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—Ruling from the Kansas State Commission of Revenue and Taxation places the operators of all types of coin ma-chines in the retailer classification, subject to the State's 2 per cent sales tax. Rule No. 24, issued by the com-mission covers vending and all other mission, covers vending and all other types of coin machines. Complete Complete text of the ruling follows:

The owners or operators of vending machines or any other coin-op-erated machines are deemed to be erated machines are deemed to be retailers of the articles of tangible personal property which are dis-pensed by the machines, or operators of an amusement device. When the machines are operated by the own-ers thereof, the gross receipts from the operations of the machines must be reported as the amount subject be reported as the amount subject to the tax. No deductions may be taken for commissions or rentals paid to persons upon whose premises the machines are located. Adequate and complete records must be kept by the owners, showing the gross receipts from each machine during the monthly period.

Any owners operating machines at various locations will be permitted to make a single application for cer-tificate of registration, attaching thereto a supplemental statement showing the location of all machines owned by him, and their serial num-bers, if any. The director of reve-nue will issue a separate label to the owner to be affixed to each ma-chine showing the owner's registra-tion certificate number. If any such machine is not owned by the owner machine is not owned by the operator thereof, the operator is liable for the tax on the gross receipts, no deduction being allows receipts, no de-sions or rentals paid to the owner. If the machine is located at the operator's place of business, which application is place of business, which business is conducted under a cer-tificate of registration, no separate application is required for the ma-chine. The gross receipts from the machine shall be reported with the total gross receipts of that place of business business.

### **Declare New Britain Coin Hike Will Fail**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 15.-Legal circles here are examining a proposal to up the fees on amuse-ment games and juke boxes. The city now has approximately 80 juke boxes now has approximately 80 juke boxes and 375 amusement games, including pinballs. Common Council here has reportedly been considering increas-ing the license fees on amusement games from \$25 annually to \$100 to \$50

the fee on juke boxes from \$10 to \$50. Opinion of most legal observers here is that the proposal is doomed to fail, since the measure is designed to derive profit. Legal opinion here points out that the purpose of levy-ing license fees is to collect funds for the purpose of control thru proper regulations and supervision, and that it is not legal to collect revenue for profit under the guise of license fees.

# **News Digest**

NICKEL CANDY-Operators of vending machines in the New York-New Jersey area are looking for a return to nickel candy in vending machines. With jobber prices fairly well stabilized, some operators are reported dropping the dime bars with which they filled their machines when nickel bars were impossible to wholesalers for the first time in years are actually encouraging sales. Retail over-the-counter sales have likewise shown a return to the nickel prices. This is true, too, in Chicago where several places have put up signs reading: All chewing gum, 5 cents; all candy, 5 cents. The days cents; all candy, 5 cents. The days of competitive selling in sugar-using products may return shortly.

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PLAY JUMP --- In Topeka, Ka..., heart of the Middle West, coin machines are doing brisk business on most locations, bringing the whole State of Kansas out of its post-New Year's lethargy. Operators report the most noticeable increases have been in play of pin games. Juke boxes still continue 10 per cent below business done last fall. Report from the State's revenue commission, con-tained in the story "Midwest Out of Doldrums" on this page, bears out op-erators' reports of increased business.

LEGISLATION-Current reports from the various State capitols show that few measures involving coin machines have been introduced within the past 10 days. Most legislative activity is centered in Idaho, Mon-tana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Washington and California. Montana and Idaho may license payouts and gaming devices, according to reports from those territories. Most numer-

ous are the bills to tax cigarettesboth those placing new taxes on ciga-rettes and those where added taxes may be placed on existing measures.

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JUICE VENDER—Advance infor-mation for the Florida Citrus Ex-change Exposition, to be held in Winter Haven starting February 17, says that a new juice vending ma-chine will be displayed. The Florida Citrus Exchange's general manager has long been an advocate of vend-ing machines and has proposed the exchange put \$100,000 into a pro-posed \$500,000 fund to develop sales thru dispensers. At the exposition next week, visitors will drink six ounces of blended juice from the cup vender. Most Florida growers maintain the blended juice which is a combination of citrus juices—is the a combination of citrus juices—is the most salable drink of its type.

**BOTTLES SHORT**-Automatic merchandising operators are participating in a campaign for the return of bot-Glass companies, notably Owens-Illi-nois, are leading the campaign in an effort to speed up the turnover of bottles. Sand, soda ash and lime are the principal glass-making ingredi-ents in shortage. Even the the glass makers believe that they will ship more bottles this year than in any previous year, they predict they will still not be able to satisfy bottlers' demands.

SERVICE CONTRACT-In Detroit a unique firm has been set up to handle the service problems of small operators. Operators, who subscribe to the firm's plan, pay a weekly fee of one dollar for each machine they (See NEWS DIGEST on page 128)

# Kansas Trade **Shows Trends**

**COIN MACHINES** 

Pinballs lead upswing for Kansas operators — jukes play better in January

By a Staff Correspondent TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—In To-peka—as in the whole State of Kan-sas—play in all phases of the coin machine industry is coming out of the post-New Year's doldrums in good shape, operators report. Kansas operations are a good indication of operations are a good indication of business thruout the Middle West. Report released this week by the State Commission of Revenue and Taxation bolsters this opinion that Kansas coinmen are holding their own

Pinballs are leading the upswing. As one observer put it, "The pinballs are going over here—but good." Play are going over here—but good." Play on the games is estimated at the October-November level or above. One operator estimated that it had increased 10 per cent and business seems to be well out of the slump that hit right after the holidays. Veterans in the trade said play is running ahead of last year and the customary pick-up appears to be coming earlier.

#### **Beer Supply Big Factor**

Upturn was attributed by most to the increase in beer supplies plus the attraction of new machines. Most pin operators are reported to have re-placed the bulk of their old machines with new ones.

Music machines are still off in play about 10 per cent when compared with business done last fall, but they with business done last fall, but they are said to have shown noticeable improvement since January. Ciga-rette vending machines also have shown an increase of about 10 per cent in recent weeks. No change was noted in candy sales since operators are easily able to sell all they can get and more

are easily able to sell all they can get, and more. Topeka, however, seems to have been hit less by employment layoffs than other Midwestern cities. Also, its army air base and supply depot are among the few that have been kept open in this area, but operators report that steady cuts in army per-sonnel here are being felt in coin machine play. This cutback, how-ever, is partially offset by the recon-version of the big Goodyear Rubber plant here and the steadier operation of Morrell's packing plant in recent months. months.

#### **College a Top Location**

Washburn Municipal University, which is jammed with G.I. students like most colleges, is proving among the top locations. One company even has two candy venders in the base-ments of sorority houses where coeds can nibble between afternoon study

can nibble between afternoon study periods and social events. Among music operators there still are plenty of complaints on the qual-ity of disks. Routemen report that they have been getting batches of bad platters, and the girls whirling the turetables in phone music hooks. the turntables in phone music hook-ups say disks often show wear the first day they are on the rack. According to latest reports, there

(See Midwest Out on page 128)

**Proposed Gotham Bill Hits Game Machines Hard; Action By NAAMO May Prove Stymie** 

#### Location or Arcade Games Would Be Taxed \$10 Each

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Arcade owners will be hardest hit under terms of a new city amusement ma-chine bill to be heard February 24 at City Hall by the Committee on Gen-eral Welfare. Under present ruling, arcades pay a \$50 tax. The new bill, known as No. 241, will collect a \$10 tariff per machine, regardless of whether the machine is on a location or in an arcade.

whether the machine is on a location or in an arcade. The New York Chapter of the Na-tional Association of Amusement Ma-chine Owners plans to meet this week-end to plan association action, F. McKim Smith, NAAMO president, states. Operators are now paying no local tax on machines, but only ar-cade-type machines such as skee-ball, poker tables and similar games are allowed in the city area. Pin-balls are taboo. balls are taboo.

Before a machine would be ap-proved for a license under the pro-

posed bill, a photograph and detailed description of the method of operat-ing the machine must be submitted to the License Commissioner's office. Locations also will be investigated by the license denartment before hv the license department before granting approval.

Text of the proposed bill follows: To amend the Administrative Code of the city of New York, in relation to the licensing of amusement de-vices. Be it enacted by the council as follows: as follows:

Section 1. Title B of Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York is hereby amended by adding a new article to follow Article 32 to

#### Article 33

Amusement Devices

Definitions.—A. Whenever used in this article the term "amusement de-(Proposed Gotham Bill on page 124)

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# **Trade Directory**

Following tabulation of trade reports received during the weeks of February 1, February 8, and February 15 is made for the convenience of the industry. Tho the listings may be incomplete because of omissions, they are offered as an aid in revising trade files:

#### **New Machines**

DeLux Photomatic (automatic picture taking machine). International Mutoscope Corporation, 44-01 11th Street, Long Island City 1, N. Y.

The Majestic (Club Royale Bell). Bell-O-Matic Corporation, 4100 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago 39.

Mexican Baseball (counter game). Daval Products Corporation, 1512 N. Fremont Street, Chicago 22. Show Girl (pinball game). Wil-liams Manufacturing Company, 151 West Huron Street, Chicago 10.

State Fair (pinball game). Genco, 2621 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago 14.

Basketball Champ (basketball game). Chicago Coin Machine Com-paný, 1725 Diversey Boulevard, Chicago 14.

cago 14.
3-Way Console. Pace Manufacturing Company, Inc., 2909 Indiana
Avenue, Chicago 16.
Skill Thrill (penny pistol target game). Daval Products Corporation,
1512 North Fremont, Chicago 22.
Bang Tails (console game). H. C.
Evans & Company, 1520-1530 West
Adams Street, Chicago 7.
Rio (5-ball pinball game). United
Manufacturing Company, 5737 North

Manufacturing Company, 5737 North Broadway, Chicago 40. Santa Anita Handicap (racing game). Firestone Enterprises, Inc., Santa Anita Handicap (racing game). Firestone Enterprises, Inc., 1604 Chestnut Avenue, Brooklyn 30. Rolloball (bowling game). Fire-stone Enterprises, Inc., 1604 Chestnut Avenue, Brooklyn 30. Strikes 'n' Spares (automatic bowl-ing alley). Allite Manufacturing Company, Inc., 5732 Duarte Street, Los Angeles 11. Basketball (counter game). Cham-pion Manufacturing Company, 101 Rantoul Street, Beverly, Mass.

Rantoul Street, Beverly, Mass. Bang - A - Fitty (bowling game) Edelman Amusement Devices, 2459 Grand River, Detroit 1.

Vendi-Freeze (ice cream vender). Vendi-Freeze Sales, 37th floor, Bank-ers Building, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago.

chicago.
RCA coin-operated radio. Radio
Corporation of America, Engineering
Products Department, Camden, N. J.
Filben '47 (phonograph). National
Filben '47 (pinball game).
Electro-Games Company, 900 Monroe
Avenue, Northwest, P. O. Box 76,
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Shooting Stars (pinball game). P
& S Machine Company, 3017 North
Sheffield Avenue, Chicago 14.
Cash Tray (bulk vender). AdamsFairfax Corporation, 5721 West Jefferson Boulevard, 'Los Angeles 16.
Bally Entry (pinball game). Bally
Manufacturing Company, 2640 Belmont Avenue, Chicago 18.
Special Entry (pinball game). Bally

Mont Avenue, Chicago 18. Special Entry (pinball game). Bally Manufacturing Company, 2640 Bel-mont Avenue, Chicago 18. Masco Liquid Dispenser. Bradley

Masco Liquid Dispenser. Bradley Associates, Inc., 1652 North Damen Avenue, Chicago 47. Zodi (astrology machine). Coin-trol, Inc., 166 West Jackson Boule-vard, Chicago. Jewel Bell. Bell-O-Matic Corpora-

tion, 4100 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago 39.

Bouncer (5-ball skill game). Skill Games Corporation, 1141 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn 21. Miss America (5-ball free play game). D. Gottlieb & Company, 1140 North Kostner Avenue, Chicago 51. Deily Baces (pipbell game) D

Daily Races (pinball game). D. Gottlieb & Company, 1140 North Kostner Avenue, Chicago 51.

Best Hand (counter game). Daval Products Corporation, 1512 North Fremont Street, Chicago 22.

Mills Constellation (phonograph). Mills Industries, Inc., 4100 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago 39.

Precision-Bilt Radio (coin-oper-ated). Precision-Bilt Company, 19, Arlington Street, Boston 17.

Big Parlay (pinball game). J. H. Keeney & Company, Inc., 2600 West 50th Street, Chicago 32.

Evans' Races (console game). H. C. Evans & Company, 1520 West Adams Street, Chicago 7.

Postmaster (postage stamp vender). Daval Products Corporation, 1512 North Fremont Street, Chicago 22.

#### **Personnel Notices**

Paul F. Beich has been appointed a member of the Council on Candy Committee of the National Confectioners' Association, Chicago.

Thomas J. Greene passed away January 20 at Miami.

Carl E. Behr has resigned as vice-president of the Paul F. Beich Company, Bloomington, Ill.

Charles O'Malley has been ap-pointed general sales manager of the Paul F. Beich Company, Blooming-ton, Ill.

Leonard Sheehan has been ap ointed district sales manager for the

Midwest area, for Telequiz Sales Company, Chicago. Herb Oettinger has been named secretary-treasurer of the United

Manufacturing Company, Chicago. Harry Brown, music operator, passed away recently at his home in New York York. New

New York. Paul L. Clark has been named advertising manager of Silent Sales System, Washington.

F. McKim Smith is the newly-elected president of the Arcade Owners' Association of America.

#### **New Firms**

Scale - O - Matic Company, 5606 North 10th Street, Philadelphia. (Coin machine firm.) Ace Music Company, 13615 Ryan Road, Detroit. (Music operating firm.) Rand Music & Novelty Sales, 3303 Saint Joseph Street, Detroit. (Music operating firm.) operating firm.)

operating firm.) Vending Frozen Foods, 143 Dunn-lea Road, Fairfield, Conn. (Coin machine firm.) Park City Amusements Machine, North Bishop Avenue, Bridgeport,

Conn.

Conn. Rains Radio Manufacturing Com-pany, 720 Ark-Mo Highway, Park Hill, Ark. (Will manufacture coin-operated radios.) Kelley Kandy Vendors, Inc., Rocky Mount, N. C. (Operating firm.)

#### **Address Changes**

Michigan Vending Company, 14838

Wyoming Street, Detroit. U-Need-A Vender Distributing Company, 3000 Northwest 27th Avenue. Miami.

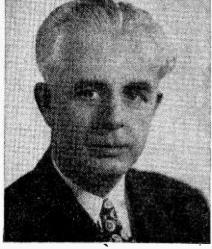
Du Grenier, Inc., 303 Fourth Ave-

Du Grenier, Inc., 303 Fourth Ave-nue, New York. Bork Manufacturing Company, 6201 15th Street, Brooklyn. Active Amusement Machines Com-pany, 666 North Broad Street, Phila-delphia. Coin-O-Matic Cashier Company, 1590 North Helsted Street, Chicago

1520 North Halsted Street, Chicago.

#### **Name Changes**

Arcade Owners' Association of America has changed its name to Lower Peninsula of Michigan.



#### **GRANT SHAY**

**Grant Shay Elected Vice-President for Bell-o-Matic Corp.** 

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- At a stockholders' meeting February 11, Grant F. Shay, advertising manager of the Bell-o-Matic Corporation, Chicago, was elected vice-president in charge of advertising. Shay was also named to the corporation's board of directors.

Shay has been associated with Mills Industries and Bell-o-Matic for 20 years. Bell-o-Matic is the national distributor for Mills Industries' amusement and service equipment.

Directors of the Bell-o-Matic Cor-poration are Ralph J. Mills, Herbert S. Mills, Hayden R. Mills, Vincent Shay, Arthur V. Cooley, John P. Ryan and Grant F. Shay.

### **Pinball Not Under** Pueblo Gaming Ban

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 15.-Pinball games are not under Pueblo's county gaming ban, according to a statement reportedly made by District Attorney John Marsalis. The official said that, according to his information, pinballs which do not pay out are not under the ban.

He also expressed the opinion that no pinball game would be ordered confiscated without a test case in court. Statement was made during a court hearing on the confiscation of a bell machine.

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**Branch Offices** 

Frankel Distributing Company, Rock Island, Ill., has opened a branch office at 604 South Eighth Street, Sioux Falls, S. D.

#### **Purchases**

Ex-Cell-O Corporation, Detroit, has purchased all assets of the Elec-tro-Pure Pasteurizer Division of the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company.

#### **Distributors** Appointed

Aireon Manufacturing Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas, has appointed the following distributors for its the products:

Wolverine Sales Company, 2200 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, for

# **NAAMO Elects** Three New V-P's At Chi Meeting

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Albert Rodstein, Philadelphia, was elected first vice-president of the National Association of Amusement Machine Owners at the executive board meeting in Chicago last week. He replaced William K. Rodstein, Philadelphia, resigned.

Ken Wilson, Chicago, and F. M. Eagan, Dallas, also were elected vice-presidents of the association at the same time. Louis Fox, Brooklyn, and Max Shaffer, New York, were elected vice-presidents at org's January meeting.

Robert Jacobs, New York; Sam Pinkowitz, Philadelphia, and Charles Wertheimer, Boston, were named to the executive board at the meeting. Named regional directors were S. M. Named regional directors were S. M. McFall, Texas, and Carlisle Miller, New York.

For the present, offices of NAAMO will remain at 1776 Broadway, and Miss E. Vaughn will be acting execu-tive secretary. An experienced man-aging director will be appointed as soon as it is practical, according to F. McKim Smith, NAAMO president.

### Warn Toledo Liquor Sellers on Payouts

TOLEDO, Feb. 15.-Newspaper reports circulated here early this week to the effect that all pinball games would be ordered out of locations serving intoxicating liquor was modi-fied by a later statement from William Galayda, chief district liquor en-forcement agent. Galayda said that

Toledo licenses pinball games at \$100 per machine annually, and 1946 revenue figures indicated approxi-mately 600 of the 1,100 licensed pin-balls are placed in locations selling liquor.

Earlier, The Toledo Times said in a front page story that Stanley Cofall, the new State liquor director, would issue an order for the removal of pin issue an order for the removal of pin games from all locations selling in-toxicating beverages. The paper said inspectors had last week begun checking up on licensed machines. Galayda later explained that To-ledo liquor permit holders will be given citations for exchanging pin-ball tokens for each Action is based

given citations for exchanging pin-ball tokens for cash. Action is based on the Ohio State Regulation 32-A, which prohibits the exhibit of "any device, machine or apparatus which may be used for "gaming or wager-ing" in any drink place. The Toledo pinball license law prohibits the dis-tribution of "coins of any value" and prizes

### Phil. Coin Machine Tax Revenue Drops

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.-City amusement tax collections for the first month of the new year showed decrease in revenue from coin machines over the same period last year. For January, 1947, coin machines brought into the city tax coffers a de-crease of \$74,440 over that brought in January, 1946. Tax break-down also showed a de-

crease in revenue of \$5,400.80 from bowling alleys in January over the same month last year.

#### Sidney Moskowitz Dies

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15.— Sidney Moskowitz, 52 owner-operator of the Supreme Amusement Com-pany, Bridgeport, Conn., died in New Haven Hospital February 1. He leaves big wife and four sons Burial in his wife and four sons. Burial in Ahavath Achim Cemetery, Bridgeport, February 2.

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95 **COIN MACHINES** 

1 FEW NEW LEGISLATIVE BILLS

# **Cig Measures On Increase**

#### Northwestern States Scene

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Legislative reports not previously published in *The Billboard* show the favorable trend that very few additional States have introduced coin machine legislahave introduced coin machine legisla-tion. The last previous review of legislative action was reported in *The Billboard* February 8 issue, page 90. At the present time the legislatures in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Washington and Cali-formia are showing the most legisla-

fornia are showing the most legisla-tive action based on the number of bills introduced into the Legislature up to the present time.

Favorable action on the licensing of payouts and gaming devices may come in Montana and Idaho. Trends in Idaho are somewhat mixed be-cause the Legislature repealed the 1945 statute which licensed gaming devices in clubs, but two other bills devices in clubs, but two other bills are being pushed thru rapidly, one of which would provide for local op-tion licensing of payouts and bells. The second bill also provides for a State system of licensing of amuse-

ment games and also gaming devices. Reports from the Eastern States show the only favorable trends to be toward licensing bingo and pro-posals for setting up lotteries.

#### Vending Bills Increasing

Vending Bills Increasing There has been an increase in the number of bills relating to vending machines, but the increase in the number of bills has not become alarming as yet. An increase in the number of proposals to tax cigarettes has been expected and this trend is showing up definitely. Possibly there are three proposals in the legislative hoppers at the pres-

Possibly there are three proposals in the legislative hoppers at the pres-ent time relating to soft drinks. Pennsylvania has a bill relating to candy, but it is considered favorable since it provides for sanitary regula-tions tions.

If State legislatures follow their usual course the next two weeks will show considerable action on coin machine bills that are already in the hoppers. A number of the States have already passed the deadline for in-troducing new bills.

Increased action on bills already introduced and the introduction of a introduced and the introduction of a number of new bills may be ex-pected during the next two weeks. Then legislative action should taper off fast. That would suggest that the next two weeks are rather crucial with respect to coin machine legis-lation lation.

lation. Because of increasing number of unfavorable local developments in California coupled with unfavorable bills in the Legislature, the California situation may be considered most discouraging for the amusement games trade. The Board of Super-visors for Los Angeles County re-cently passed the ordinance which hans amusement games in unincorpobans amusement games in unincorpo-rated territory in the county. The unfavorable trends are still spreading into other local areas.

#### State by State Summary

The following State by State sum-mary of reports on legislative action is given for the information of our readers

ARKANSAS. Senate Bill No. 131 would require a business license for operating vending and service ma-

chines with the fee at \$20 per year. Forbid All Pinballs A graduated scale of license fees on route that does not also operate amusement games, will be exempt from individual license fees, House Bill No. 266 proposes a system of licenses for juke boxes, cigarette venders and soft-drink venders. Softdrink venders are listed at the highest fee of \$25 per machine per year. The House Revenue and Taxation Com-mittee has this bill. House Bill No. 270 would make the State police responsible for gambling over the State.

CALIFORNIA. Assembly Bill 2233 proposes a tax on juke boxes of \$80 per year. Assembly Bill 2503 introduced February 5 is another proposal on gaming and gambling under the present statutes.

CONNECTICUT. House Bill 643 would amend the present cigarette tax law so that operators of cigarette venders would not have to have the license number disc or marker on each machine.

#### **Includes Scales With Pumps**

IOWA. House Bill 215 amends present State inspection laws to in-clude coin-operated personal weighclude com-operated personal weigh-ing scales with gasoline pumps. A small State fee is required for the inspection of scales. A Senate com-mittee proposed amendments to Sen-ate Bill 146 which would require State license for selling cigarettes retail and wholesale.

retail and wholesale. INDIANA. Indiana has House Bill 361 which proposes to license vend-ing machines, with 95 per cent of the proceeds to go to the State text book fund. The bill was introduced Feb-ruary 6 and was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee. On February 7 House Bill 411 was introduced in Indiana to increase penalties for gambling law violations. Deadline for new bills in Indiana was February 7 in the House and February 10 in the Senate. IDAHO. The Idaho Legislature has been one of the most active on coin machine legislation and has at-

coin machine legislation and has at-tracted attention in the trade much beyond its territory. Purposes of the action on license bills seemed to have mixed trends. The present State license law passed in 1945 has been repealed. At the same time the House is reported acting favorably on two other bills that would provide licenses for games and payouts and bells. One of these bills which the House is pushing would provide a local licensing of gaming devices and the other bill would provide for a general State license on pinball and on gaming devices on a percentage basis. House Bill 168 introduced February 8 would provide for licensing the distributors and retailers of salesboards.

# **On-the-Job Feeding?**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—With petty thievery apparently on the increase here, coin machines still are prime targets of the vandals. One candy machine was burglarized right in the basement garage the city police station, but the thief was promptly caught and taken to the cell block for his seventh prolonged visit. Another burglar made the news for his calm technique. Manager of the lunchroom where the machines were robbed found the place littered with banana skins when he opened up the next morning. Apparently the thief fortified himself for prying open the coin boxes of the juke and cigarette vender by munching bananas between times.

A graduated scale of license tees on service machines, including toilet locks, parcel lockers, etc., is also included in the bill, the fees rang-ing from 50 cents to \$5 based on the number of machines in a route. The bill also provides that any operator with a vending or service machine route that does not also operator warble games, salesboards and LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—An ordi-nance forbidding all pinball and marble games, salesboards and claw machines in the unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County was passed by the county board of super-visors here February 11. The meas-ure was vigorously protested by pin-ball operators and owners of business establishments, who declared the or-dinance would cause them financial loss, but passed by a four-to-one vote of the supervisors. Some 3,000 pinball games and claw

Some 3,000 pinball games and claw machines, worth an estimated \$1,000,-000, will go under ban March 13 in business places outside the city limits of Los Angeles but within the bor-ders of the county.

The decision followed a two-hour session in the crowded board room when a score of machine owners and

when a score of machine owners and operators argued that the devices are not widely used for gambling and therefore constitute no menace to morals of either adults or juveniles. Among some of the contentions offered by the opponents to the meas-ure aside from those pertaining to gambling, were that the license fees now paid on the machines are accru-ing to the county at a rate of about now paid on the machines are accru-ing to the county at a rate of about \$100,000 a year, that many veterans depend for all or part of their liveli-hood upon operation of the machines, and that a large portion of the public rely on them as their chief source of recreation. The current license fee is \$24 a year

According to spokesmen for the county counsel's office, the only re-course left to machine operators is a demand for a referendum, which under the county charter could be sought after due circulation of petitions.

would provide for bingo games in Baltimore. Reports circulated early in the week that the Maryland Legislature had a bill to tax coin-operated radios. We have not been able to get the report confirmed up to the present time.

MINNESOTA. A Senate resolution provides for repealing the ban on bingo games in the State. MONTANA. Apparently the Mon-

MONTANA. Apparently the Mon-tana Legislature has a greater num-ber of bills relating to coin machines than any other State Legislature in session at the present time. The deadline for introducing new bills in the Legislature passed February 9. Some of the more recent bills intro-duced in the Montana Legislature duced in the Montana Legislature include House Bill No. 378, intro-duced February 9, provides for a change in time of the State licensing an gaming devices on a percentage of bells, payouts and other coin ma-asis. House Bill 168 introduced chines, making the license year be-ebruary 8 would provide for licens- gin January 1. A special reso-ing the distributors and retailers of lution introduced February 7 in ilesboards. the House, No. 343, provides for MARYLAND. House Bill 320 (Few New Legislative on page 128)

# **Bad Quality of Canadian** Corn Vending Hitch

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 15.-Canadian vending machine operators are listing as high among their problems the scarcity of many vendable items such as candy bars, carbonated bev-erages, gum and nuts, and poor quality of others, as in the case of popcorn.

Inferior quality of popcorn in Canada, as compared to that avail-able in the United States, is recog-nized as a marked handicap to those operators handling this merchandise. This is particularly applicable to mo-lasses popcorn. The treatment of the corn, and notably the use of not enough molasses or a substitute for molasses, and also the number of hard, unprocessed kernels in each roll of the corn, contribute to the generally inferior quality of this product.

Most Canadians are familiar with United States popcorn and this fact increases their distastes for the poorer kind. It also means that durpoorer kind. It also means that dur-ing these years when candy is so scarce and vending operators find it difficult to get substitutes, the role popcorn could play is greatly cur-tailed. If popcorn available met with public approval it would be in de-mand in the machines far more than the protect and it would be in the at present, and it would mean that many venders now in storage would be placed back on location. It would

be placed back on location. It would also grow to be the most popular substitute for candy bars, etc. Then, too, like candy and gum, the price of popcorn has gone up to 6 cents, which only adds to the gen-eral distaste for this item. Some vending machine operators have been turning to cough drops as

Some vending machine operators have been turning to cough drops as a sub for candy and the poor selling popcorn. The cough drops still vend for a nickel and a dime a package, but with a large cut in the quantity of drops in the nickel box. With candy bars scarce, the cough drops are in far above normal demand as a candy more than as a medicine, and the supply is not equal to the demand. Carbonated drinks still continue at about half the demand volume, with the producers continu-ing to ration their beverages to reing to ration their beverages to retailers.

#### **Robbery of Mystic Vending** Nets Bandits 18 Coin Bags

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Mystic Auto-matic Vending Machine Company, Medford, Mass., lost \$500 in coins last week when a thief broke into one of week when a thier broke into one of its trucks parked at Massachusetts and Columbus avenues here. Com-pany's routeman, Joseph Babbitt, was making collections when the vehicle was robbed of the 18 canvas bags containing the coins.

#### **Propose Newark Arcade Fee**

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—Pro-posal for licensing arcades, with a \$300 annual fee for each arcade, was made before the city commission meeting here February 10. Proposed ordinance provides that amusement arcades cannot give prizes or ex-tended play on machines and that the arcades must close at midnight. Other ordinances were introduced at the same meetin j proposing fees on archery establishments and on florist shops.

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February 22, 1947

# Leading Way

#### **Report candy wholesalers** revive competition while ops revise sales plans

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Leveling-off and signs of early return to com-petitive selling in the candy bar inbethive sening in the candy bar in-dustry are reflected in operator pro-grams begun this week in the New York-Newark area, largest vending machine stronghold in the nation. During the past week many dime bark to 5-cent operations. Others back to 5-cent operations. Others, who have been dickering for changemakers and 1-cent chutes that could be attached to present machines for 6- and 7-cent prices, have broken off negotiations, according to two of the larger manufacturers' representarepresentatives.

#### Most Bars 72 Cents

Now that the candy bar picture is more or less set at the 68 to 75-cent level (24-count boxes), with the majority of bars falling into the 72-cent class, reports from Washington intimate that sugar will be released in large enough quantities for oranization of competitive selling be-fore the end of the year. Manufac-turers feel that campaigns must be-gin this year if they expect to hold demand at present levels next year.

Wholesalers, as well as manufac-Wholesalers, as well as manufac-turers, are reported by operators to be asking for business for the first time since the beginning of the war. Pre-war vending machine packs (100-count boxes) are said to be on the schedule of several large bar manufacturers for 1947.

#### Signs of the Times

Two months ago a sign on the win-Two months ago a sign on the win-dow of a downtown New York to-bacco store "5-cent candy bars—5 cents" created a line a block long. On February 11 several Times Square drugstores had signs on their counters "nickel candy now 5 cents" but the result was only a slight in-crease of business—and no lines.

Some of the smaller stores in town Some of the smaller stores in town that have been selling candy bars at 7 and 10 cents are now selling at 6 cents. Wagon sellers who have been getting a dime for chocolate bars for the past three months in the Times Source are acting Times Square area, now are selling at two for 15 cents, with at least one selling at two for 13 cents.

Actual increase in profits was rechine operator in the city during the lean months. He states that during all the shortages his firm managed to keep his machines filled 98 per cent of the time—even tho it was necessary to buy at almost the nickel selling price.

#### **Volume Gave Profit**

Volume Gave Profit "Tremendous volume offset the slim margin," the op reports, "and I managed to get and keep spots that in normal times I wouldn't have had a chance of securing. Now that the situation has leveled off I will be able to come out of it one of the largest operators in the area." Officials at Sanitary Automatic, largest operator of candy machines in theaters, were reported two months ago looking for change mak-ers—or penny slots—to add to their

ers—or penny slots—to add to their the war—but not i machines. Firm states it now is now by operators.

# Eastern Ops | Florida Citrus Exchange Show | Candy, Expo To Get Juice Vender Preview

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., Feb. 15.— Florida Citrus Exchange, which holds its Florida Citrus Exposition here February 17-22, win get a look at a new citrus-juice vending machine if the organization's plans materialize. Details of the new vender, which is being handled by Tracy Acosta, were not available prior to the open-

c. C. Commander, general man-ager of the Citrus Exchange, has long been an advocate of vending machines which he claims will help the citrus growers gain an entirely the citrus growers gain an entirely new kind of sale. What little advance information was available on the vender indicated

was available on the vender indicated that it will deliver six ounces of blended juice into a paper cup. Blended juice will be served thru the machine at the exposition, ac-cording to advance reports, because most people are not familiar with it and because Florida's citrus competi-tors produce little combination juice tors produce little combination juice.

The Billboard first noted the Florida growers' attention to vending last spring when Commander told the growers of the vast potential sales in the casual buying classification. In a recent statement, Commander said that the exchange was ready to put that the exchange was ready to put \$100,000 into a proposed fund for the development of drink box outlets. Thus far, however, the exchange has

made no official public recommenda-

tion regarding venders. Meantime, In Lakeland, Fla., Don Butts, of the Florida Citrus Commission, reported that private inter-ests are reported working on a fruit-juice vending machine which has the State's citrus industry interested. He had no further details.

# K. C. Theater **Bans Popcorn**

city's first-run downtown theaters, announced a ban on the eating of popcorn and peanuts in the audi-torium of the theater. Eating of candy bars, however, is permitted.

Burkhardt said he was following a plan initiated last week in a thea-ter at Indianapolis. Placards were placed at the box-office window requesting patrons to check their pop-corn and peanuts during the show.

Policy was started because of com-plaints about the rustling of paper sacks and boxes and because of the clean-up problem posed by popcorn and nuts spilled on the seats.

# **Transit Sales Places New Type Wrigley Gum Venders**

tem and some of the suburban lines.

The new venders were reportedly developed in the laboratories of the William Wrigley Jr. Company, chewing gum manufacturer, and all three of the models dispense Wrigley stick gum. Trade rumors say the machines will be placed on the market by a subsidiary of the Wrigley firm, with headquarters in the East. Some rumors have been current that an unusual system of replacements would be offered to operators, once the ma-chines are on the market, so that operators could easily replace old with new machines every four years, at the longest.

#### **Automatic Vender Attracts**

In a subway station where the machines were observed, a fully auto-matic type of the vender seemed to

planning no change from the nickel selling line.

Only permanent result of the nickel bar shortage that will be noted in venders for some time is the addi-tion of "standard" dime bars to some columns in the machines. Ten-cent bars were sold in machines before the war-but not in volume planned

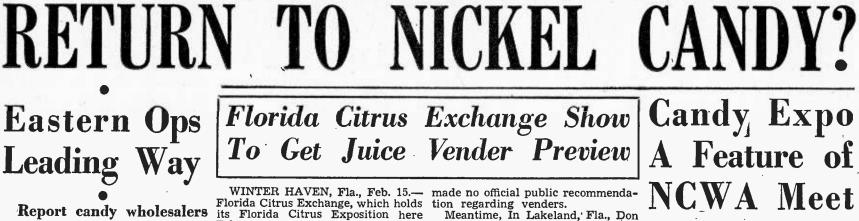
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Tests have been under way recently on three models of a new type vender for dis-pensing chewing gum. The machines have been placed in the subway sys-tem in the downtown district which places them among the machines op-erated by the Transit Sales Service Company. The firm has exclusive vender operating arrangements for Chicago's elevated and subway sys-tem and some of the suburban lines. type machines.

Another model required the custo-mer to push a button to get gum, af-ter penny had been inserted.

A common feature in all three nodels is the distinguishing mark of the development and sets them off as having excellent merchandise disas having excellent merchandise dis-play for penny gum machines. A re-volving drum with glass window, placed in horizontal position either at base or top of the cabinet, is the key to the distinctive selling feature. Probably a dozen sticks of gum are visible at all times to the public and make a real appeal to prospective and make a real appeal to prospective customers. The arrangement was in contrast to other types of venders in the same station and seemed to get

much extra attention. In one of the fully automatic models the display drum is at the base of the machine, while in a second model the drum is at the top. The automatic dispenser with drum at base seemed to be leading in patronage by a good margin. The machines have been designed

the machines have been designed without a mirror, apparently with the idea of not distracting from the gum display in the drum. Appearance and general design of the machines were of the standard type for wall use.



#### Will Limit Attendance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A candy exposition will be held in conjunc-tion with the National Candy Wholesalers' Association convention June 15-18 at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, C. M. McMillan, NCWA executive secretary, announced this week. "The "The candy shortage will be much relieved by the time of the exhibition, or at least considerably moderated," a board member stated. The layout for exhibit space now is being pre-pared and will be released late this month, with the largest candy show in the history of the industry in view, according to McMillan.

Present membership of NCWA was announced to be in excess of 1,600, with a 2,000 membership in view before the start of the convention. Exhibition attendance will be limited to registered guests of the conven-tion and will not be thrown open to the general industry the general industry.

#### **Among Those Present**

Among Those Present C. E. Morgan, Asheville, N. C., presided over the board. Others present included H. W. Loock, Balti-more; C. M. McMillan, Washington; E. D. George, Moffroe, La.; I. L. Saffer, Newark, N. J.; J. V. Balocca, Paola, Kan.; Glen A. Baldwin, Lin-coln, Neb., and J. Knox McConnell, McKeesport, Pa.

McKeesport, Pa. Also there were J. P. Frotz, New-port, Minn.; M. J. Herrick, Bis-marck, N. D.; Joseph L. Kantor, Nor-folk; Jack Beaty, Albuquerque, N. M.; Peter Kramer Jr., Somerville, Mass.; Elmer R. Kreher, Buffalo; A. Appelbaum, New York; Edgar J. McCoy, Canton, O.; John F. Poetker, Cincinnati; Harry J. Awe, Oshkosh, Wis.; L. C. Parman, Chicago; Frank P. Corso, Biloxi, Miss.; William Ne-porent, Hartford, Conn.; and Joseph Bianco, Detroit.

## **Telecoin Corp. Begins National Adv. Promotion**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.coin Corporation has launched ex-tensive advertising of its Bendix equipped, coin-operated laundries under the trade-marked name, Launderette. Advertisements have ap-peared in *Life* magazine, *Saturday Evening* Post and *The* Philadelphia *Evening* Bulletin as a quarter-page spread. As similar ads will be placed in same pewspaper every two weeks in same newspaper every two weeks, the campaign is being hailed by the operators here.

Advertisement, which first ap-Advertisement, which first ap-peared in the paper February 6, is profusely illustrated with interior and exterior shots of coin laundry, and lists all of the laundry loca-tions here and in Atlantic City. Em-phasis is placed on fact that wash day drudgery is eliminated at the drop of a coin, while the housewife shops, reads or visits. According to locations listed, there are 12 Launderettes here and two in Atlantic City.

Atlantic City.

#### **Boston Table Fetes O'Brien**

BOSTON, Feb. 15 .- A testimonial BOSTON, Feb. 15.—A testimonial dinner for Autie O'Brien, new West Coast manager of Waitt & Bond, Inc., was given Monday (10) by the Bos-ton Tobacco Table. O'Brien left on Thursday (13) for Los Angeles. Committee in charge of the affair included Jim Scully, Julie Teich, Ralph Caspole, John Griffin and Clarence D. Hunter.

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DeLuxe Merchandisers ... \$25.00 Model "33" ...... 10.95 Model "40" ..... Write Model "33" Bali Gum... 9.65 1/3 Deposit, Balance C. O. D. Subject to change without notice. IDEAL NOVELTY CO. "Authorized Northwestern Distributor" 2823 LOCUST ST. ST. LOUIS 3, MO.

# BRAND NEW Bottle Shortage Industry Problem Until Early 1948 Predicts Owens-Ill. Glass

#### Current Shortage Eased by Bottle Round-Up Campaign

TOLEDO, Feb. 15.—Bottle shortage the industry who will use them, has ill looms large on the bottled bever- launched a national campaign of its still looms large on the bottled beverage horizon, according to R. R. Fowler, merchandising manager, Beverage Industries, Owens-Illinois Glass Company. "There is only one answer to current bottle shortage and it involves a bottle round-up cam-paign that will get idle bottles back into circulation and speed up the turnover of bottles now in use," he declared at the annual convention of the U. S. Brewers' Foundation at Miami Beach.

Fowler's talk included the statement that raw material is the real problem tending to limit bottle supproblem tending to limit bottle sup-ply. "Sand, soda ash and lime are the tonnage items used in glass manufacture, and supplies of soda ash are very short in comparison to demand," he said. He went on to say that outlook for improvement was not good and that relief cannot be expressed until late in 1947 or early be expected until late in 1947 or early 1948. Owens-Illinois, altho expecting to ship more bottles to the trade this year than in 1945 or 1946, feels that there still will not be anything like enough bottles to go around, Fowler said.

Limited bottle supplies, it was brought out, will, of course, have a direct bearing on retailers' 1947 sales of packaged beverages. To increase the number of these sales an Emer-gency 1947 Bottle Round-Up Cam-paign has been formed and present results are said to be encouraging. National Beer Wholesalers' Association and National Retail Grocers' As-sociation are active in this campaign. One Eastern bottler with such a pro-gram in effect reports that bottle losses have been reduced 80 per cent and time required for bottle turnover has decreased from between five and six weeks to three weeks and two days

paign is not a new idea, present plans are based on wartime experiences. Progress can be made with the aid of everybody down the line, it was thought, including bottlers, whole-salers, retailers and consumers. Bottlers were advised to give wholesalers or retailers prompt service in picking up the empties, as this was said to be a key point in the success

own directed to consumers, is using trade journals to bring home benefits of quick return of empties, is calling on national distributing headquarters of major outlets, wholesale and retail, to enlist their combined help in the "return empties" campaign.

### **Coin Washers Under New York's Business** Space Rent Control

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Under New York's business space rent control law, that portion of an apartment house in which a coin-operated washing machine is located occupies business space and is therefore protected by law. This was the essence of an opinion handed down by Kings County Supreme Court in a dispute which, arose between a washing machine operating firm and an apartment house owner

Real Estate News, monthly maga-zine of the Greater New York Tax-payers' Association, in noting this fact is urging apartment house own-ers to seek legal advice in drawing up contracts which will identify the washing machine firm as a "licensee" rather than a "lessee." According to the Kings County Court decision, the relationship between apartment house owners and washing machine operators, unless otherwise specified, is the same as the relationship between a landlord and a tenant and amounts to a lease for an indefinite period of time. In such a relationship, protected by the business rent control. act, the washing machine operation is assured by law.

### Altho this bottle round-up cam- Automatic Beverage **Files for Charter**

DOVER, Del., Feb. 15.—Automatic Beverage Corporation, of Southern California, has filed a charter with the corporation department of the Secretary of State's office to deal in wording modeling. vending machines.

picking up the emplies, as this was said to be a key point in the success of the over-all movement. Owens, it was brought out during the meeting, in addition to supplying bottle round-up kits to anyone in Street, Wilmington, Del.





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Advance #10 Peanut Machines MAHAFFEY

6020 Woodlawn Ave. CHICAGO, ILL. **VENDING MACHINES** 



# Milk Container

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 15.--A bill to legalize sale of milk in bottles oneto legalize sale of milk in bottles one-third quart in size, which would benefit vending machine operators, was introduced last week in the New Jersey Senate by Sen. Samuel L. Bodine (R.) and referred to the Sen-ate Committee on Miscellaneous Business. The measure was imme-diately opposed by the State Depart-ment of Weights and Measure as a violation of the Weights and Measure Act. Act

Proponents of the measure are rep-resentatives of the vending machine industry. Operators contend that a bottle holding one-third quart of milk would be the right size to vend for a dime.

At present, a half-pint bottle of milk costs operators five and three-eighths cents. This size is too small to sell for a dime, operators say.

### Ind. Lawmakers Get Soft Drink Tax Bill

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—A bill for imposing a license fee on the for imposing a license fee on the privilege of carrying on a business to sell soft drinks, providing for the imposition and collection of such a fee, was introduced in the General Assembly February 10. Persons found guilty of misdemeanor, upon convic-tion shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200. Bill is labeled H. 441. Measure provides for a fee of 76 cents per gallon in sirups and 1 cent

Measure provides for a fee of 76 cents per gallon in sirups, and 1 cent on soft drinks where no sirup is involved in the manufacture. The auditor of the State would adminis-ter the tax and set the rate on drinks selling for more or less than 5 cents. At last report the measure had been sent to the ways and measure sent to the ways and means committee.

#### **Crescent Nut Co. Rebuilt**

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**PIONEER VENDING SERVICE** 

Exclusive Victor Distributor in N.Y.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.-Cres-PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Cres-cent Nut & Chocolate Company, 120 Sansom Street here, has completed rebuilding after the fire which de-stroyed the plant. They have re-sumed supplying vending machine operators with a line of peanuts, mixed pute ate mixed nuts, etc.

NEW ADDRESS: 166 CLYMER STREET

"SPECIAL"

CIGARETTE

MACHINES

8 cols. ......\$154.50

Royals, 10 cols..... 105.00

Imperials, 8 cols..... 70.00 National, 9 cols..... 72.50

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N.J. Gets Bill NCA-RKO To Film To OK Odd-Size Story of Candy; Ready for Spring

> CHICAGO, Feb. 15. — National Confectioners' Association announced last week that RKO-Pathe, Inc., will last week that RKO-Pathe, Inc., will film a new movie on candy, sponsored by the Council on Candy. Movie will be produced this spring and will be ready for use in early fall; 200 prints will be made. NCA anticipates that about 1,000,000 persons will see the film each year for the next few years.

> Picture is to be filmed at the new RKO studio in New York. Candy manufacturing and distribution shots are to be made on location by RKO camera crews. Charles Underhill, RKO executive, will be film's producer and Lloyd Durant, director.

> Movie is to be on 35mm. black and white film and be reduced to 16mm. film for distribution. Latter will be handled by Modern Talking Picture Service. Prints of the candy picture are to be available from all of this company's 26 regional offices thruout the U.S.

W. C. Dickmeyer, council chairman, declared: "In arranging for the story of candy to be told from the screen, the council feels that it has added an important media to those used in the past. The film will supplement, not replace other promotional activities."

### **Long Beach Venders** Aid City Sanitation Workers in Checkup

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 15 .--Operators of vending machines here are co-operating with the city's sanitary department in a check-up of all food vending machines in the city. Officials of the city's sanitation bu-reau said that any machines found "unfit" would be confiscated by the department department.

Sanitation department said that no inspection of vending equipment is necessary before licenses for the machines are issued, but that an exam-ination is required once the machines "Every license issued by the city clerk for vending machines and food establishments should be approved by the health department each year," said John Gluth, chief sanitation officer.

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Uneedas, 102 Bar Cap... 70.00

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162 Bar Cap..... 110.00

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Rowe, 120 Bar Cap

**Rowe DeLuxe Model with** 

Lights, 120 Bar Cap

National 9-18 Standard,

Penny Inserting

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 BRAND NEW 1¢ OR 5¢ SILVER KINGS. EA.

 BRAND NEW 1¢ OR 5¢ COLUMBUS VENDORS

 BRAND NEW 1¢ OF 5¢ COLUMER GAMES, EA.

 BRAND NEW 1¢ GOTTLIEB GRIPPERS, EA.

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#### 99 VENDING MACHINES



**Opens Headquarters** In New Site Feb. 23 BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—General Vending Sales Corporation announced this week that its new headquarters on Biddle and Howard streets here will be opened on February 23, featured by open house festivities. Site has a frontage of 125 feet,

private parking and is equipped with a loading platform in the rear as well as modern facilities to expedite shipping and receiving. Structure has 12,000 square feet of floor space, contains a display room which oc-cupies 3,000 square feet and auxil-iary showrooms for special equiplary showrooms for special equip-ment. It also has separate repair shops for phonograph and amuse-ment equipment, paint spray room and well appointed general and private offices. Construction of the fireproof one-story building and basement is of steel, concrete and masonry and provision has been masonry and provision has been made for future expansion by the use of adjoining ground area as well as by the erection of additional

Founded in 1925 by George Goldman and Harry Hoffman, General's first ventures dealt with the distribution of small ball gum venders and scales, eventually handling pin ball games, other amusement games nd music machines. Under the leadership of Goldman,

Hoffman and Irvin Blumenfeld, who joined the firm in 1937, the firm has made rapid strides and its activities now embrace virtually every phase of the coin machine industry.

### **Indiana Bill Leaves Opening for Mailing Cigarettes Tax Free**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15.-The administration bill proposing a levy of 3 cents per pack on cigarettes has a loophole which would permit the bootlegging of cigarettes from other States, a study of that bill reveals. An attempt is now being made to plug that hole plug that hole.

Under the measure as it is now written, cigarettes could be shipped in from out of State, direct to user on mail orders, without payment of the 3-cent levy. The attorney gen-eral's office here acknowledged that united States Supreme Court deci-sions uphold the legality of mail order cigarette businesses.

"The bill makes a half-hearted attempt to close such a loophole," the attorney general's office said, "but is in no way conclusive." The statement pointed out that there is a sec-tion in the measure which prohibits a person from having, in his posses-sion more than 40 cigarettes on which a tax has not been paid, but au-thorities recognize the section is vir-

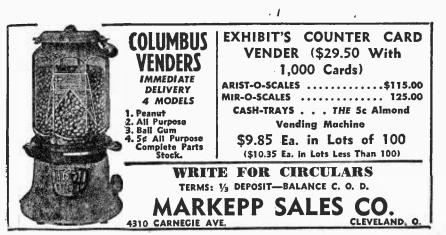
tually unenforceable. One way to plug the gap would be a use tax, which was proposed but dropped when the administration pointed when the administration pointed out that enforcement costs would be too high., Expected is an amendment to levy a tax on ciga-rettes "for use" in Indiana rather than "for sale."

#### Lewis Haskell Appointed **Nutrine Candy Executive**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Lewis G. Haskell, formerly with E. J. Brach & Sons here, has joined the Nutrine Candy Company, also in Chicago, in an executive position. Firm will shortly announce his specific duties. Haskell has been in the confection-

ery industry for many years, seven of which were spent with Brach.





# Alabama Juke Ops' Assoc. **Closes Membership Drive**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 15.-Alabama Music Operators' Associa-tion, formed last September, announced that as of today its concerted membership campaign has ended. In discussing the association's membership, its business manager, retired Army Colonel R. E. L. Choate, said that 50 of the approximately 100 operators here are members, he stated, AMOA members operate about 70 per cent of all the music machines in Alabama and are represented in each of the 65 counties.

Choate, in further discussion of AMOA, said that the association is similar to associations set up in about six other States. "Plans are under-way," he said, "to set up other like trade organizations in all States of the Union, with Mississippi about ready to start one."

#### **Build Industry Standard**

Prime purpose of AMOA, Choate said, is to promote good will between operators and between operators and the public and build up the standard of the music machine business by putting it on a higher plane. Associ-ation's slogan, "Good Music in Pleas-ant Places," bears out this commend-able desire. To further illustrate the integration of this busic integrity and similarity of this busi-ness to other American businesses, Choate pointed out that music oper-ators from all walks of life constitute the association's membership; among them housewives, lawyers, auto dealers, doctors and many others from respected professions and trades.

Another aim of the association, Choate elaborated, was to give ad-vice, especially to veterans, about the problems of the industry and what chance they had of making a success in it. Choate also has given much time to discussions with op-erators, both members and non-members, about payment of sales tax and business licenses and also has helped in reducing friction existing between law-enforcement authorities and operators.

#### Hold Nickel Price

Regarding dime play, Choate stat-ed, the association is not sponsoring a plan to put machines on the in-creased play price. AMOA feels that the public is entitled to nickel play and that this price will stay as long as operators can keep in the black. Officers of the association are Claude Hall, Jasper, president; F. E. Farned, Russelville, first vice-presi-dent; J. H. Wienand, Fairhope, second vice-president: Sam H. Stewart. Tus-Regarding dime play, Choate stat-

vice-president; Sam H. Stewart, Tus-caloosa, treasurer, and I. E. Cohen,

### C-O Two Equipment, Phone Music Makers, **Gets Nod of Press**

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—How the C-O Two Equipment Company, of this city—first builders of fire fighting equipment to win the Army-Navy "E" Award—converted from Navy exclusively manufacturing fire fighttelephone music systems—was de-scribed in a lengthy feature article published in *The Newark Sunday* Ledger February 9.

C-O Two is manufacturing the Personal Music Phonettes. Corporate Personal Music Phonettes. Corporate name of the firm was derived from the chemical symbol of carbon di-oxide. Firm is not discounting its production of fire fighting equip-ment equipment, according to the story, but will continue to bring these out in addition to its work on the telephone music equipment telephone music equipment.

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Montgomery, secretary. Board of directors includes Nathan Allen, Bir-mingham; C. L. Cawlishaw, Moblie; Paul Daniels, Montgomery, Max Hur-vich, Birmingham; Jimmie James, Gadsden; Joe Joseph, Dothan; W. B. Loosier, Decatur; P. C. Pritchett, Demopolis; J. Sanderson, Tuscumbia, and Johnnie Walters, Selma.

# Walker Resigns **One Aireon Job For Board Post**

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 15.— Randolph C. Walker announced his resignation as president and general manager of the Aireon Manufactur-ing Corporation February 12, but he will retain the title of chairman of the heard the board.

Officials of the juke-box manufacturing firm said that a new president day, and Rudy Greenbaum, who heads the juke box division, said that the production of the firm's new models would continue accord-ing to schedule. Distributors' show-ings are planned for late April or May, he said.

Walker had been president of the company since 1941, when it was known as Aircraft Accessories, Inc., and the main plant was at Burbank, Calif. Walker moved to Kansas City, Kan., in December, 1941, and the Burbank plant has since been sold. It also was announced this week that he mained air months ago as that he resigned six months ago as president of Cinaudagraph Speakers, Inc., subsidiary of Aireon which operates a plant at Slater, Mo. He also has remained as chairman of the board of Cinaudagraph.

Aireon recently was granted a \$2,000,000 loan by the Reconstruc-tion Finance Corporation to pay off short-term bank loans and provide the company with working capital. The RFC loan runs for five years and \$500,000 of the money was said to have been put up by commercial banks.

## Three New Ops In Topeka; One Vet Comes Back

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.new coin machine operations have been established in Topeka, and one veteran of the trade has recently re-turned after military service.

The new companies, all operating music and pinball games, are Turner Amusement Company, 3110 West 18th Street, established by Charles Turner and his father, William. Firm is concentrating on locations out in Turner and his father, William. Firm is concentrating on locations out in the county, where the elder Turner is well acquainted. He covered the territory for 18 years as an oil truck operator. The son formerly was an electrician at Topeka Army Air Base. Taylor Amusement Company, 1159 Clay Street, operated by Harvey A. Taylor

Taylor.

Taylor. R. and S. Sales Company, 612 West Eighth Street. Martin S. Gheer, who was an ac-tive operator of jukes and pin tables before entering the armed forces, has resumed his operation. He served in the infantry. His headquarters are at 921 Monroe Street.

# Brings First Juke To Teen Gathering

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 15.-Celebrating the Thomas A. Edison centennial here last week, the original juke box was dusted off and brought forth. Machine, Edison's own handiwork, called the Excelsior, had only one thing in common with had only one thing in common with today's automatic music makers, the nickel coin chute, according to youth-ful students who listened to its wheezy wailings. An Edison trustee observed that back in the gay nineties there was a penline of this machine in commuter

back in the gay nineties there was a replica of this machine in every tav-ern and depot in town. After a few minutes of mournful melody, the students exited to cele-brate in more joyous fashion to the current waxings on the juke box in the corner ice group parler the corner ice cream parlor.

# Manhardt Heads Corporation counsel's office said that proposed changes in the licensing **New Fraternity** Of Mills Dist.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.-Election of Vic Manhardt Jr. as president of the newly formed Mills Phonograph Fra-ternity was announced this week by Richard K. Law, director of adver-tising, Mills Industries, Inc.

Organization for personnel of firm's distributors thruout the counof try, its president and other officers were elected on the basis of attendance records for each distributor territory during the premiere show-ing of the new Mills phonograph at the Hotel Continental here, February 3 thru 6. Manhardt and fellow officers will serve for one year, also forming an advisory committee to firm's music division.

Complete list of officers includes president, Vic Manhardt Jr., Vic Manpresident, Vic Manhardt Jr., Vic Man-hardt Company, Milkaukee; vice-president J. H. Winfield, J. H. Winfield Company, Buffalo; secretary, Victor DeSchryver, Marquette Music Com-pany, Detroit; treasurer, Harold Daily, Southcoast Amusement Com-pany, Houston; sergeant at arms, Fred Lehmkuhl, W-L Amusement Company St Louis Company, St. Louis.

Each officer earned his voting points on the basis of miles traveled to the convention and the operator Franklin Appointed census in his territory. Results of the second contest in

connection with the showing, based on total sales of phonographs dur-ing the first-showing period, will not be available until the official closing date. March 5.



COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15.-The juke box was subject of recent feature article in the Columbus Sunday Dispatch Magazine here. Complete with seven illustrations, the story and photos dealt with new 1947 models of automatic phonographs, using the Seeburg unit as an example. 1947

Problems and details of running a coin machine route were listed in the article, which included mention of double-page advertisements in The Billboard by one of the large manu-facturers who advocated continuation of nickel play.

Scientific sound distribution was mentioned in the article as being of great value to continued popularity of juke box music.

## Edison Centennial Detroit's Juke **License Renews** Held for Time

DETROIT, Feb. 15.-Renewals of juke box licenses are being tem-porarily suspended here according to reports, while officials are study-ing proposed changes in the city's ordinance regarding the operation of music machines. Purpose of the music machines. Purpose of the suspension, according to the reports, is to make certain that all persons identified with the juke box indus-try in Detroit are "of good moral

try in Detroit are "of good moral character and law-abiding citizens." Information available here indi-cates a number of radical changes may be in the offing with reference to juke box licensing. City officials, and the corporation counsel's office, are reportedly considering changes which would require the fingerprint-ing of routemen and operators as part of the licensing program part of the licensing program.

ordinance would in no way affect the owners of locations in wihch juke

boxes are placed. These proposed changes seem to be an outgrowth of a dispute which arose last fall between certain operating firms and the local phonograph owners' association. Dispute arose when an operating firm charged that when an operating firm charged that the established phonograph associa-tion and the Music Maintenance Workers Union were interfering with its business, and the association and union countered with charges that the non-member firm was interfering with the operations of several member firms.

### Taber, Williams End **Firm's Partnership**

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Edgar H. Taber said this week that he has be-come the sole owner of the Williams & Taber firm and changed the name to Taber Music Company. New firm has headquarters at 9327 Camley Avenue here.

Al Williams, who was senior part-ner in the original firm, recently moved to Texas. Since Taber has taken over the business he has been operating a route of music machines in Detroit and reports that activities are running smoothly.

# By Mills Industries

CHICAGO, Feb. 15. -- Robert E. Franklin has been named as assistant to Richard K. Law, director of ad-vertising for Mills Industries, Inc. Before joining the firm, Franklin

had completed a year as advertising manager of Soundies Films, Inc., fol-lowing four years of wartime service in the navy. His longest stretch of duty was as C. P. O. aboard the U. S. S. Savannah. Native Chicagoan, he is 27, a graduate of Northwestern University.

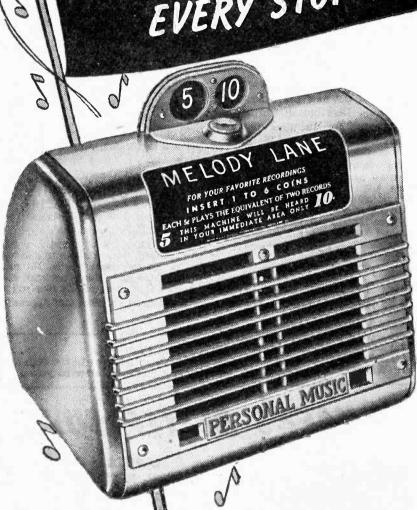
Franklin's new assignment will cover advertising activities for all of firm's divisions.

#### Aero Needle Co. Appoints

Aero Recenc Co. Appoints Arthur Akeroyd N. E. Rep CHICAGO, - Feb. 15. — E. Ralph Haines, sales manager of Aero Needle Company here, has announced the appointment of Arthur E. Akeroyd as New England representative for the firm's phonograph needles. Haines and Akeroyd formerly were associated in business when they both

associated in business when they both were with Raytheon Manufacturing Company. Akeroyd left Raytheon to open his own office as factory repre-sentative in Boston early this year.

GET ON THE PERSONAL MUSIC BANDWAGON EVERY STOP IS BIG MONEY



DIDE the Extra-Profit Special, a sensational money maker wherever it stops. All over the country operators are finding how much more money there is in Personal Music boxes. Profits are limited only by the number of Personal Music boxes installed. Every location can accommodate many boxes because music is heard only in the vicinity of the box where the coin is dropped. Count it up-a coin from each box, all playing the same record.

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### CHECK THESE PERSONAL MUSIC FEATURES:

- 1. Personal Music boxes are very small-take up less space in crowded locations.
- 2. Personal Music boxes reproduce music with the greatest clarity and truest tone. Volume is controlled to suit the location.
- 3. Personal Music boxes are beautifully styled in shiny chrome with a softly lighted grille-attractive from any angle.
- 4. Personal Music boxes are inexpensive to operate. Service calls are seldom necessary.

See for yourself-there's more profit and less worry with a Measured Music\* system. Write our nearest distributor or directly to us for detailed information today.



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**Specially Designed** 

BUFFALO, Feb. 15 .- Coin opera-

tors here have evidenced interest in

a new idea in transportation for coin

machines in the form of the Warmac

Charioteer Trailer. Al Bergman, of

Alfred Sales, Inc., was one of the

first of the local coinmen to make

use of the trailer in transporting juke

high sides and low center of gravity,

and is said to be engineered for haul-ing heavy, easily damaged equipment

at average passenger car speeds. Spe-

cial tires and springs are used to pro-

tect delicate mechanisms from road shock during transit. Capacity of

the trailer is over one-half ton, and two men can unhitch it when fully loaded and move it into buildings,

elevators and narrow passages.

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# **Explain** Tradio **New Sales Plan**

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 15.-A new Tradio first reduction plan, A new Tradio first reduction plan, called TFRP, was introduced at the Chicago CMI convention by George and Victor Trad, Tradio executives. Along with the program was intro-duced their new coin-operated radio which is a six-tube set instead of the which is a six-tube set instead of the former five-tube outfit.

Under the new merchandising plan, operators who have purchased coin radios from the firm under the old price, which is \$10 higher than that of the new model, will receive a \$5 credit for each new set they buy, up to the total number of sets bought at the old price. For exam-

bought at the old price. For example, an operator who purchased 50 sets at the old price will be credited with \$5 for each of the first 50 sets he buys at the new price. Volume of orders already placed and ability of the firm to stock-pile component parts are cited by the Trad brothers as reasons for the re-duction in price on the new model. Production is being started now in Production is being started now in the firm's new plant, the brothers declare.

**B.** C. Licenses Jukes at \$5

**D. C. LICENSES JUKES AT \$5** PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Feb. 15.— All city juke boxes, with the excep-tion of those in veterans' or private clubs, will be subject to a \$5 tax every six months, according to a re-cent city council decision.

#### West Side Distributing Co. **Moves to New Site March 3** Trailer for Jukes

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Formal opening of the new headquarters of West Side Distributing Corporation has been set for the week of March 3, according to Harry H. Berger, firm president.

One-story building at 698 10th Avenue, near 49th Street, will re-place the firm's present 618 10th Avenue offices and showrooms. Separate departments for each branch of the coin machine industry are being planned for the new building, Berger declared.

#### Name Seeghers Dept. Head At Modern Music Sales Co.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Henry Seeghers will be in charge of the service department of Modern Music Sales starting Monday (17), Nat Cohen and Earl Winters, firm executives, anFebruary 22, 1947

### **Curley Robinson** Sends Thanks to **CMI** for Award

CHICAGO, Feb. 15. - Samuel (Curley) Robinson, managing director of Associated Operators of Los Angeles County, Inc., and winner of Coin Machine Industries' first annual award for public relations work, sent the following communication to James A. Gilmore, secretary-manager of CMI, acknowledging receipt of the award.

"When word was received of my wonderful gift it was one of the biggest thrills of my life and I am grateful.

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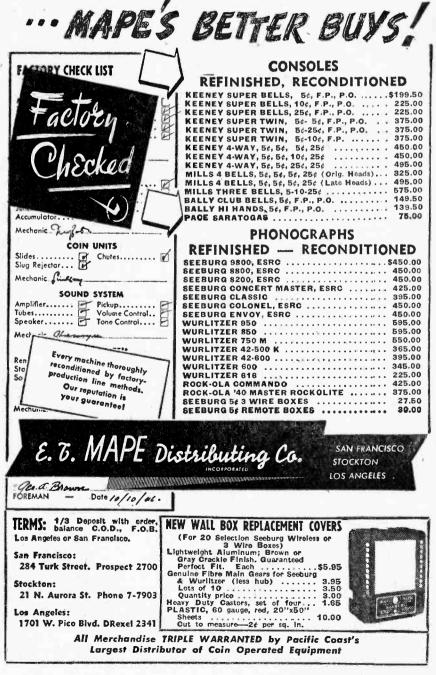
"The fine spirit of friendship and co-operation that exists in this industry is beyond mere words. No man walks alone when he takes with him the encouragement of one like you.

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nounced this week.

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#### AMERICAN FOLK TUNES **Cowboy and Hillbilly Tunes and Tunesters**

**Big Jeff On** 

Big Jeff and His Radio Playboys are heard daily over WLAC, Nash-ville. Act consists of Big Jeff, Benny, Hillus, Grady, Buddy and Frank. They are on the air at 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. CST. Ted and Wanda are still on this station and can be heard at 7:15 a.m.

Curley Miller and His Ploughboys are again making p. a.'s. Curley now has the following entertainers in his has the following entertainers in the act: Hallie Miller, his wife; Marion Martin, Jimmie Hutchinson, Sun-flower, and Gene Logan. Duets of Hallie and Sunflower are attracting attention on these shows.

Big Slim, the Lone Cowboy, is back at WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., and has taken over two programs there at 4:45 p.m., and midnight. The midnight show is the same one that he ran for several years over WWVA, called The General Store. Slim and Hawkshaw Hawkins made a trip to Cincinnati, and their plans are to put some of their duets on records. Slim also plans on having his mules and horses with him and will do some fairs this coming summer.

The song folio of Stoney and Wilma Lee Cooper, along with many photos of the entertainers, includes many favorite songs of the airlines: Angels, Take Me to My Mother; Forsaken Heart, If I Had My Life to Live Over, That Beautiful Home On High; Why Did You Leave Me, Little Darling? The Call of a Broken Heart, I'll Be True, I'll Never Learn to Forget You, My Star of Blue Has Turned to Gold, Old Faded Mansion and many others. Folio is published by Wally Fowler Publications, Nashville.

One of the most popular hymns on WSM, it is reported, is the song, Lead Me Gently Home, Father, as sung by Milton Estes and His Musical Millers.

Jake Taylor's and Buddy Lawson's tune, Let Him Dream His Dreams at Home, which is now being sold in Home, which is now being sold in sheet music copy, is proving the most popular song on Jake's shows—radio and p.a.'s. Taylor, whose act is com-posed of Big John Stockdale, Froggie Cortex, the Stewart Brothers and himself, reports that his next tune out in sheet music will be the well-known radio poem, Dad Gave My Dog Away, by Mary Jean Shurtz. Toby Stroud, radio Station WWVA

Toby Stroud, radio Station WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., has been receiving plenty fan mail about his latest song, I'll Forget By and By, and is using it often on his programs.

Cliff Rodgers, entertainer-announce heard daily over radio Station WHKK. Akron, now has two program over that station. Both are recorded. He also has a folk song program from 6 to 6:15 every morning and from 1 to 2 in the afternoon and uses records by such well-known singers as Gene Autry, Jimmie Widener, Buck Rogers, Tex Jimmie Tyler, Eddie Arnold, Paul Howard, Ernest Tubb, Texas Jim Robertson, Spade Cooley, Tex Williams and others. Cliff plans on having a book of songs published.

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M. M. Cole will soon have sales copies of Sally From Sun Valley, by Pearl Clark and Grace Valentine. This is included in KSTP Barn Dance No. 2 and is reportedly gaining in popularity from Coast to Coast. Another song soon to be waxed is *Twin Sombreros in the Sunset*, lyrics by Tex Cunningham and Tex Matheson, music by Pearl Clark.

A new label will soon make its appearance in the recording field. Paul Anton and orchestra, with Phil Berry doing the vocals, have cut two Sides for the Dot label, My Little Sweetheart In Maryland, backed by My Heart Is a Lariat. Dot records are exclusively owned and controlled by J. Leon Towers, Federalsburg, Maryland.

#### First Western

The first traveling Western show ever to hit Philadelphia took the Auditorium of the center city Broadway Hotel for a two-day stand re-cently, presenting two evening performances. Marking the first major Western promotion in the city apart Western promotion in the city apart from the weekly presentations, the in-coming show included the cast of *Grand Ole Opry* from Nashville. The headliners included Ernest Tubb, Minnie Pearl, Jimmy Short with Brother Leon, the Texas Troubadors, and the comedy team of Radio Dot and Smoky Swan. Tickets were scaled to \$1.25, single price for all seats to \$1.25, single price for all seats.



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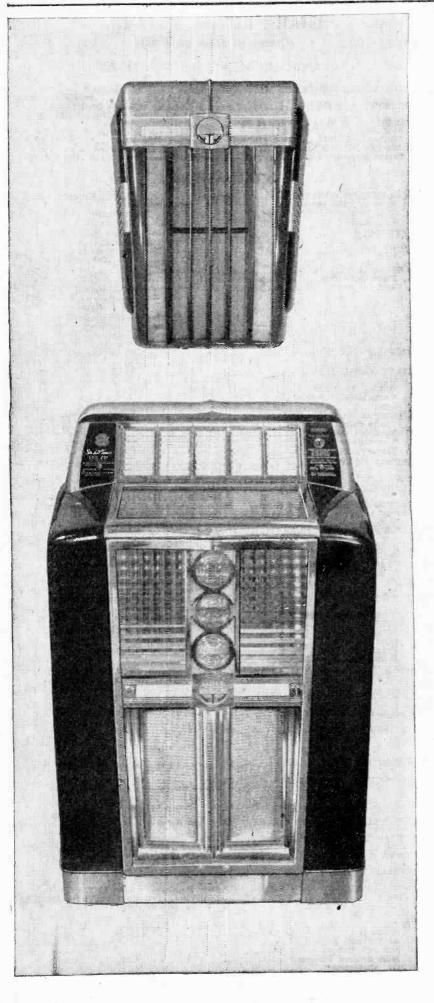
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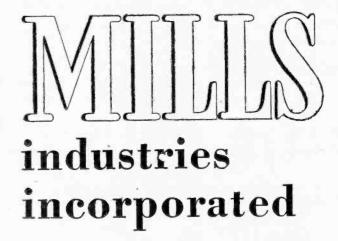


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### ADVANCE RECORD RELEASES (Continued from page 29)

#### CLASSICAL AND SEMI-CLASSICAL

THEN YOU'LL REMEMBER ME..... Christopher Lynch-Maximilian Pilzer, Dir., Ork. (I HEAR) ......Victor 10-1276 Ork. (T HEAR) .....Victor 10-1276 WITHOUT A SONG .....Lauritz Melchior (Georgie Stoll MGM Studio Ork) (FOR YOU)....MGM 30005

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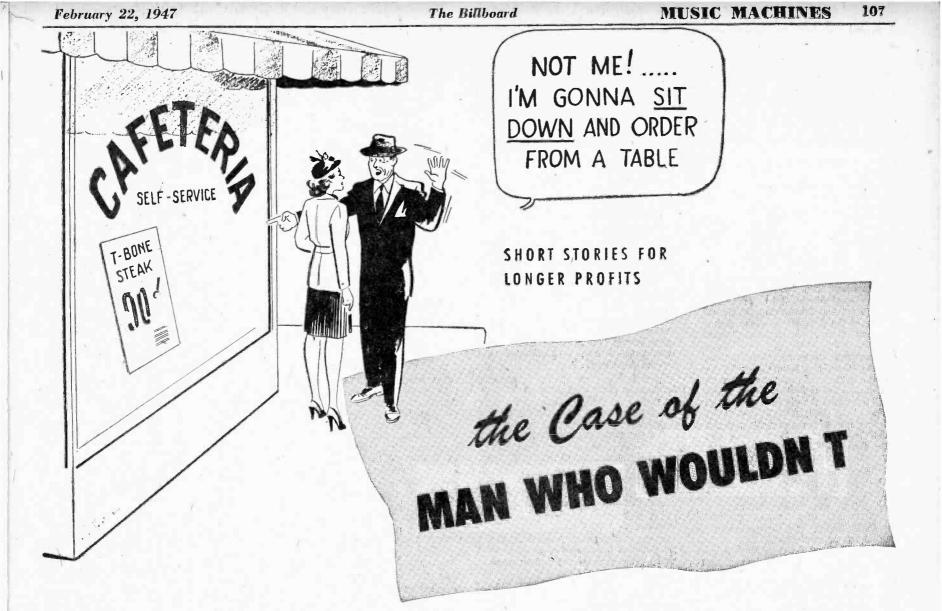
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New York:\_\_\_\_\_\_ \*

Sol Wohlman, Pan Coast Amusement Company, owes the fact that his staff and himself didn't sleep on chairs at the CMI gathering to the magic touch of Dave Rosen, of Dave Rosen Distributing, Philadelphia. Seems Dave picked two room keys out of the air for Sol at the Congress Hotel. Jack Mitnick, Runyon Sales, has decided to remain in town for the present. .

Mike Munves, of Mike Munves' Distributing Company, has started to houseclean his establishment to pave the way for the summer traveling and seasonal arcade biz. . . . The Bakery, a lunchroom on the corner of 44th Street and 10th Avenue is rapidly be-Coming the meeting place for New York coinmen. During lunch hour Wednesday (12), for example, Ben Wednesday (12), for example, Ben Horowitz, of Albena Sales; Harry Berger, West End Distributing; H. Rosenberg, of the firm of the same name; Barney (Shugy) Sugarman, Runyon Sales; Sol Wohlman, Pan Coast Amusement Company; Lou Rabkin, Coney Island arcade owner, and Dave Stern, Seacoast Distributing, were on hand....Teddy Blatt, Intimate Music, will take over the old headquarters of West Side Distributing after Harry Berger moves his organization to hi new building near 49th Street and the Avenue.

F. McKim Smith, NAAMO prexy and Atlantic City arcade owner, plans to open business offices of the association in A. C., but still maintain the York executive offices. New Showings of new lines exhibited at the CMI affair will be started by 10th Avenue distributors in a few York Corporation, is reported rest-ing after a busy time at the CMI show....Harry Bloomenthal, Buffalo operator, is dickering for a New York music route.

Lester Fields has added candy venders to his cigarette and peanut ma-(See NEW YORK on page 109)

#### **Cincinnati**:

Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association, of Cincinnati, during its recent monthly meeting, was ad-dressed by three speakers from Decca Record Corporation, Sellman Schulz, division manager of Chicago; Claude Brennen and Walter Marthaler. Schulz spoke on the record situation, stating that his company proposed to release disks twice a month in the future and also inaugurate a new future and also inaugurate a new back order system of which all the members will be notified.

APOA Secretary-Treasurer Charles Kanter gave a brief outline of his trip to the CMI show in Chicago and dinner he attended at the Sherman Hotel. Kanter was called upon to talk on the work of the association in Cincinnati.

Attendance at this meeting in-uded Sam Chester, association cluded Sam Chester, association president; Charles Kanter; John Weisenberger, vice-president; Ray Bigner, Jerry Levy, Milton Cole, Mor-ris Kleinman, Harry Hester, Al Chasson, John Nicholas, Dave Tavel, Abe Salmon, Nat Bartfield, Al Lieberman, Bill Harris, Mrs. Ganzmiller, Mrs. John Weisenberger, Lou Schoenlaub, Herbert Black and Max Moeckel.

#### Milwaukee:

Wisconsin Phonograph Operators' Association was addressed at a re-cent meeting by its president, C. S. Pierce. One of the points of dis-cussion was a \$10 attendance prize. Next monthly meeting is scheduled for March 10 at the Whiting Hotel, Stevens Point. . . Jerry Brockman, formerly of the Chetham staff in Madison, is now manager on Ed Brede's staff. Brede's wife, Marie, recently visited relatives in Michigan.

George Gessert, of Packard Distributing Company, and his two fel-low committee workers, Doug Opitz See MILWAUKEE on page 112)

# **COINMEN YOU KNOW**

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#### Kansas City:

Victor Roos, of Automatic Coin Machine Company, returning from the CMI show, says it was twice too long and not half long enough—twice too long for his endurance, and not half long enough for him to get all his business done. Mrs. Roos found time to shop for a spring outfit and visit a number of her Chicago friends.

Jerry Wilson, salesman for Central Distributing Company, reports he and his boss, T. C. Crummett, are resting up this week from the meet, but that he starts a sales trek thru his territory next week....Dave Fleider and Dave Cooper, of Advance Music Company, report they have added sales boards to their activities. They have recently become distributors for the Bee Jav sales boards and are selling direct to operators. Advance is distributor here for the Aireon juke box.

Several Kansans made their appearance in the heart of America city last week. . . . Dean Smelzer, music man for Shawnee Vending Company at Topeka, was in buying new disks. ...Joe Lozenski, of Leavenworth, and Mike Quinlan, of Seneca, were in for new machines. . . . Charles Turner, who has Turner Music Company at Topeka, and Pat Houston, of Casco Amusement Company at Garden City, were calling on the trade.

Joe Holloway, new music and pin operator at La Crosse, Kan., was in for new platters and equipment. Holloway started out about two months ago and reports business going along good. ... Another new Kansas operator is Mrs. Grace Anderson, of Galena, who has set up Grace's Amusement Company at 1002 East 6th Street....Floyd F. Baird, formerly a resident of Kansas City, is a new op at Wichita, Kan. He is handling both pins and music from his office at 321 South Topeka.

A union of coin machine operators (See KANSAS CITY on page 111) **Cleveland:** 

Leo J. Dixon, president of Ohio Phonograph Owners' Association, did not figure on attending the Chicago convention because of illness, but at the last minute he found it possible to attend and he arrived there February 3. He had spent but a few minutes at the Aireon exhibit in the Congress Hotel, however, when he received word that his brother. John. had passed away in his home in Youngstown, O. Dixon immediately left the convention, of course. Leo's many friends thruout the coin ma-chine world join him in mourning his great loss. Dale Eyeman, of E & W Distributing,

is in Rochester, Minn., this month where he is taking treatments at the Mayo Clinic. . . Ed Stoeri, Shore Music, comes out with the late bit of domestic news that he became a proud father just before Christmas of a baby girl, Patricia Ann. . . . Jack Cohen, president of Cleveland Phonograph Merchants' Association, and his wife flew to the convention in Chicago via New York. While in New York for week-end of February 1, Jack was the guest of the Three Suns on one of

their studio air shots. Lester Bieber, Victory Music, is at Crile VA Hospital in town this week Crile VA Hospital in town this week for a check-up. . . . Nate Pearlman is busy preparing for a Florida va-cation. Nate is associated with L. & N. Music, Inc. . . Jerome Malevan, V. & J. Music Company, is now han-dling local distribution for Con-tinental Records. . . He is located at 626 Huron Road in downtown Cleveland. . . It is reported that a large number of Cleveland operators attended the banquet on Wednesday, attended the banquet on Wednesday, February 5, in Chicago. Air is still heavy with talk about the wonderful time they enjoyed while at the convention.

#### **New Orleans:**

R. J. McGill, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived from Chicago where he is connected with Mills Industries; they are here for the Mardi Gras. It is their first trip here, and they called on Julius Pace at Dixie Coin after dusting off the travel stains acquired during their motor trip. They plan to go to Mexico.

Phil Pace was on the ball commit-tee for the Krew of Cynthius, which staged the first carnival parade last Tuesday.... Steve Valenti and An-thony Mandinas were on a float.... Bernace Landry, Kaplan operator, arrived for the celebrating....Frank Romaguera, Southern Music Sales, visited the Rock-Ola plant while in Chicago with a delegation including A. F. Forrest, M. C. Seale and F. M. Mitchell.

Fran Venti and his partner, Law-rence Brocato, of ABC Novelty, are planning to plane to Chicago with Jack Pickell. Venti blames slow juke box play partially on the growing popularity of combination hôme radio record sets. . . . Louis Boasberg and New Orleans Novelty Company will be challenged to a softball duel by Dixie Coin when latter completes plans to organize an inter-operator league.

Henry Fox spent 10 days in Chicago and says he used the second post in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel for an office, and shipped out plenty of equipment. Fox plans to go to Jackson, Miss., next week.

Monthly meeting of the New Orleans Coin Machine Operators' Association was postponed this month due to the Chicago activity, says Secretary-Treasurer J. H. Peres. ... O. C. Marshall, New Orleans Coin Machine Exchange, has seen several out-of-town operators in town for the Mardi Gras. They include Joe Cerame, Baton Rouge: Viel De Villier, Mamou, and M. James, Denham Springs.

F. A. Blalock reports that several of his friends are in town for the or his friends are in town for the carnival. They include Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bye, New York; Joe Young, Columbus, O., and Martin Balensei-fer, president of the American Phono-graph Co-Operative, Chicago. . . . Bab Dupuy, manager at FAB, has been doing some phone work for ac-commodations. Also seen at the firm was Dick Strong, of Vicksburg, Miss. ... Tony Dalie and Vincent Caser-tane, of C & D Amusement Company, and the digit improvement in report a slight improvement in pin ball play...J. W. Finley, scale and (See NEW ORLEANS on page 109)

#### Indianapolis:

Indiana Music Operators Associa-tion, Chapter 1, held its regular monthly meeting at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. IMOA President Henry Windt handled a lively dis-cussion that concerned distributor and operator relationships. and operator relationships.... Floyd Meeker, Meeker Music Company, re-cently made a business trip to New York.

Janes Music Company has installed new glass-top illuminated display counters in the record department and private booths for record purchasers. Betty Lewis, who heads the firm's rec department, spent the week-end ord in Medway, O., visiting her parents. . . . Coin row visitors this week in-cluded L. Buddie Taylor, LaFayette and Rictor Kirby, of Marion.

#### **Philadelphia:**

Jim Hamilton, head of the Ameri-can Phonograph Company here, received congratulations from fellow coinmen when he became a grandfather recently. In fact, he became a grandfather twice, as twin daughters were born to Jim's daughter, Dorothy, who is Mrs. Billy Clarke.

#### Chicago:

Paul Glazer reports that Earl Finch, the well-known Honolulu coinman, made a quick business trip to Empire Coin Machine Exchange during the week. Finch has been doing a worthy service for returning Japanese-American war veterans who served in the American forces during World War II. Part of it was sponsoring welcoming parties in New York and San Francisco for the men as they returned to the States. The rest is helping these veterans get started in their post-war plans.

G. E. Sebastian, Rantoul, Ill., operator, also called at Empire last week. Glazer also revealed that the one-ball game his firm gave each visitor at the booth during the CMI show is still drawing plenty of attention. He says that many coinmen have requested the one balls by mail or direct contact.

During the recent stockholders' meeting of Exhibit Supply Company at which John Chrest was named vice-president, Joseph A. Batten was elected treasurer. Batten was for-merly with the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Prior to that he had held executive positions with various banks thruout the East. Frank Men-curi reports that Sam Solomon, Central Ohio Coin Machine Exchange, Columbus, O., was a business caller during the week.

Dave Lovitz said that O. D. Jennings, who heads the firm of the same name, will leave this week for his plantain Mississippi for a two-week respite from the recent bad weather here. John Niese, firm's Western manager, is off on a 10-day business trip. . . . Nate Gottlieb, of Dave Gottlieb & Company. claims that he and his brothers have recovered from the trials of convention week. Morrie is back in Dallas again.

De Witt Eaton, vice-president and general sales manager of AMI, Inc., left Chicago for a tour of the Eastern circuit. He will visit coinmen in New York and Washington while on. (See CHICAGO on page 110)

#### **Detroit:**

Ted Riley, who headed the Ted Riley Company at Pontiac, is now in the photo field here, having established the Commercial Photograph ers Company in the Hoffman Build-ing....Gay Wobermin of Gay-Coin Distributors, is happy to report that his youngsters have successfully re-covered from their winter illnesses covered from their winter illnesses.

Watson D. North Jr., newcomer to the amusement game field during the past few months, has his headquarters at 233 West Longwood Place. He plans to revamp his present selection of equipment. . . J. R. Pieters, King-Pin Equipment Company, Kalamazoo, is off to New Orleans. Samuel Rose, of King-Pin Distributing, Detroit, is expected to leave this week for the same place. Hazel Richlin will take charge in the absence of Rose.

Seymour Freedman, former juke box operator, has taken over the box operator, has taken over the management of G-F Industries fol-lowing the withdrawal of Ervin Greenbaum. . . . Russell Hosmer, manager of Wolverine Sales Company, has recovered from the severe (See DETROIT on page 112)

#### Topeka, Kan.:

Earl Woodworth, who sold his Central Amusement Company, music operation, to Tom Schwartz's Shawnee Vending some time back, is retailing automobiles and real estate. Woodworth also is reported cooking up a fancy real estate deal with George Anderson, of Anderson Amusement Company, who owns about 70 home sites near Gage Park, west of Topeka. Anderson, incidentally, has rehired Clyde Davis as service route man for his pinball company. Davis worked for him for several years before the war, and Anderson rates him as the top pin mechanic in town.... Ander-son also was jubilant over the fact (See TOPEKA, KANS. on page 111)

#### New York:

(Continued from page 108) chine route. . . . Several coin machine distribs are reported dickering for lines in the appliance field. Otto Farley, Farley Vending, left for a Canadian winter sport vacation. . . . Garwood N. J. city council held open hearings last week on a proposed boost of pinball fees to \$200 per year. Bite is now \$25.

Ed Ravreby, Associated Amuse-ments, Boston, is appointing distribu-tors for the new Champion basket-ball machine for which he is national distrib. . . . Raymond Riano, Guild Sales, has been named a second lieu-tenant in the national guard. . . . Herman Brothers, legal counsel, is back from his CMI "vacation," but

back from his CMI "vacation," but planning another to fully recover. Leslie Boyd, Ace Distributing Com-pany, is down with la grippe. . . . Bob Friedman, of Silver Lining, left by plane Wednesday (12) for a trip to Washington. . . Al Pasternick, Manhattan Phono Company, is home because of the dotth of his father because of the death of his father. Senator Botkin has returned from his Florida vacation. . . . Irving Delmore, Newark op, will start a jobbing sideline.

Barney Schlang, Automatic Music Operator Association manager, will leave March 1 for a three-week holiday in Florida... Harold Silver-stein, Trenton; Bob Levy, Upstate; Abe Friedman, Baltimore; Paul Layman, Upstate, and Sidney Rosenthal, Elmira, N. Y., were visitors to the Avenue this week. . . . Al Denver, AMOA president, is resting after CMI business affairs.

Jack Fitzgibbon, Musical Minutes, Inc., and Leo Knebel, Manhattan Phono Company, passed several days in Philadelphia last week. . . . Henry Seeghers is new service manager at Modern Music. . . Gerald Reilly and Ron Brown, operators, Washington, are planning three traveling arcades. . . . Al Bloom, Speedway Products, reports export biz gaining.

#### New Orleans:

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music operator here and in Jackson, was in that city looking after his interests.

Coinmen here who did not make the Chicago convention for one reason the Chicago convention for one reason or another were watching with in-terest the ministerial battle to shut down all gaming in neighboring parishes. . . A. Vaughn, of Service Coin Company, was about the first operator here to fly back into the city from Chicago. . . Still feeling chilly after the below zero tempera-tures there, he found New Orleans shivering in the worst freeze of the year. year.

Beacon Novelty Company opened on Maurepas Street by John and Anthony Cefalu. . . . John Copeand Anthony Ceratu. . . . John Cope-land was keeping things running for his brother, L. S. Copeland, at Cope-land Wholesale Company while his kin was in Chicago. . . . The home of Julius (Papa) Pace was broken into while he was in Chicago with his wife for the coin show, it was reported by Marlon Matranga, of Dixie Coin. Loss could not be determined until the Paces return, he said.

Dixie Coin completed a couple of shipments of bells to Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone, and has a load of pinballs and juke boxes scheduled to go out February 15 for Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dixie is finally confident of getting its new truck within a few days.

Frank Mancuso, who was behind 

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Johnny's Music House on South Rampart Street is now being run by four members of the family, headed by Frank Anselmo. The others are his two sons, Tony and Sal, and son-in-law Frank Cattalotto. Johnny's deals in jukes, radios and records... Tac Elms, Tac Amusement Company, remained here thruout convention

week; he's looking for a good season during Mardi Gras. Joseph Isaacson, heading the me-

chanical department at New Orleans Novelty, says it would be good idea if all manufacturers would put free play meters on all pin games. This would cost little and help operators in percentaging, he believes. New Or-leans Novelty is progressing in its renovation, which included new offices, elevator and third floor parts department.

George McQueen's Crescent Music Company has two new office helpers: Mrs. Steve Borrello and Arthur Yan-covich. O. C. Marshall', New Or-leans Coin Machine Exchange, says new Williams Show Girl machines have been doing fine since they ar-rived recently. Frank Lauer, of Delta Amusement Company, is for-tunate in being able to relax at his country home across the lake from New Orleans after his numerous trips George McQueen's Crescent Music New Orleans after his numerous trips around the country.

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#### Chicago:

(Continued from page 108) (Continued from page 108) the trip. . . . Harold Pincus, of Coin Machine Service, reports a host of recent visitors. Among them were Bob McLean, Kenosha, Wis.; F. B. Ford, Decatur, Ill.; Frank A. Henry, Bloomington, Ill.; Lloyd Memler, Iowa City, Ia., and R. C. and E. W. Frauheger, of Warsaw and Goshen, Ind., respectively.

Murray Rosenthal, of Coinex Corporation, reports several business visitors, among them being Charles Wil-liams and Walter Hancock, Pekin, Ill.; H. H. Holley, Indianapolis, and B. Dalton, Great Falls, Mont. Murray says he is afflicted with wrong address-itils. Those parties who have been addressing mail to his old address on Newport Avenue here, he says, should remember that the firm is now located at 1346 Roscoe

Jimmy Martin, over at James H. Martin & Company, is a confirmed Jan August booster. Pianist August Jan August booster. Planist August is going strong on his Diamond wax-ings and Jimmy says he has over 40,000 more of Jan's juke platters coming in. Business these post-con-vention days, Jimmy reports, keeps everyone hustling.

Pat Wilson, Kelner Vendors, says head man Jack Kelner is contemplating a California trip after the firm is settled in its new quarters. It will be a business jaunt to contact West Coast coinmen . . . Visitors included Isadore Suprenent, Kankakee, Ill., distributor, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacquest, Pewaukee, Wis.

Mid-State Company welcomed John Hicks, Pittsburgh, as a visitor, according to the firm's Phil Rubey. ... Tony Gasparro, Williams Manu-facturing Company, is recuperating from the convention. Tony finds it

from the convention. Tony tinds it difficult to settle back into hum-drum routine after the big show. Helene Swyer, of American Amuse-ment Company, tells us that the firm's Dave Yaras is due back from Miami soon. . . Vince Murphy, Monarch Colo Machine Company, conta that Coin Machine Company, reports that the overflow of conventioners to the the overflow of conventioners to the firm's new showrooms was gratifying. Vince says all types of equipment was on display and the showrooms were the scene of several busy days. At Coin Amusement Games, Ber-

nard Schutz was enthusing over the convention. He said many visitors came to see the items they saw ad-vertised in *The Billboard* and left orders for same. Among the visitors were Si Silverstein and Al Friedman, Peekskill, N. Y.; W. Van Dusen, Sun Specialty Company, Canada; J. Car-ter, St. Paul; Charles Lichtman, New York: Charlie Crowley Derhorn ter, St. Paul; Charles Lichtman, New York; Charlie Crowley, Dearborn, Mich.; A. B. Dukate, Owensboro, Ky.; Dan Baum and Arthur Heimke, St. Louis; Dave Ziskin, Minneapolis, and C. Garzia, Mexico. . . Bernie said to watch for new unit of Chicken Sam and Jailbird guns. He re-ported many requests for them by operators

ported many requests for them by operators. After the CMI convention closed here February 6 AMI Distributors got together to discuss the show, holding the meeting in the Sherman holding the meeting in the Sherman Hotel. Addressing the 58 coinmen present were AMI President John Eaton and Assistant Sales Manager Lindy Force. Several of the firms distributors remained in Chicago for a few days after the show. They in-cluded Bill Wolf and Al Silberman, California; Barney Sugerman and Abe Green, New York; Howard Richardson, North Carolina, and Mor-ris Hankin and Jack Lovelady, At-lanta. A party held at the Chez Paree was attended by DeWitt Eaton, Morris Hankin, Jack Lovelady, Sam Morris Hankin, Jack Lovelady, Sam Yaras and their wives. Also present were Jack Keeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ryan.





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#### Topeka, Kan.:

(Continued from page 108) that he finally has been able to get a new supply of the rubber rings for pinball bumpers. Maybe the war is over, he thinks.

Virgil Crain, service manager at Shawnee Vending, says his firm's staff represents a good cross-section of the war effort. Nearly every branch of the service is represented. Tom Schwartz, head of the company, was a flier and lieutenant commander in the navy; Glen Williams is a Marine Corps veteran; Gene Atkinson, a newcomer to the staff, is a veteran of the Fifth Bomber Command in the South Pacific; Lloyd Frickey saw service as an artil-leryman in the European theater; Walter Good, chief mechanic, also was in the Army Air Forces, and Jack Short served in the Merchant Marine. Just for good measure. Inez Tressendorf, the front office girl who keeps the books in order, is a former defense plant worker. But where are the Seebees? Schwartz was in Washington last week, going there from Chicago after attending the CMI convention.

John Stevens, who operates the U-Select-It Candy Service in Wichita, was in town recently to confer with F. Conner Tucker, manager of the Topeka branch of Stevens' firm. Dorothy Moyer is the office girl at the candy vending company....John Plumb is with Topeka Music Company, which operates a juke tele-phone music system and has recently added the Solotone systems. Firm has offices in the National Reserve Life Building at 10th and Topeka.

John Fling, Kansas Citian who for-merly operated a music route here, is reported to have entered the manufacturing business. . . Vern Sperry, whose route Fling bought, is owner-manager of Meadow Acres, dance spot.

### Kansas City:

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has been formed in the Independence and Coffeyville, Kan., area—Local 823, affiliated with the AFL Team-sters Union. Barbara Walberg, of-fice girl at WB Music, reports her boss, Harry Silverberg, in Milwaukee for several days. Ed Lyons WB for several days. . . Ed Lyons, WB salesman, off for a swing thru his territory. . . Dora Deason, who helps Barbara keep the WB records straight, became a mother overnight —to 11 year old Joyce, her husband's daughter by a former marriage.

Missouri operators making the rounds of coin machine circles included Ivan Starks, of Marshall, J. M. ea Ivan Starks, of Marshall, J. M. Rupert, of Carthage, and Charles Nel-son, who operates music and pins at Richmond as N & N Music.... Walter J. Simon is the new salesman at Con-solidated. Formerly Major Simon of the AAF, he received his discharge just 10 days ago. He saw five and a half years service in England and France as a pilot. Jerry Adams also salesman at Consolidated, and Simon were buddies in England flying together for a year and a half.

Jerry Adams, who attended the CMI convention with his boss, Irvin Weiler, reports one of the highlights of the meet for operator friends of Consolidated was the inspection of the Rock-Ola factory, followed by bar and luncheon refreshment at the plant....G. W. Francis, manager of Canteen, had to cancel his reser-vations to the CMI at the last minute to take care of pressing business here. He says the new rise in confection prices is enough to keep all the operators busy seeing that their profits don't evaporate... Bossman Francis H. Allen is off on another jaunt— this time to Hollywood to mix business and pleasure for three weeks.

# CLOSING ARCADE

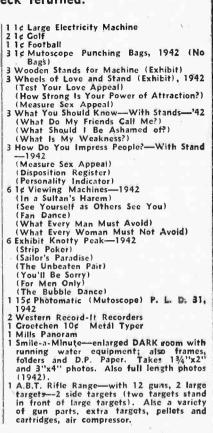
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111 **COIN MACHINES** 



COINMEN YOU KNOW Milwaukee: (Continued from page 108) and Sam Hastings, are hard at work on their proposed April 14 rally at the Pfister Hotel. Others on committees are Matt Schaefer, Leonard Casper, Ed Brede, Darrell Danielson, Roy Stone, Sam Anderson, Anthony Am-brose, E. H. Vollmar, C. G. Bookmeier, A. L. Wunderlich and Ken Ferguson.

While in Chicago at the CMI show, Don Casper's mother and dad couldn't find hotel accommodations so the couple returned to Milwaukee after a quick inspection of the exhibits. Len Casper and Harry Jacobs Sr. recently returned from a Southern driving tour. Harry Jacobs Jr. and his dad were in Chicago this week looking over new equipment. Harry Johnson is the latest addition to the United Coin staff.

Herb Geiger recently celebrated a birthday with a party in his home. Charles Weingarten, of Geiger's staff, recently celebrated the christening of his baby. . . . Max Mathusek, Lincoln Novelty, is back at the office after a brief Chicago trip....Lucille Grabbe, on Walter Tetting's staff, was also a recent birthday party hostess. Mrs. Clyde Nelson is back from a trip to Blue Earth, Minn., where she was snowbound for quite a while.

Carl Happel, Badger Novelty, was enjoying the visit of his brother Bill, who was in from California for the recent CMI show. Beverly Czermek is the new girl working with Adele Meer, replacing Gloria Avron. . . . Irv Stadel, of Wurlitzer, plans to exhibit equipment at the April 14 rally. ... Jack Ziegler, of Wired Music, is clearing his floor space for expected new equipment.

Vic Manhardt's son, Dick, has transferred from the University of Wiscon-sin to Marquette University. . . . Abe Heller is expected to become manager of the Mercury Records office, while Al DeFoe and Joe Pepp will continue to go on the road for the firm.

Recent coin row visitors included Sam Anderson and Arvid Mode, Rhinelander; Harlof Fevre, Sturgeon Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoppe, who came in town from Manitowoc. ... George Poull, of West Bend, was telling his friends how he and his bride, Martha, were forced to dig their way out of Cedar Lake. . . Walter Hoffman and Irv Goff, both of Madison, were in our city for the Wisconsin operators' meeting and took time out to visit coin row. . . . Roy Stone, of Rice Lake, was cited recently as one of the most active coinmen in upper Wisconsin.

#### **Detroit:**

(Continued from page 108) cold that bowled him over during the cold that bowled him over during the CMI convention at Chicago. . . . Hu-bert D. Wisdom, who operated a mu-sic route under his own name for over 10 years is changing the firm name to Wisdom Music Makers. Headquarters are at 762 Tennessee Avenue. . . . Harry Levin is setting up temporary quarters for the Cadet Becord Distributors at 2605 Blaine Record Distributors at 2695 Blaine Avenue.

Ben Okum and Alan Smith have established the O-Kay Vending Company at 3678 Hastings Street. . . . Louis and Henry Edelman, a father and son team, have taken over the Sportland Amusement Center, Woodward Ave-nue, from Leo Weinberger, of the S & W Coin Machine Exchange, and Max Schiff, veteran coinman. Henry was formerly associated with his uncle, Isadore Edelman, in the distributing business.

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Because of its proximity to New York City, the State is grouped with other States in its area to form the great New York market center, con-sidered the most intensive operating area for coin machines of all types area for coin machines of all types in the country. In past years few coin machine bills have appeared in the New Jersey Legislature. Because of its township system of local gov-ernments most of the legal activities relating to machines appear in the cities or townships. Hardly a year passes by but what some unfavorable local disturbance appears in some township in the State. The New Jersey Supreme Court is on record with a favorable decision for novelty

#### **Expect** Little Legislation

14 but little legislative activity on coin machines is expected this year, in keeping with the usual lack of such legislation in the New Jersey area in past years.

Altho small in area, New Jersey ranks 9th among the States on a basis of population and has 57 cities with more than 10,000 people. The urban population is more than 80 per cent. The last business census reported 7,984 manufacturing establishments in the State and 68,874 retail stores. Among these stores there were 8.307 Among these stores there were 8.307 grocery stores, 869 dairy stores, 4,315 candy stores, 6,580 gas stations, 4,902 eating places, 1,339 cigar stores and 1.811 drugstores.

1,811 drugstores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 11,707 places having pinball or juke boxes and 239 places having gaming-devices. An unofficial trade report lists 6,000 juke boxes in the State. 10,000 cigarette venders and 4,000 candy bar venders. New Jersey col-lects a tax on liquor sales and also a permit tax on places celling liquor permit tax on places selling liquor.

# **ROLL CALL OF STATES**

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Appearing in these columns is the continuation of Walter W. Hurd's fac-tual review of the legislative and business outlook in each of the 38 States. Last week reports were brought to and including New Hamp-shire. It is suggested that install-ments of this feature might profitably be climped assembled and saved for be clipped, assembled and saved for reference value of material contained

### **New Jersey**

pinball games.

The Legislature convened January

Altho small in area, New Jersey

### New Mexico

New Mexico is close enough to feel the influence of Nevada with respect to revenue to be derived from gaming devices. During the 1945 Legis-lature it had proposals to license gaming devices and also to allow local option on gaming devices. Otherwise, the State Legislature seldom produces a coin machine bill. The Legislature convened this year on January 14.

1,902 Juke Locations

The State ranks 41st among the State on basis of population and has five towns with over 10,000 people. The last business census listed 272 manufacturing plants and 6,617

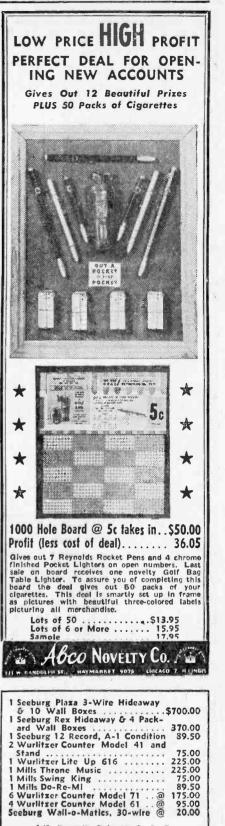


stores. Among these stores was 1.099 grocery stores, 39 dairy stores, 66 candy stores, 1,292 filling stations, 650 eating places, 170 drugstores and

12 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 1,902 places having pinball or juke boxes and 225 having gaming devices. New Mexico collects an income tax New Mexico collects an income tax on its citizens, a merchant's license tax, licenses places selling liquor and also collects a fee on liquor it-self, has a cigarette tax, and an oc-cupational or sales tax.

### **New York**

Ranked first in the nation on the basis of population, the State has 70 cities with more than 10,000 people. As a market center for coin machines and also as an operating center, New York State including the lowerst citre York State, including the largest city of the nation, ranks first also in the coin machine industry. Due to party differences between voters up State and in the New York City metro-politan area, coin machine develop-ments in the two sections of the State



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are at variance from time to time. For many years New York City had an ideal license system for amusement games, but before Mayor La Guardia games, but before Mayor La Guardia left office, he started a crusade against pinball, which resulted in a generally unfavorable attitude to-ward this type of amusement game. Certain types of arcade machines are permitted to run in the city. The city and State is considered generally furnerable to runding machines favorable toward vending machines, altho the present governor of New York suggested a vending machine tax when he took office.

#### Strict Games Regulation

The Legislature convened January 8 and while this body is not usually as prolific as some other States in originating coin machine bills, yet some bills on coin machines can be some bills on coin machines can be expected every session. Bills ap-pearing in 1945 related chiefly to gaming devices. The State has on its books one of the strictest statutes of any State in the country regulat-ing the types of amusement games to be used. be used.

be used. More than 82 per cent of the popu-lation of New York State is urban and the last census listed 34,506 manuacturing establishments. The business census reported 209,366 re-tail stores in the State of various kinds. Among these stores were 25,314 grocery stores, 2,381 dairy stores, 11,432 candy stores, 15,652 gas stations, 19,584 eating places, 6,620 drugstores and 5,872 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 27,194 places having pinball or juke boxes and 1,047 places having gaming de-vices. vices.

#### Juke Estimates Vary

Estimates of the total number of machines of various types in use in the New York City area differ wide-ly. Only recently city authorities have suggested that there are at least 30,000 juke boxes operating in the area while trade leaders say there are not more than 10,000 in use at the present time. An unofficial trade the present time. An unofficial trade report lists about 8,000 pinball games in the State, 30,750 juke boxes, 18,000 cigarette venders and 7,000 candy bar venders in the State.

The State collects a personal in-come tax, a tax on liquor sales and also on the location selling liquor and a 2-cent tax on cigarettes.

#### North Carolina

The subject of coin machine taxes seems likely to be considered at every session of the State Legisla-ture, for the State coin machine li-cense system is a part of the General Revenue Act introduced at each ses-sion. The State is one of the few that has a kind of monoply tax on the operator of an usement games. Some operator of amusement games. Some years ago a law was passed which placed the operators business license fee at \$1,000 per year. The fees on each machine unit are generally con-sidered fair by operators in the State, and practically all types of machines

are covered by a State fee. The Legislature convened January 8 and already several amendments have been proposed to the General Revebe proposed to the coin machine tax cannot be anticipated as yet upon the basis of current reports.

#### **Population Mostly Rural**

North Carolina ranks 11th on the North Carolina ranks 11th of the basis of population and has 26 towns with more than 10,000 people, altho most of its population is rural. The last business census listed 3,225 manufacturing plants in the State and 33,286 retail stores. Among these stores were 6,427 grocery stores, 95 dairy stores, 265 candy stores, 7,782 gas stations, 3,099 eating places, 915 drugstores and 55 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 4,532 places in North Carolina having pin-ball or juke boxes and 276 places ball or juke boxes and 276 places having gaming devices. An official trade report says there are about 1,000 pinball games in North Carolina and 7,000 juke boxes.

The State collects a general income tax and has a business license law system, collects a fee on liquor sold and also a permit license on places selling liquor and collects a sales and use tax.

#### North Dakota

The Legislature convened January 7, but little legislation is expected to appear in this State on coin ma-chines. During the 1945 session an interesting bill was introduced which would have authorized counties and cities to license and tax various types of coin machines. In times past, some unfavorable agitation against pinball games has appeared but it seems to occur infrequently. North Dakota ranks 38th on basis of popu-Dakota ranks 38th on basis of popu-lation and has four cities with more than 10,000 people. The last busi-ness census estimated the State to have 350 manufacturing plants and 8,549 retail stores. Among these stores were 702 grocery stores, 62 dairy stores, 83 candy stores, 1,539 gas sations, 678 eating places, 266 drugstores and 9 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 1,586 places having ninball or juke boxes places having pinball or juke boxes and 101 places having gaming de-vices. An unofficial trade report says there are about 1,100 pinball games in the State, 2,600 juke boxes and 300 cigarette venders.

selling liquor and has a State ciga-rette tax. A 2 per cent sales and use tax is also in effect in the State.

### Ohio

half dozen or more States considered unfavorable to amusement games be-cause of a very adverse State Su-preme Court decision a few years ago. The State high court decision implied (Continued on page 116)



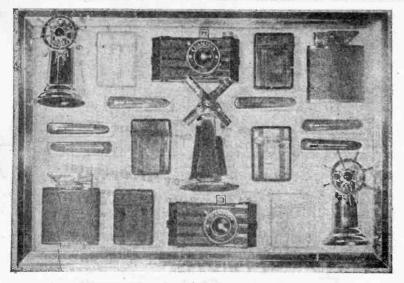
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The State collects a general in-come tax, taxes liquor and also places

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(Continued from page 115) that any sort of mechanical game must be considered a gambling de-vice by its very nature and such an interpretation of amusement games has continued to have an adverse effect. Cleveland, the largest city, has also banned amusement games for some years. While Cleveland may ban amusement games, at the same time the juke box trade in the city has made national history.

#### **Important Vending Ruling**

The State is important to the vending machine trade also and several legal developments in the State have related to this type of machine. One of the most recent high court decisions in the State was to the



effect that milk , sold thru vending machines was not subject to the State sales tax. A tax department ruling also excluded vending operators from paying the sales tax on items sold below 9 cents. Cincinnati and Columbus have local license systems on ninball and juke hoves. Altern is on pinball and juke boxes. Akron is on record as one of the cities that reduced its local tax on music ma-chines. The most recent legal happenings in relation to amusement machines have happened in Toledo. There are coin machine manufactur-ing plants in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus, making the State im-portant to the coin machine trade for more than its big operating business.

Ohio ranks fourth among the States on the basis of population and has 59 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census listed 10,070 manufacturing plants in the State and a total of 93,207 retail stores. Among the stores are 5,876 boxes and only 13 places having gam-groceries, 1,306 dairies, 2,749 candy ing devices. An unofficial trade re-

stores, 12,800 gas stations, 7,241 eat-ing places, 2,825 drugstores and 820 cigar stores.

#### Few Bills Appear

Few Bills Appear The Legislature convened January 6. Considering the size and im-portance of the State, coin machine bills rarely appear in large number in the Legislature. In 1945 session one bill appeared to "prohibit gaming devices entirely." Another bill was also introduced to require a special investigation of the State on the gen-eral subject of gambling. No bills eral subject of gambling. No bills appeared relating to amusement games or other types of coin ma-chines. On the basis of this record, little legislation relating to coin machines would be expected this year.

The federal tax report for 1946 listed 21,248 places having pinball or juke boxes and 4,374 having gaming devices. An unofficial trade report says there are about 12,000 juke boxes in the State.

Ohio collects a tax on liquor sold and also a permit tax on places sell-ing liquor. The State has a cigarette tax and a sales tax.

#### Oklahoma

High spot in the history of coin machines in the State is the State juke box tax assessing 10 per cent of the gross income of juke boxes operating in the State. State Administration for many years has also been unfavorable to amusement games and hence the State itself is put in the unfavorable column with respect to amusement games. At one time a campaign was waged to secure a popular vote on the subject of licensing pinball games in the State but the campaign failed. Oklahoma ranks 22d on the basis of popu-lation and has 21 cities with more than 10,000 people. Last business census gave 1,606 manufacturing plants in the State and a total of 28,722 retail stores. Among these stores were 3,175 grocery stores, 75 dairy stores, 269 candy stores, 6,106 gas stations, 3,261 eating places, 1,135 drugstores and 109 cigar stores.

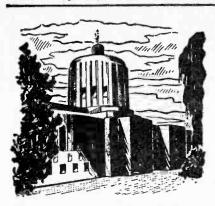
#### **Few Gaming Locations**

The 1946 federal tax report listed 4,397 places having pinball or juke



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port says there are about 4,000 juke boxes operating in Oklahoma. The Legislature convened January 7 and in previous years there has not been a large number of bills relating to coin machines. In the 1945 session there was a bill to set the annual juke there was a bill to set the annual juke box tax at \$10 and a bill which would allow 10 per cent for affixing stamps to cigarettes. The State collects a general income tax, a tax on the sale of liquors and license fees on places selling liquor. The State col-lects a cigarette tax and also a sales and use tax and use tax.

### Oregon

At least three bills were introduced in the 1945 session of the Oregon Legislature to iron out details about the enforcement of its State license system on amusement games. It now seems that the State license sys-



tem is pretty well established and has stood up under more than one court test. The neighboring State of Washington goes further in its license system and includes gaming devices in clubs. More than one legislator has suggested that Oregon

follow this example and it might be possible that such a bill would be introduced this year. The Oregon Legislature convened January 13 but no reports on legislation have been received up to this time. With the State of Washington deriving so much revenue from its license system it seems apparent that Oregon is likely to keep a similar license system.

Oregon ranks 34th among the States on the basis of population and has eight cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census listed 2,248 manufacturing establishments in the State and a total of 16,458 retail stores. Among these stores were 1,652 groceries, 73 dairy stores, 267 candy stores, 2,847 gas stations, 1,995 eating places, 568 drug-stores and 122 cigar stores.

No Games License

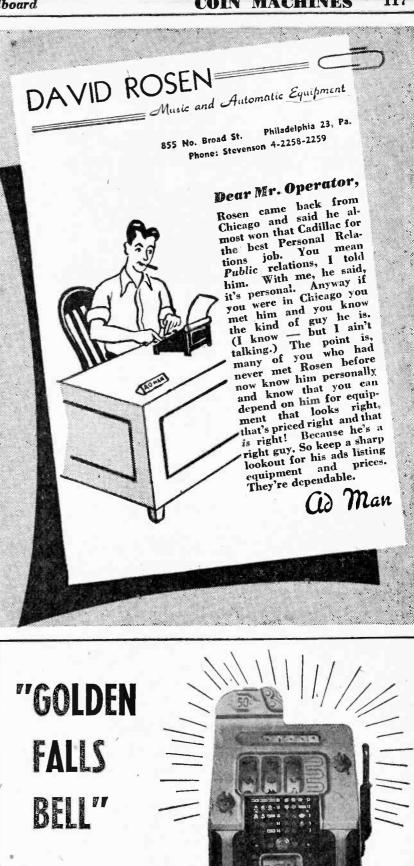
The federal tax report in 1946 listed 3,980 places having pinball or juke boxes and 3,177 places having gaming devices. Altho Oregon does gaming devices. Altho Oregon does not have a gaming device license system, such as Washington, yet it has practically half as many places with gaming devices as its neighbor-ing State with a license system. What may be a sign of a liberal trend in the Oregon Legislature this year was the introduction of a bill on the second day of the session to re-peal the anti-lottery section of the

peal the anti-lottery section of the State Constitution.

Oregon collects a personal income tax, a tax on liquor sold and a permit fee on places selling liquor.

### Pennsylvania

At one time Pennsylvania collected a State tax on amusement games. This was on the basis of a mercantile tax which included games of skill. On the basis of two Supreme Court decisions, novelty pinball was classed as a game of skill and hence the tax was collected. Later court applica-tions removed pinball from the tax classification but the collection of the tax over a period of years served to stabilize the amusement games in-dustry in the State and up to now it has been considered generally favorable to amusement games. Some dif-ficulties have appeared in Philadelphia and in smaller cities. Philadel-phia now collects a city license on the games. Due to its industrial im-(Continued on page 118)



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(Continued from page 117) portance, Pennsylvania is considered a favorable State for all types of machines.

### Juke, Games Record High

Pennsylvania ranks second among the States on the basis of population and has 92 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census listed 13,801 manufacturing plants and a total of 134,775 retail stores. Among these stores were 15,977 grocery stores, 1,618 dairy stores, 6,875 candy stores, 14,031 filling stations, 10,067 e at in g places, 4,470 drugstores and 2,443 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report listed 29,899 places having pinball or juke boxes, the highest list of any State in the Union, California ranking second with over 28,000. The federal tax report showed 4,605 places having gaming devices in Pennsylvania. In comparison with New York State, Pennsylvania has more pinball and juke box locations and nearly four times as many gaming device locations.

In consideration of its size and industrial importance, Pennsylvania Legislature has not had as many coin machine bills in the past as other States of lesser importance. The Legislature convened this year on January 7. During the 1945 session of the Legislature one coin machine bill, a proposal to tax cigarette vending machine at \$25 per year, was considered. Pennsylvania collects a tax on liquor sales and collects 2 cents a pack on cigarettes until May 31, 1947.

### **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Legislature convened January 7. In 1946 the Legislature seriously considered a tax on coin machines, labeling the act Vending Machine Tax. At its regular session in 1946, the Legislature considered a constitutional amendment to legalize lotteries for paying a veterans' bonus.

### Has Cig Tax

Altho more than 90 per cent of its populations live in towns, Rhode Island is not considered an important coin machine State because of its size. It ranks 36th on the basis of population and has 15 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census gave Rhode Island 1,460 manufacturing plants and listed 10,485 retail stores of various kinds. Among these stores were 1,189 groceries, 151 dairy stores, 311 candy stores, 1,116 filling stations, 921 eating places, 377 drugstores and 256 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax report showed 1,430 places having pinball or juke boxes and 159 places having gaming devices. The State collects a tax on liquor sales and also a permit license on places selling liquor. It has a State cigarette tax.

### South Carolina

The State is usually grouped with its neighboring State, North Carolina, to form a coin machine center known as the Carolinas. South Carolina usually follows the example of its Northern sister State in the type of legislation adopted. It has a State license system similar to that in use in North Carolina. The 1945 session of the Legislature had a proposal to license juke boxes separately and to ban their operation on Sunday. During its 1946 session, the South Carolina Legislature considered a special bill on the coin machine tax rates and changed some of the rates. In its last fiscal tax year the State had collected a license fee on 7,139 machines of all kinds. The total revenue derived was \$101,723. South Carolina is one of the States which also collects a fee on the soft-drink trade, the soft-drink tax yielding the State \$2,855,424.

South Carolina ranks 27th on the basis of population and has 10 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census showed 1,331 manufacturing plants in the State and a total of 18,520 stores. The 1946 federal tax report showed 3,363 places having pinball or juke boxes and 71 places having gaming devices. The last business census showed among the retail stores in the State 4,165 grocery stores, 102 candy stores, 3,214 gas stations, 1,595 eating places, 538 drugstores and 27 cigar stores.

South Carolina collects an income tax, a tax on liquor sold and also the places selling liquor, a tax on cigarettes, a tax on soft drinks as mentioned above. The present session of the Legislature convened January 14

### South Dakota

The State Legislature convened this year January 7. At its 1943 session the Legislature amended its 1939 statutes to increase fees on vending machines. Definition of a vending machine included a clause which would ban any type of machine that may be used for gambling or that gives any token or chip that may be exchanged for merchandise or anything of value. The Dakotas are close to Idaho and Montana and it may be that the licensing systems in those two States will begin to influence the Legislatures in both the Dakotas this year.

### Few Retail Outlets

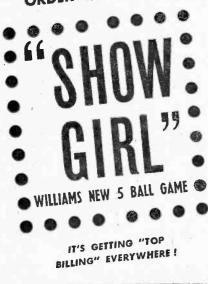
South Dakota ranks 37th on a basis of population and has six cities with more than 10,000 people. The federal tax reports showed 1,736 places having pinball or jake boxes and 232 places having gaming devices. The last business census indicated 468 manufacturing plants in the State and 9,817 retail stores. Among the stores were 645 grocery stores, 128 dairy stores, 92 candy



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stores, 2,030 gas stations, 860 eating places, 330 drugstores and 24 cigar stores.

South Dakota collects a permit license on places selling liquor and the gross sales tax on liquor itself. The State also collects a cigarette tax and a retail sales tax.

### Tennessee

The State coin machine license system of Tennessee is a section of the system of Tennessee is a section of the general revenue law of the State. It is a graduated tax system based on the population of the county and town, similar to other business li-censes required by the State. The Legislature convened this year on January 6. During its 1945 session, Tennessee considered a proposal to tax the gross receipts on all cointax the gross receipts on all coin-operated machines. This idea apoperated machines. This idea ap-parently was suggested by the Wash-ington State tax on amusement games and gaming devices. The neighboring State of Oklahoma also collects a percentage fee on juke boxes. The Legislature also got a bill to make music machines unlaw-ful in Knew County in the State. The ful in Knox County in the State. The State licenses system has been op-erating well for many years and the Legislature is not likely to get many bills on coin machines this year.

Has General License

Tennesse ranks 15th on the basis of population and has 12 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census indicated 2,289 manufacturing plants in the State and facturing plants in the State and 28,198 retail stores of all kinds. Among these were 5,634 grocery stores, 109 dairy stores, 185 candy stores, 3,422 gas stations, 3,244 eating places, 924 drugstores and 63 cigar stores.

The federal tax report in 1946 showed 5,369 places having pinball or juke boxes and 36 places having gaming devices. Tennessee has a gen-eral business license system which includes the coin machine trade, it taxes the selling of liquor and collects a retail license on places selling liquor. It has a State cigarette tax and also collects a soft-drink tax on bottlers.

### lexas

For many years before the war known as the Southwestern coin ma-chine empire, Texas has long had a State license system but the plan has frequently been disturbed by State Administration unfavorable to amusement games. Some of the State license fees in Texas, however, are considered very high. Even some of the vending machine taxes are considered unreasonable for the type of machine. The present session of the Legislature opened on January 14. The 1945 session of the Legislature produced at least one-half dozen coin machine bills and some of them rather threatening to the trade Among the bills was an anti-postrade. session bill on gaming devices and proposals to greatly increase the State fee on juke boxes and pinball. In view of the large number of bills In view of the large number of bills that appeared in 1945 it may be an-ticipated that similar threatening bills might be repeated this year. However, there is a new State Ad-ministration in Texas which may change the general attitude toward the coin machine trade.

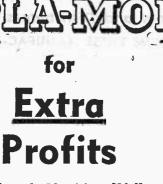
Texas ranks sixth among the States on the basis of population and has 44 towns with more than 10,000 people. About half of its popula-tion lives in towns. The last business census showed the State having 5,376 manufacturing plants and a total of 85,429 stores. Among the stores were 11,118 groceries, 371 dairy stores, 654 candy stores, 15,738 gas stations, 11,812 eating places, 3,319 drugstores and 232 cigar stores. The 1946 fed-eral tax report showed 20,031 places having pinball or juke boxes and 3,545 places having gaming devices. Texas collects a license on liquor (Continued on page 120) Texas ranks sixth among the States



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(Continued from page 119) sold and also on locations selling beer. It has a State cigarette tax.

### Ufah

The State ranks 45th on the basis of The State ranks 45th on the basis of population and has three towns with more than 10,000 people. The State Legislature convened on January 13 this year. It had one general bill during its 1945 session to set up a State license system for pinball and juke boxes. During the war some disturbances about pinball games disturbances about pinball games were reported from Salt Lake City. disturbances A State license system for amuse-ment games is likely to be proposed again this year.

### **Big Location Percentage**

The last business census reported The last business census reported 560 manufacturing plants in the State and a total of 6,372 stores of all kinds. 1946 federal tax report showed 1,372 locations in the State having pinball or juke boxes, which would indicate that a large per-centage of the stores in the State have some kind of coin-operated mathe solution of the second sec stores and 29 cigar stores.

Utah collects a personal income tax, a tax on liquor sold and also on the places selling liquor, a State cigarette tax and a State sales and use tax.

### Vermon

Vermont probably belongs on the amusement games blacklist. It ap-pears to be the only State that ever adopted a license system and then by a deliberate act of the Legislature renealed the license plan. This repealed the license plan. This would indicate that the State is or has been unfavorable to amusement gemes. Present session of the Legis-lature convened January 8. 1945 session had little of interest to the coin machine trade except that an old age pension bill was introduced. The State ranks 45th on the basis of population and has three towns with more than 10,000 people. The last business census gave the State 717 manufacturing plants and 5,423 retail stores. Among the stores were 549 groceries, 82 dairies, 60 candy stores, 963 filling stations, 417 eating places, 149 drugstores and 35 cigar stores. The 1946 federal tax reports showed 776 places having pinball or juke boxes and 106 places having gaming devices.

Vermont collects a personal income tax, a tax on the sales of liquor and a State cigarette tax.

### Virginia

The State license system on amuse-ment games has the monoply feature of a \$1,000 fee on the operator's busi-ness. Then a fee is collected on each machine. Most of the news making the newspapers during recent years the newspapers during recent years has related to the presence of gaming devices in the State. Opposition to such devices from the State Ad-ministration became rather strong two or three years ago. In fact, the 1945 Legislature passed a bill which paralized selling the machines or 1945 Legislature passed a bill which penalized selling the machines or transporting them in the State. If possible, it was made worse than even a possession bill. During the 1946 legislative session, a bill to tax soft drinks was proposed. The Legislature is not scheduled to meet in regular cession this year

session this year. Ranking 19th among the States on Ranking 19th among the States on the basis of population, the State has 15 cities with more than 10,000 people. According to the last busi-ness census, there are 2,579 manu-

facturing plants in the State and a total of 29,609 stores. Among the stores are 5,018 grocery stores, 126 dairy stores, 503 candy stores, 5,083 gas stations, 2,766 eating places, 789 drugstores and 61 cigar stores.

General Business Levy

According to the 1946 federal tax report, 6,495 establishments in the State had pinball or juke boxes and 174 had gaming devices. Virginia has a general business license tax system, collects a personal income tax, collects a tax on the sale of liquor and has a gross sales tax.

### Washington

There are indications that the li-cense system of Washington is prob-ably being studied by other States as a kind of model. State licenses as a kind of model. State licenses both amusement games and gaming devices in clubs on a percentage basis of the gross income. The large num-ber of machines that have operated in the State in recent years would indicate that the plan is workable and fairly satisfactory to operators. It has proved especially profitable to the State in the revenue turned in on the operation of gaming devices in on the operation of gaming devices in clubs. It would appear that Idaho and Montana studied the Washing-ton example when they licensed gaming devices in clubs. It has been re-liably reported also that Oregon has hably reported also that Oregon has studied the Washington licensing sys-tem. The federal tax report for 1946 indicated that 6.219 establishments in Washington had pinball or juke boxes and 6,231 establishments had gaming devices. Thus, Washington ranks with Nevada as the two States in the Union which show more es- tablishments having gaming devices than amusement games.

### Several Unfavorable Bills

Present session of the Washington Legislature convened January 13. In the 1945 session of the Legislature, two bills were introduced which would increase the present license fees on machines. One bill was introduced which would ban gam-ing devices and pinball games alto-Present session of the Washington ing devices and pinball games alto-gether; another bill was introduced which would have the effect of ban-ning amusement machines by making ning amusement machines by making the fee so exorbitant that they could not operate. Thus it will be seen that even with an interesting and unusual type of licensing system, the Washington Legislature may still have several coin machine bills. Washington ranks 30th on the basis of population among the States and

of population among the States and has 14 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census gave it 3,240 manufacturing plants, and as is well known, the State in-creased its industrial activity in plants considerably during the war. The business census gave the State 26,682 retail stores of all kinds. *Continued on page 122)* 

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Among these were 3,096 grocery stores, 460 candy stores, 4,413 gas stations, 3,000 eating places, 855 drug-stores and 234 cigar stores.

Washington collects a permit tax on places selling liquor, has a State cigarette tax and also a retail sales tax.

### West Virginia

In the 1945 session of the Legisla-ture two coin machine bills were in-troduced; one would place a small tax on coin-operated lockers, the other was the typical bill to ban gam-ing devices from the State. West Virginia has a State license system which, altho not frequently menwhich, altho not frequently men-tioned in trade circles, seems to operate fairly well. The Legislature met in special session in 1946 and also convened in regular session January 8 this year.

The State ranks 25th on the basis of population and has 12 cities with more than 10,000 people. The last business census listed the State as having 1,130 manufacturing plants and a total of 18,928 stores of various kinds. Among the stores were 2,787 groceries, 123 dairy stores, 466 candy stores, 2,516 gas stations, 1,739 eat-ing places, 477 drugstores and 50 ci-gar stores. gar stores.

The 1946 federal tax report indi-The 1946 federal tax report indi-cated 5,805 establishments in West Virginia as having pinball or juke boxes and 740 places as having gam-ing devices. An unofficial trade re-port says West Virginia has 4,250 pinball games, 8,000 juke boxes, 300 cigarette venders and 500 candy bar venders venders.

West Virginia has a general State business license system, collects a tax on sales of liquor and also li-censes the places selling liquor. The State also has a sales tax of 2 per cent.

### Wisconsin

While legal opposition to amuse-ment games remained rather quiet during the war years, Wisconsin set a record in its opposition to gaming devices particularly thru the efforts of the State Administration and the conscition was so extreme that it opposition was so extreme that it even drove freeplay pinball from the State. When the State opposi-tion gained passage of a new statute which banned various gaming de-vices and also freeplays, Milwaukee still had a city license statute on its books which was considered rather favorable. The State Capitol was also licensing games. The present session of the Legislature convened January 8 and there are no reports up to the 8 and there are no reports up to the present which would indicate a strong movement in favor of returning coin machines to the State. Wisconsin depends much on its summer tourist trade and business firms and loca-tions thruout the tourist area will keep up a plea for a State licensing system on amusement games system on amusement games.

Wisconsin ranks 13th among the States on the basis of population and has 30 cities with more than 10,000 people. The 1940 business census gave the State 6,717 manufacturing plants and a total of 47,604 retail stores. Among the stores were 3,620 groceries, 522 dairy stores, 576 candy stores, 5,942 gas stations, 2,676 eating places, 1,340 drugstores and 241 cigar stores. The federal tax report in 1946 gave the State 16,383 places having juke boxes or amusement games, and 14 establishments having gaming devices. The federal tax re-port listed only one other State having fewer establishments with gaming Wisconsin ranks 13th among the fewer establishments with gaming 238 N. E. 1 Ave.

devices than Wisconsin; it listed Oklahoma as having only 13.

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### General Income Tax

Wisconsin has a general income tax which has proved embarrassing to operators in past years. Newspapers opposed to the trade have obtained State income tax reports of operators and have published these in held face and have published these in bold face type in local newspapers. Publish-ing the income tax reports of operators was embarrassing chiefly be-cause newspapers tried to imply that cause newspapers tried to imply that net income was net profit—and op-erators knew there was quite a dif-ference. The State also collects a tax on the sale of liquors and a license fee on the places selling liquor. A State cigarette tax is also collected which has been important to vender operators because the statute classes operators as sub-jobbers. The pres-ent Legislature has already produced a bill (SB-10) which would ban ciga-rettes venders from the State alto-gether. Wisconsin may borrow the gether. Wisconsin may borrow the idea of banning cigarette machines from Iowa.

### Wyoming

Last State in an alphabetical roster of the States ranks 47th on a basis of population, has four cities with more than 10,000 people. The coin machine history of the State has generally been uneventful. The 1945 session of the Legislature produced a bill to ban gaming devices to pro-



tect the morals of children. The present session of the Legislature be-

present session of the Legislature be-gan January 14. U. S. Census of Business listed 310 manufacturing plants in the State and a total of 4,113 stores. Among the stores were 227 groceries, 42 dairy stores, 56 candy stores, 862 gas stations, 424 eating places, 133 drug-stores and 31 cigar stores. 1946 tax report listed 1,017 places having juke boxes or pinball and

having juke boxes or pinball and 573 places having gaming devices. The State collects a tax on liquor sold and also has a sales and use tax.

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# enue from these sources, including coin machines, amounted to approxi-mately \$22,000, but that the sum is largely offset by the cost of collecting

"The policing and regulation of these tax sources," the governor said, "is largely a matter of local control and since the burden is on the local





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Proposed Gotham Bill Hits missioner shall have the power to promulgate such rules and regula-tions for the conduct, maintenance Hard at Game Machines

(Continued from page 93) vice" shall mean and include any machine, apparatus, contrivance, ap-pliance or device whether manually, mechanically or electrically operated, in or upon which a game of amuse-ment may be played, upon the pay-ment of a fee charge or other con-sideration imposed directly or indi-rectly, but shall not include any machine, apparatus, contrivance, appli-ance or device for which a license is equired under any other article of this title.

B. Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize gambling.

License Required: Fee.—A. It shall be unlawful for any individual, club, association, corporation, partnership or other person or any officer, agent or employee thereof, to conduct, maintain or operate any amusement device or permit the conduct, maintenance or operation of any device, on any premise unless a license has been issued for the conduct, mainte-nance or operation of each such device on such premises, in accordance with the provisions of this article.

B. The fee for each such license or for a renewal thereof shall be \$10 for each amusement device in the location or premises for which a license is issued.

C. Every license shall specifically state the location of the premises for which such license is issued, the name of each amusement device located in or on such premises, and the number of amusement devices for which such license is issued.

D. Each license, or an emblem issued by the commissioner as evi-dence thereof, shall be affixed to each amusement device for which such license is issued.

E. All amusement device licenses shall expire on the 15th day of March next succeeding the date of issuance thereof, unless sooner suspended or revoked by the commissioner.

F. Every such license shall apply to the specific amusement only vice or devices and location for which

it was issued and shall not be transferable.

Amusement Device Licenses: Issuance, Revocation or Suspension .---A. A license to conduct, maintain or operate an amusement device or amusement devices at a particular lo-cation or premises shall be granted to a person of good character, in ac-cordance with the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

B. Each applicant for such license shall file with the department a writ-ten application in such form and containing such information as may be prescribed by the commissioner, including a photograph of the amuse-ment device for which a license is sought and a detailed description of the method of operating such device,

C. Before issuing any such license, the commissioner shall cause an in-vestigation to be made of the premises wherein the amusement device is to be located, and of the character of the applicant for such license. The commissioner may refuse to issue any such license whenever, upon such investigation, he shall determine that the granting of such license would be contrary to the public welfare.

D. The commissioner may refuse to issue a license for an amusement device to be located in any premises situated within a radius of 500 feet from a schoolhouse, house of worship, hospital, public building or other similar institution or building, when-ever he shall determine that the location of an amusement device in such premises would be contrary to the public welfare.

E. Any such license may be sus-pended or revoked by the commis-sioner for the failure of the licensee to comply with any provision of law or any rule or regulation duly promulgated by the commissioner, or for any other act, omission or cause which in the judgment of the com-missioner, renders the licensee unfit missioner, renders the licensee unfit to conduct, maintain or operate an amusement device.

Rules and Regulations .- The com-

and operation of amusement devices and the operation of the premises on which such amusement devices are located, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.

Violations.—Any person who shall violate any provision of this article, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment not exceed. ing 10 days, or by both.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.





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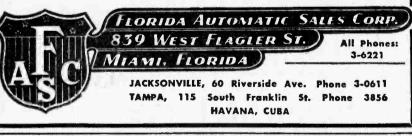
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Few New Legislative Bills; **Cig Measures on Increase** 

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State licensing of juke boxes. House Resolution No. 305 introduced Feb-ruary 6 would legalize and license gambling in the State.

House Bill No. 270 provides for li-censing of gambling. This bill introduced February 6 went to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. House Bill No. 312 introduced February 8 supersedes the Resolution No. 343 and provides for State licensing 343 and provides for State licensing of juke boxes. The bill went to the Revenue and Taxation Committee. House Bill No. 413, introduced Feb-ruary 9, relates to telegraph and wire services on racing results. House Bill 403, introduced February 9 and assigned to Judiciary Committee, relates to licensing of payouts and bells by religious organizations, fraternal groups, charitable organizations and social clubs.

Bingo in New York Too

NEW YORK. Assembly Bill 1353 would legalize bingo when conducted by church, veterans, fraternal and charitable organizations. Assembly Bill 1309 would enact laws permitting the playing of bingo games in New York. The Senate has similar bills.

NEW JERSEY. The Senate has a resolution which proposes a Con-stitutional amendment to permit bingo games operated for charitable purposes. The bill was introduced February 10 and went to the Senate Judiciary Committee. NORTH DAKOTA. Senate Bill No.

245 is of much interest in North Dakota because it would provide for the licensing of bells and payouts by fraternal groups, service organiza-tions, etc., and also permit local gov-ernments to license such devices. The bill appears to be similar to statutos bill appears to be similar to statutes that were passed in 1945 in the neigh-boring States of Mohtana and Idaho. This may suggest a trend in that section of the country.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. House Bill No. 58 is now in the hands of the Revision of Laws Committee of the Senate, indicating some progress on a lottery ticket bill. House Bill No. 285 relating to cigarette taxes defines

a sub-jobber as a person who sells at least 75 per cent of his tobacco prod-ucts to vending machine operators and to retailers. A vending machine operators operator is defined as any person owning or operating 25 or more ma-chines distributing tobacco products at retail. The bill provides for licensing vending machine operators among various other regulations on the wholesale and retail sale of ciga-rettes. The annual fee for a vending machine operator's license would be \$10.

Vending Machines in N. M. NEW MEXICO. House Bill No. 119 providing for the licensing and regulation of vending machines was introduced February 10 and went to the Ways and Means Committee.

OHIO. House Bill No. 242, intro-duced February 6, would make the present State cigarette tax a perma-nent law. House Bill No. 299, introduced February 10, would license vending machines on a sliding scale from \$2 to \$25 for each machine.

OREGON. House Bill No. 272 would tax amusement devices at \$50 per each slot on the machine and music boxes at \$1 per each coin slot. The bill is really an amendment to the present State license law and would increase fees on the basis of the number of coin chutes on the machine.

OKLAHOMA. House Bill No. 165 would levy an annual license tax on the operators of coin-operated phonographs. The State collects a per-centage license on each phonograph operating in the State already. TENNESSEE. Senate Bill No. 457,

introduced February 11, would amend present law to put a tax on bottled soft drinks. Senate Bill No. 458, in-troduced February 11, would also amend the present State law relating to a tax on merchandise vending to a tax on merchandise vending machines.

### To Eliminate Lotteries

WASHINGTON. Senate Resolution No. 7 would amend the present State law to eliminate the ban against

lotteries in the State, WEST VIRGINIA. House Bill No. 272, introduced February 5 and sent to the Finance Committee, would im-pose a 1-cent tax on retail soft-drink sales and earmark the revenue for secondary roads. The Senate has a similar bill. House Bill No. 276, in-troduced February 5 and sent to the Finance Committee, would impose a tax of 2 cents per pack on cigarettes and earmark the money for second-ary roads. The Senate got a similar bill January 31. House Bill No. 297, introduced February 6 and sent to the Finance Committee, would in-crease the fee from \$2 to \$10 on penny vending machines and from \$5 to \$25 on other coin-operated ma-chines. It would exempt telephones, stamp machines, baggage lockers and toilets. This is a proposal to amend the present West Virginia State lisense law.

### NEWS DIGEST

(Continued from page 93) want covered. Service calls and complaints, from locations are promptly answered and handled by the service company which frees the smaller operator of the 24-hour-a-day servicing problem. The firm has now been in operation for several years. To handle this business, a new type of service contract has been drawn up, copies of which will be sent interested coinmen on request. Request for copies of the service contract should be sent to The Billboard, Coin Machine Department, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1.

## **Midwest Out Of Doldrums**

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are 214 pinball games and 224 music machines licensed within Topeka's city limits.

Indication of how the Kansas coin machine trade has blossomed into an industry with gross receipts exceed-ing \$5,335,000 in 1946 were given by a report issued this week by the State Commission of Revenue and Taxation.

### Sales Tax Analysis

In an analysis of revenue from the State's two per cent sales tax, pre-State's two per cent sales tax, pre-pared for the State Legislature, the commission reported that about 290 operators of "vending machines" paid a total of \$106,702.30 in sales levied during the 1946 calendar year. The classification "vending machines" in-cludes all types of coin-operated amusement and merchandising ma-chines event cirarette venders and chines except cigarette venders and soft drink machines operated by bot-tling concerns. The figures would thus include bell games as well as pinballs, jukes, candy and nut ven-ders and service machines.

The 1946 report indicates an in-The 1946 report indicates an in-crease of approximately 60 per cent in gross dollar revenue for the ma-chines since the fiscal year ended June 30, 1943, when tax payments on coin machines totaled \$65,557. This amount would reflect gross sales of \$3,377,850.

### **Reporting Operators Vary**

The number of operators making The number of operators making returns has fluctuated considerably during recent years, rising from a low of 211 in October, 1944, to a peak of 305 in July, 1946. But by Decem-ber, 1946, the number of active coin machine firms apparently had de-creased to 230 creased to 280.

Business of the State's coin ma-Business of the State's coin ma-chine trade appears to have been increasing steadily since 1942. In the 1945-'46 fiscal year, operators in Kan-sas paid sales taxes totaling \$89,957, compared with \$75,036 in the previ-ous year and with \$70,505 in the 1943-'44 fiscal year, the commission renorted reported.

Relation of coin machines to total retail business can be seen from the commission's report of a total of \$23,571,421 collected in all retail sales taxes during 1946. This reflects a total of \$1,178,571,000 volume of total retail sales.



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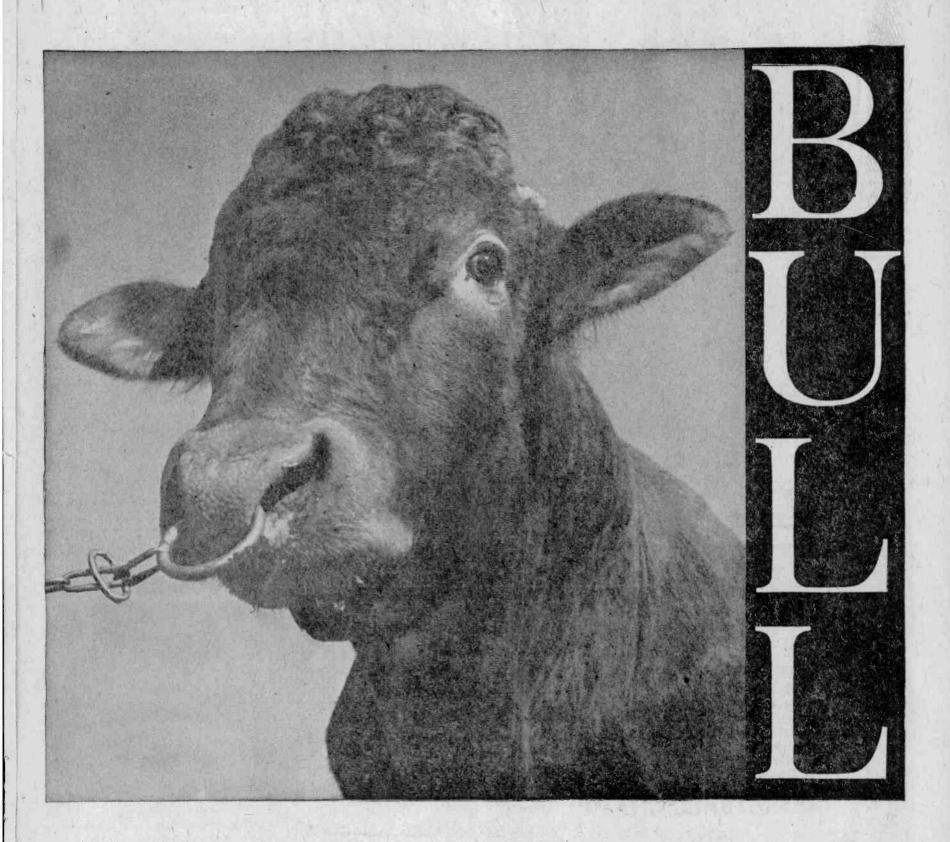
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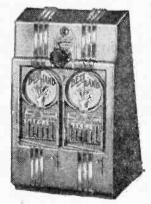
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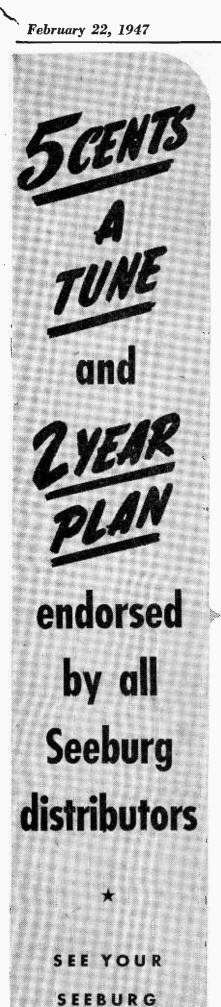
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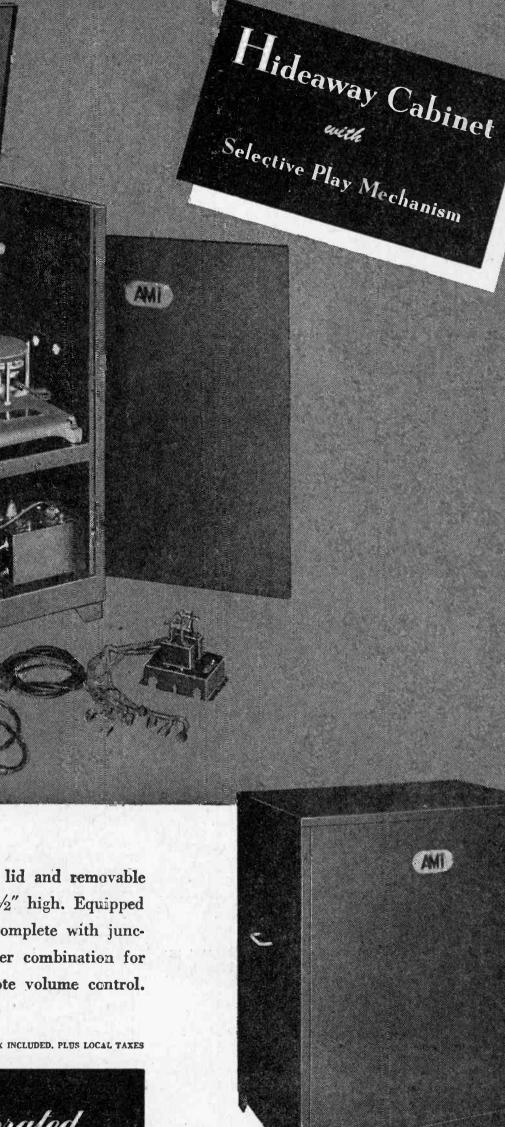
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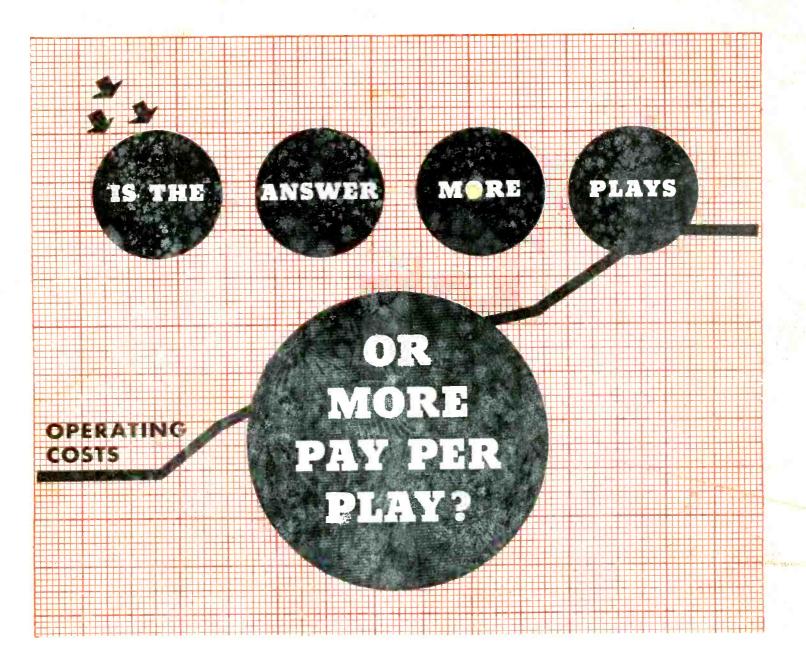
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In some quarters it is felt that the answer is not more pay per play but more play per phonograph.

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