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LITTLE WORRY FOR TENTERS

Find Radio Quick, Thoro

NEW YORK, March 22.—Faced with the necessity for ouick and thoro advertising coverage reaching into the hinterlands, outdoor show units playing towns for only a day or a week, seldom longer, are each year relying more on radio. Circuses, carnivals, amusement parks and fairs this year will spend an estimated minimum of \$1,500,000 for radio time minimum of \$1,500,000 for radio time and be gifted with at least as much again in free time during the warm weather. Other outdoor units and events, such as thrill shows, auto races, rodeos and celebrations, will continue to allot a large part of their advertising dollars to ether.

George A. Hamid, president of the booking office bearing his name, said this week that between \$75,000 and \$100,000 would be spent on radio alone this year to publicize his many enterprises, ranging from circuses to fairs. He called radio one of the most important media in outdoor showbiz advertising, but said many outdoor operators, particularly fair men, were yet to be sold.

### **Operations Far Flung**

Hamid, besides running a top agency that books attractions inter-nationally, operates the Steel and Million-Dollar piers in Atlantic City, the New Jersey State Fair, Greens-boro (N. C.) Fair, White City Park (See Ops Tip Big Dough on page 48)

## Parks Nix High Ork Fees; Want Another: Sweet With Show

NEW YORK, March 22. — Three things must be, says the typical amusement park operator in looking over the '47 band booking picture. Prices and guarantees must come down; "brassy, jam-type" bands are out, and orks must offer a little show-manship and entertainment over and above dispensing of dance rhythms. All this, according to a recent survey by *The Billboard* of parks thruout the country which have been regular band buyers in the past.

Pay roll gripes dragged the most elaborate responses. The answers which came from more than 50 per which came from more than 50 per cent of past and potential ork users fixed the same "economy" point whether they came from Frank Guthrie's Mission Beach Amusement Center (which in '46 used top names such as Spike Jones, Benny Good-man, Tommy Dorsey, etc., at 2G one-nighter and 5G weekly tabs) or any one of a dozen smaller parks using territorials and middle-classers at one-nighter fees ranging from \$500 to (See FEES TO BIG on page 15)

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For Air Bally NEW YORK, March 22.—"Spring, spring, beautiful spring," may be NEW YORK, March 22 .- "Spring, something the poets write about, but is nothing but a sharp pain to most of the Stem nitery ops. The only

of the Stem nitery ops. The only thing they like about it is that with the coming of Easter, and the end of Lent, they hope more of the spend-ers will drop in. Few of the local hot spots have any plans to welcome spring. If an attraction with marquee value becomes available, they buy it. If not, ops up the bidding on the other

## I Think Your Show Is Swell, But the Commercials---Well

NEW YORK, March 22.—Because the greeting card business thinks the radio business is just jim-dandy, the radio business is being honored by a slew of new greeting cards, designed especially to permit radio fans to send endearing billets doux to their favorite stars. The card makers ap-parently figure that people who write fan letters can't make up sweet little nothings on their own nothings on their own.

The cards, introduced recently by Greeting Card Industry, a trade organization, oddly enough, for the greeting card industry, already numbers 25 styles. To carry out the idea they are decorated with teenshy-weenshy pitchas of microphones and all those other exciting radio doodads. Sentiments expressed are as touch-ing as those in the usual doggerel.

Sample: In appreciation, I'd like to say, I could listen to you all day.

I like your program, it's lots of fun, It helps me get my housework done:

It lightens my cares,

'N' brightens my day-

In fact-it's swell in every way.

There are even special cards for autograph hounds to use — which should really win the stars' eternal gratitude.

guy's attractions to spoil the deal, figuring if they can't get it, they'll see nobody else does. The semi-attractions, acts getting around \$1,000 to \$1,500, are laying off more (See IN THE SPRING on page 36)

## Radio Reaps \$\$ In Promotion **Covering Fairs** CHICAGO, March 22. - Radio's

coverage of State, county and district fairs thruout the nation will be intensified this year, a check of leading stations reveals. Consensus is that close co-operation helps both stations and fairs. Stations garner top pro-motion, plus programs that add to their public-service records while acting as first-rate attendance boosters for fairs.

Most stations situated in or near Most stations situated in or near one of the 300-odd communities har-boring fairs have for years been air-ing special programs in conjunction with the annuals, frequently running lines into the grounds. The fair usually contributes studio space. Mil-lions of fairgoers have viewed, for the first time, the inner workings of radio when stations transferred pop-ular ether shows to a fairground for a week. Interest generated by this (See RADIO REAPS 5 or page 48) (See RADIO REAPS \$ on page 48)

## MCA Builds Band for Skitch Henderson

NEW YORK, March 22.—Music Corporation of America brings pianist Skitch Henderson east in two weeks with intention of building an ork around the 88-er. Henderson is a regular on the Bing Crosby airer and records for Capitol Records with studio orks, but never before has had his own regular crew. Rumor has it Der Bingle is angeling the future Henderson crew. Crosby himself is due to visit New York in two weeks.

# "Superman" Tolerance Bid **Spreads to Off - Air Forums**

NEW YORK, March 22.—Twenty-one reps of religious groups, inter-racial organizations, educators and parents' associations met with brass of Kenyon & Eckhardt (K & E), Kel-logg, Superman, Inc., and Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) last week at the Waldorf to examine the results of Superman's tolerance pitch -now one wear old -and on the basis -now one year old—and on the basis of the findings to chart the program's course for the next year. The meet-ing, which was held without bally-

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NEW YORK, March 22 .- Twenty- hoo, stressed the necessity of continuhoo, stressed the necessity of continu-ing with the tolerance theme on an even broader scope. In addition, plans are now crystalized for the first of a series of open forums which will plug the same theme in different cities. These forums will be an ex-pensive undertaking, costing Kel-logg about \$1,000 a shot. The confab at the Waldorf pointed up the advisability of slanting Super-man ballyhoo towards school teach-(See Superman Bid on page 14)

Ops of big circuses think with optimism — fairs in best position to hold pace

### By Pat Purcell

CHICAGO, March 22. — Spring poked its noggin around the corner, cast a smirky look at outdoor show-men and breathed a breath of bad weather, but the knights of the amusement highways are undaunted and the hammers and paint brushes and all those sort of things are flying around winter quarters as the owners and operators prepare for come what and operators prepare for come what may.

Just a year ago these same fellows Just a year ago these same fellows knew there were bundles of cash awaiting them around the smoke-stacks and in the hinterlands, but they were worrying over material and man-power shortages. These worries are vanishing as the world conting the settle down to a more (See Business Outlook on page 48)

## **Reichhold Tees Off** Nat'l Pop Concert Plans at Carnegie

NEW YORK, Marca 22 .- Henry J. NEW YORK, Marcn 22.—Henry J. Reichhold, Detroit industrialist and musical angel behind the Detroit Symphony Ork, Vox Records and *The Musical Digest* is planning to break into the New York musical field by angeling the second series of Carnegie Pop Concerts at Carnegie Hall May 1-June 14. Concerts, which were introed last year by Daniel Rybd, will be managed by him this year, but Reichhold will supply the chips. chips.

Advent of Reichhold into N. Y. longhair music is the first big step longhair music is the first big step in a gigantic expansion program con-ceived by the industrialist in which CPC's would be duplicated in 400 cities thruout the country. Music would be provided mainly by local musicians, and altho no definite fig-ure has yet been set, it is expected that at least 60 musicians will be used as an ork in each city. Beichold also as an ork in each city. Reichhold also plans to use his young musical talent, recording for Vox Records as well as other labels in the concerts thru-out the country. At present, plans (See Reichhold Tees Off on page 33)

### Jack Little Turns Jock

NEW YORK, March 22. — Little Jack Little will become a disk jock on WEAM, Washington, April 7, working a 1-4 p.m. slot across the board.

Little had been doing a piano single for the past three years. He had a trio for about a year before and fronted his own ork prior to that. For the time being he will drop nitery work.

### Web May Curtail Color Research and Other TV Activities

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Columbia the fear that okaying color now would Broadcasting System execs remained mum this week insofar as voicing either their own or the company's re-action to the Federal Communica-tions Commission decision denying CBS's application for ultra-high frequency commercial television. There was, however, considerable conjecture that the web would cut to an absolute minimum further color research and at the same time also reduce its black and white tele activities until an appreciable viewing audience has been built up. Now that the FCC decision has cleared the air, the pro-duction and sale of receivers is ex-pected to be greatly accelerated.

Actually, consensus was that the FCC ruling more than postponed color tele for some years and denied the CBS ultra-high frequency bid. It was felt that, in addition, the com-mission put CBS on the spot by urgmission put CBS on the spot by urg-ing the network to continue its color research. Observers recalled that when Frank Stanton, CBS president, testified at the opening of the color hearings last December, he stated that in the event CBS's position was not upheld, the web would expend no further corporate energies toward further corporate energies toward color. Columbia's investment in its toward color. Columbia's investment in its sequential (non-electronic) color system thus far is estimated at \$2,-000,000 or more.

FCC's decision, first reported in The Billboard February 8 and again March 8, stated that the CBS system would limit the number of available frequencies for color video to a com-paratively few. More stations may be possible, it said, under an electronic system, such as is being developed by Radio Corporation of America, Columbia's chief opponent in the color battle. Decision also expressed

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mean premature standardization in the face of what it termed insufficient field testing. Electronic advances made during the war are not em-bodied in the CBS method.

FCC's action was hailed by many set manufacturers. Allen B. DuMont, who also opposed CBS on color, forecast the ruling as a spur to vast set production increases. Jack Poppele, cast the ruling as a spur to vast set production increases. Jack Poppele, head of Television Broadcasters' As-sociation, lauded CBS and its re-search head, Peter Goldmark, for their color pioneering, but also fore-cast an upswing in receiver produc-tion and sales. This was the attitude taken by many manufacturers who agreed generally that the situation now permits appreciable advances in now permits appreciable advances in black and white set sales, programing and time sales.

## '47 Act Famine Seen; Imports Bottlenecked

NEW YORK, March 22 .- A shortage of acts thruout the 1947 season age of acts thruout the 1947 season was foreseen Thursday (20) by George A. Hamid, head of the book-ing office bearing his name and owner-operator of numerous outdoor enterprises. While lamenting the shortage of talent, Hamid neverthe-less predicted business would be on a nar with last year's provided outa par with last year's, provided out-door operations continued on the same level.

same level. Already the Hamid agency has surpassed its pre-war business level, even tho it had one-third less acts to peddle. Increased budgets, the (See Act Famine Seen on page 48)

### Brit. Variety Artists To Vote

LONDON, March 22.—British Va-riety Artists Federation has agreed riety Artists Federation has agreed to poll its membership in a few months as to their attitude toward joining the Trades Union Congress. Ballots and a brochure setting out benefits of membership in the TUC will be mailed to all members. At a meeting of the federation to consider this question, decision to poll members was arrived at by the slim margin of three votes. Strong opposition was registered, with cries of "No Closed Shop!" No TU Dic-tatorship."

## **Paddy Battles**

DETROIT, March 22.—On St. Patrick's night at the Paradise Theater, Louis Jordan and his ork on stage were banging out the boogie beat. Up in the electrician's booth, as the show electrician's booth, as the show progressed, the Irish spirit grew stronger. Finally, one of the electricians—a true son of St. Pat—shot a vivid green spot on the stage. While the audience was trying to figure this one out, his companion, an Orangeman —shot an equally vivid orange gelatin into the slot. The mix-ture of the two colors lighted the stage in a novel combination. The second color tipped the audience off to the gag and won yocks from the pews.



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"I noticed in last week's Billboard," writes Hugh Terry, manager of Sta-tion KLZ, Denver, "a story about WOR lifting the taboo on mentioning other stations. You might be in-terested to know that this taboo has not existed in Denver for some time, as the stations here are guite willing as the stations here are quite willing to give credit where credit is due by mentioning other stations' call let-ters when' such mention is proper. I hope this trend continues thruout the country."

### Let's Get It Straight Department:

From time to time over a period of some 10 years we have carried stories concerning the business shenanigans concerning the business shenanigans of a certain important record man. These stories invariably were based on fact and concerned themselves exclusively with the gent's business activities. Last week came a letter "tipping off" the editor about some aspects of the record man's personal life. The letter was signed "A Music Publisher." The editor read it, thought somewhat sadly what a shame it was that there were such low characters in the music business and tossed it into the wastebasket. and tossed it into the wastebasket. This week a girl phoned and told the editor that her boss wanted to know when the letter he sent in was going to be published? Which boss and what letter? asked the ed. The letter about the record man, said the gal, and her boss didn't want to give his and her boss didn't want to give his name. "Just tell your boss," we told the gal, "that the letter will never (See AD LIB on page 44)

## **Grim Stem To Fight Taxes Dreamed Up By \$-Hungry Dewey**

NEW YORK, March 22.—Despite strong protests from showbiz on the Stem and thruout the State, the Legislature in Albany this week passed measures suggested by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to permit New York and cities of over 100,000 popu-lation to slap taxes on showbiz ad-missions, retail liquor licenses and restaurant and nitery meals costing more than \$1 (The Billboard, March 15). 15).

15). Since Dewey authored the bills, his signing is a foregone conclusion. However, inking of the measures does not impose taxes. They are merely enabling measures designed to vest power in individual municipalities to make their own bites on showbiz to wid hungry coffers aid hungry coffers. Bills will then have to be submitted

to the various city councils, where they'll meet a barrage of protest from showbiz ops who regard them as crippling to an industry already struggling against a growing recession.

A strong fight is expected at New York City Hall when the council acts. Pressure will be heaviest from Stem legit and nitery ops, who would be hardest hit by the 5 per cent ad-mission tax, the retail liquor license hike and the bite on meals over \$1.

Shirer Ends Williams Chore NEW YORK, March 22.—William L. Shirer, news commentator, winds up his newscasting job for Williams Shaving Cream Sunday (30). Account snaving Cream Sunday (30). Account is holding its CBS Sunday afternoon time, however, and will determine Shirer's successor this week. Shirer remains on the CBS staff. Agency is J. Walter Thompson.

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# **CBS '46 Profits** Up 8.4%; Report

bia Broadcasting System (CBS), in its annual report to stockholders this week, revealed that its consolidated net profits for 1946 exceeded 1945 by 8.4 per cent. This boost was made despite a decline in revenue from sale of time by 8 per cent, and 14.3 per cent decrease from 1945 in consolidated operating income before taxes.

Main differential permitting profit margin came from vastly increased operations of subsidiary, Columbia Recording Corporation, which ac-counted for 32.4 per cent of CBS's 1946 total net income, against only 4.6 per cent the year before (see story in Music Section).

CBS's net income for 1946 was \$5,795,896, compared with \$5,345,641 in 1945. Earned surplus increased to \$20,792,311 from \$18,837,499.

to \$20,792,311 from \$18,837,499. Report took a passing swipe at the Federal Communications Com-mission (FCC) and its Blue Book, which CBS said "attempted to limit the freedom of broadcasters to plan their individual program schedules." FCC's declared intention to consider broadcasters' programing and adver-tising policies when issuing and retising policies when issuing and re-newing licenses, says the report, "clarified and brought into focus a fundamental conflict as the propriety of governmental interference with the kind or amount of information and entertainment which may be brought to radio listeners."

Recognizing the increase in criti-cisms of radio, the report declares that "a failure by broadcasters gen-erally to face squarely the causes of criticism and to deal with them cour-ageously and effectively may well impair the long-range vitality and value of the medium."

According to the report, CBS cur-rently has "a total of 65 agreements covering wages, hours and working conditions with 44 separate locals of 14 international unions."

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## **Campbell's Hot For Whiteman Platter Show**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Sale of the Paul Whiteman disk jockey show being built by American Broadcast-ing Company to Campbell's Soup was Ing Company to Campbell's Soup was reported hotter than a bowl of steam-ing chowder this week. At the same time, ABC appeared to be battling with Columbia Broadcasting System over which web would get the soup biz, with CBS offering Campbell's another daytime strip.

A Philadelphia spokesman for the A Philadelphia spokesman for the Ward Wheelock ad agency, which handles the account, refused to deny or confirm Whiteman negotiations were going on. However, one net-work executive admitted it and said the Whiteman-soup anschluss was plenty close, with a deal possible in a few days. That Pops was being offered in a platter spinner's role was first reported in *The Billboard* last week. week.

Even beyond Whiteman, it's a big deal, time being over \$1,000,000 an-nually for an across-the board-strip.

## **Participation Show**, PerProgramChanges **Proposed by ASCAP**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- An early agreement on a new contract between American Society of Composers, Au-American Society of Composers, Au-thors and Publishers and National Association of Broadcasters was forecast this week after committees representing each met at the Wal-dorf-Astoria. Ted Streibert. of WOR and the NAB's ASCAP committee, and John G. Paine, ASCAP's gen-eral manager, are to name subcom-mittees to continue further confabs. Althe the present ASCAP contract

Altho the present ASCAP contract runs until the end of 1949, ASCAP moved to discuss changes so as to avoid any foul-up, such as precipi-tated the radio ban of ASCAP music a few years back. Additionally, the situation has changed so radically in radio that ASCAP feels certain con-tract revisions should be effected in the new advectment. the new agreement.

Among the points to be negotiated are per-program payments and pay-ments for ASCAP music on particiments for ASCAP music on partici-pation or multi-sponsored programs. Per-program fees, it was pointed out, were worked out in the existing con-tract without precedent, and broad-casters are said to agree that ASCAP is justified in opening this issue. Same applies to participash shows, which by their very nature, bring in more than card rates to stations, altho this differential is not represented in fees paid the Society. fees paid the Society.

Both Paine and Streibert stressed the fact that the first meeting was completely amicable.

### **Golden Book Juve Show** Auditioned by ABC Web

NEW YORK, March 22 .--An audi-NEW YORK, March 22.—An audi-tion based on the Golden Book Juve-nile Tomes published by Simon & Schuster was held at American Broadcasting Company this week. S. & S. juve stories are highly rated, program in turn being slanted at kid undiences audiences.

Reported the Thom McCann shoe chain is interested in the property.

### -Editorial-

# An Unnecessary Battle

C. E. HOOPER'S announcement last week that his organization had developed a Station Listening Index (SLI) which solves each of the limitations of Hoop's present basic audience measurement methods, seems to have stirred up a certain amount of trade talk that threatens to build up a titanic tussle between the Hooper firm and the Broadcast Measurement Bureau. That there is a certain amount of conflict between the Hooper SLI and some BMB reports is obvious.

We believe, however, that most, if not all, advertisers, agencies, stations and nets are interested in one fundamental objective: To get the best possible (meaning most exhaustive, most authentic) data on listening at the lowest possible cost. We believe a "battle" be-tween BMB and the Hooper organization will hurt seriously the chances of achieving that objective. Such a struggle can only prove wasteful of time, effort and money. And any individual or organi-zation in the industry (not excluding the Hooper outfit and BMB) instrumental in building up such a battle is doing the industry a disservice.

The industry knows that radio today faces fiercer competition from other media than ever in its past. Radio must produce the most substantial selling data it can develop. Radio is also contending with rising costs in every direction. It would be shameful and stupid if, in attempting to forge its selling tools, the industry should add to its cost problem, and at the same time produce conflicting and unnecessarily blunt-edged sales instruments.

We don't care whether Hoop, Nielsen, BMB or any one of 50 other research groups (or combination of groups) produce these selling tools. We think they can be better tools, produced less ex-pensively, if industry members of all factions would do less battling and more co-operative, constructive thinking and planning.

Sun Oil Holding **25G** Sweepstakes For Thomas' Spot

NEW YORK, March 24 .--- Unique tests being made by Sun Oil Com-pany, starting today, to find a suc-cessor to Lowell Thomas on NBC will cost upward of \$25.000, it was authoritatively reported last week. Sun is testing three and possibly four commentators for the Themas cost commentators for the Thomas spot, latter being slated to leave his long-time Sun job to go full-time for Procter & Gamble next fall. Commentators being tested include

George Varson Putnam, Alex Dreier and Kenneth Banghart, with Elmer Peterson as a possible added starter. Oil company is airing all of the commentators, including Thomas, at the same time, with its network being split accordingly, so that each spieler will be heard in a specific part of the

country. At the end of the four-week test, sponsor will make special Hooper studies in the respective regions, and the results of these, together with other audience checks, will determine Thomas's successor. Item of the 25G will come thru the

costs of the special surveys, extra studios and wire costs, and the fees to the competing commentators.

# Mother, Daughter

Seg for Teen-Agers NEW YORK, March 22.—Show tabbed Helen Hayes and Mary Mac-Arthur, a quarter-hour series aimed at teen-agers and done by the noted legit actress and her daughter, is in preparation. Program would be a mother and daughter discussion, plus one guest, and it's slanted for a Saty urday morning or Sunday aftermoon urday morning or Sunday afternoon slot,

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PHILADELPHIA, March 22. co-op log-listing service for daily newspapers in a 60-mile radius of Philadelphia was instituted this week Philadelphia was instituted this week by six local stations—KYW, WCAU, WFIL and WIP, the four network stations, and independents WPEN and WIBG. Free mat service, ex-penses defrayed by stations on a pro-rata basis, is handled by Adelphia Associates, local publicity org, which set up a Philadelphia broadcasters' listing service. Co-op service is being handled by June Herder, for-mer radio editor of the defunct Philadelphia Record. Firm has a potential of 35 daily

**Philly Stations** 

In Co-Op Listing

Firm has a potential of 35 daily newspapers outside the city, most of which list the network programs under call letters of the New York stations. Mat service insures use of local call letters instead. Initial re-sponse from the newspapers has been excellent and listing service plans to expand its co-op service with a weekly listing of program highlights for weekly community and neighborhood newspapers and magazines and eventually build to a canned radio chatter column.

## For Sale: 7:30 P.M. **Monday Slot, CBS!**

NEW YORK, March 22.-Columbia Broadcasting System has managed to make available for sale a choice halfhour time slot, Monday, 7:30-8 p.m., now held by the Camel-Bob Hawk show. R. J. Reynolds, thru William Esty, agency on the account, has been tying up a solid hour of time by using a split network, repeating the show for the Coast at 10:30 p.m.

The new deal will have Hawk air-Lester O'Keefe, who produced the ing only at 10:30-11 p.m., leaving Textron show with Helen Hayes, will 7:30 p.m. open. This is particularly direct the new show for Mark Hanna, choice on CBS, where Monday is one handling the package. of the top nights.

# **Plan To Test Unknown** Acts Brews in L. A.

### Would Ask AFRA's Okay

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 .- A proposal that the four major networks get together to produce a showcase program series, designed to give unknown talent a chance to get on the air, was put forth here this week at a meeting of program execs of all four webs. Those attending were Bob Brown, NBC's Coast program director; Bud Edwards, ABC assistant program director; Cran Chamberlin, assistant director of program writing for CBS, and Bob Forward, Don Lee's (Mutual) assistant pro-gram head.

Plan outlined provides for each network, in rotation, to donate time and production facilities for the pro-gram. It also calls for an air time that would be convenient for com-mercial talent buyers.

### **KFT's Series**

Proposition parallels a series broadcast here last year by KFI, with shows written by top Coast writer-directors. However, there has never been such a scheme adopted on a na-tional basis conceived with the feature been such a scheme adopted on a na-tional basis, especially with the four networks participating. It was also suggested, if the pian got anywhere, to ask the American Federation of Radio Artists for a special dispensa-tion to allow the use of non-AFRA performers, who obviously, were they to click, would have to join the union later on. later on.

Suggestion was brought out at a meeting called originally to discuss network moves in connection with program idea submissions, as re-ported in last week's *Billboard*. Meeting heard a suggestion that the networks uso standard interchange networks use standard, interchange-able clearance and release forms, flexible enough to conform with in-dividual web policies, yet uniform in purpose and intent. Plagiarism defense is the keynote of the propo-sition which has here here highlighted by sition, which has been highlighted by CBS's loss of a \$35,000 suit brought by Jack Stanley in connection with Hollywood preview.

## WSBC Was First

NEW YORK, March 22 .- In a recent story on the new all-Negro serial to start shortly on WJJD, Chicago, The Billboard reported that this was a radio first. Fumble! WSBC, also of Chicago, carried a similar pro-gram for three years, starting in April, 1940.

WSBC's program, written and produced by Mrs. Cletis Browne, used a stock company of 15 people. The station has maintained a schedule of pro-grams aimed at Chi's Negro pop-ulage since 1928. It new airs 20 WSBC's ulace since 1928. It now airs 20 such programs weekly out of its 56 total air hours. All shows use Negro talent.

# **Ad Circles Chill Toward BAC; See New Group Due For Eventual NAB Clash**

### **Opposition From Other Media May Hurt New Council**

### **By Jerry Franken**

NEW YORK, March 22.—The or-ganization, function and future of the Broadcasters' Advisory Council (BAC), formation of which was an-nounced by broadcasters, advertisers and advertising agencies recently, has been providing much of the talk within radio-advertising circles over the past two weeks. Altho announcement of the new three-way organization was widely hailed, its purposes have been subject to considerable mis-interpretation, within and without radio. As matters stand today, however, two dominant points stand out. They are:

- 1. Organization of BAC will not be as easy as many in the trade believed and hoped.
- Should BAC achieve any con-siderable standing in the eyes 2. of both the public and radio, it inevitably will head for a clash with the National Associ-ation of Broadcasters (NAB), even tho NAB is represented in BAC BAC.

### **Reasons for Opposition**

Reasons offered as to why some segments of the trade have cooled off toward BAC vary. One is that opposition to advertiser-agency participation in such a joint venture has been expressed to advertising execs by representatives of other media. BAC was organized to meet criticisms of radio, voiced both by the public and by newspaper and magazine publishers. By answering and disprov-ing these criticisms, by improving its standards, radio would accomplish another notable objective—it would increase its stature and effectiveness as an advertising medium. Hence the reported opposition from other media.

Another reason given for decreas-Abother reason given for decided ing enthusiasm for BAC is the fact that there has been so much talk about a radio "czar." There was no such idea in the minds of the trade such idea in the minds of the trade leaders who proposed BAC, and there is none now. Both Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and Niles Trammell, president of National Broadcasting Company (NBC), have disclaimed the "czar" idea. In addition, Stanton said this week, "the proposed council has but one objective and that is to im-prove radio standards, thereby inprove radio standards, thereby in-creasing its service to the public." He added that this was to be done by continuing studies of the public atti-tude toward radio and continuing analyses of trade practices.

### Areas of Clash

Areas of Clash It is in these areas of public rela-tions and trade standards, combined with the original BAC anouncement that it would inform "broadcasters . about their obligations" (to the public), that a clash between NAB and BAC is foreseen. This was em-phasized this week, when NAB finally announced appointment of public re-lations and program heads (see story in adjoining columns). Critics of NAB say that these two posts, plus the work being planned by BAC as to industry standards (which NAB is tackling thru committee meetings to start in New York March 31), should have been undertaken by NAB, as a trade organization, long NAB, as a trade organization, long ago-certainly before the wave of anti-radio talk reached its present proportions.

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criticism for its attitude toward the FCC and the Blue Book. It is claimed that much of NAB's anti-Blue Book activity has been shadow boxing and directed at the commission, rather than at Congress, the only place where remedial legislation can orig-inate. Yet, it is this very need for re-vised radio legislation, claimed so urgently needed by some broadcast-ers, which has frightened advertisers and agencies insofar as the council is concerned. The reason is that these advertising people do not want to get mixed up in any battle between the FCC and the broadcasting industry, or in any congressional situation, even tho they, the advertisers, play so dominant a part in the radio pic-ture and, in many instances, are responsible for the criticism now being voiced.

### **Raised Standards**

A final question raised in connec-tion with both BAC and NAB deals with standards. Both groups are mov-ing toward improving trade practices, but the big question is how either

(See Ad Circles Chill on page 14)

## Vacations Snag **AFM-Webs Pact**

NEW YORK, March 22.—The only hitch holding up the new contract between Local 802, American Fed-eration of Musicians, and the four webs is the matter of a two-week vacation for staff musicians. The nets, it's understood, have already agreed to hike staffers' wages  $18\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, tho for a while they set  $16\frac{1}{2}$  as the limit. They loathe the vacation pitch, but the local is just as adamant. NEW YORK, March 22.as adamant.

Chicago won both the 181/2 per cent and the vacation.

R&R Won't Double "Double Nothing"; Show Due for Fold

NEW YORK, March 22.—Ruth-rauff & Ryan is shopping for a new program for Pharmaco, Inc., in place of *Double or Nothing* on Mutual Broadcasting System, when *Double's* present curle runs out this spring Broadcasting System, when Double's present cycle runs out this spring. The report is that Walter Compton and Bill Dolph, who own the pack-age, are asking more money than R. & R. , o pay—particularly inasmuch as R. & R. feels the agency's handling had a lot to do with the show's success with the show's success.

Nothing is set yet in the way of a new show, but it's said discus-sions will get under way soon. The show airs Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

## **AFRA** Approves **Groups To Work On 4A's Merger**

NEW YORK, March 22.—Member-ship meeting of the American Feder-ation of Radio Artists Thursday (20) at the City Center passed a resolu-tion introduced by Leslie Barrett ask-ing that AFRA set up a committee to work for the merger with Associated Actors and Artistes of America.

Resolution is similar to one passed last September at the AFRA convention. However, in spite of a strong desire for a single Four A's card on the part of the membership of both the radio actors' union and Equity, nothing has been done. Inside reports have it that the difficulty of working Four A orgs being much more pros-perous than others, is proving a major stumbling block.

Another obstacle is Screen Actors' Guild's desire to keep its main office on the West Coast.

however, impending confab be-tween Four A's joint committee on tele may prove still another spur to membership desire for the merger, since an interchangeable union card would be a great help in a field where so many different types of entertain-ment are used ment are used.

# **Co-Ops Seek** Govt. Aid **On Fair Play**

FTC Gets Fulton Lewis Case

WASHINGTON, March 22.gressional action to assure fair play for all on the air will be sought in a double-pronged move, it was dis-closed today as two of the nation's biggest co-operative organizations awaited an answer from Federal Trade Commission on a petition com-plaining against recent radio attacks by Fulton Lewis Jr. against the co-operative movement in the U.S. The two co-operative organizations—Na-tional Co-Operatives, Inc., and Co-Operative League, U. S. A.—revealed to The Billboard today that "definite steps toward getting appropriate con-gressional action" on the 'fair play" issue will be taken as the result of Lewis's broadcasts.

At the same time, the co-operatives are viewing their position as strongly bulwarked by a report skedded for bulwarked by a report skedded for release next week by Fortune Maga-zine and sponsored by Commission on Freedom of the Press, which recommends a new law—"an alter-native to the present remedy for libel"—whereby "the injured party might obtain a retraction or a re-statement of the facts by the offender or an opportunity to reply." It is considered highly significant that the two co-operative organizations, which claim to represent approxiwhich claim to represent approxi-mately 10,000,000 persons, have by-passed the Federal Communications Commission in going to FTC for a showdown, which may wind up in Congress on the "fair play" issue in radio

### **Co-Operatives** Act

The co-operatives sprang into ac-tion after Lewis, in his regular Mu-tual Broadcasting System program, made two blistering attacks against the co-operative movement, charging that consumer co-oper work given that consumer co-ops were given special privileges in federal tax ex-emptions. Arthur Gaeth then went on same network declaring Lewis on same network declaring Lewis was in error and that only the farm co-ops were tax exempt. Then the co-operative organizations went into action, filing an informal petition with FTC urging that Lewis be cited to justify his charges. Beneroussies did not and there

Repercussions did not end there. Lewis's local sponsor (Mazor Fur-niture Company) dropped the Lewis program on MBS-Cowles outlet, WOL, and signed up instead as local (See Co-Ops Seek Aid on page 14)

## Govt. Pub Tax Talk **Cuts Tele Delivery**

HOLLYWOOD, March 22. -- Talk

HOLLYWOOD, March 22. — Talk that the government may invoke a 20 per cent tax on bars using tele sets is said to be responsible for holding up orders on video receivers to more than 200 pubs in this area. Sales execs of the Leo J. Meyer-berg Company, local RCA Victor dis-tribs, told The Billboard that delivery of 200 air pic sets to bars is held up pending final action by the govern-ment. (The Billboard, March 22.) United States television, boasting a projected image 22 by 16, is making a big pitch for bar sales, and accord-ing to local reps, firm has also met with a stone wall of rumors that video may be squeezed out of liquor parlors because of the tax levy.

because of the tax levy. Trade here feels that "various live talent unions" are pressuring Wash-ington for tax action for fear that tele may cut deep inroads into live-talent revenue.

# NAB Names 3 Dept. Heads In Move for Better Service

WASHINGTON, March 22.tional Association of Broadcasters (NAB), moved this week to answer intra-trade criticisms by appointing three new department heads for programs, public relations and engineer-ing. Criticism had been made in the first two departments, where it was claimed NAB was lacking proper direction.

New appointees, named by Justin Miller, org's president, are Harold Fair, programs; Robert K. Richards, public relations, and Royal V. How-ard, engineering. Trade opinion is ard, engineering. Trade opinion is that Fair and Richards have their work cut out for them and are tackling superman-sized jobs.

To Fair falls the chore of helping To Fair falls the chore of helping stations improve program standards to avoid future Blue Book pot shots from the Federal Communications to start in New York March 31), hould have been undertaken by go—certainly before the wave of nti-radio talk reached its present roportions. NAB has also been subjected to

general manager of WGR, Buffalo, and with CBS's Chi staff. He was one-time associate conductor of the Buffalo Symphony.

### **Richards** on Relations

Richards, now editorial director of Broadcasting Magazine, has the no-small task of patching radio's public relations fences in all directions. Thus his work bears a direct relation to his work bears a direct relation to Fair's assignment. Richards was with the Office of Censorship, under J. Harold Ryan, former NAB head, during the war, and has been with The Cincinnati Post, WCPO, Cincin-nati, and Campbell-Ewald Agency. Howard the NAP's angineering

Howard, the NAB's engineering head, has been with KSFO, San Francisco, is director of the Universal Research Labs, and during the war built and ran KWID, U. S. shortwave station on the Coast.

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STATION BIDS HUGE GAMBLE

# CBS in Sustaining Revamp; ABC Turns Over **Seeks Corwin Replacement**

indie. Latter seg is Richard Willis's Look Your Best, program on make-up, style, clothing, posture, etc., which moves into the Monday thru Friday 10-10:30 a.m. slot on Columbia start-ing March 31. Best takes over the across-the-board slot now occupied by Give and Take, which moves March 31 to 4:30-5 p.m.

March 31 to 4:30-5 p.m. Willis's CBS show, however, will not be heard in New York, since WNEW has him exclusively for this area. Give and Take was not heard in New York either, the CBS flag-ship, WCBS, carrying Hits and Misses instead. This will continue in the meming slot

Misses instead. This will continue in the morning slot. On Wednesday, April 23, Winner Take All with Bill Cullen, now heard 3:30-4 p.m. across the board, picks up an evening spot as well—Wednesday 7:30-8 p.m. This is the time held by Ellery Queen, slated to fold on CBS April 16 and move to NBC later in the season. It was rumored that CBS would offer Winner Take All as a co-op in the nightime spot, but this idea op in the nighttime spot, but this idea has been nixed. It's for sale same as

has been nixed. It's for sale same as any other sustainer. Another change is the return to CBS of Sound Off, army recruiting program handled by N. W. Ayer, This used to be on CBS, went to Mutual, and now comes back Friday, April 4, in the 7:30-8 p.m. slot now held by Canada Dry's Meredith Willson show. Latter is due to exit owing to the sugar shortage.

Columbia has delayed a decision on

## **AFRA Frisco** Strike Settled; **All-Round Hike**

SAN FRANCISCO, March SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.— Strike by the American Federation of Radio Artists against KSFO and KYA here was settled late Friday evening (21) and the stations went back on the air after having been off since Wednesday. Union gained wage hikes not only at the two struck stations, but at KJBS, KSAN, here, and KROW and KLX, Oakland. Lat-ter four stations were not struck.

ter four stations were not struck. It was the second strike in the his-tory of the 10-year-old radio per-formers' union, previous walkout having been at WKRC, Cincinnati. However, it was the first time two

However, it was the first time two stations in one city had been struck. Stations KSFO and KYA were forced off the air when technical em-ployees, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, refused to cross AFRA picket lines. IBEW members were given permits to operate two shortwave transmitto operate two shortwave transmitto operate two shortwave transmit-ters for the government, these being KWID and KWIX, located in the same building as KSFO. Seventeen announcers and 15 free-lance per-formers figured in the two-station unleast walkout.

walkout. New scale at KSFO gives staff spielers \$77.50 until October 1, \$80 thereafter. At KYA, scale is \$75 to October 1, \$77.50 thereafter. Other stations agreed to parallel deals. Fig-ures represented a compromise be-tween the original demands and counter proposals

NEW YORK, March 22.—CBS sus-taining program revamp is in the period now filled by the Norman Cor-works, including addition of a show win show, opposite Bob Hope on NBC. now airing over WNEW, New York Corwin winds up April 8, and for the indie. Latter seg is Richard Willis's two following weeks, April 15 and 22, CBS will weeks, April 15 and 22, CBS will use special broadcasts. First will be a repeat of Bill Robin's Before Your Time, an accident-safety opus first broadcast last January from the Coast. Show was the winner of the National Safety Council award.

On April 22, a special dramatic show in connection with Public Health Nursing Week will be given in the Corwin spot. Kendall Clark and Al ' ard will do script and direc-tion, resisctively.

## Hul bard Gets **K 5TP Control**

ST. I UL, March 22.--Stanley ST. I UL, March 22.—Stanley Hubbard rexy and general manager of KST the Twin Cities' 50-kw. NBC affit te, successfully acquired 75 per c<sup>A</sup> t of the station's stock thru Federal Communications Com-mission (FCC) approval in Washing-ton Thursday (20), at a special night meeting. This was a complete reton Inursday (20), at a special hight meeting. This was a complete re-versal by FCC, which earlier in the week rejected Hubbard's application along with that of an identical bid from a group of 25 Twin Cities business men.

Okay came after Hubbard successfully negotiated a last-minute financial arrangement with Avco Corpo-ration, of New York, in which it is understood he was given an \$825,-000 loan to buy the stock from the estates of two former station asso-ciates. In return, Avco will have the ciates. right to buy 49 per cent of the sta-tion's stock in six months.

In the application previously de-nied, Avco had an option to buy 75 per cent of the stock for \$1,200,000 after six months. FCC refused to sanction this arrangement. In the new deal, Hubbard and his wife, who already own 25 per cent of the stock, keep 51 per cent, or full control.

It was learned unofficially that Avco will pay \$675 a share for the stock, instead of the \$800 in the initial agreement. Hubbard's successful deal came as his option on the stock was about to expire. Com-missioner Clifford J. Durr dissented.

## **Studios Okay Unc's Bond Pluggeroos**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Station reaction to a new series of 15-minute savings bond programs being offered by the Treasury Department is highly favorable, primarily in view of the top names the shows are using. Bond programs are due on the air the first week in April. Fourteen shows are lined up so far.

Programs already cut star Henry Programs already cut star Henry Morgan, Gladys Swarthout, Phil Baker, Helen Traubel and Lauritz Mechior, Abbott and Costello, Alec Templeton, Kay Kyser and Morton Downey. Due to cut are Ingrid Berg-man, Bing Crosby, Fibber McGee, Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Ginny Simms, Perry Como and Burns and Allen. Kenny Delmar is emsee thru-out. out.

"Listener" Editing To Harry Goodman

NEW YORK, March 22.—As of June 30, Harry S. Goodman, tran-scription producer, will take over complete control of *The Listener*, fan mag, which the American Broadcast-ing Corporation (ABC) publishes for ing Corporation (ABC) publishes for network affiliates to distribute. ABC will continue to co-operate by furnishing story leads, etc., but all edi-torial matter will clear thru the Goodman office. Web, in a letter to stations, said it had decided to curing special material for the magazine. Listener will continue to be pointed

exclusively for ABC stations, but Goodman intends to give the mag a Goodman intends to give the mag a more general slant by adding pages on cookery, gags, household hints, sports, records, etc. Sheet now car-ries four pages of network and four pages of local news—the latter edi-torial matter being on the activities and programs of the subscribing sta-tion Each subscribing station gets tion. Each subscribing station gets its call letters on the cover of its own print order. The Goodman office, incidentally,

has a 100,000 print order in from WMPS, Plough, Inc., station in Mem-phis, for the June issue. Cost of this is over \$10,000. Occasion is station's power jump to 10,000 watts, scheduled for June.

## FCC's Decish **Stirs Call for** NAB TV Div.

WASHINGTON, March 22 .- Suggestion for creation of a television division within the National Association of Broadcasters is stirring from a number of NAB members as an aftermath of Federal Communications Commish's decish giving the go-ahead to continued commercial blackwhite.

Several members are preparing to propose to NAB's board that steps be taken to incorporate the new di-vision like the FM department in NAB.

## WMAQObserves25th Birthday April 13

CHICAGO, March 22.—Chi's ôldest radio station, WMAQ, NBC's o-and-o'd outlet, will celebrate its 25th an-niversary April 13. Among other things, the station claims the first trans-oceanic news broadcast, De-cember 4, 1928, and the first play-by-play description of a football game, October 3, 1925. Among stars who were launched by the station are Fibber McGee and

Among stars who were launched by the station are Fibber McGee and Molly, Amos 'n' Andy, and Don Ameche. State execs are at present doubtful whether to make the event a big blowout or let the day go by quietly quietly.

### **Durante-Moore Replacement**

NEW YORK, March 22. — Pat O'Brien and Lynn Bari have been signed as summer replacement for Rexall Drug's Jimmy Durante-Gary Moore show, Friday nights on CBS. They'll do a dramatic series. Cost of the show is estimated at \$5,000. N. W. Ayer is the agency.

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# **Advance Fees** Jump; Losses Run to 10G

### **Gravy for Lawyers, Engineers**

WASHINGTON. March 22. — A continued rise in legal and engineering fees, coupled with the heated rivalry for fast-dwindling standard broadcast frequencies, has turned any quest for new radio stations into one of the biggest gambles in pres-ent-day business, a survey of Federal Communications Commission data revealed here today. The radio lawyers' business is booming, with the number of attorneys admitted weekly to practice before the FCC now running almost neck-and-neck with the record numbers in 1936 and 1937 when channels were wide open. At the same time, many radio engineers have reached the point where they are forced to turn down work.

On the basis of info assembled at FCC, would-be radio station owners, faced with competition from other applicants and faced with detailed investigation before FCC, are taking record-deep financial plunges to line up the best engineering and legal advice, and the radio airways never were more costly.

One FCC economist estimates that the average lawyer charges \$500 just to look over an application—even before he consents to "see it thru." FCC's application blank for a stand-ard station is 43 pages long, but de-Applications generally are 100 pages long, loaded with documents and exhibits, all of which must be filed in triplicate.

It is estimated that the losses resulting from investments in legalists and engineers for field studies, etc., are running from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for rejected applicants. Paradox of the current situation, in which frequencies are fast disap-pearing, is heightened by results of a survey of the rate of admissions of localists to practice before the ECC

legalists to practice before the FCC. Admissions have been running at anywhere from 25 to 50 a week. A soaring rate, compared with the aver-ages during the prior five years.

A substantial part of this boom in radio legal and engineering biz in Washington, representative of what is taking place in the nation, is attributed to the rush for FM frequen-cies. It is viewed as significant, tho, that the FM segment of the spectrum is being taken over largely by opera-tors of "going" AM stations or by big timers in other businesses who can afford to "sweat out" the transition-al period until FM sets reach the market in sufficient numbers to attract heavy advertising revenue.

### Costly for Small-Timers

Typical of the costliness for the small-timers is the plight of the loser in a recent scramble for a new sta-tion in Miami, where FCC okayed a bid by Paul Blake of that city and rejected the application of an outfit called Everglades Broadcasting. Both applicants wanted the same frequenapplicants wanted the same frequency—1450 kc. and one had to lose. FCC decided that Blake's longer resi-dence in Miami and "excellent" dence in Miami and "excellent" background in radio entitled him to the frequency, but the Everglade's (See Station Bids on page 14)



Radio Stations

### Georgia

WBBQ, Augusta 5-Star Final 6:10-6:15 p.m., 5 times weekly Rep.: Joseph Hershey McGillvra, Inc.

Rep.: Joseph Hersney McGillora, Inc. Comfortably nestled between "The Town Crier" (complete local news) and our fea-ture local sportscast, the 5-Star Final enjoys a large, receptive audience. It's skillfully edited from A. P. and I. N. S. and packs a real punch. The 5-Star Final has been on the air since we started, at the same time. It's yours for station time only, the only period between 6 and 8 available on WBBQ. P. S.: Hooper says we have our largest audience between 6 and 7 p.m.

WBBO, Augusta The Shadow

5-5:30 p.m. Sun. Rep.: Joseph Hershey McGillvra, Inc. Yes, it's now available in Georgia's third city for 26 weeks at least. We'd be wasting space in telling you what kind of a rating "The Shadow" has. Suffice it to say that WBBQ has ALL the Sunday afternoon Mutual programs, and "The Shadow" is the only program available for sponsorship. Time, \$24.30; talent, \$10.00 for 26 weeks, P.S.: Last week's program has been sold.

### Indiana

WOWO, Fort Wayne

WOWO, Fort Wayne Famous Hoosier Hop 9:30 to 10 p.m., Tues.; 9-9:30 p.m. or 9:30-10 p.m. Sat. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales. Tradition with WOWO audiences and ABC. Minimum of 14 live artists sell Hoosier Hospitality with comedy, folktunes, Westerns. novelties. Popular vocalists, yo-delers, harmony duets, trios and quartettes. Saturday program before live paid audience at Armory has been attracting SRO crowds for four years. Tuesday program now on ABC. Artists in wide demand for personal appearances throughout area. Can give excellent sponsor case history.

### Maryland WCAO, Baltimore

### Stump Us

3-3:15 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Rep.: Paul H. Raymer Co.

This new audience participation program is drawing several hundred letters a day from listeners who send song titles that Phil Fine, one of Baltimore's most accom-plished planists, and John Ademy, leading baritone, attempt to play, sing, whistle or hum. Prizes go to senders when boys don't produce. Audition recordings available. Price \$30.00 net per program plus time. Raymer has all the details.

### Massachusetts

WHDH, Boston Baseball Matinee 15 minutes before game time, Mon. thru Sat.

thru Sat. Rep.: John Blair & Co. Participations in BASEBALL MATINEE, a musical program scheduled Monday through Saturday afternoon starting April 14. This feature precedes play by play broadcasts of all week day daytime baseball broadcasts. Sold only for season, including 144 announcements in a 24-week period. Two participations available to non-competitive advertisers at a cost of \$3,500 each net for the season. This cost is fully commission-able, including time and talent. Quotations subject to prior sale.

### WBZ-WBZA, Boston **Robert Rissling Sings**

12:15 p.m., twice weekly Rep.: NBC Spot Sales

Features rich concert baritone voice of Announcer Rissling in light and semi-classi-cal songs. Instrumental background by Rakov on the violin plus versatile trio, in-cluding harp and novachord. Time slot hard to beat, following noon Esso and continu-ously sponsored news commentary. Rissling was first choice for big new Boston retail store anniversary series and has good fol-lowing among noon-day listeners. He's had more than a decade before the microphone.

## **New York**

WNEW, New York City Make Believe Ballroom With Martin Block

10-11:30 a.m., 5:35-7:30 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

Sat. Rep.: John Blair & Co. IN THE MONEY 98.8% of the time! Among all programs heard over all New York stations (network affiliates included) between 10-11:30 a.m. and 5:35-7:30 p.m., THE MAKE BELIEVE BALLROOM WITH MARTIN BLOCK over WNEW in the year 1946 RATED first 55.4% of the time, RATED 1st or 2d 86.3% of the time, RATED 1st, 2d or 3d 98.8% of the time—according to THE PULSE (Monday-Friday averages).

Ohio

WING, Dayton Sunny-Side Up 1:15-2 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Rep.: Weed & Co.

Rep.: Weed & Co. Are you interested in getting most sales per listener in Dayton, Ohio? WING'S SUNNY-SIDE UP has listener response top-ping coveted 6-point daytime Hooper in rich Dayton market. Here is audience participa-tion combined with sell! SUNNY'SIDE UP has led the Dayton parade four years. 45 minutes long, consisting of music, comedy, contests with merchandise and cash awards. Cast of five artists. Studio audience gets samples of sponsor's products, thus adding valuable merchandising tie-ins. Show sells!

### Pennsylvania KYW, Philadelphia

Lunch Timers

Lunch Timers 12:15-12:45 p.m., 5 times weekly. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales A show with commercials so cleverly writ-ten that they actually compete with the entertainers for attention. A few participa-tions are available, live only, the fast tempo prohibits ET's. Peter Roberts. Philadelphia's best known announcer, emcees and sets the pace with the full KYW studio orchestra, soloists and nationally known guests, work-ing their turns and then selling the adver-tised merchandise. That's why thousands of Philadelphia lunch-timers spend their lunch time listening to the Lunch Timers.

### KDKA, Pittsburgh Whirl Around the World of Sports

11:15-11:25 p.m., 6 times weekly Rep.: NBC Spot Sales

**Rep.:** NBC Spot Sales Johnny Boyer, the area's sports authority, presents an interesting blend of last-minute sports results, background stories, forecasts and guest appearances. A radio veteran with over 20 years' experience, Boyer has a vast, loyal audience. "Whirl" follows the immensely popular 11 o'clock news. It "inherits" a big audience, attracts an even bigger one. A popular, inexpensive package that reaches a year-round audience in the busy tri-State area in and around Pitts-burgh.

## Washington, D. C.

WOL, Washington Easy Listening with Bob Knight 3-4 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

3-4 p.m., Mon. thru Sat. Rep.: The Katz Agency, Inc. Follows "Queen for a Day!" Bandleader Bob Knight (formerly with Horace Heidt, Ray Bloch), who leads the floorshow at Wash-ington's Lounge Riviera and whose weekly fan mail on another WOL program averages nearly 1,000, is the new jockey of WOL's mid-afternoon hit parade: Knight spins personally slanted yarns about bands and singers, plays favorite tunes chosen by his own survey of local record sales. Knight gets plenty of publicity in nitery columns. Participations currently available.

### WOL, Washington, D. C. Bill Brundige, Sports

6:15-6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 7:30 p.m. Sat.

As chief of the sports section of AFRS, Bill Brundige drew 45% of all fan mail from AFRS shortwave broadcasts to Pacific GI's. He was the GI favorite. In 1945 he broadcast color for all MBS football, work-ing with Husing and Hodges. Now he's available, reviewing sports nightly for the 1,490,300 people in the Washington metro-politan area, over 5,000-watt WOL. Precedess high-Hoopered (6.3) "Johnson Family."

# WWDC, Washington Mark Austad, News 7:30-7:40 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Rep.: Forjoe & Co.

Rep.: Forjoe & Co. MARK AUSTAD, WWDC's most important news voice in a complete round-up of news especially written and prepared by WWDC's staff of news writers. This program has been on the air for several years and has consistently shown a Hooper rating in the neighborhood of 3. The feature is followed by a five-minute local news round-up with NORMAN GLADNEY reporting. The two programs can be purchased jointly at the 15-minute rate 't separately at time cost plus talent fee.

### Transcribed Services

### CRITERION RADIO FEATURES 360 North Michigan, Chicago, Ill. Elson X-Rays Sports

Elson X-Rays Sports Quarter-hour, once-weekly, year-'round, open-end sports program featuring Bob Elson, America's number one sportscaster '14 World Series; collegiate football and basketball; Golden Gloves and professional boxing; American-National League baseball; 10 years ice hockey; national ski, ice skat-ing, swimning meets, etc., great experience and versatility). Show always presents time-ly sports news, punchy "Airitorials," fa-mous celebrities, human-interest stories and other audience building factors. Hooper and sales-wise Elson is tops. Wire or write for audition record.

### HARRY S. GOODMAN 19 E. 53d St., N. Y. 22, N. Y. The Kay Lorraine Show

Advertising agencies and sponsors! Atten-tion! A new musical program just com-pleted. Available to local and regional accounts. Starring the blond thrush, Kay Lorraine, who has been featured in "Your Hit Parade," "Carnation Hour," "The Ford Show," and Frank Gallup, sensation of the new Milton Berle show. Added attraction---an all star 7-piece orchestra. 53 fifteen-minute transcribed programs available. Act fast while all markets are open.

### KERMIT-RAYMOND CORP. 11 E. 52d St., N. Y. 22, N. Y. Hollywood's Open House

Radio's greatest transcribed show. Fea-tures drama, music, song and comedy. Each program has from 3 to 5 big-name guest stars, a big-name guest comedian, guest vocalist and one or more big Hollywood stars. Stars include Jack Benny. Marlene Dietrich, Milton Berle, Lucille Ball, Pat O'Brien, Hildegarde, Bert Lahr, Dick Powell, Peter Lorre and over 100 more equally as great. Plus the orchestras of Ray Bloch and Enric Madriguera and Jim Ameche as emcee. Write, wire or phone for details!

### GEORGE LOGAN PRICE, INC. 946 S. Normandie Ave., L. A. 6 Living Pages From Book of Life

Living Pages From Book of Life Bible stories first heard at mother's knee... Catholic, Protestant, Christian, Jew, made to live again by all-star network cast. Directed by Glann Heisch, NBC, New York. Handel by Sir Thomas Beecham's BBC Orchestra... Beethoven—Paul Parais Paris Symphony. Chorals arranged, con-ducted by Dr. Irving Steinel, with Lau Dista Choir. Julie Keller, KFI Harpist. 52 halves, 104 quarters, 156 tens, 312 fives. Recorded, tested, proved. Reasonable. 13 weeks minimum. Samples.

### TELEWAYS RADIO PROD'S 8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46 Look and Listen

Look and Listen Tips and bits about Hollywood top actors and luscious lovelies. Fifteen minutes of inside gossip about Hollywood by the well-known columnist Jack Rourke. Terrific woman appeal. Available three or five programs weekly. A big Hollywood name movie star in person on every show, in-cluding Jennifer Jones, Michael O'Shea, Andy Devine, Virginia Mayo, Guy Madison and scores of others. Produced by Teleways Radio Productions, Inc. Send for free au-dition platters and costs for your markets. Special prices for multiple station deals.

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### TELEWAYS RADIO PROD'S 8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46 Fact and Fallacy

Fact and Fallacy Fascinating unbelievable stories. Unsolved mysteries about the girl who turned into a hyena; the man become Queen IXX of Eng-land; the man who flew a fish, etc. Pro-grams are 15 minutes each but can be sold to single sponsor or sold as a participating program to 3 different sponsors since there are 3 one-minute commercial spots in each program. General family appeal. Produced by Teleways Radio Productions of Hollywood. Send for free audition platters and costs for your market. Special prices for multiple-station deals.

### TELEWAYS RADIO PRODUC-TIONS, INC. 8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46.

8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46. Moon Dreams "Moon Dreams" is the station's favorite type of program, humanly enriched by the masterful voice of one of America's greatest radio stars, Marvin Miller; the lyrical tenor voice of the sensational new singing dis-covery, Warren White; the gifted fingers of Del Castillo, at the organ, and the rich, deep notes of Ivan Epinoff's violin. Fifteen min-utes five-a-week for "easy listening." Avail-able three or five time basis. Produced by Teleways Radio Productions, Inc. Send for free audition platters.

TELEWAYS RADIO PRODUC-TIONS, INC. 8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46. Sons of the Pioneers Fifteen-minute five-a-week transcribed musical series starring Bob Nolan, Tim Spencer and all the "Sons of the Pioneers." This particular group has made over 100 movies and is currently sponsored in a starring capacity on the big Alka-Seltzer network program, NBC Coast to Coast. This is a brand-new series. 260 programs. Avail-able for local or regional sponsorship on three or five-time-per-week basis. Pro-duced by Teleways Radio Productions, Inc. Send for free audition platters.

## TELEWAYS RADIO PRODUC-TIONS, INC.

8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46. Barnyard Jamboree

Teleways newest half-hour transcribed hit, "Barnyard Jamboree," starring Jimmie "Round Boy" Jefferies. A jam-packed half hour of sure-fire entertainment, serious sen-timent, rural rhythm. A real old-fashioned barn dance with songs that all America sings. Large cast. Fifty-two programs. Available one-a-week basis. Produced by Teleways Radio Productions, Inc. Send for free audition platters and costs for your market.

# UNIVERSAL RADIO PRODUC-TIONS OF HOLLYWOOD 6757 Holly'd Blvd., Hollywood 28

6757 Holly'd Blvd., Hollywood 28 Something for the Family Starring George Jessel and Joan Barton. A fast-moving varlety program for the whole family with a joke for Dad, a song for brother, a dance tune for sister and something special for mother. 15 minutes filled with laughter and music. 26 programs recorded. Mats available to publicize pro-gram. Presently broadcast over 25 sta-tions with amazing results for furniture companies, department stores, soft drink distributors, household appliances, etc. A program with a real sales punch.

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TELEWAYS RADIO PRODUC-TIONS, INC. 8949 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46. Strange Wills Malf-hour dramatic. A bright new for-ating. Dramatizes strange stories behind strange wills. Starring famous Hollywood actor Warren William. Twenty-six pro-grams immediately available. Additional twenty-six in production. Special quotations for multiple market or regional sponsorship. One-a-week basis only. Definitely a net-work caliber program. Produced by Tele-ways Radio Productions, Inc. Send for free audition platter.

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Wide Coast-Nat'l Variation

NEW YORK, March 22.—Examin-ation of the Comparative Territorial Index, a feature of Part I of The Billboard's Continuing Program Stud-Buildoard's Continuing Program Stud-ies prepared in co-operation with the C. E. Hooper, Inc. organization, shows in some cases an enormous amount of regional variation in proamount of regional variation in pro-gram tastes. On the other hand, a number of the shows listed in the first 20 Hooperating have managed to achieve a uniformity of rating in the national and Pacific standings, indicating that the type of material or type of program presented has a more or less general appeal to lis-teners across the country.

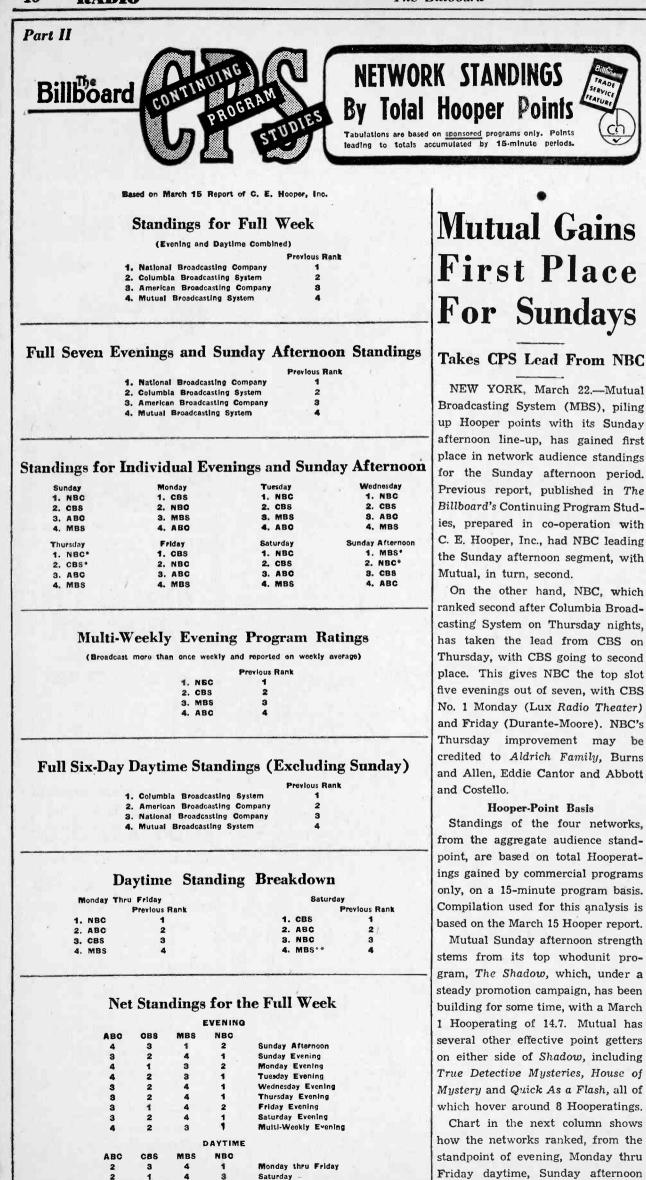
Various points immediately are raised by these phenomena. It has been suggested that in those cases where regional listening differences are marked, it would be more advis-able, from the standpoint of radio able, from the standpoint of radio economics, to use regional network programs catering to specific audi-ence blocks, rather than one trans-continental scoring both hits and misses. Or, wherever this is not feasible, there is indicated a revamp in program formula in order to gauge more accurately the more sudi in program formula in order to gauge more accurately the mass audi-ence taste. Pin-point promotion also is a possible remedy. In some in-stances, however, the national rat-ing—which is the average of two weekly national ratings—is high enough to warrant a status quo atti-tude with regard to the program— even tho regional differences on that particular show are very noticeable particular show are very noticeable.

Case in point, and one of the most interesting instances on the chart, is Bristol-Myers's Duffy's Tavern, which scores a national Hooper of 21.4 as against a Coast rating of 11.4. In the national ranking, Duffy grabs ninth place, whereas on the Coast it's prac-tically in the cellar—in 52d place. The time differential may also be a factor.

### **Other Wide Differences**

Other wide Differences Other programs exhibiting wide differences in this feature of the Continuing Program Studies are Lady Esther's Screen Guild, scoring 20.9 and ranking 12th nationally, as against a rating of 13.8 and a rank of 34 on the Coast, and Mr. District Attorney, with a score of 20.6 and rank of 13 nationally, compared with 13.9 and 32d position on the Coast. Some marked differences exist

Some marked differences exist among the top bracket shows, too. Jack Benny, for instance, in fourth place nationally with a Hooper of 28.4, is top dog on the Coast with a sensational 43.9, and Amos 'n' Andy, third nationally with a score of 28.9, is pinth on the Coast with 21.4 other leaders show less variation, indicative of the fact that their mate-rial and format have a more general-(See Regional Variations on page 14)



## **Cigs Try Spots** In Radio Drive For Top Year

NEW YORK, March 22.—Cigarette manufacturers, fired by several consecutive record-smashing sales years, are turning to spot radio campaigns to boost sales beyond even their present highwater mark. Some smoke purveyors believe that, spec-tacular as current figures are, they do not yet approach saturation. Others, facing competitive pressure of rival firm's spot campaigns, have been forced into action in self-defense. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company been

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company became one of the leaders of the stampede when it launched a spot drive for Camels last fall thru Wil-liam Esty & Company. Larus & Bro. began a test spot campaign for its new brand, Alliga-tors, about a month ago. The drive, which the Duane Jones Agency started in modest fashion in New

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England, has been expanding. Jumping on the bandwagon is Philip Morris & Company, Ltd., which is just getting its spot drive under way. Biow company is the agency.

Still in the offing, but set for an early start, is a large-scale spot un-dertaking for Luckies. Foote, Cone & Belding is lining details up for American Tobacco Company, using musical spots with Jack Benny's Sportsmen's Quartet.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Com-pany may roll a spot campaign of its own soon. Newell-Emmett Company has been making inquiries for Chesterfields. sterfields.

Kools (Brown & Williamson) have been big in the spot for some time.

## **Ballin Quits Benny** For FCB Exec Spot

HOLLYWOOD, March 22. — Bob Ballin, named this week to head Foote, Cone & Belding's Hollywood radio operations, will bow out as producer of the Jack Benny show the end of this season, to be replaced next fall by Hilliard Marks, currently holding assistant producer's reigns on Benny seg. Altho Ballin has for some months been veepee of Ruthrauff & Ryan's

Hollywood office, he doubled in brass, being on the F. C. & B. payroll as Benny's producer. Exit from Benny show will enable Ballin to devote full time to new supervisory job. First skedded to move to F. C. & B.

in July, Ballin will probably bow out of R. & R. before April 1. As yet, no replacement for Ballin has been set, altho Sam Pierce, production supervisor for R. & R.'s Hollywood air shows, will probably to Ballin's former berth. be upped

## **ET 'Showcase' Starts** April 4 on WNEW

NEW YORK, March 22 .--Showcase, new series testing transcripcase, new series testing transcrip-tions on the air (*The Billboard*, Feb-ruary 22), will start on WNEW, New York, April 4, with a platter pro-duced by Frederic W. Ziv Company. First show is the Wayne King pan-cake series to be followed by two cake series, to be followed by two other Ziv shows, Philo Vance and My Greatest Story. NBC Thesaurus is Greatest Story. NBC Thesaurus is slated to get WNEW time after the Ziv disks.

WNEW also has set a new book show, featuring Louis Untermeyer, author, a panel of guest authors and an audience participation wrinkle, to start April 6. Show is being done in co-operation with the Saturday Review of Literature. Station also has signed Johnny Guarnieri, hot pianist, for a Sunday series.

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\*Denotes change from previous report. See text in adjacent column for details. \*\*Denotes no sponsored programs listed for this period.

# CBS, Expanding Docs on Air, Dry Goods May Up May Base Studies on Them

NEW YORK, March 22.—Success of the documentaries presented by the Columbia Broadcasting System has encouraged the web to plan a new batch of shows far in advance, and consider ways of utilizing the contents of its documentaries on a continuing basis. Web execs are now kicking around the idea of having them become the basis of annual rethem become the basis of annual re-ports on such subjects as juvenile delinquency and national health. This project would entail annual programs on the different topics, the preced-ing rear's material providing a means of comparison. Also in line with the idea of making extensive use of the material gathered for the documentaries is a project which documentaries is a project which would combine excerpts from all the programs. These excerpts would be fashioned into one program which would be broadcast at the end of each year.

each year. Plans have not yet been crystal-lized. Meanwhile, however, ac-tivity is steadily going along on some six programs in the works. First of these will be A Long Life and a Merry One, based on a script by Howard Rodman, scheduled for April 4. This opus, on the nation's health, will cancel Philip Morris' It Pays To Be Ignorant, plus a 30-minute CBS sustainer. Killing Igno-rant means a rebate of over \$10,000 for time and talent. for time and talent.

Other docs in the works are one on the occupation of Japan; one on the constructive aspect of atomic energy; another, slated for August 14, in the nature of a report on the peace to veterans (with civilians encouraged to listen in as eavesdrop-pers); another in September—the opening of the academic year—re-porting fully on the crisis in educa-tion; another slated for July 26, and originating from the Library of Congress, on the opening of the new collection of Lincoln letters, and a second Lincoln broadcast at a later date presenting a noted Lincoln

## **Chi Writers To Air Beefs at IUC Meet**

CHICAGO, March 22.—Chi's re-cently formed Inter-Unior Council will hold its first formal meeting April 9, at which time reps of the Radio Writers' Guild local will lay before the group RWG's views on the pos-sible writers' strike. Chi local will vote on the strike question the night before.

Council is composed of RWG, AFRA, Radio Directors' Guild, IBEW and NABET. AFM spurned the chance to join with the other unions. Purpose of the org is to create a united front regarding labor ques-

orin Tovrov, prexy of RWG, said he hoped that if the guild had to take "drastic action," the other unions would be in complete possession of the facts surrounding the controversy.

= "MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL . . ... Which one's fairest of them all? Choose the Photo loading best.... The one that's used more than the rest. By actors all, of stage and screen. ... Why, Moss, of course, is what I mean!



scholar in an interpretation of the letters; and finally, a documentary on the history of American labor.

The point of view to be presented in the labor doc is that the labor movement in America is as American as apple pie, not an importation.

### **Station Promotion Heavy**

CBS stations are giving the documentaries strong promotion. The re-cent Eagle's Brood, for instance, was cent *Eagle's Brood*, for instance, was taken by the entire web, and many of the stations took extensive paid space in addition to using other means of ballyhoo. Affiliates used as many as 15 local announcements per station, in addition to 10 tran-scribed announcements made by Ed Murrow, the web's director of pub-lic affairs. Plugs via women's prolic affairs. Plugs via women's programs were also employed and there were extensive station tie-ups with churches, which held special forums and organized listening groups.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Jim Hurl-but, director of special events at WBBM, CBS outlet here, has gone to York to help prepare docu-New mentary programs.

# **Announce Rates** For Schwerin's Seg Analyzers

CHICAGO, March 22 .-- Announcement of first rates for use of the Schwerin radio program analysis service, plus disclosure of the fact that the system has been shown for the first time to General Mills and Procter & Gamble as well as a de-scription of a new way of testing the effectiveness of radio commercials was made here this week by Horace Schwerin, who developed the system Schwerin, who developed the system in conjunction with the NBC research department. The Schwerin system has been used to analyze NBC pro-grams and auditioned shows for about a year. Until June 30 NBC will have exclusive net rights to the service. Use of the service is now open however to national and local open, however, to national and local advertisers and local stations.

Commercial rates, which became effective this week and will be maintained at the present level until June 1, Schwerin said, will be \$750 per half-hour show on a one-time basis and \$500 per half-hour show on a continuing-study basis. Quarter-hour shows will be tested for a rate 25 per cent less than the half-hour rate.

The Schwerin system uses reactions from a sample of 600 who listen to programs in a studio and then report on component parts.

Using the system and working with producers, writers and talent, Schwerin, backed by Huge Beville, NBC research exec, claimed his findings had been instrumental in im-proving the RCA Sunday afternoon program on NBC from a Hooper of 3.7 in August to a present rating of 8.5 Schwerin also states that reac-tions can be projected to a patience tions can be projected to a national basis.

Schwerin says his method measures Schwerin says his method measures sales messages for their comprehen-sion, credibility, basic sales theme, and whether they are remembered and have ability to make listeners re-act to a point of purchasing the product advertised. These tests are also made on a sample audience which indicates listener reaction on questionnaires filled out while the messages are being played. messages are being played.

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1947 Radio Budget

NEW YORK, March 22.-Retail dry goods stores using radio will tend to make the same or slightly increased expenditures during 1947, according to the March issue of Promotion Exchange, publication of the National Retail Dry Goods Associa-tion. The conclusion was reached after a survey of NRDGA stores.

after a survey of NRDGA stores. Findings coincide with last sum-mer's NRDGA study, which indicated that "64 per cent of the stores using radio anticipated the same budget, 23.1 per cent planned increases." New survey also finds stores voting nearly unanimously for increased item advertising instead of institu-tional copy. Dollar expenditure in-creases are expected in the home furnishings line. furnishings line.

# **Givot May Snag** Airer Over ABC

CHICAGO, March 22.—Possibility that George Givot, Greek comic, might have a future radio program on the ABC net was seen here this week when it became known that central division program execs of the net had a confab with Givot and his radio rep, Harold Lee, trying to whip up a show featuring the comedian.

Plan, however, is still embryonic. Harold Stokes, Lee, Fred Killian, pro-

duction head, and a couple of writers are trying to develop a show idea. Givot just closed at the Tic Toc nitery in Milwaukee. He was slated to open at the Sherman Hotel here, but at the last minute latter date was an encoded. States said that if any show canceled. Stokes said that if any show were whipped together it would have to be while Givot was in this territory.



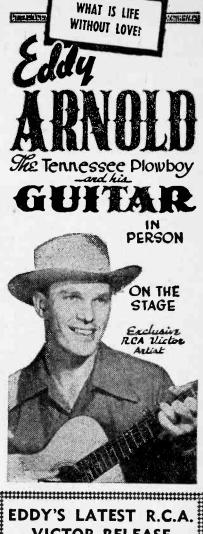
mittee from the Radio Writers' Guild met with one from the Radio Direc-tors' Guild yesterday to work out means of eliminating friction between the unions.

Orgs have worked together closely of late. Future confabs will try, by delineating the function of writers and directors, to make certain that no disagreements arise. Alf Bestor heads RDG's committee; Bill Tod-man, RWG's.

## **NBC Stays Landlord** For ABC Until 1950

NEW YORK, March 22,-A load was taken off the minds of American Broadcasting Company toppers this week when an agreement was reached with the National Broad-casting Company whereby ABC will remain a tenant of NBC until 1950. Until the new studio and office space lease was signed, ABC had been due to scram in about a year. Deal applies nationally.

When, under Federal Communication Commission monopoly regula-tions, ABC was divorced from NBC and its parent, the Radio Corpora-tion of America, an agreement was reached providing that ABC could use NBC's facilities until after the war. President Truman's declaration that hostilities were over would have meant that ABC would have to vacate had the new agreement not been reached this week.



VICTOR RELEASE WHAT IS LIFE WITHOUT LOVE? Victor 20-2058-A **NOW AT ALL MUSIC STORES** 

MANY THANKS TO ALL MUSIC BOX DEALERS, RECORD SHOPS, CLERKS AT MUSIC COUNTERS, RECORD DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE MANY FAVORS GIVEN ME IN 1946.

## also Saturday 11 P.M.-E.S.T. EDDY ARNOLD'S SONGBOOK PROGRAM WSM GRAND OLE OPRY

**On RCA-VICTOR and BLUEBIRD** Records Eddy's Latest RCA Victor WHAT IS LIFE WITHOUT LOVE? THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU (Victor No. 20-1948A, backed by "Chained to a Memory")

I TALK TO MYSELF ABOUT YOU (Victor 20-1801)

ALL ALONE IN THIS WORLD (Victor 20-1855) MANY TEARS ACO (Victor 20-1871A)

MOMMY, PLEASE STAY HOME WITH ME (Victor 20-1871B)

EXCLUSIVE MANAGEMENT THOMAS A. PARKER 4218 San Pedro Tampa 6, Florida Phone: W-3951

# TELE: BAR BOON OR BANE? Sit and Look **But Don't Buy**

### Bar Flies' Shangri-La

NEW YORK, March 22.—Imposi-tion of a 20 per cent amusement tax on bars maintaining television sets a tax which may be rescinded, ac-cording to report late this week—has served to highlight a problem tele-vision is posing for many bar owners. Question is whether video receivers hurt or help saloon sales.

Experiences reported by pub own-ers who now own tele receivers fall into two categories. More frequently heard is the plaint that the sets help crowd bars, especially when a major sporting event is being telecast, but that the trade may sit over one drink for hours. Result is that while traf-fic may be heavier, actual sales are lighter.

Contrasted to this, are statements made by innkeepers who claim that a big basketball game, or similar at-traction, not only attracts three times the normal number of customers, but they spike their viewing with fre-quent draughts of thisa or thata. One gin-mill owner said this week that when one of the TV stations covered the basketball semi-finals, his trade wire trials that of man trade was triple that of nontele days.

### Unhappy Investment

On the other hand, the operator of a Brooklyn spot stated that his \$3,000 investment in a tele set was the unhappiest investment he ever made. He claims that while it's true his joint is mobbed for the big sports telecasts, all the trade does is buy a bottle of beer, park at a table, and swig the suds all night. Meanwhile, his regular customers can't even find elbow room, so they blow the joint, many of them doing a burn. Beefs such as this are more numerous than the claims that tele boosts bar biz.

One suggestion has been to institute a minimum check system, but tavern owners are afraid this will spot 'em behind a big black eight ball, shaped something like a cathode While it might work for tran-(See Pub Crawlers Look on page 14)

**PHOTOS** 100 for \$ 5.00 8 x 10 500 for 25.00 1000 for 50.00 PHOTOS **NEGATIVE CHARGES, \$1.50** First Order Only 5 x 7 250 for \$ 9.00 500 for 17.00 1000 for 25.00 POSTCARDS, 1000 for \$20.00 BUCKLES PHOTO SERVICE P. O. Box 90 Wilmington, Ohio



# Pub Crawlers Tele Execs Warned To Avoid DuMont Cuts "Easy Sale Pitfalls" That Plagued Early Days of Radio By George L. Moskovics-

Commercial Manager, CBS Television (WCBS-TV)

Vision is that the medium is too easy to sell! Its possibilities are so exciting that there is danger of put-ting an advertiser into television on a snap-judgment basis without due thought for his best long-range interthought for his best long-range inter-ests, either as regards the medium or the program.

It reminds one of the early days of radio selling when listeners were so responsive and advertisers so avid that almost any program was a natural for any advertiser. And, just as a good deal of harm was done to radio in those early days, there exists in television today the same danger of that type of over-enthusiastic, opportunistic selling.

George L. Moskovics was named to the newly-created post of commercial manager of CBS television operations in June, 1945. Prior to his video assign-ment, Moskovics was with CBS for nine years, and in commercial radio for 13 years. He has a background of training and experience in engineering, sales advertising and use of graphic media.

For many years, he was sales man-ager of the Columbia Pacific network, with headquarters in Los Angeles, and at the time of his appointment to CBS television was assistant sales manager for CBS radio sales in New York.

It is, therefore, a basic duty of the television salesman to analyze the long-range requirements of a client carefully in order that the sugges-tions made carry sound possibilities for the long pull. Sometimes he will have to combat the enthusiasm of an advertiser for a program which the salesman's experience tells him is inappropriate or which for some reason will not have sound values for the advertiser. Salesman must appraise all possibilities expertly and come up with and battle for sound basic ideas

Measured in terms of cost per thousand, television is and will be for some time an expensive medium when compared to other forms of adwhen compared to other forms of ad-vertising. That makes it more than ever incumbent on the television salesman to protect his advertisers' interests, even against their own im-mediate desires. This is not an al-truistic point of view; it is plain hard-headed business. Radio, for many years suffered because many hard-headed business. Radio, for many years, suffered because many advertisers, who had not been directed wisely in the beginning, felt that the medium held nothing for them. They had tried it and they knew. Radio salesmen consequently were on the defensive with such concerns. Television has the great opportunity of capitalizing on this experience.

### Follow-Thru Necessary

And, when the sale is made, the job is only half done. It is up to the salesman to see that the station delivers what he has sold, whether this be a complete station package show, only station facilities, or a time signal. In putting together a television pro-gram, an indefinite number of de-

ONE of the dangers in selling tele- what is in the advertiser's mind and the most effective use of the medium.

While it is quite true that in the actual working out of programs in production the salesman must work thru the production staff of the station, nevertheless, having made the sale, it is his responsibility to see that the advertiser and station work to-gether in such close harmony that the show that finally comes off meets both the station's standards and the ad-vertiser's expectations. And, so long as one is dealing with human beings, that is by no means the easiest of the salesman's tasks.

### **Face Limitations**

Face Limitations Where the limitation of equipment or station standards bar the use of an advertiser's pet idea, salesman must face such a situation courageously and sell the advertiser on what can and/or should be done. It follows, therefore, that the salesman must know his medium intimately.

A word of caution: Many salesmen try to lead an advertiser up to an audition too soon. They hope the ad-vertiser, who may not otherwise have decided to go into television or to use the particular program under consid-eration, will be so impressed by the audition as to be inspired to make all the decisions required for its purthe decisions required for its pur-chase. This rarely happens. As a gen-eral thing, it can be stated that an audition is a determining factor in the sale only after all other questions have been satisfactorily resolved. The audition should be the final demonstration that the specific pro-gram auditioned will in fact do those things which the advertiser expects and which he is already committed to and which he is already committed to buy, subject only to such a demonstration.

stration. There are situations, of course, when the salesman has the oppor-tunity to sell a specific program, which cries for sponsorship by a cer-tain type of advertiser. A bowling show, for instance, has a natural ap-peal for a manufacturer of alleys, bowling balls and other equipment. In such cases, however, there are times when a salesman may jump to a too easy, too obvious conclusion and discover that what seemed a program antural for a certain advertiser, isn't that at all. Here again intelligent application and study is important.

### High Level Selling

High Level Selling The wise television salesman will start his activity with an advertiser at the highest possible level of authority. On the basis of its present audience and production costs, it is difficult to justify television as a com-petitive advertising medium. Very few, if any, of today's advertisers use television for that reason. In general, they are in television first to acquire franchises—either of time or talent or both—of future potential value; and second, to ac-quire experience in the commercial application of the medium.' Neither

tailed problems must be solved. In potential value; and second, to ac-many cases there are honest differ- quire experience in the commercial ences of opinion, frequently of ex- application of the medium. Neither tremely delicate shading, between (See Tele Execs Warned on page 14)

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# **Tele Station** Cost to 90G

### **Operating Nut Also Lowered**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Revolutionary, low-cost television stations, constructed for under \$90,000 and constructed for under \$90,000 and operating at savings of more than 35 per cent from current station costs now are possible, it was announced this week by Allen B. DuMont Lab-oratories, Inc. Saving is possible, the company said, because it has de-veloped new uses for image orthicon cameras and by special utilization cameras, and by special utilization of film. Average cost of television facilities today, DuMont said, ranges between \$180,000 and \$250,000.

New method involves televising projected film images directly from a translucent screen, even in normal room illumination, with the image orthicons. Not only will this vastly increase the number of films which can be used for video (DuMont offi-cials estimate the percentage will rise from 20 per cent to over 80 per cent), but it will simplify use of film in conjunction with live presentations, it is claimed.

Another DuMont development will permit films to be made from live permit films to be made from live television productions. Films can be made directly from the screen of a receiver while the program is in progress. Laboratory officials visual-ize sponsors filming their live video shows in New York for rebroadcast on tele stations thruout the nation. New developments now make it possible for station to be serviced thru single studio, control room, antenna and transmitter, with re-sultant slash in operating costs, ac-cording to DuMont officials.

# **RMA Files Plea** Against TV Tax

WASHINGTON, March 22.-Internal revenue bureau is studying a for-mal plea from Radio Manufacturers' Association for exemption of television receivers from the 20 per cent cabaret tax on TV receivers operated cabaret tax on TV receivers operated in hotels and dineries. In wake of a lengthy conference with federal rev-enue authorities, President Bond Geddes, of RMA, filed a formal pro-test Friday (21) against the levy on the ground that it presents a serious threat to the young TV industry which has invested "millions of dol-lars in development" lars in development."

Geddes said the shadow of the TV ruling already was "seriously interruling already was "seriously inter-fering with the current sales of tele-vision receivers." The RMA chief stated further that Congress did not intend TV to be included in the ex-cise tax laws, and that "in the appli-cation of the 10 per cent radio manu-facturers' excise tax, the internal revenue bureau has ruled that the tax is not applicable to television retax is not applicable to television re-ceivers but only to the proportion of radio components in such television receiving sets." He pointed to ad-ministrative difficulties facing the Treasury inasmuch as TV operates only a few hours daily and includes only "partial services which might be construed or classified as entertain-ment" ment."

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## **Ohio State Radio Institute** Nixes Panel on Video

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Fact that Ohio State University Institute for Education by Radio, May 2-5, would not have a panel on television became known here this week and was greeted with surprise by members of local video circles. Why the institute, which has become recognized as one of the top meetings of its kind, should ignore television, especially when the industry seems to be on the verge of making its greatest progress, was something the members of the video trade could not understand.

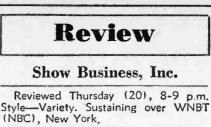
Official reason, as stated by Dr. Harrison B. Summers, acting director of the institute in the absence of Dr. I. Keith Tyler, who is in Germany, was that television was in such a state of chaos that planners of the institute thought nothing could be discussed that was new or that had not been covered at the television panel at the institute last year. Dr. Summers also said that planners of the institute had hesitated to schedule a video panel this year because it was thought nothing definite could be said until the FCC had handed down its color vs. black and white decision. When reminded that the FCC had made its decision this week, Dr. Summers replied that it was too late now to get together and schedule a television discussion.

Meanwhile Ohio State also announced that the main theme of this year's institute would be Public Service Programing and the Challenge of the Blue Book and that education and labor would come for a larger share of attention than they have in previous institutes.

# **5** Tele Bids **Okayed by FCC**

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Five applications for television stations, two of them commercial, were actwo of them commercial, were ac-cepted by the Federal Communica-tions Commission this week, first bids to be reported following the FCC decision on colorcasts in high fre-quencies. One of the applicants is Columbia Broadcasting System, which proposed the new color stand-ards. CBS is now asking for a portable experimental station, and a relay station in New York. One commercial bid came from

relay station in New York. One commercial bid came from The Philadelphia Daily News, and the other from Sarkes and Mary Tarzian, of Bloomington, Ind. They were for two and one kw. stations, respectively, other bid was for an experimental relay station, filed by The Detroit Evening News.



NBC is spotting this experimental program in the Thursday night slot for two weeks, after which General Foods takes over the time—formerly held by Standard Brands. General Foods will weakbly divide the time Foods will probably divide the time into two half hours, programing the first of them with Mutual's Juvenile Jury-for which Benton & Bowles is now clearing video rights with Jack Barry and Dan Ehrenreich. There'll be no mourners when the

current NBC program folds, for Show Business, Inc., ain't like show busi-ness. Stretched over the hour period, the production by Fred Coe was dreary and disjoined, being neither dreary and disjoined, being neither good vaudeville nor good television nor good nothin'. It began as a typical variety bill, with the Four Carters, a skating turn, doing routine business on a small mat. Gus Van followed, singing McNamara's Band, with background music supplied by the Variety Four a harmony act the Variety Four, a harmony act. Latter warblers were apparently in lieu of musicians banned by AFM chief Petrillo—and the effect could only be called dull. So were Van's take-offs on Bert Williams and

Stepin Fetchit. While these goings-on were unfold-ing, a double emsee team—John Graham and Helen Parrish, tried to tie the works together with conver-sation touching on Van's experiences in noted Broadway hits, etc. All pointless, sentimentalized and serv-All ing no entertainment purpose. Why two emsees were needed, to give effect of father and daughter, is the

a video mystery. Following this straight vaude stuff, Show Business, Inc., turned very fancy—with a piece tabbed variations on a theme. This was vague in exe-cution and meaning, but chief idea seemed to be an illustration, via film, of the theory that there's a story behind each melody. Narrator de-livered the story—having to do with a musical cobbler in a haunted Vienna opera house—in World War I days. While the story unfolded a dance team, Ellsworth and Fairchild, cluttered up the screen. There were all sorts of montage and dream effects, adding up to a climax in dull-ness when the suffering musician died at his instrument. For the televiewer all the pain was

not over yet, tho. A nickelodeon turn was flashed on, with narrator giving Wagnerian double-talk com-ment to a corny silent film. A cute idea, but it didn't come off.

When Terry Bennett came on to do a vent turn, one viewer in the video audience was damn tired, and respectively, other bid was for an experimental relay station, filed by The Detroit Evening News. Fort Industry Company (George Storer), of Detroit, was granted an application for a new TV station on 54-60 mc. Ot the opinion that black and white, perhaps even more than the tinted stuff—must either get out of the laboratory or run right back into it. Frankly, there's something in the air, and it ain't spring. Paul Ackerman. of the opinion that black and white,



## Chi Sun Succumbs; **Prints Video Lists**

CHICAGO, March 22.—Following the example of other Chi dailies, *The Chicago Sun*, Marshall Field morning paper, this week gave up the fight and began running daily listing of television and FM programs. Other dailies here, The News, Herald-American, Tribune and Times, have long been running FM listings and about a month ago began printing video listings. The Sun editorial management, however, until this week has been strongly opposed to the move.

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# **WBKB Mobile Tele Pick-Up Opens New Video Vistas**

CHICAGO March fully completing a pick-up using mobile equipment on a moving truck pulling its own transmitting power generator, WBKB, local Paramount video station, this week accomplished what is claimed to be another tele-vision "first." According to Bill Eddy, head of WBKB, no television station ever before has successfully transmitted a signal from a moving land-type vehicle in a crowded city district.

Friday (14) WBKB demonstrated pick-up from a truck moving down State Street in the heart of Chicago's Loop. A camera was mounted on a a 10-kw. portable transmitter. Pic-ture received at the station was good, even when the truck got a couple

of miles away. WBKB will use its new mobile system for a scheduled program the first time Tuesday (25). Program will be a special events pick-up of will be a special events pick-up of a State Street Easter fashion parade, With the new equipment the station will be able to travel with the pa-rade instead of merely picking it up at a permanent camera installation. **Big Step Forward** 

Reasons why this move by WBKB is said to be a big step forward in is said to be a big step forward in video news programing are many. For one thing, hitherto mobile units had to get their power from regular municipal sources to which lines were run. Need for this was prompted by the fact that frequency of current used by mobile trans-mitters and home receivers had to be synchronized. WBKB engineers, overcoming this difficulty, synchron-ized frequency of generator current ized frequency of generator current with city supply. Second, while portable equipment pick-ups have been made from air-

planes, none has been made from

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moving vehicles in downtown areas, where building obstructions could cause signal interference. WBKB en-gineers overcame this difficulty, too, by designing a special horizontal, polorized entrues on the methic side by designing a special horizontal, polorized antenna on the mobile pick-up truck instead of the usual dibold type antenna. Thus they were able to direct the signal to a pick-up point on the WBKB building.

For similar pick-ups from other spots in the city directional devices beaming the signal to a relay point that can be seen must be used. How-ever, with a series of radio relays there is no reason why portable, moving pick-ups cannot be made elsewhere. Station is already toying with the

idea of making a pick-up on a boat on Lake Michigan, using the same system, and, according to Eddy, it will be possible to have three-way pick-ups from land, sea and air si-multaneously multaneously.

## **Hubbell Hangs Out Consultant Shingle**

CINCINNATI, March 22.-Richard W. Hubbell this week announced formation of his own television, radio and motion picture consultant firm, to be known as Richard H. Hubbell & Associates. Hubbell has left his executive post at Crosley Broadcast-ing Corporation for his new under-taking. He had been WLW produc-tion manager and Crosley's television consultant

Hubbell's new firm has been re-tained by Crosley, as well as by Robert Jerome Smith, public rela-tions counsel of Washington. Tem-porary headquarters are in Cincin-nati, with permanent offices to be opened in New York next month.



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# Superman Bid **For Tolerance SpreadsOffAir**

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ers. K&E will stress this hereafter. The Superman story line will bring the same. Educators affirmed that the moral message implicit in the show was best developed in a pro-gram primarily entertainment gram primarily entertainment, so that children were unaware of the propaganda.

### **Gaining Listeners**

It was also brought out at the meeting that Superman's espousal of tol-erance had not resulted in a loss of erance had not resulted in a loss of listeners. Rather, some gain was made during the year. Some fear existed one year ago that an audience loss might be the result of the then new Superman story line.

The idea of taking the tolerance theme to the public directly, in addi-tion to the radio job, has been mulled by the agency, sponsor and web for some time. Now it's in the works, with the first stop slated for Philly April 17. There the session will be sponsored by Philadelphia Fellowship Commission and will be tabbed *Can Radio Teach Democracy?* Gertrude Golden, district superintendent and radio supervisor of Philadelphia schools, will preside, and Ed Kobak of MBS; Bill Lewis, K&E veepee in charge of radio; Bob Morrell of Su-perman, Inc., and a rep of Kellogg will speak.

### Kellogg May Kick In

The Philadelphia Fellowship Com-The Philadelphia Fellowship Com-mission includes such organizations as National Association for the Ad-vancement of Colored People, Na-tional Conference of Christians and Jews, Philadelphia Council of Churches, and Council for Equal Job Opportunity.

Future sessions will not necessarily be sponsored. In fact, Kellogg is ready to peel off some long green to get the message across. Sessions get the message across. Sessions probably will develop into a station promotion idea—the pitch being to establish a pattern whereby the dif-ferent MBS stations carrying Superman will be able to establish their own local forum tieing in with the radio show.

## Mayo, O'Shea To Do Jack London Life

NEW YORK, March 22.—Film stars Virginia Mayo and Michael O'Shea have been lined up for a new radio package based on Jack London's life and works. The package, developed by Lou Cioffi, of Gotham Radio Productions, currently is being compaded by agencies scanned by agencies.

Miss Mayo, who is O'Shea's fiancee, plays the role of Mrs. London in the drama. O'Shea played the London drama. O'Shea pla part on the screen.



# **Blessed** (?) Event

NEW YORK, March 22.—A South American fan of Murder and Mr. Malone, heard over American Broadcasting Company, recently shipped the cast a box containing a gift boa con-strictor named after the leading character. Yesterday, reptilian Mr. Malone gave birth to a batch of 71 little boas.

## **Co-Ops Seek Gov't** Aid on Fair Play

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sponsor of the Elmer Davis five-daya-week program on American Broad-casting outlet, WMAL. Mazor had shared in the Lewis sponsorship with L. P. Stewart Company, Ford dealer, which in turn took over full sponsorship for the Lewis program locally locally.

### **Ethics** Questioned

The Potomac Federation of Co-Operatives, in petitioning FTC for the right to intervene, raised the question as to whether Lewis, in going on the air under sponsorship for a local furniture firm in Washing-ton, is in violation of FTC regula-tions by attacking the furniture firm's tions by attacking the furniture firm's trade competition. John J. Carson, research and information director of the co-operative league, told The Billboard that the actions which are being brought to the FTC are "solely to see if the means can be found to provide protection for the people."

"The co-operatives," said Carson, "have no desire to injure anyone thru these petitions. We are anx-ious to do what we can to develop some means to give the accused at least the opportunity to be heard. We are very conscious of the necessity of preserving the freedom of the press and all its forms, including radio." Carson added that "the common good requires that some means be estab-lished to provide equal chance for the accused to face the accusers and that the latter face the responsibility to support any accusation."

The co-operatives have served no-tice on FTC that the issue will be carried to Congress, depending on what the FTC answer is.

## **AD CIRCLES CHILL**

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could enforce any new standards proposed. Of the two, BAC is given a better chance, for if the suggested improvements originate from a joint body whose active participants in-clude both advertisers and agencies, there is a better chance these standards will be put into effect by time buyers rather than originate from radio alone. Revision of the membership status of CBS and NBC in NAB, due to take place shortly, whereby they will become associate rather than active members, does not strengthen NAB in this direction, trade spokesmen say.

It's quite possible the BAC pay-off will come this year. Actually, great expectations at this time are prema-ture, for the organization and finance committee, headed by Ed Kobac, Mutual Broadcasting System presi-dent, has yet to hold its first meeting. Its accomplishments, once meetings get under way, may indicate the course of future events.

### Ken Dolan Show for Mutual

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.—Ken Dolan's package, Johnny Madero, Pier 23, starts a sustaining series on Mutual Broadcasting April 30. Show, an adventure suspense-type program, features Jack Webb, with Nat Wolff penciled in as director.

## **Station Bids Huge Gamble**

(Continued from page 7) balance sheet showed the losing company had paid out \$2,750 as or-ganizational expenses and had an \$800 liability for "professional serv-ices." Moreover, hearings had been held in Miami over a year ago and in Washington last spring, and much effort had been put forth in preparation for each hearing.

So much detail is required for each application for a new station that often the Commish asks for added info and exhibits before it will even accept the application for filing. This, **Pub Crawlers Look** in turn, means further outlay to lawyers and engineers for amending the yers and engineers for amending the application and refiling it. Recently, when FCC fir lly came out with a "proposed de fion to the Torrington Broadcast Cr opany, Inc., to build a new station in Torrington, Conn.," the compan already had spent an estimated \$ 2,000 or more in prelimi-nary work. A sudden reversal for Torrington before final decish is reached would mean outright loss of reached would mean outright loss of the thousands. And, if Torrington wins, the Berkshire Broadcasting wins, the Berkshire Broadcasting Corporation's request for the same facilities for a new station in Dan-bury, Conn., necessarily will be de-nied. Berkshire has had lawyers and engineers working on its case for two years.

Expenditures are running substantially the same for bids for small and large communities alike, according to an FCC analysis. The Belvedere Corporation, whose application for a new station in Baltimore was recent-by accorded for filling event just up ly accepted for filing, spent just un-der \$3,000 for organization expense, a figure about identical with that shown by bidders in much smaller shown by bidders in much smaller communities. Once the bid is filed and subjected to challenge, the ex-penses have as much as tripled for some applicants before a proposed decision could be reached by FCC. The FCC itself does not relish the situation, but insists that under Com-munications Act of 1934 one of the criteria which must be used in judg-ing ability of applicant is whether the ing ability of applicant is whether the bidder can survive the financial risk.

One important consequence which coming to light in FCC is a rise in number of lawyers and engineers represented in station ownership, a situation believed brought about by the increased number of legal and engineering hazards in pushing an application. Some prospectors seemingly are taking lawyers and en-gineers into their companies on a share-the-risk basis, according to the analysis.

### **TELE EXECS WARNED** (Continued from page 12)

of these things is the immediate concern of the advertising department or the advertising agency, which are fully occupied in making their present advertising campaigns produce the results expected. The decision to get into television and the setting up of budgets to finance such campaigns usually come at the policy-making level. Therefore, the television salesman is wise to approach the problem at this level. He can hardly expect the advertising agency, the advertis-ing manager, the sales manager or anybody else under the policy-making level to fight his battles for him.

To sum up, the television salesman must sell intelligently and constructively from the standpoint of the highest long-range interest of the advertiser. He must deliver what he sells, in spirit as well as in the letter. He must make certain that his client has established a firm policy at the highest necessary level to go into and stay in television.

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## NAB Moving Day

WASHINGTON, March 22.— National Association of Broad-casters will make its long-anticipated switch in headquarters next week-end (27-30), unless a hitch in plans develops. NAB a hitch in plans develops. NAB will move across the street from 1760 "N" Street, N. W., to 1771 "N" Street, N. W., with top (fourth) floor of new building to be occupied by Justin Miller, prez; A. D. (Jess) Willard, exec veepee, and Don E. Petty, gen-eral coursel eral counsel.

# But Don't Buy

(Continued from page 12) sient spots, it would never do for nabe joints, where competition is fierce and a steady customer can always find another friendly barkeep to serve him slugs and listen to his

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—State liquor control board ruling that tap-rooms and licensed restaurants must take out a special amusement permit to operate television receiving sets on the premises was challenged this week in the Dauphin County Com-mon Pleas Court by owners of two local cafes. Suit was filed by Jack London, owner of the Thirty-Six-O-London, owner of the Thirty-Sx-O-One bar, and Jacob Stern and Philip Sachs, who operate Jackie's Cafe. Tuesday (18) the Philadelphia Re-tail Liquor Dealers' Association, on behalf of 1,200 members, of whom 200 have television sets, joined in the court action. Under the liquor board's ruling tavern one would have to new ruling, tavern ops would have to pay 120 a year for an amusement permit.

Court was asked by the ops and the association to issue temporary and permanent injunctions forbidding the liquor board to issue its telethe liquor board to issue its fele-vision regulation or to try to enforce it. Meanwhile, Jack Crane, prez of a tavern association, is advising mem-bers they may use their television sets without a license, despite the contrary order issued by the liquor control board. Hearing on the court action is listed for March 31.

### **REGIONAL VARIATIONS**

**REGIONAL VARIATIONS** (Continued from page 9) ized appeal. Bob Hope, for instance, nationally in the top spot with a Hooper of 32, ranks second on the Coast with a score of 30.4. There's not too much variation in Fibber McGee and Molly, the team ranking second nationally with a score of 31.6, as against fifth on the Coast with a figure of 27.7. Red Skelton, too, is fifth nationally with 26.1 and third where the sun shines, with 30.4. Fred Allen's listening-draw appar-Fred Allen's listening-draw appar-ently is quite uniform, ranking sixth nationally with 25.9 and seventh on the Ceast with 24.6. Comparative standing and regional variations and similarities in listen-

ing appeal of other programs in-cluded in the first 20 may be ascertained by a scrutiny of the adjacent chart.



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

In Midwest May Get Nod NEW YORK, March 22.—The much discussed refinancing plan of Musi-craft Records was approved Wednes-Shake-Up Expected

### **Ops Look to CCOA for Cue**

CHICAGO, March 22. -An announcement of major importance to nouncement of major importance to BMI's campaign to license Midwest ops is expected here next week from execs of the Chi Cafe Operators' As-sociation. Joe Gates, BMI licensing chief here, this week pacted Ralph Jansen, op of the Ivanhoe and a major member of CCCA. While legal reps member of CCOA. While legal reps of CCOA were not available for comment, remark has come from them that no member would sign until they gave approval, so Jansen's ink-ing is considered an optimistic sign. A definite stand from CCOA is being awaited either way by ops all over the Midwest, for it's known that music users thruout the territory will be swayed by whatever action united body like CCOA takes. I ited body like CCOA takes. Up now, BMI reps locally haven't picked up signatures of any major ops.

# BMI's Pitch Musicraft Overhaul Okay, Diamond Due To Take Over

day (19) by a meeting of stockholders at company offices.

The okay by share owners gives the diskery the go-ahead on its plan to issue new common stock in exchange for present holdings and change for present holdings and to sell privately (Atlas Corporation role here is presumed) 120,000 shares of new common at \$2.50 per share. This is in addition to Musicraft's an-nounced intention to seek a term loan of about \$250,000 of about \$250,000.

The next steps, according to Irving Felt, prexy, will be "pursuing dis-cussions" with Milton Diamond (ex-Decca exec and attorney who is ex-pected to come in as new chairman of the board) and the Atlas inter-ests. Felt denied, vehemently, rumors that either Diamond or Atlas had gone wishy-washy on the deal.

### Unperturbed by Lyman

As for the possibility of Abe Lyman-Maurice Duke intervention in the reorganization, Felt stated he had indicated to Lee Eastman, attorney for the stockholders, spearheaded by orkster Lyman and Monogram Producer Duke, that he had no objec-tion to their showing interest in the financings. Since Eastman's clients hold only a minor bloc of stock, Felt indicated, apart from constructive suggestions they could not be figured to affect the general plan materially.

Most immediate steps for the diskery, now that the plan is thru, will be to placate important venders and debtors. The diskery has already received agreement from Harry Fox to defer royalties due members of

What will happen next, it is under-stood, is considerable reshuffling of personnel and titles. Within a few weeks, if and when financial aspects are cleared away, it is believed that Atlas pressure on the "management" factor will take its toll. Should Dia-mond definitely become chairman of the board, Felt's position would re-main unclear, as would that of his assistant, Ed Ellinger.

In the repertoire department, Al-bert Marx handed in his resignation as vice-president and director this week and left for California. Other execs are still not sure of their fu-ture. Most of them are looking to the directors' meeting set for Thursday (27) to clarify their positions.

## **From Headaches** To Heartaches; **Trend Shaping?**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- How big can Ted Weems get was the question of the week! The Heartacnes maestro has been taken under Howard Christensen's personal management wing, MGM label is toying with contract papers and booking prices on the revived hot property that is now Mr. Weems are going up. Music Corporation of America is said to be veering between a Denver hotel job at flat \$3,000 or a batch of South-land one-nighters with Weems ask-(See From Headaches on page 33)

# **AFM Clampdown on Pan Am Opens Door for Laurenz's** Switch to Mercury Waxery

### Pact Breach May Be Only First Ache for Coast Outfit

HOLLYWOOD, March 22. — Pan American Records' top-selling artist, John Laurenz, flew the coop this week by signing a new deal with Mercury Records in a surprise shift which caught Pan Am flatfooted. Construction of the second second

Crooner's move was made despite Crooner's move was made despite a Pan Am contract which expires in mid-1948. Legal loophole was claimed in the fact that the AFM revoked Pan Am's recording franchise for non-payment of royalties (*The Bill-*board, January 8). According to union interpretation, cancellation of the recording franchise automatically upided contracts and made all Pan voided contracts and made all Pan Am artists free agents.

Am artists free agents. Pan Am execs insist, however, that Laurenz's contract is still much alive, charging that the AFM cannot rule on non-instrumentalists. Laurenz was hired as a singer (alho he is a member of AFM Local No. 802) and, AFM clamp therefore, is not under Petrillo's that Pan Am's Robert Gray stated. Gray hinted that if Laurenz goes thru with the Mercury pact (first migrations.

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Laurenz into its top male disker, re-placing Tony Martin, who switched to the Victor label. Laurenz's three-year pact calls for his choice of tunes and a guarantee of 250,000 pressings the first year.

While Laurenz's loss will hit Pan Am hard, implications of the croon-er's contract breach are of much greater concern to the independent waxery. If the Laurenz switch is waxery. If the Laurenz switch is upheld legally, it will open the door for a wholesale exodus of all Pan Am for a wholesale exodus of all Pan Am talent. It is understood that several have already begun negotiations with other platteries. Inasmuch as all re-cording at Pan Am stopped when AFM clamped down, it seems certain that Pan American will put up a stiff fight to keep Laurenz in its stable-and lock the door tight on other

# FEES TOO BIG FOR PARKS Want Orks 'Cheap, Sweet, Showmanlike'

### **Use Locals or Shutter**

(Continued from page 3) \$1,300, depending on the maestro's estimated draw power.

### Want Lower Prices

Park ops make no bones about their demands for lower guarantees and better splits. And the majority say they're ready to turn to alternatives such as subbing local bands or, worse, shuttering ballrooms entirely. Guthrie, for example, plans to run a local with a top pay roll of \$1,200 and adds, "We plan to augment the local crew with occasional name bands (Saturday nights), providing we can buy them right. Like other ops thruout the country, we're weary of taking it on the chin for some of the names who refuse even to consider a straight parcentage of because their straight percentage go because their names can't pull their weight. Ops shouldn't be the only one to take the gamble."

Guthrie seems to be just one voice in a mass chorus. Washington Park, Michigan City, Ind., says, "Name bands will have to lessen their guarantee figures and work 50-50 instead of 60-40 so as to leave a little money for advertising, employees, deprecia-tion and maybe in an extreme case 1 per cent profit." Conneaut Lake Park in Pennsylvania will book only when the band is "attractively priced" and has chopped its maxipriced" and has chopped its maxi-mum one-nighter fee from \$1,300 average to \$1,000 top. Pleasure Pier, Port Arthur, Tex., is adamant: "Ex-pect to buy bands at reduced prices or will close ballroom down." In Bucyrus, O., the local op chimes in with, "Price of name bands will have to come down or more bookings for come in armos will result...they do not

with, "Price of name bands will have to come down or more bookings for semi-names will result—they do not want it all." In Monticello, Ind., the op wants "bigger names for the same guarantee" while a batch of other park men state they're contemplating a one-house-band-per-season policy. Effect such park op demands would have on bookings can be calculated from the amount of playing time consumed last year by the champions of price slashes. Mission Beach had four months of weekly bookings, Washington Park ticketed over 10 bands for a 50-day season; Conneaut gobbled five orks for 90 days; Pleas-ure Pier hired 31 maestri in the course of a year-around season with over 14 top-name one-nighters and 17 weeks of topper and semi-topper bookings. Other ops in the cut-price (See Name Band Fees on page 102)

## **Columbia's Alarcon Now Exports Boss**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Columbia Records has appointed Ralph Alarcon as exports manager to replace Sandor Porges, now with Capitol. Alarcon worked under Porges for nine years. Alarcon

In a further effort to accelerate Columbia's exports, the plattery has sent Veepee Paul Southard to Hono-lulu to interview applicants for Hawaiian distributorship. Columbia's wartime Hawaiian biz had been handled by H. R. Basford Company, the waxery's San Francisco distrib.

## **Signature Cuts Artist Roster**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Signa-NEW YORK, March 22.—Signa-ture diskery began to pare its artist roster this week by dropping the Johnny Bothwell ork and Marie Greene. Bob Thiele, Signature prexy, said these were just the beginning of prunings which would find little more than half of the firm's stable surviving.

He said, in order to drop Bothwell, Signature had to buy out the ork-ster's wax pact, which still had eight months to run, but Thiele didn't dis-

close the amount involved. Meanwhile, the wax firm set out after new talent, with negotiations going on currently to pact Paramount movie starlet, Olga San Juan, for an album. Firm also is looking to Hollywood for additional film names to cut albums, with Mae West and Jane Russell reported among those being sought.

Label also is prepping its first Latin-American cookies, having signed Fernando Alveres and the Jose Morand Rumba Orchestra this week.

## **Murray Arnold Ork** Makes Bow May 27

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.-Murray Arnold, ex-Freddy Martin pianist, will kick off his own music crew May will kick off his own music crew May 27 when he makes his bow as a batoneer at Claremont Hotel, Berke-ley, Calif. New orkster was booked in by Lyle Thayer, former Music Cor-poration of America booker, now a director of the newly formed Mus-Art Management Corporation. Arnold booking marks first time a non-MCA booking marks first time a non-MCA band has been set for the spot.

Mus-Art activity elsewhere re-cently had the agency adding two more bands to its growing roster. Org's Chicago office this week pacted Gray Gordon's ork to a management paper. Jack Whittemore, New York link in the Mus-Art set-up, grabbed off Arturo Arturo's unit for the agency.

THE FABULOUS DISKERS!

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# **Columbia Profits Jumped** 850% in 1946; Industry **Dough Swirls for Majors**

"Golden Era" Seen To Encompass 1947

### **By Joe Carlton**

NEW YORK, March 22.—The record biz, the record biz—it's bringing joy to the stockholder's phiz. Tho a cyclic dip in sales was felt this week (nothing but an interim lag between old and new hits), the audits pouring from large and small disk company offices lately herald a fabulous fact. Other showbiz facets may have developed a limp, but the wax industry is racing thru its golden era. Forty-six was a banner year for all but a few independent firms, say the audits, and '47 already looks to out-match the past year's strides. Columbia Records, Inc. (new name for the corporation, changed this week) is the latest to issue a financial statement which massive classical catalogue and pop

issue a financial statement which shows the amazing progress made by the disk biz. From a puny net in-come in 1945 of \$196,899, the wax branch of Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) spurted to a net in-come of \$1,880,222 for '46. Over 65,000,000 records were sold and the wax contribution to CBS profits jumped from 4.6 per cent in 1945 to 32.4 per cent in 1946. CBS net in-come of \$5,345,641 in 1945 would have slumped the following year except for the disk division's earnings which pushed the total to \$5,795,896 and raised common share earnings and raised common share earnings from \$3.11 to \$3.37.

March 20 report of CBS to its stockholders highlights the continued expansion of its record branch. Co-lumbia Records, Inc. purchased the proposed "Music City" edifice at 799 Seventh Avenue for approximately proposed "Music City" edifice at 799 Seventh Avenue for approximately \$900,000, broke ground on a new Beverly Hills factory and bought a controlling interest in a Mexican plant for \$105,181. These along with the Kings Mills, O.; Bridgeport and Hollywood plants are estimated to give Columbia over 100,000,000 disk-production capacity for this and com-ing years. ing years.

### **Deca** Doubled

The 850 per cent profit jump by Columbia was disclosed just a week after Decca Records had reported the after Decca Records had reported the highest level of net sales and profits in its history. Decca firm clicked off \$30,657,381 gross in '46 as compared with \$15,570,930 in the previous year and net profits rose from \$839,692 to a hefty \$1,944,538. Latter was equiv-alent to \$2.50 per share on the 776,-650 shares of Decca outstanding. That its '46 pace would continue unabated and probably would accel-erate is seen in Decca reports that January and February '47 sales al-ready have capped the equivalent period in 1946. With Al Jolson a wildfire name in the wax marts, Guy Lombardo accounting for over 2,000,-000 platter sales in the past two months, Louis Jordan hitting the 1,000,000 mark on the single Choo Choo Ch'Boogie platter and others Choo Ch'Boogie platter and others still best-selling, a feller name of Crosby still God's gift to the phonos, and the Andrews gals batting out pop pancakes, Decca's career looks to be going no way but up.

Victor Zips, Too Financial statement of the biggest disk producer of all, RCA Victor, has not yet been made public, with Ra-dio Corporation of America making a practice in its stockholder reports of announcing this week that Don Mc-not breaking down record division Grane's 13-piecer will remain at the operations. Victor, however, with its Hotel Stevens until at least May 4.

massive classical catalogue and pop issues reportedly topped 120,000,000 disk sales for '46 and in the pop department alone last month had chalked up more than 15 platters selling over 300,000 each. In addi-tion, Victor's last royalty statement to publishers was the biggest of its history and next pay-off is said to be towering higher. With a new plant (its fourth) under way at Canons-burg, Pa., Victor should be geared for greatest sales figure of all time in the year ahead. in the year ahead.

### **Other Firms**

Down the line with other major companies and some of the smallies, (See Columbia Profits on page 19)

### **Fredericks Sets Humber Ork** For Syracuse Hotel, April 5

NEW YORK, March 22.---Wilson Humber ork has been set by Fred-erick Bros. to open at Syracuse Hotel, Syracuse, April 5.

Spot formerly was booked for a long time by MCA and Russ Lyons.

**Prima Triple Play:** MCA to Alexander To Commodore

NEW YORK, March 22. — Louis Prima's ork has been inked to follow Jack Edwards into the Century Room of the Hotel Commodore here April 17. Prima is skedded to play the spot for six weeks and is reported to be receiving a \$2,750 guarantee plus a percentage of covers above an undisclosed minimum.

Orkster was booked into the Com-modore by Willard Alexander, altho Prima is under Music Corporation of America contract. MCA spokesman said the agency stuck to its no-split commission rule when Alexander sold Prima, but trade belief is that Alexander didn't make the booking for his own amusement. Alexander is non-commital.

## MCA Sits Pretty At the Surf Club

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va., March 22. —Additional advance bookings for the summer gives Music Corporation of America 10 out of 11 available band slots at the Surf Club here. Spot, under new management of Jack Kane, will open for dancing June 13, kicking off with the only non-MCA ork in its roster, Jimmy Dorsey, from the General Artists' Corporation stable. Surf's rival, Cavalier Club, has a GAC-predomin-ated ork sked (*The Billboard*, March 8). 8).

8). The Surf's bookings, each ork stay-ing for one week after Dorsey's June 13 opening, include Carmen Cavalar-ro, Guy Lombardo, Blue Barron, Ted Weems, Glen Gray, Charlie Barnet or Gene Krupa, Tommy Tucker, Dick Jurgens or Tony Pastor (GAC), Sammy Kaye, and Ted Lewis or Louis Prima.

## **BBC Boosts** Air Time for Orks by 50%

LONDON, March 22.—Complaint registered with the British Broadcasting Corporation by British orksters last December has resulted in a 50 per cent increase of air time for dance bands on BBC's new sched-ule. BBC spokesmen say that as ule. BBC spokesmen say that as soon as normal broadcasting hours are resumed (recent electricity cuts due to fuel shortage forced BBC to close down at 11 p.m.), the last hour, five days each week will feature London hotel or nitery orks on light program sked, while home service will close down twice each week with an hour of donce music an hour of dance music.

BBC this week added other dance music features, picking up the Chappie D'Amato Sextet for a once-a-week 45-minute shot and Sydney Lipton's Grosvenor House ork for a weekly Friday half-hour. At least two other new ork additions, Martin Hayes and Cyril Stapelton, have been made to the BBC listings.

# **Ops Seek To End Band Price Wars**

PHILADELPHIA, March 22 .--- To eliminate possibility of future price wars and to end the practice of bands and booking agents playing one spot against the other to jack-up asking prices, Frank Palumbo and Ben Cor-sen, owners of the Click here, this week brought together a number of Eastern ops representing the cream of the big band buyers. Meeting was entirely informal and assembly in-cluded Frank Dailey of Meadowbrook.

brook. With band availability at its lowest ebb in the history of the ork whirl, and the few remaining ask-ing allegedly fabulous figures, the name-band buyers are trying to set up a protective cloak to cover their huge investment in their dance spots. Boys discussed their mutual buying problems and the possibility of set-ting up a standard of buying prac-tices. A second meeting is expected in the near future, possibly in New York or Chicago, to meet with Western band buyers.

### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . RAP BY KAPP

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 .- Decca's prexy, Jack Kapp, took an indirect dig at the record industry's sales claims in his annual report to stockholders. Commenting on rivals who quote fantastic record sales figures, but whose tax and royalty reports show infinitely less profits, Kapp caustically commented: "The record industry has suddenly

become a magical one. As varied announcements and pronouncements are made, we wish to remind our stock-holders that it has taken us almost holders that it has taken us almost 13 years to build up our present repertoire, and to establish and put into operation six decentralized fac-tories and the 41 branches of our wholly owned distributing organization."

In short, Kapp demands a recount.

# Locations Still Lag for Chi **Orks But Theaters Perk Up**

CHICAGO, March 22. — Chicago's name band slowdown (The Billboard, name band slowdown (The Billboard, March 22) grew more lethargic this week when Ernest Byfield, prexy of the Hotel Sherman, inked Herbie Fields' eight-piecer to follow Ted Weems' 14-piece band into the hos-telry's College Inn April 4. The room, which took a short-lived flyer into ice shows with the current Dorothy Lewis Revue, goes back into its name recording fare policy April 4. with recording fare policy April 4, with Signature's Monica Lewis, Diamond's Jan August and the rising Harmon-icats, out on the new Universal recordings' label, composing the floorshow.

Chez Paree, local major nitery, put another cut into its house ork struc-ture, bringing in Don Davis, local jobbing band leader, and 10 men to supplant Gay Claridge's 14-piecer. Pianist Davis is in on an indefinite pact. Spot was much sought after by local orksters for ABC wire time.

The Hilton Hotel chain brought fa-vorable news to the local band front, announcing this week that Don Mc-Grane's 13-piecer will remain at the

CHICAGO, March 22. - Local vaude houses, which have been using name orks sparingly as stage fare, have suddenly changed their minds and are setting a number of crews for future p.a.'s. The Oriental has Vaughn Monroe's ork for a week, starting April 3, with Tex Beneke's band for two weeks, opening April

The Chicago, B & K Loop house, brings in Guy Lombardo April 25, followed by Carmen Cavallaro May 2, with Sammy Kaye tentatively set for either the week before Lombardo or later in May.

or later in May. Another hopeful move this week saw Libby Francos, op of the out-lying Sky Club ink a four-week pact for Bernnie Cummins's ork, begin-ning April 22. Spot had been using George DeCarl's six-piece cocktail combo since the start of the year, but Francos intends to keep the name policy going thru the summer.

Jack Fina's 14-piecer had been an-nounced earlier as the new ork for the Palmer House, starting April 19.

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# ORK AIR THINS IN THE WES

# Jocks Are Toast of the **Coast as Platter Plugs** Bring Bigger Band B. O.

### "Remote Caliber" Is Blamed

By Joe Carlton

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 .- What's become of the once-numerous West HOLLYWOOD, March 22.—What's become of the once-numerous West Coast band remotes? What was once a fertile field for multiple net air shots has dwindled to a mere drop in the radio bucket, hitting what tradesters estimate to be a new low in band pick-ups. While fronters, ballroom ops, and percentagers point the finger at each other, the fact remains that air time has lost much of its importance in the making of a band. Proof positive is that leaders and agents now spend much of their time and energy romancing local disk jockeys, and treat air time with unheard-of aloofness. Shift to jockeys

unneard-of algoiness. Shift to jockeys stems from ever-growing evidence that record saturation by top local disk jockeys do an incoming band infinitely more box-office good than a series of late-evening remotes from the heating point. Honce more and a series of late-evening remotes from the location point. Hence, more and more pop orks now carry advance men whose main job it is to contact platter pilots and set up a constant barrage of platter plays, personal appearances, and other promotional gimmicks. In short, records make bands—remotes are also ran.

### **Outlets** in Middle

Change of heart finds the outlets here in the middle, anxious to carry a certain amount of band remotes both in the interests of listener ap-peal and economy, but unable to find enough top-quality orks or co-operative leaders. Radio program execs moan that the caliber of the average band remote is far below good broad-casting standards, and add that front-ers take remote slots much too lightly—in fact fluff off any attempt at making airings acceptable.

### Line Fees Out

Line Fees Out With the slump in biz, many ball-room cps who formerly paid line charges and fees for announcers and engineers, no longer can do so. In addition, many orks make it tough on themselves and the outlets by refusing to clear music before air time. Others clutter up the air with the same tunes night after night, generally plugging their own record-ings or tunes from privately-owned pub house. These have switched many listeners to disk shows, where variety of platters pleases the most musical palates. From the op standpoint, promoters

From the op standpoint, promoters generally are indifferent to regional or chain airings, except in the case of hotels or bigger ballrooms such as Hollywood's Palladium. Ballroom owners generally feel that only local shots do them any good, and the fact that the show goes regional or to shots do them any good, and the fact that the show goes regional or t.c. doesn't mean money in the bank. Moreover, local ops have developed a mania for early-evening remotes, demanding time between 8 and 9 p.m. on the theory that home lis-teners will get the urge to run to the nearest ballroom for an evening's terping after hearing band offerings. With rare exceptions, early evening air time is sold out commercially, but ops are still reluctant to pay line charges for second-choice late-evening remotes. Trade generally concedes that time

Trade generally concedes that time after 11 p.m. means little on the Coast, since radio listening habits are radically different from those in the East and Midwest. Trained to tuning in favorite commercial shows be-tween 6 and 8:30 p.m., sets are

## **Remote Ork Builder** Value in Chicago Test

CHICAGO, March 22.—Value of radio remote time as a builder of ork names, which has been argued plenty as against phono records, will get a substantial test here during the next six weeks, when WM band booker Bob Ehlert starts slating Gay Claridge's 12-piecer for location and one-night dates. one-night dates.

Claridge leaves the Chez Paree April 4 after four years of ABC net-work and local remote time, during which he was heard nightly six days a week. Claridge has had no promo-tion other than his remotes, and fronters and bookers are watching for his slate of bookings and resultant grosses for some indication of the grosses for some indication of the value of location remotes.

## **AFM Coast Local Bans Doubling**

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.-American Federation of Musicians, Local 47 will issue a new order here, effec-tive April 28, to prohibit musickers under contract to film studios or working under radio quotas from doubling to play on casual dance dates dates.

Local union execs are issuing a new ruling in an effort to spread work among a majority of the tootler mem-bers. AFM locals thruout the coun-try have been tackling the problem of growing unemployment in the musicker ranks, but this marks the first known concrete measure taken.

## Martin Block To Pub Again

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.—Platter-Spinner Martin Block's music pub-bery, currently on the inactive status list of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), is soon to open offices in Encino, Calif. Block, who intends to get his pub wings flapping again, is now mainly concerned with finding suitable ma-terial. terial.

### strangely silent after 10.

Breakdown of remote time piped out of the Coast reveals Don Leeout of the Coast reveals Don Lee-Mutual airing an average of one hour nightly, dividing time between Ocean Park's Aragon Ballroom and Mark Hopkins and El Patio, both San Fran-cisco spots. Remotes begin at 11, following the web's partial net airing of Peter Potter's disk jockey seg. By contrast, and before time was sold, (See Ork Air Thins on page 20) Wards and Tony Martin), will pop after April 15. Fire Loss by Jerry Lane Ork JACKSON, Miss., March 22.—Fire swept the roof garden of the Hotel Sheidelberg here and caused thous-ands of dollars' damage to music and instruments of the Jerry Lane ork.

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# Apollo-Audience Disk Deal; 500,000 Initial Shipment

NEW YORK, March 22.—Cloak of secrecy which has covered activities of the Apollo diskery since its re-organization (sparked by entry into firm of several Gar Wood Industries hand members) use lifted slightly firm of several Gar Wood Industries board members) was lifted slightly this week when firm was reported setting a deal to press disks for the recently formed Audience Record outfit. Audience is the firm which plans to market recordings of actual broadcasts by radio artists, including Jack Benny and Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy.

Audience reportedly would require first shipment of over a half million a first shipment of over a half million disks, with delivery date said to be in the early part of the summer. Apollo's last known production esti-mate was 150,000 disks per month, altho diskery claims to have tripled that in recent months. Firm execs also claim that fullest production ca-pacity has not yet her production ca-

also claim that fullest production ca-pacity has not yet been realized. Diskery, which recently departed from its hot jazz and race specialties to crack the pop field also is said to be dickering with orkster Charlie Barnet.

Apollo execs stating they intend to move along slowly and not bite off more than they can chew, claim the outfit now is operating on a sound financial basis.

### Publicity Set-Up Enlarged

Publicity Set-Up Enlarged Other Apollo activities included en-larging of publicity and promotion set-up with the addition of Nat Lor-man this week. Lorman, formerly with the William Morris Agency and American Artists' Bureau, will han-dle Apollo's publicity in the East, while Harry Schooler will flack for the firm on the Coast. Lorman will be assisted by Gerry Colson, while Irv Katz, Apollo's general sales manager for New York office, will retain his post as head of firm's advertising and promotion department.

promotion department. In addition, Henry J. Servais was hired as firm's general sales man-ager this week. Servais formerly was assistant sales manager of radar and

## **Criterion Expands** West Coast Office

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.—Mind-ful that while Coast remotes may be slimming, the power of the Cali-fornia commercial is all-important for the Peatman sheet, Criterion pub's Mickey Goldsen rounded out expan-sion of his West Coast staff and offices this week.

Criterion office here will consist of Professional Manager Pete Kameron, assisted by Mildred Cavanaugh, who will handle special exploitation and will handle special exploitation and disk jockey contacting. A secretary has been added and facilities en-larged to include rehearsal room. Goldsen, whose efforts have been bent on It's a Good Day, current Hit Parader, says his next, A Dime a Dozen (recorded by Vaughn Monroe, Andy Russell, Kate Smith, Joan Ed-wards and Tony Martin), will pop after April 15.

radio parts for Sperry Gyroscope and prior to that worked for both the Goodrich and Firestone corporations. Other additions to Apollo sales de-partment include Mort Hall, Jim Frangos and Leroy Cohn.



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# Music----As Written

### NEW YORK:

Joe Davis masters, which are up for sale in a block of about 700, said to be tagged at 50G. It is known that several firms have expressed an interest in Davis's wax... Frankie Carle's ork has been pacted for a six-week date at the Strand Theater in November or December... General Artists Corporation's Hollywood office signed rumba specialist Chuy Reyes to a management pact. ... Former Sammy Kaye singer Alan Foster is now with the Bob Chester crew... Blues-chanter-pianist Ollie Shepherd signed to wax with Apollo diskery.

Mayfair Music publing the score of Jules Levy flick, New Qrleans, which features Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday and Woody Herman. . . Musicraft diskery appointed Felipe Yupangco & Sons as plattery's distrib in the Philippine Islands. . . RCA-Victor signed the Delta Rhythm boys to a waxing pact, with their initial disking, Jenny Kissed Me and Bye, Bye, Alibi Baby, skedded for an early release. Group formerly waxed for Decca. . . Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, known for his Brazilian choros, Bachlanes Brasileires and Serestat, said to be talking to Jack Robbins about a writer deal. Former is reported to have been offered a 50 per cent split in a new pub outlet.

Irwin Garr switched to Paramount plugger staff from Mutual Music.... Jack Perrin went to Paul Kapp's General Music from Harry Warren's pubbery.... MGM will issue Van Johnson on wax as a crooner, doing I Wonder, I Wonder, I Wonder as his initial release.... Lou Mindling, Buddy Clark, actor Mark Stevens and Arthur Kann did a personal appearance tour thru Westchester under Kann's aegis to plug Columbia Records.... Larry Shayn's Beverly Music pub working on Stella By Starlight, a tune written by Victor Young. Song has 11 disks under its belt.... Disk jock Fred Robbins signed to do shorts for Columbia Pictures.

Ann Baker has replaced Ann Moore in Count Basie's vocal department.... Phil Wayne, whose ork was reported following Carmen Cavallaro's crew into the Hotel Biltmore's Bowman Room, will share the spot's bandstand with Ron Perry's small society outfit.

Billy Eckstine will break in his small combo on a series of five onenighters beginning March 26, prior to the six-piecer's debut at Billy Berg's on April 4. . . Raymond Scott's ork is booked into the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, for seven weeks beginning August 28.

### CHICAGO:

Eddie Fens will take a nine-piece local crew into the Walnut Room of the Bismarck Hotel when he opens May 2. . . Bobby Byrne's reorganized ork into Casino Gardens, Ocean Park, Calif., March 22 for six weeks. . . Frankie Carle and daughtervocalist, Margie Hughes, set for the We the People airer March 25. . . . King Cole Trio breaks the race line in Texas, doing a week of concerts at major colleges in the Lone Star State, starting May 2.

Paul Bannister, of GAC, snagged \$6,000 for a three day stand at Iowa State College, Ames, starting May 15, for Ray McKinley's ork. . . Tony Pastor doing a flicker part for Columbla starting April 23, while the Page Cavanaugh Trio spends a week at Universal Studios at the end of April. Mills Brothers remain on the Kraft Music Hall airer thru the summer.... Jerry Wald's ork moves into the Turf Club, Galveston, March 26 for an indefinite stay... Jimmy Dale's mixed band into the Riviera, St. Louis, April 18.

Kenny Mann, ofay tenor, now with Lionel Hampton. . . Nick Stuart's ork and comic Rufe Davis at the Frontier, Denver, new semi-name band stand. . . Frankie Masters' ork leaves the Texas territory after five months. Does a Lang-Worth transcription date March 31 here and then takes a four-week vacation, first in three years. . . Al Miller, of King Records, off to the West Coast to set distributors for the label.

### HOLLYWOOD:

Black-Smith Trio being handled by MCA for West Coast bookings, opening at Long Beach's Samoa Club. ... Calypso singer Sir Lancelot, currently at Billingsley's Bocage, has been signed to do a Calypso narration in Mark Hellinger's pix Brute Force. ... Philharmonica Trio set for a pix stint in new Dennis Morgan-Jack Carson film, Two Guys from Texas. ... Capitol Records' hilbilly, Jack Guthrie, signed for role in Western Barn Dance, film to be produced by Jack Schwartz for Screen Guild release.

Songwriter Bee Walker will open a vocal coarbing studio here. . . . Modern busic nas released first four sides made by Ike Carpenter's ork. . . Decca will team folk singer Burl Ives with Andrews Sisters for a couple of sides. . . Jimmy Zito, who recently hit headlines when he married his childhood sweetheart, June Haver, reported ready to front a new ork. . . . Al Donahue is another fronter to snag a pic stint. He's set to do a role in Columbia's Sweet Genevieve. . . . Thrush Jeannie McKeon does her first nitery stint next week at Slapsy Maxie's, waxed four sides for Black & White this week.

Feist music bought Artie Wayne's original tune Mazel, which crooner recorded for Hucksters label. . . . Personal Manager Bill Burton back in Hollywood after quick Gotham trip. . . Doris Scott has been added to the Hollywood headquarters of the Davis-Weiss office and will take part in the firm's exploitation activities.

### CINCINNATI:

Dick Rankin's 13-piece crew set at Joe William's Peacock Club, Jacksonville, Fla., by the Gordon Kibbler Office, Indianapolis. Same firm has Bill Grassick's ork playing a threehour dance and hour show on onenighters thru the South. . . . Guy Lombardo ork set for re-opening of RKO Albee stage fare April 17. . . Jack Walton ork at Kitty Kat nitery.

Jack Walton ork at Kitty Kat nitery. ... Whitey Fresh Trio new at The Bullpen in suburban Walnut Hills. ... Bill Henry's Shades of Blue ork set for week-ends at Twin Lanterns dine and dancery.

### KANSAS CITY:

Bob Strong brought his band into Mary's Club for the week of March 17 under new policy of booking names and semi-names to pull the steakand-chicken crowd.... Glen Williams opened Monday (17) in the Hotel President Drum Room, replacing Bea Vera... Cappy Bara, harmonicist, heads the floorshow at Hotel Bellerive's El Casbah. ... Elliott Lawrence's band, featuring Jack Hunter and Rosalyn Patton, plays a one-nighter March 23 at Pla-Mor.

### DETROIT:

Joseph Taylor, head of Taylor Plastics, reports new presses are on schedule for delivery to turn out the Arcadia label here.



# Columbia Profits Jump 850%; Industry \$ Swirls for Majors

(Continued from page 16) the platter pandemonium keeps raging. Capitol's forthcoming stockholders' statement, it is heard, will show that sales more than doubled in one year. Firm's \$6,000,000 gross in 1945 reportedly rose to over \$13,000,000 in 1946. With its announced plan to go after foreign trade, with its talent roster growing and its Scranton plant expanded to near-50,000,000 annual capacity, Capitol fits right into the blue-chip swirl.

MGM's newcomer role in the wax trade should add considerable volume to all-over wax sales. With its ultramodern plant in Bloomfield, N. J., said to have a 38,000,000 annual disk potential, the pic-controlled company (which made its first release to stores March 1) has reputedly pressed more than 750,000 platters to date. Initial four-record album, Till the Clouds Roll By, accounts for about 315,000; first releases of Lauritz Melchior (45,000 with reorder already in), Jimmy Dorsey (110,000), Sy Oliver (75,000) and Kate Smith (75,000) make up the remainder. These figures represent shipments to distribs, not final sales.

### Independents Hum

Wealth gathering of the majors has been contagious to limited extent among some of the independents. Majestic took a heavy up-turn in the last six months of '46 that erased a big chunk of its debt, including royalties to music pubs. Sonora which has hewed a stable, dollar-conservaative line since its inception, has taken a new tack for the sake of increased

volume, dropping part of its label line down to 39 cents retail price and reportedly making good progress in its attempted inroads on juke box buyers. Apollo, reorganized in the past year, is on the verge of accomplishing a tie-up with Audience Records, Inc. (See other story in this issue), which should hoist its fiscal status sizably. Other waxeries— Mercury, National, Black & White —have been hitting on some of their platter cylinders lately, enough to calculate that for '47, at least, prospects are not bad. Dire predictions for independent companies voiced at the end of last year have come true in some cases (Cosmo folded, Musicraft and Signature were forced to refinance), but for most the a:-blade has been blunter than pe simists imagined.

### Future Rosy?

Future potential of the disk biz despite a possible future recession in national economy or entertainment field, looks to hold its own. Evidence is drawn from a recent market survey made by Columbia Records, Inc., under the direction of Paul Southard, vice-president in charge of sales. Southard's survey, concucted in over 5,000 homes thruout the country, indicates that record players lead pianos, washing machines and vacuum cleaners in the list of planned family purchases, with only 29 per cent of homes in America (6,000,000) estimated as currently equipped to play wax. More than half of the player owners have libraries of 50 records, according to the survey, and conclusion is drawn that the record market is a youth market with desire to buy players strongest among young families.





Vocals By Jimmy Atkins

That AMAZING Piano Sensation JACK FINA

And His Orchestra 'That's Where I Came In'

GLEN

GRAY

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Casa Loma

Orchestra

# **Ork Air Thins in the West; Disk Jocks Toast of Coast**

(Continued from page 17) Don Lee used to carry two hours of remotes beginning as early as 9 p.m.

remotes beginning as early as 9 p.m. ABC gives the Ambassador Hotel six shots a week with Freddy Mar-tin's ork, which is a prime pick-up spot in Hollywood. Radio programers unanimously pay high tribute to Martin's remotes, judging them best in quality and lauding the fronter for his high degree of co-operation with air programers. Martin, they say, is one leader who takes a per-sonal interest in planning his air show, and sees to it that each pro-gram is diversified and totally ac-ceptable. As a result, ABC is hold-ing the Martin slot firmly, even nix-ing offers of commercial time in the Ambassador slot. Also on the ABC roster are five shots from Casino Gardens and two from Ciro's, plus Gardens and two from Ciro's, plus five local shots from Club Morocco and one a week from Tom Brene-man's. Skein used to feed remotes to the East after 9 P.S.T., but since ABC's lines close at 12 E.S.T., these remotes have been canceled.

NBC's nighttime remotes are di-vided between L.A.'s Biltmore Bowl (Russ Morgan's ork) and St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. While Biltmore regional airings aren't carried locally, this is one case where hotel management doesn't care, since outof-town airing of the hostelry's name pays off in tourist trade. NBC is currently void of transcontinental remotes.

CBS carries six regional shots from Hollywood's Palladium each week, plus six local airings and two t.c. broadcasts. Also on CBS sked are six regionals from Earl Carroll's theater restaurant, but only one shot is carried locally. San Francisco's is carried locally. San Francisco's

Palace Hotel gets five regionals a week, completing the net's band re-mote picture. Check of major indie stations shows but a handful of remotes. In most cases, indies have remotes. In most cases, indies have sold late evening time, or if sustain-ing, plugged the program gap with platters instead of band remotes. KMPC, Hollywood's 50,000-watt in-die, considers band remotes in the same class as commercial segs and will sell time if remote quality is up to station standards. At present the will sell time if remote quality is up to station standards. At present, the station is sans remotes entirely. War-ner Bros.' KFWB confines its re-motes to pick-ups from Billy Berg's and Toddle House, both cocktail lounges with small musical combos. KLAC carries a week-end sesh from L.A.'s Avadon Ballroom but will be forced to drop its last remote when L.A.'s Avadon Ballroom but will be forced to drop its last remote when the baseball season begins next week. Smattering of smaller remotes are spread thin among the town's re-maining radio outlets. As to the future picture, the trade feels that remote pick-ups will never again reach their new ups import

again reach their pre-war import-ance. Ultimate solution suggested by one program chief would be to sell remote time on a full-scale commerremote time on a full-scale commer-cial basis on the theory that if ball-room ops, leaders or promoters have to pay for remote air time, they will take pains to see that broadcasts are of better-than-average quality. While such a solution would make broad-casters happy, it is doubtful if more than a handful of top-money bands or ops would go along on such a basis. basis.

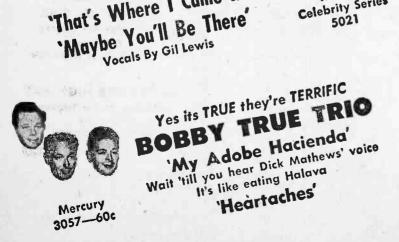
Meanwhile, the lowly platter spinner steadily assumes the foury platter spin-ner steadily assumes the stature of a star-maker as top fronters knock themselves out to keep in the good graces of the guys who twirl the disks.



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MERCURY RECORDS

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'MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE'

March 29, 1947

## EMI Gives Britons Hot Musicraft Wax

LONDON, March 22. — British swing fans, who have been clamoring for new American waxings, were appeased somewhat last week with the issuance, on Electric Musical Industries (EMI) label, of a group of re-pressed Musicraft master hot cookies.

The deal was set several months Irving Mills's main ago. Initial pairing will feature and variety platter Artie Shaw's ork on Let's Walk and England, report The Glider, with Duke Ellington and some 20 small Art Dizzy Gillespie waxings also skedded. foreign dealings.

Shaw, whose American Victor etchings were pressed here on *His Master's Voice* (HMV) label, will be shifted to the Parlophone label for his Musicraft wax. Gillespie's masters will be pressed on HMV. Parlophone, Columbia and HMV labels are all controlled by EMI.

phone, Columbia and HMV labels are all controlled by EMI. EMI is planning to issue 9 or 10 American swing disks monthly. The firm holds title to many American labels, including Victor, Columbia and Musicraft, and recently bought Irving Mills's matrices of old master and variety platters. Mills now is in England, reportedly representing some 20 small American diskeries in foreign dealings.







The MURPHY SISTERS

ORCHESTRA Under Direction of JERRY JEROME

THE EGG AND I (From the Universal International Picture "The Egg and I")

**RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE** (From the Paramount Picture "Perils of Pauline")

## ILLINOIS JACQUET AND HIS ALL STARS JUMPIN' AT APOLLO BACKED BY JACQUET BOUNCE



TWO "A" SIDES SCARS UPON MY HEART TOMMY SOSEBEE (The Voice Of The Hills) • DEATH BY

THE ROADSIDE TOMMY SOSEBEE (The Voice Of The Hills) APOLLO No. 140



QUICK! QUICK! A BOTTLE OF BEER The Russian Yar Tzigany Vocal by GYPSY MISCHA MARKOFF

ALONG THE HIGHWAY The Russian Yar Tzigany Vocal by LONYA KALBOUSS APOLLO No. 127

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With the swing to smooth music your juke box will certainly click when it's got Olsen, one of the nation's top purveyors of silky sugar. Here he offers an old box favorite, teamed up with a rhythm novelty. Both vacuum-in the nickels.

"LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART" and "THE TRAIN WHEELS SANG A SONG"

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## AND TWO NEW BARITONES

Nothing gives a lift to box play like a good baritone. And we mean these are good!

### RAY DOREY

"MAM'SELLE"

(Theme from the Cafe Scene In The Razor's Edge) and

"THE MAN WHO PAINTS THE RAINBOW"

(Orchestrated and conducted by Paul Baron)

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## BOB JOHNSTON

"IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE QVER"

and

"WHY DOES IT HAVE TO END SO SOON?"

Majestic No. 7218



Billboard	 ULARITY CHA	RTS/
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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. Songe are listed tune is in legit musical; (R) indicates tune is available on records.

Waalro	POSIT Last17		Publish	er
	Week			
10	1	1.	ANNIVERSARY SONG (F) (R)	d
6	3	2.	HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA? (M) (R). Crawfor	d
10	2	3.	MANAGUA, NICARAGUA (R) Encor	e
8	4	4.	GUILTY (R)Feis	t.
4 3	9	5.	HEARTACHES (R)Leed	s
3	13	6.	LINDA (R) F H Mouri	ie.
21	5	7.	THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER (R)	n
13	8	8.	I'LL CLOSE MY EYES (R) Peter Mauric	P
18	6	9.	(I Love You) FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS (R) Duches	s
1		10.	IT'S A GOOD DAY (R) Capitol Song	s
17	7	11.	ZIP-A-DEE DOO-DAH (F) (R)Santly-Jo	v
8	11	12.	SONATA (R)Oxfor	d l
15	12	13.	A GAL IN CALICO (F) (R) Remic	k
1		14.	BLESS YOU (For Being an Angel) (R)Shapiro-Bernstei	n
12	10	15.	OH, BUT I DO (F) (R)Witmar	k

## ENGLAND'S TOP TWENTY

	POSIT		and the second
Weeks	Last	This	
	Week		
10	1 1	1 1.	ANNIVERSARY SONG Campbell-Connelly . Mood
13	2	2.	THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER. Irwin-Dash Shapiro-
1		3.	OPEN THE DOOR, Bernstein
		1	RICHARD Leeds Duchess
14	3	4.	THE STARS WILL
	-		REMEMBER
8	4	5.	APRIL SHOWERS Chappell Harms, Inc.
12	9	6.	GO HOME (Your Mother
•	1	1	Wants You) Yale
3	8	7.	HOW LUCKY YOU AREKassner
3	13	8.	DON'T FALL IN LOVE Chappell
5	12	9.	THE RICKETY RICK-
9	1.1.6	1 .	SHAW MAN
7	10	1 10.	THE THINGS WE DID
4	1 10	1 10.	LAST SUMMER Edwin Morris E. H. Morris
18	7	1 11.	FIVE MINUTES MOREEdwin Morris Melrose
6	11	12.	THE WHOLE WORLD
0		12.	IS SINGING MY SONG Francis Day Robbins
9	6	13.	(1 Love You) FOR SEN-
9	0	13,	
1		14.	TIMENTAL REASONS Peter Maurice Duchess WHEN CHINA BOY
1		1 14.	MEETS CUINA CUDI M. M. M. M.
-	5	15.	MEETS CHINA GIRL Mac Melodies*
26	16	16.	TO EACH HIS OWN Victoria Paramount THE WORLD BELONGS
•	10	10.	TO YOU LITTLE MAN OF MUN
~	15	17.	TO YOU, LITTLE MANStrauss-Miller*
6 13	15		THE ACCORDION Lawrence Wright
		17.	DREAM AGAIN Box and Cox
2	-	18.	I'M GONNA LASSO A Shapiro-
-			DREAM
7	17	19.	ZIP-A-DEE DOO-DAHSun
8	18	19.	MAY I CALL YOU
		1	SWEETHEARTIrwin Dash*

\*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.

A GAL IN CALICO (Remick), in Warner Brothers' "The Time, the Place, and the Girl." National release date—December 28, 1936.

A RAINY NIGHT IN RIO (Witmark), in Warner Brothers' "The Time, the Place, and the Girl." National release date-December 28, 1946.

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

I GOT A GAL I LOVE (in North and South Dakota) (Famous), sung by Eddle Bracken in Paramount's "Ladies' Man." National release date--February 7, 1947.

17'S THE SAME OLD DREAM (Sinatra Songs), sung by Frank Sinatra in MGM's "It Happened in Brooklyn." National release date not set.

IT'S DREAMTIME (Santly-Joy), sung by Deanna Durbin in Universal-International's "T'll Be Yours." National release date-January 7, 1947.

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

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

with The Miller Orchestra

The Blues of the Record Man

AND Why Don't We Say We're Sorry? Gar-y Stevens, The Mellow Larks, and Tex vocalize a dreamable, dance-

able number against a background of typical Glen Miller music. Chummy

RCA Victor 20-2190

Here's a trick take-off of disc jockey programs, full of fun and bound

to hit! Tex and The Mellow Larks do the lyrics.

MacGregor wrote this one . . . it's tailored for the boxes.

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### SONNY BOY WILLIAMSON

Willie J. Lacey, guitar; Ransom Knowling, string bass; John H. Davis, piano.

Hoodo Hoodo AND

Sonny Boy's Cold Chills RCA Victor 20-2184

### PETE RIVERA

and his Orchestra. Vocals by Angel Rosa Cu-Tu-Gu-Ru-Calvoso Rumba (Jack-Jack-Jack) The sensational tune that's wowing 'em in Florida this season.

> AND Confession --- Bolero (Confesión)

RCA Victor 26-9014

### **PAWEL PROKOPIENI** and Polish Bell Orchestra

Czerwone Maki Na **Monte Cassino** (Red Poppy Seeds on Monte Cassino) AND

Polonaise Oginski RCA Victor 25-9174

HENRI RENÉ

and his Musette Orchestra **Siamese Patrol** AND Mamma RCA Victor 25-1077

### **CONJUNTO CASINO** Cantan: Faz-Espí-Ribot

**Churritos Calientes** Guaracha Pregón AND El Sordo-Guaracha RCA Victor 23-0567

### LIBERTAD LAMARQUE **y PEDRO VARGAS**

Con la Orq. de Mario R. Armengol

La Barca de Oro-Canción AND

No Voy-Canción Ranchera RCA Victor 70-7461

with Russ Case and his Orchestra

(Oh Why, Oh Why, Did I Ever Leave) Wyoming Hillbilly flavored, plugged on the air, harmonized by Helen and The Satisfiers . . . an out-and-out profit-maker. AND Who'd a Thunk It

This one pulls gags on other current hits . . . a zany chunk of amusement that'll have 'em crowding around the boxes. RCA Victor 20-2191

RCA VICTOR'S

with Charles Dant and his Orchestra

You're Everywhere Headed for the hit bracket . . . from the movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue."

Maybe You'll Be There ... dynamite in its appeal the way Betty sings it!

PLUS 4 BIG NEW RCA Victor 20-2189 **RCA VICTOR NAMES!** SPADE COOLEY · PEEWEE KING · JOHNNY TYLER · THE DELTA RHYTHM BOYS See special announcement ad on page 23

HELEN





I WON'T PROMISE

Vocal by Don Darcy

Dignature

SIG. 15066

cal by Claire Hagan and Johnny Bothwell

GENERAL @ ELECTRIC SUPPLY CORPORATION

I'LL CLOSE MY EYES

Billboard MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS PART III **Radio Popularity** Week Ending March 21

## SONGS WITH GREATEST RADIO AUDIENCES (Beginning Friday, March 14, 8 a.m., and ending Friday, 8 a.m., March 21)

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 upon radio logs made available to Peat-man's ACI by the Accurate Reporting Servi-cic in New York, Radio Checking Service in Los Angeles. Listed are the top 30 (more in

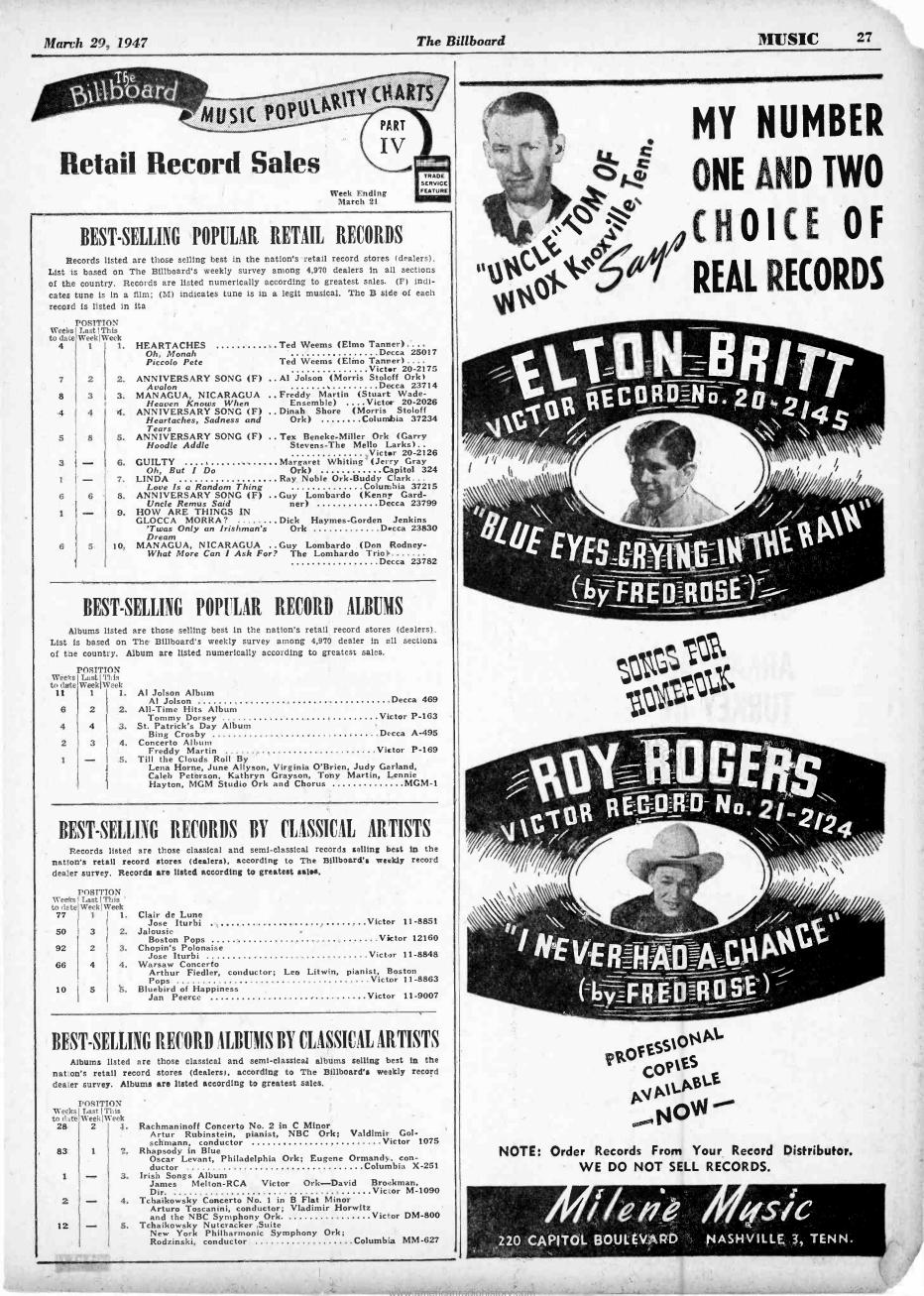
greatest audiences | the case of ties) tunes alphabetically. The

to date	
	LIC.
18. A Gal in Calico (F) (R)R	emick-ASCAP
12. A Rainy Night in Rio (F) (R)	mark-ASCAP
o, pless lou (for being an Angel) (R) Shaniyo Bay	ASCAD
to, (I Love Tou) for Sentimental Keasons (R)	DuchoreRMI
11. Gunty (R)	Faist_ASCAP
J. neartaches (K)	Loods ASCAD
8. How Are Things in Glocca Morra? (M) (R) Cra	wind ASCAP
1. I Got a Gal I Love (In North and South Dakota) (F) (R) Fa	WIORU-ASCAP
3. If This Isn't Love (M) (R)	wford ASCAD
13. I'll Close My Eyes (R) Peter Ma	WIOIU-ASCAP
2. It Takes Time (R)	Inden ASCAF
11. It's a Good Day (R)	London-BMI
1. It's the Same Old Dream (F) (R)	Songs-ASCAF
1. It's Dreamtime (F) (R)	Songs-ASCAP
2. Love Is a Random Thing (M) (R)	International ASCAP
10. Managua, Nicaragua (R)	, IncASCAP
1. Maybe You'll Be There (R)	Encore-BMI
1. My Pretty Girl (R)	Baugle-ASCAP
6. (There Is) No Greater Love (R)	Venila ASCAD
16. Oh, But I Do (F) (R)	VOIId-ASCAP
8. Oh Why, Oh Why, Did I Ever Leave Wyoming? (R)	HARR-ASCAP
10. Sonata (R)	reist-ASCAP
1. That's Where I Came In (R)Ro	Alord-ASCAP
3. This Is the Night (R)	DDINS-ASCAP
1. We Could Make Such Beautiful Music (R)	Anced-ASCAP
4. You Can't See the Sun When You're Crying (R) George S	BMI
19. Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah (F) (R)Santly	ASCAP
and the second the second se	-Joy-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 1,200 disk jockeys thruout the country. Unless shown in this chart, other available records of tunes listed here will be found in the Honor Roll of Hits. Music Popularity Chart, Part I. (F) indicates tune is from a film; (M) indicates tune is from a legit musical. POSITION

POSITION			Coing Strong
Weeks	Week	I This	Going Strong
5	1	1 1.	HEARTACHES Ted Weems (Elmo Tanner)
			······Victor 20-2175—ASCAP
Б	2	2.	ANNIVERSARY Dinah Shore (Morris Stoloff Ork)
7	12	3.	LINDA
11	14	4.	MANAGUA, NICA- Freddy Martin (Stuart Wade-Ensemble) RAGUA Victor 20-2026-BMI
8	10	5.	GUILTY
4	4	5.	ANNIVERSARY Andy Russell (Paul Weston Ork) SONG ANNIVERSARY ALL Capitol 368—ASCAP
3	8	6.	ANNIVERSARI AI JOISON (Morris Stoloff Ork)
4	3	7.	ANNIVERSARY Tex Beneke-Miller Ork (Garry Stevens-
20	5	7.	FOR SENTIMEN.
12	9	7.	TAL REASONS King Cole TrioCapitol 304-BMI (I LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMEN-
5	14	7.	TAL REASONS      Dinah ShoreColumbia 37188—BMI         HOW ARE THINGS       IN GLOCCA         Buddy Clark (Mitchell Ayres Ork)         MORPA 2
2	13	8.	MORRA? HOW ARE THINGS IN CLOCCA Martha Tilton (Dean Elliott Ork)
11	11	8.	MORRA?
1	-	9.	THAT'S MY DE-
8	6	9.	SIRE
1	_	10.	RICHARD
1	-	11.	IN RIO (F) Sam Donahue Capitol 325-ASCAP HEARTACHES Jimmy Dorsey (Bob Carroll-Dee Parker)
8	-	11.	MANAGUA, NICA- Guy Lombardo (Don Rodney-The Lom- RAGUA bardo Trio) Decca 23782-BMI
3	14	11.	OPEN THE DOOR, The Charioteers (Mannie Klein Ork) RICHARD Columbia 37240-BMI
1	-	12.	GUILTYJohnny Desmond-Page Cavanaugh Trio Victor 20-2109-ASCAP
1	—	12.	HIS FEET TOO Stan Kenton (June Christy-The Pastels).
12	-	13,	(1 LOVE YOU) FOR SENTIMEN. Charlie Spivak (Jimmy Saunders)
5	-	14.	ANNIVERSARY Guy Lombardo (Kenny Gardner)
19	15	14.	SONG (F)
			TAL REASONS Eddy Howard
8	-	14,	OFEN THE DOOR.
a		15 <sub>1</sub>	RICHARD Jack McVea Black & White BW-792-BMI HOODLE ADDLE Ray McKinley Quartet (Ray McKinley) Majestic 7207-ASCAP
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## MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RECORDS

Records listed are those receiving the greatest play in the nation's juke boxes. List is based on The Billboard's weekly survey among 3,558 operators in all sections of the country. Listed under the title of each of the most played records are other available recordings of the same tune. Unless shown in this chart, other available records of tunes listed here will be found in the Honor Roll of Hits, Music Popularity Chart, Part I.

	POSIT		Calma Streem
Weeks   Last   This to date   Week   Week			Going Strong
4	1	1.	HEARTACHES-Ted Weems (Elmo Tanner)Decca 25017 Victor 20-2127
11	2	2.	MANAGUA, NICARAGUA-Freddy Martin (Stuart Wade-
5	3	3.	ANNIVERSARY SONG (F)-Guy Lombardo (Kenny Gard-
10	4	4.	MANAGUA, NICARAGUA-Guy Lombardo (Don Rodney-
5	6	5.	
3	5	6.	Stevens-The Mello Larks)
4	10	7.	LINDA—Ray Noble-Buddy Clark Columbia 27215
3	9	8.	ANNIVERSARY SONG (F)-Al Jolson (Morris Stoloff Ork)
4	7	9.	OPEN THE DOOR, RICHARD-Louis Jordan Decca 23714
1	-	10,	(Stuart Foster)
6	12	11.	MANAGUA, NICARAGUA—Kay Kyser (The Campus Kids) Columbia 37214
1	-	12.	HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA?—Dick Haymes- Gorden Jenkins
1	_	13.	LINDA—Charlie Spivak
3 2	-	14.	GUILIT-Margaret Whiting (Jerry Cray Ork) Capital 224
2	8	15.	ANNIVERSARY SONG (F)-Andy Russell (Paul Weston Ork)

### **Coming Up**

HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA?-Buddy Clark (Mitchell Ayres Ork) Columbia 37223

## MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

Records listed are folk records most played in juke boxes according to The Billboard's weekly survey among juke box operators.

Weeks	POSITI		
	Week V		
10	1	1 1.	SO ROUND, SO FIRM, SO
5	2	2.	FULLY PACKED
7	3	3.	LOVE? Eddy Arnold Victor 20-2058 NEW PRETTY BLONDE Moon Mullican and the Show- (JOLE BLON) boys
16	1-	4.	THAT'S HOW MUCH I
1		5.	LOVE YOUEddy ArnoldVictor 20-1948 I'M CONNA BE BOSS FROMBob Wills and His Texas Play- NOW ON boys (Jesse Ashlock)
			Columbia 37205

## MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RACE RECORDS

Records listed are race-type disks most played in the nation's juke boxes, according to The Billboard's weekly survey among juke box operators.

	POSIT		
week	s Last 1	Chia	
to dat	e Week V	Veek	
15	1 1	1.	AIN'T NOBODY HERE BUT
4	2	2.	US CHICKENSLouis JordanDecca 23741 OPEN THE DOOR, RICH-
4	] ]	3.	ARDDecca 23841 TEXAS AND PACIFICLouis Jordan (Louis Jordan)
2	-	4.	OLE MAID BOOGIE Eddie Vinson Ork (Eddie Vin-
15	4	5.	LET THE GOOD TIMES son)Mercury 8028
7	3	5.	ROLL       Louis Jordan       Decca 23741         OPEN THE DOOR, RICH-       Jack McVea       McVea         ARD       Black & White BW-792

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## RECORD POSSIBILITIES

In the opinion of The Billboard music staff, records listed below are most likely to achieve popularity as determined by entry into best selling, most played or most heard features of the Chart.

WHO CARES WHAT PEOPLE SAY .... Dinch Shore with Sonny Burke Ork. .....Columbia 37278

Dinah delivers one of her typically relaxed and enchanting vocals on this lovely song from the "Nora Prentiss" flick. With tasteful backing by a Sonny Burke-led ork, the chirp lends loads of feeling to the tune's intelligent and meaningful lyric. La Shore should draw a flood of nickels at the jukes, but the disking should do strong counter trade. Filp is "The Egg and I" from the flick of the same name. Dinah does as much as will ever be done to this mediocre song.

POPPA, DON'T PREACH TO ME......Betty Hutton with the Four Hits and Joe Lilley Ork......Capitol 380
Betty Hutton returns to the Capitol label with a bang, doing this catchy rhythm novelty from the singer-comedienne's forthcoming flick, "Perils of Pauline." Loaded with la Hutton's effervescent and spirited delivery, including the use of a phony French accent in the introduction, this one should clean up at all juke locations. Reverse, "Rumble, Rumble, Rumble," gets just a little too raucous, but will probably draw its share of buffalces. It also comes from the Hutton flick. The hep Hutton gets good vocal backing from the Four Hits, while Joe Lilley leads the ork background on both sides.

## **RECORD REVIEWS**

Lightface portion of reviews is intended for information of all record and music users. Boldface portion is intended for guidance of juke box operators.

## Album Reviews

In a continuing effort to review as much of the output of all record man-ulacturers as manpower and paper limitations permit, The Billboard this week reviews recently released albums in a special ALBUM REVIEW section on page 33. These album reviews of course, are in addition to the reviews on this and the facing page, and those in the music machines depart-ment this week.

BILL SAMUELS TRIO (Mercury 8033) For You—FT; VC. My Baby Didn't Even Say Goodbye— FT; VC.

FT; VC. Elsing Samuels' threesome, paced by the 88-er leader's flexible pipes, come up with one good and one medioere bit on this pairing. "For You," an oldie worthy of resurrection, is handled in slight bounce tempo that enhances the ditty. Re-verse is a meaningless ditty that looks like just plain filler material. Samuels' fine voice is selling point on these sides, for pick-up of instrumental accompani-ment of ivories, guitar and bass is bad. Instruments sound as if they're too far from the mike. "For You" packs general appeal.

### LITTLE MISS CORNSHUCKS

(Sunbeam 105) Have You Ever Loved Somebody-FT; VC.

FT; VC. This enterprising diskery, master-minded by Chi ork leader Marl Young, has a pair of sides worthy of attention, wherever Negro trade is big. Young is doing a Mid-west Otis Rene, having written both these tunes, arranging them and leading the band on this date. An enterprising publisher, looking for a novice writer, should give both sides a hearing. "Have You" gets musical treatment, similar to arrangements done by Gillespie for early Billy Eckstine blues sides, while reverse is done in more standard manner. Miss Cornshucks, ris-ing as a blues singer, gives both tunes fine treatment. treatment. Mark these two for future reference.

MARL YOUNG'S ORCHESTRA (Sunbeam 102) We're Off—Inst. If You Had Only Waited—FT; VC.

If You Had Only Waited—FT; VC. "We're Off" is strictly pointed to jazz fars, and even they might not like it, for tune is one of those up-tempo, flag-wavers, played at such a frantic pace that solos and ensemble just don't jell. Reverse, a promising tune, gets too classical a han-dling by Bill Green, Chi singer, making his debut on wax. Little to influence a coin in the slot here.

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GLEN GRAY (Mercury 5035) Midnight Masquerade—FT; VC. Speaking of Angels—FT; VC. Both of these tunes are likely for top mention in the future and offer something a bit different these days, when most of the recording bands doing pops are small-

er-sized commercial units. Gray's scorers make full use of full trumpet and trombone choirs to add a distinctive sugary touch. Interest in sides may be hyped by simi-larity in vocal qualities of Gray singer, Jimmy Atkins, who handles both sides' wordings, and current topper, Perry Como. Two sides which will get at least aver-age watching in the boxes.

JOSE MELIS (Mercury 5038) Stardust—Instr. Keyboard Kapers—Instr.

Keyboard Kapers—Instr. Mercury previously featured this South American 88-er in an album, this being this first single release. "Stardust" may catch a great deal of interest, for it's one of the first simon-pure waxings of the tune. Tune, in its simplest state a thing of great beauty, is usually treated to an arranger's fullest talents, while this ver-sion has just Melis's individual phrasing. Reverse is Latinish Jan August treatment of Mozart's "Turkish March." Should ride in on the host of piano fans created by August. "Stardust" will click with spots where listeners like pure melody.

GAY CROSSE (Mercury 6034) The Door Is Wide Open-FT: VC. Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens-FT; VC.

FT; VC. Latest race acquisition of this label is Gay Crosse's Cieveland six-piecer, doing a pair of tunes that warrant race interest. "The Door Is Wide Open" is one of the better sequels to the Richard epic, having original rhyming lyrics in jive talk that will mean plenty of second listenings. Re-verse is the Louis Jordan hit, enriched by some barnyard imitations by sax and trumpet in the band. Leader Crosse han-dles the words on both, sounding a bit nervous on this, his first date. Both sides will get a certain amount of race play.

## **TONY MARTIN (Mercury 5036)**

Dreams Are a Dime a Dozen-FT; V. I Miss That Feeling-FT; VC.

I Miss That Feeling—FT; VC. Sides are first since Martin inked with Victor and are result of Martin's 50 per cent royalty cut from Mercury. Both dit-ties are tailor-made for the Martin pipes and get especially fine treatment from Al Sack's flute and fiddle ork. "Feeling" is from the Wanger flicker, "Smashup." Lyttle Sisters' harmonies pace disk nicely, with short passages in the middle of each side.

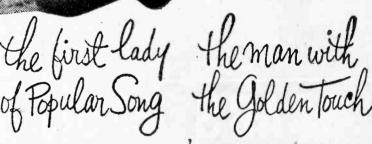
side. Martin fans get their first sides in two months.

## CHARLIE SHAVERS (Vogue 756)

Musicomania-Instr. If I Had You-Instr.

If I Had You-Instr. Charlie Shavers, supported by sidemen from Tommy Dorsey's now disbanded ork, offers a pair of strictly instrumentals on this platter. "Musicomania" is slight bounce riffer, with all taking a chorus. Reverse features the Shavers trumpet ip a slower tempo, with Buddy De Franco's clary getting the only other solo spot. For the retail shop's jazz, departments.

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JOAN EDWARDS (Vogue 782) What Am I Gonna Do About You?--FT; VC. Maybe You'll Be There-FT; VC.

Maybe You'll Be There—FT; VC. Radio chirp, Joan Edwards, gets a pair of potent candidates for the hit selections, with "What Am I Gonna Do About You" already inching the rear of the top tune line-up. La Edwards gives more plaintive treatment to the mating, which also shows that it may be hit timber. Songstress gets fine assist from Benny Carter crew of Hollywood sidemen. Both tunes, cambiby done, look like Hollywood sidemen. Both tunes, capably done, look like they're on the brink of stardom.

ORLANDO GUERRA (Victor 23-0479)

Ten Jabon-FT; V. Ronco-FT; V.

Ronco-FT; V. The spirited Spanish singing of Orlando Guerra brings all the native charm of both of these lively melodies to the wax. And singing in tempo, the spinning stacks up strong for the steppers, particularly "Ronco." And with "Ten Jabon," both spin to the lively Guaracha rhythms. Troubadours' pipes are framed nicely by the Casino de la Playa ork, with a vocal trio adding to Guerra's lyrical spirit. For the Spanish set.

# PRESTON JACKSON (Victor 20.2146) Yancey's Blues—FT; VC. That Funny Feeling—FT; VC.

That Funny Feeling—FT; VC. A new New Orleans band, Preston Jack-son beats out the old-time fazz of the Deep South. Both slow blues, it's the old-time flavor of the deltas in the earthy blowing of the trombone and trumpet and in the plckings of plano and guitar. Keyboard sets a boogle-woogle blues pattern for "Yancey's Blues," with Clifford Jones's husky singing and shouting all about the glory of New Orleans. And for "That Funny Feeling" Jones sings the blues be-cause his girl has left him. Pienty of nostalgia in this needling for the jazz fans, with the Deep South race spot showing coin favor for the cutting.

SPADE COOLEY (Victor 20-2181) IPe Dark Outside—FT; VC.

SPADE COOLEY (Victor 20.2181) It's Dark Outside—FT; VC. Minuet in Swing—FT. Making his bow on this label, Spade Cooley gets off to a flying start with a full-fledged band sparked with breezy Western rhythms. The full band sets a toe-tapping pattern for "It's Dark Out-side," a rhythm novelty showing off all the sections in the band and counting more than the robust chanting of an un-billed male voice. It's the same lively needling for "Minuet in Swing," an orig-inal instrumental. But here it's the fid-dles and guitars carrying the lead. It's engaging dance music thruout. Both sides should pay off plenty, par-ticularly where there is dancing.

THE GINGER SNAPS (Victor 20-2170) There's a Big Rock in the Road-FT; V. Turnpike Turn-FT; V.

Turnpike Turn—FT; V. No distinction in the rhythmic blend of these female voices, with their singing and styling leaving much to be desired for any sort of disking. Moreover, the selections are entirely out of character for their chanting. "Big Rock" is Fred Rose's hillbilly spiritual and "Turnpike Turn" is also from the Western folios. Spin both at a lively pace with full studio or-chestra accompanying. Nothing in this needling to attract.

JOHNNY MERCER (Capitol 367) I Do Do Like You-FT; V. Movie Tonight-FT; V.

Movie Tonight-FT; V. It's Johnny Mercer's tongue-in-the-cheek vocal approach to the calypso fla-vored novelty, "I Do Do Like You," that makes this item an ear holder. His pseudo-Latin accent should spur chuckles while the catchy tune makes the side a sala-ble slice of wax. Paul Weston's ork back-ing fits the imitation south-of-the-border motif. Mercer's fine rhythm volcing plus the bouncey blends of the Pied Pipers gives top drawer luster to the light ditty flip. The Mercer Midas touch should be in full evidence for this couplet to make it a payola cinch, but look to "I Do Do" to be the top nickel grabber.

ANDY RUSSELL (Capitol 368)

Anniversary Song-FT; V. My Best to You-FT; V.

Annibersary Song-F1; V. My Best to You-FT; V. As topside of a waitz couplet, Andy Russell's version of the Honor Roll of Hits leader makes this a strong contender for some of that "Anniversary" gold. Pipes richly coated with romantic appeal, Russell captures the nostaigic quality of the old world waltz. Paul Weston gives the ork accompaniment a Gypsy flavor, heavily accentuating minor-keyed Strads. The moderate three-quarter beat is deftly de-fined here as on the backside. Latter is a sugary love balled tailor-made for the hand-holding crowd and warbled in an appealing manner. Paul Weston's rich ork accompaniment rounds out the pleasure. With "Anniversary" riding the pop erest, the Russell edition is a sure-fire money-maker and the flip is good for plenty of coinage when the topside has played out. ELLA MAE MORSE (Copied 370)

ELLA MAE MORSE (Capitol 370)

Hoodle Addle—FT; V. Pine Top Scwartz—FT; V.

Ray McKinley's pseudo-boogie riff nov-elty is just the right song meat for the Ella Mae Morse tobasco pipes. With a rhythm wing providing the boogie setting, Miss Morse throws her characteristic

eight-to-the-bar lilt into the volcing. Re-verse, an up-beat boogie item, fails to ex-cite despite lass's sales efforts. While "Hoodle Addle" competition is strong, this version should find little trouble sharing in the coin flow.

BUTCH STONE (Advance 1000)

How Big Can You Get?—FT; V. In My Convertible Cadillac—FT; V.

In My Convertible Cadillac--FT; V. And still another Coast indic label en-iers the wax sweepstakes, this one spot-lighting Butch Stone on a rhythm vocal kick in two novelty Items. With a small jazz group for the backing (the Jimmy Zito trumpet in the featured chair), Stone slings the wordage in a not-too-convincing manner for "Convertible Cadillac," a pres-ent-day version of the "Merry Oldsmobile." Aside from novelty appeal, there's little to "How Big Can You Get?" Fine instru-mental work (thanks to ace jazz men Zito, Tony Rizzi and Jimmy Pratt gives spinners a quality sheen that about com-pensates for what is lacking vocally or tunewise. Sides may snare some race phono coinage.

PHIL MOORE (Black & White 807)

PHIL MOORE (Black & White 807)
You Talk Holes in My Clothes—FT; V. Don't Like 'Em—FT; V.
Phil Moore matches his fetching style of ivory dusting with an equally fetching and clever singing style that makes these sides, and it's definitely to the label's credit for recognizing and spotlighting his vocal capabilities. Both dittles. Moore cleffings, are cut from novelty cloth and thanks to a contagious beat and Moore's refreshing voice style plus his clean plan-istics and the support of the surrounding guitar-bass-drum go together to make both items both musically and commer-cially meritorious.
Ops can't go wrong on these, with either side holding coin promise, "Don't Like 'Em" taking top juke spin.

taking top juke spin. THE MELODY MASTERS (Apollo 379) Wig Blues-FT; V. My Baby-FT; V. Showing off good volces and a rhythmic flow in their harmonies, the label has a winning combination in the four voices of the Melody Masters, singing to guitar ac-comps. Boys display a fine feel for the slow race blues in "Wig Blues," a race saga of a bad woman. Contrasting, the Melody Masters show a fine flair for the rhythm harmonies in "My Baby," the contrast also marked in the shared stanza by the basso and tenor voices, both good. Race spots will lap these up, particularly their "Wig Blues," BIG MACEO (Victor 20-2173)

BIG MACEO (Victor 20-2173)

BIG MACEO (Victor 20-2173) Detroit Jump-FT; V. Come On Home-FT; V. The low-down blues husking of Big Maceo (Merriweather) for both of his original songs spins in fine back-room stride. And apart from his singing, Big Maceo shows off his barrelhouse piano pounding for "Detroit Jump." fashloned from a blues riff. Instead of singing he cuts in with patter about going back to Detroit. It's the slow race blues, with Big Maceo shouting out the low-down chant for "Come on Home," calling for his girl to come back and start all over again. The blues guitar pickings of Tampa Red plus Tyrell Dixon at the drums add able\* rhythmic support. "Detroit Jump" will keep the back rooms jumping at the race spots. ARTHUR SMITH (Super Disc 1024)

ARTHUR SMITH (Super Disc 1024) Fingers On Fire-FT. Blue Boogie-FT.

Blue Boogie—FT. With the emphasis on the electric steel guitar in Western circles, Arthur Smith provides a field day for the enthusiasts in this cutting. Having cornered the hot guitar field with his "Guitar Finger." Smith adds to his laurels with his "Fingers on Fire." And that's exactly what hap-pens, fingering furiously the lower strings of his guit' box. Guitar and bass keep the rhythm flowing. Adding plano to the guitars and bass to make for a hot quintet. Smith carries on for the flip with an orig-inal "Blue Boogie," a rustic eight-beater spinning at a lively cip and showing off more of his furious fingering. "Fingers on Fire" promises to set the phonos on fire. FRANK WEBER (Stor.Disc 4321)

FRANK WEBER (Star-Disc 4321)

FRANK WLBER (SIGT-DISC 4321) You Can Believe—FT; V. Love Is Contrary—FT; V. An unconvincing kickoff for a new Coast indie, its bow-in platter is weak, both tune and talent-wise. Frank Weber's voice is listenable but it's dated singing style and lack of suitable material that makes these sides easy to by-pass. Labored backing by studio ork doesn't help matters. Skin these. by studio orl Skip these.

VIRGINIA GARLAND (Star-Disc 4324)

VIRGINIA GARLAND (Star-Disc 4324) He Did It-FT; V. Serenade Domestic-FT; V. Judy's sis, Virginia, reveals a spark of the Garland talent fire for selling in "He Did IL." Tune (cleffer unbilled) could prove an engaging little tongue-in-the-cheek novelty were it not that the punch line comes much too early, revealing that it's only a guy fixing a flat tire. With ap-propriate fare for her Garlandish pipes, lass may prove a topper. B side is a tunesmith's mistake and isn't worth the wax that holds it. No coin appeal here.

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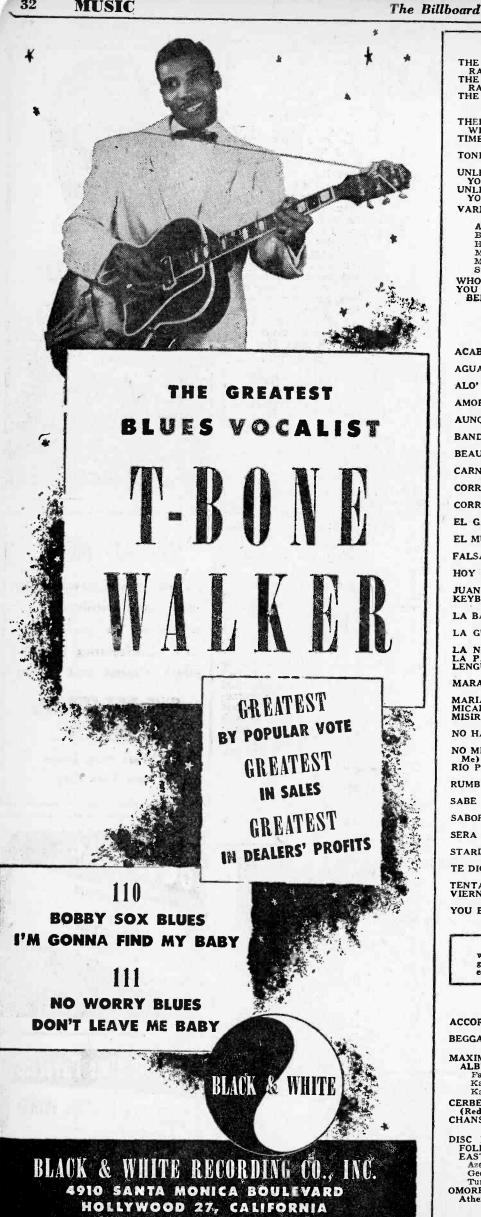
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ARTIE SHAW'S PIED PIPER (Musicraft N-10)

Artie Shaw puts on three 10inchers his once-over-lightly version of Browning's century-old fairy tale of The Pied Piper of Hamelin, just as he introduced it to an air audience last July on CBS's Columbia Work-shop. Keeping the original story theme, Shaw has whooped it up with good crowd noises, narrator Harry Von Zell adding a bit of radio satire in a ringside description of the battle of hot licks and the hordes of mice,

### **REICHHOLD TEES OFF** (Continued from page 3)

(Continued from page 3) call for summer series, but ulti-mate aim is for year-round pops. CPC's outside N. Y. will be handled as a syndicate operation with local control. Local promoters will be enabled to use CPC name, if they measure up to certain specifica-tions. Idea is to have concerts and tions. Idea is to have concerts approximate N. Y. series (complete with tables, beer. etc.,) as closely as possible. Field men will be sent as possible. Field men will be sent out to different cities with packaged promotion set-up to aid locals in starting and carrying on concerts. Each series will be sold either on a fee basis or on a profit percentage idea. This part of the set-up is yet to be ironed out. Deschoold is planning to plug CPC

Reichhold is planning to plug CPC idea heavily on his Musical Digest Sunday evening hour (3 p.m., ABC) and also will tie in flacking on his disks and mag in the series. In addition, Columbia Records is making a Carnegie Pops platter album.

BING CROSBY—Victor Herbert (Decce 505) Bing Crosby sings six Victor Her-bert waltz classics in his usual ex-pressive and easy song manner, with Victor Young's music making a fetch-ing musical bank. Duets with Frances may be too jivey for the moppets, the oldsters to whom Artie Shaw holds name meaning will find it slightly amusing in face of a lot of corny gags injected in the dialog. The adaptation is the maestro's own, adding origi-nal background music played by a large band, but using only a small rhythm unit for his Pied Piper lickings. George Pal has provided a colorful story scene to make for the al-bum cover, with photo of the maestro and spinning notes on the inside page. (Continued on page 164)

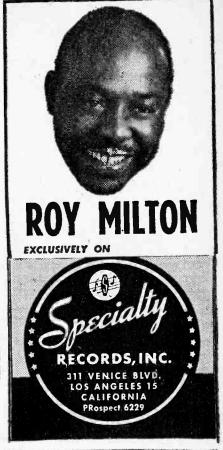
**From Headaches To Heartaches** 

(Continued from page 15) ing at least \$1,500 guarantee plus percentage.

But the more interesting question concerns brand of music offered by Weems and how it fits into any possible trend. *Heartaches*, trade points out, was an illegitimate rumba highlighted by Elmo Tanner's whistling. The kids think it's a new kind of rhythm. Probability is they'll want more.

But Weems's crew currently is much departed from his old band even the whistler Tanner rejoined even tho whistler Tanner rejoined the crew this week after an abortive attempt at fronting for himself. It's a cinch that Weems will plug his Heartaches arrangement wherever he plays, but will he be able to follow up with new tunes in similar "old-new" with new tunes in similar "old-new" vein? One song hit has launched many an artist and band on come-back trail and Weems may be on that path himself. If he goes all the way and starts a new rhythm trend, other orksters as well as Weems may go crazy trying to duplicate the *Heart*aches song style.

Whatever happens, however, Weems's main trouble now seems to be that he can make nothing but money, with Victor and Decca both set to push his wax wars and MGM in the offing as a third outlet.

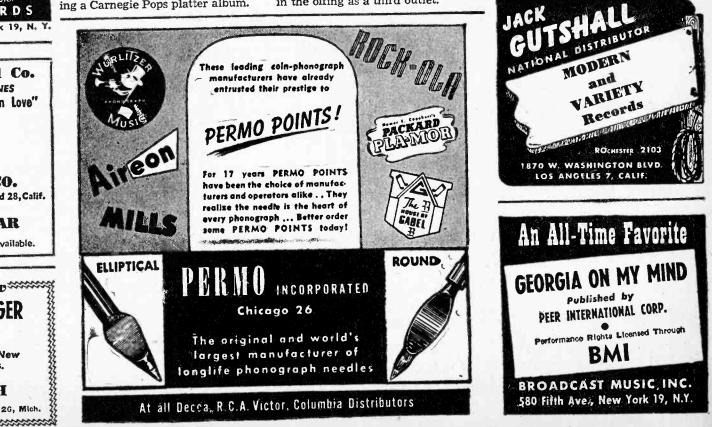


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TROMBONES: Joe Gutierrez, Jack rick-ering. SAXES: Ralph Brady, Joe Miller, Roger Haller, Jack Baker. VIOLINS: Charles Harris, Gene Monari, Henry Jaworski. RHYTHM: Rene Touzet and Marco Rizo, planos; Charles Navarro, guitar; Nick Esca-lante, bass; Ernesto Marrero, drums; Pepin Betancourt and Ralph Felices, bongos. VOCALISTS: Dulcina, Betty Perry, Desi Arnaz.

Arnaz. ARRANGERS: Lloyd Akridge, Jack Picker-ing, Rene Touzet, Marco Rizo, Don Swan.

Desi Arnaz's Latin tunesters con-

tinue to show healthy progress. Col-orful crew is gradually working into a well-blended south-of-the-border org which bids fair to reach the top rungs of the Latin ladder before long. Arnaz has built the band on top-Armaz has built the band on top-drawer showmanship, arrangements which accent a powerful rhythm sec-tion, and a book with plenty of vari-ety, all adding up to a near-perfect welding of the best in Latin tunes and a denorus spriphling of mere welding of the best in Latin tunes and a generous sprinkling of pops and standards.

For its punch and zip, it's the seven-man rhythm section which gets the nod, especially the duo piano work of Rene Touzet and Marco Rizo. work of Rene Touzet and Marco Rizo. Free of the usual marimbas which trademark most Latin crews, ar-rangements give the twin 88's a chance to set the beat and sustain rhythm. Whether ivory pilots are flying solo on a Latin standard such as Malaguena or backing up the ork with a rocking heat they are much with a rocking beat, they are much in evidence thruout sessions.

As in most Latin crews, arrange-ments call for ensemble work, altho trumpetman Bobby Jones (ex-Glen

## **Lombard Rejoins** William Morris

NEW YORK, March 22.—Pat Lom-bard returned to the William Morris Agency's Chicago office this week as supervisor of band activities. Lombard resigned from WM about the first of the year to go into personal management game. With his return, Bob Ehlert will continue to handle one-nighter Chi affairs for the agency.

In New York, WM took on former orkster Barry Winton in a hotel-booking capacity. Winton, who has played hotels for past 12 years with society ork, was hired on basis of his experience with location jobs.

Gray) or skinman Ernesto Marrero get in solo licks from time to time. For balance, there is the muted brass, a well-integrated reed section, and three strings. Strings, however, could be more effective with better mike placement.

Arnaz himself is one of the hardest working fronters to be seen. Boyish leader carries the lion's share of vocal leader carries the lion's share of vocal chores—and well, proving he can handle torrid Latin tunes or Ameri-can ballads with equal aplomb. Whether it's a sprightly Latin rhythm number or a fem-pleasing version of *The Things We Did Last Summer*, Arnaz sells well. His vocal quality and confidence have shown marked and confidence have shown marked improvement since he first took on fronting chores of the new ork.

Sharing vocals with Arnaz are Dulcina and Betty Perry. Lush-look Dulcina handles Latin rhythms, sing-ing with her hips as well as vocal chords. Crowd goes for her rhythmic gyrations as much as vocal inter-pretations—and both are better than good. Perry lass does pops and bal-lads. Altho thrush's voice is good,

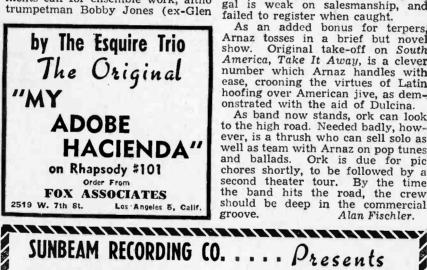
lads. Altho thrush's voice is good, gal is weak on salesmanship, and failed to register when caught. As an added bonus for terpers, Arnaz tosses in a brief but novel show. Original take-off on South America, Take It Away, is a clever number which Arnaz handles with ease, crooning the virtues of Latin hoofing over American jive, as dem-onstrated with the aid of Dulcina. As band now stands, ork can look to the high road. Needed badly, how-ever, is a thrush who can sell solo as well as team with Arnaz on pop tunes and ballads. Ork is due for pic and ballads. Ork is due for pic chores shortly, to be followed by a second theater tour. By the time the band hits the road, the crew should be deep in the commercial groove. Alan Fischler.











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PANAMA CITY, March 22 .- Cur- New York: showbiz picture here is none too exciting: so-so shows and meager attendance, high prices and little choice.

Hike in tabs is helping keep crowds out of Hotel International's Coral Room. Show, a six-act bill headed by canary Marcia Dale, is no lure either. Only acts on this bill which click are the Flying Quinlands, either. Only acts on this bill which click are the Flying Quinlands, roller skaters, and the Wayne Marlin Trio. Miss Dale's longhair ditties don't pull hands, nor does the bary support of Charles Sheldon, late of Miami's Clover Club. Jeanne Bantle does passable terps, but her taps are poor. The Boots McKenna line doesn't measure up to standard of predecessors. Routines are sloppy. Shows play twice nightly seven times a week at this spot. a week at this spot.

The Happyland Cabaret, one of Panama's oldest spots, where Coca-Cola is peddled in shot glasses at \$1 (U. S.) per shot, is highlighting Rosita Royce and Her Doves. She does three shows daily and is said to be pulling down \$1,000 per week. Figure, however, is actually nearer \$500, but it's still good money here. She does take-offs on top burly strippers, none of whom is known around these parts. She is should it these parts. She is skedded to run for another six weeks, with renewal option. Rest of show is made up of Cuban and Puerto Rican singers, rumba dancers and Oscar Moreno, a fabulous Cuban.

## **Price War Menaces Atlantic City Clubs**

ATLANTIC CITY, March 22.— With Atlantic City on the eve of what may be its biggest spring and summer, a price war has begun that threatens to exceed any this resort has ever witnessed.

The average night club has been charging from 75 cents to \$1.25 for mixed drinks. Spots like the Paddock International, Club Harlem and Clicquot Club have had a steady policy of prices ranging up from 90 cents. But now the Harbor Bar, one of the first-line taverns, has slashed the scale 50 to 75 per cent. The ar-

the scale 50 to 75 per cent. The ar-rangement has worried other club owners, who figured on a killing from the visiting trade. Whisky at the Harbor that sold for 65 cents is now 40 cents; the glass size is increased from seven-eighths to one ounce. Bottled beer, ounce 50 cents, is now 35. Rum, 65 cents now is 25

Cents, now is 35. It won't be surprising if other clubs reluctantly fall into line.

### **Steel Pier Gets Haymes**

NEW YORK, March 22. — Dick Haymes will head a package at Steel Pier, Atlantic City, June 29. The date will be for eight days. The show will include Helen Forrest and three acts yet to be chosen. This will be Haymes's first Steel Pier job.

## MEMD: BERT MANN Piano & Song Stylist STILL KILLIN' 'EM PADDOCK CLUB CALUMET CITY EXCLUSIVE MANAGEMENT

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Howell and Bowser added to Cafe Zanzibar show. . . Aurora Roche, flamenco dancer in New Havana-Madrid show which bowed March 6, missed several subsequent perform-ances after injuring a wrist in a fall during the second performance opening night. . . Robert Q. Lewis, WHN disk jock, is getting up a nitery act.

Lee Bartell started at the Chez Lee Bartell started at the Chez Ami, Boston, March 10. . . John Cal-vert show bowed at Last Frontier Ho-tel, Las Vegas, Nev., March 14 for two weeks. . . Elmer Kent renewed at the 44 Club, Newark. . . Frank Sorell started at the Treat, Newark, N. J., March 11. . . . Jimmy Downs Trio started March 18 at the Bay-view Club, Bayonne, N. J., for four view Club, Bayonne, N. J., for four weeks. . . Leon and Joe held over thru April 8 at Miami Club, Staten Island, N. Y. . . Earl Palmer cur-rent at the Cove, Philadelphia.

Alan Carney signed for Golden Gate, San Francisco, March 19. . . . Toy and Wing into the Latin Casino, Philadelphia, April 9. . . . Paul Gray started at the Chanticleer, Baltimore, March 13.

Jim Witteried is looking for U.S. gal dancers for European club work and has already lined up an engage-ment at the Sporting Club, Monte Carlo. . . Bea Abbot new at the Mermaid Room of the Park Central Hotel.

### Chicago:

Rozelle Gayle leaves the Tailspin after two years to open at the Sky Club, Elmwood Park, Ill., May 5.... Dolores Albin, of the Albins, zany ballroom team, is convalescing from ballroom team, is convalescing from a recent appendectomy and expects to resume work in six weeks. . . . Dick Gordon doing a concert tour thru Cuba and the Indies for a month. . . Steve and Dorothy Ma-thews held over indefinitely at the Mayflower Hotel, Akron. . . Winners of WBBM's Star Quest, radio search for Negro vocal talent, will receive a week's engagement at the Oriental starting March 27. . . . Step Wharton starting March 27.... Step Wharton drew an indefinite holdover after the first week at Augie's, Minneapolis. ... Roy Newman and his dog, Lucky, got a three-page spread in the cur-rent issue of Life.

### St. Louis:

Gypsy Rose Lee headed show that came into 400 Club on March 7 for two weeks, with Jimmy Ray and two weeks, with Jimmy Ray and Morrey Brennan and his orchestra. ...Stewart Trio in Piccacilly of Mel-bourne Hotel, featuring Betty Stewart on vibes....Kay Noland and her or-gan being featured at Missouri Hotel in Jefferson City....Sid Tomack opened March 6 in Zodiac Lounge for an indefinite stay. an indefinite stay.

John Boles coming to Crystal Terrace of Park Plaza Hotel, also Dwight Fiske and Evelyn Knight.... Armstrong and Eldridge now at Merry-Go-Round Bar for indefinite run. . . . Hollywood

### **Morales Into Madrid** At 3G and Percentage

NEW YORK, March 22.—Noro Morales goes into the Havana-Ma-drid Thursday (27) on a fancy deal calling for a \$3,000 guarantee, plus a 40 per cent split if gross gets above \$15,000. Morales also will work the Sunday rumba matinees, for which he will get a straight 40 per cent. Latter figure is a separate deal and is not included in the weekly figure. Latin band, managed by Milt Deutsch, will not cut the shows. That will be done by Saccasas, current will be done by Saccasas, current in the room. New show headed by Carlos Ramirez tees off April 3.

Midgets inked in at Top o' th' Town Club.

Johnnie Knapp's option has been extended four weeks at Continental Room. Hotel Jefferson, making this the longest period for a warbler to

appear at this spot. Hollywood Midgets inked in at Top o' the Town Club. . . Charlie V. Wells has opened a booking agency. . . . Mary Hulbert now singing with Buddy Kay and his ork.

### Milwaukee:

Frank Ricchio Trio going into Jimmy Fazio's Towne Room, replac-ing the Jose Mayol Trio which went into Lakota's, March 18. . . . Chubby Johnson and His Melodairs at the La Solnson and His Melodal's at the La Salle Hotel Circle Lounge for an indefinite stay. . . . Margo Sherstad, relief pianist in the Wisconsin Hotel's Circus Room, alternating with Oscar Jepson's ork. . . . Ted Meisenheimer Trio reopen entertainment at the Red Boom Par in the Plackinton Anada Room Bar in the Plankinton Arcade.

Room Bar in the Plankinton Arcade. Ronald Kroll and His Quartet into the Schroeder Hotel cocktail bar for four weeks following the Merrill Surges Quartet. . . John Kirby to open April 7 at the Continental Club. . . . The Norman Ebron Trio will return in early April to Denny Hol-land's Town House. Stayed three years last time. They replace Ruth Howard, pianist, and Edward Drake, bass man. . . Opalita and Garcia held over at the Wisconsin Hotel's Blackamoor Room.

### West Coast:

Trenier Twins going into Club Moderne, Long Beach. . . Ditto Bobby True Trio, who open at Bozo's Club, Oakland. . . Juvelys, held over at Biltmore Bowl, Los An-geles, moved to Las Vegas' El Rancho Vegas middle of month.

Songstress Reta Ray to Players' Club, Las Vegas. . . . Bill Brown quit

William Morris Agency. Bobby Breen going to Havana for 10 days at Campoamer Theater. . . . Al White hired as dance director for Pittsburgh Civic Opera Company for a 13-week season beginning in May. a 13-week season beginning in May. ... Herb Shriner going into Palmer House, Chicago, for a term deal be-ginning in April. ... Andy Russell booked for Oriental Theater, Chicago, for two weeks in July. ... Joe E. Lewis opens at Slapsy Maxie's for four weeks beginning March 31.

Eddie Bartell bows at Nevada Biltmore (Las Vegas) with Marlyn Hare. . . Jane Harvey opens with Abbott and Costello show at Las Vegas' newest swankery, Flamingo. . . Ed Carey and His Mad Hatters move to the Grid Club, Boise, Idaho. . . . Clark Brothers close at Slapsy Maxie's, went to Earle Theater, Philadelphia (21). . . King Cole Trio, in Lincoln Theater (20). Will re-turn to Billingsley's Bocage (Holly-wood) May 27. . . Hollywood Four Blazes held over at Avodon (Los Angeles) for four weeks.

## **Two Maxies Jab Into** Vanity Fair April 11

NEW YORK, March 22.—Vanity Fair will have Maxie Rosenbloom and Max Baer, together with Allan Jones, heading its new show April 11. The price was not divulged, but the two Maxies usually get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a week and Jones's price is only \$2,000 to \$3,000. The deal was set by Tom Kettering and Bill Fredericks. Rosenbloom and Baer were origi-

Bill Fredericks. Rosenbloom and Baer were origi-nally set for the 400 Club, St. Louis, April 5-11, but when the Vanity Fair date came up, there was a lot of phoning that finally resulted in the St. Louis date being switched to March 31-April 9.

## **3 Jersey Spots** Try Amateur Night Magnet---Readymade

NEW YORK, March 22.—Three New Jersey niteries, Panda and Nev's, Newark, and Babe's, Nutley, are swinging to an old gimmick to hypo biz. It's "amateur night," only this time the stunt is being promoted on a mass-production scale by an outfit tagging itself Headline Variety Entertainers, headed by Bill Haug.

For \$40 to \$60, depending on size of spot, neighborhood, etc., Haug ar-ranges a deal with the op whereby his outfit will run weekly amateur shows which he calls "talent quests." There's only one prize. The winner, chosen by audience mitts, gets a paid week-end job at the spot. Top ama-teurs, probably repeats, get a full week.

Haug has a list of some 1,200 amateurs who follow the circuit of spots using the shows. During any of the shows he will also present simon-pures who want to get on the bill. The contests run in three-month

series.

## **Brett Preps Icers For Sheraton Hotels**

NEW YORK, March 22 .-- John Brett, co-star and producer of *Ice* Pictorials at the Iridium Room of the St. Regis Hotel, is prepping several ice shows to play the Sheraton Hotel chain.

First unit, featuring Bobby Blake, will go into rehearsal May 1 and open about May 28 at the Copley-Plaza, Boston. Subsequent dates are the Belvedere, Baltimore, and the Providence-Biltmore, Providence, R. I. The Copley-Plaza and Belvedere have their own tanks. Other bactal have their own tanks. Other hostelries in the chain will use Brett's portable tank on a rental basis. The forthcoming show also will

have Marie Purviance, Alice Rock-land, Iris Gordon, Sylvia Harris and Tommy Osborne. Brett will manage the icers for the

chain.



AGENTS' ACT-RAIDING SPREE

# **Exclusives By-Passed** in **Grab** for Biz

### ARA-AGVA May Step In

NEW YORK, March 22.—A major beef is developing out of the cur-rent business fall-off that may in-volve the Artists Representative As-sociation (ARA) and the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA). In the ordinary course of business, acts signed hy one agent are seldom

acts signed by one agent are seldom submitted by other agents, tho the practice is by no means unknown. But in recent months reps have taken But in recent months reps have taken to submitting almost anybody's acts and, where they got an offer, by-passing the exclusive agent and con-tracting the act direct. According to AGVA rules, the ex-clusive agent is entitled to full com-mission, no matter how many agents are in on the deal. It is common

are in on the deal. It is common practice, however, for an agent to split his 10 per cent if a competitor did the ground work. Now, however, the outside percenters, having a tough time, are trying their best to cut out the exclusive agent and keep the full 10 for themselves.

to cut out the exclusive agent and keep the full 10 for themselves. The exclusive agents, doing a burn, and being hit where it hurts, are muttering to themselves that some-thing has to be done about keeping the chiselers out. The other agents claim that if an act comes in and asks for a job, and denies being signed to anybody else, they see no reason why they can't book the act and collect full commission. If they split their commissions in the past, it was because they discovered that acts were not free agents, and be-sides, they argue, "if an act lies, why should I hold the bag." ARA has on file all the acts signed to its members and, theoretically, agent-members consult with ARA before representing any act. In prac-tice, only few agents bother to do it. And in these days, when making a buck is getting harder and harder, the lads do business with anybody so long as they get a cut. Bank and file agents are begin-

the lads do business with anybody so long as they get a cut. Rank and file agents are begin-ning to growl and are threatening to start proceedings before ARA and AGVA against what they call "un-ethical" practices. ARA's position in this matter is quite clear; all exclusive and limited authorizations are supposed to be filed with it immediately. These are checked against ARA records and if act is signed to somebody else, the agent filing authorization is notified. If agent by-passes this procedure he's If agent by-passes this procedure he's not entitled to any commission. Un-Unnot entitled to any commission. Un-fortunately, acts seeking work know nothing about these rules, and in order to get jobs will promise any-thing. That, according to industry reps, is where the finagling comes in. Both ARA and AGVA say their hands are tied if acts and agents make deals outside its rules. They can however proceed against vio-

can, however, proceed against vio-lators when the question of who pays who and how much, comes up.

### **New Bridgeport Room**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 22.-The New Grande Room at Lenny's Wagon Wheel, has opened with Jim-my Palmer's ork. Policy will be name bands several nights a week.

# In the Spring, Stem Ops' Fancy Turns to Thoughts of --- Gloom

### (Continued from page 3)

and more, and some of the talent buying lads are crossing their fingers in the hope they'll be able to outlast the actors. That folds are in the air is common gossip. Every club in town is pointing a finger at the next guy while trying to hold on until biz picks up.

### Miranda Stem-Bound

In the past few years, spring was a time when clubs would make at least token gestures with new shows, lavish productions and drum-beating lavish productions and drum-beating campaigns. This year the boys don't know what to do. For example, Monte Proser is bringing in Car-men Miranda; Lou Walters will use Sophie Tucker. The rest of the cafes are standing pat or shopping around for names. The Carnival is holding up okay with Olsan and Johnson up okay with Olsen and Johnson. The Rio Cabana (ex-La Conga) is trying with Billie Vine. The Green-wich Village Inn brought in Sally

wich Village Inn brought in Sally Rand. The Vanity Fair was willing to go up to \$10,000 (maybe more) for sock attraction, but with its no-minimum policy it will bring in Rosenbloom and Baer and Allan Jones. Other top clubs are also willing to put it on the line for names. However, names are still too few, and too many cafes want them, so the picture remains one of trying but few, if any, succeeding. Summer Closings

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Summer Closings There is a possibility that at least a few of the major niteries will "close" for the summer, for "renova-tion and additions." Actually, if they do, they will reopen with new money and new ops. Right now there are at least two clubs looking for buyers. Potential money is in-terested, but not at the asking price.

# **Liebow Plans Nitery** And a Govt.-Opped Casino in Panama Casino in Panama

PANAMA CITY, March 22.—Wil-liam Liebow, owner of the Interna-tional Hotel here, and prexy of the Hotels International, Inc., (the Rob-ert Clay, in Miami, and the Interna-tional, Park Central, Beach Cabana Club and International Americante Club and International Apartments, all in Miami Beach) is opening a nitery in Colon and will supervise a gambling casino operated by the government in his hotel here. The club is to be called Ciro's and

The club is to be called Ciro's and will cost an estimated \$75,000 to ren-ovate and air-condition. Premises was originally occupied by the Silver Spray Club. Ciro's will also have gambling, with government okay. Boots McKenna, who handled show girl and act booking for Liebow's two sources in the Corol Boom of the two revues in the Coral Room of the Hotel International, will handle the Ciro shows, which will run for 10 weeks, five at the Coral Room and the other five at Ciro's.

the other live at Ciro's. The government-run Casino will feature roulette, vingtet-un, dice ta-bles and air-conditioned poker rooms, bird cages and the "big six" money wheel. Admission will be by membership card in hopes of limiting trade to higher income brackets. No trade to higher income brackets. No gambling machines are contemplated. There will be matinees for women only.

Summer shutterings are not new. In the pre-war years, many of the clubs darkened. On the East Side, shut-terings were practically unanimous, followed by fanfare openings in the fall. Since the war and its lush biz, seasonal closings have been dropped.

Many clubs which remained open last summer did so to cover the room rent. One op points out that to make \$6,000 to cover the landlord's bite, a club may go into the hole for \$60,000 this summer.

Yes, sir! Spring may make the sap rise and bring the leaves out on the trees. But this spring just makes the ops gorge rise, and as for leaves they're something the ops are thinking of to hide under.

## Pa. Bill Would Shut Bars at 12, But Let **Niteries Run Until 3**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 22.— Legislation to create a classification of "night club" liquor licenses in Pennsylvania and permit their hold-ers to remain open until 3 a.m., while taverns would have to close at mid-night, has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives. Night clubs are defined by the proposed act as spots capable of ac-commodating 150 and employing a minimum of four musicians or other-wise providing entertainment. At present all niteries are licensed as restaurants and observe the liquor sale hours of 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Fees are from \$150 to \$600, based on popula-tion of the municipality. The new bill would set nitery license fees on a scale of \$1,000 to \$1,500; taverns would be upped \$300 to \$800 and so-cial and fraternal clubs, now paying cial and fraternal clubs, now paying \$50, would be socked \$500 for their

## **4-Week Runs for U.S.Acts in Mexico**

HOLLYWOOD, March 22.-For the HOLLYWOOD, March 22.—For the first time American acts will be guaranteed four-week runs (with a three-week option) in top Mexican motion pic houses, thus making the south-of-the-border junkets pay off. Exclusive deal was set this week by Ramon Reachi and Jerry Johnson, of Hollywood's Pan American Artists' Theaters, with acts suitable for pic house presentations a la old Grau-man's Chinese Theater "prologue" formula. formula.

formula. Guarantee will include two weeks at Mexico City's Cine Maximo, to be followed by two weeks at Cine Chapultepec, also in the Mexican capital. In addition, acts will play two weeks at Guadalajara's Teatro Veriedades and one week at the Rodrigues, Monterey. According to Reachi, Mexican op-erators are eager to pay top dough

According to reach, Mexican op-erators are eager to pay top dough for name acts and have offered pic names as high as \$8,000 for a week, on a three-a-day basis. First show package is now in the works and will probably include Wiere Brothers, Bornh Minneyitch's Bascals and nos-Borah Minnevitch's Rascals, and pos-

# **AGVA Vs. Philly Court Hearing** Set for March 27

PHILADELPHIA, March Another round in the national Ameri-can Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) versus the Philly local will be fought March 27 before Judge Joseph L. Kun, who ruled against the national in the preliminary hearing.

Arthur W. A. Cowan, lawyer repre-senting the national, will ask that the case be tried by a federal court, as the results affect the union thruout the country. National AGVA also will ask for a restraining order against the Philly local to stop it from dissipating AGVA funds and will seek an application to order the local to vacate the premises it now occupies on the claim that these belong to the national office.

The Entertainment Managers' As-The Entertainment Managers' As-sociation (EMA), at a meeting Mon-day (17) unanimously voted to sup-port the national regime and were promptly haled before the local for an explanation. Ed Zwicker, presi-dent of EMA, refused to attend and was told the local would put him on the unfair list Dick Longe Philly. the unfair list. Dick Jones, Philly legal topper, also said the local will set up its own booking office for membership, if necessary.

## **NLRB May Hear** Walters-AGVA Jam

Walters-ACFVA Jam NEW YORK, March 22.—The Lou Walters-American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) tussle hasn't ended with the posting of a \$20,000 bond as security for Jane Russell's \$15,000 salary. Case may now go before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), if the facts to be presented to it by Jonas Silverstone, AGVA attorney, warrant a trial board hear-ing. AGVA charges that Walters vio-lated several NLRB rules in talking to his chorus line in an effort to get them to by-pass AGVA regulations. Meanwhile, the Latin Quarters-

Meanwhile, the Latin Quarters-Russell arbitration proceedings will start before an AGVA board, April 1.

### "Contractual Obligations" Hold Up Colosimo's Sale

CHICAGO, March 22. Sale of CHICAGO, March 22. — Sale of Colosimo's, south-end-of-the-Loop nitery, by Irv Benjamin to Mike Potson, former owner, reported in The Billboard last week, has struck a temporary and perhaps permanent snag snag.

According to Benjamin, the deal was all set for inking Monday (17) until the parties involved failed to agree on certain "contractual obli-gations." Benjamin said he would know early next week about the fu-ture, but that he was prepared to re-main as Colsimo's achief main as Colosimo's chief.

sibly Andy Russell as headliner. Altho tied down to Hollywood by radio commitments, Russell would fly down for the early part of the week and open a new circuit.

Negotiations for other top attractions are underway, Reachi said, with the following top names said to be interested in the new deal: Peggy Ryan, Donald O'Connor, Hazel Scott, Eleanor Powell, Kathryn Grayson, Carlos Ramirez and Ann Miller.

## Loew's State, New York (Thursday, March 20)

The tourists who drop into Loew's State are bound to eat up the corn in the Songwriters on Parade turn. Tossed together again are five popular Tin Pan Alley scribblers, Charlie Tobias, Abel Baer, Jimmv Kennedy, Nat Simon and Peter DeRose, with a vocal pitch by Susan Allen, ex-Sammy Kaye thrush. She, inci-dentally, is Simon's daughter. The only member of the original group which played this house about six wears ago is DeBore years ago is DeRose.

The old gimmick of the boys doing heir own familiar tunes got the extheir ing strong mitts. Tobias did okay as the act's emsee, tho his nervousness was obvious.

Gene Sheldon, working with Lo-retta Fischer, was up to par with his standard banjo and finger-sewing routines. His smooth timing helped get healthy hands, and mugging also went over big.

Middle slot was filled by Jimmy Edmondson (Professor Backwards.) His Washington routine drew mild laughs evenly spaced. Best yocks went for his blackboard stint.

As openers, the Shyrettos scored with their high bike stunts. The two men and gal work with class. They are among the best.

Harrison, Carroll and Ross, new to Stem audiences, have been to-gether about a year. Trio offered a variety of routines which included terping, piano work and harmonica, all in a comedy vein. They worked been but have been shown be hard but laughs came slowly be-cause of nervousness, probably due to the fact that this was their New York bow.

House ork chief Louis Basil emseed in his consistently capable manner. He always has something nice to say about an act after it's gone, which should make the performers feel that someone appreciated them, no mat-ter how weak the audience mitts. Pic, Dead Reckoning.

Don Marshall.

## Chicago, Chicago

(Friday Afternoon, March 14) House has a snappily-paced vaude line-up line-up to complement a potent flicker, My Favorite Blonde, and double treat may pick up lagging grosses currently afflicting Loop vauders

Lou Breese, house ork leader, tried a surprise opener that never really came off, for chirp Harriet Lorraine came off, for chirp Harriet Lorraine is long on looks but short on savvy when it comes to vocally handling pops. Blonde gal opened with a chorus of longhair, which she han-dled well, suddenly swinging into Open the Door, Richard, handled very badly. She tried twice more, with a moody and then a bouncy pop, both of which seem far away from the classical, with which she is more acquainted. Pulled spotty mitt from ogling males. ogling males. Bobby Lane and Claire, handicar

boby Lane and Clare, handcap ped by lack of wardrobe, especially shoes, for their trunks were late in arriving, scored nicely with their standard stocking-footed terping bit. standard stocking-footed terping bit. Comic Al Bernie, a newcomer lo-cally, guaranteed himself several more return trips soon, offering a brand of original carrying on as zany and mirth-quaking as a Virgil Partch cartoon. Guy, blessed with a very flexible voice that he knows how to use, had loads of original material that smacked of S. J. Pearlman, and even his old gags were cute varia-

that smacked of S. J. Pearlman, and even his old gags were cute varia-tions of the usual lines that pulled chuckles. Netted two call backs, each of which he handled capably with smart bow-off material. Danny O'Neil, a local warbler who made good, had audience with him from the start. His rep, improved plenty in past year with a Majestic Record pact and CBS series, had pew sitters at attention immediately (See Chicago, Chicago, on page 40)

# VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

## **RKO** Albee, Cincinnati (Thursday Afternoon, March 20)

Tex Beneke ork, sporting some 30 f the late Glenn Miller's sidemen, dishes up a smooth-running session as the finale before the house begins a month's hiatus from fleshers. Making up the vaude complement and lending ace support are Artie Dann, comic, and Helene and Howard, comedy ballroomers.

Sagely utilizing the Miller formula, Tex and crew display excellent solo and ensemble instrumentation work, with the reeds playing their usual dominant role. With a string section which boasts a dozen or more violins and deft use of a French horn, band rides the same sock instru-mental balance that was its forte in the Miller days. Complex arrange-ments pack musical appeal and ork comes up with full-bodied and wellrounded tones of a full-stocked symphonic combo.

With Tex leading the way, crew earned sock reception with its Moon-light Serenade and Falling Leaves openers. Vocal side is capably han-dled by the Mello Larks, three lads and gal, who successfully tonsil Uncle Remus Said and Serenade in Blue, with the latter netting them their best mitt. Get a neat assist here from Beneke with his smart sax work and ample piping.

ample piping. Gary Stevens, combo's tonsilor, grabs substantial palm praise with finished chortling of Speaking of Angels and For You, for Me, For-evermore. Meadowland, which hits the ultimate of ear-pleasing composi-tion, and Tuxedo Junction, with the carrot-topped Bobby Nichols giving the number top-drawer trumpet frills, proved the ork's standout work and graphed heavy plaudits. Beneke capgrabbed heavy plaudits. Beneke capably emsees.

Highlighting the comedy side is the long-nosed Artie Dann, who emits smart chatter and sharp delivery to win going away. Deliberate timing gives turn a semblance of slow move-ment and unimpressiveness, but he builds it to a sock finish with his staccato nifty of audience reactions to comics. Garnered show's top hand and had to beg off.

Also setting up a strong laugh-meter score were Helene and How-ard, boy and girl ballroomers, with their combined straight and comedy their combined straight and comedy lifts and spins. Gal literally tosses her male mate all over the place with some inspired ju jitsu work. Turn is enhanced by duo's suave appearance. Their jitterbug blow-off, with the lad working in outland-ish jive suit went well ish jive suit, went well.

Pic, The Devil Thumbs a Ride. Bob Doepker. Biz, fair.

## Music Hall, New York (Thursday, March 30)

The Easter show packs a hefty commercial wallop, based principally on the Leon Leondoff production. Taking spring as its motif, it tees off with its traditional Easter church scene complete with lily-covered al-tar. acolytes and icons. To break it tar, acolytes and icons. To break it up and get to the next scene, the house throws in a newsreel, then follows with a ballet number with dancers made up like flowers. Fold-ing and unfolding of "petals" made ing and unfolding of "petals" made up of the girls' costumes was spec-tacular and pulled hefty returns. Sparing use of black lights height-ened the effect. Next came another spring scene, a baseball team work-ing out and making with the voices. Glenn Burris, tenor, did acceptably in fronting the group as it went thru some oldies for good receptions.

Arnaut Brothers fit the show beautifully. Their standard routines got giggles which grew into man-sized yocks as they went into their bird

## **Oriental**, Chicago (Thursday Afternoon, March 20)

Equal parts of solid novelty, comedy and music go to make the current variety revue here a top-rate attraction. Opening Whirlwinds (two gals and two boys) have rough going the first two minutes getting the audience into the mood after the flicker, The Red House, but three of their skate thrillers warm payees up to the stage bill. Quartet works at top speed even on the hardest tricks, saving their two-man harness with gals swinging from chokers for the closer and a good mitt.

Elsa and Waldo, recent imports from South America, proved show-stoppers in their first stint locally, exhibiting a brand of subtle panto and eccentric terping that caught on immediately. Gal, in hokey ballerina garb, came on solo and immediately pulled yocks with her facial grimaces, after which the man, who looks like an elongated Charlie Chaplin in need of a haircut, comes on to show off the rubberiest pins since Leon Errol. Works eight minutes of dancing that's worthy of any legit musical, filmusical or video.

Tho he broke out plenty of new material at his Rio Cabana opening here two months ago, shouted re-quests forced comic Jerry Lester to revert to his standard Africa and Old Man River bits. Stint, tho basically old, is still top entertainment, for Lester refurbishes his stuff with plenty of new asides. Worked out a pertinent two-minute Chi intro that brought yocks immediately and kept the belly-quakes continuous.

Jan August and his trio got an ova-tion after the first three bars of his theme, played as pit was elevated to stage level. Working in front of a keyboard scrim, the foursome, sparked by the fronter's pulsating fingering, ran thru six numbers, each showing a different August touch. August could enrich his own pres-entation, for it's just straight pianis-tics here. Only hint of song-peddling was an occasional quick smile he shot the payees. Despite a lack of stage savvy, the descending curtain at the end of six numbers brought a disappointed moan and heavy mitt.

Ray Lang's ork, cut down recently to nine men, could use an additional sax, for three reeds are not heard over four brass. Wise expenditure would be some new coats to replace the vintage 1890 Ringlings the sidemen are wearing. Johnny Sippel.

number. The two finished to tremendous applause.

The Easter parade number has a different twist this year. It opens with a street scene in the mauve decade outside of Niblo's Gardens, using tandem bikes and gas buggy props. The scene fades out and segues into a modern set with steam curtain spouting for cloud effects. curtain spouting for cloud effects. The Bruno Maine settings in this are highly imaginative, moving from a tandem to a helicopter in the "clouds." It brought enthuasistic hands.

The finale has a Sikorsky S-52 blicopter on the stage, in its "first helicopter on the stage, in its "first public showing." The scene is Wash-ington, with cherry trees in blossom. The Rockettes went thru their centi-pede hoofery, getting the customary high bands big hands.

Lucille Cummings, soprano, and Glenn Burris carried the vocal chores in the finale with good results.

The Acromaniacs, billed to appear in the Easter parade number, didn't show. One of the lads had broken an arm.

Pic, The Late George Apley. Bill Smith.

## **Paramount**, New York (Wednesday, March 19)

**NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE** 

The new show has pacing and enough entertainment value to please. Top billing goes to Jimmy Dorsey's ork, but the best job on opening day was done by Louis Jordan. The Dorsey band played a lot of music, looked and sounded good, yet Dorsey, even tho he's a top reed man, is not a showman. The ork's biggest tune was Holiday for Strings, with arrangement for the sax section. The result was okay, but the tune has been kicked around so much that it doesn't mean much any more. The best performance was in the glissando effect it got when it took a couple of bars in backing Dee Parker and Bob Carroll as they did Quien Sabe, Who Knows, Who Cares. The arrangement, calling for flute, clary and sax, got hands.

clary and sax, got hands. Singer Bob Carroll, a big hunk of man, didn't do too well. His two numbers were adequate, but that was about all. He seemed to be un-der a strain and his pipes were choked up. If he opened up he might do better. In only one number was he impressive. That was in the duet with Dee Parker on the Quien Sabe tune. tune.

Dee Parker still looked as good as she was a year ago when caught at the Capitol. Her three tunes, Rainy Night in Rio, Anniversary Song and Quien Sabe, showed good phras-ing. Her best selling was in the last two two.

The ork's drum number, with kid beater Karl Kiffe on top, managed to get a lot of excitement and pulled some good applause.

some good applause. Louis Jordan and his five guys, dressed like rainbows, wowed them from the walk-on to the walk-off. Jordan's patter singing of Open the Door, Richard and Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens and his Advice number rang the bell with resound-ing results. That lad Jordan is a real showman today. He was right on the beam with his pop-eyed mug-ging, bits of biz and splintered voice. If the guy didn't close the show, he'd probably stop it cold. Pat Henning used his standard

Pat Henning used his standard material of quickie satirical take-offs for big yocks. His milking routine was as effective as ever. He has taken that old gag about what will I do with these crackers, and worked it up into a funny three-minute routine. It paid off with a great exit mitt.

Lynn Shirley, acro-dancer, seemed to have a difficult time on the small stage. Her tricks were okay, but much too deliberate. There was no snap or ginger. What applause she got came from her cute appearance. Pic, My Favorite Brunette.

Bill Smith.



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# NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

**New Orleans** (Wednesday, March 19)

Blue Room, Roosevelt Hotel,

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Talent Policy: Floorshows at 7:30 and 12:30. Operators, The Roosevelt Hotel, Seymour Weiss, president; publicity, Al Bourgeois. Prices: \$1.50-\$2.50 minimums.

The new show with Victor Lombardo and four acts is well balanced and successful, but only last two acts have much sock, judging from re-sponse of the payees. These are Gali Gali and Nip Nelson. Both had to beg off.

to beg off. Things got off to a gloomy start. Singers Mark Carter and Nancy Kelly were hard to hear, which seems to be the case with all ork singers since remodeling of the room. Carter's Old Lamplighter was best, but the attention the pair got didn't add up to much. Carlos and Linda add up to much. Carlos and Linda danced with a lot of energy (perhaps danced with a lot of energy (perhaps too much hip-wiggling) and took fair mitts while doing their stuff but not much at the end. Both showed fine control in a version of Begin the Beguine and a rumba, The Hard Way, with Carlos belancing a glass of with Carlos balancing a glass of water on his head. Jitterbug burlesque was much too weak as an encore number.

Paddy Cliff gave with lots of Irish Paddy Chiff gave with lots of Irish singing and did classics and semis straight and swing, such as One Alone and Martha. His almost com-plete reliance on this old stuff still seems okay with the customers and he was called back for more and more. Cliff was having some trouble with the high notes, and his clown-ing in such a romatic number . ing in such a romantic number as Begin the Beguine was not appreciated.

Gali Gali gave another smooth. almost unbelieving performance with chicks, five-spots, etc. His reliance on the customers helps keep them on seats' edge. His bye-bye encore

on seats' edge. His bye-bye encore with the audience using its own nap-kins has not grown old down here. Nip Nelson had to impersonate practically everyone before his act was over. Easily the hit of the show, Nelson (who here o notweed charge Nelson, who has a natural charm to his routine, imitated trumpet players as well as personalities. He steered away from some of the over-He done tricks in mimicking and added satire to make the act click.

Victor Lombardo is evidently a better ork leader and arranger than emsee, for he makes no pretext of doing anything but introduce the acts, and doesn't seem at ease. But his sophisticated tunes and rumbas were strictly for dancing. Dick Hartshorn.

## Latin Quarter, Newport, Ky.

(Friday, March 21) Talent

"alent Policy: Dancing from 7:30. Floor-ws at 9, 12 and 3. Owner, Tommy Calla-t; manager, George Gebhardt; maitre d', nmy Clare; publicity, Don Heck. Prices: 50 minimum. \$1.50

A shaping up of Mischa Auer's turn is all that's needed to make the new package palatable fare. Erstwhile film filbert retains all the haughty, contemptuous airs dominant in his screen characterizations, which blends well with his varied trumped up comedy gimmicks. With solid support from a stooge, Lord, and Alsupport from a stooge, Lord, and Al-legra, hefty gal soprano, trio man-ages numerous yocks with its *Rigo-letto* offering. Gal gives out with lusty piping, while Lord and Auer insert their zany bits, complete with fright-wigs, hats and magic didoes. Comic's topper is a piano concerto humorously worked out, using two grapefruits and a lime for the key-board pecking. Should do more of it. His running monolog anent his film. His running monolog anent his film, voice and sundry capabilities as an opener slows proceedings and brings only titters. Gal member garnered good mitts with her lusty All in Favor, Say I.

Opening are the Betty Jenkins Dancers (6), who add flash with their looks and slick costuming. Absent is the stiff execution and opening-night jitters displayed at their bow-in two weeks ago.

Retaining the speedy pace are the Winter Sisters (3), who work like mad getting their dynamic acro dance work across to the delight of payees. Turn embraces numerous flips, pin-wheels, two-high back bends and full and half gainers. A twisting one and a half somersault proves a thriller finish. Healthy palming all the way.

Three Harmonicas, good looking male trio, impress easily with their tricky mouth-organ work. Musicianship savvy is wide and a specialized version of Dance of the Hours proves an outstanding click. They satisfied by applying delicate gradations 'to scores which run the gamut from scores which run the gamut f Blue Skies to Rimsky-Korsakoff. from

Sammy Leeds ork still cuts the snow and dance sessions in good fashion, with the maestro also doing an okay emsee job. Charley Hudson continues as the bar fave and lull organ pounder. organ pounder.



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#### **Embassy**, New York (Tuesday, March 18)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 9 and 12:30. perator, Morris Schwartz; publicity, Milton publn. Prices: \$3.50-\$4.50 minimum. Operat Rubin.

Charles Trenet is still a wonderful Charles Trenet is still a wonderful performer—when he wants to be. But he's not the same draw this time around, as evidenced by the bare tables on opening night. After a terrific intro which described Trenet as an "author, poet, painter who has traveler thousands of miles to enter-tain you," the cherub-faced blondish Frenchman walked on. His casual tain you," the cherub-faced blondisn Frenchman walked on. His casual style, easy delivery and delicate phrasing made him a singer hard to resist. Stuff was particularly impres-sive in the latter half of his routine, when he really began to work when he really began to work.

Trenet starts practically all his songs the same way. Verse is in mood tempo, the chorus is in jump beat and the finish in each case is beat and the linish in each cube the big with plenty of musical assistance. Gestures, and bits of biz thruout, are aimed at one thing—to please out front. And to say that Trenet suc-ceeds would be understating the case. There is no doubt he's a showman and a performer. It is also apparent —less happily—that his French ad libs are condescending and uncom-fortable. His crack, "the next one libs are condescending and uncom-fortable. His crack, "the next one will be for the piano player, to wake him up," was in bad taste, particu-larly when Jose Mellis (piano player) was doing a good job. Another glar-ing fault was Trenet's using a piece of paper, which he kept taking out of his pocket to remind him of his routine but disregarding all his faults, the guy is a top performer, a fine singer, with a remarkable floor perwith a remarkable floor persinger sonality.

Jose Mellis opens the show with a Jose Mellis opens the show with a couple of piano solos. He can play. He has the skill and the technique. What he lacks is showmanship. That should come with better material and better presentation. Mellis' band should come with better in Mellis' band better presentation. Mellis' band backed Trenet with consummate skill. Bill Smith.

## Joaquin Garay's Copacabana, San Francisco (Tuesday, March 4)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 9 and 12. Owner, Joaquin Garay; manager, Henry Torres; publicity, Jerry Ray. Prices: Din-ners from \$3.25. No cover, no minimum.

Like most of the other top spots here, the Copa has retained its enter-tainment bill. Considering show is a low-budget affair, it is neatly ar-ranged and well produced by Jean Devlyn. Current fare has Sheila Rogers, comic; Jean Aloise, tapper; Buddy and Candyce King, dancers; Dacquin Concest the Core line Joaquin Garay, emsee; the Copa line (7), and Jack Fisher's ork.

Opens with Black Moonlight number, the girls doing a good routine with Georgine Le Moyne on the vocals plus a torrid solo spot. The with Georgine Le Moyne on the vocals plus a torrid solo spot. The dancing Kings, on next, show much promise. Have plenty of ease and poise, work effortlessly and with pol-ich. Scored a decided hit. Jean ish. Scored a decided hit. Jean Aloise fits in nicely with a beguine and a fast tap to Bim Bam Boom. Good mitt.

Miss Rogers opens with a take-off arrangement, but not too well. She has a good act for a small club, but falls short of headline billing in a top nitery. Garay introduces the acts nitery. Garay introduces the acts and sings. His own spot starts with fast Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah to which he has added a few of his own twists. Garay has a good voice, was par-ticularly smart in typical Mexican ditties. Also tossed in *How Did She* Look? for a solid duke. Encored with Jolson medley that earned a rousing send off.

Finale has the line, Jean Aloise and the Kings, with the girls beautifully wardrobed by Helen Nelson. Nini

Florentine Gardens, Hollywood

(Sunday, February 23)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:30 and midnight. Staged by Dave Gould. President and general manager, Frank Bruni. Publicity: Rose Joseph and David Allison. Maitre d' hotel, Jack Erdman. Prices from \$1.50.

It's the Parisienne chantoosey. Irene Bordoni, who gets the head-liner's slot in Frank Bruni's current but it's gagster Pinky revue. Lee who steals the show. Armed with a battery of fresh rib-ticklers, Lee romps off with the biggest hands and has to beg off after both the first and second shows.

One of the comic's best offerings is a yock-pulling take-off on Al Jolson, tagged The Pinky Lee Story, in which he supposedly strives to convince a pic producer that his life's story would make superior screen material. Would make superior screen material. He then proceeds to do a scene-by-scene breakdown of his life a la scenario fashion, calling for close-ups, fades, etc., which has 'em roar-ing. His other laugh-pulling routines include his Pablo the Bad Man, staged with props in which the West-ern-garbed comic emerges as the ern-garbed comic emerges as the fearless sheriff saving a lady in dis-tress. For good laugh measure Pinky gets himself involved in a dance contest with a few gals from the line to show he can match their steps, with audience applause to decide the winner. After a few routines Pinky decides to top the terp tourney by pulling a strip tease that has the ringsiders in the aisles.

Irene Bordoni still packs audienceholding flash and fire into her song stylings and whatever she may lack in voice she makes up in sales savvy. Customers can't help sensing the presence of a veteran showman. Tho (September Song, etc.), they come up fetchingly tinged in blue, thanks to her Frenchified stylings.

Adding strength to the bill is the smooth-as-silk dancing of Maarcya and Rene Gunsett. Brother and sister team are strongest in spectacular overhead twirls. Twosome's best of-fering is its *Parisian Rag Doll Dance*. Tho routine of the fem that goes limp and is tossed about by her partner is not new to ringgider, noir parform not new to ringsiders, pair perform with such grace and naturalness that it takes on a measure of freshness. Duo capably displays its versions of various Latin steps, letting patrons call out their requests. Act is well dressed.

Rounding out the song bill were the vocal offerings of Jean Nelson and emsee Bill Roberts. Miss Nel-son, a lovely lass, possesses a strong and well-trained soprano voice which could be put to better advantage in comic opera than nitery work. Rob-erts' full-bodied bary clicks with the payees, lad sticking mostly to oldies song material.

Lavishly garbed line (16) backing feature dancer Paula D'Arcy adds to the evening's entertainment with to the evening's entertainment with a series of well-executed production numbers. Most pleasing eye feeder is its *Memories* of *Vienna*, using the fresh-looking lassies in a string of graceful waltzes, with Miss Nelson and Roberts providing the song back-ground. Number builds to the Gun-sett's entry on the Blue Davaba Asett's entry on the Blue Danube. An eye filler is line's Fashions on Parade performed against a Parisian dress shop backdrop featuring gals in vari-ous stages of dress and undress as they supposedly select the latest fashions.

Roberts' emseeing is well handled. Emil Baffa ork (14) does a bang-up show and dance job. Show's origi-nal music and lyrics were scored by Dave Oppenheim and Roy Ingraham. Lee Zhito.

Arnell on the vocals. Room, 450 capacity, three quarters filled. Edward Murphy.

## Havana-Madrid, New York (Tuesday, March 11)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 8:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Operator, Angel Lopez; publicity, Ed Weiner. Prices: \$3-\$4 minimum.

New show, a low-budget affair, simply never got started. Produc-tion values were absent, even if individual acts worked hard. Big obdividual acts worked hard. Big ob-jection was the music. Almost every act does singing and the music blasts so loudly it is practically impossible to concentrate on the quality of individual performances.

Big thing here apparently is Car-lyle and His Dancing Troupe (6). Lad has given up his paint routine. Now he sticks to singing and dancing. He doesn't do either well, but has the sense to have the music cover up his chanting. The girls with him aren't much for talent or looks, but they do have some gorgeous costumes. They use sequins, feathers and voodoo outfits, each more astonishing than the

fits, each more astonishing than the other. But outside of eye-filling wardrobes, they meant little. Two comics, Bobby Byron (who also emsees) and Joe E. Ross, are strictly from burlesque. Their walk-on act bite of business and their walk-off were trade-marked right off the bat. Some of the lad's stuff, tho a rebach of familiar material was the bat. Some of the lad's stuff, tho a rehash of familiar material, was funny. Where they fell down was in their selling job. Best thing was Ross's tough guy routine. It ac-tually got yocks. Boys have some-thing, but don't know what to do with it. Might not be a bad idea to take their stuff into a rehearsal hall and their stuff into a rehearsal hall and work on it. If they keep on the way they're going they'll never mean anything.

Alzra Camargo (ex-Ciro Rimac), now doing a single, is still a punch Latin canary. Gal makes up beau-tifully and looks good on the floor. Routine consisted of the old Rimac numbers, followed by an English medley of beguine beat songs. Re-sults were okay if not unusual.

Louis Del Campo cut the show and almost blew himself and everybody else out of the house. Bill Smith.

## Club Embassy, Jacksonville, Florida

(Wednesday, March 12)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 8:30 and 12:30. Managers, Middleton & Shields. Prices: \$2-\$3 minimums.

This class spot, two blocks off the beach highway, continues its policy of semi-names by bringing in Joey Adams and Company for their Joey Adams and Company for their Jacksonville preem. Judging by the reception given them, it will not be their last showing here.

Theresa Rudolph opened with a whirlwind toe routine followed by a musi-comedy interspersed with high kicks and some acro. Encored with Merry Widow waltz and induced a male customed to participate. Gal is tops on turns and fouettes. Nice hand.

Hilda Wild comes on for a warbling stint, does Continental and a novelty tune, also an arrangement of Kerry Dancers. She encored with Love.

tune, also an arrangement of Kerry Dancers. She encored with Love. Canary has personality and a fair voice. A wiser selection of tunes might sell her better. Joey Adams, Marx Plant and Tony Canzoneri, on next, proceed to kill them for 45 minutes. Adams does a warm-up gag session, pulling a bunch of newies about Miami Beach for good returns. Adams and Can-zoneri then stage a bunch of horse-play antics that kept the audience in an uproar. Tony plays straight to perfection. perfection.

to perfection. Mark Plant shows off a good bary to advantage with Great Big Won-derful World, then a medley of The Girl That I Marry and Anniversary Girl That I Marry and Anniversary Waltz, encoring with musical comedy numbers. Customers kept yelling for more. Plant and Adams finished it with their Sonny Boy routine, which wowed them some more. Adams

## Latin Quarter, Boston (Tuesday, March 11)

Talent Policy: Floorshows at 7:45 and 11:30. Owner, Michael Redstone. Productions, Kath-ryn Duffy. Publicity, Francis Cronin. Prices: \$3 minimum.

Spot's new show, head∈d by Patsy Kelly and Barry Wood, continues to put it out front for top-caliber stanzas. Biz was solid at dinner, the show which has been taking the big pasting in Hub clubs.

Opener, a Kathryn Duffy production number with Ted Cole, local radio bary, and the line, was good. The Chan Brothers, on next, went thru acrobatic routines that drew a fair mitting, tho most of their best lifts and bends were missed by ring. lifts and bends were missed by ringsiders.

Geri Gale, doubling from Call Me Mister, did a clever boogie ballet that earned some good palm whacking, but her second number, Clair De Lune, in classic style, failed to get the hand it deserved, partly because bal-lerina danced in full light instead of setting a touch of atmosphere.

Barry Wood showed good voice and did right by I Feel a Song Com-ing On, September Song, Begin the Beguine and Girl That I Marry. But his gestures spoiled the eye effect. He used only four hand movements to point up his song to point up his songs.

to point up his songs. Apparently the customers were waiting for Patsy Kelly. Her en-trance drew a big hand and she had them with her all the way. Work-ing with Wood on I Can Do Any-thing You Do, she drew yocks with the routine of the gal nobody wants. For her encore, Woods played the clarinet and she beat the drums. She exited to a healthy palm thumping. Final production number by the

Final production number by the line, eye-appealing, was built around a Merry-Go-Round theme. The props, costumes and lighting, plus Cole's baritoning, rated a good hand, which is unusual here.

Tony Bruno and ork cut a skillful show. Barbara Pearson.

## Showboat, Milwaukee (Tuesday, March 11)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 10 and midnight. Owner and manager, Jerry Di Maggio. Prices: No cover, no minimum.

This three-act show brings out the This three-act show brings out the plush rope to hold waiting customers in line. Reasons are Frankie Sher-man, Jimmy Method and Winsome Wynette. First is a pint-sized singer, whose full-throated voice and mike presence delighted the audience. Donkey Serenade and Come Back to Sorento got a big hand that brought him back for Gianina Mia. He sang pops and classical songs with equal smoothness. Bob Prouty at the piano gave him excellent assistance. gave him excellent assistance.

gave him excellent assistance. Winsome Wynette, sinuous blond dancer, got no help from the ork. Good musical background, with primitive drum effects, are necessary to show her act to best advantage, but Jo Gumin's ork fell down on the job. Ragged timing and off beat were noticeable enough to cause au-dience comment. Girl has class and deserves better support. deserves better support.

Rapid-fire style of featured comic Jimmy Method found the crowd slow to warm up, with the sharp material going over their heads, but his short dramatic sikt with surprise comedy pay-off got solid laughs. Singing pay-off got solid laughs. Singing imitations of radio stars also went over. Fact that the ork wasn't up to snuff cramped Method's style, too. Silvia Schuster.

makes for informality by circulat-ing among the tables, ribbing cus-tomers and performers alike.

Johnny Archer ork (9) cut the show fairly well. Great on the dansipation. Mary Stevens is the band vocalist and emsee and does a nice job. W. H. Colson. nice job.

Tic Toc, Milwaukee (Monday, March 17)

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Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:30 and 12. Three shows on week-ends. Owner, Al Tusa. Operator, A. J. Weinberger. Prices: 50-cent cover.

This show is all George Givot's. Opening the program with his famous dialect patter, he slipped in many oldies but they were welcome and sly blue gags got chuckles from the ringsiders. But it was his songs that pleased the crowd. Glory Road, Without a Song and Old Man River were sung with dramatic intensity, and the audience called him back for more. He begged off after his famous I'm the Greek Ambassador.

Sonia Cortis, only other star on the bill, sold her songs well with accent on the personality stuff. Crowd liked

her. Mountaineer got biggest hand. Magic routine by the Virginia Tiff Dancers (6) was the cleverest one offered. Only flaw was poor choice of spotlights which nullified make-up of girls.

up of girls. Johnny Davis ork has improved since its reorganization and cuts show well. Gladys Schwaller does a smooth job of intermission 88-ing. Silvia Schuster.

## Club Aleda, Chicago (Thursday, March 6)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9:30 and 11:30. Owner, Al Milstein; publicity, Miller & Hixon. Prices: \$2.50 minimum.

Club Aleda is the old 5100 Club which closed more than a year ago. Club's reopening featured Benny Meroff, old-time Chi comic-ork leader.

Opening night saw a jammed house of enthusiastic customers, who beat lustily on their tables with applause sticks which the management pro-vided. Show wasn't as hep as the

vided. Show wasn't as hep as the applause indicated. Meroff has a varied repetoire, ranging from playing on the world's biggest sax (part of his old act) to delivering rapid-fire gags. Some of his gags were a little too subtle for the audience. However, he quickly countered by launching into a burly of a magic act, which brought ter-rific reaction. Some of his routine needs polish.

rinc reaction. Some of his routine needs polish. Kathleen McLaughlin, terp, dis-played a good standard act, backed by a neat set of legs and face to match. She also doubled with Meroff in his magic routine and got a healthy pounding from the crowd. Carter Sisters. eve-filling chirp

healthy pounding from the crowd. Carter Sisters, eye-filling chirp team, displayed considerable savvy, running the gamut from hillbilly to sophisticated swing. Team is a pleasing study in contrast, one blonde and tall, the other short and brunette. The Carters carry off satire best and ware rewarded with a healthy mitt

were rewarded with a healthy mitt. While good in spots, the show lacked cohesion and suffered from lack of production. A sharp pro-ducer could remedy that. Herb Bailey.

## Marine Dining Room, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago

(Tuesday, March 18)

Talent Policy: Dancing and floorshows at 9 and 11:30. Owner, William Dewey; produc-tion, Dorothy Hild; publicity, Marjorie Win-ston. Prices: \$1 cover.

Room has pared one act for this Room has pared one act for this show, but resultant two-act bill is strong enough to be a pleaser. Dor-othy Hild worked up two superior production numbers, best of which was the well-costumed opening rou-tine based on Anniversary Song. Harbers and Dale clean looking

Harbers and Dale, clean-looking Harbers and Dale, clean-looking pair of ballroom dancers, are a con-trast to the majority of slick-appear-ing terp teams working today. Their work, too, is refreshing, not only in types of lifts and whirls they do, but in the essential routines themselves. While they did commendably on all

Club LuMarba, Pittsburgh (Tuesday, March 18)

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Talent Policy: Floorshows at 9:15 and 12:15. Owners, Lou Abrams and Bill Peters; manager, John Maganotti; booker, Morry Fremont. Prices: 55 cents cover.

This room, which for months had this room, which for months had been operating at a steady loss, was given a strong shot in the arm a couple of weeks ago via a revised corporate set-up and now bids fair to be one of the top money-getters in town. Both owners have given booker town. Both owners have given booker Morry Fremont a free hand to bring in attractions that will lure the burg's heavy spenders. For this week's show, Fremont has bought three strong acts to form a well-rounded show

Bill teed off with Cocktail Cover Girls (4) in a well-executed Hun-garian number. Off to a strong mitt.

Band singer Lill Douglas followed with two well-delivered songs, Some-day and O Sole Mio. Well received. Lines came back in a trick Hawaiian routine.

Emsee Danny White took his turn here and was socko in special song and dance material. White is a pleas-ing performer and kept the show at a steady pace thruout. Was especially effective in an eccentric dance routine.

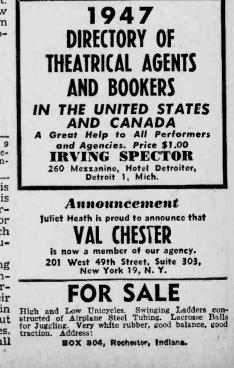
Star of the show. Sheila Barrett, Star of the show, Sheila Barrett, came out for her turn as a drunken heckler and had the usually tough audience eating out of her hand. Room is ordinarily noisy but once the gal got on, not even the clinking of glasses could be heard. Fem was sock from start to finish. Her impressions were mixed skillfully with gags and all her material was new here and original. Had to beg off after two encores.

Line closed with a strong acrobatic

Mark Lanes ork (6) did an excel-lent job on the show and played well for dancing. Eduardo's rumba band plays the lulls. Len Litman.

numbers, it was their sprightly cakewalk that really sold. Pair is espe-cially good for Chi diners, who seem to favor the less theatrical looking teams.

Three Make Believes, record-panto trio, have burnished their presentation plenty, now offering an original song to intro their work, and it makes for smoother ushering-in. They have several original platters and several being widely done, but even those heard often have been even those heard often have been strengthened with plenty of hokey props, such as horns, battered instru-ments and a wide range of baseball equipment for a Casey at Bat platter offering. Act is a standout in this category. Johnny Sippel.





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# **New York:** 4 of 6 Stem B.O.'s Beat Par: STROBLITE LUMINESCENT COLORS ROXY 92G, Cap 86, Strand 60

NEW YORK, March 22,-Grosses at the six Stem vaude-pic houses more than held their own last week, as four (Strand, Roxy, Capitol, Loew's State) bettered their aver-ages. However, the six-house gross of \$435,000 was off from the previous

of \$435,000 was off from the previous week's \$469,600. The Strand (2,700 seats; average \$40,000) topped its par for the sec-ond week in a row by ringing up \$60,000 with Louis Prima's ork, Jane Wynn, Frank Marlowe and *Pursued*, as against the opener's \$80,000.

## MH Changes Bill

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; Boston: average \$110,000) closed its three-week run of Harold Barnes; Pansy, the Horse; the Los Panchos Trio and the Horse; the Los Panchos Trio and Sea of Grass with a grand total gross of \$352,000. The show preemed with \$128,000, fell to \$116,500. then to \$107,500. The house's new bill, re-viewed this issue, has the Arnaut Brothers, Glenn Burris, Lucile Cum-mings and The Late George Apley. The Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$85,000) collected \$92,500 for the sec-ond week of Katherine Dunham, Ernesto Lecuona, Phil Regan and Boomerang, compared with \$126,700

Boomerang, compared with \$126,700 the week before. The Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$72,000) rang up \$86,000 for the first week of Sammy Kaye's ork, Harvey Stone, Meribeth Old and It Happened in Brooklum in Brooklyn.

## Paramount \$61,000

Paramount \$61,000 Paramount (3,654 seats; average \$75,000) ended a three-week run of Johnny Long's ork, Joan Edwards, Buddy Lester and Suddenly It's Spring with a grand total of \$218,000. It started with \$85,000, went to \$72,-000 and \$61,000. The new bill, re-viewed this issue, has Jimmy Dor-sey's ork, Louis Jordan's Tympany

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LATIN QUARTER, NEW YORK:

LATIN QUARTER, NEW YORK: New acts give the current show plenty of heft, making it still one of the best entertainment buys on the Stem. Jack Cole Dancers (9) work in three numbers and get a terrific amount of excitement and dramatic impact in each. In fact, the four boys in the troume are so good it is difficult

impact in each. In fact, the four boys in the troupe are so good it is difficult to tell who is outstanding, Cole or the boys. The three girls, with Florence Lessing, are also competent, tho not in the same class as the lads. To-gether, the troupe makes a picture of terpsichore impossible to resist. Incidentally, the way Vincent Trav-ers played the group's music added no little to the general impression. His band is rapidly becoming one of the best show cutters around town. Arthur Lee Simpkins wrapped up

Arthur Lee Simpkins wrapped up his spot so beautifully and sold it so competently that time and again he

threatened to the the show into knots. He's about ready for bigger things; given a proper spot in pictures, he'd be a smash. His routine is already

Bedell and Matson do okay with

Bedell and Matson do okay with their record act, using the familiar standards. Best was their Spike Jones recording of *Tea* for *Two*, which pulled some hefty yocks. Hal Raywin, billed as the Dancing Paga-nini, was wonderful on the fiddle

nini, was wonderful on the fiddle when he did the Hora Staccato in the

Hungarian production number, but fell flat when he did his dervish dance while playing. He doesn't dance too well, so his violin work suffers. Besides, there is enough

saleable for concerts.

Five, Pat Henning and My Favorite Brunette.

Loew's State (3,500 seats; average \$25,000) brought in \$28,000 with Michael O'Shea, the Wilde Twins, J. C. Heard's ork and Lady in the Lake, as against \$21,600 the previous week with Molly Picon, Eddy Pea-body, the Herzogs and Perfect Mar-riage. The new bill, reviewed this issue, has Gene Sheldon, the Shy-rettos, Jimmy Edmondson, Song-writers on Parade and Dead Reckon-ing. Loew's State (3,500 seats; average

# **Biz Off; Ink Spots** Weak 30G at Boston

BOSTON, March 22.—Only vaude-pic house holding up in an otherwise slumped Hub last week was the Bos-ton Theater, which did a \$30,000 gross for the week with a bill headed by the Ink Spots, and pic, That Brennan Girl. This gross, however was \$1,000 under average.

Current stage stanza has Vivian Blaine, with the Sonny Dunham ork assisting. On the screen, Boomerang.

## Chicago: 'Sugar Chile' Whams \$57,323 at Oriental

CHICAGO, March 22. — Frankie (Sugar Chile) Robinson got a heavy gross of \$57,323 in his one-week stand at the Oriental Theater ended March 19. He had a deal for \$8,500 guar-antee plus 50 per cent of all over \$50,000, so his share was \$12,161.95.

## **Deutsch Quits Amer. Artists;** Starts Own Agency, Cont'l

NEW YORK, March 22.—Milt Deutsch has pulled out of American Artists' Bureau and has formed a new outfit, Continental Artists' Corporation, which will do business as general agents and bookers. Ameri-can Artists, formed a year ago with Buddy Robbins, is a personal-man-agement outfit and will continue op-centing with Babhier of the personal-

erating with Robbins as topper. Continental has two men in addi-tion to Deutsch. Larry Jengo heads the cafe department and Andy Del-mar is selling cocktail units. New org plans to make deals with Mid-west and Coast reps for national coverage.

## **Mickey Walker Framing Act**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Mickey Walker is building a new act, in-cluding Verna Gusak, for cafe and nitery work. Ex-pugilist expects to be ready in about a month and will be submitted for \$1,500.

## CHICAGO, CHICAGO

(Continued from page 37) and his smooth tenoring kept them rapt. His choice of numbers was perfect for his particular voice and delivery and had time permitted he might have doubled the five tunes he did. Johnny Sippel.

dancing on the bill, and all of it

better. Cecile Lewin, ballet dancer, who works in this production with Chick Gladke, is competent. Gladke is still one of the most promising. Bill Smith.

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# **Martinique Leads Stem Shutter March**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- The first major Stem nitery to darken will be La Martinique, due to call it a day Tuesday (25). The spot just finished with Alan Gale, who came in for two weeks at \$1,500. The second week, he agreed to take a cut. Wednesday (19) Gene Baylos followed Gayle and a deal was pending for Belle Baker to come in next. When this fell thru, Martinique decided to close.

The club expects to reopen in the fall, maybe sooner, if a ripe attrac-tion becomes available. The theory is that if it stayed open a couple more weeks it would lose dough. Rather than do that, ops say they will take the money and pay their rent for a year in advance.

## **3 U. S. Acts to London**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Three American acts have been signed for the Harlem Mania musical which makes its bow at the Palladium, Lon-don, the first week of April. They are the Four Rhythmettes, the Five Master Keys, and Mabel Lee.



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# **Equity & Dramatists** Anti-Bias Group Appealing to Heiman

NEW YORK, March 22.—Commit-tees formed by Equity and the Dramatists' Guild to fight racial discrimination at the National Theater, Washington, met yesterday to discuss plans for negotiating with Mar-cus Heiman, lessee of the house, to rescind the Negro ban there. Reports are that Heiman will not be too amenable to the suggestion in the face of pressure already exerted by other anti-discrimination groups which have picketed his theater.

Anti-discrimination movement con-Anti-discrimination movement con-tinues to spread, with legit theaters in Baltimore, Kansas City and St. Louis being picketed. There seems no question, according to Equity execs, that some members want to take strong action. This probably would mean a ruling pro-bibiting theore from playing theaters hibiting thesps from playing theaters which discriminate against Negroes. However, a considerable segment of the union is opposed to any such ban and inter-union difficulty is likely.

## **Cause Is Hindered**

Trade observers also claim that some of the outfits fighting dis-crimination have done their cause more harm than good by making Heiman the center of their attacks. Observers' point is that Heiman might have been willing to play ball if bandled right and allowed to if handled right and allowed to change his policy gradually without being given too much publicity.

The way the matter stands now, if unions pressure Heiman too much, he is just as liable to allow the National to become a movie house, which will not help the cause of legit in one of its best road towns.

Some Equity execs seem inclined to drop this hot potato and wait a year or two until it cools before re-opening the whole question. They feel it would be possible then to work with Heiman.

Meanwhile the only co-operation both labor orgs have gotten so far is from the press agents' chapter of the Association of Theatrical Agents and Managers (ATAM). Other seg-ments of this union meet early in April to consider taking a stand. However, both Local 802 and the In-ternational Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees have not been too Stage Employees have not been too eager to endorse Equity's policy.

## **4A's Pick Group To Fight Anti-Labor** Legislation

NEW YORK, March 22.-The Asso-NEW YORK, March 22.—The Asso-ciated Artists and Actors of Amer-ica (4A's) set up a committee to fight anti-labor legislation Wednes-day (19) at Equity headquarters. The showbiz unions are concerned about the anti-closed shop bills headed for Congress in many State Legislatures.

The American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) and the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), two of the 4-A's' unions, will be par-ticularly hit by pending statutes be-cause their membership is not con-centrated in any one State like Equity (New York) or the Screen Actors' Guild (California). Equity will have its present labor committee meet with the 4-A's group next week.

## 'Yankee' 10½G in 4 at K. C.

KANSAS CITY, March 22 .-KANSAS CITY, March 22.—Mag-nificent Yankee netted a fair \$10,500 on four performances at the Music Hall (13-16), Jimmy Nixon, of A. & N. Presentations, reported. Next up is the perennial Blossom Time, which will play a split run, opening tonight for the first three performances then coming hack for

performances then coming back for three more (28-29).

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16mm. Film of Cyrano Costs Ferrer 9G for Cast's Salary

NEW YORK, March 22.-Equity has ordered Jose Ferrer, star and producer of Cyrano De Bergerac, to pay two weeks' salary (about \$9,000) has pay two weeks' salary (about \$9,000) to the cast for a 16mm. film he had made of the show last Tuesday (11) and Wednesday (12). Film, half hour long and two reels, was made during a performance and is built mainly around Ferrer. Equity ruling is that actors must be paid one week's wages for each day they work on the film arotage for each day they work on the film, amateur or professional.

# F. Fox Sees 350G Saved Yearly in Stagger Plan

NEW YORK, March 22 .- A concrete suggestion for slicing a hefty chunk off steadily pyramiding legit chunk on steadily pyramiding legit production costs comes from scenic designer Frederick Fox. If his notion could be completely effective, it would save producers about 350G out of an approximate \$1,500,000 spent annually for set building and painting.

Fox bases his conclusions on the fact that of the hundred-odd musicals and straight plays staged during an average good legit year, practically all go into production between August and March. The result is a work bottle-neck in carpentry shops and painting studios, which calls for ad-vanced costs and heavy overtime.

There are only five major shops in the metropolitan area, he points out, and a half dozen studios. Most shops are neither equipped with machinery nor space to work efficiently on more than two shows at a time. Obviously, when the fall rush starts, there is bound to be a jam-up.

## Adds 30% to Costs

This situation, says Fox, is costing producers a juicy 30 per cent over

# 1,150 in Equity Urge Again 4A's Merger

NEW YORK, March 22.—First quarterly meeting of Actors' Equity yesterday at the Astor was well at-tended by about 1,150 members and came off without much fuss and fury. The only resolution passed was in-troduced by Leslie Barrett. It asked the Equity council to continue to ex-plore ways of effecting a merger of the unions in the Associated Actors and Artists of America (4A's).

and Arusts of America (4A's). Paul Dullzell, executive secretary, reported that Equity, more than any other 4A's union, had striven in vain for the amalgamation. People on the Stem say that difficulty of merg-ing unions' treasuries, plus the Screen Actors' Guild's desire to maintain its office on the Coast, had bindered provess hindered progress.

## **Buster West Wins Dispute Over Agent's Commission**

NEW YORK, March 22.—Confab at Equity headquarters Wednesday (19) settled a dispute about com-mission between Miles Ingalls, agent, mission between whiles ingains, agent, and Buster West, actor, in favor of the latter. Ingalls claimed West owed him commission for an engage-ment with Follow the Girls in 1945. ment with Follow the Girls in 1945. West originally was placed with the show by Ingalls, but left for two months during the summer and re-turned in the fall. It was the com-mission for the fall engagement that was questioned. Equity felt that In-galls was not responsible for West's being hired in the fall and thus ruled he was not entitled to com-mission.

## Legit Firm in London Bow

LONDON, March 22.-Terper Robert Helpmann (ex-Wells Old Vic Ballet) and Producer Michael Bent-hall have formed Duchess Plays, Ltd., hall have formed Duchess Plays, Ltd., and taken a year's lease on the Duch-ess Theater in the West End. New firm swung into action with John Webster's *The White Devil*. Produc-tion is lavish and Helpmann is re-ported to have got plenty of coin for this venture. However, initial show-ings played to half-empty houses.

what they would have to-pay for set building and painting if a system of staggering work were devised. Shops and studios have to add at least 25 per cent to their estimates to take care of slack season overhead when they are virtually idle, and at least another 5 per cent is eaten up by an inefficiency and overtime quotient.

The stagger system cure, according to Fox, lies in more careful, long-range and co-operative planning on the part of producers. There is no range and co-operative planning on the part of producers. There is no reason, he contends, why major pro-ducers cannot stagger their set con-struction commitments into the slack season, thereby saving themselves coin and getting a better job. "As an example," he says, "a rush set, billed at \$4,000, can be built for \$2,800 in the off months, and a rush paint job at \$2,000 would be simi-larly cut to \$1,400. "I've got a one-setter on the fire right now for September production. The set will cost \$6,200 if it's built in August. It could be done now at a saving of \$2,300, but the author won't come on from Hollywood be-fore July. I suggested to the pro-

fore July. I suggested to the pro-ducer that he go out there with me and get everything set with director and author. Trip might cost \$1,000, but he would still save \$1,300 and get a better job into the bargain.'

#### **Retarding Factors**

Fox admits that there are factors which prevent a producer from get-ting into advance production. Shoe-stringers naturally have to wait until the backers' cash is on the line. But, contends, there is no reason why ne contends, there is no reason why established production firms in many cases cannot plan their work suffl-ciently in advance to take advantage of the saving. Too often delay hinges on case commitments and script re-write—neither of which has anything index with patting the action to to do with getting the sets into the works.

works. "Why," he complains, "does a pro-ducer let an author fool around with script revisions until mid-summer, when the writer can just as well finish it up in April or May? And then that some producer expects to then that same producer expects to get his sets turned out in a month. The last thing he seems to think about is the time element for the set designer."

Fox doesn't expect his suggestion to be over-all effective, but he beto be over-all effective, but he be-lieves that if even 25 per cent of the lads who put on shows would go for th idea, it would make for a definitely sounder legit economy. In these days of skyrocketing production nuts, it seems something for the production hows to think about boys to think about.

# Broadway To Lose **Another Legit House**

NEW YORK, March 22. — The 1,900-seat Broadway Theater, Stem's 1,900-seat Broadway Theater, Stem's largest musical house, becomes a movie show place this spring. House follows the Winter Garden, leased to films in 1945, and the 44th Street Theater, recently razed to make way for the Times Building Annex, out of the ranks of legit theaters, thus fur-ther accentuating the local wlayhouse ther accentuating the local playhouse shortage.

However, Robert Dowling, head of City Investment Company, the own-ers of five Stem theaters, stated he plans to build three more houses. Site hasn't been selected but it probably will be just below Central Park South. Dowling also said that it would be another year before the building project that razes the Bijou, Morosco and Fulton theaters get under way.

The Billboard

# OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS

## ACCIDENTALLY YOURS (Opened Monday, March 17, 1947)

MAYFAIR, PORTLAND, ORE. A comedy by Pauline Williams. Staged by Harry Ellerbe and James W. Elliott. Cos-tumes, Adrian. Company manager, A. Rosen. Stage manager, Joseph Olney. Press representative, George H. Atkinson. Pre-sented by James S. Elliott and Herbert Freezer Freezer

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 Gladys Mosby
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 Betty De Cormier

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 Barbara Billingsley

 Spencer Mosby
 Grant Mitchell

 Lawrence Conwell
 Philip Warren

 Jean Erwin
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Billie Burke and Grant Mitchell seem like pretty important actors for seem like pretty important actors for the frothy piece that is Accidentally Yours, but the warmth of their per-sonalities and the skill of their thes-ping do carry off a comedy that other-wise would be about right for the high school class play. The play packs many amusing lines, but the humor is obvious type stemming r is obvious type, stemming the usual domestic misunderhumor from standings, rather than wit.

Billie Burke unveils her standard characterization of twittering, titter-ing and sometimes sobbing matron, stopping just short of a burlesque of the role. She maintains audience sympathy thruout, however, playing the part the customers come expect-Mitchell is somewhat ing to see. more straightaway in his portrayal of the genial, simple professor and puts over his lines with telling accuracy.

#### **Needs Trimming**

The piece undoubtedly will be trimmed to speed up action before it hits the Eastern boards. Nothing will have to be deleted in the name of have to be deleted in the name of morality, for the play is pretty mild fare and utterly devoid of social message. Plot structure is satisfac-tory, but characterizations of leading roles are overdrawn. The story some-what heads number what lacks punch.

Barbara Billingsley and Philip Warren as romantic interest carry on creditably, Miss Billingsley's por-trayal of Vivienne Mosby giving the trayal of vivienne Mosby giving the piece the little dash of cynicism that is needed in larger quantity to spice the play. Betty De Cormier drew laughs with her role of Olive, plung-ing, lunging housemaid, and Paula Trueman was notable in a caricature of a literary clubwoman, a part in which she almost out-Burkes Billie Burke.

#### The Plot Unfolds

The story deals with a pickle a middle-aged college instructor gets into thru the zeal of a fatuous wife to promote a literary reputation for him. Uninspired and unwilling, for him. Oninspired and unwining, he professes to have completed a book destined in his wife's imagina-tion to win him a literary prize. Thru error, a racy sex novel comes up with the award under his name, but actually a potboiler penned by his piece's suitor who has respectable his niece's suitor, who has respectable literary aspirations. The professor's reputation and home life start going to pieces because of autobiographical smut ascribed to him, and the real author is stayed from revealing the truth for fear of his own reputation as an up-and-coming, clean young man. The manuscript the book pub-licher get was only a conv of the man. The manuscript the book pub-lisher got was only a copy of the novel, the original having gone to a confessions-type mag which starts printing the story simultaneously with announcement of the award. And all the time the professor, who has come to believe in Aladdin's lamp and genii, thinks he wrote the book by magic thru help of a pixie. It's this continual naivette of the character that weakens its plausi-bility. The young author finally

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## THE WHOLE WORLD OVER (Opened Friday, March 14, 1947)

PLAYHOUSE, WILMINGTON, DEL

That post-war problems are much That post-war problems are much the same "the whole world over" is the theme of this aptly-named comedy adapted from the Russian and reportedly very popular in Mos-cow. How popular it will be on Broadway remains to be seen. Wil-mington's first-nighters found it in-teresting but slow in temper teresting, but slow in tempo.

The adaptation of Konstantine Simonov's play is the first writing for the theater by young actress Thelma Schnee, and it's likely that the script will be considerably al-tered before this production reaches the Stem the Stem.

Acting honors go to Joseph Buloff, of Oklahoma fame, as the Mr. Fixit of the story. His role is that of allwise Professor Vorontsov, who not only guides the career of his daughonly guides the career of his daugh-ter's fiance, but craftily breaks up their planned marriage of conven-ience and fosters her romance with the returned Red Army colonel whose pre-war home the professor's family is occupying.

Uta Hagen as the daughter whose first love was a war casualty; Sanford Meisner as the lukewarm fiance Meisner as the lukewarm fiance whose chief interest was to profit by her father's engineering skill, and Stephen Bekassy as the returned colonel who ultimately wins the gal, provide capable support.

Outstanding among the lesser roles was George Bartenieff, who merits praise for his portrayal of the young corporal of the Red Army, a loyal protege of the colonel. The Whole World Over has some

amusing lines and situations, liberally loaded with vodka.

But this tale of Russia's housing shortage and the need for new build-ings seems unlikely to arouse much enthusiasm on the part of American audiences too involved with similar situations of their own. However, they will heartily endorse the old professor's toast, delivered at the final curtain—"No more uniforms." Henry L. Sholly.

saves the day after the book pub-lisher tries to lie his way out of a lawsuit from the mag. The author peddles the publisher his own serious work, hangs it on the professor, picks up a check for 5G's and heads for the altar.

Hardly adult theatergoer fare, but endurable in the hands of Burke and Mitchell. Buford Sommers.

## **Court Affirms Dismissal** Of Col. Pix Suit Vs. Krasna

NEW YORK, March 22.—Dismis-sal of Columbia Pictures' suit against Playwright Norman Krasna was unanimously affirmed yesterday by the Appelate Division. Columbia al-leged plagiarism by Krasna of Co-lumbia's pic, Dear Mr. Private, in writing his legit play, Dear Ruth. There was no opinion handed down and it was a unanimous affirmation of dismissal. Pic company likely will ask court for leave to appeal both decisions.

## TENTING TONIGHT (Opened Monday, March 17, 1947)

LOCUST STREET, PHILADELPHIA comedy by Frank Gould; produced by Judith Abbott and Mary Mason; directed by Hudson Faussett; settings, John Root.

CAST: Richard Clark, June Dayton, Michael Road, Jean Muir, Dean Harens, Robert White, Betty Caulfield, Ethel Remey, William David, Joshua Shelley, Jackie Kelk, Henry Lascoe, Michael Lewin, Jean Hogan, Forrest Taylor Jr., Edward De Velde and James Fallon.

This piece of theatrical triteness marks the first offering-and a burnt one-of a new producing team composed of Judith Abbott and Mary Mason, who have played lead roles in many of the George Abbott hits. It's a miss for Abbott's budding offspring. Perhaps in script form Frank Gould's comedy of a happy but wacky group of ex-G.I.'s who become involved in comedy situations because of the housing shortage at a more than slightly conservative college seemed right smart and boffo. But in the playing, despite the efforts of a good and enthusiastic cast, it's a farce that would fare far better as a slapstick B pic. Playwright Gould pulls hard on the lines in the hopes of pulling laughs. But all that comes out of the on-looker is a smirk or a snicker. The meat of a good play on the returned scholastic vet is all there, but it comes out as chipped beef.

Thrown in with a happy-go-lucky horde of campus G.I.'s, who move in on the vine-covered cottage of the college prof, are a bunch of race track touts that might have stepped out of Damon Runyon. And someout of Damon Runyon. And some-where in the running is a bit of collegiate romance.

legiate romance. Jackie Kelk, the squeaky-voiced Homer of radio's Aldrich Family; Joshua Shelley, as a tout; Jean Muir, as the professor's wife; William David, as the college's fascist-minded prexy; Dcan Harens, as the ring-leader of the homeless G.I.'s, and Richard Clark, as the bewildered pro-fessor, milk the lines and situations for all they are worth. The makings are there. A better and smoother are there. A better and smoother pace, with more substance in the parts, may yet put the play in the money before it hits New York in early April. First it goes to New England. Maurie Orodenker.



Accidentally Yours (Metropolitan) Seattle. Anna Lucasta (Shubert) New Haven, Conn. Anna Lucast: Sacramento, Calif., 26-27; (Au-ditorium) Oakland 28; (Civic) San Jose 29. Ballet Theater (Coliseum) Evansville, Ind. Barefoot Boy With Cheek (Colonial) Boston. Blackstone (Biltmore) Los Angeles. Bloomer Girl (Hanna) Cleveland. Blossom Time (Convention Hall) Tulsa, Okla., 26; (Municipal Aud.) Pittsburg, Kan., 27; (Music Hall) Kansas City, Mo., 28-29. Born Yesterday (Erlanger) Chicago. Call Me Mister (Royal Alexandra) Toronto. Cyrano de Bergerae (Forrest) Philadelphia. Dear Ruth (Shubert-Lafayette) Detroit. Fatal Weakness, with Ina Claire (Nixon) Pittsburgh.

Dear Kuth (Shubert-Lafayette) Detroit. Fatal Weakness, with Ina Claire (Nixon) Pittsburgh. Glass Menagerle (Locust St.) Philadelphia. Glass Menagerle (Fox) Spokane, Wash., 26; (Wilma) Missoula, Mont., 27; (Marlow) Helena 28; (Rainbow) Great Falls 29. Greatest of These (Selwyn) Chicago. Hamlet, with Maurice Evans (English) Indian-apolis 26; (Harman) Columbus, 0., 27-29. Harvey, with Joe E. Brown (Harris) Chicago. Heart Song (Walnut St.) Philadelphia. Hey Day (Wilbur) Boston. Iceman Cometh (National) Washington. Lute Song (Studebaker) Chicago. Magnificent Yankee (Geary) San Francisco. Message for Margaret (Lyric) Bridgeport. Conn., 29.

Message for Margaret (Lyric) Brugeport, Conn. 29.
Moon for the Misbegotten (American) St. Louis.
Oklahoma (Auditorium) Dallas, Tex.
Pygmalion, with Gertrude Lawrence (Belasco) Los Angeles.
Red Mill (Shubert) Boston.
State of the Union (Ford) Baltimore.
State of the Union (Cass) Detroit.
Student Prince (Curran) San Francisco.
Tenting Tonight (Plymouth) Boston.
Three to Make Ready (Blackstone) Chicago.
Up in Central Park (Shubert) Philadelphia.
Whole World Over (Erlanger) Buffalo.
Voice of the Turtle (Davidson) Milwaukee.

# Foreign Opening

## **MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA** THEATRE MONTPARNASSE,

PARIS, FRANCE A play by Eugene O'Neill. Translated and adapted by Paul Blanchart. Staging, Mar-guerite Jamois. Sets by Etlenne Hervier. Costumes by Olga Choumanski.

In a season that has to date offered relatively little to stir the imagina-tion, Eugene O'Neill's Mourning Betion, Eugene O'Neill's Mourning Be-comes Electra, staged by actress-manager Marguerite Jamois, is both exciting and stimulating. O'Neill wrote this version of the ancient Greek tragedy here in France in 1930. Paul Blanchart has adapted it, cut-ting its original six hours playing time to just under three. One misses time to just under three. One misses particularly the scene on board ship showing the transition between the pure Lavinia of the first part and the "changed" woman of the latter. This omission makes the evolution of her character difficult to understand, let alone justify.

The French are particularly capable of appreciating the classic theme that O'Neill has chosen: Agamemnon that O'Neill has chosen: Agamemnon coming home from the wars to be poisoned by his wife, Clytemnestra; their son, Orestes, enamored of his sister, Electra. Little is lost by the transplanting of Greece to staid New England, the rechristening of Aga-memnon to Mannons, and bringing them to the French stage. Unfortu-nately, it was impossible to translate into French the 1864 Bostonian dry-ness and staidness. ness and staidness.

The French cast gave a well-rounded, well-knit performance. Marguerite Jamois, one of France's outstanding tragediennes, played La-vinia Mannon (Electra) as if the role had been created for her. Controlled and repressed, her portrayal of the unhappy heroine was all the more powerful because of her calculated underacting.

underacting. Valentine Tessier, as her mother, made a too beautiful Christine (Cly-temnestra), but her playing was the polished result of a great artist. Her scene of hysteria upon learning of her lover's murder by her son— Lavinia's triumphant revenge for her father's death—played against one of the four huge Doric columns at the entrance to her home, was one to make cold shivers the order of the evening. evening.

evening. The settings designed by Etienne Hervier are overwhelmingly colossal, with colors and lighting pointing-up the essence of the tragedy. Directed with sensitivity and sureness, Inter-preted by a competent cast, *Electra* offers Paris a rich, reassuring evening in the theater, one for which Ameri-cans can well be proud and French-men grateful. Jean White. men grateful. Jean White.

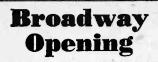
# 90-Min. 'Girl Crazy' To Tour G.I. Hosps

NEW YORK, March 22.—A 90-minute tabloid version of the musical, *Girl Crazy*, has been prepared by USO-Camp Shows under the direction of Harry Krivit and will tour 187 army, navy and veterans' administration hospitals from Maine to Virginia. The tour is skedded to open March 31 at the vet hospital in Bath, Me. The 23-person company will play 23 hos-pitals in upper New York State and New England during April, and 27 between New York and Richmond, Va., in May.

Krivit, who produced 30 tabloid shows for overseas during the war, has tailored the show to G. I. liking. Since the troupe must keep on the

move, it has dispensed with scenery and will carry costumes and a few props in fiber cases

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## THE EAGLE HAS TWO HEADS

(Opened Wednesday, March 19, 1 PLYMOUTH THEATER March 19, 1947)

romantic melodrama by Jean Cocteau, Adapted by Ronald Duncan. Staged by John C. Wilson. Settings, Donald Oenslager. Costumes, Aline Bernstein. Company man-ager, Charles Mulligan. Stage manager, Stephen Cole. Press representatives, Wil-lard Keefe and Richard Maney. Presented by John C. Wilson.

The best thing about Eagle Has Two Heads was Tallulah Bankhead's curtain speech. Said La Bankhead: "I never thought it would come off." The glamorous Tallulah has turned Cassandra. Heads will come off— much sooner than she or anyone con-pected with it can expect nected with it can expect.

Heads has been kicking around the hinterlands since last November— and likely it still should. The unfortunate development is that an open stage was available for it at the Plymouth. Otherwise, John Wilson, generally in a sane production groove, and La Bankhead would have let this Ronald Duncan adaptation of the Jean Cocteau so-called romantic

the Jean Cocteau so-called romantic melo sigh out to a flatulent road fade. It is amazing that so canny a pro-ducer as Wilson could shove in the chips for something like *Heads*. It just proves that there is "no busi-ness like show business." Easier to understand is the Bankhead interest, cinca her stint is a three-act tour de since her stint is a three-act tour de force with a wind-up pitched for a Bankhead go-to-town. Scriptwise, it probably looked good. Playwise, it's a dud. Bankhead knows it now. So does John Wilson and so do the outcomerce

customers. Heads, for purposes of the record, is something that might have been dreamed up by George Barr Mc-Cutcheon or Anthony Hope—altho either would have done it better. It's an asinine melo about a Graustarkian queen who falls in love with a potential poet-assassin because he looks like her murdered husband. The rhymster takes poison because he realizes that they can't be happy to-gether and she twits him into tossing her a .38 slug because she won't live without him. They both die in topdrawer melo tradition on the palace stairs.

Cocteau (or Ronald Duncan) could have told all this in an act, or at most an act and a half, but both go at it the hard way. Bankhead has first-act orations that make O'Neill's Iceman sequences sound like a telegram. The hero—such as he is—carries the conversation ball for Act II—and both go into a verbal pas de deux for the last stanza. Practically every-thing said and done could have been accomplished in half an hour.

It would be pleasant to report that Bankhead wands this doggerel into divinity. Dressed by Aline Bernstein, truth to tell, she is still mouthing tripe. Evidently she knows it, be-cause she charges head-on into her lines in a to-hell-with-whether-theycan-hear-me-back-of-t h e-sixth-row manner. And, as a matter of fact, they can't. *Heads* just ain't Bank-head and this reporter thinks she doesn't care. For the rest, Helmut Dantine, who

arrives on Broadway via the movies, has an adequately Graustarkian ac-cent for the felonous hero. He plays nice without a necktie. Clarence Derwent is — urbanely — Clarence Derwent. Eleanor Wilson is a shrewishly mean lady-in-waiting and Kendall Clark is a properly stuffed-shirt duke. Cherokee Thornton has

# **Equity Members** Select Reps To **Pick Councilors**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Six mem-NEW YORK, March 22.—Six mem-bers of the nine-member nominating committee that will name 10 coun-cilors for Actors' Equity for a five-year - term were appointed yes-terday (21) at a membership meeting in the Hotel Astor. Of the 473 bal-lots cast, 433 were valid and 30 were vaided for various reasons voided for various reasons.

The six members, in order of votes received, are Bert Lytell, Peggy Wood, William Gaxton, Claudia Morgan, Robert Keith and Sidney Black-Five alternates also were mer. chosen by vote in the following order: Alexander Kirkland, Montgomery Clift, David Wayne, Madge Evans and Martin Blaine.

The six new members of the nominating committee represent the union membership. Last week three members were elected to the committee to represent the Equity Ccuncil. They are Alan Hewitt, chairman; Cornelia Otis Skinner and Myron McCormick; alternates, Anne Burr, Edna Thomas and Richard Taber.

Others elected were John Effrat and Larry Fletcher, tellers, and Ber-nard Randall and Nat Burns, watch-ers; alternates, Don McHenry, Allan Tower and Harold Grau.

First meeting of the nominating committee is set for Monday (24) at Equity headquarters.

# Mar. 31 Hearing Set **On National Theater Discrimination** Case

WASHINGTON, March 22. -- The suit against the National Theater on suit against the National Theater on Jim Crow policy will he heard in Municipal Court here March 31. Counsel to the theater filed a reply last week calling the action against the house by the Committee for Ra-cial Democracy and seven Washing-ton Negroes "fraudulent and deceit-ful." The theater counter-charged the racial organization with violating the anti-trust laws, alleging that the committee was engaged in "a general scheme to force the theater to admit Negroes and, by means of picket Negroes and, by means of picket lines, boycott and advertising, seek to force the theater to close."

The legal action against the the-The legal action against the the-ater was begun several weeks ago by the committee and seven other complainants suing for ticket re-funds. Attorneys for the theater, Robert E. Kline Jr. and James M. Proctor Jr., stated the tickets were purchased by white persons for Negro guests. This, said the theater's answer to the suits, violated printed conditions on the ticket which stated the tickets are "not transferable" and the tickets are "not transferable" and are "sold subject to the known policy of the theater as to persons entitled to admittance." The ticket also states, according to the brief, that "if pre-sented by any person not conforming to that policy, admission will be re-fused and no refund made." Defense counsel also argued that demands for refunds were made too late.

nothing to say at all-which is one of the best things Cocteau has thought up about Heads.

The only answer to Wilson's stag-The only answer to Wilson's stag-ing is a query. Why? However, pro-ductionwise, he has given *Heads* a break. Donald Oenslager has been allowed to go properly to town with two fancy Zenda sets and Aline Bernstein has had a free hand with the body-drapings. The wrappings are fanicer than the package. Even the magic of the Bankhead name won't keen this one ticking won't keep this one ticking. Bob Francis.

# **Library Theater**

QUEENS OF FRANCE LOVE AND HOW TO **CURE IT** 

**PULLMAN CAR HIAWATHA** (Opened Wednesday, March 5, 1947)

**GEORGE BRUCE PUBLIC LIBRARY** THEATER, NEW YORK

hree one-acters by Thornton Wilder. Di-rected by Charles Carshon. Settings, Al Brenner. Lighting, John Mitchell. Stage manager, Thomas Marshall. Présented by Equity Library Theater.

Equity Library Theater. CAST: Marta Becket, Milton Selzer, Ger-trude Kinnell, Carol Slaughter, Bunny Hol-combe, Barbara Morrison, James Maloney, Robert Stimson, Charles Carshon, Virginia Dreher, Steven Lawrence, Alvin Sullum, Jay Brooks, Josephine Bangs, Earl Sickles, Martin Newman, Glenn McCausland, Robert Wolcott, Jo Hildebrand, Norma Sverd, Jan Pope, Tom-mie Baxter and Toni Williams.

Equity Library Theater's combo of three one-acters by Thornton Wilder effectively stresses the wisdom of Broadway managers in skipping them on the Stem. The plays—Queens of France, Love and How To Cure It and Pullman Car Hiawatha—add up to nothing more than an evening's thesping exercise for actors—a pro-gram of very unsubstantial fare.

Lead-off, France, concerns a New Orleans lawyer who fast-talks ladies out of coin by convincing them they are a long lost queen of France. Gertrude Kinnell, Carol Slaughter and Milton Selzer turn in the best performances in this unexacting and the self self. script.

Love and How To Cure It follows title closely. Plot deals with a re-jected suitor who decides that violence may be the best answer to fem trouble. Players try hard to hold the British accents that script de-mands, but except for Robert Stimson, all fail. Stimson, incidentally, turns in a first-rate job as the boy with blood in his eye and a gun in his pocket. In the role of a young fem ballet dancer, who rejects Stim-son's wolfing, Bunny Holcombe gives an excellent rendition of teeth grit-

ting-grade B movie thriller style. Pullman Car Hiawatha is obviously in vein of Our Town, using the same narrator technique—but not so good. Script calls for bare stage and relates yarn anent Pullman passengers. Carol Slaughter clicks as an insane woman and Josephine Bangs dittos in role of a young wife in a poor script propped by competent thesping. The settings by Al Brenner more

than fill background requirements. Charles Carshon's direction does well Charles Carshon's day by inferior one-acters. Leon Morse.

## Detroit "King" Pulls 48G;

"Mikado" Probably Lower DETROIT, March 22.—The Vaga-bond King, with Irene Manning and Eddie Roecker in the starring roles, proved one of the best grosses of the season for the Detroit Civic Light Opera last week in Masonic Temple Auditorium. It took in \$48,737. At-

Current week's show, The Mikado, with Lanny Ross and Andria Kuzak, with Lanny Ross and Andria Kuzak, is' expected to gross considerably lower, around \$34,000, but may go nearly as high on attendance because of the heavy proportion of teachers and students in the cheaper pews. The opening was set back one day because of earlier leasing of the hall Monday night by the Chicago Sym-phony Orchestra.

## Leventhal Options "Take"

NEW YORK, March 22.—Jules eventhal and Louis J. Singer have optioned book for musical comedy by Eddie Nugent and Les Hafner. Title is Take It Away and concerns a Caspar Milquetoast who inadvertently wins a radio contest. Firm is now dickering for lyrics and score. Production skedded for early fall.

## SOUND OF HUNTING (Opened Wednesday, March 19, 1947) HUDSON PARK LIBRARY THEATER, NEW YORK

A drama by Harry Brown. Directed by Loy Nilson. Scenery, Corbin. Stage manager, Theda Ressler. Presented by the Equity Library Theater.

Píc. Charles Coke Ken Cook	
Pvt. Dino Collucci Zachary A. Charles	
T/5 Frank KaggertAlvin Sullum	
Lt. Allen Crane Cliff Cothrin	
Pfc. Karl Muller Denis Kane	
Pfc. Saul Shapiro Martin Balsam	
S/Sgt. Joseph Mooney Loy Nilson	
Pic. Morris Ferguson Mac McLeod	
Sgt. Thomas Carter James McMahon	
Capt. John Trelawney Michael Dane	
Frederic Finley Raymond Walston	

Despite the fact that Harry Brown's Sound of Hunting ran for only 23 performances last season, the script was rated high by many crix. Per-formed by a competent cast for the Equity Library Theater, the play gains in stature and should be a good bet for college and little theater presentation. presentation.

Brown's tale is of a group of G.I.'s about to pull out from a forward outpost of the Italian line but held back because a buddy has been pin-ned down by the Germans. Squad goes against orders to risk their lives in a vain attempt at rescue.

in a vain attempt at rescue. Thesping in the play is first rate, with Zachary Charles walking off with honors as an Italian-American G.I. Charles is no Sam Levene, who created the original role on the Stem, but he does all right by the script, handing the audience plenty of laughs. Another stand-out bit of act-ing is turned in by Raymond Walston as a war correspondent a bit on the phony side. phony side.

Ken Cook registers as a trigger-happy G.I. James McMahon gives an in-and-out performance as a welleducated sergeant. McMahon seems to have plenty of acting ability for he punches his big scenes nicely, but in other instances he mumbles and generally gives a lackadaisical per-formance. Experience likely will give per-McMahon added polish. In two smaller roles, Denis Kane and Mi-chael Dane helpfully spark the proceedings.

Corbin's single set simulates a bat-tle-scarred house in Cassino more than adequately. Loy Nilson's direc-tion keeps the players on their toes thruout the script. Over-all action emphasizes Hunting as well worth revival. Leon Morse.

# League Mulling **Trouble Shooter** To Improve Road

NEW YORK, March 22.—League of New York Theaters, for the first time in its history, is considering time in its history, is considering sending out a representative to the hinterlands to see what it can do about improving road conditions for producers. Rep's specific job would be to scale down tariffs at hotels, trucking companies and other local businesses that do a scalping job on managers whenever shows come to town.

Altho some of these conditions might adjust themselves when things become normal, the producers figure to speed the process along and may set a precedent for greater industry co-operation in the future.

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MRS. FRANCES OVETTE is disposing of all the illusions, magic and books of her late husband, Joe Ovette (The Great Ovette), just as soon as the estate is settled within a few weeks. Mrs. Ovette had planned to take to the road again on her own but, due to her health, her doctors have advised her to forget all about show business and the road. She plans to sell all of the parapher-nalia and secrets at one time to the highest bidder. . . . Max Holden's new Manuel of Juggling, with illustrations by Nelson Hahne, has just come off the press. The 50-page booklet carries an introduction by Charles Carrer and includes chap-Charles Carrer and includes chap-ters on the art of juggling with balls, plates, clubs, devil sticks, as well as other novelty items, written by such juggle experts as Charles Carrer, Leo Rullman, Larry Weeks, Harry Lind, Harry Ferrier, and Lorette. Books goes for \$1... The Mysterious Lawrences, Reggie and Stevie Joan, of Galveston, Ind., have been work-ing lodges, schools and theaters thru Northern Indiana the last several months with their magic, novelty mumonths with their magic, novelty music and juggling. They have several indoor dates coming up soon and then will begin preparations for their season at parks and fairs. . . . Dave and Pauline Coleman tell of spending and Pauline Coleman tell of spending a pleasant visit recently to the home of Ex-Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Car-penter in Frankfort, Ind., and of catching Carpenter doing the coin roll with eight silver dollars, four on each hand, at the same time. on each hand, at the same time. "You have to see this unbelievable digital miracle before you are con-vinced it can be done," the Cole-Montreal pasteboard expert, has again signed to manage the Sunshine Camp for kiddies at St. Margarethe, Que., this summer. Tommy Dowd has just concluded a two-weeker at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal. Jerry Bergman was at the Esquire Club in the same city at the same time.

GEORGE MARQUIS tells of a recent visit to Kenton, O., and the late W. W. Durbin's Egyptian Hall, now located on the farm of Tommy and Bob Dowd, a mile east of Kenton on the Harding Highway. "The Dowd boys have wonderfully pre-served the Durbin collection of magical photographs and lithographs and old-timers can enjoy a nostalgic re-vel with a visit to the hall, which is open free of charge to all magi-cians," writes Marquis. The Dowds moved Egyptian Hall from Kenton to the farm a number of years ago. According to Marquis, the Dowd boys plan to make Egyptian Hall' a national magical shrine to perpetuate the memory of W. W. Durbin. . . . The Society of American Magicians will hold its 19th annual convention the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, 29-31. Among those already slated to appear on the various magical programs during the conclave are Bert Allerton, Johnny Paul, Matt Schulien, Dr. Harlan Tarbell, Wer-





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(Continued from page  $\pi$ ) appear in The Billboard." To be redundant: We're very appreciative of news tips about anything and everything that happens in show everything that happens in show business. But note the word business. We're not interested in and will never publish anything about any-body's personal life.

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#### Morgan and the Law:

We can't resist thowing in a plug for American Broadcasting Com-pany's (Shick Injector Razors) man-(19) show the hysteria-inducing Henry did a devastating satire on American lawyers. Winding up the cutting-up bit, he said: "To any lawyers listening, I want to say: 'We are only kidding.'... I say this on the advice of my lawyer." 'We

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## Strictly for the Squares:

Music biz jargon is forever confusing to new talent, to radio artists and execs linked with Tin Pan Alley by the Peatman sheet and to those nonpros who blindly stumble into the Brill, the Gateway, Lindy's, Toots' or other publisher-plugger hangouts. For such readers, here is a partial glossary: When they say They mean "Arrangement" ... A medium of exchange. "Believe Me"..... You and I both know I am lying, butam. lying, but-"Medley" ..... An excuse to bury a hit between two dogs. "I've got news for you"...... The wind-up before the pitch. plug" ..... "I know him well" or "he's my dearest friend".. Twelve years ago we placed a bet with the same bookie. a rords are "My song is breaking" ...... When two words are added, this is self-explan-atory. The two words are "my back." "I played it for Eli (or Manie . . . or Dave . . . or Harry); he fell off the chair"... "... The recording director burped mildly after a glass of 7-Up. of 2-Up. "Como will intro-duce the song". Sam Con.o, who runs the men's room at the Astor will whistle the ditty, ac-companied by 30 gurgling "The greatest...". Adjective defining any-thing mildly good or in-teresting.

ner C. (Dorny) Dornfield, Bob Lotz, John Nicholls Booth, Jack Gwynne, and Dai Vernon. . . . Charles Ruben, and Dai Vernon. . . Charles Ruben, postals from Los Angeles, where he's new settled with his family, that a local theater is showing weekly an old-time Houdini serial (1918), called Master Mystery, showing the late wizard in numerous harrowing situations and his escapes therefrom. ... Wallace the Magician, of Durham, ... Wallace the Magician, of Durham, N. C., is still filling school dates thru the Southwest. . . . Tom Elmore Lucy, veteran protean artist and magic enthusiast, following a recent hospitalization in Columbia, Mo., was the guest on several occasions of Doc M. D. Oberholsder, magician and hobbyist, and relates of being intrigued with the latter's magic li-brary and Little Theater set-up. . . J. C. Admire is folding his two magic J. C. Admire is folding his two magic units, featuring Gordon the Wizard and Harriman the Magician, March 28, with both outfits slated to hit the road again in September in Ohio. This summer will find Admire gen-eral agenting for the new Kay Burns



BILLY KOUD, producer, whose **D** season at the Gayety in Washing-ton closed March 13, is now at the ton closed March 13, is now at the Empire in Newark. . . Mlle. Fifi, former strip ace, attended the funeral of Sammy Kraus, old-time burly house and show operator, in New York March 14. . . Mac Dennison joined the Bennie Moore unit March 22 in St. Louis, relieving Dick Rich-ards . . . Ben and Billie Mowatt of ards. . . Ben and Billie Mowatt, of the former Five Mowatts, jugglers, are now the New Yorkers, back from a USO European tour and playing burly dates thru Phil Rosenberg, away from their new home in Mucke burly dates thru Phil Rosenberg, away from their new home in Muskegon, Mich. . . . Harry (Stinky) Fields, of Stinky and Shorty, was recovering from an appendectomy in Cleveland last week. . . . Shirley Landi, a foot-light first-timer from a church choir, light first-timer from a church choir, is a new Lynchette at the Hudson, Union City, and in line for a vocal duo with Dorothy Zimmerman, another chorine. . . Betsie Lee was featured at the Casino, Toronto, which is having its front speeded which is having its front remodeled. ... Tanglefoot rejoined Eddie Kaplan's Screwballs of 1947.

SIGRID FOX, three seasons a Hirst feature, is a former protege of Arthur Clamage, with whom she got her start as a chorine at the Grand, St. Louis . . . Frank X. Silk and Billy Hagan changed places, the former taking up a stock comedian berth at the Troc, Philadelphia, and the latter the Troc, Philadelphia, and the latter returning to the Hirst wheel at the head of a new unit co-featuring Sigrid Fox, with Donna Leslie and Jean Wayne in the cast. . . Jackie Ray and Ray Cook, now in their Louisville home, are soon to launch their own revue, Fan Tease, under canvas Tirza who concludes six canvas... Tirza, who concludes six weeks at the Rio Casino March 30, was partied by Ben Ford at the club on her first wedding anniversary March 11... Ina Lorraine, after a week at the Roxy in Montreal and another at the Hangar Club in New Bedford, Mass., is booked to head a 10-girl revue sailing for Kelly's Ritz, Pana-ma, April 7... Scurvy Miller is back at the Avenue in Detroit after a hospital operation. Straighting for him and stage manager is Johnny Head, who also sings the ballads for Fran-cis Parks, celebrating her fifth year as producer. Daughter Lucia Parks doubles in specialties and in the chorus. . . Jack La Mont replaced Monkey Kirkland in a unit in Milwaukee.

## Rocco, Carpenter to Zanzibar

NEW YORK, March 22.—Maurice Rocco and Thelma Carpenter will be next to open at the New Zanzibar, tentatively April 9.

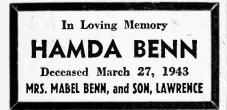


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ARMSTRONG-Lillie B., mentalist and widow of Armstrong the Ma-gician, March 4 in Spartanburg, S. C. They showed for many years in schools, colleges and churches. Survived by a daughter, Ellen, now working the 58th consecutive annual tour of the Armstrong Mystery Attraction. Burial in Spartanburg.

ATKINSON-George, 65, owner of Queen City Amusement Company, in Toronto March 15. A native of England, he came to America 40 years ago and organized his shows, which played fairs in the United States and Canada. His widow survives.



BARTH—Harry K., 50, former bass violin player with Ted Lewis, Vincent Lopez, the Original Dixieland Jazz Band and other orchestras, March 15 in Missouri-Pacific Hospital, Little Rock. Survived by a daughter, Peggy. Burial March 17 in the family plot at City Cemetery, Natchez, Miss., his birthplace.

BORRIS—William, 82, vet actor and showman, March 16 in Youngs-town, O. He trouped with med shows, circuses, minstrel and show-boat groups and also made concert and legit stage appearances under the name of Bert Durand. Survived by a sister, Caddie, and a brother, Frank.

BUSH-Ray, who with his wife, Eloise, were well known in stock and rep circles for many years, March 1 in Colton, Calif., of injuries sus-tained during an altercation at the Urbita Ballroom there while serving as a special deputy. He was last with the Edith Ambler Stock Company in 1934.

CASSITY—S. G. (Schump), Caddo Parish Deputy Sheriff, Shreveport, La., and widely known in carnival and fair circles, in Ruston; La., recently. For the past four years he operated a barbeque stand on the Louisiana State Fairgrounds. Burial in the family plot in Ruston, La.

D'INCOGNITO—Vito, 75, credited with designing the first Tilt-a-Whirl, in Chicago March 19. (Details in

Carnival Section.) EWERT—Ray, 59, stock and rep performer, March 4 in a Placerville, Calif., sanitarium of a heart attack. Calif., santarium of a heart attack. He and his wife, known as Ewert and Barry, had trouped with the Har-ley Sadler Show, Hazel Cass Players, J. Douglas Morgan Show, Neale Hel-vey Company and Guy and Eloda Beach Stock Company in a comedy and dance act. He retired 10 years ago. Survived by his widow, Leola. Burial in Placerville March 8 Burial in Placerville March 8.

FAULKNER—Mrs. Edna, 61, for-mer actress, March 14 in Seattle. She started her career at 17 in the Broadway production of Beauty and the Beast, using the stage name of Edna Fenton and billed as "America's Most Beautiful Girl." She retired 15 years ago.

FEIERSTEIN-Howard (Tiger), 34, wrestler with the Jimmie Chanos Athletic Show, March 6 of injuries sustained in an explosion at the Producers' Creamery, Greenville, O. Survived by three sisters, Mrs. Lester Aspinal, Fletcher, O.; Mrs. Henry Schutz, Greenville; Mrs. Jimmie Aspinal, Fletcher, O.; Mrs. Henry Schutz, Greenville; Mrs. Jimmie Chanos, Miami, and a brother, George, Portland, Ind. George, F FOGG-

FOGG-Zoe, former pianist at the old Broadway and other Columbus, O, theaters, March 14 at her home in that city. Survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Ridenour, Portland, Ore.; Sally, Portland, and two brothers, Frank and Norbert, both of Colum-bus. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery,

Zanesville, O. GARDNER-Grant, 70, who spent more than 40 years in vaude, spe-



cializing in blackface, March 18 in Hollywood of a heart attack. Services in Hollywood March 19.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED SON **RAY OLE GILBERTS** Who Passed Away on March 27, 1946

Memories are treasures no one can steal, Death is a heartache nothing can heal. may forget you, now you are gone, e shall remember no matter how But long.

Mother and Dad Mr. & Mrs. Ole J. Gilberts

GOLLMAR-Benjamin, 82, one of the owners of the former Gollmar Bros.' Circus, March 15 in Baraboo, Wis. Deceased and his brothers, Charles, Fred and Walter, operated the circus from 1891 to 1916, when they sold out to James A. Patterson. Survived by two daughters, Viola, Mrs. Leora Phillips, Madison; two brothers, Fred, of Baraboo; Dr. Arthur, of Manteno, Ill., and one sister. Burial in Baraboo March 18.



GREER-Sir Harry, 71, former chairman of Baird Television, Ltd., in London March 20.

HACKMAN-Peter (Matt), 82, one of the oldest members of Local 5, IATSE, Cincinnati, in Minster, O., re-cently of infirmities of old age. He cently of infirmities of old age. He worked in Cincinnati theaters nearly half a century but had been inactive in recent years. Burial in Min-ster. Surviving are his widow and two sons, Harry and Charles, both members of Local 5.

HAMILTON - Jay HAMILTON — Jay A., veteran trouper and member of the Interna-tional Showmen's Association, St. Louis, recently in that city. Survived by a son, Jay Jr., and a daughter, Olivia. Burial in Showmen's Rest, Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Louis, March 15 veteran March 15.

HIRSHBERG-Bernard, 48, acting president of the Hirsch Amusement Company, operators of a chain of movie houses, March 14 in Philadel-phia. He once had 23 theaters in Arizona.

HUGHES—Merrell H., 56, former treasurer of the Walter L. Main Cir-cus, recently in Colorado Springs, Colo. Survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter and his mother, a former circus performer.

JESSUP-William T., 50, general agent for the West Coast Amusement Company, in San Francisco March 18. He spent many years in executive capacities with various carnivals and circuses. Survived by his widow, Marie. Services in San Francisco, with burial in Showmen's Rest, Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles.

KELLER—Joseph, president and business agent of Local 140 of the American Federation of Musicians, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 15. He was a member of the 109th Field Ar-tillery Band, Wilkes-Barre \* Sym-phony Orchestra and Wilkes-Barre Post 132, American Legion Band.

LESSER—Leroy, 71, former rep showman, March 13 in Anderson, Ind., of injuries sustained in an auto crash. He was former music director for the Dr. Simpson Medicine Company, No. 8; Melville Floating Star Theater, and with Royal Wood and

## BEN AUSTIN

-John Benedict Austin, 74, active in circus business as an agent or owner for more than half a century, died March 20 in Los Angeles after a lingering illness.

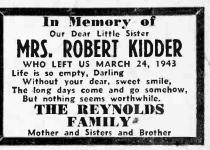
Born in South Norwalk, Conn., December 8, 1873, he started in show business at the age of 16 as a billposter on the Frank A. Robbins Show. In 1890 he went on the dramatic stage and for two seasons played juvenile with Uncle Hiram and Grimes' Cellar Door. Posting bills seemed to strike his fancy, so he went back to that line of work the following season with the Sells Bros.' Circus. During

this tour he was promoted to press agent of the show. In 1893 he ran an advertising car with Bob Hunting's Circus, leaving that show late in the season to join Gentry Bros.' Circus in Norfolk, Va., on October 5 as a press representative. With the ex-ception of three years he remained identified with the Gentry show until late in 1920. Those exceptions were two years spent with the Erie Lithograph Company as New York manager and a year with the Barnum & Bailey Circus as contracting agent. On December 1, 1916, he and the late J. D. Newman took over the Gentry show and they directed and managed it thru 1920. Austin joined the Al G. Barnes Circus as general agent in 1921

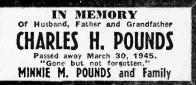
Austin joined the Al G. Barnes Circus as general agent in 1921 and served in this capacity until 1938. In 1939 Austin was general agent of the Fanchon & Marco Great American Circus, which had a short season. This was his last official post with a circus. He was married to Pearl Carey, of Anderson, Ind., a nonpro, in 1908, and they had three childreń, Mrs. Clyde (Jane) Parlette, of San Carlos, Calif., and two sons, Jack B. and Dick, both of Los An-geles. All survive him. He was a 32d degree Mason and a life mem-ber of the Consistory of New York City. Austin had been ill for five years, and two years ago moved from his home at San Antonio to the residence of Mrs. J. D. Newman, his sister-in-law, in Los Angeles. Services were held March 24 at

from his home at San Antonio to the residence of Mrs. J. D. Newman, his sister-in-law, in Los Angeles. Services were held March 24 at the Armstrong Mortuary, Los Angeles, with interment in Rosehill Cemetery, Whittier, Calif., where the Austin plot adjoins that of the Newmans'. Pallbearers were George B. Kennedy, Harry Callan, Ginger Huth, Curtis Little, Johnny Brassill and S. L. (Buster) Cronin.

Company. His act, the Four Lessers, featured his daughter, Katherine. Other shows with which he had been Connected were Lesser's Ghost Comedy Company, Clifton Comedy Company, the Great Ostrado, Tra-hern Stock Company and the Jethro Almond organization. He was also associated at one time with the Flying Behees.



MEREDITH — Margo, 35, former burlesque dancer, March 17 at Sara-nac Lake, N. Y. Survived by her husband, Jack Block, ex-burly manager; her father, Harry Armer, ork leader, and her stepmother, Kitty Roth, former performer and cos-tumer. Burial in the Will Rogers plot at Saranac.

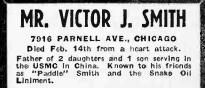


MONTROSE—George O., former with the Montrose top mounter with the Montrose Troupe, in Boston March 8. At one time he was a member of the trio known as Nelson and the Barry Boys. In late years he did an act with his wife called Montrose and Deard Somicrose and hunci in Born Pearl. Services and burial in Boston March 11.

OBRECHT—Mrs. Christy, wife of Christy Obrecht Sr., owner-operator of the Christy Obrecht Players, pop-ular in the Minnesota territory and one of the oldest repertoire organizations in the country, March 19 at the Maryland Hotel, Minneapolis, after a brief illness. Survived by her husband and son, Christy Obrecht Jr.

PRATOS—Tony, 46, tattoo artist, in Los Angeles March 13. For many years he conducted a tattooing parlor at Fifth and Main streets, Los Angeles. He was a member of the PCSA. Survived by his mother and a brother, both in Portugal. Burial in Showmen's Rest, Evergreen Ceme-tery, Los Angeles, March 17.

ROSS—Grant (Bill Farmer), 72, formerly with the John Robinson 10 Big Shows, Hagenbeck-Wallace, Mighty Haag and other circuses, February 28 in Marianna, Fla. Sur-vived by a daughter. Burial in Marianna March 1.



SCHWEYER — Emil, 66, veteran outdoor showman, March 11 in Bar-ranquilla, Colombia. He was a part-ner in the former Dunbar-Schweyer Circus, one of the largest circuses to tour the Latin-American countries, and also was an outstanding animal trainer, serving in that capacity years ago with Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus. He spent the greater part of his career in the South American coun-tries. In more recent years he had been connected with Santos y Artigas, Circo Atayde and Circo Razzore. His last few months were spent in organizing the Gran Circo Americano. which had just begun its tour at the time of his death.

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**BUD NORTH CAVALCADE HEAD** 

# Wagner Holds How To Avoid Damage Suits Role as Boss

Circus in plans for new company - top producers set to revamp carnival

MOBILE, Ala., March 22.—Pacific Eastern Amusement Company, or-ganized here recently with Henry Ringling (Buddy) North as president, is now the operating company of the Cavaleade of Anuvernents and a Cavalcade of Amusements, and a long-range improvement and expansion program, which embraces a new railroad circus, is now under way.

railroad circus, is now under way. North was named president at the first meeting of the directors. Al Wagner, formerly owner of the Cav-alcade, is executive vice-president of the company and will remain as general manager of the Cavalcade. Other officers are Frank Dirrago, vice-president, and Vincent Kil-bourne, of Mobile, general counsel. In addition to North, Wagner and Dirrago, directors include David Dietz, Francis Hurley, Ray Goetz, Ed Von-Bommel, Jack Tavelin, Mar-shall Johnson and Mrs. Harriett Wagner.

Wagner.

## 350 Grand in Kitty

Tavelin, acting as spokesman, an-nounced that Wagner put up all Cavalcade equipment in forming the new company while the new direc-tors upped with \$350,000 in cash to develop the organization's program.

develop the organization's program. This, according to Tavelin, is the same 350 grand that he dangled un-successfully under Zack Terrell's nose twice in an effort to buy Cole Bros.' Circus. A final effort was made this week to buy the Cole show, but Terrell expressed great confidence in busi-ness conditions for the coming sea-son and reiterated his determination to operate his show another year. son and reiterated his determination to operate his show another year. After that, he is reported as having told Tavelin he will be willing to sell and retire. Tavelin did not in-dicate if Pacific Eastern will be will-ing to buy Terrell next fall or if it will go ahead and build a new circus from the ground up. Tavelin in-(Cavalcade In New Co on page 54)

# **Balto Pans Big For Sunbrock Unit**

BALTIMORE, March 22.-Larry Sunbrock's Rodeo, Inc., combination rodeo and thrill show, concluded a bang-up 16-day stand at the Fifth Regiment Armory here Sunday (16) and departed for Pittsburgh where the unit begins an eight-day engage-ment at the Armory tonight.

ment at the Armory tonight. Business here was described as phenomenal, with the show racking up 13 turnaways in 32 performances, with prices for the 8,000-seat spot scaled at \$2 for boxes and \$1.50 gen-eral admission, with children 50 cents in the grandstand. Featured with the Sunbrock at-traction are Ken Maynard and Tar-zan the Great Gregoresko, the Red-

zan, the Great Gregoresko, the Red- cession dingtons, Johnny Gibson's Aerial owned Ballet, Bobo Barnett, plus a huge H. W. contingent of cowboys and cowgirls. Plane.

By Leo T. Parker Cincinnati Attorney at Law

No doubt readers are confused over his question: Can a mark or name sed generally by the public be ap-legitimate purpose in his own busi-name reasonably and honestly for a legitimate purpose in his own busi-to purpose in his own busi-town busi-to pu

No doubt readers are confused over this question: Can a mark or name used generally by the public be ap-propriated by its owner? See Col. W. F. Cody Historical Pic-ture Company v. Colonial Amuse-ment Company, 284 F. 873. A few years ago the Col. W. F. Cody Historical Picture Company sued the Colonial Amusement Com-pany to prevent the latter using any part of the name or title Buffalo Bill or use of his likeness or pho-tograph. During the trial testimony tograph. During the trial testimony was given that in 1871 the play Buf-falo Bill was copyrighted by one White and Cody himself attended the White and Cody himself attended the play without making any objection to use of the title "Buffalo Bill." Later Cody was part owner of a play, *The Scout of the Plains*, which was similar to the play *Buffalo Bill* pre-viously copyrighted by White. In view of this testimony proving that Buffalo Bill was recognized as public Buffalo Bill was recognized as public property the higher court refused to hold that the Col. W. F. Cody His-torical Picture Company could stop the above usage by the Colonial Amusement Company.

Thus whenever a name or mark has been recognized by its original owner as public property he cannot later prevent its use, if the public is not being deceived.

Is not being deceived. No trade name that deceives the public can be degally used. There-fore the operator of an anusement having the same or similar name to an old and well-known trade name is liable in damages if he uses his own name in such a manner that the public is deceived. This is so because no person has a legal right to use his no person has a legal right to use his own name, as a part or the whole of a trade name, if another amusement owner is "unfairly" damaged. Recently the U. S. Supreme Court

# **Improvements** Made At Vickery, Dallas

DALLAS, March 22.-When T. R. Hickman leased Vickery Park here last June 22, he had plenty of ideas about changes and improvements but didn't have time to do much about it. However, this winter he has made many improvements and additions and more are to come, he

says. Hickman has leased ride concessions for a Miniature Train, Kiddie Aeroplane, Kiddie Auto, Pony Track and Chair-o-Plane.

Regarding picnics, Hickman says a total of 32 have been signed so far and he adds, "No week-ends from May 1 until September 15 will be without one or more big picnic."

Improvements this year include the resurfacing of the bottom of the pool, resurfacing of the bottom of the pool, a complete paint job on the dance hall and all fences around the park; addition of 300 picnic tables, each to seat six persons; addition of four new swings, and the painting and repairing of picnic tables. Phil Little has leased the conces-sions and George Shaw will be con-cession manager. Kiddie rides are owned by Mrs. C. B. Doyle, while H. W. Mulligan owns the Chair-o-Plane.

U. S. 118.) However, modern courts will compel all persons and firms to use their names in a manner not likely to deceive or confuse the public. See Horlick, 143 Fed. Rep. (2d) 32, where the higher court held that a person who starts a business having his own name in the trade name can-not use his own name if the public is deceived or confused unless in large and conspicuous type of printing the new users informs the public that he is not connected with the original ne is not connected with the original company whereby the public cannot be confused. Other higher court de-cisions on this subject are Hall's Company, 208 U. S. 554; Brown Com-pany v. Meyer, 139 U. S. 540, and Waterman, 235 U. S. 88.

## **Guard Against Deception**

On the other hand, no law will pre-vent a person from using his own (See HOW TO AVOID on page 146)

# **Eastern** Spots **Get Away Early**

NEW YORK, March 22 .-Island, Rockaway Beach and other shore spots in the New York area were off to an early start as a result of the mild weather over the last week-end.

week-end. Attendance reported for Sunday (16) were Coney Island, 100,000; Rockaway Beach, 75,000, and Asbury Park, N. J., 60,000—a record for mid-March. Long Beach and Jones Beach, South Shore Long Island spots, also drew good crowds and, in New York, the Bronx Zoo lured 30,000 customers. Most activity, of an amusement nature, was centered at Coney Island where the Cyclone, on the Bowery, was in operation and Merry-Go-Rounds, Penny Arcades, bingo par-lors, refreshment stands and conces-sions were open along Surf Avenue and on the Boardwalk.

# **New Laugh-in-Dark** For Ia. Riverview

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 22 .-- When Riverview Park opens Decoration Day, customers will be greeted by a new \$5,000 Laugh-in-the-Dark, new cars for the Whip, costing \$3,000, and a building for the new Laugh-in-the-Dark, erected at a cost of \$2,500, Merris R. Warfield, business man-ager, said. In addition to Warfield, the executive staff includes Roy M. Warfield, president and general manager; M. D. Burgess, advertising director, and Roy C. Warfield, park superintendent.

Midget auto races and Junior Legion baseball are special events planned for Sundays, while fire-works are carded for July 4-6.

Picnic reservations are holding with last year, Warfield says, and the ballroom will use the same policy it has in the past, that of a house band for the season.

# Walters Levels **Mount So Folks Can See Shows**

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., March 22.—Topography hereabouts is so mountainous that writers have often called Eureka Springs the city whose children have never seen a circus, carnival, rodeo or ball game because there was no place level enough to put up a tent or build a stadium. Neal Walters, a newcomer in this

territory who has sold outdoor adver-tising material for many years, was astounded that there was a city in the United States that could not have a circus, so he convinced other civic-minded citizens to help him level a mountain.

mountain. Bulldozers, graders and plenty of manpower leveled off a tract on the top of a mountain to build a stadium seating 10,000 people and lighted for night performances. The Rodeo Cor-poration of Arkansas was organized with Neal Walters Sr., James N. Wal-ters, Albert and Dale Price the prin-cipal stockholders. Use of the stadium will be offered to Eureka Springs High School for

to Eureka Springs High School for football, basketball and baseball— and the kids soon will be able to see rodeos, fairs, ball games, carnivals, circuses and outdoor picture shows.

# Thompson To Add **Rides**, Concessions At Mackinaw Delts

PEORIA, Ill., March 22. — Earl Thompson, who two years ago took over the Mackinaw Dells, located be-tween Peoria and Bloomington, is branching out this year and will have a full-fledged amusement park. Thompson announced this year he will have rides, games and conces-sions at the Dells in addition to his ballroom and picnic facilities. All told, he plans to spend around \$150,-000 on improvements and additions. Thompson plans to continue his

000 on improvements and additions. Thompson plans to continue his policy of using name bands in his 3,000 capacity ballroom this summer. 3,000 capacity ballroom tills summer. Last year spot played such bands as Xavier Cugat, Eddy Howard, Freddie Slack, Tommy Dorsey, Louis Arm-strong, Sherman Hayes, Will Osborne

strong, Sherman Hayes, Will Osborne and Lew Brown. Thompson said he hopes to have 8 to 10 rides this year and 50 con-cessions. Spot will open Memorial Day and close Labor Day. He is dickering now, he said, for free acts, with a weekly change, and he plans to have fireworks during the July 4 week for sure. week for sure.

Thompson announced appointment of Rudy Rousse as assistant manager. Rousse is well-known in show business, having done magic for years.

## **Beech Bend Adds Rink**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., March 22. BOWLING GREEN, Ky., March 22. —A roller skating rink and a rifle Air-o-Matic, installed in the Penny Arcade, and a new stucco bathing house, are new additions at Beech Bend Park here. Charles Garvin is owner-manager and B. C. Graham is purchasing agent.

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# AIR, OUTDOOR GIVE AND TAKE **Radio Reaps \$ By Promotion On Fair Dates**

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## **Reciprocal Co-Operation**

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kind of promotion is attested to by

dozens of stations. First station to get hep to the pos-sibilities inherent in fairs was WLS, Chicago, which in 1925 made its first visit to the Illinois State Fair. Since then the station has gone all out and had representation also at the Indiana and Wisconsin State fairs. For this year's Illinois fair, which

For this year's Illinois fair, which will be held August 8-17 in Spring-field, WLS will do its top job. It will originate its Saturday night Barn Dance program there for four and a half hours on August 9, and will use the grounds for about one hour a day of standard shows usually aired from its studios. Also, it will do a half hour of daily wire-re-corded news coverage from the fair and will have its own tent, exhibits and radio talent shows. Indiana and Wisconsin will be the same story. Hogier Co.Operation

#### **Hoosier Co-Operation**

The Indiana fair, this year set for Indianapolis August 29-September 5, hidanapoils August 29-September 5, is one of the best examples of top fair-radio co-operation. Last year, Harry K. Smythe, of the *Hoosier Hop* show on WOWO, Fort Waync, lined up the 18 Indiana stations into an organization known as the Indiana Association of Broadcasters, for the express purpose of joint coverage of the fair. This year the association plans to air six hours of programs daily from the fair. One or more of the stations will be carrying all of the stations will be carrying all these shows, and all will be linked in the airing of a Saturday night program, *Radio Round-Up*, presented from the Coliseum, with Red Skel-ton, MGM starlets Marilyn Maxwell and Marjorie Mann and others. Each of the stations will have booths and lines to the fairgrounds lines to the fairgrounds.

## WBBM and WGN

WBBM and WCN Chicago stations of a non-agricul-tural flavor, such as WBBM and WGN, also will air shows from the Illinois fair this year, as they did last. Last year WBBM did a half-hour spot, summarizing the entire fair. This year it will have at the fair its farm director, Harry Camp-bell, and a gal to get women's an-gles, and will put in a line to air at least one show a day from the grounds.

#### WLW a Pioneer

WLW a Pioneer WLW, Cincinnati, has had an at-traction working fairs and outdoor celebrations since 1938. The first was John Lair's Renfro Valley Folks. Bill McCluskey joined in December, 1939, to handle all talent bookings, and the station formed a new hill-billy unit known as the WLW Boone County Jamboree. Some 18 months ago that title was changed to the Sohio Midwestern Hayride. Another WLW attraction which started last year is the WLW Circle Arrow, heard Coast-to-Coast on NBC over 56 stations each Sunday morn-ing, 10:30-11. WLW's Everybody's Farm Show, piloted by Roy Battles,

Ing, 10:30-11. WLW's Everybody's Farm Show, piloted by Roy Battles, is also a steady feature at fairs. On the season the WLW hillbilly unit will work an average of 40 (See Radio Reaps \$ on page 145)

# Business Outlook Gives Ops Little Cause for Heebie-Jeebies

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peaceful existence, but now they are wondering if there will be enough loose folding money around so they can continue to hit the jackpot grosses, high, wide and handsome.

## 25 Per Cent Slump?

Had the weather been a bit more kind during the Florida winter season and thru these early spring days, the casual observer might be able to give these redoubtable purveyors of can-vas-covered amusements the right answer, but it has been so bad that business has been away off the 1946 pace and the lads are talking about a general slump of 25 per cent in their business.

Even if their grosses do slump 25 per cent, they still will handle large bundles of cash and will have enough left to pay the grocery bills during the ensuing winter. Naturally, prothe ensuing winter. Naturally, pro-fits would not be as great, as nothing can be done now about cutting opera-tional costs and still maintain the high level of productions, midways, etc., the folks are learning to look for at outdoor enterprises.

## Weather Wallops 'Em

Those who had the actual experience of bucking the weather in Flor-ida, especially in the carnival busi-ness, are not too pessimistic. Carl SedImayr, owner of the Royal American Shows, has expressed the opinion that his org would have snatched more than \$175,000 in the 11-day stand at the Florida State Fair, Tam-

# Act Famine Seen; **Imports Bottled**

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introduction of new act-buying events and the revival of large an-nuals, notably Toronto, Ottawa and Springfield, Mass., all Hamid-booked, have accentuated the shortage.

Two years of effort to import new talent from Europe have resulted in the signing of 19 acts, 11 of which are booked solid. But only three have arrived so far.

The case of the Rob Cimse Troupe, scheduled to dock within the next week and to open with Ringling Bros.' and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Madison Square Garden April 9, is typical of the difficulties hampering act importation. Hamid said it took three months to arrange transportation, even the passage was ar-ranged here and paid for in American dollars. A Washington attorney spent three weeks getting visas thru the State Department. Preliminary dealings by mail and cable took weeks.

## First Come, First Served

Celebrations which have not yet celebrations which have not yet set dates and contracted for talent will be sold on a first-served basis, Hamid said. No reservations for acts are being accepted. Increase in the number of celebrations since the war's end has created a special sup-uly problem ply problem.

ply problem. Hamid said he was advising carni-vals and celebrations buying acts to confine their special event to one week. Previously, it was customary to sell an act for an additional day or two, on a pro rata basis. Now the acts want full scale for playing any part of a week, and are getting if

pa, if it had been accorded just half a break by weather.

In 1945, Royal American glommed more than \$136,000 at Tampa under near-perfect weather conditions, and this last February it garnered in excess of \$100,000 and did not have a single perfect fair-going day. This indicates that SedImayr couldn't be dreaming too much of a dream in his 175 grand pipe, and maybe that 25 per cent-off-crowd is bleating an unnecessary sour note.

## Young Is Disappointed

Eddie Young had his new Royal Crown Shows at the Pinellas County Fair, Largo, Fla., and Winter Haven's Florida Citrus Festival, and in both spots the inclement weather didn't spots the inclement weather than t put him far off the record grosses of 1945. Young was disappointed at both spots, as he expected to wrap up records, but that is only natural, as who in outdoor showbiz isn't dis-(See BIZ OUTLOOK on page 64)

# **Click Bloomington Date Gives Davies Good Tour Windup**

DIXON, Ill., March 22.—Ayres and Kathryn Davies Circus moved into local quarters this week after con-cluding a successful eight and one half weeks' contracted season with a click engagement at Bloomington, Ill., Saturday (15). The Davies said the show presented 92 performances in 44 stands, only three of which were in 44 stands, only three of which were for two days.

Bad weather and icy roads proved no handicap, they reported, and all scheduled performances were played. Tour of Wisconsin gave org its best business, with West Bend coming up with the banner stand of the tour. Madison, Wis., proved the worst en-gagement of the trek, they said. After a month's vacation here the

After a month's vacation here, the Davies will join the James M. Cole Circus for the summer tour. Meanwhile, they are readying plans for show's fall opening.

This season's line-up included This season's line-up included Samaroff's Acrobatic Dogs, clowns, comedy acrobats, riding dogs, Paul Zallee's juggling act; the De Waldos, cyclists; pony drill and Bedell Troupe, teeterboard. Corriell Family, doing a headslide, juggling act and a web number, was with the org until the final week when it left to join the Gil Gray Indoor Circus. Roy Adkisson was in clown alley and pinch-hit on the mike all season. the mike all season.

Paul Zallee carried his calliope all season and it was used for show and street ballys. Edna Earl had concesstreet ballys. Edna Earl had conces-sions. Both are expected to return in the fall. Most of the booking was done by Ayres Davies, while Ken Murray, of Bloomington, Ill., con-tracted a few dates. Remainder were inked by Mrs. O. M. Rogers, who will handle the advance next season.

## **Plan CFA Convention**

DAYTON, O., March 22. -- Tom Gregory, president, and Bill Monta-gue, publicity director, spent Satur-day (8) here making arrangements for the convention of the Circus Fans' Association at the Biltmore Hotel May 10-12. Early reservations indicate a record turnout.

# **Ops Tip Big** Dough To Get Bally by Air

## Figure Ante \$1,500,000

(Continued from page 3)

in Worcester, Mass., and the Hamid-Morton Circus. He also has several lesser enterprises.

Three biggies in the outdoor field, Ringling Bros.' and Barnum & Bailey Circus, World of Mirth Shows and Palisades (N. J.) Amusement Park, all back the increasing importance of radio as a selling aid. Palisades, usually a top spender among parks, will up radio's share this year to as much as 25 per cent of its total ad budget.

Larger fairs, usually operating in place for only a week, spend about \$1,000 weekly for air time over a two to three-week period. The New Jer-sey State Fair is typical. Smaller ones in the rural districts earmark \$300 to \$750. Spending for parks hovers around \$2,000 for their short summer seasons. Carnivals in all sizes strike about the same average.

## Other Media Unhurt

Publicists fronting for fair weather attractions started making extensive use of radio in the '30's as an addi-tional aid to a fast selling job. The tendency since then has been to spend more dough for air time while maintaining the same budgets for newspapers and billposting.

Because it is spread so thin, the advertising budget of outdoor show-biz fails to show to advantage in the earnings of the larger stations. In-dies in medium-sized towns, how-ever, find it sizable, cash on the line and without discounts. Swap of paid and without discounts. Swap of paid time for free time has usually re-sulted in friendly dealing, with the show receiving vital publicity and the indie station<sup>®</sup>giving its listeners an earful of feature stuff available once, or at the most, two or three times a year. Most outdoor units contain a wealth of human interest. Numerous personalities with a Horatio Alger

personalities with a Horatio Alger or daredevil background are available for standout interviews. And most of the guys and gals have gar-nered enough experience before a mike to make them first-rate radio subjects.

## **Remotes** Popular

Remotes from the lots have won favor with shows, stations and pub-lic alike. Sustaining time filled by outdoor agents has frequently featured bad production and talent, but the offerings are steadily improving. The reason is that an outdoor flack who works a top job now has to qualify as a passable radio emsee and be able to produce a creditable pack-age from the show's available talent. Ace press agents write, produce and wax several shows with the aid of transcription agencies. Platters, ready for airing at a moment's no-tice are promotion paturale

tice, are promotion naturals. Some carnival managers' new recognition of the worth of radio as a publicity medium has resulted in their allotting big dough for talented troupes. These are carried even tho they do not make the nut any week in the season, just so an acceptable radio show will be available for any promoted or bought radio time.

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# **Polack** Lands Lansing Cash; **Dayton** Okay

## **MGM Elephants Good Flack**

LANSING, Mich., March 22.—"It was bigger and better all the way around than last year." That was the report on the Polack Bros.' (Eastern Unit) Circus here March 2210 form Find Finderd east com mander of the commandery, under whose auspices the show played.

While England didn't give out any

While England didn't give out any figures on attendance or gross re-ceipts, he did say that figures in both departments topped last year. Circus got a big publicity break with the appearance of the MGM elephants here at the same time the picture, *Till the Clouds Roll By*, in which the elephants played, was showing at the Michigan Theater. Outside of the first day, weather

Outside of the first day, weather was perfect. Opening day was marred by rain that cut attendance for the first night show.

## **Dayton Opens Big**

DAYTON, O., March 22.—Polack ros.' (Western Unit) Circus got Bros.' Bros.' (Western Unit) Circus got away to a flying start here Thurs-day (20), opening night show draw-ing 3,800 persons. Opening matinee was big, too, Louis Stern, co-owner of the Polack org, reported. Only thing to mar the opening, he said, was the illness of George Davis, Palack Proc? compositionaire who was Polack Bros.' concessionaire, who was taken ill Thursday afternoon and rushed to a hospital.

## James M. Cole Org **Leases Four Bulls**

NEW YORK, March 22. - Four newly-imported elephants have been newly-imported elephants have been leased to the James M. Cole Circus and one to Bailey Bros.' Circus, it was announced here Wednesday (19) by Harry Rimberg, president of the International Import and Export Company. Elephants, all

Elephants, all cows, arrived at Savannah, Ga., Friday (7) from India. at

## Wallenda Advance Starts

Wallenda Advance Starts SARASOTA, Fla., March 22.—All new trucks received by the Wallenda Circus have been fun thru the paint shop and lettered, reports Tige Hale. Rigging for the Wallenda-Grotte-fent wire act has been completed, and elephant and lion acts are ex-pected any day. Harry Leroy left for Chicago to return with the Konyot riding act. The band is playing for local boxing shows. With arrival of new paper, the advance has taken off, with Fichardson as agent.

# **Ben Austin Dies**

LOS ANGELES, March 22. Ben Austin, 74, one-time owner of the Gentry Bros.' Circus with the late J. D. Newman, and a prominent figure in circus business for more than 50 years, died Thursday (20) in Los Angeles after a lingering illness. For complete details, see the Final Curtain.



MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY of circusdom were on hand when the Sparks Circus played Sarasota, Fla., recently. Left to right: Mabel Ringling; James Edgar, owner of the Sparks show; Mrs. Aubrey Haley and James A. Haley. —Photo by Dick Miller

# North Reveals Foreign Acts Not Panting To Get To U. S.

BOSTON, March 22 .- John Ringling North, executive vice-president of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, was quoted in a page one story in *The Boston Herald* March 9, written by Bill Cunningham and tabbed as a first interview, that he had viewed a wealth of circus talent abroad and inked more new acts than in any previous single year in Big Show history. Acts were not named, however, be-cause post-war travel difficulties make their appearance here uncertain. "I had an idea that everybody in Europe wanted to come to the United

States and would go to practically any extreme to get here," North was quoted. "Believe it or not, I tried to book a lot of acts that didn't show the slightest interest in trying to get to America. Some I did book had to be persuaded hard." North visited Portugal, Spain,

Switzerland, France, England, Italy, Holland, Denmark and Sweden in search of new talent. He avoided Germany because, aside from patri-otic reasons, getting an act from the American zone would require three-way clearance involving the Army, State Department and local German government. Getting an act from the British or French zone would involve twice as much red tape, while the Russian zone was hopeless as a source.

European circuses, most of which operated thruout the war, were all doing heavy business, according to North.

# **Crowley**, Barlow **Frame New Show**

JACKSON, Mich., March 22. Frank Crowley and Ed Barlow, for-mer concessionaires, this season will Backsteins Frame launch the Crowley and Barlow Trained Animal Show. F. C. Fisher, Trained Animal Show. F. C. Fisher, who for a number of years operated his own show, will be general agent. Equipment will be moved on five trucks and trailers which will be painted white with gold lettering. All stock will be show-owned and performances will be given in a regular Wild West arena. A band and colione will furnish the music

and caliope will furnish the music. The Crowley-Barlow combo will

operate its own side show, which will present various animals, both wild and domesticated, plus a com-bination of side show acts. A large Brahma bull will be featured in the pit show.

Show will open in Southern Indiana and will tour the Midwest, going as far north as Lake Superior and into the upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**Daytona Beach Sunshine Stand** For Sparks Org

SANFORD, Fla., March 22. --Sparks Circus had its ups and downs in Florida during the past week, with about enough cash turned into the wagon to keep it from being a loser. Outstanding spot was Daytona Beach Wednesday (19), when both matinee and night performances were jammed. It was the only ca-

were jammed. It was the only ca-pacity biz of the week. Half houses turned out at Orlando last Monday afternoon and night, while De Land was better Tuesday, but neither performance reached the capacity stage. With the Johnny J. Jones Exposition wintering in De Land, there were plenty of visitors, including E. Lawrence Phillips, Mor-ris Lipsky and Mrs. Hody Jones. St. Augustine was blown com-

St. Augustine was blown com-pletely because of rain and a muddy lot, and soggy grounds kicked busi-ness away off at Palatka Thursday.

# **Midget Animal Org** For Midwest Tour

DECATUR, Ill., March 22.—Back-stein's Midget Wild Animal Circus and Menagerie, started as a hobby by Bert and Bill Backstein, of this city, has been built for a tour of Illinois

and Indiana cities and plans now call for an opening about July 1. Bert Backstein will be general manager, with Bill Backstein han-dling the general superintendent assignment.

Performance will be built around midget animals, and a wide variety of small wild animals are being as-sembled for the menagerie. All cage wagons have been built on

a one-quarter size scale.

# **4 Yank Shows** HeadingNorth

## **Ringling-Barnum agents in** Montreal, Toronto, London -Beatty, Sparks, Bailey set

CHICAGO, March 22.-There will be no shortage of circuses in Canada this season—in fact, they may be tripping over each other. This will tripping over each other. This will be a decided reversal of form, as last year Clyde Beatty was the only show with the courage or foresight to hop into the Canadian provinces, and Clyde came out with a hefty bank roll.

Reports from Montreal, Toronto and London, Ont., indicate that con-tracting agents for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus have been around, and that Big Bertha's massive spread of canvas will be up

massive spread of canvas will be up in several key cities. Agents for Clyde Beatty, Sparks and Bailey Bros.' shows also have been busy in that territory, and some bookings have leaked out. Officially, plans for a Canadian tour, but in show business it is difficult to keep a secret if more than one person has it -and sometimes it isn't a secret if only one knows it.

## Garden Combs Ontario

Garden Bros. of Toronto will make the first move on Canadian soil, opening its indoor sponsored show in the Toronto Coliseum April 7. This the Toronto Collseum April 7. This org will give Ontario a thoro comb-ing for 20 weeks, with an adequate performance, so circuses won't ex-actly be a novelty in that sector when the tents arrive. Also, Toronto and Montreal will have played host to the Hamid-Mor-ton Shrine before Ringling-Barnum arrives.

arrives.

It is not definitely established as yet which of those who travel on their own equipment will be the first into the Dominion, but both Bailey and Sparks will be there in mid-May. They will be two days apart in Ham-ilton and Brantford, Ont., unless one of them switches dates or routes.

## Beatty Has West

Beatty Has West Beatty no doubt will enter thru the Pacific Northwest again, and prob-ably not until June. He should have things quite to himself in the West as so far none of the others has surveyed that territory. He prob-ably will turn back into the States earlier than he did last year when he was in Ontario after Labor Day, especially if Sparks and Bailey go thru with their contemplated routes. It might not be very profitable, as strong a draw as is Beatty's name, to follow on the heels of Garden Bros., Bailey Bros. and Sparks. Bailey Bros. and Sparks. So far the indoor fellows have not

bothered Canada's prairie provinces, so Beatty stands to pick up a healthy chunk in that area again. Canada went thru six long years of

war without a circus, but now it seems that those north of the border will be pretty circused before the '47 season is completed.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 22.—Among the acts signed here for a season with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus are Lillian Wittmack, equestrian; Four Cathalas, acrobats using rolling globes, and the Three Thommens, high perch, 50 CIRCUSES



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# Flu Wallops Hamid-Morton Takes in Wichita and Tulsa

TULSA, Okla., March 22.—A flu epidemic that affected at least one-third of the population in both third of the population in both Wichita, Kan., and here in Tulsa had a decidedly detrimental effect on the Hamid-Morton grosses, but in neither spot was it serious enough to put the final counts in the losing brackets, according to Bob Morton.

Wichita's gross was \$32,000, which

# **April 7 Is Set** By King Bros. As Opening Date

JACKSON, Miss., March 22 .-King Bros.' Circus, enlarged in every department, will open the season here April 7. It will be the first circus to play here in two years.

All equipment, including 40 trac-tors and semi-trailers, cages, dens and seats have been either replaced or overhauled. The menagerie will be one of the features. Chester Gregory, Side Show manager, has lined up a strong show, including a Wallace lion act.

James M. Beach, who was engaged early this year as general agent, be-gan his duties March 1. He pre-viously was general agent for Bailey Bros.' Circus.

## **Kuzmicz** Heads Billers

Steve Kuzmicz, manager of the No. 1 advertising car, with a crew of 10 billers, starts work Monday (24). A town truck and three country (24). A town truck and three country route panels comprise the advance fleet. John C. Goddard will be in charge of programing. Special four-color lithographs, completed recently, will be used be used.

Joseph Robinson, superintendent of the electrical department, completed overhauling of the two 28-kw. plants. The midway will have more lights than ever before.

than ever before. Recent arrivals include Jack Mere-dith, blacksmith, back after a visit to Knoxville; Joe Sullivan, banner man; Jim Brown, mechanic, from his home in Charlotte, N. C.; Arthur Stahlman, superintendent of candy stands, and Frank Deriskie and his troupe of seven from Los Angeles. The Cristiani Troupe will be fea-tured in a riding act in addition to their teeterboard act. Flo McIntosh and her troupe of

Flo McIntosh and her troupe of wire walkers are working daily in the rehearsal building. Matt Lawrish, equestrian director, has put in a busy winter training domestic ani-mals and also the two new elephants imported for the show last December.

was \$2,000 short of the 1946 business. Morton said he was well satisfied in view of the epidemic of illness.

Tulsa's run for the police department will be about 10 per cent less than a year ago when it closes to-night, Morton declared. In addition to the flu, promoters were not al-lowed to work tickets or advertising lowed to work fickets or advertising on the telephones. Weather was bad the first two days, but business picked up when the weather cleared. Morton predicted that a 10 per cent drop would just enable his org to break even on the stand, or finish a few dellars up or down few dollars up or down.

Morton revealed that he received a wire Friday from Vernon L. Mc-Reavy, promoter handling his date at Memphis, that at the present time the promotion is running \$5,000 ahead of 1946 and positively will hit \$25,000 McReavy declared that ahead of 1946 and positively will hit \$25,000. McReavy declared that every performance in Memphis, which opens Wednesday (26), both matinee and night, will be a com-plete sellout.

Morton said that virtually every member of his company has been ill at some time or other during the past two weeks, but that 150 cold pills given him by a prominent physician in Philadelphia when he started on this tour have worked miracles in keeping all on their feet."

# A New Circus

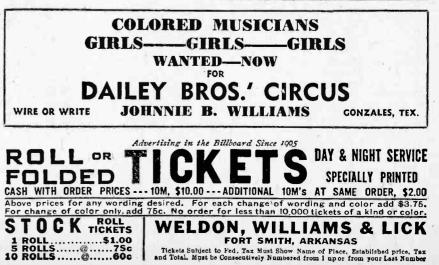
Plans for the organization of a new circus for the 1948 season are revealed in a scason are revealed in a story headlined "Buddy North Cavalcade Head" in the gen-eral outdoor section of this issue. Turn to Page 46 for details.



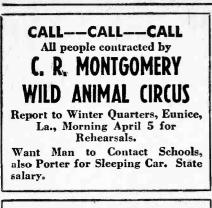
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**Org Purchases New Big Top** 

GAINESVILLE, Tex., March 22.— The 17th annual Gainesville Com-munity Circus will be launched Wednesday, April 23, and continue thru Thursday and Friday. Event is held in connection with the fourth annual Circus Round-Up, sponsored by civic organizations, and revived for the first time since 1941.

The circus will exhibit under a big top again, having purchased a 110-foot round top and three 50-foot middles from the Clyde Beatty Circus. New 12-foot sidewall is now under construction in Chicago. Additional seats are being constructed in the show's shops to bring the capacity past the 3,000 mark.

Following its Gainesville engagement, the circus will play in Green-ville, Tex., under Kiwanis Club auspices Thursday and Friday May 1 and 2, and in Denison, Tex., under the Quarterback Club Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9.

For the first time in 10 years, the show will have a big bareback act, the Riding Alexanders, a six-people combination using three horses. The spec, *Spangleland Fantasy*, is being costumed by Lanquay, and a 12-girl web act has replaced swinging ladders for the ballet number.

Gerry Murrell has a novel presentation of her menage horse, Sun D., using high-wheeled cart, and there will be nine horses in the high school number.

A four-people trampoline act will be a new addition to the show.

New band uniforms, ordered more than a year, have arrived and will be used for the opening by Director B. D. Ford and his musicians. Two calliopes will be used again, one for street bally and one with the band. Three members of the circus, Sue Roane, Diane Wimberly and Ann Bridges, are among 10 nominees for circus queen, being voted on by civic organizations in connection with the round-up. The queen will be crowned during a circus performance.

# Wallenda Sets **April 4 Tilt**

Park, Park, Fort Myers, Fla., April 4, it was announced by Vaughn Richardgeneral agent.

Advance ticket sales campaign for the April 24-27 engagement in Tampa under the sponsorship of Egypt Temple Shrine is underway, with books of tickets being mailed direct to Temple members. Richardson announced he has con-

tracted for a stand at Lakeland, Fla., in Bryant Stadium under the joint sponsorship of the Shrine Clubs of Lakeland and Winter Haven.

Alex Neuburger, formerly with the Ringling-Barnum org, will be Wal-lenda treasurer, and J. E. Hill is brigade agent and contracting press and radio.

Jack Leontini reports that Wallenda concession rights have been sold to Frank Torrence and Fred Er-wingo, both formerly featured aerialists with the Ringling-Barnum show. The streamlined 120-foot rigging formerly worked by Torrence and his wife, the late Victoria, will be used in the show and worked by Arthur Jamison.

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spent a day and lots of money in Chicago. An after-the-show party for the entire personnel, with the Eagles Lodge our host, was the highlight of the week.

Tom and Betty Waters were guest stars for the week. Franklin Silver-lake shared honors with St. Patrick by celebrating his 14th birthday. George Lerch seems awfully lone-come these days and is always at some these days and is always at the side of Raymond Duke, our trusty mailman. Herb Tavlor breaks all records when it comes to getting the rigging up. Pauline Heerdink's new gadgety white and gold cos-tume really is an eye catcher. Jo-sephine Silverlake has completed some nifty spangle originals, too. Lee Lynch knows now why folks get grey.

Empress, Modoc and Judy are the snootiest girls since they toured 12 miles each day to make their personal appearances. Don McCul-lough's pooch, Mickey, is a bigger problem than ever since he thinks he's an orphan.

Visitors sighted included Viola, Visitors sighted included Viola, Harry and Rooney Rooks and party, Otto Gretona and son, the latter just out of the service; Marion Hamilton, of Garden Bros.' Circus; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Young, Pat Purcell; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zemater and son, Chuck; Mr. Canestrelli, Billy Senior, Bernice Herwitz. Charles Sataieo. Bernice Herwitz, Charles Satajeo, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wittnor and Marvin James. But where were Emmett and Dorothy Sims and Harry Atwell?—DOLLY JACOBS.



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## **Yankee-Patterson**

Mabel Stark and her Royal Bengal tigers arrived in quarters, after re-cently returning from Honolulu where she and her husband appeared with the Fernandez Amusement Company.

George McConnell, recently retired as head of the McConnell, recently retired as head of the McConnell Insurance Company of San Francisco, has signed as special agent and will handle schools and special events. McConnell's arrival was delayed as he was in an automobile accident near Bakersfield, Calif., and is in a hospital there. George Perkins has been contracted as the show's purchasing agent.

Acting General Agent Harry Mel-In is busy contracting towns around the Bay area and is at present making his headquarters in San Francisco. He will be joined shortly by General Agent Harvey Walters, who has been busy in quarters overseeing the ad-vertising campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wilson, managers of the adver-tising crew, completed their billing in the Southern California cities and en route to Northern California are and Oregon.

and Oregon. William DeBarrie and his crew finished work on the circus Side Show, which will be new inside and out. It will have an all-aluminum front with life-size pictorial paint-ings creating a 150-foot banner line.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Landon are decorating their house trailer. Frank Chicarello and Paul Scott completed their privilege car. Fred Bowrey is busy shearing the mules and horses for a series of acts he will manage. Norman Anderson, who has been under the weather, has recovered.

Announcer Allan Wood returned from an airplane trip to San Fran-cisco. Jimmie Davisson and Murl Claybough finished painting the new seats which arrived from Nebraska. Joe and Anna Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. John Fairburn, George Perkins and the elephant, Shirley Temple, were featured performers at a recent birth-day party given in Hollywood by Martin E. Arthur for 150 children.

The Guitterez family is rehearsing everal new acts. Virginia Wood Wood several new acts. returned from a local hospital, fol-lowing an operation. She insists she'll be ready for the opening.— WALTON de PELLATON.

## Romig & Rooney

Winter still dogs us Michiganders, but one of our winter troupers, re-cently returned from the not-so-sunny South, says it looks good to him.

Everyone in quarters was glad to hear of the improved health of Carl Romig's father, who resides in Reading, Pa.

Looks like Elizabeth Romig will have to hire a secretary to handle her fan mail since the recent news-paper plugs. Lots of old friends are looking her up, too.

The big question now is: Who is the Red Shadow and why all the se-cret conferences between the Messrs. Romig and Couls?

The writer needs about six route cards to keep track of the personnel, as acts are scattered all over the State, with the Detroit Boys' Club Circus, the School Circus in Saginaw and a number of theater dates around Detroit keeping everyone on the jump.

New ticket trailer arrived and now everyone wants to sell tickets this season. It looked like circus day at a recent sale at Julius Jacobs's Stables, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis, Buster Todd, Diamond Dewey, Carl and Fay Romig and Bob Couls in attendance. ---MARIJO COULS.

## **Dailey Bros.**

Our show was well represented at the Sunday matinee of the Clyde Beatty show in San Antonio. We saw and chatted with so many friends that a list of names is out of the question. Everyone enjoyed a good show and a friendly visit.

show and a friendly visit. The shipment of young lions that Joe Horwath is training are prov-ing apt pupils. One of the white spitz presented our show with five puppies, all boys. Page Ripley! The day Mac McCall played the Gonzales school with his husky dog act, he spent one night in our old comp grounds and everyone enjoyed

camp grounds and everyone enjoyed camp grounds and everyone enjoyed his visit. Some wag slipped a placard on the door of the Davenport resi-dence. It read: "Home For Unfor-tunate Animals." It referred, no doubt, to the orphaned young being raised there.

Taised there. Streamline Fizzele, ex-bronk bus-ter, is hobbling around with a broken leg. The last bronk got him. Doc Pyle, his wife and daughter, Dar-lene, and her husband, parked their handsome trailers in the yard for a wisit with relatives in cuarters. visit with relatives in quarters. Peter Lindermann and Thomas F

Heaney departed to assume seasonal duties. They will be followed soon by R. M. Harvey, our general agent. Ned Hayes, Texas birdman, landed his low-wing monoplane in our pashis low-wing monoplane in our pas-ture after gunning his motor three times over a phlegmatic donkey who was occupying the level spot. He taxied to the cabin sites so fast oc-cupants of the houses were poised on the doorsteps ready to flee. But Hayes came to a whirlwind stop as expertly as a cow-pony.

We had a prevue of the new sleep-ers and privilege car. Mighty neat, and sturdy berths are built-in. The privilege car is arranged to con-serve steps and facilitate serving, in addition to having a beautiful in-terior terior.

Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Drake, former employees of this show, on their way to Hot Springs, and Elvin Welch, 24-hour man on the Beatty show.—HAZEL KING.

## Sello Bros.

This makes our eighth week on tour and we are finding the weather in sunny California very pleasant. The show is making all spots on schedule and not missing any performances.

Org has a new trouper now. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeagler.—KAY BARNEY,



## The Billboard

# UNDER THE MARQUEE

Jackson C. Squires, mouthpiece so far this spring for Dern Bros., reports will not be with any show this he season.

Mystery never solved is what the eightfoot Side Show giants stoop to do, out of season.

Jack Haines, now with the Clyde Beatty Circus, and Jim Stutz en-joyed a reunion when the Beatty show played San Antonio recently,

Larceny is wrong, and besides that, anybody who steals a sledge hammer is a glutton for punishment.

Charlie A. (Chuck) O'Connor, former circus trainmaster, is a patient in Ward B-4 of the Veterans Hospital in Portland, Ore.

George Hubler cards from Dayton, **O.**, he has signed his bar act with Dailey Bros.' Circus for the season. Hubler was with the Eagles Circus during the winter.

Good trouper is one who can prove that he loves his work by not having a bank account at the season's end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Zerm returned to the Mills Bros. winter quarters in Bucyrus, O., after a Florida vacation. Zerm will operate the Side Show on the Mills org.

Howard and Wanda Bell, who appeared in the musical show, Broadway Revels, in the Will Rogers Audi-torium during the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knapp, who per-formed in the rodeo in the Coliseum.

By exercising a little strength of character the white-collarite will be able to refrain from helping put it up this year.

William (Sparkplug) Goodman and wife, Rosie, will tour this season with Levy and Elmer Payne's Rhythm Rascals band. . . Jake (Corrigan) Disch cards that Kachel's Miniature Circus at Whitewater, Wis., is worth going miles to see.

Claude A. Garner, recently discharged from the marines, cards from Warrenton, Mo., that he will be the 24-hour-man and also have the banners on the Beebee Bros.' Circus. Gar-ner's dad, Les, will be the org's general agent.

It's the same on every circus: the work-Ingmen who are the slowest to respond always have pushers with the loudest voices.

Ernie Wiswell and His Dizzie Lizzie worked the Shrine Circus in Minneapolis and was added to the St. Paul Shrine program, Wiswell postcards. ... Joe Short, midget clown, reports he had his picture taken at the Detroit zoo while en route to St. Paul for the Shrine Circus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rasor and son, Walter, Brookville, O., recently called home from Florida by the death of the elder Rasor's mother, plan to play spots in and around Brookville with their bull which has four eyes, four horns and a double nose, until the fairs open.

To practically everybody, sooner or later, comes the belief that out of all the

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Charles (La.) Country Club; Hunter Jarreau, manager and secretary-treasurer of The Alexandria Daily Town Talk, who visited Barry recently, writes. Jarreau also reports visiting the Montgomery Wild Ani-mal Circus at quarters in Eunice, La.

James Cogswell, clown, writes from Lincoln, Neb., that he will be with Gil Gray's Shrine Circus in Aberdeen, S. D., this week. Al Sweeney, who handled publicity for Polack Bros.' Shrine Circus date in Chicago, reports that King Fea-tures will soon release a feature story on the Dornay Sister on the Dornay Sisters, Aileen and Lucretia, members of the Giustino Loyal Troupe. Sweeney also re-ported that Harry Atwell, Chicago photog, has a complete layout of pic-tures of all the acts of the Polack Bros. org on hand now.

> When an old-timer was asked what years of his trouping life he enjoyed the most, he answered, "When I first joined and said, 'Yes mam' and 'No mam' to the cooche dancers in the annex.

> Fu, Emil Pallenberg's motorcycleriding hear with Polack Bros., isn't too crazy about riding the noisy ma-chine, and one night during the Chicago engagement she clawed her trainer on the right leg, from knee to ankle. Pallenberg, after being treated in the org's first-aid room, went on with his act the next day. On Tuesday (11) Pallenberg had Fu at Goldblatt's department store for Jimmy Costello's radio program of Let's Have Fun.

> Lee Norman, Grand Forks, N. D., undertaker who at one time was a legal adjuster, was stricken with a heart attack while attending the Shrine Circus in Minneapolis re-cently and is confined to a Minneapolis hospital. . . . John J. (Posters) Anderson, of Cincinnati, reports that Marshall Green, Sparks' general agent, is resting comfortably, but it will be several weeks before he will be released from the hospital.

Many of the old-timers who are concerned over the number of First of Mays entering the biz were once First of Mays who worried other old-timers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory enter-Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory enter-tained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, Harold and Eileen Voise, Freddie and Mickey Freeman, Felix Adler, Dick Lewis, Otto Griebling and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis during the Cleveland Crotte chow. Grotto show. . . . Stopovers in Peru, Ind., after the Cleveland show were Tuffy and Gracie Genders, Jean Sleeter, Joe and Bebe Siegrist and Mamie Ward, en route to Blooming-ton, Ill., and Mitzie Fein, en route to Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tomas and Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Trostl, all natives of Austria, recently appeared before immigration officials in Tampa, to seek U. S. citizenship. Trostl is better known to circus followers as Arturo the Great, wire act with Ringling-Barnum, while Tomas is the care-taker for Gargantua and Toto, famous Ringling gorillas.

Charles J. Meyer, general agent for the James M. Cole Circus, is back at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., after a two-week trip to Dallas, Houston, Galveston and Paris, Tex. "In South Houston I saw the sad sight of the remains of the Christy Circus, including cages and baggage wagons, rotting in the sun," Meyer wrote. Meyer is making his home his headquarters while conducting business for the Cole show in New York.

Idter, comes the belief that out of all the good jobs on shows, he had to get the worst cne. Charles Oakley Barry, former cuses, is now manager of the Lake Roy Barrett, who has been vaca-tioning in Los Angeles the last nine weeks, is with the Polack Eastern unit No. 2. Following his ap-pearances with Polack at Lansing and Akron, Barrett will work for

Barnes-Carruthers in the Chicago Stadium and Detroit Olympia Arena. Barrett says while in Los Angeles he visited with Bones Hartzell, Curly Phillips, Ray Harris, Slats Beeson, Tom Plank, Jimmie Woods, Abe Goldstein, Jimmie Reynolds, Law-rence Swalley, Art Larue, Fay Ava-lon, George Perkins, Nate Lewis, Bus-ter Cronin, Eddie Brown, Spud Red-wick Botty, Miller and Mabel Stark rick, Betty Miller and Mabel Stark.

Annex Annie, blow-off entertainer, advised from Dallas: "I find that there is no rhythm in a Chinese laundry and will positively return to the white tops this season.

The Hall of Oddities, Side Show at the Cleveland Shrine Circus did a big business, despite some bad weather. Show was booked and pro-duced by Achmed (Doc) Hagaar, of Detroit, who retires from the Side Show business. He will devote his entire time to the Zombie Castle. Line-up of the Side Show was Floyd Larsen and Doc Hagaar, front; Tom Foreman and Joe Wilson, ticket boxes; Howard Fitzpatrick, front door; Melvin Burkhardt, magic and master of ceremonies; Dorothy Lau-ther, rag pictures; Musical Reeses, novelty act; Dolly Joyce, Atomic Wonder Girl; Dolly Regan, Ossified Girl; Mary Labadio, blade box; Slick Burke, Anatomical Wonder; Gilbert Ray, World's Tallest Man; Paula Al-ley, World's Smallest Girl; Mary Pierce, Punch and Judy, Mickey Mouse, and Annex. door; Melvin Burkhardt, magic and

Casper H. Hinkle, owner of Hinkle's Mechanical City, writes that he recently completed another mechanical show, a complete circus which consists of 21 animals, 16 clowns, plus a Side Show. It will be added to the mechanical city this season. Hinkle says his show, which has been on the road for years, took five years to build, contains 5,000 pieces, is made and assembled by hand, and has 106 objects acting and operating all with one motor.

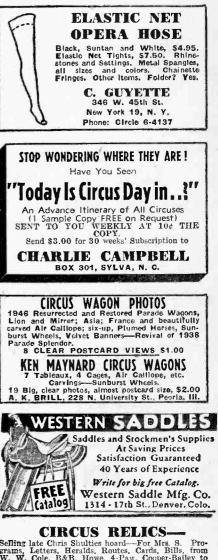
Ray Brison is still playing club dates with his magic act, while his sons, Raymond and Leland, who had the Raymond Lee Circus out last season, have passed their aviation tests and expect to get their licenses any day. Brison also reports that Ed McIntyre, a former acrobat, is in the storm window business in Reading, Pa.; that Jack Haines, clown, who was off the road the last two seasons, is getting ready to join a circus in Texas; that Bright Jones, circus musician, who, since quitting the road has been office man for the Bobbie Dease Theatrical Agency, suffered a stroke recently and is confined to his bed. Brison says he attended the funeral of George (Shorty) Shively, brigade manager of the James M. Cole Circus last season, in Pottsville, Pa., February 14.

Jimmie Heron reports his Wild Life and Animal Oddities Exhibit, which showed in a large store on East Wild Houston Street, San Antonio, played to capacity crowds and the same was true at the 15-day stand at the Washington's Birthday Celebration in Laredo, Tex. Recently the show, thru the efforts of Al Clarkson, show's press agent, landed a column of pic-tures in The San Antonio Light. Heron reports recent visitors included Cash Wiltse, Art Miller, Frank Lee, Bill Moore, R. E. Lange, Jack Ruback, Mr. Stark, superintendent of the San Antonio Zoo; John Foss, Homer Trimble, Butch Cohen, Jack Turner and Mr. Duggen, of Gonzales, Tex.

One-Ring Slim said. "I'm a good boss canvasman, crackerjack general agent, A-1 press representative, master builder and versatile secretary and manager, but circus owners won't give me a job because I'm M. A. OSBORNE 827 BERGEN ST., too smart for them."



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CAVALCADE IN NEW COMPANY

March 29, 1947

**Buddy North** Named Prexy

Wagner retains boss role-Bel Geddes, Anderson will lend talent in building org

(Continued from page 46) timated that Michael Todd, who recently sold his interest in Delmar, Calif., race track, may become interested in the circus.

## Enlarge Cavalcade

First step on the new firm's agenda will be to improve the Cavalcade as much as possible, and North already has taken steps in that direction even the he will not be able to report for full time service until April 1. He is now completing a two-week naval reserve training cruise.

Plans call for an additional 10 cars on the Cavalcade in 1948, the show to go out this season with 54 as originally planned by Wagner before the present set-up was made.

North's activity so far for this sea-son includes the contacting of Euro-pean agents to get new freaks, novel-ties and animals for the midway, to be delivered in time for the fall fairs. He has arranged to have Norman Bel Geddes, who designed many of the futuristic buildings for the New York World's Fair, both for the entertain-ment and industrial zones, to make a trip to Mobile immediately to make whatever improvement he can de-sign for the front entrance and the midway shows.

## John Murray Anderson In

As soon as John Murray Ander-son, New York producer, completes ais task of arranging the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presentation for this year, he too will jour-ney to Mobile to have a hand in the production of midway shows.

production of midway shows. Carlton Winkler, light technician for Billy Rose, has been engaged to check over all lighting on the Caval-cade, both inside and out, and to as-sist the present working crew in modernizing it all the way. New costumes for all shows and ride per-sonnel will be ordered thru Brooks of New York, costumers for Ringling-Barnum, Sonja Henie ice show and other big productions. other big productions.

North, according to Tavelin, will contact Steve Hannegan, one time tub thumper for the Indianapolis auto race classic and now head of a autorial publicity firm, on the han-dling of an over-all exploitation campaign for the new company as well as for the Cavalcade.

Tavelin pointed out that North's first interest after the Cavalcade is first interest after the Cavalcade is rolling will be the organization of a new circus. North served as as-sistant to the president of the Ringling-Barnum show from 1938 thru 1942. However, he will spend as much time with the Cavalcade as possible.

Wagner will remain in complete charge of the Cavalcade operation, and he announced there will be no changes in his present staff.

An opening date for Cavalcade has An opening date for Cavalcade has not been officially announced, but it is generally understood around win-ter quarters here that the first bow will be taken at the Memphis Cot-ton Carnival early in May.



HENRY RINGLING (BUDDY) NORTH will get his first taste of carnival business as president of the Pacific Eastern Amusement Company, re-cently formed org that will operate the Cavalcade of Amusements. Al Wagner is executive vice-president of the new firm and will continue as general manager of the Cavalcade.

# World of Today **Opens April 5**

ready on hand in local winter quarters include Jack (Preacher) Munroe. Side Show; Ray Ayers, Girl Show; Bill Starr, legal adjuster; Mr. and Mrs. Izzy Wells, Art Signor. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Fairly, Eddie Clark, Bob Switzer, Bob Harris and French LaDaux.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, who have been in quarters for a month, left on an extended trip north. Mrs. Fairly is improving rapidly following a recent operation.

# American Eagle Hit By Tornado in Miss., **Postpones** Opening

YAZOO CITY, Miss., March 22.— A tornado March 12 struck winter quarters of the American Eagle Shows at colored fairgrounds here, damaging shows equipment and forc-ing Owner-Manager Danny Arnett

to postpone org's opening. Damage ran high during the five-minute blow. All buildings on the grounds were demolished. Fortugrounds were demolished. Fortu-nately, several of the org's trucks, fully loaded with equipment, had left quarters a few hours before the tornado hit. However, the wind tossed over a new truck loaded with a new Merry-Go-Round and caused considerable damage. House trailer roofs and windows were shattered by hail

rools and the been set for Org's opening had been set for March 15. Due to the amount of repair work to be done, opening probably will be delayed until

## Lee Bostwick Is Signed as Home State General Agent

BATESVILLE, Ark., March 22.— Lee Bostwick, former owner of the Dixie-Land Shows, has been signed as general agent of the Home State Shows, owners Carl Larsen and Don Trueblood announced.

# **Ops Unlimber Bankrolls** In Effort To Land Star **Attractions for Midway**

Trend Is Definite Toward Top Flash, Meritorious Shows

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Operations at winter quarters in various sections of the country indicate that carnival owners generally have come to realize that more attention must be paid to meritorious presentations on the back end of their organizations, and the trend is definitely toward making it bigger and better-and not strictly in a conversational manner. Operators have been seen around act booking agencies with more regularity, seeking talent to put under canvas, and they have been combing the lists in an effort to locate "names" that will be of value in obtaining better fair and spon-

# **Triangle Opens** In Wilson, N. C.

WILSON, N. C., March 22.-Tri-angle Shows toss back the wraps and open their season here today

Org is spotted on a location 50 feet over the city line. It is a breakin date for the lot. Heretofore. shows have played on a lot adjacent to the fairgrounds, but that lot has been sold and is now lost to shows. New spot is on the Rocky Mount Highway and is near to downtown Wilson.

George Barnett checked in a few days before the opening, arriving with his wife from Troy, N. Y. in a 1946 semi-trailer. Bill and Eddie Thompson and (Mike Roman ar-rived from Florida. Roman has the custard and arcade custard and arcade.

Clementine Coffey made a hurried trip to New York, where she pur-chased wardrobe and scenic equip-ment for her show. General Man-ager Shapiro made a pre-opening trip to North Tonawanda, N. Y., to supervise the loading of a new Looper and discuss the possibility of the purchase of another ride from Allan Herschell Company. En route back, he stopped in Pittsburgh and picked up a new 32 semi-trailer of-fice constructed by the Fruehauf company. Trailer is painted in white enamel and lettered in gold, with the show's slogan across both ends and show's slogan across both ends and the show's insignia on each side.

# **Capell Bros. Open** In McAlester, Okla.

McALESTER, Okla., March 22

McALESTER, Okla., March 22.— Capell Bros.' Shows bows for 1947 here tonight under auspices of the National Guard. Equipment was moved during the week from winter quarters at Haskell, Okla. All equipment has been over-hauled and painted and a new 25-foot front entrance built and mounted on two 20-foot semis. A new 24-foot office trailer also has been built, new light towers erected and all new canvas purchased. canvas purchased. A new feature is the Capell Bros.'

A new feature is the Capell Bros.' Wild West and Rodeo, purchased last fall by H. N. Capell. It is under direction of Jack Carpenter. Org's executive staff consists of H. N. Capell, manager; Mrs. H. N. Capell, secretary-treasurer; Ray-mond Spencer, general agent; J. N. Bennett, special agent; Ed Whalen, legal adjuster; Robert Capell, con-cession manager; Jack Capell, ride superintendent, and John Boyle, electrician. electrician.

sorship contracts, and that will help break down the publicity barriers and lure extra cash customers thru new, brightly flashed outside en-trances.

Harry W. Hennies, owner of Hen-nies Bros.' Shows, took a big leap in this direction when he signed a con-tract with Sally Rand and her troupe for the entire 1947 season. Miss Rand will present the troupe on Hen-nies' midway that has been working night clubs with her the past several months, and observers well versed in outdoor show business who caught it claim it should prove a strong magnet.

## **A Tough Investment**

Some operators believe that Hennies went off the deep end when he signed the contract, as it is quite generally understood that the Rand show will have to gross approximately \$150,000 before Hennies can start to

\$150,000 before Hennies can start to realize anything on his investment. On the other hand, Hennies believes that the expensive investment in Rand will pay off in the long run, even if the show does not get its nut. "Rand's name and her ability to meet and talk to newspaper, radio and other important people will prove a great asset, and we will have something that our publicity crew will be able to take advantage of," Hennies declared. "I believe that a heavy investment in Rand will that a heavy investment in Rand will get many extra dollars thru the outget many extra dollars thru the out-side gate, and that other attractions will benefit, too. At the same time there is always the chance that her own show will turn in a profit. At least, I think it is well worth the gamble."

Down in Mobile, Al Wagner is busy changing the plans of his Cavalcade of Amusements midway, and all showbiz will watch this experiment with keen interest.

It is announced in this issue of The Billboard that Wagner has tossed his lot in with a group of financiers and showmen to form the Pacific Eastern Amusement Company, which will operate the Cavalcade, and its long-range program includes the building of a new circus for the 1948 season.

## Has Prominent Advisers

Wagner will have the benefit of the experience of Henry Ringling (Buddy) North in charting the course of his organization, and North already has made arrangements to have such has made arrangements to have such well-known showmen as John Mur-ray Anderson and Norman Bel Geddes take a hand in framing the show for the coming season. Ander-son will work on show production, with Bel Geddes putting the finishing touches on the fronts and general flash flash

Wagner announced that he has (See OPS UNLIMBER on page 60)

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# Showmen's League **Banquet** Set for **PalmerHouseDec.2**

CHICAGO, March 22 .- The Showmen's League of America, which has held its annual banquet and ball in the Sherman Hotel here each year since 1932, this year will hold the event in the Palmer House, Tuesday, December 2.

December 2. The conventions of the American Carnival Association, the Interna-tional Association of Fairs and Ex-positions and the National Associa-tion of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches, however, are scheduled to be held at the Sherman Hotel. Announcement of the shift of the SI A benguet and hell to the Polmer

Announcement of the shift of the SLA banquet and ball to the Palmer House was made by Art Briese and Al Sweeney, co-chairmen of the event, who said that the Palmer House offered superior accommodations.

It will be possible to seat a total of 1,510 at the banquet in the Palmer House. This compares with 1,402 maximum capacity in the Sherman, the co-chairmen pointed out. Last year the Sherman Ballroom was sold out and there were many turn-aways

out and there were many turn-aways. Better vision is also possible in the Palmer House, they added. The Palmer House Ballroom and its balcony will seat 1,160, all with unob-structed vision. Moreover, an addi-tional 350 can be seated in the foyer. In the Sherman Hotel it is possible to seat 1,100 in the ballroom, but the vision of a considerable number is

to seat 1,100 in the ballroom, but the vision of a considerable number is marred either by posts or by the stage. Moreover, those who sit in the rooms off the balcony find both vision and hearing difficult. Briese and Sweeney said that they will announce subcommittees for the event next week.

## Jackson, Miss., Biz For Wallace Bros. 20% Over Last Year

JACKSON, Miss., March 22 .- Favored with ideal weather thru the greater part of the week, Wallace Bros.' Shows, making their 1947 debut, were running 20 per cent ahead of last year's gross, Ernie Far-row, org's manager, reported. Far-row, org's manager, reported. Farrow, expressing delight with business here, said, "If this is a barometer of what 1947 will be, it should be a great year for all carnivals."

Show, which moves to Jackson, Tenn., next week for a week's stand, presented plenty of flash here. The all-new panel fronts, built during the winter, aided by plenty of neon, caused much favorable comment.

## **Eastern Orgs Set** For April Openings

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Before mid-April carnival activity will be quite general in the New York-New Jersey and New England States ter-ritory. Among shows set for early ritory. Among shows set for early opening here are Caledonia Shows, Kingston, N. Y., April 3-12; Penn Premier, Trenton, N. J., April 4-12; Gerard's Greater, suburbs of New York, April 5; Sam Tassell, Lake-wood, Lakewood, N. J., April 7; B. & V., West New York, N. J., April 12-27; Ross Manning, Port Reading, N. J., April 17, and Coleman Bros., Middletown, Conn., April 17.

# RAS, Cavalcade In Battle for **Davenport** Date

DAVENPORT, Ia., March 22.— Which carnival—Royal American or Cavalcade of Amusements—will be the first to show this year in Daven-port, Ia., is still undecided. At a meeting of the committee-of-the-whole session Tuesday (18), Al-derman Fred Gerdes, member of the police and license committee, an-nounced his committee had taken fa-yorable action on the application of nounced his committee had taken fa-vorable action on the application of Kaaba Temple of the Shrine to spon-sor the first show in Davenport this year on the grounds the Shrine had filed the first application. Kaaba Temple is sponsoring the Royal American Shows, June 14-21, The American Veterans of World War II had filed a request to sponsor the Cavalcade of Amusements June 7-16, but Alderman Gerdes announced the petition had been denied. petition had been denied.

## **Counsel Objects**

Counsel Objects Attorney Martin F. McCarthy Jr., counsel for the Amvets and the Cavalcade org, objected to the com-mittee's action. He pointed out the, new carnival ordinance, passed by the council February 5, did not be-come effective until February 21 and that he filed his application on that that he filed his application on that date, posting a \$2,000 bond as re-quired by the regulation and a check for \$500 to cover the license. The Shrine, McCarthy said, filed its ap-plication February 7 before the or-dinance became effective.

Alderman John Fell, also a mem-ber of the police and license com-mittee, said he had approved the Shrine's application under the im-Shrine's application under the im-pression it was the first request filed. "From all indications, I have been misinformed and I want an opportu-nity to reconsider," Fell said. Cavalcade of Amusements and Royal American staged a heated bat-tle last year in the race to obtain the (RAS\_Cample and Tangla) for the same set.

(RAS, Cavalcade Tangle, page 62)



JACK DEMPSEY, now refereeing wrestling as one of his many gainful occupations, tries a finger-lock on Jim-my Strates (right), who was a wrest-ler before building the James E. Strates Shows. They met recently in Jacksonville, Fla.

# **Great Sutton Opens** In Sikeston, Mo., **Under Lions' Club**

SIKESTON, Mo., March 22.—Great Sutton Shows will be launched here March 29 under auspices of the Lions' Club.

Org will open with 11 rides, 10 shows and 45 concessions. Six neon light towers will adorn the midway. An 80-foot entrance arch, covered with neon, will front the mile-long midway, and over 2,000 feet of neon will be used to decorate shows and rider rides.

Organization will carry a complete shop and the large building program will be continued, as three more neon show fronts are scheduled to roll off production, prior to the fair dates. Shows will move on a fleet of 29 semis and three straight trucks.

# Heavy Dough Used as Lure

Ops see need for heavier flacking in future-billposters also hard to find

CHICAGO, March 22 .- There's a crying need for press agents and bill-posters, but few are heeding the call.

"There just aren't any press agents available in the carnival field," an exec of one of the nation's largest railroad shows declared in explanation.

And he should know; he's been on an intensive and as yet unproductive, press agent hunt for weeks—and he's willing to pay good money to the right man.

#### **Offers Enough**

"Yes, we'd go as high as \$175 to \$200 a week for a really good man, but where can you find a good man, now available in the carnival field?," he countered in answer to a question whether the job offered enough money.

A show press agent has to have plenty on the ball; more than a circus press agent, for instance, carnie owners say. The job is more demanding. There isn't quite as much to sell and the selling isn't as easy. More-over, it requires the ability to dream up an effective idea and the knowhow to swing sound promotions, such as kids' matinees, show owners point out.

Some of the more publicity and promotion-minded carnival exec-utives are willing to put out adequate pay for a press agent. But they ex-pect results in return. And that means they'll pay off to a conscien-tious effective producer and won't tious, effective producer and won't tolerate a lush or one easily diverted from his duties.

## See Need for P. A.'s

See Need for P. A.'s Some won't have any but single men. "When they're married, they may start the season on the road alone, but before long they want to bring their families along, and it doesn't work out," one executive pointed out. "And, when they're paying their expenses on the road, while maintaining a home for their family, they can't pile up what they think they should during the carnival season. Result is they lose interest." The more far-sighted execs in the

The more far-sighted execs in the The more far-sighted execs in the field foresee an increasing need for press agents. Most agree that biz this year will be good, but they con-cede an extra effort over recent years will be needed to keep it good. In another year, tho, they believe all the stops will have to be pulled to keep business up business up.

#### **Push Promotions**

Special promotions, such as kiddie matinees, will be pushed harder. Some of the shows will go stronger for free acts, and, as one exec pointed out, there is not much use in going out, there is not much use in going in for free acts unless their appear-ance is well exploited. Too, some of the shows, in their drive to hold business, will frame some strong fea-ture—and this, too, will require strong publicity. There may be a turn towards "names" on a show. Hennies Bros. this year is bringing out Sally Rand and her show, and the Rand unit is rated as loaded with potent publicity material. Promotions, such as kiddie mati-

Promotions, such as kiddie mati-(See Shortage of Press on page 62)

# **Conklins' Modernistic Theme** Points Up CNE's New Midway

TORONTO, March 22 .- With its hibition design and all will be an \$10,000,000, five-year expansion pro-gram pointed up to reveal the Cana-dian National Exhibition here as the World's Fair of Tomorrow at its completion, Elwood A. Hughes, CNE manager, last week released architec-tural drawings depicting proposed new midway features and the modernization plans for present buildings. Release of proposed set-up is in line with exhibition's move in grant-ing to J. W. (Patty) Conklin, presi-dent, and Frank R. Conklin, vice-president, of Conklin Shows, Brant-ford a five wear contract for miduary ford, a five-year contract for midway operations. Five-year lease to the

operations. Five-year lease to the Conklins, who held the contract here for five years prior to the war, was made to permit the brothers to erect permanent buildings to house the midway on the style of the New York and Chicago World's Fairs. Altho current plans have yet to be approved by the city council, the erection of a permanent midway has been okayed by the civic parks com-mittee and proposed layout will be submitted to the council at its next meeting, Hughes said. Every building to be erected on the midway is to be of modernistic ex-

attraction in themselves. John C. Ray and George W. Kadel, industrial architects, have completed designing the Penny Arcade, an innovation in modernistic motif. Various rides on the midway are to be housed in per-manent structures and when the Stanley Barracks area is taken over it will be used for the construction of a permanent coaster layout.

Contemplated revision in fronts is extensive and officials indicate the extensive and officials indicate the job designers and architects are do-ing on such attractions as the Laff in the Dark will prove a revelation to midway goers. A proposed Swim-cade to be erected at a cost of \$35,000 will feature water ballets, champion-ship swim contests and 225-cubic inch speed boat races among others. Entrance to the new attraction will be attractively painted and illumi-nated by indirect lighting.

Other attention arresters will in-clude a completely modern Hall of Science, which will be presented in the 1947 edition, and a new entrance for the General Exhibits, which will be constructed over the present en-trance to the building

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# MIDWAY CONFAB

Louis G. King has joined Bright

Frank R. Conklin, of the Conklin Shows, was in Chicago recently on business.

In Florida the past winter, troupers who owned lots would have gladly swapped them back to the Indians for blankets.

B. L. Brodbeck writes to refute a report that V. H. (Mike) Rockwell was at one time connected with the Brodbeck Shows.

James Rapple has shuttered his Sharon, Pa., photo studio and ac-cepted a job as billposter for the Majestic Greater Shows.

Bill Ross, Somerville, Mass., son of a former trouper, will be out with New England carnivals this year. He recently was discharged from the army.

F. J. Dowland, manager of the Dowland Midway Attractions of Wisconsin, spent several days in St. Louis on a buying expedition. He was ac-companied by C. W. Radtke.

Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, will Lights Exposition Shows at Lynch- be back at Woodside Park this sea-burg, Va., where org opens April 10. son, his third at that spot.

> Jack Ruback and Ted Custer visited the Clyde Beatty Circus in San Antonio Saturday (15) and were en-tertained by Bill Moore, legal ad-juster. Both praised the performance.

> Beauty of having a co-operative policy is neither the office nor its bosses can squawk if anything goes wrong.

> Emil Hansher got a publicity break when a *Milwaukee Journal* photog-rapher snapped him gallantly assist-ing the housekeeper of the Towne Hotel out of an elevator that was stuck between floors.

> Mrs. J. J. Page, owner of the J. J. Page Exposition Shows, has pur-chased an eight-tub Octopus from the Royal American Shows. Ride has been shipped to org's Johnson (Tenn.) winter quarters.

operator, won the recent three-cush-ion billard championship at the Ant-lers Hotel, Milwaukee. The boys chipped in and bought him a special

Fred Walters, Milwaukee bingo



HAROLD LLOYD, famed movie comedian, is not in the carnival business but evidently he enjoyed himself hob-nobbing with David B. Endy, left, and Louis (Stretch) Rice (right) recently at the Latin Quarter, Miami Beach, Fla. Lloyd visited Endy Bros.' Shows on the midway at the Dade County Fair, Miami.

has already ordered his ski wax.

Eddie Elkins is joining the B. & V. Shows, which are set to open in West New York, N. J., April 12. Eddie's car was stolen and wrecked recently in Florida.

A. C. Hill writes he recently vis-ited James H. Drew Jr. in Shelby, N. C., and reports Drew has built a string of concessions which will open in Washington April 3.

Jimmie Helman, who has a photo The Robinson (frozen custard) studio and small Arcade at 7133 family has sold its complete unit to

General agent who planned an early cue with his initials in gold on the opening for his show near the Great Lakes handle.

Bernice Lamb Jackson advises from Sheffield, Ala., that the L. B. Lamb Shows will open their season at Reynolds Ball Park there under police department auspices. She adds that many of the personnel from last year will be back again this season.

What happened to lots of bonuses last fall goes to show that one should try and remember the fine print in a verbal contract.

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H. R. Taylor. Latter has been playn. R. Taylor. Latter has been play-ing Florida fairs with the assistance of Mr. Robinson while the latter's daughter, Helen Louise, took a trip to Los Angeles. Her mother left this week by plane to accompany her back to Florida.

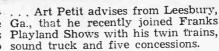
Geraldine Gerald cards from Glens Falls, N. Y., she and Marguerite Clark will be back with Claude Bently on the James E. Strates Shows. Marie Ralph writes from Cincinnati that she has been residing there since she retired from the road in 1940, having married G. DeMathes, and is the mother of two boys.

Eddie Owens, lot superintendent with a number of the big ones in the past and this season again wintering in Miami, and Clif Wilson, entre-peneur of reptile exhibits, vacation-ing in the Florida garden spot, shoot us programs from Gulfstream Park, where the boys are wont to gather when their scratch runs low and their when their scratch runs low and their pokes need a reloading.

Harry R. Walker, of Dartmouth, N. S., who died recently, toured Nova Scotia each season for many years with his Walker Shows. Several years ago he sold equipment to the Bill Lynch Shows, Halifax. Walker then became a road showman for films. An unsual feature of his life films. An unusual feature of his life was that he had been active for over 35 years as a Sunday School teacher.

True showman is one who shouts fiercely about not seeing any publicity in news-papers, but reads nothing but headlines and funnies.

R. E. Fennell, former secretary of J. F. Sparks Shows and until re- Fla., that Alexandra has rejoined the cently with Royal Crown Shows, is Joe E. Hilton Side Show on Royal returning to Birmingham to organize Exposition Shows as annex attraction. a ride unit, which he plans to spring ... Ruth and Jay Williams will not



Bert H. Britt and Harry Beach, ride operators on the Wade No. 1 shows, are en route here from Tampa, where they wintered. . . . H. L. Dawson, former sound service operator for carnivals in Michigan, is now chief engineer of the new Hotel Ra-dio Corporation, which is bringing out a new coin-operated type of radio.

W. G. Wade Jr. has the new kid-die ride which he developed in op-eration on the No. 2 Unit. . . Ed-ward (Bubbles) Bennett was ma-rooned for two days in a private home on the outskirts of Buffalo when the snowstorm overtook him on the road en route back to De-troit. . . Doc Hagaar, ride builder, was host at a housewarming in his new anartment here. new apartment here.

Increase in the price of paper at last provides the perfect excuse for not having letterheads or answering letters from ads.

Manny Brown, Eastwood Park con-Manny Brown, Eastwood Park con-cessionaire, has returned from a visit to California. . . Bob Klein, gen-eral agent of the Cavalcade of Amusements, is convalescing from the flu at the Fort Shelby Hotel. . . . Jack Gallagher reports delivery of a new Caterpillar for the Playland United Shows. . . Joe Bennett, his partner, reports they plan to open March 25 at Brooklyn and Michi-gan avenues. gan avenues.

George Gordon cards from Eustis, a ride unit, which he plans to spring ... Ruth and Jay Williams will not in the Southern city about May 1. (See Midway Confab on page 58)



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and Al Gaines at the opening of the Florida Blossoms minstrels in Brunswick. Ga.

Don Gillette, former Billboard editor, is now gathering the material for a carnival story which he implies will be on the order of *Show Boat*.

Joe (Shine) Shriner reports that his dog, badly burned in Joe's concession fire at the Florida State Fair, Tampa, has been released from the hospital, so Joe has called it quits for the winter and is heading north to prepare for a May 3 opening.

Duncan's Harlem Swing Revue, an-nounced the org made a successful tour of theaters in Texas during the winter and will spend the season on the John R. Ward World's Fair Shows.

L. G. King, contracting agent for the Bright Lights Exposition, has headed for Lynchburg, Va., for the opening stand of a 35-week season. ... Jack V. Hamilton and wife have given up on the idea they can settle down to form life or they can settle down to farm life so they are selling their interests near Pocahontas, Ark., and will hit the road again with three kiddie rides and concessions. Hamilton is a former girl show operator.

G. L. (Mike) Wright, a former concessionaire now operating the Publishers' Business Service in Chi-Publishers' Business Service in Chi-cago, seldom longs for a six-cat rack, and is set for the summer. He al-ready has started his customary week-end treks to Assembly Park, Delavan Lake, Wis., getting in a few early licks so he can trim Rob-ert K. Parker, Ned E. Torti and assorted other midway characters who think they can play golf.

Ray Valley will take over the front of *Rhineholt Follies* on the Bright Lights Exposition after having been off the road for six years. He has managed LaRue, live snake dancer, and Soo Mae Chang, Chinese hoofer. and Soo mae Chang, Chinese hoofer, ... Clint Partello and Tom Sattler, formerly with Cole Bros.' Circus, have spent considerable time in St. Petersburg, Fla., and they bought two kiddie rides in Tampa. They were in the marines together for four years.

## **Detroit Notes**

DETROIT, March 22.-W. G. Wade, show owner, is recovering from the flu. . . Cameron D. Murray, man-ager of the Wade No. 2 Unit, also has the flu. Mrs. Hazel Miller and Mrs. Gladys Schaum are pinch-hitting for him. . . Charles H. Hodges, of Coldwater, has taken de livery on new trucks and trailers for a new Side Show he is framing for the road, after two years at East-wood Park and Jefferson Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Baker, De-Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Baker, De-troit, were hosts at a surprise birth-day party at Yetters Court, Trenton, N. J., Wednesday (19), for Bobby Kork, who marked his 27th mile-stone. Guests included Roy Baker, Wilma Robbins, Bobby Hayes, Harry Fink, Charles Hunter, Jean Nadja, Ted and George West, Jack Hallow, Peggy Ewell, James Bryan, Bob (Dusty) Rogers, Babe Montana, Jack Rollo, Floyd Harris, Al and Ann Smith, Cora Holfeld and Leola. Kork will be with the Cavalcade of Amusewill be with the Cavalcade of Amusements this season.

J. W. Diamond letters from Quincy, J. W. Diamond letters from Quincy, Ill., that he has leased a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round and Chairplane from R. H. Benge for his season, which opens in Clarence, Mo., May 12. Diamond says he also has booked about 30 concessions and sev-eral other rides. He plans to play Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas. . . . Mrs. L. D. Reese has been named mail and *The Billboard* sales agent on Peppers All-State Shows, while

# Too Bad, Eh?

Joe (Shine) Shiner sent this one from Savannah, Ga.: "While visiting Howard In-gram's Florida Amusement Company recently, Howard and a bunch of the boys were cut-ting up jackpots. Howard looked over the midway, counted all the joints and then, out of a clear sky, said: 'Damn —only two paid joints and I'm in with all the rest of it.'"

Tex Forrester, agent for Leonard uncan's Harlem Swing Revue, an-ounced the org made a successful our of theaters in Texas during the text of theaters in Texas during the text of theaters in Texas during the season under the Peppers banner.

> Perhaps it's a sign of old age when a general agent prefers sitting under his trailer awning in an easy chair to taking a long trip, living in expensive hotels and meeting the boys (?).

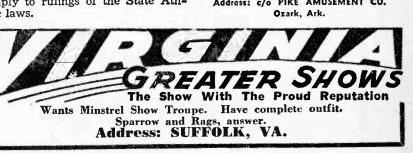
Thomas Hilton Runyan, conces-sionaire with the L. E. Heth org, marsionaire with the L. E. Heth org, mar-ried Exah Denna Morrow, of Para-gould, Ark., March 17 at American Legion Park, Biloxi, Miss. Among the 178 guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dedrick, Jess Bradley, Byron (By) Gosh, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Callie, Mr. and Mrs. Radd, Johnny and Louise McIntosh, Greddie Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilson, Mrs. Margie McKee, Miss Redding, Spit-fire Scottie, Chic Bush, Bill (Cus-tard) Wade, Mrs. Sherrill and fam-ily, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brackin and Dottie, Melvin Langianais, Mrs. Helen Callie and Phil (Doc) Holmes.

Twitter Johnson, of Pictou, N. S., was disappointed when the Truro (N. S.) Bearcats failed to win the province's hockey title. He had en-tertained the team several times when it was on the road. Bill Martin, of Montreal and Halifax, has been demonstrating and selling three items in the Maritime Provinces and will hit the road with the Lynch will hit the road with the Lynch Shows as a concessionaire. . . . On Shows as a concessionaire. . . On the list of carnivals which will tour Canada's Maritime Provinces are Bill Lynch, Halifax, N. S.; Frank Elliott Jr., Amherst, N. S.; N. S. Twitter, Pictou, N. S.; Len Libby, Fredericton, N. B., and Dryden and Wiggins, St. Johns, N. B.

## **Carnival Athletic Shows** Must Have Calif. License

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. Wrestling or boxing matches held in carnivals traveling from city to city thruout the State are illegal unless conducted under licenses of the State Athletic Commission, according to a ruling by Attorney General Fred N. Howser.

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# **Ops Unlimber Bankrolls To Land Top Attractions**

(Continued from page 54)

purchased the stock, and it is in Mobile, Ala., winter quarters, for a Wild bile, Ala., winter quarters, for a Wild West show which he claims will be the biggest ever offered on a carni-val midway. He intimates there will be a top name heading this show. Those who have visited Mobile report Wagner has already spent a sizable fortune in rebuilding his org and that particular attention is being paid to what will go behind all fronts, something that was neglected in some spots on his midway in the past.

Carl J. Sedlmayr and his staff is sawing wood down in Royal Ameri-can winter quarters in Tampa, but so far there has been no official report on the activities. Seldmayr played the Florida State Fair and the Mid-Florida Exposition at Orlando with-out making a physical change on his line-up from the way it went into quarters last fall.

Sedlmayr said at that time he would do all his rebuilding after the Florida dates, as he could see no ad-vantage in giving the other fellows a look at what he will have when he opens his '47 tour.

"They've been in the habit of com-ing down here with pencil and paper and making rough sketches of every-thing I've done, so this time I'll make the improvements after they've all left and will be too busy with their own business to copy mine," Sedlmayr declared during the Tampa showing.

## Has Solid Attractions

Sedlmayr has two exceedingly strong attractions on his midway-Leon Claxton's Harlem in Havanna and Raynell's Girls. Claxton has been with Royal American for many years and his colored revues have long been outstanding in tented attractions. He is an excellent producer and spares no expense in dressing his stage and costuming his performers.

Raynell is back on Royal American after an absence of four years, but her winter presentation indicates she has not lost any of her touch. Her revue was well paced and adequately talented, and figures to be a top draw.

## An Ambitious Gang

Of the other railroad shows, Cetlin & Wilson, Endy Bros. and John R. Ward's World's Fair Shows are still in the process of building, as they are comparatively new organizations as far as rails are concerned. Reports from their work quarters indicate they will have plenty more to offer than they have in the past, and this is reasonable to believe as all are manned by ambitious owners willing to stake a healthy bank roll in a bid for top-flight position.

for top-flight position. Frank Bergen, the chubby little fellow with the twinkle in his eyes, will be doing business at his cus-tomary stands with his World of Mirth Shows, and so far Bergen's territory is so well established and so profitable he has not had to dig into the "name" rack to hypo attend-ance. Bergen has kept abreast of the times with his rides, and his get on the inside.

shows evidently are what the cus-tomers along his route want and enjoy. James E. Strates, one of the bul-

warks of eastern territory for many years, is still in the rebuilding stage after a disastrous fire less than two years ago. Strates gained the "mira-cle man" class with his terrific rebuilding job last year, and those who hang around Jacksonville, Fla., report his midway will be really something to see this season.

## New Style for East

Strates rebuilding job last year included the erection of massive fronts of the type featured for years on Midwestern shows, but still new to Eastern customers.

E. Lawrence Phillips has an un-E. Lawrence Phillips has an un-usually large number of workingmen at the Johnny J. Jones Exposition quarters in DeLand, Fla., and they were working when last seen, which indicates that he might be taking steps toward putting that great name back in the top flight where it belongs.

The truckies, too, are laboring and spending to achieve distinction, which will mean more folding stuff in the long run.

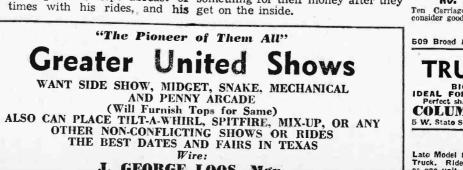
## Young Sets Hot Pace

Eddie Young took the first big step when he bought the J. F. Sparks Shows and converted the org into the Royal Crown, which observers in Florida were almost unanimous in pronouncing the most beautiful truck show in the business. Young built fronts and added light towers which a few years ago operators would have said would be impossible to carry on a truck org.

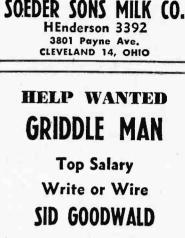
Young's bold step has kicked up other operators, altho silent Oscar Bloom, who never worries about a thing, took a leap in this direction last year when he booked and helped finance Ray Marsh Brydon's attrac-tions. This year Brydon will have 10 shows on Bloom's Gold Medal Shows, and those who know Brydon well will agree that his will be as flashy as the flashiest or he'll go broke trying.

## **Buck Springs a Surprise**

Oscar C. Buck gave the midway moguls something to scratch their moguls something to scratch their noggins over when he announced that he would build an entrance arch bulwarked by three huge revolving light towers. Maybe others had this idea in mind, too, but Oscar was the first to spring with it publicly, so he'll get credit for the plan. Al Wagner later announced that he will use seven towers on his new front for the Cavalcade of Amusements, but this will not detract from Buck's step, as three towers in front and five back on the midway promises to be a real flash for a truck show.



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**PASTIME SHOWS** 

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# Frigid Weather **Hampers Page** JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., March 22.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., March 22. — Frigid weather has somewhat handicapped work in local quarters of the J. J. Page Exposition Shows, but officials say most of the im-portant work, such as repairing of rides and milling stack has been say rides and rolling stock has been completed.

Riley Bain reports all the ticket Riley Bain reports all the ticket booths, which he built, have been painted and lettered. All rides were set up while the warm weather pre-vailed and all stock is in the shop and ready. Several trucks have been given new motors. Bill Gary and Hollywood Revue crew arrived. John McIntyre is ex-pected momentarily and Billie Clark, who will handle the managerial reins this year advises he will leave Miami

who will handle the managerial reins this year, advises he will leave Miami Tuesday (25). D. T. Morrisey, chief electrician, is expected here soon. Bill Betterly arrived and took over the 10-in-1 show. Elmer Reed, Eddie Breener and

other concessionaires are getting their booths ready. Reed will have five concessions, and Brenner, two.

concessions, and Brenner, two. New Octopus arrived. Org has nine fairs booked to date, including three in Kentucky and two each in Tennes-see, Georgia and South Carolina. Recent visitors included Herb Shive, general agent, Lawrence Greater Shows; Bill Collier, G, A. George Johnson family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore, Tifton, Ga.

# **Heavy Rebuilding** By World of Mirth **Nears Completion**

RICHMOND, Va., March 22 .- A RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—A heavy rebuilding program, inaugu-rated shortly after the close of last season, is nearing completion in win-ter quarters of World of Mirth Shows here. General Manager Frank Bergen said the construction of new units has progressed better than at any time during the war. He said all units would be ready and func-tioning in time for the shows' open-ing April 19 at the stock show on the ing April 19 at the stock show on the local fairgrounds.

Major work has centered around the construction of four new show fronts and 12 new wagons. Four flats and a stateroom car were recently added to the train and Bergen said he will leave quarters with a total of 40 cars. Two new Roll-o-Planes, a Looper

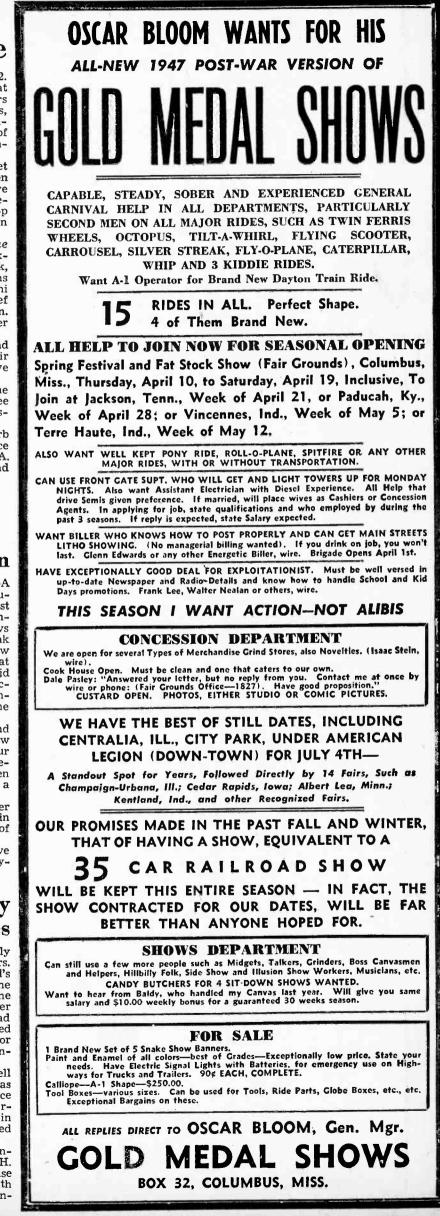
and a Funhouse are already in transit and will arrive in plenty of time for testing before opening. Most of the contracted help have

arrived in quarters and are ready-ing units for the road.

# Portemonts Buy **Brown Family Rides**

MIAMI, March 22.-Brown Family Rides, owned and operated by Mrs. G. E. Brown since her husband's G. E. Brown since her husband's death, have been purchased by the John Portemonts Sr., and Jr., the latter announced at local winter quarters. New org will take the road under the title of Johnny's United Shows and current plans call for a tour of Georgia, Tennessee, Ken-tucky and Indiana.

319 W. BurnsidePORTLAND, ORE.WANTEDWANTEDMitt Cemp due to disappointment, Slum Concessions,<br/>any Flat Ride, Shows with own outfits.<br/>Monteruma, Ga., March 24 to 29.tucky and Indiana.<br/>The Portemont family is well<br/>known in outdoor show circles as<br/>kiddie ride operators on Wallace<br/>Bros. and J. F. Sparks shows. Dur-<br/>ing the war when John Jr., was in<br/>the Marines, the rides were placed<br/>in Detroit's Jefferson Park.<br/>New org has six rides and con-<br/>cessions, all office-owned. C. H.<br/>Lewis has his bingo and cookhouse<br/>booked, and N. C. Puler is here with<br/>his cotton candy and snow ball con-<br/>cessions.



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# Shortage of Press Agents, **Billposters Cited by Ops**

(Continued from page 55 nees, should become easier to tie up. During the war and in the first postwar year, local stores and other businesses, such as bakeries and other busi-nesses, such as bakeries and milk companies, didn't have to go looking for business, but in the years ahead increased competition is certain to set in, and this should make it easier for effective tie-ins.

## **Always Short**

There never has been enough really good carnival press agents to go around, in the opinion of most execs in the business. And during the war years, some of them passed into other branches of the business or moved out of it entirely for a variety of reasons.

Higher money now offered may bring in new men. Smaller shows, which feel they can't afford a man whose sole duties are publicity snar-ing, probably will continue past practice of giving him a concession or a piece of one or a percentage on banners sold as part payment for his flack service.

#### Shift to Radio

Carnivals are turning increased attention towards radio. And a press agent is now expected to be able to work effectively in that field.

This year one railroad show, har-This year one railroad show, har-assed by inability to get a reliable billposter and the fact that it is vir-tually impossible to rent 24-sheet boards in the area it will play, plans to dump a substantial sum into radio spots. Others are planning a more intensive use of radio, either via spots, special events broadcast or station interviews.

The shortage of capable, reliable billposters for carnivals is similar to that of press agents; there aren't enough to go around. What's more, no substantial increase is expected in the near future. Even in pre-war years, there was a dearth of reliable posters for carrivals. Many went off the road during the war years and few have returned. And few new ones have broken into the field. This is causing more shows to turn to buying snipe.

## Paper Demand Up

The total demand for paper by carnivals far exceeds pre-war de-mand, however. This is attributed to the fact there are more shows than ever before in the field, and that, in the more remote spots, window work is being done by others than regular billnosters. billposters, usually thru the auspices sponsoring the stands.

More shows are going in for indi-vidualized papers. During the war years, due to the production pressure upon labor-short show print plants, most shows held to their old styles. Easing of the labor shortage will enable shows to break out with a

## **RAS, CAVALCADE TANGLE**

(Continued from page 55) first license to exhibit in Davenport. The Cavalcade show was unable to play here during the week finally agreed upon by the council and as a result delayed its showing until the last week in August.

last week in August. One permit already has been granted for a carnival to the State of Scott Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for exhibiting the Sunset Amusement Company during the first week of July. The council agreed it would not require the Sunset shows would not require the Sunset shows to post a bond as required by the ordinance and no license fee will be charged as the city's contribution toward the success of the celebration. The State of Scott Committee will re-ceive 20 per cent of the receipts and the remaining 80 per cent will go to the carnival the carnival.

full new line of paper and cards. Many of the orgs will spring with such items as bumper cards.

## **Big Biz for Printers**

The show print biz faces the big-gest year in history. "The demand for cardboard, fibre banners, bumper for cardboard, nore banners, bunner cards, tire covers, etc., are far in demand of pre-war years," observes John J. Anderson, of the Enquirer Job Printing Company, Cincinnati, in a comment typical of those from show print execs.

show print execs. "All forms of outdoor amusement business will use far more advertising paper if the materials and spaces ing paper if the materials and spaces are available, Anderson points out. "Cardboard and all forms of paper are difficult to get and the demand now for this material is greater than the supply."

the supply." Tacks, staple guns and paste brushes are available in sufficient quantities, according to Anderson, who adds, "prices for these items, like everything else, are high." However, most show owners now operate on the theory you've got to spend money to make money.

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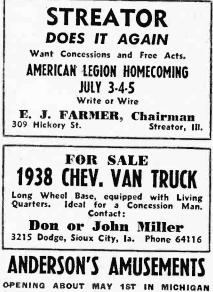
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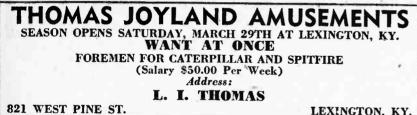
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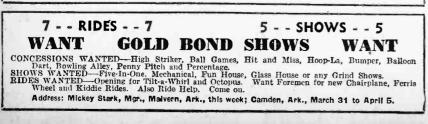
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# Biz Outlook terrific crowds, the carnivals will prosper with them. Also, circuses beating the bushes will be in position **Gives** Little **Cause To Fret**

## Fairs in Best Spot To Hit

## (Continued from page 48)

appointed when the weather is bad? There were others trying their luck on the Grapefruit League cirtuck on the Graperruit League cir-cuit, as the sports writers term it, and they took more of the bitter than they did the sweet, but none of them folded, which indicates they made the nut or baled up some of Uncle Sam's legal tender. These fel-lows were inclined to error with the lows were inclined to agree with the 25 per cent off predictions on the future of the business for this season, but they couldn't say why.

## **Circuses** Optimistic

In the circus field, Buck Owens tried it in Florida before the weather turned bad, and didn't get to first base, and then James Edgar opened his nicely flashed Sparks Circus and ran into foul woother which mede ran into foul weather which made him long for the day when he could leave Florida. This bit of pre-season circusing, however, has not discour-aged the general run of operators, and the big fellows in particular fig-ure they are given to rest it in such ure they are going to get it in wads.

F'rinstance, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey 1947 edition will be rolled out for New York's Madison Square Garden customers April 9, and James A. Haley, president, and his associates have assumed the attitude that one cannot be ruled off for trying, and the top prices again will be \$6 a clatter. Maybe those around Big Bertha are ready to accept a little les gross, but a \$6 whack for a circus indicates they are not worried over the '47 financial outlook.

## **Terrell Likes Outlook**

Terrell Likes Uutlook Jack Tavelin and a group offered Zack Terrell, owner of Cole Bros.' Circus, a snappy \$350,000 for his property quite recently, but ol' Zack passed it up with the statement that business will be big this season and he might consider selling in the fall.

Clyde Beatty has his show poised in Phoenix, Ariz., as of this date, after a fast skip thru Texas, ready to tumble into Southern California, and Clyde's business has stood up so well that he is anticipating a big season, but is non-committal over the season as a whole. Maybe he hasn't had time to look away from those big cats long enough to give it much thought.

The circus fellows always have, and probably always will, be the optimistic type—if we can only get to that next town—and they will do their worrying when the occasion arises arises.

## Fairs in Top Position

There is every reason to believe that State, regional and county fairs will experience as much success, if not more, as they did last year. Most of the fairs were dark so long during the war period they are still a nov-elty, but there is a definite business trend which should lend zest to their preparations for a golden harvest.

Most fairs are conducted in the rural communities. Farm life is the very essence of the fair business. Recent reports of business analyses and expressions by the long range prog-nosticators who keep knowing fingers on business pulses, indicate the ruralites will have cash in huge bales come next fall. They reason that Europe has to be fed and that Amer-ica will have to do it, which means that farm produce will continue to bring top prices. Also, these prices will be for cash.

If the fairs continue to draw the 97 MAIN ST.

to grab their share.

## Parkies Must Labor

Amusement parks, particularly those in metropolitan areas, may suffer a drop in business. In fact, most owners are gearing their operations in anticipation of a more "nor-mal" take. The progressive operators will enhance their attractions and put more fervor behind their selling campaigns. These fellows may be able to hold their grosses on the peak levels.

All in all, the outlook is anything but dark for the outdoor show busi-ness. Money won't be as easy to stack for counting as it was a year ago, but there will be plenty around, and even if grosses do tumble 25 per and even if grosses do tumble 25 per cent the lads won't exactly be fit for the breadlines. Their pride of accom-plishment may be hurt, but they'll still have something to stash when it is all out and over.



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# **Casey Buys Hewitt Combo; Frames '47 Plans for 3 Units**

WINNIPEG, Man., March 22 .- Al Hewitt Shows, which worked out of this city last year, have been pur-chased by E. J. Casey and will be known this season as the E. J. Casey Shows' No. 3 Unit, it was announced here this week. Owner Casey said that he has retained Carl Cannell, of the Hawitt and of the Hewitt org, as manager of the new unit. Current plans call for the No. 3 shows to play the Canada Class C circuit.

Casey said that his three orgs are casey said that his three orgs are in receipt of a total of 60 signed con-tracts, with another 20 awaiting sig-natures. He added that he expects to present his three units at over 90 events during the season.

events during the season. Plans are being readied for a grand opening here May 12, with all three units combined, marking the only date of the season when they will appear as a single organization. Main shows and the No. 2 Unit, how-ever, will play Dauphin, Carman and Swan River fairs. No. 3 Unit is scheduled to play territory east of Toronto after completing its Western circuit jaunt. Shows also will play Manitoba, Eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Eastern Saskatchewan and Western Ontario, Casey said.

Western Ontario, Casey said. Over-all attraction line-up in-cludes three Ferris Wheels, two Merry-Go-Rounds, an English Scoota-Car, Loop-o-Plane, two min-iature trains, Plane Glider, Mix-Up, two kiddie rides, making a total of 13. Shows are Crime, Trained Horse, Funhouse, Animal, Reptile and Coboy's Musical. Concessions will total 40, all of which will be office-owned and operated. Sixteen semi's and trucks and four

Sixteen semi's and trucks and four Sixteen semi's and trucks and four busses and seven cars will transport the orgs, Casey said. Quarters are currently manned by a crew of 10 and work in Casey's own warehouse has been going on all winter. Fif-teen new tops arrived from Toronto along with several other equipment pieces from the States.

# Food City, New Org Set To Bow in May

CINCINNATI, March 22. - Food City Shows, a new organization, plans to open the last week in May. At start of the season unit will have four start of the season unit will have four office-owned rides, two shows, and concessions, with more rides and shows to be added for a July 4 date and remain on thru the fair dates. No work is being done here, as all equipment was overhauled and readied at the close of the '46 season. Staff members follow: Mrs Flor-

Staff members follow: Mrs. Flor-ence Allen, owner and secretary-treasurer; C. Harry Allen, manager; Clyde Allen, ride superintendent; William L. (Red) Munger, lot super-intendent and electrician, and Mrs. Munger, mail and *The Billboard* sales

agent. Arthur Allen will come on after terminating his services with the U. S. Navy Air Forces, in which he has served six years as a petty officer. He will be joined by his wife, Helen, at the show's opening date. Betty Allen's cookhouse is under-going a new paint job. Red and Gladys Munger have purchased a new truck and new canvas has been ordered for their popcorn and candy

ordered for their popcorn and candy apple concession.

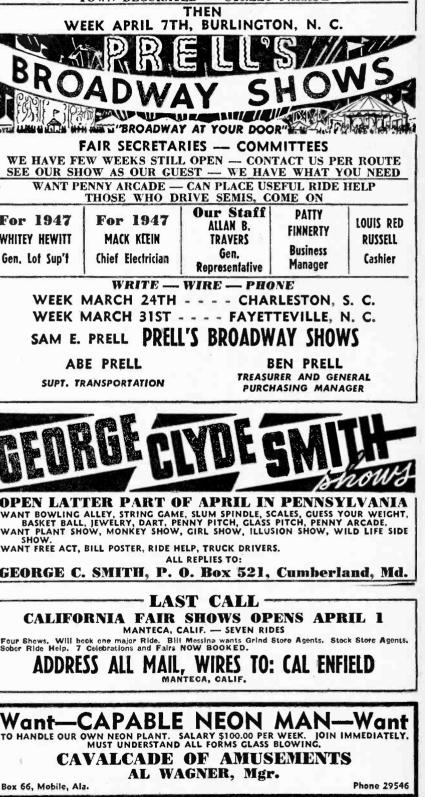
Recent visitors here included Jerry Fisher and Glenn and Bessie Mc-Intosh.

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2 Saturdays 2 \_\_\_\_\_ OPENING OKMULGEE, OKLA., MARCH 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Saturdays 2 OWING TO DISAPPOINTMENT WANT SPITFIRE FOREMAN AND MIX-UP FOREMAN, Must drive Semis. ALSO RIDE HELP FOR OTHER RIDES. WANT AGENTS FOR CLOTHES PIN STORE AND RAZZLE DAZZLE. Must be sober and reliable, WANT CAPABLE GIRL SHOW MANAGER\_MUST HAVE OWN WARDROBE. Don's Write:

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# WANT BINGO CALLER

At Folly Beach Amusement Park. Open now until Labor Day. Operate seven days a week. Can also use Relief Caller. Can place Ball Game and Slum Store Agents. Will not tolerate drunks. ART D. HANSEN, Folly Beach

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# HUTCHENS MODERN MUSEUM

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# **RIDE HELP WANTED**

Foreman who can handle men who are green in the Ride Business. These Rides are brand new-just from Factory and are booked with Beam's Attractions playing territory in the States of Pennsylrania and Maryland. Opening May 1st. Man I want must be capable of overseeing the handling of Tilt, Chairplane and Auto Kid Ride. FOR RENT-Ten Acre Show Lot adjoining City Owned Picnic Park in Owensboro, Kentucky. City Lights and Water on Property. City License exempt. Address: LOUIS T. RILEY, P. O.Box #397, Owensboro, Ky.

# BAIRNIEY TASSIEILIE Utah Preps for Huge Take **IUNIT SHOWS** During 135-Day Centennial

SALT LAKE CITY, March 22.—Show business will thrive as never before in Utah and the Intermountain West during 1947. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Brigham Young and the Mormon pioneers into Salt Lake valley. Centennial is being celebrated in Utah by a series of national sports events, music festivals, numerous parades, special ceremonies and an enormous Centennial Exposition. Expected to draw two and one-half million people, the exposition will be located at the Utah State Fairgrounds which are only two minutes from the Salt Lake huringer disting

business district. Great throngs from the surrounding area as well as literally millions of transcontinental travelers are expected at Utah's Centennial celebra-tion.

Exposition midway will hold its grand opening May 30, and will run for 135 days. No expense or effort is being spared in making it the largest, best equipped and most beautiful in Western America. It is being designed for use as a perma-nent amusement park following the close of the Centennial celebration. Grounds are being landscaped and all main thorofares paved. High quality free acts and prizes as well as 20 new rides will entertain midway crowds.

## Beehive Has Midway

Midway is under the direction of the Beehive Midway Corporation which is composed of a group of prominent Salt Lake business men. C. C. McDermond, serving as president of the organization, will be comed back into the show world by his many friends in show business. McDermond has had wide entertainyears directing carnivals and theaters.

Imer Pett is executive secretary of the group and will be responsible for administrative details. Other officers of the Beehive organization are Val Hicks, vice-president; Arthur Pett, treasurer; John Mackenzie, secretary, and Grant Iverson, director and attorney.

## **Contract Under Fire**

Beehive's contract has been under fire since its execution, May 22, 1946, and has finally hit the courts. Five Utah groups have joined as plaintiffs asking a declaratory judgment decreeing the lease agreement to be void and of "no force and effect." The suit was filed in the Third Dis-trict Court of Utah. Beehive received first opposition when it was found that opposition

when it was found that when in-corporated to bid for the midway contract it had listed the contract as one of the corporation's assets. It finally signed a supplemental agree ment before receiving the fina award.

Contesting the award in the courts are the Lagoon Company and the Saltair Beach Company, two near-by resorts; the Intermountain Theaters, Inc., and Uptown Theater Corpora-tion, operators of two chains of Salt Lake movie houses, and the Covey Gas & Oil Company, operators of the Cocoanut Grove Ballroom.

Defendants named in addition to the Beehive group are the Utah State Fair Association, and Aaron W. Tracy, Rulon S. Wells and Arthur W. Crawford, members of the Utah De-partment of Publicity and Industrial Development, under whose depart-ment the fair association activities fall.

## Dryden-Wiggins Org Makes Initial Tour This Spring

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 22.—Three rides have been purchased by the Dryden & Wiggins Shows, St. John, which will make its initial tour this year. Rides are Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane and Ferris Wheel. Show's officials say the itinerary is being arranged thru New Bruns-wick, including one or two spots in

wick, including one or two spots in St. John.



C. C. McDERMOND, president of Beehive Midway Corporation, which will have all concessions on the midway at Utah's Centennial Exposition, Salt Lake City, this summer.

# Peugh to Reid G. A. ment experience having spent many Post; Opening Set For Bennington, Vt.

MONTPELIER, Vt., March 22.-Roy F. Peugh, widely known general agent, has been signed in that caagent, has been signed in that ca-pacity by King Reid Shows for 1947, it was announced here this week. Peugh said that shows' forces are currently behind the carnival-styled show to be presented on the rotunda of the State House here Wednesday (26). Among org's acts already pen-ciled for appearances are King Reid's Cowboy Band, Whistling Elstons, Gordon and Olivia, To-To and Roxy

Glamour Girls. With the season's opener sched-uled for May 5 in Bennington, work in quarters at Manchester Center, Vt., is rapidly nearing completion. Harry Porch is supervising activities.

act as A new Chairplane has been pur-s. It chased and delivery is expected agree- April 20. A new office trailer has final been built and six new tractor trailers have been delivered, giving shows a fleet of 20 new trucks. A

shows a fleet of 20 new trucks. A new Ford sedan has been purchased for the press and advance car. Shows will present 11 rides and 10 shows, featuring a kiddie land of three new rides. Harry Agne will have the bingo and Spitfire; Bill Col-liton, cookhouse; Richard Eubar, Side Show and the Budreau family, the Motordrome

the Motordrome. The New England territory has been booked for the season, except for a few New York fairs which include, Lowville, Sandy Creek, Schaghticoke, Rhinebeck and Cobleskill.

## Pearl City Again Signs Columbus Junction, Ia.

CANTON, Mo., March 22.—W. J. Regar, co-owner of Pearl City Rides and Shows announced signing the Louisa County Fair at Columbus Junction, Ia., August 12-15, for the third consecutive year. July 4 cele-bration at Streator, Ill., has been con-tracted for the second year. Reger

tracted for the second year, Reger announced. Shows skedded to open April 14 at Canton, Mo.; will have a 25-week sea son.



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SS IH DO EW	PROF. SANDERS WANTS FOR SIDE SHOW: Sword Swallower with good flash. Ticket Selfer, one who can drive semi truck. Follow- ing people get in touch with me: Leo Bremm- schim, Jack and Mary Gibson, Blanch Boston. Top salaries, no hold backs. Join on wire.	SS HH DO EW
G H R L S	GENE PAGETT WANTS GIRLS FOR "NITE IN RIO REVUE." Experience not necessary. Edna, Marget, Norma, wire me at once and join on wire. CURLY McCANN WANTS GIRL FOR HA- WAIIAN PARADISE SHOW. Jean Mather, Nickie, and Leona, wire me.	G I R L S

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**CARNIVALS** 

# FUNBEAM SHOWS

E. H. BROOME, Manager

MRS. OLIVE McANICH, Treas.

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SHOWS: Illusion, 10-in-1, Monkey Show, Wild Life, Fat Show. Excellent show territory, booking only few shows.

Help Wanted: Foremen for Wheel and Concession Agents.

Wire or Write J. B. HENDERSHOT Care of the Show WINDBER, PA. - Opening Date May 1.

# **EXCELSIOR AMUSEMENT CO.**

Wants Bingo Manager, Side Show Manager, legitimate Concessions of all kinds, Ride Help in all departments that drive semi, also Trombone Player, Musicians and Performers that can cut in for Minstrel Show. Will open March 29 at Bennettsville, S. C. All replies to

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In all departments. Can use good First Man on #5 Eli Wheel. OPENING APRIL 15TH-LONG SEASON.

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**OPERATOR FOR BOUQUET OF LIFE SHOW** Also one for FUN HOUSE. Have complete Side Show Frame-Up. Want Operator with Show for inside. SHOWS—Will book any not conflicting. CONCESSIONS — Photos open; others, write.

Greater Rainbow Shows Dardanelle, Ark., this week; Booneville, Ark., March 31-April 5.

## 1940 GMC BUS

40 FT., FLUORESCENT LIGHTING, two Bottled Gas Tanks, Mexi-Hot Grill and Stove, Cubinet Sink. Interior like new, 2 Coca-Cola boxes, living quarters in rear, 2 studio couches, Good motor, tires, alum, body, screened windows, awnings with lights. Outside counters, root beer outfit. COMPLETE. PRICE \$6600.00. Located 6000 Ogden Ave., Chicago, III., or write R. E. PEDRICK, Box 525, Oak Lawn, III.

# PEARLENE SHOWS

Rides—Will book Chairplane or any Rue the does not conflict, 20%. Shows—Any Show of any kind, 20%. Concession—Photos, Mitt, Ball Games, Cork, Glass. Ex. on booking or any Concession that does not conflict. Agents of all kind; Roy Rogers, wire me. Wire or come on.

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Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round. Must be good. Also Shows, Rides and other carnival attractions suitable for Annual Home Coming and Reunion at Iberia, Mo., July 31 and August 1-2, 1947. Sponsored by American Legion Post 105, Iberia, Mo. Contact SEDDEN IRWIN, Chairman.

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# Crossing Bridges When You Come to Them Gets Bridges

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 22.completion in quarters here, Owner James E. Strates, who also is a New York gentleman farmer, concentrated on work to be done on his estate near Elmyra, N. Y., which revealed the need for three bridges to span creeks on the place.

Calling on his press agent, Chick Franklin, who serves as purchasing agent in the winter, the boss instruct ed him:

have heed three bridges and must have them. Now don't let anyone sell you the Brooklyn Bridge, pontoon bridges or rubber rafts; but don't come back without three bridges. Above all things, don't cross bridges until you come to them."

The combo purchasing-press agent Franklin, a man about town in the buying districts, hied himself off to the War Assets Administration where the war Assets Administration where he was advised to try the U. S. En-gineer Department, across the river. There he was told to either ferry or cross another bridge, when he came to it, and try the Jacksonville Naval Base to see if they had any bridges laving around laying around.

The Naval Base sent him back to The Naval Base sent fifth back to the War Assets Administration, cross-ing another bridge when he came to it, where he was told to try the con-struction steel department. There he was told they build the Bailey Bridge,

# Wallace Bros. Get Off to Good Start At Jackson, Miss.

JACKSON, Miss., March 22 .- With JACKSON, Miss., March 22.—With cool, but clear weather, Wallace Bros.' Shows officially inaugurated their season here Monday (17) to good crowds and business. Five-day local stand is under auspices of the Robert C. Naill Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Good bow-in results continued thruout the remainder of the engagement, with final tabulations being expected to reveal Friday (21) as expected to reveal Friday (21) as the best single-day money-maker, of-ficials said. Shows, which wintered in local quarters, bowed with full personnel strength and much new equipment was in evidence. Shows leave here for Jackson, Tenn., the second stand of a con-templated 34-week road trek.

# Wade's No. 2 First To Open in Detroit

DETROIT, March 22.—The race to be the first org to open in Detroit this season was won by the W. G. Wade Shows, Unit No. 2, Friday (14). Outfit unveiled despite cold weather and the absence of Manager Cameron D. Murray, who was ill. Location D. Murray, who was ill. Location was in city's north end at Davison

was in city's north end at Davison and Gallagher avenues. Bow was good. In fact, opening night's gross was a little over double the anticipated take. The unex-pectedly high figure is regarded as a good business open for the season in good business omen for the season in

this territory. Roscoe T. Wade's Joyland Midway Attractions and the W. G. Wade unit Attractions and the W. G. Wade unit had both planned originally to open March 13. Cold weather and fresh snow held back the latter's bow one day and Roscoe Wade postponed opening of his org to await more fa-vorable weather. Larger of the two Wade orgs, the No. 1 unit opens April 2 at Livernois and Warren avenues.

(no connection with the show bearing When the task of rebuilding the its name) which is a portable span James E. Strates Shows was nearing made to any size.

"But," declared the spokesman. "those we have on hand are sold to the State Highway Department. We can't make delivery on more until early in June."

So, after July 15, allowing six weeks for assembling the portables, the creeks on the Strates estate will be bridged.

# "We need three bridges and must Pearlene, Longhorn **Outfits Are United**

DAVIS, Okla., March 22 .- Mr. and DAVIS, OKIa., March 22.—Wr. and Mrs. E. H. Pierce, of the Longhorn Shows, and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Un-derwood, of the Pearlene Shows, have merged their equipment into one org which will go out under the title of the P. & L. United Shows. New outfit bows here today in a seven-day stand.

Included among personnel are Lewis Hagerman, three concessions; Red (Bingo) Bartley, bingo and 10 concessions; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sandusky and family, grab and conces-sions; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davenport and daughter, two rides and new popcorn and snow trailer, and Mr. McCoy, with concessions.

## Franks Shows Ready for **Opening Stand March 29**

PITTS, Ga., March 22.-Franks Shows will open the season March 29, and virtually all equipment was ready today as the painters were putting the finishing touches on the rides. Work was delayed some by wet. weather, which made the paint slow in drying.

Color scheme is red with white trim, and the Ferris Wheel has been made attractive by new red upholstery.

Arthur Pitit made a trip to Tampa recently and purchased a double train ride, which will give the org six rides. Recent visitors at quarters on Franks' farm in Wilcox County in-cluded Jim McCall, and Charlie and Elizabeth Amerson.

## Ray Wakon Frames New **Tropical Animal Exhibit**

DANVILLE, Ill., March 22 .- Raymond A. Walton, long associated with the animal exhibit biz, is framing a new tropical animal show for the coming season. New semi-trailer will transport the outfit. All new canvas has been ordered from the O'Henry Tent & Awning Company. A new light plant will be carried for still dates.

Mrs. Dacy Walton will be cashier, with Ed Jones in charge of trans-portation. The Waltons recently took delivery on a new trailer coach and a new Chevrolet coupe.

## Wilson Famous Garners **Three Illinois Contracts**

ASTORIA, Ill., March 22.—M. J. Dressen, business agent of Wilson Famous Shows, returned to winter quarters here this week from an Illi-

Famous Shows, returned to winter quarters here this week from an Illi-ncis booking trip and announced signing of three contracts. They are the July 4 celebration at Henry; Peoria Exposition and Fair August 26-September 1, and Gladioli Festival at Momence, August 20-23: Several other Illinois annuals are pending, according to Manager Ray Wilson. Family State State

# **SLA Servicemen's Fund Nears Finish**

CHICAGO, March 22.—It won't be long now before the servicemen's mustering out fund of the Show-men's League of America is wound up.

Here's the score to date: Total amount raised-\$50,786.33.

Total paid out-\$33,615.

Members paid-123.

Members to be paid next weekthree.

Members still in service-three. Members who haven't filed necessary papers-five.

Average payment thus far has been approximately \$273. The maximum permitted is \$500. Rules call for \$20 a month payment for overseas serv-ice and \$10 a month for Continental service, with no more than 20 weeks of either domestic or Continental service to count.

Checks will go out next week to John Hill, Avory Christy and Curtis Eberstein.

Still in service are W. J. Dughi, John Mattell and John Littau.

The fund committee is awaiting Potostatic copies of discharges from Peter Andrish, Morris Lipsky, Wil-liam Lipsky, James H. Owens and Jack A. Tavlin so that payment can be made.

be made. The fund was built up thru con-tributions, shows and a raffle. Floyd E. Gooding, committee chairman, started it with a \$1,000 contribution. The 101 Club, so-called because each of the 101 SLA members in it con-tributed \$100, accounted for \$1,100. Benefit shows conducted by various orgs and individual contributions added to the fund. So, too, did a war bond raffle conducted by the club. Besides Gooding, other committee members are Charles Driver, treas-urer, and Joe Streibich, secretary. The committee on approval consists of Sam J. Levy, Frank P. Duffield, J. C. McCaffery and Gooding. The late Edward A. Hock was a member of this committee.

of this committee.

The SLA servicemen's package committee, which each month sent gifts to servicemen, has been dis-continued. This committee was headed by Bernie Mendelson and Bill Carsky. Altho the committee has been discontinued, the club occa-sionally sends gifts to those members been discontinued, the club occa-sionally sends gifts to those members still in service.

RALPH N. ENDY ALL MY OLD HELP REPORT TO TRENTON, N. J., WINTER QUAR-TERS NOT LATER THAN SATUR-DAY, MARCH 29. Want an A-1 Ferris Wheel Man. Also Can Use General Ride Help. RALPH N. ENDY

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CONCESSIONS-Can place Novelties, Ice Cream, Guess Your Age, Scales, High Striker, Hoopla, Cane Rack, Floss Candy, Jewelry, Long-Range Shooting Gallery and Bowling Alley.

WANT Drome Riders, Trick or Straight for office-owned Motordrome. Wire Show. Want sober, reliable Ride Help. Can place Men with Wives that can work Concessions.

Address Carlsbad, New Mexico, this week; Artesia, New Mexico, March 31 through April 6.



CONCESSIONS-Can place, due to disappointment, Percentage, Pan Game and Over and Under 7, must have stock concessions to go with them. Good opening for Mug Outfit, Pitch-Till-U-Win, High Striker, Hoopla and Jewelry.

SHOWS-Can place Girl Show. Must have two or more Girls. Wire

**JOHNNY J. DENTON, Johnny J. Denton Shows** Powderly, Ala.



## **BATON ROUGE, LA., MARCH 27 TO APRIL 6**

Want at Once—Scenic Artist and Sign Painter, Blacksmith, Wagon Builder and Welder for season. Larry Bedwell, wire me. Polers and Help for train. Want Monkey Show, Wild Life, Penny Arcade. Want experienced Couple to run Photo Gallery. For Sale—One 60 Kw. Ceneral Motors Diesel Light Plant mounted on International Truck, 3 phase. Just com-pletely overhauled by Lewis-Diesel Engine Co., Memphis, Tenn. Can be seen there. One Super Roll-o-Plane with new 71/2 h.p. motor.

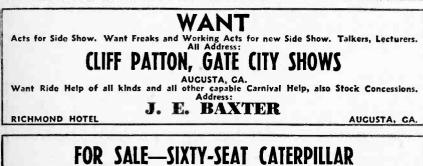
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## APEX SHOWS JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

## AGENTS—WANTED—RIDE HELP

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Splendid shape, priced to sell.

All people contracted report at once. Show opens Mobile, Ala., April 5. Place several Workingmen.

**CAVALCADE OF AMUSEMENTS** 

# **Parker Sees Bright Future; Over-Inflation Big Problem**

sounded an optimistic note this week in discussing prospects for future outdoor show business operations, outdoor show business operations, predicting a bright outlook for the next three to five years at least. Parker pointed out that the only difficulty confronting most show owners at the present time is a ten-dency towards over-inflation. He added, however, that an inflationary condition is a natural aftermath of controlled prices, "which we all must face until it exhausts itself and things gradually return to normalcy."

Summing up the ever-present supply and demand question, Parker said that "the material and delivery situation is very good with us. All deliveries are being made at the time specified and materials are coming thru in good shape. This condition persists mainly because our lumber mill and two foundries are keeping us well supplied.

"Business continues on the upswing "Business continues on the upswing and we have received more inquiries so far this year than at any time within my memory. It even sur-passes the early '20s after World War I. It is our idea that there should be from three to five years of booming business conditions. These years added to the ones we have already experienced should leave everyone in the outdoor amusement field in a pretty good financial state."

Parker admitted that current trends are a far cry from the early days of the carnival business when his father, C. W. Parker (known as the Carnival King, a title conferred upon him by the late W. H. Donaldson, founder of *The Billboard*), had his six shows in operation. All were railroad orgs, ranging from 12 to 35 cars. During that period, Parker said, a carnival comprising 20 or 25 cars carried considerably more equipment than the largest of the present-day companies

do. "A feature in those days," Parker recalled, "were large hand-carved, gold leaf fronts, with thousands of lights. The Parker No. 1 Show carried complete parade equipment, with estimated cost set at \$10,000,

# Fair Lawn, N. J., **Opening Set May 2** For Ted Lewis Org

FAIR LAWN, N. J., March 22.— Ted Lewis Shows will bow for the season here May 2-10. Org will move from its winter quarters here to a downtown lot April 28.

Quarters work is progressing rapid-ly and everything will be ready for the opening. New canvas tops have not yet arrived but are expected any day. Sound truck and paper are ready

for opening. Org's four tractors and trailers and six rides have been checked from six rides have been checked from stem to stern and pronounced in good condition. Shows will have, in addi-tion to the six rides, 25 concessions. Personnel includes Ted Lewis, owner-manager; Mrs. K. Lewis, sec-retary-treasurer; Charles Hebert, Ferris Wheel and mechanic; William Mills Chairnlane: Allen Boto Whip: Ferris Wheel and mecnanic; william Mills, Chairplane; Allen Roto, Whip; H. Bender, Airplanes, and Mr. Coe, ponies. Concessionaires include C. Senna, custard; Mrs. C. Senna, grab; Mike Sabber, popcorn and candy apples; Ted and Vi Miner, ball game and witch 'ill you win' Mrs. Hebert apples, led and VI Miner, ball game and pitch 'till you win; Mrs. Hebert, ball game; Mrs. Allen, shooting gal-lery; Ruth and Jack Davis, high striker and Hoop-la; Jean Senna, penny pitch, and George Fox and Joe LaBue, office concessions.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 22. and consisting of automobile chassis, --Paul D. Parker, president, C. W. with imitation locomotive engine Parker Amusement Company here, pulling shows' own floats. In those with imitation locomotive engine pulling shows' own floats. In those days, a \$3,500 week was considered outstanding, while that same figure is only a fair day's business now. Band boys wore uniforms with gold trimmings, as did the ride lads and lot boys. Each carnival company carried two or more free acts, too."

# **Everything Ready** For Peppers Bow In Montgomery, Ala.

SELMA, Ala., March 22.—Every-thing is about set for the opening of Peppers All-State Shows in Mont-

Peppers All-State Shows in Mont-gomery, Ala., April 4. Professor Sanders and crew are neonizing the 148-foot front of the Side Show; E. Padgett completed work on his Night in Rio, and Tom Larson concluded work on his Mon-key Show. Larson also will operate the Snake and Life shows.

the Snake and Life shows. Mr. and Mrs. Curly McCain ar-rived and are working on the new front for their Hawaiian Village Show, which will carry plenty of neon lights. Mr. and Mrs. E. Eilers arrived to take over the Funhouse. Pat Kleinpeter, 24-hour man, is ex-pected next week. Lloyd Reese, contracting agent, and wife, arrived from Miami. Graves H. Perry, gen-eral agent, visited. Jesse Kennan says all concessions are ready to be says all concessions are ready to be loaded. Shows will carry 30 office-

Says an concessions are ready to be loaded. Shows will carry 30 office-owned concessions.
Roy Hunter, who has made over 20,000 feet of neon, is still at it.
Frank Perretti made several trips, bringing in new tractors and trailers.
Org will have about 40 trucks.
Executive staff includes F. W.
Peppers, owner; E. R. Broome, man-ager; Eddie Hollinger, secretary; Mrs. Olive McAninch, treasurer; Graves H. Perry, general agent; Lloyd Reese, contracting agent; Pat Klienpeter, 24-hour man; Tom Yance, chief mechanic; Ray Balzer, concession manager; Frank Perretti, ride superintendent, and Shadow King, mail and The Billboard sales agent. agent.

## Suit Against Ward and Org Is Settled Out of Court

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 22.---Suit against John R. Ward and his World's Fair Shows by five persons who claimed injuries here last June, alleging that a sign above a ride en-trance came loose and fell on them while they were on the moving ride, was settled out of court Monday (17), when records of settlement (17), when records of settlement were filed and recorded in Superior Court here.

The plaintiffs were Edwin Robb, Williams Sherrill, Georgia Cline, Robert Foster and Dorothy Sands. Each asked \$5,000 damages, but it is understood that the settlement was for substantially less.



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# All address

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Must be good and clean). WILL BOOK OR LEASE: Octopus and Tilta-Whirl. Need one more Show. WILL BOOK OR LEASE: Octopus and Tilta-Whirl. Need one more Show. WANTED, RIDE HELP: Have opening for two First Men on Wheels and Second Men on other Rides. HAVE FOR SALE: One Set Eli Ferris Wheel Seat Covers. First \$25.00 takes it. Address: REGER BROS., P. O. BOX #5, CANTON, MO.

# Jones To Bow Apr. 5 In Greenville, S. C.; Gets P.A., Adv. Agent CHICAGO, March 22 .- Johnny J. Jones Exposition will launch its sea-son in Greenville, S. C., April 5, Stand

Ralph Lockett, org's general agent, announced here this week. Stand will mark the first still date in Green-ville in six years, Locket said. Show will be spotted in Mayberry Park. Org has signed Sid Lovitt as adver-

tising agent and James K. Rose as press agent, Lockett said. Lovett has been out with the road company of The Student Prince, legit show. Rose is a graduate of the school of journalism of the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Org received delivery of a new Chevrolet truck at its De Land, Fla., quarters, Lockett said. He was ac-companied here by Charles Art Frazier, who is in charge of concessions.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 22.—Carnival owners, as well as other business men in the Maritime provinces, are worrying about business conditions this summer. What with the current soft coal strike, involving 13,000 UMW members; the current strike of fishermen, involving Lunenburg and Halifax, N. S.; the 5,000 men unemployed in Halifax during the strike of layoffs at the shipyards and dock-yard; the growing unemployment in St. John, owing to layoffs in ship-yards, iron works and the usual spring and summer shipping slump, and the industrial recessions at Nour and the industrial recessions at New Glasgow, Amherst, Sydney, Yar-mouth, Truro, Charlottetown, Monc-ton and Fredericton, has showmen pondering the season's outcome.

## **Franks Changes Opening** From Macon to Rochelle

MACON, Ga., March 22.—In a last-minute switch W. E. Franks changed the opening spot for Playland, travel-ing org, from Macon to Rochelle. Outfit was overhauled at Franks' farm in Wilcox County, five miles from Rochelle, and few days before the chew was scheduled to leave for from Rochelle, and few days before the show was scheduled to leave for Macon, the city fathers asked Franks to play a week on the streets there, Franks revealed.

Franks has set back Macon to the week starting April 7, planning for one-week Rochelle and Cordele dates, before moving onto Macon lots, pres-ently contracted for four weeks.

# Herb Pickard Handling

TAMPA, March 22.—Herb Pickard, publicity director for Royal Ameri-can Shows, is handling advance publicity and promotion for the four-day Wallenda Circus appearance, open-ing here April 24. Local date is un-der Egypt Temple Shrine sponsorship.

Pickard will rejoin the Royal American organization in St. Louis. He wintered in Sarasota, Fla.

## Vito D'Incognito Dies; Designed First Tilt Florida.

CHICAGO, March 22.--Vito D'In-CHICAGO, March 22.—Vito D'In-cognito, 75, credited with designing and building the first Tilt-a-Whirl, died at his home, 1150 West Huron Street, Wednesday (19). Funeral services were held today in Chicago, and burial was in Oak Ridge Ceme-tery. Surviving are three sons, Michael, Rocco and Vito.

# Write Plainly

ST. JOHN, March 22.—A car-nival owner was among those singled out in a story in a recent issue of Nation's Business magazine, in a story entitled Every Office Has One, by William Mc-Nulty. Story tells how an order from a carnival owner, seeking supplies, was delayed in de-livery because of illegible hand writing. The article pointed out how hurrying with a pen or pencil often creates delays, con-fusion and embarrassment.

# **Capital City Set For April Opening**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 22 .-With the opening set for early April, things around Capital City Shows are in high gear. Folks contracted for the season are arriving daily. All rides have been rebuilt and repainted.

said they would report back in time for the opening. Bill Levy advises he will be on hand with his new snake and animal show, plus two concessions concessions.

Jack Rainey has completed work Jack Rainey has completed work on his new bingo and now awaits the arrival of his new GMC truck. C. B. Conquest will be here again this season. He has added 12 new ma-chines to his Penny Arcade. Thurston Apple has his Fun House and three kiddie rides ready and Mickey Apple says his Motordrome is set

says his Motordrome is set. Concessionaires contracted include Concessionaires contracted include Bill Lewy, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wolf, 3; Horace Drennon, 3; Jack Rainey, 3; C. V. Wills, 5; Fred Russell, 2; John Kay, 4; Bob Boyle, 1; M. L. Huff, C. B. Conquest and Johnny Johnson, each 1. Visitors have included W. J. Wil-liams and C. Porter Mayes of Rogers Greater Shows, and Don Meyers of Page Bros.' Shows.

# Harris, Cohen Hurt In Georgia Car Crash

NEW BRUNSWICK, Ga., March 22.—Babe Harris and Jerry Cohen, widely-known concessionaires, were-victims of an automobile accident near here Wednesday (19), with Cohen sustaining serious injuries. Harris escaped the crash with minor Wallenda's Tampa Flack hurts, it was reported. Cohen was removed to City Hos-

tion Friday (21). His condition was reported good. He would appreciate letters from friends during his convalescence.

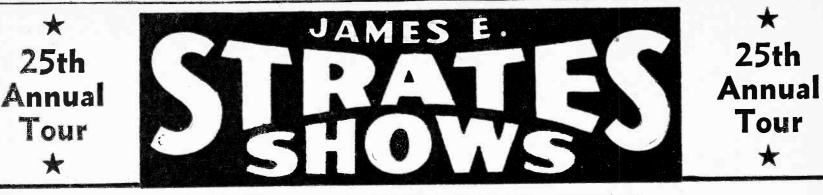
## Johns Reported Improved

MACON, Ga., March 22.-J. L. Johns, vet local showman and owner of several rides booked with the Jim McCall Shows, is reported much im-proved after suffering a heart attack recently while on a fishing trip to

## **Endy Gets Georgia Contract**

MACON, Ga., March 22.—Will C. Ragan, Georgia State Fair president, said this week that the 1947 midway contract again has been awarded to Endy Bros.' Shows. Fair opens October 13.

The Billboard



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Want sensational High Act for season. La Vonnies, contact.

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SH\*)WS—Glass House, Monkey Show and Mechanical, or others that do not conflict.
 HELP—Ride Superintendent, Foremen for #5 Eli Wheel and Roll-o-Plane. Assistant Mechanic and Electrician. Also Second Men for Rides, who can handle Semis.
 CONCESSIONS—Penny Arcade, String Game, Ball Games, Lead Gallery, Sno-Cone, Huckly Buck and other Stock Stores.

Write or wire: H. V. Petersen, Mgr., Box 742, Joplin, Mo.

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# AMERICAN UNITED SHOWS

**OPENING TACOMA, WASH., APRIL 5** 

WANTED-Ride Help on the following Rides: Twin Eli Wheels, threeabreast Merry-Go-Round, Roll-o-Plane, Octopus, Lindy Loop, 9-Car Tilt, Airplane Ride, Auto Ride, Miniature Train and Turn-over Fun House. Top wages and good treatment.

SHOWS-We have Circus Side Show, Athletic Show, Review of 1947, Motordrome, Penny Arcade and will book, owing to disappointment, any Show that does not conflict with the above-with or without equipment and transportation.

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JOSEPH J. KIRKWOOD SHOWS

# **Beatty Enjoys** Mid-Season Biz Thru Southwest

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 22.— Clyde Beatty Circus will complete a trek thru Texas and Arizona here today with the red wagon raking in cash at mid-season pace.

At San Antonio last week-end the weather was unusually cold and business was only fair but all hands had pleasant visits with Ben and Eva Davenport and personnel of Dailey Bros., and with folks from the Plunkett show.

At Del Rio, Tex., stores closed at 1 p.m., and posted signs, "Gone to the Circus," which meant healthy business. El Paso was okay but not as strong as last year when three performances were given. Tucson performances were given. Tucson stood up like a major, the night tip being capacity.

Department heads are Owner Clyde Beatty; manager, Ira Watts; wagon staff, James Albanese, Wallace Love and Charley Tiffany; front door, Ed Grady; concessions, Maxine Tubis, assisted by E. Lawson; cashier, Nick Sokel; tickets, Bill McGough; Nick Sokel; tickets, Bill McGough; props, Robert Reynolds, assisted by Bennett; train, John O'Brien; train sleepers, Dutch Givler with Willie as porter; lights, Floyd Lee; cook-house, Charles Oliver; Side Show, Pete Kortes; canvas, George Werner; elephants, Spender Huntley; eques-trian director Jack Joyce; horse trian director, Jack Joyce; horse trainers, Jack Joyce and Johnny (Spenders) Cline; bandmaster, Vic Robbins; wardrobe, Mel Renničk.

FOR SALE 10x19 Center Outfit, equipped fully for Pop-corn, Snow, Apples, Floss. This is the most beautiful Concession of its kind on the road. Must be seen to be appreciated. Price, \$1500.00, One complete Bug House, 6 Laughing Mirrors, 14x32 Banner, Top and Wall, Laughing Sal. Ready to zo. Price, \$1500.00. 6x8 Popcorn Center Outfit, Electric Popper, complete. Price, \$259.00. One Dry Popper, real flash, \$60 per hour, like new, \$500.00. Contact me and everything can be seen on Wallace Bros,' Shows, Jackson, Tenn., or per route. K. L. "DICK" TAYLOR

#### FOR SALE

2 U. S. Army 60" Searchlights, complete with Generating Plant. Both units mounted on 4-wheel underslung trailers as new test runs only. Two units left; have sold 16 of these Searchlights this winter. Immediate delivery. Also have several thousand feet 4.0 Rubber-Covered Ground Cable, some 1.0 as new. Priced right. Address:

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8 Cases Remington Kleenbore, \$60.00 per case, 5 Cases Western Super Gallery Kant Splash, \$75.00 per case; 5 brand new, never uncrated No. 61 Winchester Rifles, \$39.00 each. Imme-diate shipment. Address:

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# **Dressing Room Gossip**

The Billboard

### **Sparks**

The second week of our first sea-The second week of our first sea-son on rails gave us short hauls and grassy lots for the most part. St. Petersburg, Fla., added to the pleas-ant atmosphere by turning out three packed houses. Harry (Bottles) Vernotsky, veteran 24-hour man for Ringling-Barnum, was on the lot. The writer and husband, Harry, visited in the home of Charlotte and Bill Maxwell. long-time Bingling. Bill Maxwell, long-time Ringling-Barnum tax man.

Harry Brown is fulfilling duties as Harry Brown is fulfilling duties as 24-hour man, purchasing agent and tax man. He figures to sleep next winter. Dave Murphy also doubles all over the lot. In addition to doing the announcing for the big show, he makes side show openings handles radio downtown.

Alva Evans joined clown alley in Bartow, Fla. His wife, Christine (Lavonda) is featured in the side show. Billy Barton suffered bruises and shock when his rope broke at the end of a breakaway and he fell to the ground correctly minime the to the ground, narrowly missing the ring curb.

Back yard notes: Tom Kennedy, prize candy pitchman, is recom-mended as the guy with the best eyemended as the guy with the best eye-sight in the business. . . . Murray Burt is all things to all people. . . . The entire troupe happy over the nice review *The Billboard* gave us. . . . Tommy Cropper, equestrian di-rector, has the show running smooth-ly. . . . Raymond Scheitz is handling the front door as well as heing legal

the front door as well as being legal adjuster.... The big question on the show is when does Jimmy Edgar sleep? ... John White received a new dog for his act in Lakeland.... Dick Willor was in Sorracto Pre-Dick Miller was in Sarasota, Bra-denton and Lakeland doing pho-tography for Edgar... Whitey Haven and assistants are doing a swell job with the bull act. . . Yellow, the porter, is right on the job with all shoes chined every morning and the shoes shined every morning and the coaches spic and span... Everyone enjoyed the day off in De Land.

Visitors have included Mmes. Jack Visitors have included Mmes. Jack and Jake Rinehart, Jewel and Charley Poplin, Peggy and Leonard Murray, Cliff and Elsie Gatewood, Flora and Walter Guice, Ralph and Estelle Duval, Mitzie Fein, Mrs. P. Nelson, Mrs. Carteir and daughter, Pat; Tony Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Criffin Mrs. Griffin being the former Pat; Tony Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Griffin being the former Dorothy Davenport, and Mabel Ring-ling and Pat Valdo.—DOROTHY LEE BROWN.

#### Mills Bros.

Every day the population .n winter quarters is increasing, with daily arrivals of personnel all set for the opening in Bucyrus, O., April 19. Clyde Mallory, car manager, ar-rived and is getting the trucks in shape.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Badger arrived Cleveland from Fresno, Calif., and Badger has his crew hard at work to make sure this engagement will be a profitable one.

The new uniforms for the band arrived and drew plenty of ahs from the personnel.

D. R. Miller and Gus Karneva, of the Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros.; Bob Stevens of Stevens Bros., and Vernon Pratt of Hugo Bros., caught the open-ing of the Clyde Beatty show at Nacogdoches, Tex. . . Bob Grubber, injured in a fall last season, is okay and will be back with the Stevens Bros.' org this year. Oklahoma Shorty Shearer will have the concert on the Shearer will have the concert on the show and his wife will work in the big show. D. R. Riggs will manage the side show. Juan de Orvilla, Mexican hand balancer, again will be featured be featured.

#### **Circus Historical Society**

WICHITA, Kan., March 22.-Ha-mid-Morton Circus closed Sunday (16) to a week of spotty business, due to a number of reasons, includ-ing bad weather the first three days, flu which threatened to close the schools, and Lent. The circus moved here from Kan-

sas City, Mo., and the train was three hours late, so it got off with a late night show Monday and half the cast was ill with colds. The Flying Hartzells were unable to perform opening night and Bob Mor-ton and Joe Walsh were under a doctor's care, altho Walsh went in and worked the wild animal display with a 103 temperature and did the job strictly against the orders of his physician. Searle Simmons, a Wicha boy, gave solid performances. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Anderson were ita

down from Emporia, Kan., and re-ported purchasing the Joe Greer Lib-erty act. Joe E. Smith and daughter of Montezuma, Kan., caught the

opening night show. Mary Mahour, one of the girls in Peaches' Sky High Revue, cele-brated her 16th birthday and gave a party for the ladies in the dress-ing room. At the finale of the wight ing room. At the finale of the night ing room. At the finale of the night show on her birthday she was pre-sented with a corsage while Joe Basile's band played Happy Birth-day to You. Dr. Philip Robinson, of Ithaca, N. Y., who was visiting the Repen-sky Troupe, suffered a fractured leg

when he fell from a balancing table in the arena.

# Carnival Routes

Send to 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati 1, O.

(Routes are for current week when no dates are given. In some instances possibly mailing points are listed.)

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Alamo Expo.: Austin, Tex.
A. M. P.: Millen, Ga.
Anderson Greater: Collinsville, Ala.
A. & P. Am. Co.: Edmond, Okla.
Arcade: Clifton, Tex.
B. & D. Am. Co.: Kannapolis, N. C., 31-April 5.
Bell & Vinson: Rusk, Tex.
B. & H.: Summerton, S. C.
Bistany Greater: Jacksonville, Fla.
Biue Ribbon: Valdoşta, Ga.
Brewer's United: Overton, Tex.
Brownie Am.: Beggs, Okla.
Bullock Am. Co.: Great Falls, S. C., 28-April 5.
Burdick's Greater: Lampasas, Texas.
Caledonia: Kingston, N. Y., April 3-12.
Capell Bros.: McAlester, Okla.
Capital City: Nashville, Fnn., 29-April 5.
Central Am. Co.: Beaufort, S. C., 29-April 5.
Coastal Plain: Tarboro, N. C.
Crafts Expo.: Areadia, Calif.
Crandell's Midway: Pinehurst, Ga.; Butler 31-April 5.
Crescent Am. Co.: Canden, S. C., 31-April 6.

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D. W.: Clayton, N. C., 29-April 5.
Elliott Am. Co.: (W. Morris and Harding) Indianapolis, Ind., 29-April 2.
Florida Am. Co.: (Fair) St. Petersburg, Fla.
Francis, John: (Broadway and East Grand) St. Louis, Mo.
Franklin, Don: Velasco, Tex.; El Campo 31-April 5.

Franklin, Don: Verano, April 5. Franks Playland: Rochelle, Ga. Gate City: Augusta, Ga. Gem City: Fordyce, Ark. Gentsch, J. A.: Vicksburg, Miss. Gold Bond: Malvern, Ark.: Camden 31-April 5. Golden Rule: Marion, S. C. Golden West: Concord, Calif.; Broderick April 6.

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Greater Rainbow: Dardanelle, Ark.; Boone-ville 31-April 5. Greater United: Kilgore, Tex.; Marshall 31-April 5. Hannum, Morris: Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Edenton 31-April 5. Harrison Greater: Laurinburg, N. C. Heart of Texas: San Angelo, Tex. Heth, L. J.: Birmingham, Ala. Home State: Batesville, Ark., 29-April 5. International: Okmulgee, Okla., 29-April 5. Johnny's United: Eastman, Ga.; Hawkinsville 31-April 5. Kaus, W. C.: New Bern, N. C., 29-April 5. Keyman's Am.: Greenwood, Ark. Kirkwood, Joseph J.: High Point, N. C. Lake City: Texarkana, Tex.; Arkadelphia 31-April 5. Lamb, L. B.: Hartselle, Ala.

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Long's United: Visalia, Calif. Madison Bros.: Newport, Ark.
Magic Empire: West Monroe, Ala.
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Marion Greater: Leesville, S. C.
McCloskey: El Cerrito, Calif., April 1-5.
McKee, John: Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Dexter 31-April 5.
Midway of Mirth: Highland, Ill.
Mid-Western Expo.: Jena, La.
Midwest: Niland, Calif.; Coachella April 2-6.
Mighty Page: Louisville, Miss.
Moore's Big State: Kingsville, Tex.
Pacific United: Stockton, Calif.
Paramount Expo.: Norfolk, Va., April 2-12.
Pastime: Coolidge, Ga.
Paul's Am. Co.: Russellville, Ark.
Peerless: Davis, Okla.
Peerless: Clebration Am.: Mount Holly, N. C.; Statesville 31-April 5.
Pike Am.: Ozark, Ark.; Sallisaw, Okla., 31-April 5.
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Prell's Broadway: Charleston, S. C.; Fayetteville, N. C., 31-April 5.
Pryor's: Phenix City, Ala.
Rogers Greater: Corinth, Miss.; Dyersburg, Tenn., 31-April 5.
R. & S. Am.: Goldsboro, N, C.; Wilmington 31-April 5.
Rosen, H. B., Am.: Piedmont, Ala.
Royal Amusement: Sharon, Ga.; Crawfordville 31-April 5.
Royal Crown: Thomaston, Ga.; Rome 31-April 5.
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Tassell, Barney: Augusta, Ga.
Thomas Joyland Am.: Lexington, Ky., 29-April 5.
Triangle: Wilson, N. C.
Utah Expo.: Kanab, Utah.
Victory Expo.: Longview. Tex.
Virginia Greater: Louisville, Ky.
Wallace Bros.: Jackson, Tenn.
Wallace & Murray: Spartanburg, S. C.; Lenoir, N. C., 31-April 5.
Ward, John R., World's Fair: Baton Rouge, La., 27-April 6.
Wheiler, Eddle L.: Summerville, Ga.
White Star Attrs.: Social Circle, Ga.
Wolfe Am.: Royston, Ga.
Wonder City: Monticello, Ark.; Stuttgart 31-April 5.
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Bailey Bros.: Newberry, S. C., April 3.
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Hamid-Morton: Memphis, Tenn., 26-April 1.
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Sparks: Lake City, Fla., 25; Tallahassee 26; Chipley 27; Pensacola 28; Mobile, Ala., 29-30; Laurel, Miss., 31; Meridian April 1; Co-lumbus 2; Tuscaloosa, Ala., 3; Birmingham 4-5.

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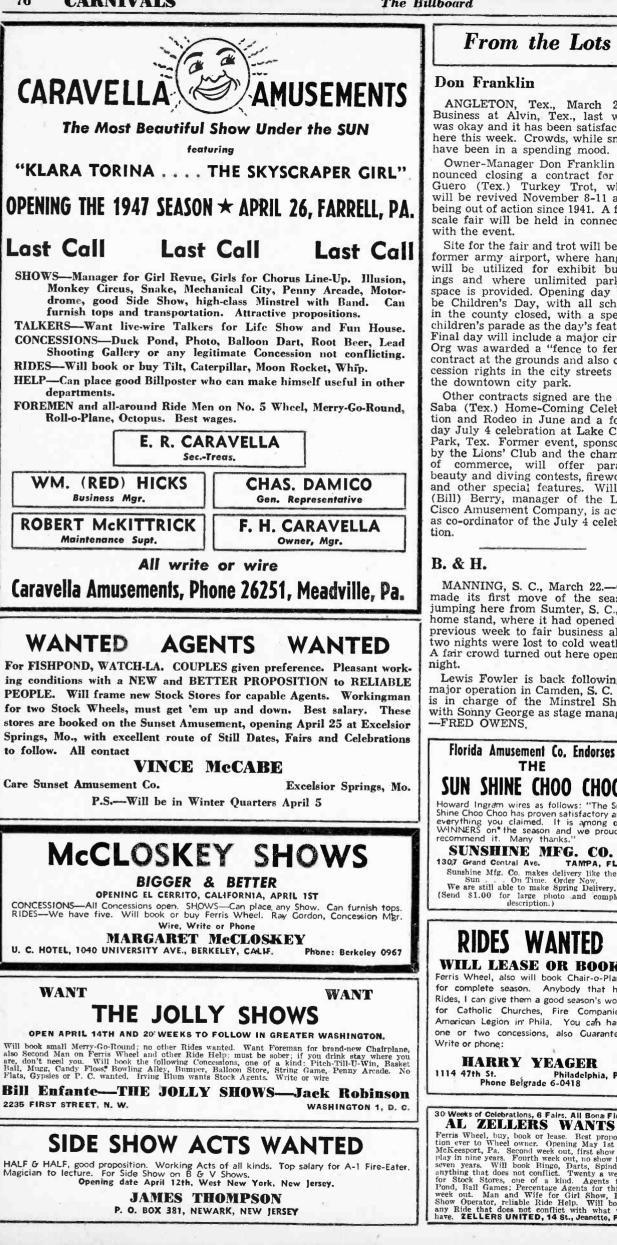
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# From the Lots

#### **Don Franklin**

ANGLETON, Tex., March 22.— Business at Alvin, Tex., last week was okay and it has been satisfactory here this week. Crowds, while small, have been in a spending mood.

Owner-Manager Don Franklin announced closing a contract for the Guero (Tex.) Turkey Trot, which will be revived November 8-11 after being out of action since 1941. A fullscale fair will be held in connection with the event.

Site for the fair and trot will be the former army airport, where hangars will be utilized for exhibit build-ings and where unlimited parking space is provided. Opening day will be Children's Day, with all schools in the county closed, with a special children's parade as the day's feature. Final day will include a major circus. Org was awarded a "fence to fence" contract at the grounds and also concession rights in the city streets and the downtown city park.

Other contracts signed are the San Saba (Tex.) Home-Coming Celebra-tion and Rodeo in June and a four-day July 4 celebration at Lake Cisco Park, Tex. Former event, sponsored by the Lions' Club and the chamber of commerce, will offer parade, beauty and diving contests, fireworks and other special features. William (Bill) Berry, manager of the Lake Cisco Amusement Company, is acting as co-ordinator of the July 4 celebra-tion

MANNING, S. C., March 22.-Org made its first move of the season, jumping here from Sumter, S. C., its home stand, where it had opened the previous week to fair business altho two nights were lost to cold weather. A fair crowd turned out here opening

Lewis Fowler is back following a major operation in Camden, S. C. He is in charge of the Minstrel Show, with Sonny George as stage manager. —FRED OWENS.

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WALTERS, Tex., March 22.-Org moved in here this week from Marmoved in here this week from Mar-lin, Tex., where it enjoyed a fair week's business. Previous stand, February 15-March 1 at Waco, Tex., was marred by cold weather. Show's line-up follows: J. R. Lee-right, owner; L. W. Peavy, manager, who also handles advance and bill-posting and has three n.c. joints: Mr

posting and has three p.c. joints; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jackson, cookhouse; Barney, Ruth and Clark Gage, concessions, with Barney also electrician and chief mechanic; Clarence Ballig, manager of the office-owned conces-sions; Earl Calaway and Jimmy Anoya, bingo; R. L. (Red) Bisnop, manager of the Shorty Dennis con-cessions; Hazel and Noel Pettigrew, agents; Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. (Cowagents; Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. (Cow-boy) King, concessions; Fred Shufelt, beat-the-dealer; Buck Jones. Ferris Wheel; Ralph Bowers, Chair-o-Plane; Bud Roach, Loop-o-Plane; George (Blackie) Knox, two kiddie rides; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Tuffy) Reeves, athletic show, and George and Mickey Yamada, ball games. — SHERRY PEAVY.

#### J. A. Gentsch

FOREST, Miss., March 22.-Weather was anything but co-operative on the stand here for the livestock show. Rain and cold was the rule most of the week. Kid's day, Friday (14) it warmed up a bit but Saturday (15) was cold again. Shows and conces-sions didn't do too badly, but the rides took a beating.

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WAVERLY, N. Y., March 22.— Norman Fitzgerald is putting all rolling stock in shape for the paint shop, where Paul Benton will take over

Phillip Kirkland, now with Phillip Kirkland, now with a Pittsburgh radio station, will join for the opening. He will have five con-cessions and will also handle elec-trical maintenance. His daughter, Betty, is now Mrs. Albert Smith. R. Count Golden made a stopover en route to Niagara Falls with his new bride a bride.

Frank Turner, who has been ill, writes he will come here within a few weeks. Al Perline, who has sold his Western Pennsylvania business interests, is set for the '47 sea-son. Doctor Leighton, in the rug

business, reports he is doing okay. Recent visitors here included Mr. and Mrs. Bud Norsen and Happy and Joe Carr.—J. PERCELL.

#### Turner Bros.

PETERSBURG, Ill., March 22, Tempo has increased here with the arrival of more men. Homer Wall has the painters working on trucks and trailers. Arthur Atterbury will do the lettering and striping.

do the lettering and striping. Early delivery has been promised on the new Looper. New Kiddie Swing was delivered last week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fellis arrived from Florida. Harry and Alyce Hopkins are expected daily. Sam and Ruth Spangle have all their equipment in and are settled in their house trailer trailer.

trailer. Jack Price, general agent, and Harry Phillips were honored guests at an Elks' stag party in Springfield, Ill. John Lyons, who has booked his Funhouse also will have several concessions. Mrs. Marie Turner, in charge of the office-owned conces-sions, reports her agents are painting and fitting new canvas in preparation of the opening in mid-April. of the opening in mid-April.

#### Home State

BATESVILLE, Ark., March 22.— Finishing touches are being applied to equipment for the March 29 open-ing here. Tee-off stand will be of a week's duration before org takes to the road.

Season's route will embrace fairs in Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minne-sota, according to Owners Carl Lar-sen and Don Trueblood.

Bob Houssel will have the girl show and animal exhibit, while Herb Allen will have the Mickey Mouse Show.

The writer arrived from Kansas City and will be in charge of pub-licity and banners and may operate a Five-in-One. Now ill, Mrs. O'Bryan will join the show at a later date.— C. (JACK) O'BRYAN.

#### **Coleman Bros.**

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., March 22. -With the opening date set for April 17, activities here have been stepped up. Work has been carried on during the winter months by five men supervised by Francis Coleman. All rides, show fronts, tractors and

trailers have been repainted. Three 28-foot Trailmobile trailers and five new Chevrolet tractors have been delivered. Org will open with all-new fireproof canvas from front to back.

Dack. The following fairs have been booked: Ballston Spa, N. Y.; Alta-mont, N. Y.; Northampton, Mass.; Greenfield, Mass.; Rochester, N. H.; Stafford Springs, Conn., and Belcher-town, Mass.—BETTY COLEMAN.

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#### **Beam's Attractions**

WINDBER, Pa., March 22.—Ken-neth Ritchie has been engaged as ride superintendent and Mort Messias as concession manager to com-plete org's executive personnel. J. S. Jones will handle electrical work.

J. B. Hendershot, general agent, is completing a route which will take the shows South for the first time. Ernie and Vivian Slavin are headed here to complete work on the new Motordrome, which Ernie will manage.

will manage. Gene Felski, recently discharged from the army, checked in follow-ing a short vacation. He will man-age the Funhouse. Mrs. Kathryn McDevitt will manage the cook-house and also will have the candy apples and floss. Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNew are due next week. Bill will take over some of the office concessions. W. R. Her-ries has booked his shooting gallery.

A 30-foot army office trailer, pur-chased from the Berman Sales Com-pany, will be converted into an office for the shows. Ride crew is skedded to leave next week for the Allan Herschell factory to pick up a new Caterpillar. Mrs. Beam sold her Spartan Trailer and is now looking over 1947 models.

#### Tatham Bros.

ATLANTA, Ill., March 22.--Tat-ham Bros.' Shows, K. Tatham, owner, will open May 1. A modern-istic entrance and light towers have been completed. The new Merry-Go-Round has been received, the org now having five new rides. New concessionaires will be Joe Kirk and L. Marston. Roy Ray and Bill Miller were recent visitors. Street celebra-L. Marston. Roy Ray and Bill Miller were recent visitors. Street celebra-tions will be played five weeks and only three still dates. Eighteen weeks of fairs will be played.— MICKEY TATHAM.

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# **Bright Lights**

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 22.-Twenty-five men are now at work preparing for the April 10 opening, according to John Gecoma, general manager, and L. C. Heck, assistant manager. Much work was cleaned up early under the direction of Clyde Ketchum.

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Mr. and Mrs. Doc Fretz and crew Mr. and Mrs. Doc Fretz and crew are getting their shows and rides ready. Dannie Donnini and partner, Lew Lang, have their bingo and 12 concessions ready. All have new canvas. They also added one new truck.

Fatso Usher has signed to take over the Side Show. He also is doing the sign and art work. Mrs. Usher is the sign and art work. Mrs. Usher is doing the upholstering on the rides. Slim Johnson and Kemp have signed to take over the Minstrel Show. All new canvas, banners and seats have been ordered. Joe Gang-ler, manager of the Gangler Bros.' Circus, reports he will arrive about April 5 to get his free act, the Bring 'em Back Alive and Snake Show ready. Homer Sharer will report April 1 to ready his show. R. See-hoffer also will report soon to ready hoffer also will report soon to ready his Follies.

Frank Joseph infoes he will be in about April 1 with his new Octopus and that his new Spitfire will be ready some time in June, Harry Ditzler reports he will arrive April 8 with his Miniature Train and pony rides. F. A. Norton is awaiting delivery

on a new truck and transformers. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin arrived from Florida. Mrs. Dannie Donnini and her sister, Gladys Zimmerman, went home for a week's surprise visit to be with their mother on her birthday.

Mr, and Mrs. Salesberg and son and daughter-in-law are due in daily from Florida. All special paper has been ordered for the season. It will be in charge of L. G. King, contract-

Frank Z. Hyde, secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Beard, George Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brininger are due any day.—F. A. NORTON.

#### Virginia Greater

SUFFOLK, Va., March 22.—Crew of 21 men, directed by the Gibson brothers and Big Boy, have preparations well under control for the org's opening April 4.

opening April 4. Joseph Conley, upon his return from Miami, where he wintered, gave his low-down on how "to beat" the horses. His advice: "Stay in the North." Jack Rose arrived with five sing for his chourt

girls for his show. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are here set to go. Bill Penny and family are due in next week. Bill, a grandfather now, wants to show "the new baby." Birthday party for Mrs. Sarah Masucci was not only a surprise to her but a success for all who attended.

Bill Murray is busy laying out the show for 36 weeks. The Merry-Go-Round is scheduled for delivery with-in a few days. — CLARENCE E. in a few BOOKER.

#### Funbeam

WINDBER, Pa., March 22.—Louis T. Riley is ready to leave his Owensboro, Ky., home with his four rides. Recovered from her recent illness, illness, Mrs. Riley expects to be with the shows

Carl W. Lindquist visited, reporting that his concessions are ready. Clyde and Florence McDaniel booked their concessions.

Eddie Little is directing the building of two new shows. Art Hil-liard is readying equipment for open-ing at Confluence, Pa., his hometown.

Gene and Lillian Shupe expect to have a new trailer before the start of the season. Shows recently inked the Perryopolis (Pa.) Home-



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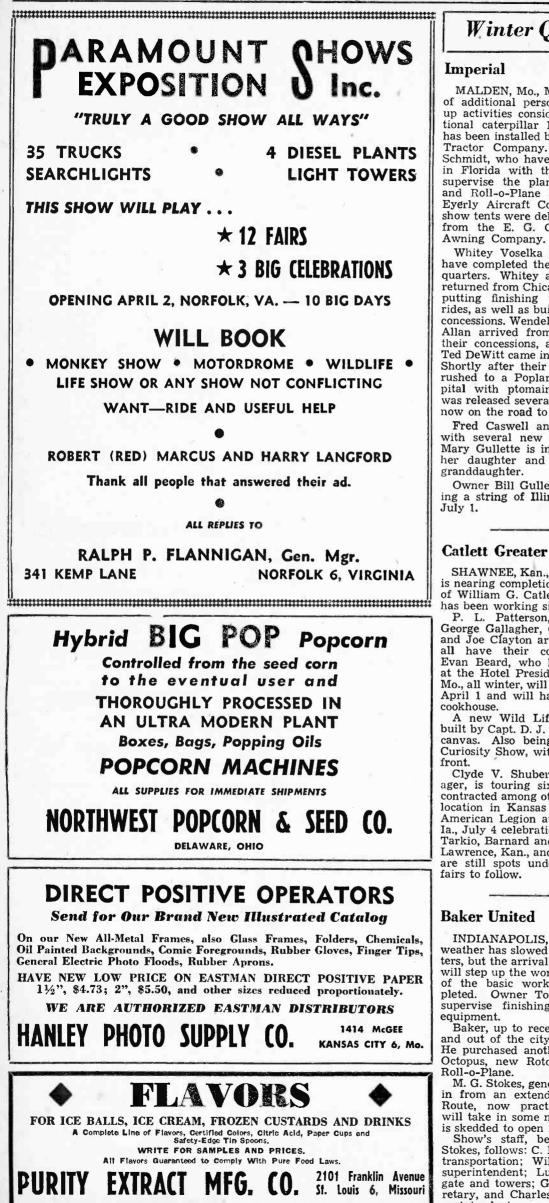
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# Winter Quarters MALDEN, Mo., March 22.—Arrival of additional personnel has stepped

up activities considerably. An addi-tional caterpillar Diesel light plant has been installed by the John Fabick Tractor Company. John and Paul Schmidt, who have been vacationing in Florida with their families, will supervise the plant. New Octopus and Roll-o-Plane arrived from the Eyerly Aircraft Company, and new show tents were delivered to quarters from the E. G. Campbell Tent & Awning Company.

Whitey Voselka and Butch Ritter have completed their work in winter quarters. Whitey and Peggy Davies returned from Chicago and have been putting finishing touches on their rides, as well as building several new concessions. Wendell Pierce and Andy Allan arrived from Minnesota with their concessions, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted DeWitt came in from Little Rock. Shortly after their arrival, Ted was rushed to a Poplar Bluff, Mo., hos-pital with ptomaine poisoning, but was released several days later and is now on the road to recovery.

Fred Caswell and family arrived with several new concessions. Mrs. Mary Gullette is in Chicago visiting her daughter and recently arrived granddaughter.

Owner Bill Gullette reports securing a string of Illinois fairs starting July 1.

SHAWNEE, Kan., March 22.-Work is nearing completion under direction of William G. Catlett. A crew of 10

of William G. Catlett. A crew of 10 has been working since December 1. P. L. Patterson, Lester Howell, George Gallagher, George Carpenter and Joe Clayton are in quarters and all have their concessions ready. Evan Beard, who has been cooking at the Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo. all winter will report to quarters Mo., all winter, will report to quarters April 1 and will have charge of the cookhouse. A new Wild Life Show is being

built by Capt. D. J. Cox, with all new canvas. Also being built is a new Curiosity Show, with a 60-foot panel

Clyde V. Shubert, business man-ager, is touring six States and has contracted among others, a downtown location in Kansas City, Mo., under American Legion auspices; Chariton, Ia., July 4 celebration; Hamburg, Ia.; Tarkio, Barnard and St. Joseph, Mo.; Lawrence, Kan., and Sedalia, Mo. All are still spots under auspices, with

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.—Bad weather has slowed up work in quar-ters, but the arrival of warm weather will step up the work schedule. Much of the basic work has been com-pleted. Owner Tom L. Baker will supervise finishing touches to all equipment.

Baker, up to recently, had been in and out of the city on buying trips. He purchased another Ferris Wheel, Octopus, new Roto Whip and new Roll-o-Plane. M. G. Stokes, general agent, is back

M. G. Stokes, general agent, is back in from an extended booking tour. Route, now practically completed, will take in some new territory. Org is skedded to open here April 16. Show's staff, besides Baker and Stokes, follows: C. R. (Bud) Jackson, transportation; William Ward, ride superintendent; Luther Tyra, front gate and towers; George Morris sec-retary, and Charles L. Kern, lot suretary, and Charles L. Kern, lot su-perintendent.



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NEW YORK, March 22. -- Sid Goodwalt, Harry Schwartz and Jack C. Buck Exposition Shows in Troy, N. Y. Joe Prell last to N. Y. Joe Prell left to open with Prell's Broadway Shows. Sidney Rifkin is off to Eastwood Park, De-troit. Mrs. Edwina Benn, office secretary, will join her husband on the Bright Lights Exposition Shows. Ike Weinberg will agent for Max Gruberg's No. 2 Unit.

Gruberg's No. 2 Unit. Visitors were Carl Sherman, en route from Texas to Seattle; Max Miller, Willie Lish, Morris Black, Jack Zupan, Matty Burns, Abe Eisen-berg and Frank Wirth, all returning from Florida; Nate Eagle, B. W. Ben-son, Red Conners, Irving Merson, Fred Perkins, Jeff Harris, Ben Again, William de L'horbe Jr., Mort Mos-cias Sam and Irving Berk Josenh Augle, Frank Blatsky, Joe Hughes, Bucky Allen, Shrimpy Rappaport, Bucky Allen, Shrimpy Rappaport, Arthur Campfield and Jack Lichter.

Ray Sharpe died Monday (17) in St. Vincent's Hospital. Burial was in Chatham, N. Y. Sam Lager is con-valescing at the Half Moon Hotel, Coney Island, N. Y. *The Eillboard* is holding mail for Marrie Close Harry Schwartz Sam

Morris Glass, Harry Schwartz, Sam Walker, Max Hummel, Paoli Fiochi (c/o Louis Spielmann), George Hoar and Sol Warnish.

Next meeting Wednesday (26).

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Edna and Jules Lasures have sold their St. Albans, N. Y., home and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where their two daughters reside. Edna was active in all club events. Presi-dent Anna Halpin is urging all mom dent Anna Halpin is urging all mem-bers to get behind the membership drive to help obtain the goal set by Chairman Dolly McCormick. Bess Hamid returned from a Florida va-cation looking tanned and healthy and once again is engaged actively in local club affairs.

#### **Miami Showmen's Association** 236 W. Flagler St., Miami

MIAMI, March 22.-Pegular meeting was held Tuesday (18) with President Bob Parker presiding. Also third vice-president; Ralph Endy, treasurer; Milton Paer, secretary, treasurer; and David B. Endy, president emeritus.

It was announced that another \$10.of \$25,000 in bonds. J. D. (Eddie) Edwards went on record that he will bring in \$1,000 to the old when he returns to Miami

to the club when he returns to Miami late in 1947.

late in 1947. Frank LaBarre, who is 94 years old and the club's oldest member, is seriously ill in University Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla. Also on the sick list are Chet Dunn, who is reported recovering in his home in Miami, and Europa Cuttone of the Bindling. and Eugene Gutman, of the Ringling-Barnum show, who is improved enough to leave for New York. Club rooms will be open all sum-

Members wishing to have their forwarded should send their mer. mail addresses to the secretary.

## Showmen's League of America

400 So. State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, March 22.-Frank Conklin, past president, presided at the regular meeting Thursday (20). With him on the rostrum were Past Presidents J. C. McCaffery and Fred Kressmann, Treasurer Walter F. Driver and Secretary Joe Streibich.

Elected to membership were Wal-ter D. Fleck, Chester I. Levin, Sam-uel E. Stone, Howard Blencoe, William J. Kelly and Tony Scottile.

The Welfare Committee reported Dave Tennyson in serious condition. James P. Madigan is still in the hos-pital but showing improvement. John Hill writes that Maxie Herman is showing steady improvement. There are no late reports on Harry Westbrook or Marshall Green.

The Ways and Means Committee reported it will soon get into action on the summer fund raising campaign.

Secretary Streibich reported a large attendance of members at the funeral services Friday (14) for George H. Terry.

The regular work of the servicemen's package committee has been discontinued. However, the League will keep track of all members still in service and send them packages from time to time. It was reported the photo of the

Christmas party has been ordered and when received it will be presented to the Uhlich Home.

sented to the Uhlich Home, Jack Hawthorne, Whitey Woods, Jack Levine and J. C. McCaffery have returned from Florida vaca-tions. Timmy Claman, Harry and Peter Cooper, of Detroit, were recent visitors to the clubrooms, as were George Bischoff and Henry Shelby. Members on hand after absences included Orville Harris, Walt Feath-erstone, John Hannon and Arthur Morse.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Regular Thursday night (13) meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. Sopenar in the absence of President Viola Fairly. Other officers present were Mrs. L. M. Brumleve, first vicepresident, pro tem; Mrs. Maud Geiler, third vice-president; Mrs. Rose Page, treasurer, and Mrs. Elsie Miller, sec-Invocation was by Mrs. Marretary.

garet Filograsso, chaplain. Rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. E. Sopenar and Rose Jarbo for the successful social conducted last week. Margaret Filograsso will be the next hostess. Letter was received from Viola Fairly, now recovering in

Muskogee, Okla. Hattie Wagner, chairman of the membership drive, is planning an intensive campaign this summer. Mrs. Ann Belden, chairman of the fall bazarr, asks that all donations be forwarded to her home address, 6136 North Knox Avenue, Chicago. Mrs. Ralph Glick will act as co-chairman, with Margaret Hock, Grace Goss, Margaret Filograsso, Viola Blake, Lena Schlossberg, Mrs. E. Sopenar, Lee Gluskin, Carmen Horan and Billie Wasserman as co-workers.

**Pacific Coast Showmen's** Association

6231/6 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 22 .- Vice-President Harry Suker conducted the short business meeting Monday (17). Secretary Ed Mann also was on the rostrum.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Tony Pratos, who died in Los Angeles Thursday (13).

Last-minute arrangements were completed for the convoying of the were 50-car caravan which assembled at Lincoln Park Tuesday (18) for the trip to San Bernardino, where the club was hosted by Past-President Orville Crafts whose show is playing an 11-day date at the National Orange Lunch was served buffet style Show. on the midway and several hundred members spent the day on the lot.

present after absences Members were J. C. McCaffrey, N. R. Hoffman and Charles Fielding. Clyde Ettles was a visitor at the meeting. Draw-ing was won by J. Ed Brown.

CHICAGO, March 22. - Regular meeting was held Tuesday (18) with President Edna O'Shea Stenson presiding. Other officers present were Lucille Hirsch, first vice-president; Jeanette Wall, second vice-president nro tem: Bessie Mossman, third vicepresident; Hattie Hoyt, financial secretary, and Irene Coffey, correspond-ing secretary. Invocation was by Edith Streibich.

Elected to membership was Ruth Holland.

Correspondence was received from Edna Stinson, Bess Hamid, Alma Bayles, Clara Bergman, Etta Hender-son, the Detroit Club and the Illinois Industries for the Blind.

Eleanor Havlik, Mabel Wright and Emily Baily sent in donations for the annual spring party which will be held Saturday (29). Josephine Glickman, chairman of the spring event, named Hattie Hoyt, Claire Sopenar, Becky Daniels, Esther Meyers, Lucille Hirsch, Clara Polich and Edna O'Shea Stenson to her committee.

Sick list includes Tillie Logan, in American Hospital; Irene Flexor, in Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Ill.; Mabel Davis, at home; Yvonne Fer-rari, in Barrington, Ill.; Daisy Davis, Pearl McGlynn, Agnes Barnes and Billie Lou Bunyard.

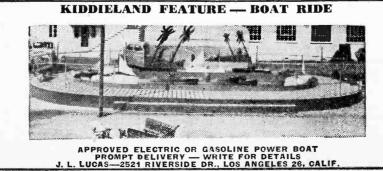
Elizabeth Jacks is a new auntie. Mae Oakes, welfare chairman, is on a vacation visiting her brothers and sister in Annapolis, Md., and Rich mond, Va.

Clara Polich, chairman of the rummage sale, named the following her committee: Hattie Hoyt, Pe Pearl McGlynn and Edna O'Shea Stenson. Isabelle Brantman, chairman of the birthday party skedded April 10, named Jeanette Wall as co-chairman.

She urges members to much tions before April 5. The awards at Tuesday's meeting (18), donated by Josephine Glickman and Minnie Simmons, were won by Brantman and Lillian

donation was received from Phoebe Carsky.





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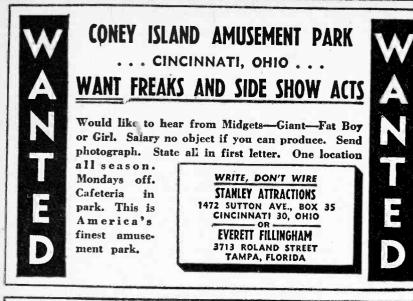
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# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

## Michigan Showmen's Association

## **3153 Cass Avenue, Detroit**

DETROIT, March 22 .- Jack Dickstein, Louis Rosenthal, Bernhard Robbins, Frank Hamilton, Sam Mal-tin, William Zakoor, Irving Borker, Marvin Keys and Art Grzann were at the board of directors' table table March 18.

Dickstein served as chairman, assisted by Treasurer Rosenthal, Sec-retary Robbins and Chaplain Grzann.

Membership drive continues at a Membership drive continues at a brisk pace. New members are Harry Boyle, Tony Moreno, Walt Hacket, Morris Tisser, Andy Barto, Sidney Nathansen, Joseph Olsen, Karl Wei-ner, John C. Wolk and Harry Shore. St. Patrick's Day party Sunday (16) was a social and financial suc-cess Mr and Mrs Hasson Kohn

cess. Mr. and Mrs. Hasson Kohn were in charge of the Hindu Temple concession. Music was under the di-rection of Al Werner. Over-all surection of Al Werner. Over-all su-pervision was by Arthur Frayne and Mrs. Rose Lewiston. Manuel V. Mendez was emsee. Acts were fur-nished by local night spots. Prizes donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary were raffled off. Bartenders were John Cargan and Tommy (Paddles) Bainer Reisner.

Visitors noted this week were Mike Tisser, from the Joe End Company; Arron Magid, Cleveland Merchan-dise Company, John Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kersol.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Ladies' Auxiliary Regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary March 17 was called by Bernice Stahl, first vice-president. On the rostrum were Ann Borker, second vice-president; Marion Dick-stein, third vice-president; Dorothy Gold, treasurer; Belle Powers, secretary, and Bertha Ford, chaplain.

Donation of \$100 to the Red Cross was voted. Members of the auxil-iary are handling a booth in the Book-Cadillac Hotel lobby. It also was voted to donate \$100 to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

A separate bank account will be opened for the sick and relief fund and the burial fund. Helen Eule and Hilda Roman were reported ill at Miami. Mayme Wade also is re-ported on the sick list. New embers introduced were Leona and May Hamilton Bernard.

A new entrance, made possible by the men's club, leads directly from the clubrooms from the main hall. First prize in the raffle went to Pat Crognale, with Joe Quinn second and Ann Borker third.

Joint meeting with the men's club will be held March 31 as the last meeting of the year.

Viola Fairly sent a "thank you" card for the flowers sent her while she was hospitalized.

#### **Show Folks of America** San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The annual Spring Hi-Jinks March 3 brought out some 500 merrymakers. A variety show, bingo and dancing were the chief pastimes.

Acts included Chico Bell, best dressed man in Hollywood; Bernice Rodgers, acro dance; Tex Jones, memories of silent motion pictures; Chico Bell and his monkey, Sammy; Bernie Rodgers, peacock fantasy, and Fred Weidmann, emsee. Many valuable door prizes, donated

by members, were distributed. Milt Williams was chairman and

he cited Council Raiford, Helen and Glenn Artz, Harry and Frances Se-ber, Fred and Ethyl Weidman, Joe Barell, Dan Meggs and the entire kitchen staff for their splendid cooperation.

#### **Missouri Show Women's Club** 415A Chestnut St., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, March 22.-Regular meeting Thursday (13) was called to order by President Lee Belmont. Reported on the sick list were Ethel Hesse and Mrs. Blanche Heth, the latter in her home in Malden, Mo. A baby shower was held in the

home of Estella Regan for Mrs. Frank Grimm. Attending were Evelyn Lewis, Adele Voelker, Gertrude and Norma Lang, Ada Miller, Ida McCoy, Teresa and Arlene Sidenberg, Louise Hanasaki, Leta Byrnes, Tillie Kahl, Mrs. Mary Boe, Alice, Lorraine and Leo Belmont and Letic Francis Lee Belmont, and Lotis Francis.

Lee Belmont, and Lotis Francis. The card party Saturday (15) was well attended. Prizes were donated by Estella Regan, Lotis Francis, Lee Belmont, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Norma and Gertrude Lang, Daisy Davis, Ethel Hesse, Peggy Grimm, Tillie Kahl and Adele Woelker. Verna and Irene Schantz donated 36 novelty hat in cushions, which were awarded to pin cushions, which were awarded to the high lady at each table. Prize winners included Mrs. Jack Downs, Shirley Voelker, Mrs. Louis Morgan, Mrs. C. Flaugher, Carol Warren, Mrs. Mrs. C. Flaugher, Carol Warren, Mrs. Lee Belmont and Mary Francis Grimm, the latter getting the grand prize donated by Goldie Fisher. Raffle tickets were handled by Teresa Sidenberg, Estella Ragan and Deard Vaught

Pearl Vaught. Mrs. Dorothy Williams left to join her husband, Orville, on the Buff Hottle Shows in Louisiana. Club vis-itors included Beverly Yesselman, Clella Lacobs and Mrs. Bill Cullette Clella Jacobs and Mrs. Bill Gullette, of Maldon, Mo.

Club was represented at the Jay Hamilton funeral by Mrs. Lee Bel-mont, Mrs. John Maher, Mildred Laird, Gertrude and Norma Lang, Mrs. Lotis Francis, Mrs. Viola Glisson, Mrs. Dennic O'Locuy, Mort, Chisson, Mrs. Dennis O'Leary, Mary Glisson, Lorene Harris and Lydia Huber.

#### **Heart of America** Showmen's Club 931A Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.— The Ladies' Auxiliary entertained members at the annual "pot luck" dinner March 14. Following the din-ner the regular weekly meeting was called to order by L. K. Carter, sec-ond vice-president. Other officers present were G. C. McGinnis, secre-tary, and George Carpenter, treas-urer urer

Bill and Jackie Wilcox stopped over en route to join the Cole Bros.' Circus at Louisville. Bill will be a checker and Jackie will be in charge

of local advertising. Jackie recently was released from the army. President Elliott is confined to his home with the flu. Several im-portant matters were tabled until his return

Building fund committee reports the fund is growing and that L. K. Carter is still in the lead in the membership drive.





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#### International **Showmen's Association** 415A Chestnut St., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—In the ab-sence of President E. Lawrence Phillips, Past President John K. Maher presided at the regular meeting Thursday (13). He was assisted by Treasurer Leo Lang and Secretary Euby Cobb.

Members were informed of the death of Jay Anson Hamilton, showdeath of Jay Anson Hamilton, show-man for more than half a century. Burial was by the International Showmen's Association of which Hamilton was a member, in Show-men's Rest, Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Louis, Saturday (15). Active pallbearers were Joe Maher, Frank Grimm George Bergen Frank

Active palibearers were Joe Maner, Frank Grimm, George Regan, Frank Hanasaki, Sid Sidenberg and Lloyd Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were John K. Maher, Leo Lang, Dee Lang, Euby Cobb, Frank Joerling, Harold Glisson, Dennis O'Leary, Cy Horwitz and John Francis. and John Francis.

and John Francis. At the meeting Thursday letters were read from Dave Carroll and Meyer Katz, Talks were made by Frank Joerling; William Gullette, owner and manager of the Imperial Shows; Ted Reed, of Overland, Mo., and Ed Campbell.

Visitors to the club this week were Dee and Winnie Aldridge, Steve Timlin, Roger Haney, Bob Heth, William Gullette; Buff Hottle, who left for New Orleans; Harold Barlow, Jack Downs and Gus Skogland, pilot of the Beechcraft airplane on the Gem City Shows. John J. Hurley, deputy chief clerk

of the court of civil causes, was elected to honorary membership. He was presented by John K. Maher.

Billy Finkle reports he has three concessions ready for the opening of Barlow's Big City Shows. John Francis has three rides up on an East Grand Avenue lot, while John K Moher and Sam Fidler Mourd K. Maher and Sam Fidler, Mound City Shows, and John Bales are working feverishly to have their opries ready on the lots with the first signs of spring. Dee Lang is readying a new lead gallery in his store show location on Broadway.

#### **Regular Associated Troupers** 106 E. Washington, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 22 .- Nell Robideaux, first vice-president, pre-sided March 13 in the absence of President Jimmy Lynch. Gladys Patrick, just in from Portland, was also on the rostrum.

Committee reports were given by Lill Eisenmen for the bazaar; Martha Lill Eisenmen for the bazaar; Martha Levine on membership; Inez Allton for the sick and relief; Gladys Patricks on ways and means; Elsie Zuker for the auditing committee; Marie Bailey on publicity; Lucille King for the house board; Johnny Castle for the tylers, and Treasurer Clarence Allton. Clarence Allton.

Jean and Forrest Freeland were elected to membership.

Fred Crosby, back in from Honolu-lu; Jimmy Gallagher, Vivian Gorman, Joe Mead and Blackie and Bee Stein were called upon for a few remarks. Called on for an account of her Port-land trip, Gladys Patrick brought greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Housman.

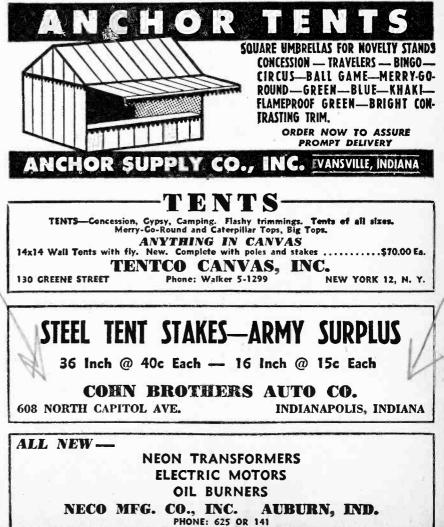
Guests were Virgie Martin and Betty Girard. Door prize winners were Bill Meyers and Harry Levine. Thanks are extended to Madame Delma for her donation of a gold baby elembart and a case of coffee Jennie Reigel for her gift of muffins and butter, and to other members who have made donations to the bazaar.



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# American Carnivals Association, Inc.

By Max Cohen

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 22.— The Sectional Committee on the Safety Code for places of outdoor as-sembly will meet in New York Thursday, April 17, to consider sug-gestions for revising the code and other matters. We plan to attend, and will appreciate it if members or others in the industry having sugor others in the industry having sug-gestions on revisions submit such gestions on revisions submit such suggestions to the association's office. \A \$100 contribution to the Public Relations Fund has been received from Coleman Bros.' Shows, Mem-bership certificates for '47 will be sent out early next month. We plan to visit shows in the Washington area early in April and those in the Detroit area early in May.

May.

Attention is called to the following important April tax dates: Excise taxes must be filed by April 1; withtaxes must be filed by April 1; with-holding tax payments during March must be filed by April 10 if they amount to more than \$100; corpora-tions, individuals and partnerships operating on a fiscal year ending January 31 must file their returns by April 15, and social security and un-employment taxes for the first quar-ter of '47 must be filed and paid be-fore April 30. fore April 30. The WAA has advised of the avail-

ability of the following items: Wire and wire cloth, gasoline-driven gen-

and wire cloth, gasoline-driven gen-erators and spare parts, tractors, car-bon steel bars and miscellaneous cranes, hoists and winches. Information is that the Civilian Production Administration, now the Office of Temporary Controls, plans to eliminate all priority ratings March 31 except for very limited use in connection with the housing pro-gram and with the Veterans Admin-istration program of bosnital conistration program of hospital construction.

New developments of interest to the industry, a research service re-ports, include paint which can be applied directly over rusty surfaces without cleaning or scraping; a new type of truck tire using rayon cord and which, it is claimed, will outwear pre-war tires.



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**ORANGE SHOW SMACKS RECORD** 

# 500,000 Gate Seen for Run

Revival pulls 123,526 in first 4 of 11 days-total draw was 191,000 in 1941

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 22.— The 32d National Orange Show, revived after its wartime lay-off, 22.— The 32d National Orange Show, revived after its wartime lay-off, stands to attract 500,000 during its 11-day run which started Thursday (13). The show set a new high for attendance Sunday (16) when 51,000 attended.

attended. Russell Z. Smith, secretary-man-ager, has taken the fruit out of the usual five oranges on a dusty paper plate and glorified it. More than 1,000,000 oranges were used from banks on the sides of the 712-foot building, longest west of Chicago, to the extravagant exhibits in the center of the building at the north end. Los Angeles County Fair and San Diego County. in co-operation end. Los Angeles County Fair and San Diego County, in co-operation with the fair in Del Mar, entered prize winning exhibits. The display sponsored by the city of Redlands was outstanding, with 21,000 oranges going into the display.

#### Strong Exhibits

Commercial exhibitors, contacted since December 9 when the plant was since December 9 when the plant was returned to the fair association, were well represented with 180 displays. Notably here was the standard Cali-fornia with its robot man conversing with the audience with the talk with the audience with the talk spiced by an attractive girl in uni-form. Thruout the entire show the exhibits were enhanced by animation

The fair, while it couldn't have taken more exhibits, did fast work on getting the 1947 event together. Citrus growing was highlighted with agricultural by-products coming in for a good share. Displays of needle-work and 4-H Clubs were shown in the rooms under the athletic stadium. The buildings housing the orange packing machine, which attracted a number of visitors, and a cafeteria were completed hours before the show opened. Premium money amounted to \$32,406.

#### **Heavy** Publicity

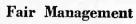
The orange show has reaped a rich harvest of free publicity with pages of art in the Los Angeles dailies. A press dinner was held Wednesday night before the opening, with pho-tographers being allowed to shoot all the nictures they wanted Medel the pictures they wanted. Models were on hand to assist them. The show teed off with a breakfast at 7 a.m. Thursday with Sam Hayes giving it air time. Queen for a Day was broadcast from the auditorium and the International Harvester Farm and Home hour gave it national air coverage today.

Bob Hope, Desi Arnaz and orches-tra, Dorothy Lamour, Jerry Colonna and Vera Vague appeared Tuesday (See Orange Show on page 93)

#### Williams Lake, B. C., Stampede To Resume

WILLIAMS LAKE, B. C., March 22.—After a lapse of seven years, the Williams Lake Stampede will be revived in June. Business men have formed a stam-

pede association and pledged the necessary money for rehabilitation of corrals, race track and buildings.



# Urges Use of Cinder Blocks, Federal Aid Concrete, Aluminum for Bldgs. Seen Assured

-By R. J. Pearse-

Editor's Note-This is the last of a series of three articles by R. J. Pearse, architect-engineer, of Raleigh, N. C., who has designed fairgrounds for the past 20 years.

exhibits, may not have sides and lit-tle roof. A definite style of archi-tecture should be chosen for use in fair buildings, and then with frequent and decided variations of this style to avoid monotony, the same style should be carried out thru the whole fair plant as it is adapted to different buildings and their uses. Most fair buildings are built upon

one floor. As there is a limit to the usable height that can be covered in a one-story building, some styles of architecture are out of place when used for fair buildings. Buildings which require two or more stories are not to be used.

#### Architecture Varies

Architecture Varies English half timber or New Eng-land colonial is quite often used in the East and Middle West. Certain styles of Roman or Greek architec-ture are often in keeping. In the South, Southern colonial makes a fine effect and in the West and Southwest the Spanish style is forequerily used the Spanish style is frequently used with beneficial results.

Whatever style or architecture is used, there are some fundamental principles of fair operation that should be considered. There should should be considered. There should be no side windows in fair or exposi-tion buildings. The glare of light shining directly into the face of a patron viewing an exhibit takes away the larger part of the value of the exhibit. Louvers in the roof, sky-lights with glare-proof glass or fac-tory-type overhead lighting are much to be desired. to be desired.

#### Ventilation Important

A second consideration is ventila-tion in exhibition buildings. Here

# **Cattle Groups** Want Opening **Of N. Y. Grounds**

SYRACUSE, March 22.pressure on Gov. Dewey and Com-missioner of Agriculture DuMond to open the State Fairgrounds this sum-mer developed Friday (14), with the passage of resolutions asking for a 1947 exhibition by two powerful State cattle breeders' associations. The New York State Guernsey Co-Openting Inc. methods and the state of the second

The New York State Guernsey Co-Operative, Inc., meeting here, and the New York Jersey Cattle Associa-tion, meeting in Albany, adopted identical resolutions with the one adopted previously by the State Hol-stein-Freisian Association. The resolutions "favor at least a temporary exhibition at the present State Fairgrounds in 1947" and ask that the "present State Fairgrounds be made available until the State's long-range fair program is deter-mined upon."

A fair or exposition building is different from any other style of ar-chitectural structure. A fair build-ing is a glorified warehouse, usually without heat unless used in winter. It may or may not have windows, and in case of some non-destructible exhibits, may not have sides and lit-tle roof. A definite style of archi-tecture should be chosen for use in sonable amount of ventilation. Most patrons come from air-conditioned or, at least, well-ventilated offices, stores or homes, and a hot building, poorly lighted and poorly ventilated, is uncomfortable for the exhibitor and irritates the fair patron.

The color for fair buildings is an active subject. Many fair buildings (See Fair Management on page 92)

# **Calgary's Rangeland** Purse Set at \$7,550, Canada's 2d Highest

CALGARY, Alta., March 22.—Cal-gary's Rangeland Derby—the mad scramble in which four-horse teams tote chuck wagons around a half-mile track—is now Canada's second rich-est horse race with the announcement that the purse has been boosted to \$7,550, an increase of \$2,000 over last year.

Only the famous King's Plate at Toronto, with its purse of \$10,000 plus the King's 50 guineas, passes the wagon classic of the Calgary Stampede in value.

Total prizes for the cowboy competitions at this year's stampede will be \$21,000, said Dick Cosgrave, recently appointed arena director.

Nearly all events will carry higher purses than last year with the North American saddle bronk riding championship getting the biggest boost in individual events with a total of \$3,000, compared with the \$2,400 offered last year. Calf roping re-mains at \$2,020; bareback bronk rid-ing has been upped from \$1590 to ing has been upped from \$1,590 to \$2,020; steer decorating will carry a purse of \$2,220 instead of \$1,830, and steer riding has been boosted from \$1,580 to \$1,800.

All competitions will again be con-ducted under the "Go-Round" system introduced for the first time in Calgary last year. Three go-rounds will be staged in each event, which means each cowboy entered will compete three times against the entire field for three sets of prize money.

#### Saskatoon To Spend 5G **On Race Track Speed-Up**

SASKATOON, Sask., March 22. one Saskatoon Exhibition Company will Hol- spend \$5,000 this year to make the race track "fast." Tests have been race track "fast." Tests have been made by the soils department of the University of Saskatchewan and the track will be treated to provide a three to four-inch cushion. A 40-stall race horse barn will be built, possibly this summer, at a cost of \$9,000.

# Fort William

#### **Plans 300G Improvements**

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., March 22. Canadian Lakehead Exhibition here appeared reasonably sure of financial assistance from the Canadian Gov-ernment this week following a visit of exhibition exect to Ottawa, where they consulted with Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe and Agriculture Minister J. G. Gardiner.

Minister J. G. Gardiner. The delegation consisted of exhi-bition President George Wardrope, Directors Don A. Clark and George McComber and Secretary-Manager Wilfred Walker. Walker said the group was assured by Howe, after consultations with Gardiner, that the two ministers were "most sympathetic" to the program, and since the improvements were to be spread over five years, the min-isters believed the federal govern-ment would provide the help re-quested. quested.

#### **Ont.** Aid Looms

A memorandum outlining the dif-ferent items on which the total \$300,with the federal officials. The dele-gation also informed the ministers that T. L. Kennedy, agriculture minister for Ontario, had written the exhibition board, expressing the inter-est of the Ontario government in the program and that this government looked favorably on granting the financial assistance requested. Plans call for the total expenditure

to be divided three ways between the exhibition, the federal and the pro-vincial governments. In view of the anticipated aid from Ottawa and Queen's Park, plans will be prepared immediately to start work as soon as financing is completed and materials can be obtained.

#### **Varied Projects**

Projects in the improvement pro-gram, together with their estimated costs, follow:

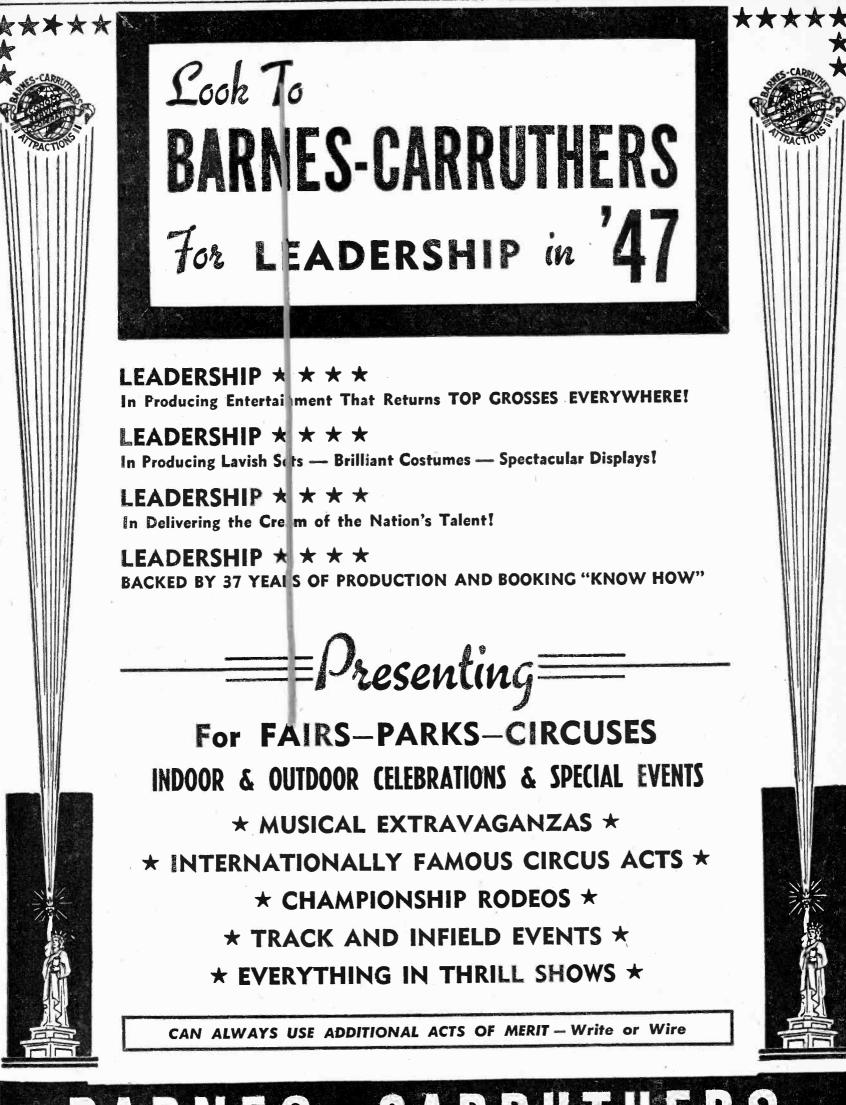
Building for conventions, meetings and a dining hall, \$150,000; show building—an inside arena for judg-ing fur shows, cattle and horse shows, dog and poultry shows, and similar events—\$50,000; improvements to main exhibition hall, \$5,000; band-stand, \$10,000; junior farmer building, \$10,000; new cattle exhibit buildings, \$10,000; new horse stables, \$10,000; beautification of the McIntyre River beautification of the McIntyre River for water sports and aquatic pro-grams, \$30,000; improvements to grandstand stage, \$3,000; improve-ments to grandstand (concrete revet-ment wall, placing backs on seats, leveling of terrace), \$10,000; turn-stiles (three-gate batteries), \$5,000; landscaping, \$5,000, and repairs to McIntyre River Bridge, \$2,000.

## Hamid Gets Norwich, N. Y.

NORWICH, N. Y., March 22.— George A. Hamid will furnish grand-stand attractions at Chenango County Centennial Exposition here August 19-23. Joe Hughes represented Ha-mid in the negotiations. Association was represented by a committee headed by Frank Zuber, former Nor-wich mayor, and Fred S. Emmick, association vice-president.

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LANSING, Mich., March 22.-Fac-ulty for the two-day school for fair managers, directors and speed su-

perintendents to be held Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, here at the

Huesday, April 21-22, here at the Hotel Olds, under sponsorship of the Michigan Association of Fairs, will be composed largely of successful Michigan fair execs, the program, re-leased by the association officers, dis-

First day topics and speakers will include: Concession Charges and C

tracts, Les Schrader; Horse Pulling Contests, Harry Moxley; Keeping Fair Accounts, Rose Sarlow; Year-around Use of Buildings and Grounds,

H. H. Hungerford; 4-H Department Improvement, Clarence Prentice;

Improvement, Clarence Prentice; Why Racing at Fairs, Joy Davis; Gate and Grandstand Charges, Carl Mant-ey; Special Events, Gordon Schlu-batis, and Building Types and Con-struction, B. C. Mellencamp. Second day's program, which will close with a luncheon, includes the following subjects and speakers: Free Gate or Paid Admission Charge, Clinton Buell; Increasing Fair Rev-enue to Meet Increased Costs, Clar-ence Harnden; Productive Advertis-

ence Harnden; Productive Advertis-ing, E. W. DeLano; Space Fees, Mer-chants Building and Machinery Dis-

play, James Peet, and Electric Light and Hook-up Charges for the Mid-way, Harold Sellers. Two other subjects, Personal Lia-bility Insurance and Fire Insurance and Effective Fly Control, will have

non-fair men as speakers. A banquet will be held the first

night. Details of the program for this event have not been completed.

The course will be open to fair executives of other States, Hans Kardel, president of the Michigan Association of Fairs, announced. Kar-

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**CALIFORNIA STUDIES FETES Fair Men Tutors** Long Range Planning Aims

A New Twist SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 22.—Radio brings sound and now television puts sound and pictures right into the home. However, according to William Demarest, who emseed the stage production at the National Orange Show, gals are being shortwaved or sumpin'.

Moving up to the microphone to announce the Aida Broadbent Girls, Demarest announced them as the "Aida Bent Broadcast Girls."

# Second Norfolk PlantAnnounced

#### Group buys 40 acres, plans motorcycle, midget auto races-Edwards prexy

NORFOLK, Va., March 22.—The Norfolk and Virginia Beach Fair, Inc., a corporation organized to spon-Inc., a corporation organized to spon-sor outdoor amusements, has pur-chased 40 acres of farmland in Prin-cess County and has announced plans to spend \$90,000 in preparing the property for midget auto races, motorcycle races, other sporting events and fairs. Second such project to be an-

events and tairs. Second such project to be an-nounced here this year, M. T. Ed-wards, corporation president, sid the organization plans to spend about \$90,000 initially in developing the plant. The property fronts on the military by-pass, about a mile from its intersection with the Virginia Beach Bauleward and is bounded on Beach Boulevard, and is bounded on one side by the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and on another side by the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River.

Construction plans, according to Edwards, include erection of stand-ard-type buildings to serve for fairs.

ard-type buildings to serve for fairs. Thirty acres will be cleared for park-ing and carnival purposes, he said. Besides Edwards, other corporation officers and directors are Col. George W. Banks, vice-president; Richard B. Kellam, secretary-treasurer; H. War-field Leeke, Vernon A. Eberwine, John B. Dey, W. E. Hudgins, Web-ster M. Townsend, Blair Eubanks, W. Russell Hatchett, Col. Charles H. Consolvo, Tex Wilroy, R. A. Robert-son, W. F. MacGarvie, John D. Cor-bell, L. T. Cheshire, W. B. Srafer III, J. C. Councill, J. C. King, Luther Church, George N. Badran, C. J. White, S. J. Farris, J. T. Gupton Jr., T. P. O'Malley, C. J. Staylor Jr., Dr. Edward Myers and Lieut. Comm. L. H. Brickhouse. W. Banks, vice-president; Richard B.

Seven Early Mississippi

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secretary.



Senate bill to propose 7-man commission to lay foundation-State's 300 fairs, fiestas, rodeos seen as fine background with special events to be worked into program

**Toward Triple Centennial** 

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—California's triple Centennial, incorporat-ing observance of the discovery of gold in 1848, the gold rush of 1849 and admission to Statehood in 1850, will get under way officially January 1, 1948. Chambers of Commerce, civic groups and Centennial committees all over the State are awaiting only the go-ahead signal from the Legislature to put into action their various plans for making the three-year event the biggest of its kind ever attempted in the West. One of the first bills to be given consideration by the Legislature probably will be the one (Senate Bill 610) authored by Senator Fred Weybret to create a Centennial com-mission. This body, to be composed submission to the Joint Interim Com-

mission. This body, to be composed of seven members, would co-ordinate the widespread activities and control expenditure of all money appro-priated by the State for Centennial use.

A specific program, outlined in the bill, was given the support of the State Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors in Los Angeles, January 10.

#### **Five-Point** Program

Consisting of five major points, the following program was agreed upon:

1-Creation of a Centennial com-mission of seven members, consisting of five laymen, one senator and one assemblyman.

2—Provision for appointment of an advisory committee of 25 citizens.

3—Governor or commission to have authority to appoint local co-operative committees.

operative committees. 4—State's participation to be lim-ited to events of a Centennial nature of State-wide interest. 5—The State to officially sponsor a limited number of Centennial events, with present plans designating gold discovery, gold rush and Statehood celebrations in this respect. Senator Weybret, chairman of the Joint Interim Committee of the Leg-islature on Centennials and World's Fair, worked in close touch with the Centennial Celebrations Commit-tee of the State Chamber of Com-merce and the bill he will introduce at this session is the result of certain conclusions reached thru a series of meetings of the two committees with interested groups all over the State. interested groups all over the State.

#### **Exhaustive Study**

In order to determine the type of legislation to be proposed, the Cen-tennial Celebrations Committee met last December 2 to pass upon the find-ings of the sub committee for final

submission to the Joint Interim Committee. Invited to this meeting were members of the Joint Legislative Committee, and the Legislative Advisory Committee appointed by Sena-tor Weybret. During the discussion an eight-page report was approved.

Featured in the report was a com-prehensive review of resources now prehensive review of resources now available for the promotion of fitting observance of the Centennial. Head-ing the list of resources were the State's 300 or more annual fairs, fiestas, rodeos, etc., including the State fair, all of which are now op-erating successfully and are ade-quately financed. This includes the San Bernardino Orange Show, the San Francisco Cow Palace Interna-tional Livestock Show and others. The rodeos are privately financed

The rodeos are privately financed and, so far, have not requested State financing.

#### **Revive Other Pageants**

Old Spanish Days at Santa Bar-Old Spanish Days at Santa Bar-bara, the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, and other outstanding events have long-established histories of successful operation. The Ra-mona Pageant, Mission Play and sim-ilar productions will probably be re-vived and should require no financ-ing from Centennial funds.

It is also possible that the Bear Flag Celebration at Sonoma will be repeated yearly at Monterey.

Inasmuch as most of these events will need little if any special Cen-tennial financing, and there is a goodly number of them, the sub com-mittee found that very few additional fiestas of a historical nature need be developed, and these mainly in the half dozen largest cities of the State.

#### Want Local Control

Because of past experiences in gov-ernmental and State aid in produc-(See California Studios on page 96)





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To Spend 105G Around the Grounds

Hamid announces improvements planned at Trenton -also still dates skedded

TRENTON, N. J., March 22.—An estimated \$105,000 of last year's an-nounced \$124,000 profit will be nounced \$124,000 profit will be turned back into improvements at the New Jersey State Fair here, it was revealed by George A. Hamid, presi-dent, following a recent meeting of the directors and board of super-visors. Program will leave the fair with an operating surplus of about \$50,000. \$50,000.

Projects outlined by Hamid in-clude erection of a 36 by 110-foot concrete and steel annex to the 4-H Club Building. The rest cottage will be renovated and new toilets added. Roads will be improved generally and all permanent installations are slated for redecoration. A new fence and all permanent installations are slated for redecoration. A new fence will be installed along the back of the grounds. Improvements to the grandstand area will include the ele-vation and leveling<sup>6</sup> of the paddock with a new fence for each end and the seating of the bottom of the in-field lake so it will hold water.

#### To Install Heat System

A heating system will be installed in the Coliseum to make it adaptable for all-weather use. Two water in the Coliseum to make it adaptable for all-weather use. Two water wagons will be bought and the police and first-aid departments will be installed in a new building erected last year. Three water fountains and 300 benches will be spotted thru-out the grounds. A playground and picnic area is contemplated. A shower room will be installed for livestock attendants. Lighting fa-cilities will be increased and im-proved. proved.

At the same meeting a heavy at-tractions program was set for the 1947 annual. The Grandstand Follies, a Hamid production, with added cir-cus acts, will be a nightly feature, starting opening Sunday, September 21. Joie Chitwood's thrill show will be featured on Children's Day. Mon-21. Joie Chitwood's thrill show will be featured on Children's Day, Mon-day. Harness racing will be featured five out of eight days. Tuesday has been designated Grange Day; Thurs-day, Governor's Day; Friday, Farm-er's Day, and Saturday, Fireman's Day. A fireman's parade will be held Saturday and a cavalcade on Wednes-day. On the closing Sunday AAA big car championship automobile racing, staged by Sam Nunis Speed-ways, will be featured. First Still Amril 12

#### First Still April 13

The following still dates were set. April 13, automobile races; May 11 and 25 and June 28 stock car or motorcycle races.

Hamid said reservations for com-mercial and farm equipment ex-hibit space are being received in large numbers and that he anticipated the greatest number in history.

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# On N. J. Plant Neb. State Preps for Hereford Show, Closes for Attractions

Directors of the Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln this week toured the fair plant, inspecting the widespread improvement program now under way, and closed for attractions at the '47 event.

The grandstand contract, both for The grandstand contract, both for the revue and acts, was closed by Rube Liebman for the Barnes-Carruthers Theatrical Enterprises, Chicago. National Speedways (Al Sweeney and Gaylord White) were awarded an auto race contract for one day and Leo Overland, repre-senting the Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers, closed for a one-night thrill show performance. Prethrill show performance. Pre-viously, Hennies Bros.' Shows had been contracted for the midway. Con-tracts were also closed with National Speedways for a still date auto race meet June 15.

Directors who toured the fair-grounds were impressed with the im-provements to the plant. Cattle barns are being expanded greatly to house the many entries for the Na-tional Hereford Shows, which this year will be one of the big features of the fair at the fair.

Charles Zemater Sr., Chicago attraction booker, his wife and family, have returned from a trip to Florida and New Orleans. While in Florida Charlie visited the Endy Bros.' Shows and the Florida Amusement Company. He reported that the cold weather in Florida had hurt car-nival biz. nival biz.

Frank Winkley has closed for two afternoon and one night performance atternoon and one night performance of his thrill show at Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City. . . Billy Lee, of Williams & Lee Attractions, St. Paul, recently closed contracts with fairs at Sibley, Onawa and Algona, Ia.; Hartington and Stanton, Neb., and Blue Island and Willmar, Minn.

First steps in revamping of pre-mium lists for 1947 South Dakota State Fair, Huron, have been com-State Fair, Huron, have been com-pleted with revision of the literature classification, Secretary F. L. Hafner said. Awards totaling \$78 will be given in poetry and prose, with three cash prizes to be given in each of the various classifications. Entries will close July 15. Judging will begin im-mediately after August 1.

Fairs at Danville and Fair-mount, Ill., have been merged into the Eastern Illinois Fair, which will be staged at Danville this year. A drive to raise \$15,-000 as an operating fund is now under way in the area which will be served by the event.

Enthused over success of last year's revival of Vernon Parish Fair, Leesrevival of Vernon Parish Fair, Lees-ville, La., after a four-year suspen-sion, execs are mapping plans for the '47 event. The '46 revival netted a profit after paying all bills and for \$2,000 in repairs. Officers are Floyd Jackson, secretary-manager, Simp-son; Lovett Word, president-publicity manager, and W. E. Tipton, vice-president, both of Leesville.

Perry (Okla.) Fair, which resumed last year, recently received a grant of a half block of land immediately

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north of the fair building and will use it for parking, concession stands, and farm equipment displays, Clarence Paden, secretary, advises.

E. W. (Deak) Williams, secretary of Delaware County Fair, Manchester, Ia., and of the Iowa Fair Managers' Association, soon may have a new title—that of mayor. He is candidate for mayor and so far no one has come out to oppose him. In addition to his other duties, he also is chief of the Manchester Fire Department.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patterson (Uncle Hiram and Aunt Matilda) will open in Canada with the Mer-rick Circus and then play eastern fairs, booked by George A. Hamid. Their son, Hughes, has quit the road to manage two farms near North Vernon  $\Omega$ Vernon, O.

Julius Cahn, the Duke of Luxem-burg (Wis.), has returned North after a five weeks' holiday in Florida. He (See Around the Grounds on page 98)



Sigler's appointee, Hazen Funk, starts as mgr.--early signing of carnival looms

signing of carnival looms DETROIT, March 22.—Betting is that much of the politics which in pre-war years wracked the Michigan State Fair here will be eliminated by the time the war-idled event re-sumes August 29 with a 10-day run. In the meantime, there may be plenty of fireworks, political fire-works, that is. Win Sigler, Michigan's new gov-ernor, is credited with having won the election because of his ability and reputation as a fighter. And, since assuming that office, he has been fighting over the use of the Michigan State Fair for year-around recreational purposes. This was in keeping with his campaign pledge.

#### Surprise Appointment

Six weeks ago he ordered that the \$15,000,000, 640-acre State Fair-grounds be made available for rec-reation. This week he blasted the (See Detroit's Best Bet on page 145)



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### RIDES-FREE ACTS LEGITIMATE CONCESSIONS WATERFORD FREE FAIR

September 3-4-5-6. WATERFORD, Erie Co., PA.



STOCKTON, Calif., March 22 .-Forty-one members of the Western Fairs Association met here to formulate association policies on legislative matters and general as well as specific long range fair programs.

There was intense interest in each of the 127 bills affecting fairs which have been introduced in the California Legislature, now in session. There was a definite feeling fair men were thinking in terms of the broad scope of all public benefit fairs, not just "our fair," acording to E. G. Vollman, Stockton, WFA president, and Lou Merrill, Sacramento, general manager.

Broad views were:

1-Liberalize by law the uses of fairgrounds for purposes other than fairs.

2—Provide for every safeguard to insure continuation of racing and tighten every bolt in the fair engine to prohibit promotional type of racing at fairs.

**3**—Oppose every effort to make inroads, steals, grabs of fair and ex-position funds by all associations,



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**PAUL TALBOT** POST 3454, V. F. W. ANDALUSIA, ALA.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 22.—With more than 1,000,000 oranges used in the displays at the National Orange show, the supply was, evidently, exhausted if the fruit salad served in the cafeteria is any criterion criterion. The salad had everything

exposition funds for achievement of five-year program of building, im-provement, and rehabilitating plant facilities.

Approval in principle of а method to allocate fair funds on the basis of quantity of exhibits. 6—Disapproval of special grants to

fairs.

It was the general consensus that fairs should meet in nid-November of this year to set dates for 1948. The WFA office has received over 90

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Ernie A. Young announced the signing of con-tracts to present grandstand attractions at five more annuals—Missouri State Fair, Sedalia; State Fair of State Fair, Sedalia; State Fair of Texas, Dallas; Mid-South Fair, Mem-phis, and county annuals at Beaver Dam, Wis., and Perham, Minn. Young also announced he is book-ing all acts for Tom Packs's Shows at New York; Columbus, O.; Cin-cinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Bir-mingham, Nashville; Evansville, Ind.; St. Louis, Knoxville and Pittsburgh.

## Reading, Pa., Annual Ups Horse Purses by Nine G's

ing Fair here has upped its purses by \$9,000 for the five-day Grand Circuit harness horse race meeting at the fair, September 8-22.

Sixteen-event card, which includes six early closing events with an over-all value of \$15,000, totals \$38,700 in purses.

CROSBY, N. D.—Officers of the Divide County Fair Association here are J. N. Power, Crosby, president; Ole Sletten, Stady, vice-president; A. Ingwalson, Crosby, treasurer, and Vernon Nichols, Crosby, secretary.

# **Our Pat Agrees** SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 22.—Last Monday was St. Patrick's Day and also elec-tion day here; which meant that

tion day here; which meant that the taverns were closed because of the election—not St. Patrick. There was one audible squawk registered. This was by a loyal son of old Erin, Pat Treanor, who was putting in his 29th year as a concessionaire at the National Orange Show. "Imagine," Treanor said, voic-ing his disapproval of man-made laws, "not being able to buy a drink on St. Paatreek's Day."

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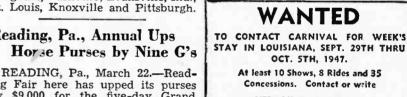
# **Everywhere But---**

from bananas to apricots. But, you guessed it, no oranges.

The bill has survived second reau-ing in the Senate, but judging by the expressions of fair men here, a de-termined fight will be waged to kill the bill in the House. Mounting op-position against the measure is evigroups or agencies, no matter from what source or by what device. 4—Assure continuation of fair and the bill in the House. Mounting op-position against the measure is evi-dent, and it is now believed that the bill will be killed. County fair men contend that a free State fair would deal a severe blow to all county fairs in the State, hitting most those near Springfield. C. C. Hunter, secretary of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs and secretary of the Taylorville fair, is one of the leaders in the fight to have the bill killed. His fair is one of the

hibit at fairs if early dates were selected, it was reported.

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**Illinois County Execs** 

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For Free State Fair

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22 .-

County fair executives of Illinois who

gathered here yesterday for the start of a two-day instruction course on

State regulations governing fairs and on how to make out forms for State aid, voiced indignation at the pro-gress of a bill now before the Legis-lature which would turn the Illinois State Foir here into a free fair.

The bill has survived second read-

the bill killed. His fair is one of the closest to Springfield, but he pointed

out that a free gate at the State fair would hurt all of the county fairs.

Definite steps to defeat the bill are expected to be taken by the county fair men before the two-day session

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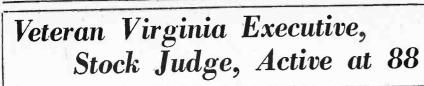
Elected secretary of the Lynchburg

Fair Association in April, 1905, Love

lock continued in that capacity until the dissolution of the association in September, 1937. Between those years he assumed the added offices of treas-

ber, 1873, aboard the Allan Line steamship Hibernian, which arrived in Baltimore the 18th of that month.

He proceeded to Gordonsville with his father, who had settled in this country the previous year, and as-



LYNCHBURG, Va., March 22.—Enough reminiscences to fill the pro-verbial five-foot shelf—if put on paper—are stored in the keen and active mind of 88-year-old Francis (Frank) Alexander Lovelock, veteran news-paperman and livestock fair association general manager, who celebrated helf a century of concentring ampleument with the Class neuropaper in half a century of consecutive employment with the Glass newspapers in Lynchburg January 18. Thru his years of newspaper association Lovelock never lost his deep interest in fine bred livestock and poultry, acquired when he first came to America from England and was associated with his father, Thomas Lovelock, in the raising of

United States about 1882 while still

Thomas Lovelock, in the raising of cattle at Gordonsville, Va. For 33 years he was active in farm shows and fairs. From 1892 until 1908 he served as expert judge of cattle, sheep, swine, goats and poultry at over 200 fairs in 11 States and Can-ada, including the Queen's Jubilee Exposition in Montreal in August, 1897 In 1900 he was made vice-president of the National Livestock and Dairy Association and in 1913 was president of the Virginia Fair Circuit.

#### Published Judges' Guide

In 1893 he published Lovelock's American Standard of Excellence, a work which for many years was used by expert judges of livestock and in some agricultural colleges as a text-book book.

urb of London, May 10, 1858, he was educated in London schools and served as a cadet in the London Rifle Brigade of Volumteers before setting sail for the United States in Novem-ber, 1873, aboard the Allan Line steamship Hibernian, which January 18, 1897, saw Lovelock move to Lynchburg to take charge of *The Daily Advance* and todry he

to edit and arrange his column of Virginia news. He says he expects to be right there in his accustomed place when his 89th birthday arrives

country the previous year, and as-sisted in operating a farm on which next May. His ke were raised many varieties of pure-bred livestock and poultry. He be-came a naturalized citizen of the fairs and farm shows which he has thetic.

20G To Start Plant LONGVIEW, Wash., March 22.--Cowlitz Valley Fair Board has ap-proximately \$20,000 on hand as reult of State and county allocations. This will permit construction of the initial unit of a planned layout of buildings on the new fairgrounds here.

Fund included \$10,000 allotted by the State Development Board, \$4,629 in county funds left over from last year and \$5,360 budgeted by the county this year.

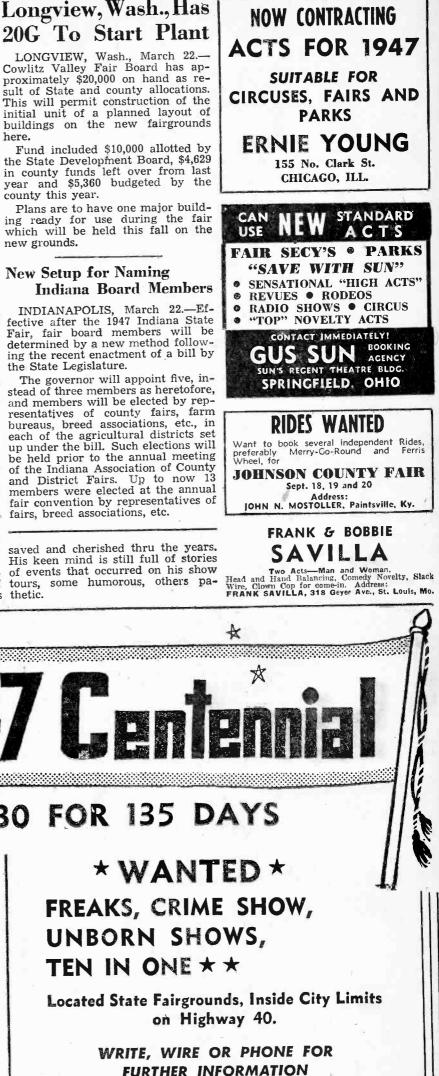
Plans are to have one major building ready for use during the fair which will be held this fall on the new grounds.

#### New Setup for Naming Indiana Board Members

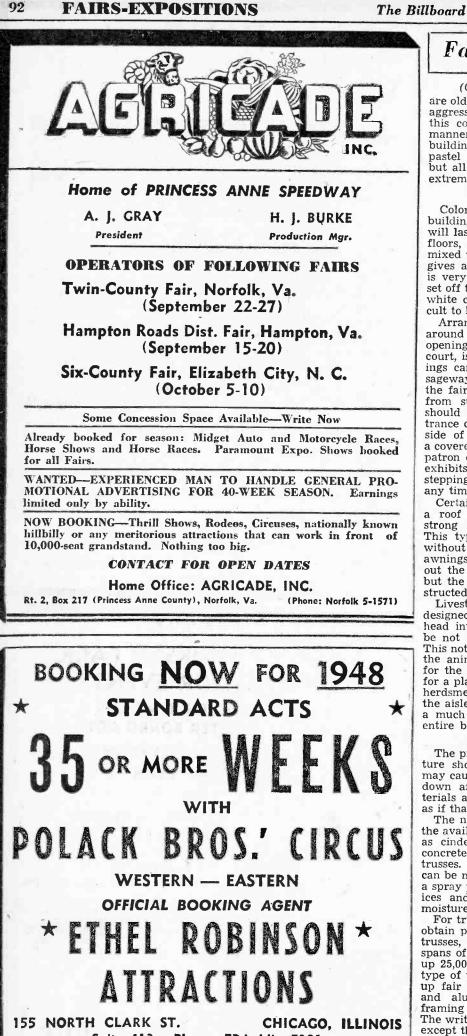
INDIANAPOLIS, March 22 .- Ef-Fair, fair board members will be determined by a new method following the recent enactment of a bill by the State Legislature.

The governor will appoint five, instead of three members as heretofore, and members will be elected by repand members will be elected by rep-resentatives of county fairs, farm bureaus, breed associations, etc., in each of the agricultural districts set up under the bill. Such elections will be held prior to the annual meeting of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs. Up to now 13 members were elected at the annual fair convention by representatives of fairs, breed associations, etc. fairs, breed associations, etc.

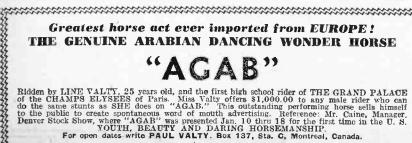
saved and cherished thru the years. His keen mind is still full of stories of events that occurred on his show some humorous, others pa-







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## Fair Management

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are old, drab and weather-worn. One aggressive fair manager corrected this condition in a very interesting manner during the 1946 season. The buildings were all spray-painted in pastel shades, none loud or gaudy, but all harmonized. The result was extremely effective and pleasing.

#### Plastic Flooring

Colored plastic floors for fair buildings are very outstanding and will last indefinitely. Even concrete floors, with a pound of lamp black mixed with a cubic yard of concrete, gives a fine slate gray color, which is very restful to the eyes and will set off the exhibits better than a pure white concrete floor which is diffe white concrete floor, which is difficult to keep looking clean.

Arrangement of fair buildings around open courts, with these courts opening out upon one large central court, is very attractive if the build-ings can be joined by covered pas-sageways to provide traffic ways for the fair patrons to keep them survey from sun or rain. The buildings should be so arranged that an en-trance can be made from one end or side of the adjoining building thru a covered passageway so that the fair patron can enjoy visiting a series of exhibits in various buildings without stepping out from under a roof at any time.

Certain types of exhibits need only a roof covering, surrounded by a strong fence, for night protection. This type of building can be built without much trouble. Canvas or awnings should be provided to keep out the sum or rain along the sides out the sun or rain along the sides but the building proper can be con-

but the building proper can be con-structed very economically. Livestock buildings should be so designed that either pens or stalls head into a feed alley which might be not over four or five feet wide. This not only provides a place to feed the animals but it provides a place for the feed and in many cases also for a place for cots to be used by the herdsmen. This arrangement keeps herdsmen. the aisle open from litter and makes a much better appearance over the entire building.

#### **Materials** Available

Materials Available The present, past and apparent fu-ture shortage of building materials may cause many fair managers to sit down and wait until building ma-terials are plentiful again. It seems as if that time is a long ways off. The next best thing then is to use the available building materials such

the available building materials, such as cinder and cement blocks, with concrete columns to support roof trusses. Cement and cinder blocks can be made waterproof by means of a spray paint which fills in the crev-ices and prohibits the entrance of moisture.

For trusses it should be possible to obtain prefabricated aluminum alloy trusses, cast to design. If the wing spans of a B 29 can be made to hold up 25,000 feet over Tokyo, the same type of trusses can be made to hold up fair buildings. Aluminum roofs and aluminum window sash and froming and augustation of the same type of the same framing are available everywhere. The writer has no brief for aluminum except that it is one type of building material that is available and the manufacturers of aluminum are looking for new outlets for the extensive

ing for new outlets for the extensive use of their products. The careful designing of fair build-ings, especially exhibit buildings, is just as important as the correct de-sign of the fairgrounds. In an ex-hibit building both the fair patron and the exhibitor must be satisfied for both of them provide funds to operate the fair and without satisfac-tion the funds will not be provided.

tion the funds will not be provided. Eternal vigilance for the comfort and satisfaction of these two groups is the price the successful fair manager must pay for his place in the fair world.



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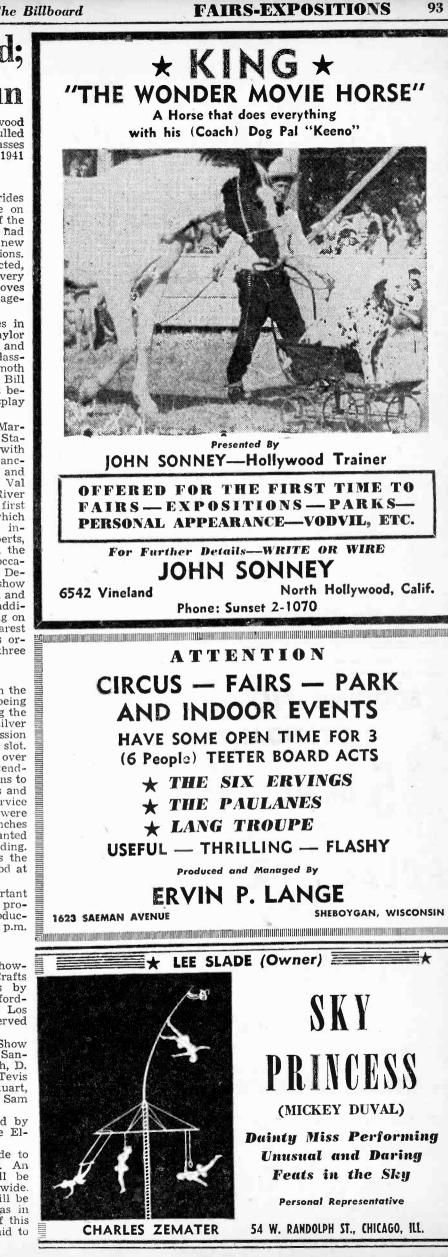




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# **Orange Show Smacks Record;** 500,000 Gate Seen for Run

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night following their broadcast from glamour a local college. Show was originally 123,526 a night following their broadcast from a local college. Show was originally skedded to be broadcast from the show but was nixed because of ac-coustical conditions, Eddie Bracken, Olga San Juan, Betty Hutton, Mary-lyn Maxwell, Virginia O'Brien, Billy DeWolfe, Diana Lynn, Sonny Tufts, Alas Lodd William Bondiy and Loop Alan Ladd, William Bendix and Joan Saulfield were among the movie personalities making appearances.





Going heavily on the Hollywood angle, the show pulled 123,526 admissions, including passes the first four days. The run in 1941 was 191,000 for 11 days.

#### **Big Tops Expectations**

Crafts 20 Big Shows with rides from the Exposition show were on hand to form the midway south of the building. The combined shows had building. The combined shows had a line-up of 13 rides, including a new Looper; 15 shows and 80 concessions. Business was better than expected, with line-ups on Sunday for every ride and show. Crafts 20 Big moves into Pomona following the engagement.

Pat Treanor had the novelties in the main building. Harry Taylor had the ice cream concession and had the ice cream concession and John Backman brought his glass-blowing attraction out of the moth balls for a showing. Jewel and Bill Hobday had their mentalists act be-tween the midway and the display building building.

Smith presented a Fanchon & Marco attraction produced by Russ Sta-pleton. There were three shows with Jean Arnold, Aida Broadbent Dancers, St. Claire and Darrell, Will and Gladys Ahern, Walter Nilsson, Val Setz, Wiere Brothers and Deep River Setz, Where Brothers and Deep River Boys on the first show for the first four days. The second show, which opened Monday for four days, in-cluded Jean Arnold, Whitey Roberts, Russ Clark, Broadbent Dancers, the Rogers Dancers, Morro and Yocca-nelli, Billy De Wolfe and the De-Waynes. The third and closing show included the Juvellys, Al Gordon and His Dogs and Fred Sanborn in addition to some of the acts appearing on the second show. William Demarest emseed and Ben Lasky and his or-chestra (16) appeared on all three shows.

#### Well Conducted

Show was well conducted with the used. Change booths for turning the folding money and change into silver dollars were well placed. Admission was on dropping a buck into the slot. Despite the increase to a dollar over 50 cents for the 1941 event, attend-ance will almost triple. Directions to the rest rooms were conspicuous and the rooms clean. Cleaning service for the grounds and rest rooms were well maintained. Ample hereber well maintained. Ample benches were on hand for those who wanted to rest outside the display building. Drawing much praise here was the cafeteria which offered good food at reasonable prices.

Local talent played an important part in entertaining between the pro-fessional shows. The F&M produc-tions went on at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. for 90 minutes.

#### PCSA Has Day

Tuesday was Pacific Coast Show-men's Day with Orville N. Crafts playing host. Admission was by membership cards, with cars afford-ing transportation to and from Los Angeles. A buffet lunch was served at Jimmie Lynch's stand.

Fair men visiting the Orange Show included Ernest Hulick, Fred San-dusky, C. B. (Jack) Afflerbaugh, D. V. Stewart, Dick Washburne, Tevis Paine, Louis S. Merrill, R. L. Stuart, Ken Waters, Bill Hitchcock and Sam

Kramer. Show's publicity was handled by Chet Crank agency with Vince El-liott, the unit man.

liott, the unit man. Already plans are being made to enlarge the building, Smith said. An additional 580 linear feet will be added. The building is 132 feet wide. Upon completion, the ceiling will be hung with decorative tin foil as in the main building. The cost of this for the present building was said to be \$55,000 be \$63,000.

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# B. C. Gets \$13,500 **Grant: After More**

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 22 .--Grants totaling \$13,500 were made by the provincial government to British Columbia Fair and Racing Breeders' Association in 1946, it was reported at the association's annual meeting here March 7 by W. J. Bonavis, secretary-treasurer.

A resolution was unanimously passed to have a committee call on Hon. Frank Putnam, minister of agriculture, to seek a further grant for the association.

T. W. Currie, Cloverdale, was re-elected president; T. K. Berry, Lang-ley, first vice-president; E. M. Whyte, Victoria, second vice-president; A. H. Peppar, Ioco, third vice-president, and William J. Bonavia, Victoria, continues as secretary-treasurer.

Directors elected were M. S. Sugre, Directors elected were M. S. Sugre, Courtenay; George C. Hay, Kamloons; H. G. Bridle, South Barnaby; J. W. Wardrop, Vancouver; Mat Hassen, Armstrong; A. Gibbard, Matsqui; J. B. Dennis, Chilliwack; R. Martin, Abbotsford; C. F. Leslie, Port Al-berni; E. R. Freeman, Milner; Rev. C. W. McDiarmid, Ladysmith, and N. C. Jorgenson, Lillooet.

# Not Forgotten

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CHICAGO, March 22. – C. Graham Anderson, district agri-

Graham Anderson, district agri-culturist of Calgary, Alta., re-cently wrote the outdoor editor of *The Billboard*: "Thank you very much for giving me the present address of Billy Lorette, the very lov-able clown who performed for many years on the Western Canada Fair Circuit; and thru your letter I have been able to write him a letter which I am sure will help him along in his illness, knowing that thousands illness, knowing that thousands of people in Western Canada have often inquired for him as he brought happiness and amusement to countless numbers of our rural population who attended these shows, par-ticularly the Calgary Stam-pede."

#### Jordan, Minn., Books

JORDAN, Minn., March 22.—Scott County Good Seed Association has booked midway shows and rides thru William Wolf, of St. Paul, and free attractions thru Williams & Lee, also of St. Paul, according to Herbert G. Strait, secretary.

# **Two-Car** Giveaway For Wapakoneta, O.

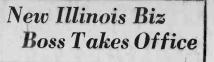
WAPAKONETA, O., March 22.— Two new automobiles will be given away at the Auglaize County Fair here August 24-29, Secretary Harry Kahn announced.

Attractions booked include B. Ward Beam's International Congress Ward Beam's International Congress of Daredevils, one afternoon; Circle Arrow Show, booked thru Bill Mc-Cluskey, WLW Attractions, one night; Amos Selby's Wild West Rodeo, two nights; Hoosier Hop, booked thru Harry Smythe, WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind., one night, and harness races, three afternoons and under lights two nights. nights.

# Abbotsford, B. C., Groups

ABBOTSFORD, B. C., March 22.— R. H. (Dick) Martin, president of the Abbotsford and district Chamber of Commerce, has been named president of the Central Valley Fair Associa-tion. Chamber of Commerce and fair tion. Chamber of Commerce and fair board members joined forces to elect officers approved by both groups. Union followed a request that the

Chamber of Commerce lend its assit-ance to the fair board to stage a "bigger and better" annual in Ab-botsford in 1947.



SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22. Conrad Becker, newly named business manager of Illinois State Fair, assumed the recently created position here Monday (17). Becker, who lives in Red Bud, Ill., is a former State treasurer. Appointment was made by Governor Green.

William V. (Jake) Ward will con-tinue as manager of the fair, devoting his attention to attractions, pro-motions, etc. Becker will handle finances, tickets and the grounds.





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# Maybe the Editor Was Head-Hunting; TroopsSaveTroupe

LANCASTER, Pa., March 22.-It's been a hard winter, but the tops in difficulties for trouping shows prob-ably goes to the band of performers headed and booked by Harry Cooke, of the Harry Cooke Agency here, into the recent Central Florida Exposition in Orlando, Fla.

position in Orlando, Fla. The group, which included Cather-ine Behney's Winter Garden Girls, Cody and Cody, Pal Costa, Harry (Tex) La Rose and Layton's Holly-wood Dogs, took off from Lancaster in a severe blizzard. Thirty miles north of Baltimore, the snow drifts were so deep it was impossible for cars to proceed further. cars to proceed further.

Attempting to double back, the troupe found the roads impassable and were forced to stop at a service station. There they were marconed along with 300 other motorists. Soon the service station ran out of food. Their plight became desperate. Calls Their plight became desperate. Calls were put thru to the Maryland High-way Commission. The answer: "Nothing can be done until the storm abates." Another call was put thru to the Pennsylvania Highway De-partment; the marooned travelers were only four miles from the Penn-sylvania line. But the reply was: "Sorry, it's not in our State." Al Cody. of Cody and Cody un-

Al Cody, of Cody and Cody, un-

## Major Keatinge Named Head Of Portola, Calif., Fete

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.— Maj. O. J. Keatinge, formerly direc-tor of special events and of govern-mental participation in the 1939-'40 Golden Gate International Exposi-tion here and general advisor to Chi-cago's A Century of Progress, has been appointed evecutive director of been appointed executive director of the Portola festival committee.

Under Keatinge's direction, a sur-vey of local festivals thruout the na-tion will be conducted. He will also manage the committee's drive for funds. It is planned to revive the Portola pageant next October.

#### Bloomfield, Conn., Elects

BLOOMFIELD, Conn., March 22.---Robert L. Long has been elected chairman of the Tunxis Grange Fair to be held here October 4.

daunted by these rebuffs, finally succeeded in putting thru a call to The Baltimore Journal-American. The editor in turn contacted the commanding officer of the army post at Fort Mead, Md. Orders were given. Six hours later troops arrived in bulldozers and supply trucks. Twenty-one hours after being

Twenty-one hours after being marooned the show troupe resumed its trip and it arrived, sleepless for 72 hours, in Orlando, just a short time before the show was scheduled to start. And the show did start on time.



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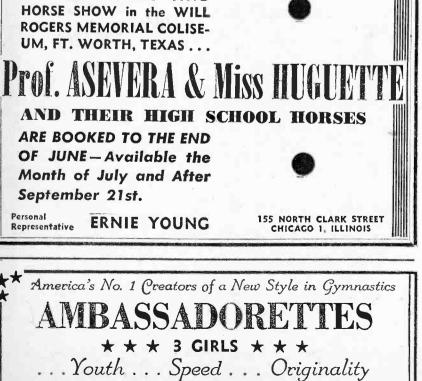
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# **California Studies Fetes; Plans for Triple Centennial**

tions of various kinds, some cities will be loath to ask for State partici-pation. One principle which the re-port suggested be established in "The conduct of cities port suggested be established is: "The conduct of city, county or com-munity celebrations should be left in the hands of local people."

However, when an application for funds is made plans should be submitted which a competent commit-tee could analyze to determine the possibility of their being self-liqui-dating and thus protecting the investment or loan.

Another point which the sub-committee stressed was that all of the strictly 1948, 1949, 1950 events must be co-ordinated with existing must be co-ordinated with existing events so as to avoid conflict of dates. The Western Fairs Association per-forms this function for fairs and co-operates with rodeos. Rodeos co-ordinate their dates thru the Rodeo Association of America. The com-mission would assume this duty in connection with all centennial events.

## Three-Function Committee

**Three-Function Committee** With relation to finance it was recommended that in some instances, such as the proposed Cavalcade, a traveling pageant, it may be neces-sary to use State money entirely. This would be particularly necessary if it was decided that admission would not be charged. In other cases, only partial financing would be required. In still other instances, projects requiring no financing might benefit by the endorsement of the commission. Therefore, the commis-sion should be empowered to have three functions: (a) producer; (b) sponsor; (c) endorser. Next in the report was considera-

sponsor; (c) endorser. Next in the report was considera-tion of the type of event which should logically be financed in whole or in part by the commission. Usually such financing is primarily concerned with pageants or shows, but a num-ber of proposed projects having to do with historical background of the State, should be considered as legiti-mate expenditures, the report stated.

## Whole or Partial Finance

Items suggested in this category in-cluded the following, to be com-pletely produced and financed by the State: A traveling cavalcade, or a State

A traveling cavalcade, or a State historical festival. An educational motion picture in color portraying State history. A State-wide song festival, to be produced by schools, 15,000 to 20,000 voices, including pageantry by the physical education department—to be held in Olympic Stadium at Los Apheld in Olympic Stadium at Los An-geles, University of California Sta-dium at Berkeley, to be aired in-ternationally; theme song contest; Centennial song book. An art contest in high schools and

colleges for best designs for stamps and coins.

Any special exhibits of an his-torical nature deemed necessary to supplement celebrations. Special supplement celebrations. Special booklets to aid in exploitation of the State's historical resources, museums, etc.

#### Sponsorship Ideas

Under projects to be partially financed and sponsored by the State,

All county, city and community celebrations especially designed for production based on the theme of the the period, history of the county, city or community or community.

Special events and certain con-tests where these events cannot be made a financial obligation of any one celebration. These would in-clude sports-track, field, crew, Olympic games tryouts, basketball, etc

Special events such as Pony Ex-press race from the Middle West,

Finally, the report advocated en-dorsed events requiring no State financing, such as all events put on during the three years when spon-sors express a desire to be identi-fied with the Centennial celebrations and which, after investigation, are considered sound and worthy. These would include private ventures such as theatrical plays, musicals, etc.

Recommendations involving sponsored financing stressed that every city, county or community desiring State assistance should be prepared to make an initial investment. The amount of this investment in com-The amount of this investment in com-parison to the total cost, and the esti-mated revenue should be made in ad-vance for presentation to the com-mission. Funds approved should be on a matching basis and whether dollar for dollar or on some other basis, should be used only to defray any deficit incurred and only up to the amount agreed upon.

It was also suggested that a clearcut policy be formulated as to the class of events which should qualify for sponsored financing and to guard against:

1—Those events which have as their objective the raising of funds for financing certain group activities. 2—Tent shows, carnivals, etc., which might contract with a com-munity for a show, and then induce the community to apply for sponsored financing.



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# **Canadian National Uses Extensive Flack Campaign**

TORONTO, March 22.—After a five-year lapse in operation, due to its big plant having been taken over by the Department of National Defense for troop-training purposes, the Canadian National Exhibition is rolling again. An army of skilled tradesmen now is engaged in rehabilitating the \$25,000,000 property and buildings which had been transformed for the use of the fighting forces. The cost of the job will be almost \$2,000,000. Open-ing August 22, the show will run two weeks thru September 6. Demand for display space is fantactic and all of it has long since been sold. Becuests for display space is fantastic and all of it has long since been sold. Requests for

display areas have been three times the amount available and more than that in some buildings. A most am-bitious program of expansion has been prepared but obviously cannot be undertaken at this time.

Advertising and publicity will follow the pattern which has been suc-cessful in other years but with variations and innovations indicated by current trends. The appropriation for the purpose is greater than ever before. The media to be employed before. The media to be employed include 300 daily and weekly news-papers; national magazines, elaborate booklets and folders for direct mail, motion pictures, radio, billboards and a wide variety of lithography for outdoor display.

Heavy School Play More than 700,000 grade school children in Ontario will receive tickthe attendance averages more than 200,000. The Canadian National Exhibition is particularly fortunate in having permission of the Department of Education for this distribution. It is estimated that these invitations and complimentary tickets go into almost half a million Ontario homes. Railway, steamship, air and bus lines extend their co-operation in many practical and efficient ways, the CNE being a civic enterprise and

operated for private gain.

Foreign trade commissioners of the

## Auto, Cycle Races, Thrill Show for Sioux Falls, S. D.

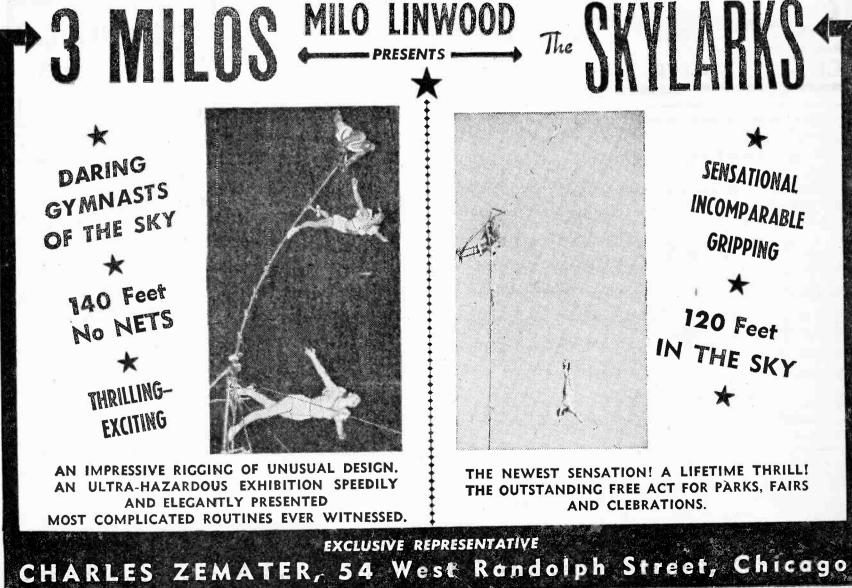
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 22.— Al Halverson, secretary of the Sioux Empire Fair here, announced the closing of auto racing, motorcycle racing and thrill show contracts for the '47 event. John A. Sloan will present two afternoons of auto rac-ing, Frank Winkley one afternoon of cycle racing and B. Ward Beam two afternoons of automobile and motor-evel stunts cycle stunts.

Department of Overseas Trade publicize the exhibition around the world and assist exhibitors interested in exploiting home and foreign markets.

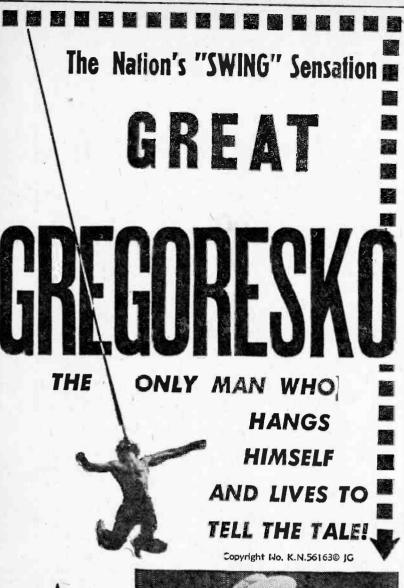
Foreign buyers coming to Canada make their visits coincide with the dates of the exhibition. Trade publications and other periodicals are used for exhibition advertising in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

It should be remembered that the CNE is primarily an industrial ex-position combining art, music, education, sport, pagentry and other at-tractions which make it an extraordinarily diversified whole. Stunt pub-licity is reserved for a couple of months preceding and during the run.





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# **AROUND THE GROUNDS**

(Continued from page 89) visited the Pinellas County Fair, Largo; Florida State Fair, Tampa; Dade County Fair, Miami, and the Fort Lauderdale Tomato Festival.

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Genesee County Fair, Batavia, N. Y., will pay a \$4,000 rental during its run August 11-16 and will not be permitted to stage will not be permitted to stage either auto races or thrill shows, biggest revenue sources of the past, under terms of a lease. Bondholders on the grandstand foreclosed last year, and the plant in turn was bought in by the Genesee-Monroe Racing Associa-tion which orcesting association, which operates pari-mutuel harness racing at the track.

Mower County Fair, Austin, Minn., this year will have the Minn.-Iowa Vocational Agricultural Livestock Show, the Minn.-Iowa Red Poll Cat-Show, the Minn.-Iowa Red Poll Cat-tle Show, and the Midwest Beef, Lamb and Market Hog Show, P. J. Holand, secretary, advises. World of Today Shows have been booked for the midway. Among attractions skedded are WHO Barn Dance, in for one night; a Gus Sun revue, three nights; motorcycle and horse races, one afternoon each; thrill show, one afternoon and night, and a Western and gaited horse show. and gaited horse show.

Brooklyn (Conn.) Fair, which was never in better financial condition than now, will raze its half-century old cattle sheds and replace them with a modern structure and will install modern rest rooms. Officers are president N. Earl Andrews, Woodstock and Socratary Filmend. Woodstock, and Secretary Edmond J. Keane, Putnam.

auto stunter, is touring Europe look-ing for ideas and attractions. He writes from Paris that, among other things, he and Mrs. Williams visited the Cirque Medrano and the Cirque D'Hiver, reporting: "The Cirque Medrano has the Stegarros, table rock; Le Trio Barrios, dancers; the six Le Trio Barrios, dancers; the six Raspini, an outstanding, unusual lad-der act; Arnie Fontenay, singing trapeze star, and some very good clowns. The Cirque D'Haver fea-tures the Caroli Troupe. They do four or five acts, going in for every-thing from a riding act to comedy. Show is run by the four Bougione brothters, one of whom works a Liberty act. Also on the bill are Les Robbins, acrobats; Tex and Dolores Hylton, whips; Les Barisons, acro-dance, and a spectacular airplane act in the top of the building named De Riaz."

Grandstand troubles continue to plague Madison County Fair, Brook-field, N. Y. Last year part of the grandstand blew down and it was re-built as a 4,000 seater at a cost of \$12,000. On March 2 the roof went down under 18 inches of snow. Presi-dent Burt Baron is clearly pressing dent Burt Bacon is already preparing to replace it. Cost will be about the same as the rebuilding job last year.

Most prized possession that Ben Allen, of Posters, Inc., carries in his wallet is a pocket-sized Christmas wallet is a pocket-sized Christmas card presented to him by General Patton at the time of the Third Army counterattack in December, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. It contains the personal signature of the famous general. Ben served under Patton in three cam-paigns and under General Hodges in two including the initial exercise of Ward (Flash) Williams, retired the Rhine at Remagen.

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Ponchartrain **Opens April 19** 

Management expects to hit one of best years in '47lead gallery added

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—This city's biggest playground, Pontchar-train Beach, will open April 19 for a 21-week season. While the 1946 sea-son was big, despite the polio scare,

son was big, despite the pollo scare, the management expects to hit one of its best years in 1947. Major changes at Ponchartrain Beach are being considered in an ex-pansion program by the Orleans Levee Board which owns the proper-ty. Details have not been publicly announced and the program will not affect operations this year.

Playland Amusement, Inc., which operates the rides, concessions and acts, has made a number of changes, including general improvements and beautification to the midway and grounds

A lead gallery was added this year to the long midway. The A. B. T. gallery also will operate this year.

ganery also will operate this year. Two rides have been sold and two new ones installed, and addition of a third new ride is being considered. New rides are a Caterpillar, replac-ing the Fly-O-Plane, and a Flying Scooter, replacing the Stratosphere Ship. Other attractions are Scooter, Zepher Roller Coaster, Laff-in-the-Dark, Octopus, Ferris Wheel, Fun House and Merry-Go-Round.

House and Merry-Go-Round. Playground Amusements will op-erate its own concessions again this year. They number about 20. The policy of two free acts each week during the season will remain in effect, and the p.-a. system for music on the beach will be operated. Open-ing sets will be Ben Mouton high ing acts will be Ben Mouton, high act, followed by the Milanos, stage act

Act. Harry J. Batt is general manager and Richard J. Batt is director of op-erations. Gar Moore handles public-ity. Frank Kramer is in charge of rides and general superintendent and Edward Soles is in charge of conces-The bath houses are run by the sions. Levee board.

# **Carroll's Spot Opens Wk.-End** Stint April 5

AGAWAM, Mass., March 22.—A new air conditioning and heating system has been installed in the bowling center at Riverside Park here in preparation for the opening, for week-end operation only, April 5. Park will open on a full-time basis May 3 May 3.

Edward J. Carroll, owner and manager of Riverside, says a new kitchen has been built and new equipment added, the roller rink remodeled, new Rocket Ships added and there

new Rocket Ships added and there has been a general reconditioning and redecorating of the entire park. Other members of the executive staff are Harry Storin, public rela-tions; Vernon A. Trigger, superin-tendent; Thomas E. Morrissy, games; William E. Stevenson, chief cashier; Lawrence J. Thomson, chief steward, and John Symanczk, auditor. Spot has 20 picnics signed so far.

Spot has 20 picnics signed so far, Carroll said, but nothing definite has been done regarding name bands for the ballroom.

# Sitting 'Round the Table

(Editor's Note: It's a long time until next December when the annual con-vention of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches will be held, but now is the time to let NAAPPB officials know what you like or dislike about the convention plans, program, etc. Up for discussion soon in this column will be the question, "What bugs should be taken out and what improvements do you suggest for the NAAPPB winter convention and also the NAAPPB trade show?" Send in your pros and cons on the cenvention now, so NAAPPB officials will know the general sentiment. In the meantime, here are some more answers to the discussion on "Are fireworks and/or free acts necessary in parks?")

#### **Pay Dividends**

We have used fireworks and free acts in our promotional program since 1940. We have made studies of the attendance and the reaction from patrons and find they have paid our dividends in attendance and dollar volume and the reaction of the cus-tomers has been almost entirely fav-orable. It should be remembered, however, that the park charges ad-mission at the outer gate, which varies from 25 cents for single admissions to 6 cents for evening and daily ad-missions on season tickets.

The amusements in the park are operated by concessionaires, as are the refreshment stands, restaurant, cafeteria, etc., and all the concession-aires favor the use of these attrac-tions. They, too, have made studies to note the increase in business on those days and the times when free vaudeville, dancing, circus acts and fire-works are used.—MEREDITH LEE, Superintendent, Ocean Beach Park, New London, Conn.

#### Gamache in Favor

It is our experience that fireworks bring extra people to our park, pro-viding they are not run weekly, only on holiday eves, holidays or on very special occasions.

It is our experience that free acts are a good attraction for the park, providing they are good acts. Of course, it does not bring out extra

# Fly-o-Plane, Whip Added to Line-Up At Ramona Funspot

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 22. -Ramona Park this year will boast a total of 19 rides, two more than in 1946, Don Williams, vice-president of the park, said in reporting the addi-tion of a Whip and a Fly-o-Plane. Whip, Williams said, was purchased for \$6,000 and the Fly-o-Plane for \$12,000.

Only a year ago, Ramona Park officials expended \$47,000 on im-provement. Another innovation is the streamlining of all buildings. Concessions, 28 in number, will be operated, Williams said, by L. A. An-derson of Miami derson, of Miami.

Park plans to use free acts, fire-works and balloon ascensions as special events on Sundays and holidays.

Officers of the park, in addition to Williams, are L. J. DeLamarter Jr., president, and Fred J. Barr Jr., manager.

#### Forest Park, Hanover, **Opening Set April 13**

HANOVER, Pa., March 22.—For-est Park will bow for the season here April 13. All rides have been overhauled and repainted and the skating rink has been remodeled. Spot plans to use band concerts, free-out and fireworks as features acts and fireworks as features.

people in the afternoon, but will bring them for an evening perform-ance.—ROLAND S. GAMACHE, Pubance.lic Relations Director, Lincoln Park, North Dartmouth, Mass.

#### **Fireworks** Draw

We use fireworks for special cele-brations but we run them immedi-ately after dark to get rid of the dead heads. Fireworks seem to be largest drawing attraction. Free acts are used with individual picnics. When used as a special attraction too many patrons ignore them. Free movies have been used with special promotion to good advantage.—J. L. COLE MAN, Riverside Park, Indianapolis. J. L. COLE-

# **Illions Spends** 41G for Rides, **Cars at Celoron**

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., March 22.-JAMESTOWN, N. Y., March 22.— Three new rides, costing \$31,000, have been added to Celoron Park here. Spot will open week-ends May 15 and will open daily May 30, Owner Harry A. Illions says. The new rides are Miniature Train, Kid-die Water Ride and Moon Rocket. In addition \$10,000 have been spent on addition, \$10,000 has been spent on new Skooter cars.

Three changes have been made in the executive staff, Illions said. He named Henry Shearman, assistant manager; C. Withian in charge of cashiers, and Elna Bond. Other members of the executive staff are Mrs. Ella Swank, executive secretary, and Robert Olson, office.

Picnic reservations are running about the same as a year ago, Illions said, with 15 made to date. Ballroom will continue its policy of playing name bands and Illions named Victor Lombardo, Tony Pas-tor and Guy Lombardo as bands al-ready contracted ready contracted.

Henry Høyer is park superintend-ent. Ride foremen are Charles Car-son, Skooter; Bill Smith, Roller Coaster; Armanda Llauget, Whip; Coaster; Armanda Llauget, Whip; Paul Dennis, Carousel; Bob Slagel, Caterpillar; Skip Henderson, Magic Carpet; Slim Logan, Rocket Ships; Tom Kersetter, Moon Rocket; AI Johnson, kiddie rides, and Stevenson and Lee, speedboats and water activ-ities. O. H. Zimmer is in charge of Skateland roller rink and L. S. Henry has charge of the ballroom. has charge of the ballroom.

# By Lee for Marcresan Beach

UNION CITY, Pa., March 22 -C. Max Lee, owner of Marcresan Beach Park here says he has signed 37 picnics for his spot so far this year. This is 19 more than he had for the entire season of '46, he said.

Lee says improvements made for this season include enlarging of the beach and bath house; added rooms for guests; addition of free playthings for hiddion and general improve for kiddles and general improve-ments, such as filling in lowlands and general landscaping.

**Group Grabs** Venice Site

John L. Lorman gets lease, city permits-80 acres to be devoted to enterprise

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—A new funspot for Greater Los Angeles will be opened this summer and will be operated on a 52-week basis, it was announced here by John L. Lorman, former Chicagoan who has made his home here for the past two years.

Lorman announced that Ocean View Park, the name chosen for the new spot, will be located on an 80-acre tract in near-by Venice, over-looking the ocean, which is almost a portion of Los Angeles proper.

After three public hearings be-fore the zoning and licensing com-missions, all permits were granted for the new enterprise; and Lorman said the surprising feature of the hearings was that there was not a dissenting voice raised against the project.

Fifteen months ago Lorman and his associates withdrew a petition for his associates withdrew a petition for licenses at Santa Monica after lead-ing members of the near-by Malibou Beach film colony raised objections. He announced to Los Angeles news-papermen at that time he and his group were not interested in any lothe hearty approval of the populace, and evidently that is what they received at Venice.

A 10-year lease with an option has been signed for the property.

Lorman explained that the 80-acre Lorman explained that the 80-acre location will be utilized as follows: 20 acres for parking, 20 acres for pic-nic grounds, 25 acres of water for boating and acquatic sports, and 15 acres for an amusement zone. Spot is accessible, having bus and trolley service, and is located on a six-lane cuparhighway. superhighway.

Most riding devices will be booked, and first to sign contracts were El-mer and Curtis Velare for much of their equipment. Negotiations are under way with Harry A. Illions for his two big rides, the Bozo and Over-the Boxids. the-Rapids.

Lorman announced that a complete staff list will be available soon, the announcement being withheld at this time to enable department heads to fill their rosters.

# **Ocean View Has 50** Picnics Set

NORFOLK, Va., March 22.—Ocean View Park here, opening April 5, has 50 picnics signed so far, Albert Miller, manager, announces. Miller said three new rides have been added this year, including a Moon Rocket, Fly-o-Plane and Cuddle-Up. A new building for the Cuddle-Up has been constructed. Free acts and fireworks will be

Free acts and fireworks will be used at Ocean View on Sundays and

used at Ocean view on 2011 holidays. Members of the executive staff, in addition to Miller, are U. S. Mil-ler, general superintendent, and Anna E. Dudley, secretary and office manager. Foremen include Leon Nelwers, maintenance; A. W. Howell, rides; Billy McKean, Scooter cars; Silas Danu, Roller Coaster, and Fil-hert Butler, painting department.

# '47 WILL BE REGULAR PICNIC

# Reservations **On Increase**

**Ops** report listings for clubs, churches, etc., are running far ahead of '46

CHICAGO, March 22 .- People who seek their entertainment at amusement parks this year will literally have a regular picnic.

At least that's the idea you get after scanning thru a pile of park questionnaires sent to park owners and operators thruout the United States by The Billboard to find out, among other things, what will be done at their parks this year in the way of picnics.

Amusement spots thruout the country which have the facilities for picnics are going out for them in a big way. During the war years there was a noticeable lapse in this picnic business. But with the war over and families more or less settled down, the old idea of packing a family lunch and going outdoors to eat it, especially on Sundays and holidays, is coming back with a vengeance.

Almost without exception, park men report a sizable number of men report a sizable number of church, school, club and industrial picnics already signed for 1947. In most instances, the number is far ahead of the entire total staged in their parks all last year. And most of them added, "We expect to sign a lot more before the season opens."

Lagoon Park, located between Og-den and Salt Lake City, Utah, brands Sunday as "family picnic day," and encourages families, by advertising, to pack a lunch and come to Lagoon

Park to eat it and enjoy the day. There is no doubt that picnics bring plenty of business to all con-cerned in a park. Statistics will show that parks which encourage picnics, especially on Sundays and holidays, notice the jump in husiness from this especially on Sundays and holdays, notice the jump in business from this sort of promotion. Many park owners have invested plenty of money in setting up picnic areas to lure the basket lunchers. Like the white shirt, which was as correct as boy's footh during the way

scarce as hen's teeth during the war but which is now back on the count-

er, picnics are back and park men are going after them in a big way. When the year 1947 ends, the rec-ords will show, no doubt, that the season was a regular picnic for park owners and operators.

# **Eyes Weather for Early Olympic Bow**

IRVINGTON, N. J., March 22.— Olympic Park, catering to heavily populated Newark, N. J., and its suburbs, is set for an early opening, weather permitting. Officially May 17 is set for daily operation, but fun spot will open week-ends as soon as weather is favorable weather is favorable.

Henry Guenther, owner, is plan-ning several new rides altho the spot added numerous rides and attractions and underwent a thoro post-war face-lifting prior to last season's opening. New rides will include a Caterpillar, an Octopus and a Looper —and possibly a Helicopter.



THIS IS A NICHT VIEW of the spacious midway of State Fair Park, Dallas. Layout affords plenty of elbow-room for the customers.

# **Plenty of Neon** Will Add Flash **At West View**

of neon will help add flash to West View Park this year, according to George M. Harton, president, in talking about changes and improvements at the spot this year.

All rides and games will be neonized this year, Harton said. Among other improvements made are enlargement of the administration building, new radio tower and enlargement and modernization of the dance hall.

dance hall. Other members of the park's ex-ecutive staff are Dick F. Newman, vice-president; Walter C. Fenker, secretary; C. N. Kountz, treasurer; Edward A. Vettel, park superin-tendent and assistant general super-intendent; J. P. Hickey, picnic book-ing manager; C. L. Beares Jr., re-freshment stands manager; H. C. Howell, games manager; C. Mohney, arcade manager; Jack Stoll, ballroom manager; Eddie Krahn, rink man-ager, and Harry Kodinsky, public relations. relations.

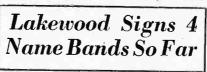
Spot will continue its policy of using name bands.

# **Motorboat Races** Are Planned for **Iowa's Riverview**

DES MOINES, March 22 .--- Outboard motorboat races and fireworks are planned as special events to lure the trade to Riverview Park here Sundays and holidays, Robert A. Reichardt, president and general manager, says.

Park, which opens for the season May 14, added a Cuddle-Up and a Kiddie Airplane to its list of amusement devices for this year. New sidewalks will be installed, new sod planted, glass brick fences installed on the Coaster and Chute rides and new boats purchased for the Chutes ride.

ride. Lester Bookey is vice-president of Riverview; W. E. Kooker, secretary-treasurer, and Bartlett E. Kooker, assistant manager. Spot employs about 140 persons. Department heads are Harry G. Ryer, promotion man-ager; Joan Meachan, refreshment manager; Irven Woolery, ground superintendent; George Mathen, ride foreman, and James Colga, mainte-nance foreman. nance foreman.



MAHANOY CITY, Pa., March 22. Lakewood Park, located midway PITTSBURGH, March 22.-Plenty between Tamaqua and Mahanoy City on Route 45, has signed four name bands to date for its ballroom. They are Vaughn Monroe, Tex Beneke, Elliot Lawrence and Eddy Howard. Spot will open for week ends May 30.

Among the features or special days this year will be Lithuanian Day August 15. In addition to having 25 concessions, Lakewood has 10 rides, Carrousel, Lindy Loop, Coaster, Hey-day, Dodgem, Kiddie Coaster, Motor-boats, Miniature Train, Ferris Wheel, Kiddie Whip and kiddie moving boats.

# **Statons Re-Sign** Garrigan Ork For Third Year

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 22. —Jimmie Garrigan's Romance in Rhythm Orchestra has been signed for the third consecutive season for the ballroom of Springlake Park here, Co-owners Roy and Marvin Staton announced.

To date, the Statons say, 15 picnics have been signed for the '47 season. While this is about the same number as was signed at this time last year, the Springlake owners look for an increase this year.

Spot, which had a disastrous fire last May 26, is still making repairs and improvements, especially to the Roller Coaster, Fun House, Scooters, shooting gallery and shelter area. Park opens for the season May 30.

No special plans have been made for Sundays and holidays, the Statons say, and it will all depend on the need for a business stimulant as to what features they will have.

Before the war, Springlake's swim-ming pool was host to the annual Oklahoma State AAU meets each your. Whether these will be resumed this year at Springlake, the Statons do not know but they are planning do not know, but they are planning on it.

In addition to the Statons, Weldon Brown is on the executive staff. Employees, ride foremen, etc., include Bill Vaught, J. E. Wreyford, Robert Rogers, Nellie B. Thomas, Loretta Staton, Mary Brown, Mr. Frederick and Jimmie Garrigan.

# **Mission Beach** Will Use Local **Bands This Yr.**

bands for one night Saturday stands, will change its policy this summer and will use local bands, Frank J. Guthrie announced.

Guthrie announced. Spot, which is open 11 months out of the year, now boasts a motor-cycle speedway, a newsreel theater and a miniature golf course, all new additions this year. Fireworks will be used on holidays, Guthrie said. In addition to 91 concessions and the ballroom, Mission Beach has five rides, Merry-Go-Round, S c o ot e r Auto, Tilt, Silver Streak and Ferris Wheel. The executive staff, in addition to Guthrie, includes Tom Haynes and Warner Austin. Thomas McGillin is manager of the ballroom and Harold Shields heads the skating rink.

Manager of the balfroom and Harold Shields heads the skating rink. Mission Beach's swimming pool will again be the site of the Sports-man's Show, which officially opens the summer season at the park, May 10-18.

# **Howard Snyder Buys Equipment** for Spot In Eminence, Ky.

MOBILE, Ala., March 22.—Howard Snyder, of Eminence, Ky., has pur-chased equipment of the Alabama Amusement Company, which oper-ated in Alabama and Mississippi, and will use it in setting up a park in Eminence. Snyder recently closed the deal with Mrs. Marie K. Smucker, head of the Alabama Amusement Company. George Desak, who will be super-

Company. George Desak, who will be super-intendent of rides for Snyder, will move the equipment to Eminence. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Smuckler also is slated to go there for a short period to assist Snyder in setting up the spot. spot.

Berney Smuckler will continue with the Florida Amusement Com-pany. Mrs. Smuckler plans to leave Eminence in early part of the sum-mer and move to Phoenix, Ariz. Smuckler will continue

# **Bollingers Spend** 19G on New Rides

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22. Oaks Amusement Park has spent \$19,600 this year on new rides, Robert Bollinger, vice-president, an-nounces. Spot this year will have a new Kiddie Whip, \$2,100; Baby Auto Ride, \$2,000; Kiddie Airplane, \$2,000, and 20 new 1947 Auto Skooters, purchased at a cost of \$13,-500. 500.

In addition to the new rides, Bol-In addition to the new rides, Bol-linger says, two additional free kitchenettes and 100 new tables have been built for picnickers and five more acres of new parking space added. To date, 20 picnics have been signed, which is five more than last season last season.

last season. Oaks will open for week-end op-eration May 3 and May 17 has been set as the date for daily operation. In addition to Robert Bollinger, the executive staff consists of E. H. Bollinger, president; Ira Shellen-berger, treasurer, and K. A. Hollo-way, secretary. William W. LeRoy is park superintendent.

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# Brydon Arranges Set for

-Ray Marsh Brydon announced Tuesday CHICAGO, (18) that he has completed arrangements for the presentation of Bob Hermine's Midgets as one of the feature midway attractions at Riverview here this season, and talked long and eloquently on the merits of this troupe and the way it will be framed. "I've got Hermine's Midgets, who have worked the last three years for Genera Hermid at the Milliam Dellar Diar in Atlantic City contracted for

for George Hamid at the Million Dollar Pier in Atlantic City, contracted for the entire season at Riverview. I just came in from Mississippi to confer with G. G. Botts (secretary and comptroller at Riverview) on this new show I'll put in out there," Bry-

don said.

don said. Brydon stated that Riverview has alloted the iron lung building to him for the midgets. It has been ex-tended 20 feet and all the carpentry work has been finished. It will seat 450 persons and dressing rooms have been built under the seats. "I'll have a large banner line right

been built under the seats. "I'll have a large banner line right alongside of the building," Brydon went on. "I'll have an illuminated billboard with a large pictorial dis-play. Inside there will be plenty of lights, and the bally platform and everything will be ready when the park opens May 14." There are 16 persons in the Her-

There are 16 persons in the Her-

There are 16 persons in the Her-mine's troupe and Brydon plans to add his midgets, who have been in his Palace of Wonders at Riverview as ticket sellers, talkers, etc. "These midgets are dynamite," Brydon said, getting back to talking about the troupe. "In addition to having an 11-piece band, they do a double wire act, acrobatics, dance numbers, boxing and juggling acts. And they do an iron jaw, single traps, perch and Spanish web." Brydon said Hermine's troupe would play fair dates, including the Texas State Fair at Dallas, after Riverview closes.

Riverview closes.

# **R. L. McMann Is New**

DAVENPORT, Ia., March 22 .- R. DAVENPORT, 1a., March 22.—R. L. McMann is the new president of the Mississippi Valley Amusement Park, Inc., here, replacing C. G. Scholle, who is moving to California. Otherwise the staff remains the same: Julius Geertz, vice-president; Roy R. Fisher, secretary; Raymond C. Thoms, treasurer, and Herbert

R. Fisher, sec. Thoms, treasurer, and Gettert, park manager. Spot may make a slight change in the this year, according to Thoms.

"We have featured midget car races on several Sundays in the past, but this year we may run them at night and leave Sundays entirely for pic-nics," Thoms said. Improvements include two new rides, a Ferris Wheel and a Tilt. The grandstand has been repaired. Spot has 10 picnics booked and has inked Tom Owens's ork for the ballroom. Onening date has not been decided.

Opening date has not been decided, but probably will open for week-end operation, at least, early in May.

### **To Convert Mispec Beach** Into an Amusement Spot

Into an Amusement Spot ST. JOHN, N. B., March 22.— Mispec Beach, on the Bay of Fundy Shore, will be converted into an amusement park. About 13 acres of beach frontage will be purchased from the War Assets Corporation by the Municipal Parks Commission. A building is included in the negotia-tions. tions

The commission operates Domin-ion Park, at the St. John River mouth, having taken it over two years ago. Recent improvements in-clude a new road, sanitary building and a restaurant. A baseball and and a restaurant. A baseball and softball field and tennis courts will be provided. The commission is seeking authority to float a bond is-sue of \$50,000 to cover costs at Mispec and Dominion. Mispec had been used by the Canadian Navy and Army during the war years.

Whalom Opens For Week-Ends Late in April

FITCHBURG, Mass., March 22.-Whalom Park will open for weekend operation the latter part of April and the official opening is set May 30, Henry G. Bowen, president, announces.

A Whip has been added to the ride line up for this season. Other rides, in addition to the Whip, are Roller Coaster, Merry-Go-Round, Aeroplane Swing, Bug and Custer Cars. There also is a Kiddieland.

Late in 1946, Whalom added a Fun-house, built new men's and women's house, built new men's and women's rest rooms, did considerable work on the grounds, including the paving of part of the midway and work is under way on a new front for the dance hall, Bug and refreshment stand. Also in the process is the building of a new refreshment stand and enother will be rebuilt and another will be rebuilt.

Bowen says no particular plans have been made for special events this year, but added, "We probably will have some fireworks on holi-days."

Miss. Valley Prez DAVENPORT, Ia., March 22.–R. Page, superintendent.

# **Cedar Point Sets Opening June 14; Optimism Reigns**

SANDUSKY, O., March 22 .-- Cedar Point-on-Lake Erie will open its sea-son June 14 and will continue thru

son June 14 and will continue thru Labor Day, it has been announced by Edward A. Smith, president and gen-eral manager of the G. A. Boeckling Company, the operating firm. While some resort owners have ex-pressed the thought that business will not touch the peak reached in '46, Smith is optimistic over the outlook and freely predicts the ceiling has not been reached. The customary steamer service will

The customary steamer service will operate between Cedar Point and Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland, and one new steamer, the LaSalle, will be added to the Cedar Point-Cleveland run

Attractions here include Hotel Breakers, the amusement circle, grand ballroom, Green and Silver Grill, a sandy beach and a variety of sports.

### **Plenty of Improvements** On Tap at Oakland Beach

OAKLAND BEACH, R. I., March OAKLAND BEACH, R. I., March 22.—Plenty of changes and improve-ments are being readied here at Oak-land Beach Midway, which will open for week ends Easter Sunday and for full-time operation Decoration Day. The Merry-Go-Round is being redecorated; new arcade machines will be installed; a new International De Luxe Mutoscope machine added; the shooting gallery is being redecothe shooting gallery is being redeco-rated and the front beach is being improved by the city of Warwick.



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# Name Band Fees Too Tough; "Brassy, Jam-Type" Is Out

The Billboard

(Continued from page 15) brigade averaged slimmer skeds but the bulk of these, totaling nearly 50 parks, add up to sufficient dates to warrant concern of major agencies

and orks. While the vast majority of park lads kicked about '46 prices for the '47 season, some few exceptions were raised to make things brighter for bookers. Santa Monica Pier in Cali-fornia, which features saddle-beat crews of the Spade Cooley variety, foresees no change in a price policy which was \$2,600 weekly on a oneor-two-band-for-whole-season sked. Utah Amusement Park in Salt Lake Utah Amusement Park in Salt Lake City "expects to pay considerably more for our bands provided we can secure name bands." Latter condi-tions optimism, however, with the caution that "cost of the band must be in proportion to this section of the country" and quotes no figures as to pay roll outlay in the past year. Riverview Park, Des Moines, also hopes to use more names in '47. Ken-nywood Park, Pittsburgh, which had a big 95-day season for top namers in '46, aims on using the same num-ber of one-nighters during the comber of one-nighters during the com-

ing spring and summer months. A handful of others make no comment about fees, limiting their '47 park-band prospects to type and quality of ork music wanted.

Sweet in Demand

So far as type of band goes, the survey indicates that nary an op is looking for a swing, rhythm or jump band, and the majority flatly come out for sugar orks. Territorial faves and semi-namers look to be in for the biggest break in many a year with ops hurling ultimatums at agen-cies and orksters that more locals and lessers will be hired if the current scales stay put. Many of the parks already are giving locals three days out of five or six; others are marking week-ends for names only with ac-cent on "experiment." If takes don't hold up, back to the locals, say the ops.

The survey also shows that rather than the bulk of parks leaning to-ward any "top ten" ork, an amazing ward any "top ten" ork, an amazing diversity among box office leaders marked '46 bookings. A good 20 or 30 orksters popped as best crowd-drawers. But while the "spread" showed to be the greatest in years for park band users, the "sweet" and "corn" trend was again highlighted by the almost complete bronge of by the almost complete absence of jumpler crews in the favorite list-ings. The infrequent Stan Kenton mention was greatly outnumbered by the Guy Lombardo, Eddy Howard. Spike Jones and Sammy Kaye votes.

Spike Jones adherents, particu-larly, echoed the old call for orks that could put on a show or offer some reasonable relief from the per-

functory playing of pop tunes. Survey, boiled down, can be sum-med up in three words. The ops want 'em (the bands) "cheaper, wurdton and chawiar" sweeter and showier."

# **Conneaut** Lake Spruces for '47

CONNEAUT LAKE PARK, Pa., CONNEAUT LAKE PARK, Pa.. March 22.—Several major improve-ments have been made at Conneaut Lake Park for the 1947 season, in-cluding the rebuilding of 600 feet of the boardwalk and installation of a sprinkler system in the hotel. Other improvements include rebuilding of the rest rooms; repainting of all rides, concessions and buildings; erection of concessions and buildings; erection of a new stand for free acts, additional arcade equipment, new kitchen equipment for the hotel, and pur-chase of new frozen custard and ice cream making equipment.

Park, which opens May 24, has added a Merry-Go-Round to its list of rides, which gives it 17 all told, including the six rides in Kiddieland. Rides are Merry-Go-Round, High Ride, Dodgem, Tumble Bug, Whip, Sea Plane, Pretzel, Miniature Train, Fun House, Ferris Wheel and Flying Scooter. Scooter.

Conneaut Lake will have free acts every other week, with fireworks scheduled on Decoration Day, July 4 and Labor Day.

H. W. Johnson, general manager, says the annual women's swimming meet, which was staged in the park from 1937 thru 1941, at which time it was interrupted by the war, will be resumed, in all probability in 1948. The meet, he says, pays off financially and gets Conneaut Lake plenty of advertising.

E. E. Freeland is president of Conneaut Lake, C. C. McAdoo is general superintendent, and W. G. Glasgow is maintenance foreman.

Horse Shoe Lake, Still in Building Stage, Bows June 1

March 29, 1947

SUCCASUNNA, N. J., March 22.— Horse Shoe Lake Park here, still un-der construction, will bow June 1, Harry A. Chesler, owner, reports. Chesler says to date he has put \$200,-000 into the park, which cov rs 200 acres. Completed are the restaurant, a tap room and a ballroom, the latter having a floor space of 60 by 120 feet. feet.

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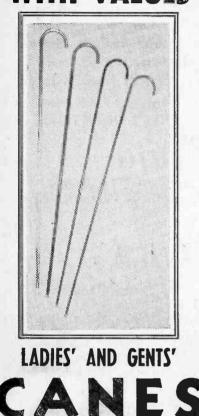
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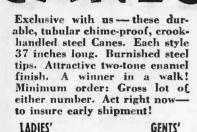
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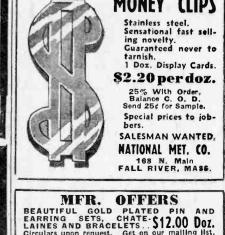
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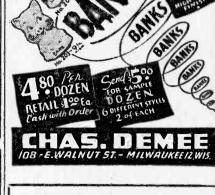
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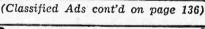
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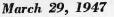
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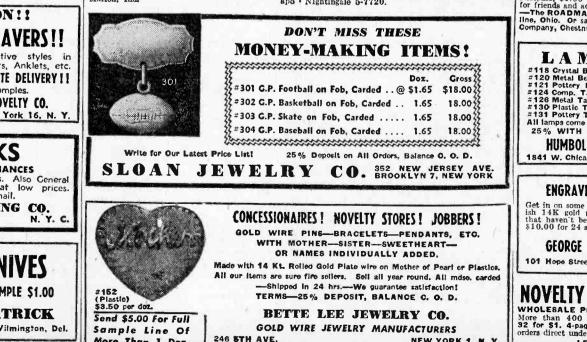
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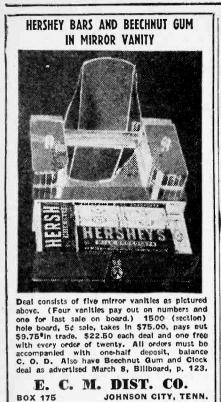
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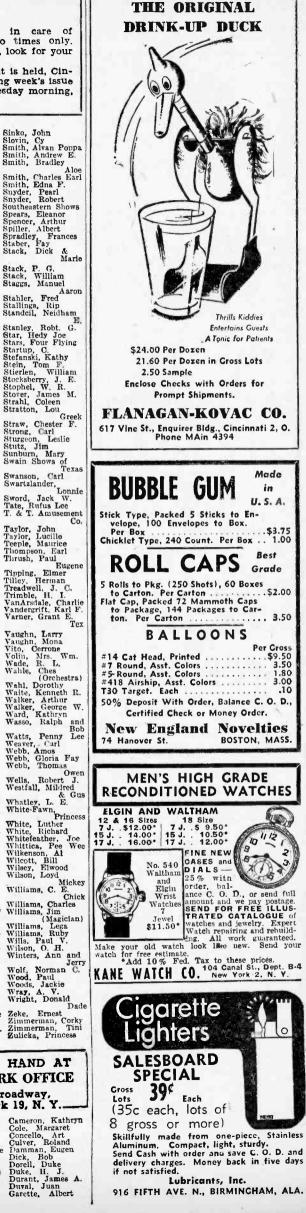
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### STILL IN

Virginia waiting for the blue birds to sing is Charlie (Fast Money) Madison.

PITCHDOM . . . mourns the loss of Jerry Russell, one of its best known jam men who died recently in Charity Hospital, New Or-leans, and George R. Groom, vet med worker of note, who passed away in Miami.

BEN (HOBO) BENSON ... en route from California to New York, passed thru Cincinnati last week and remarked that the old town doesn't look like the same place. Benson plans to set up his sketch layout at New York's Coney Island for the summer.

Battle of Flowers, held annually the last week in April at San Antonio, should prove another red one for novelty workers this year. Is the spot on your itinerary?

HARRY MAIERS ... who is in Hartsell, Ala., recuperating from a recent illness, advises that about nine med men are currently working the State. Harry says he'd like to read pipes here from Morris Kahntroff and W. P. Danker.

### WEST COAST REPORTS .

indicate that a few pitchmen are working downtown Los Angeles stores, with the influx of street ped-dlers overcrowding the area. Sales, as a result, are at a premium.

### "PAT MALONE . .

"PAT MALONE ... and I are getting our sights set ac-cording to the almanac," blasts Jack (Bottles) Stover from Harrisonburg, Va. "Spring is here and we're ready to go. Col. C. A. Maitland has his pencil sharpened on both ends so he can write sheet and draw plans for the year's tour. Pipe in, you lads and lassies, down yonder way."

A number of pitchmen we know have reached great heights because of their depth of character.

### AMONG THE BOYS . .

and girls working the National Or-ange Show in San Bernardino, Calif., were Phil Kallail, Dave Swartz and Pat Trainer, novelties; Marge Kelly, vitamins and health books; Jack Vinick, badges; Bernard Goldstein, jewelry; Jimmy Beach, silver plates; Benny Stone, candy, and Doc Bar-row game agent row, game agent.

RICHARD ARCAND ... jewelry concessionaire well known in pitch circles, attended the Na-tional Orange Show at San Bernar-dino, Calif., March 18 along with members of Show Folks of America, Regular Associated Troupers and Pacific Showmen's Association. Ar-cand is a member of the Associated Troupers and recently was elected president of the Circus Clown Club of America. of America.

blasts from Cleveland that his side-kick, Beefstew Whitey, is in New Orleans with his new peanut and popcorn balls and is getting a great deal of the long green. Pool says that Whitey plans to join the Mills Bros.' Circus when it plays the Ohio city in May. Pool would like to read pipes here from Joe Marks, Chuck Festor, Ernie Newman and Joe Macblasts from Cleveland that his sideestor, Ernie Newman and Joe Mac-Donald.

Don't stop at just one smile; the second one is when your personality begins to take hold and your business starts to soar.

"JUST MET ... the one and only Tiney Snyder, who is still as big in heart as he is in body," letter Mr. and Mrs. Duke (Pegleg) Warters from New York. "Tiney is making his headquarters at

the Park Bar and Grill here and all the old-timers will remember him. We saw him take in a grand a day at the big Western fairs. He has been in San Francisco since the war and Tiney plans to go out this spring. (See Pipes on page 144)

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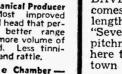
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**MERCHANDISE-GENERAL OUTDOOR** 

## How To Avoid Damage Suits

(Continued from page 46) name without restrictions in a manner not likely to deceive the public. In Silver v. Silver, 195 S. W. 529, the testimony showed two companies lo-cated in the same city have as a part of their trade name the word "Sil-ver." The first adopter and user filed suit against the second adopter

ferent classification and the public would not be deceived. The court refused to stop the second adopter of the trade name, saying: "There is no question but that de-

fendant's name of Silver was honest-ly acquired, and it was not adopted for the purpose of imposing upon or



BALLOON JOBBERS ATTENTION BRAND NEW HEAVY T. #35 TARGET BALLOONS. PACKED 250 TO THE BOX. COLOR, ORANGE. INFLATES 40 INCHES, \$37.50 A BOX. THIS BALLOON IS 5 CRAMS HEAVIER THAN OTHER TARGETS. LESS BREAKAGE. HERE IS A NEW BALLOON FOR THE MAN WHO WANTS TO GIVE REAL VALUE FOR THE MONEY. THE BIG T. #100 THAT WILL STAND UP UNDER DIRECT SUNLIGHT IS A DREAM FOR THE MAN THAT WORKS BALLOONS WHERE THERE IS NO SHADE. HERE IS A BALLOON THAT YOU CAN USE FOR WORKERS AND LET THE SUN SHINE ON THEM ALL DAY WITHOUT BREAKAGE. PRICED \$3.60 PER GROSS.

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deceiving the public concerning his business.

On the other hand, it is interesting to observe the distinction of the law in another case, Howeard v. Hen-rigues, 3 Sandr. 725. Here it was shown a man named Irvin had for many years operated an amusement under his own name. Later another under his own name. Later another person, whose surname was Irvin, opened a competing business in the same city and used the same trade name. The court promptly held the latter user of the name "Irvin" an infringer of the former trade name. This court said:

"Every man may and ought to be permitted to pursue a lawful calling in his own way. But he must not by any deceit endeavor to deprive that man of his own individuality, and thus despoil him of the gains to which, by his industry and skill he is fairly entitled."

### General V. General

Another example of law adopted by higher courts involving trade names is General v. General, 237 Fed. 64. Here it was shown that a new corporation adopted a trade name similar to the trade name of another company located in another State.

The first corporation sued the later adopter and asked the court to grant an injunction against further use of the trade name. The court granted this request because both corpora-tions were well known by the public in the same area. This court said: "A corporation is charged with the in the same area. This court said: "A corporation is charged with the

"A corporation is charged with the duty of not selecting a name for fraudulent purposes. . . The fact the charter was obtained from the State cannot deprive a court of its power to prevent fraud and protect property rights."

property rights." Therefore, irrespective of the au-thority by which a corporation ac-quires its name, an older corporation whose name is infringed has a legal right to prevent such use providing, of course, the two trade names are known by the same public or patrons.

### **Deception** Prohibited

Under all circumstances the higher courts will stop any and all fraudulent or deceptive uses of trade-marks

For illustration, in Howe v. Fed-eral, 148 Fed. (2d) 561, it was dis-closed that a manufacturer's place of business is in Seattle. It is engaged in the sole and distribution of in the sale and distribution of cosmetic preparations. For the purpose of inducing the purchase of the cos-metics, the company extensively advertised the trade name "Hollywood" on its cosmetics.

A suit was filed against the com-pany by the Federal Trade Commission which proved the company manufactured and sold over 20 products but only three are obtained from sources in Hollywood. Also the testimony showed the products are not recognized by the Hollywood ac-tresses as being of superior quality. The commission held that use of

the word "Hollywood" was deceptive and misleading, and constituted un-fair practice, and issued an order to cease and desist from using the word "Hollywood" to designate any prod-uct which is not in fact manufactured in Hollywood or using the words, "Favorite of the Stars."

"Favorite of the Stars." However, this court held that the company could legally continue use of the trade-mark "Hollywood" if it inserted after the words "Hollywood" explanations that the "Hollywood" means the entire city of Los Angeles and those adjacent or contiguous in-dependent municipalities dependent municipalities.

### Validity of Licenses

The right of the owner of a patent, trade-mark or copyright to make a valid contract limiting the use to either a distributor or amusement is

facts in this case are that a company owned a right for the manufacture owned a right for the manufacture of a product, and also owned a trade-mark, duly registered. The company granted a distributor the exclusive right to manufacture the product in a State, and to sell same under the trade-mark. The distributing com-pany was authorized to make similar contracts with other sub-distributors in the State subject to the approved of the parent company. The main distributor made contracts with subdistributors in the State and them the exclusive rights to sell and distribute the product in specified territories in the State. The validity of these contracts was contested. It was contended that the contracts violated laws which prohibit all con-tracts that interfere with "free and unrestricted competition."

In holding the contracts not in violation to this law, the court said: "The owner of a patent right, copy-

right, or trade-mark, having the ex-clusive right to manufacture and sell the article protected thereby, and being under no legal obligation to grant such right to another, may impose upon his assignee (distributor) such restrictions as he may see proper, and to which his assignee will agree, including the price at which the article may be sold, the which the article may be sold, the territory in which it may be manu-factured and sold, the material that may be used in its manufacture, or in connection therewith." Also, see 186 U. S. 70, 229 U. S. 1, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1185, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 150.

### **Controlled** by Owners

Therefore, it is well established that an exclusive privilege which has been granted by the government to the owner of a patent, copyright, or trade-mark may be controlled by its owners. In other words, this right may be granted upon such terms as the parties may agree upon, or, fail-ing such agreement the owner may the parties may agree upon, or, fail-ing such agreement the owner may impose any restrictions. For exam-ple, the right of the owner of copy-righted motion picture films to dis-pose of them or license them upon such terms as he may see proper is universally upheld by the courts. On the other hand, it is important to know that the various courts have held that the right of a film producer know that the various courts have held that the right of a film producer to fix the terms upon which a dis-tributor may dispose of the films is deemed a restrain upon the freedom of the trade, and in many instances contracts of this nature have been upd void.

A trade-mark, patent, or copyright is property, in the sense it has a com-mercial value, and may be sold the same as other property, but it is not an article of commerce in the sense that it may be consumed by the pur-chasing public. However, much whether chasing public. However valuable it may be to its owner, it is nothing more than a privilege valuable be-cause of its exclusiveness. And also until recently the sale of a trade-mark was not valid, unless both the business and trade mark business and trade-mark are sold. But patents and copyrights may be sold or licensed separately.

#### Law Is Broadened

The trade-mark laws are some-what broadened by the Lanham Trade Mark Act, approved by the President July 5, 1946. This new law provides for registration, in the United States Patent Office, of marks, slogans, etc., which indicate member-ship to a union, association, or other organization. Other provisions of this new law somewhat extend coverage by trade-marks, not with respect to infringement. But the law legalizes registration of trade-marks by co-operation or related firms, and as-signments of trade-marks may be made for only that part of a business made for only that part of a business to which it relates. Heretofore, a trade-mark could not be assigned or sold unless the business to which it related also was sold in the same deal or contract.

This new law provides other extended protection, as it now is pos-sible to register names, portraits, sigwell settled. The leading case on the sible to register names, portraits, sig-subject is State, 225 S. W. 791. The natures, and geographical marks,

previously used for five years. Also, previously all innocent infringers of trade-marks were liable in damages. Now, printers and publishers and some others, who unintentionally infringe a trade-mark are not liable in damages, but an injunction can be obtained to prevent further infringe-ment. Whether this provision of the law is practical, of course, remains to be seen. Otherwise the new law affords the same degree of protection to prevent deception of the public.

### London Loses Big **Exhibition Hall**

LONDON, March 22 .--- This city is definitely losing another of its big exhibition halls with the post office taking a seven-year lease on the ag-ricultural hall, which will be re-modeled for use as a post office. Building has been closed since the outbreak of the war in 1939, prior to which it beyond empirications. to which it housed various exhibi-tions and sports events and during the Christmas-New Year's holidays ran six weeks of circus plus side attractions such as rides, side shows and carnival concessions

Many of the big circuses of conti-

Many of the big circuses of conti-nental Europe played the hall, among the last being the Circus Carl Hagen-beck, in 1936 and 1937, and Circus Krone, in 1938, which were booked there by Stanley Wathon. Olympia Hall, where the Bertram Mills Circus plays its annual London season, is practically the only large exhibition hall remaining in London. Huge Crystal Palace has never been rebuilt since leveled by fire prior to the war, and Alexandra Palace, another big hall, is in an unusable state of disrepair at present altho a project is being considered to spend project is being considered to spend more than \$4,000,000 on rebuilding this spot as an amusement center.

### Agricade Prexy Arranging **Heavy Promotion Program**

NEW YORK, March 22.—A. J. Grey, president of the Agricade, Nor-folk, Va., was in New York Monday (10) making preliminary arrange-ments for a heavy attractions pro-gram which he will initiate in April and carry thru the staging of the fair. Promotions will include hig and Promotions will include big and midget car racing, thrill shows and dog and horse shows.

Grey said seats for 15,000 people are being erected. A 40 by 100-foot Quonsett hut is also being erected.



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**COIN MACHINES** 

Communications to 155 No **LEGISLATION DROPPING OFF** 

## **Play Seesaws** In K. C. for Jukes, Pins

### **Downtown Area Perking**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.— Play of juke boxes and pinball tables in the Kansas City territory seems to be on a seesaw, according to reports from operators. Most operators report that play

Most operators report that play has been up and down spasmodically since the first of the year, and it is still bouncing around uncertainly. Some say it is up 5 per cent from February, which was generally re-ported as a good month, but others say both music and pin play was down as much as 20 per cent during March.

The low play area also is reported to have shifted. Several operators reported that their locations' cut in the "county spots," which had been holding up the best, have gone into a slump since the first of the month, which had while the downtown spots, which had been in doldrums, are showing a pick-up. County spots are mostly night clubs and chicken dinner pick-up. Cou places.

No two operators seem to agree on the diagnosis, but the overall trend seems simply to reflect the uncertainties of the working people in the two Kansas Cities, both of which had been booming with war industries, and the continuing readjustment to peace. Only thing that the trade appears to be unanimous on is that the small country town spots are still the best.

Spending Increases Despite reports that one out of every two working class families is digging into wartime savings to live, city spending here appears to be loosening up again as the "recession" talk seems to be dying down. "Play has been up on both phono-graphs and pinballs the last two weeks and seems to be climbing," one large operator reported. Said

one large operator reported. Said, another: "Play is holding up fine (See K. C. Play Seesaws on page 185)

### "Nonsense!"---Hurd

CHICAGO, March 22.—Con-trary to other reports Walter W. Hurd will continue to write ex-clusively for the Billboard Pubclusively for the Billboard Pub-lishing Company, as he had for 15 years prior to March 1 when his resignation as editor of The Billboard's Coin Machine De-partment and as editor of Vend became effective. Reached at his farm near Danville, Ky., Hurd termed re-ports that he would write for any other trade publication "pure nonsense." "All of my writing concern-the coin machine industry," 'd continued, "will be done exclusively for the Billboard Publishing Company."

### Calendar for Coinmen

-National Restaurant Association, annual conven-March 25-28 tion, Stevens Hotel, Chicago. March 27—Music Guild of America, open meeting, Guild Audi-torium, Newark, N. J.

March 31-April 4-Frozen Food Institute, Convention and Edu-

March 31-April 4—Frozen Food Institute, Convention and Edu-cational Congress, Horticultural Hall and Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston. April 8-11—American Management Association Packaging Ex-position, Convention Hall, Philadelphia. April 14-18—National Association of Tobacco Distributors, Inc,. annual convention, Palmer House, Chicago. April 14—Wisconsin Phonograph Operators' Association, con-vention and show, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee. April 21-24—National Premium Exposition, Palmer House, Chicago.

Chicago.

April 25-26-National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region 4, Edgewater Gulf Hotel, Gulfport, Miss. April 29-May 1—Industrial Packaging and Materials Handling Exposition, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

May 11-13—National Peanut Council, annual convention, Galvez

May 11-13—National Peanut Council, annual convention, Galvez Hotel, Galveston, Tex. May 25-28—Flavoring Extract Manufacturers' Association, Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City. May 25-29—National Confectioners' Association, annual conven-tion, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

May 25-29-Confectionery Industries Exposition, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.

### News Digest

DIME PLAY-Members of Wor-cester County Phonograph Owners' Association, Massachusetts, have changed their minds about dime play have After trials in which play dropped more than 50 per cent in the third week, decision to hold to nickel play was announced. Public attitude was reflected in a local newspaper edi-torial, which said "the juke box public will be grateful."

CIGARETTES - Classification of **CIGARETTES** — Classification of cigarette vending machines as retail outlets, subject to the same tax as over-the-counter retailers, in meas-ures passed by Maine and Montana Legislatures points way to sane taxa-tion principles for automatic mer-chandising. Action comes as encour-aging development as trade continues its program to educate legislators considering proposals which single out venders for special taxes pyra-mided on those paid by retail outlets.

CANDY PRICE — "Nickel myth," tag-line which has been used to point tag-line which has been used to point up discrepancy in 6-cent candy bars plainly labeled 5 cents on wrappers, continues to be a target for elements in the candy trade. Belief that pub-lic resentments can be avoided only by changing labels is expressed in many quarters. Meanwhile, candy wholesalers were warned by their association this week to watch inven-tories closely in order to safeguard against loss from excessive buying— a straw in the wind indicating greater a straw in the wind indicating greater supplies on the way.

SMALL MOTORS-Climbing fractional horsepower motor production disclosed in a government report was accepted with reservations by coin machine producers who use these components in many different types of equipment. Hitch is that huge backlog of orders, equivalent to 19 months' shipments at the December rate, will have to be filled before the shortage is definitely over.

**COFFEE VENDER** — M a c h i n e which will vend 400 to 425 cups of coffee is now in production—first of this type actually to roll off assem-bly lines. Third coin-operated cof-fee dispenser to be announced to date, the Philadelphia concern pro-ducing this machine is expected to be followed by a fourth entry within a few months a few months.

STEEL-Coin machine makers are losers together with other users of steel products in current irregular marketing practices for steel. Both direct and indirect hikes in production costs for machines, as well as production delays, are serious effects of buying policies which manufac-turers are forced to adopt.

MILK VENDERS-Impetus for ex-pansion of automatic merchandising of dairy drinks and ice cream may be expected as a result of a new \$5,000,000 advertising campaign an-nounced for the dairy industry to maintain high consumption reached during lush wartime years.

**PUBLICITY**—Column-long Asso-ciated Press article heralding the push-button merchandising era was released in many newspapers thru-out the country. Feature gave the public a favorable picture of trade scope and development, pointed to many of the newer and unusual ap-plications of coin operation in the vending field.

NAMA MEETS - Lively regional meetings of National Automatic Merchandising Association in Hershey, Pa., and in Boston made this an acra., and in Boston made this an ac-tivity-filled week for the vending trade. Legislation, operator prob-lems and talks by outstanding speak-ers outside of the trade were features.

EXPORTS-Forecast of continued limitation of coin machine exports as a result of import licensing restric-tions of many countries is valid on

## **State Solons Return Home**

### **Governor** vetoes Montana bill for licensing bell machines in social clubs

CHICAGO, March 22.-Number of legislative bodies adjourning for the registative bodies adjourning for the year is increasing, and the prospect for new measures affecting the op-eration of all types of coin-operated equipment is lessened. Most imequipment is lessened. Most im-portant action since the previous leg-islative report (The Billboard, March 22) was the veto of Montana's House Bill 403 which provided for the licensing of bell machines in many kinds of clubs, including "so-cial clubs."

cial clubs." As reported last week, term social club was defined as an organization operated not for profit, but for edu-cational or social reasons. Actually, Montana already has one law which permits the licensing of bells in cer-tain types of clubs, but its interpreta-tion is not nearly so broad as the pos-cible interpretation of the bill which sible interpretation of the bill which the governor vetoed.

### **Trend Continues**

Continuing the trend noted here early this year, Iowa lawmakers are early this year, Iowa lawmakers are studying a proposal which would em-power cities and towns to regulate and license all types of coin-operated machines, including venders. The House, at last report, was considering making amendments to the measure. At present, cigarette vending ma-chines are not permitted to operate in Iowa, and this measure might open the way for cities to bring in cigarette merchandisers. New Mexico's legislature ad-

merchandisers. New Mexico's legislature ad-journed officially on March 15 with-out taking definite action on a pro-posal to empower cities and towns to license gaming. As in Ohio, trend to include coin

As in Ohio, trend to include coin machines as part of the revenue-rais-ing proposals to pay off veterans' bo-nuses continues. Notable, too, is the trend on the part of law-making bodies to classify cigarette vending machine operators with over-the-counter tobacco retailers. This is ac-tion which will please automatic merchandising operators who have never understood why their opera-tions should be taxed over and above the tax ordinarily paid by tobacco retailers. Maine's legislature passed a measure which includes venders as retailers, and so did Montana. For a complete story of these two actions retailers, and so did Montana. For a complete story of these two actions see the vending machine section of this issue.

### Summary by States

Here is a summary of legislative activity reported since last week: ARKANSAS—Legislature has ad-journed. Last important action was

(See Legislation on page 176)

the basis of export expert opinions. Unsettled economic and political con-ditions both in Europe and Latin-American countries are responsible, these sources say. Latest develop-ment was action taken by Sweden, until now a buyer of U. S. coin ma-chines, in shutting off imports.

## **Portland Coinmen Launch New Association Attempt**

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.association of coin machine men here the result of a dinner last week, at which James A. Gilmore, secre-tary-manager of Coin Machine Industries, Inc., was the principal speaker.

Harry Arnsberg, of Premier Sales Company, who headed a similar or-ganization several years ago, was

# **Action Delayed**

ST. PAUL, March 22. With ST. PAUL, March 22. — With scheduled adjournment of the State Legislature set for April 24, the ad-ministration - backed Anti - Gaming Bill (H. F. 698) hit a snag this week which will delay action and could prevent passage. Following referral of the measure to the House Ap-propriations Committee in a surprise move March 20, the State's chief ex-ecutive declared that his entire proecutive declared that his entire pro-gram was in danger of falling thru in the Legislature.

Bill, which would make illegal in Minnesota bells and all types of coin-operated gaming devices, was reported out of committee in the House last week, despite strong protests registered at an unprecedented pub-lic hearing attended by a crowd of over 700 citizens.

Earlier this week, the representa-tive who authored the bill had announced that he would move for a "special order" for March 26, thus bringing the proposal out from a heavy general orders calendar where would not normally be reached for more than a week.

Move to refer the bill to the Appropriations Committee forestalled a similar contemplated action on the part of opponents of the measure. Actual reason given was that the measure calls for payment of witness fees and mileage by State licensing authorities, and they may ask for increased appropriations as a result. It is expected to remain in the com-mittee at least a week or 10 days.

Meanwhile, the legislation loses its place on the House general orders calendar, and the Upper House has made no attempt to study the bill or hold begings or hold hearings. Minnesota Amusement Games As-

sociation, thru its attorney, has pro-tested to House leaders that approval of H. F. 698 originally by the Gen-eral Legislation Committee was made without sufficient consideration.

### Lamomatic Co. Will Make Changer, Clip

INGLEWOOD, Calif., March 22.— Frank C. Lamb, for 12 years an operator in the Glendale area, an-nounced that he has formed the Lamomatic Company, and will get into production of a coin changer and coin chain about May 1.

coin clip about May 1. According to Lamb, the coin clip eliminates wrappers and facilitates handling of change. Clips operate like a cartridge with the nickel clip holding either \$10 or \$20, and can be switched to handle pennies, dimes or quarters by changing a slide. Lamb decided to manufacture the

coin changer after working with it for four years on his route. Simple ability, according to Lamb. Distributors for the Lamomatic changer are now being appointed.

named temporary chairman of a Plans are being laid to form a local committee to work on launching another association, probably to be State-wide in scope.

Nominated from the floor to serve as members of Arnsberg's commit-tee were Lou Dunis, W. O. Molone and Stan Terry, all of Portland; P. A. Crandall, Carlton, Ore., and Percy Hargood, Tillamook, Ore.

#### Hails Response

Of the 64 coinmen attending the dinner at the Heathman Hotel, Gil-Action Delayed On Minnesota's Gaming Measure

Gilmore launched his address with the admonition to coinmen: "Meet your competitor—you may like him." He stressed the need for submerging rivalries enough to present a united front in meeting industry problems such as taxation and restrictive legislation. He described efforts of the CMI public relations committee toward removal of the federal excise tax on phonographs, predicting that the 10 per cent levy will be reduced or eliminated within

a year. Advantages of local associations were stressed by Gilmore, whose views were backed by Arnsberg in his address.

will be reduced or eliminated within

### **Recalls Former Benefits**

Arnsberg recalled how a small group, which he headed several years ago, won State Supreme Court clearance for an operator charged with running a game of chance. The group also obtained legislation which made Oregon the only State to legal-ize coin machines as amusement games after having outlawed those rame machines. same machines.

Arnsberg said the association died payment due. because of lagging interest after those battles had been won.

Most of those at the dinner, which was arranged by a committee com-posed of jobbers, were from Port-land, with a sprinkling of men from out of town. Members of the ar-rangements committee were J. E. Cusson, Jack R. Moore Company; Budge Wright, Western Distributors; Frank Sandberg, Mills Sales Com-pany; E. Roland Allen, Columbia Music Company; A. M. Moss, Wolf Distributing Company, and Arns-berg. Most of those at the dinner, which berg.

### Indiana Kills License Bill ment due.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.—Pro-posed legislation for licensing of vending machines in Indiana and for taxes on soft drinks sold in the State has died in committee.

Both proposals were introduced in the House of Representatives this season. House Bill 361 would have required lawful coin-operated or token-operated vending machines to be licensed thruout the State. Pro-vision was made for a commissioner of wording machines doubles with of vending machine devices, with penalties fixed for violations of the act.

House Bill 441, the other proposal which died in the House Ways and Which died in the House ways and Means Committee, provided for a tax of 76 cents per gallon on sirups, and a 1-cent tax on 5-cent drinks when no manufacturing process was involved. State auditor would have administered the levy and set a rate on soft drinks selling at more than 5 cents.

### State Tax Calendar

#### Alabama

April 10: Tobacco stamp and use tax reports and payments due. To-bacco wholesalers' and jobbers' reports due.

April 20: Sales tax report and payment due.

and payment due.

### California

April 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due (most newly enacted city sales tax report and payment due-few due April 20).

### Colorado

April 14: Sales tax report and payment due.

### Georgia

10: Cigar and cigarette April wholesale dealers' report due. Idaho

April 15: Cigarette wholesalers' drop shipment reports due. Illinois

April 15: Cigarette tax return due. Sales tax report and payment due.

Iowa April 20: Sales tax report and pay-

#### ment due. Kansas

April 20: Sales tax report and payment due,

### Kentucky

April 10: Amusement and entertainment report and tax due.

### Louisiana

April 1: Tobacco wholesalers' report due. April 15: Wholesalers' tobacco re-

port due. April 20: New Orleans sales and

use tax report and payment due. Sales and use tax report and payment due. Massachusetts

April 20: Cigarette tax report and Michigan

#### April 15: Sales tax report and payment due.

#### Mississippi

April 15: Manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers of tobacco re-port due. Sales tax report and payment due.

#### Missouri

April 15: Retail sales tax report and payment due. April 30: Soft drink manufacturers'

### report and payment due.

New Mexico

### April 15: Occupational gross in-come tax report and payment due.

North Carolina

April 15: Sales tax report and pay-

### North Dakota

April 10: Cigarette distributors' report due. April 20: Sales tax report and pay-

ment due.

### Ohio

April 10: Cigarette wholesalers' report due.

#### April 15: Cigarette use tax and report due.

#### Oklahoma

April 10: Cigarette wholesalers' re-tailers' and vending machine owners' reports due.

April 15: Sales tax report and pay-ment due. Tobacco wholesalers', job-bers' and warehousemen's reports due.

### Utah

April 15: Salt Lake City occupation tax return and payment due. Washington

April 15: Wholesalers' cigarette drop shipment report due.

### West Virginia

April 15: Sales tax report and payment due.

April 30: Occupational gross income tax quarterly report and pay-ment due.

### April 20: Gross receipts tax report Gilmore Hails **Ass'n Progress On West Coast**

CHICAGO, March 22.-James A. Gilmore, secretary-manager of Coin Machines Industries, Inc. (CMI), returned to his desk this week from a four-week vacation and field trip thru West Coast States with an optimistic report on general conditions in the trade and of wide-spread interest in the association's public relations program.

Appearing before three major gatherings of coinmen in Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif., and Portland, Ore., in addition to numerous meetings with small groups, Gilmore asserted on his return that he had been successful in enlisting support for the public relations program on a scale far beyond his hopes. Despite relatively high number of CMI associate members previously enrolled, a large percentage of coinmen attending all three gatherings requested applications, he said.

### **Two-Way Benefit**

On the basis of his observations during the trip, Gilmore stressed the two-way importance of association work, both local and national. The industry in any State or city gains immeasurably, he declared, when ac-tive local associations provide an op-portunity for trade members to get portunity for trade members to get together with competitors, discuss their mutual problems and get acquainted.

He cited the Oakland meeting, which drew more than 108 commen from North California cities, as il-lustrative of the advantages of local association work. George Miller, president of the California Music Operators' Association, arranged the gathering, which took the form of a general open meeting for all coinmen in the area.

Gilmore expressed the view that coin machine business of the West Coast is a good deal like that in most other sections of the country. Trade there, he said, has accepted the inevitable fact that there would be a levelling off in play since the de-parture of easy war money, and is looking toward conservative progress of peacetime.

Speaking again of his observations of the trade in general, he voiced the belief that there was a great oppor-tunity for improvement in relationships between distributors and manufacturers.

Back in Chicago, the CMI manager fell into harness again, completing preparations for the association's an-nual meeting here early in April, when election of board of directors will be held.

Gilmore said that the association is considering the Stevens Hotel as the site of next year's coin machine con-vention, but that negotiations had not yet been completed. He said that an official announcement of time and place for the show would be made later. Meanwhile, registration lists for exhibitors at the total Gilmore said that the association is r. Meanwhile, registration lists exhibitors at the 1948 show are for in the preparatory stage, expected to become available shortly.

**THREE NAMA REGIONS MEET** 

## **Hub Confab** Is Big Draw

### Legislative problems key meeting-operator forum, supply talk top features

BOSTON, March 22. — One-day meeting of National Automatic Mer-chandising Association's (NAMA) Region 1 at the Copley-Plaza Hotel here March 18 drew a large and representative group of New England automatic merchan-disers for sessions highlighting legis-lative supply and operator problems lative, supply and operator problems.

In the annual election of officers, Samuel H. Feinson, divisional man-ager of Nik-O-Lok Company, was elected chairman to succeed E. E. Adams. NAMA President Robert Z. Greene and Director of Public Pole. Greene and Director of Public Rela-tions Tom Hungerford attended the gathering, addressing members on the importance of automatic merchandisers' influence on public opinion.

Keynote address was given by Ray-mond J. Vonesh, legislative counsel for regions 1 to 5, who spoke on "The Threat of Unfair Taxes." Vonesh told the gathering:

"A per machine tax will not produce revenue sufficient to justify its adoption, since any tax at a rate that would theoretically produce sub-stantial revenue actually drives automatic merchandisers out of business Taves levied on retail business, to be equitable, should be based on the volume of goods sold and not on the individual pieces of equipment used.

### **Calls Tax Unjust**

"A merchandise vending machine does not and cannot in itself make a profit, any more than can the shelves and counters in a retail store. Hence a tax on shelves and counters or on individual vending machines is equally unjust. Profits, in both cases, result from the sale of merchandis-ing or service and not from the method of selling."

Method of Selling." H. A. Van Gestel, sales manager of confectionery products, Walter Baker Chocolate and Cocoa, discussed the problems and plans ahead in the sup-plier field. George Seedman, gen-eral chairman of the 1947 NAMA Convention and Exhibit, took as his topic, "The Automatic Scene."

HERSHEY, Pa., March 22.-Net profit for 1946 of \$8,495,582, equal to profit for 1946 of \$8,495,582, equal to \$10.54 a common share, was reported by Hershey Chocolate Corporation and its subsidiary. Figures represent a considerable gain over the 1945 net profit of \$4,876,038, or \$5.26 a com-mon share mon share.

Quarter ended December 31, 1946, showed net earnings of \$3,648,629, equal to \$4.85 a share, compared with \$1,146,641, or \$1.21 a share, for the same period in 1945.

## Candy Wholesalers' Association Hershey Pulls To Make Regular Check of Stocks Record Crowd

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Na-tional Candy Wholesalers' Associa-tion has inaugurated a monthly surtion has inaugurated a monthly sur-vey of the nation's wholesale candy inventories in an effort to keep a finger on the trend in stocks on hand. Officials of the association, in an-nouncing the results of the first month's spot check, warned jobbers that inventories should be watched closely, now that candy is becoming more plentiful, in order to avoid losses thru excessive buying.

First report, covering the month First report, covering the month of January and including reports from 140 firms in 39 States, revealed that confectionery inventories in-creased 27.3 per cent over the month-ly average for 1946. However, by taking the middle 60 per cent of re-plies, in accordance with accepted statistical procedure, the national av-erage increase in January was 18.2 per cent over 1946.

Same as 1941 Report stated this increase was about the same as that reported for 1946 over 1941, which is considered the last normal year. Using the 1941 average as 100 per cent, the Janu-ary average was 124 per cent, an increase of 24 per cent. Middle 60 per cent, however, showed an average of 93.3 per cent. Conclusion drawn from these figures was that the average firm in January still had smaller

### DuGrenier, Inc. In Bankruptcy; **Trustee Named**

YORK, March 22 .- Du-NEW Grenier, Inc., manufacturers of ciga-rette, cigar and candy venders, announced this week that a petition for reorganization under Chapter 10 of the Bankrupt Act was filed March 12 in Federal Court, Boston. Chester C. Stedman, of Boston, has been appointed by the court to act

been appointed by the court to act as trustee. Stedman will operate the business pending formulation and consummation of a suitable and feasible plan of reorganization ac-ceptable to creditors and stockhold-

eral chairman of the 1947 NAMA Convention and Exhibit, took as his topic, "The Automatic Scene." Always popular at NAMA gather-ings, the operators' forum in Boston was led by Burnhart Glassgold; DuGrenier, Inc.; Robert H. W Welch, of Walter Baker Chocolate and Cocoa and Albert L. Dion, P. Lorillard Company. Hershey Profits for '46 Show Sharp Gain HERSHEY. Pa. March 22 Not

### Lily-Tulip Cup Corp. To **Build New Georgia Plant**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Plans for NEW YORK, March 22.—Plans for the construction of a new plant in Augusta, Ga., containing about 175,000 square feet, were announced last week by the Lily-Tulip Cup Cor-poration, manufacturers of cups used in heuerage wenders and ice cream in beverage venders and ice cream vending machines.

Work is expected to start within three months.

inventories than in 1941, altho they were greater than those in 1946.

Regional breakdown of the reports Regional breakdown of the reports showed widely varying conditions. Still far below normal were inven-tories in New England, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Michi-gan, Wisconsin and the Southeastern States. Only the Midwest, South-west and Far West were above the 100 per cent level

## **Dinner Vender Being Planned**

NEW YORK, March 22.—A vender that will dispense a pre-cooked frozen food dinner upon insertion of from 35 to 75 cents will be on the market neutron encoding to market next winter, according to John J. Remco, president of Remco Food Products, Inc., the manufac-turer. It will vend a meat dish and two vegetables on an aluminum sec-tion dish that has been sprayed with enamel. Dish will cost manufacturer about a cent.

Placed in apartment houses, industrial plants and other public centers, the machine will be capable of offer-ing 14 selections for the meat course, 11 for vegetables, four for potatoes. The items will be electrically precooked. Remco says that with a soft drink, hot coffee, biscuit and candy machine nearby, the machine's sales may reach such heights that it will have to be loaded several times a day.

Any combination of nickels, dimes or quarters will be possible. U will discard the aluminum dishes. Users

For Remco, known to the food industry as a pioneer in tenderizing meat, this will be his first venture in the coin machine field. His firm in the coin machine field. His firm has set up headquarters at 53 Broadwav.

## Andrews & Co. Assembly Plant Markin Magement. Specifically, Lopacker listed factors which, he said, industry and the op-erator must work on together. These are mechanical failure of the ma-chine, employee lost time, material rejections, empty machines, sanitation dictionary of the the convict Moves to Mich.

DETROIT, March 22 .- Andrews & Company, manufacturers of bulk candy vending machines, has moved its headquarters to 660 South Roch-ester Road, Clawson, according to an announcement by A. K. Andrews, who head the form

an announcement by A. K. Andrews, who heads the firm. Company has a Chicago plant where formerly all machine assem-bly took place. Under the new set-up this plant will be retained, but all processing operations, except die-casting, will be done in the new headquarters headquarters.

Vending machine on which the firm is centering its attention is a five-column merchandise unit which

five-column merchandise unit which dispenses bulk goods for a penny. Machine handles all kinds of nuts, gum and other related items. During the war, firm, which has been in business since 1931, was en-gaged 100 per cent in war work, building parts of aviation carbura-tors and making a variety of fas-teners teners.

Legislation biggest topic of discussion-see no drop in supply, machine prices

HERSHEY, Pa., March 22.—Dis-criminatory legislation against vend-ing machines was the chief topic dis-RemcoComplete RemcoComplete

The Hershey meeting was the largest regional meeting was the large-tion's history, with 155 operators, suppliers and manufacturers of vend-ing machines registered.

Altho legislative problems domi-nated discussions during most of the scheduled meeting, operators also had an opportunity to meet with sup-pliers, discuss the pricing problem of both supplies and equipment, and generally exchange information help-ful to their continued growth ful to their continued growth.

Joint meeting got under way Friday evening with a get-acquainted party.

Party was followed by an informal dinner which officially opened the meeting. Neill Mitchell, chairman of Region III, acted as chairman and in-troduced E. F. Hinkle, Hershey Chocolate Corporation's director of sales to vending machine operations. As the official representative of Hershey Chocolate, Hinkle welcomed the visitors and assured operators of his firm's high regard for automatic merchandising.

### Hear Bendix Official

Principal speaker of the evening was Everett P. Lopacker, director of industrial relations, Friez Instrument Division of Bendix Aviation Corpo-ration, Baltimore. Lopacker, who praised automatic merchandisers in plants said that he felt the responsi plants, said that he felt the responsi-bility for continued successful operation of venders in industry was the mutual problem of the operator and plant management.

disturbances caused by the service-man and poor merchandise. All points which Lopacker presented are factors which every operator of merchandising machines takes into consideration.

Saturday's sessions began at 9:30 a.m., with separate meetings of both regions present. Regional business reports of committees and election c.t chairmen lasted until 10 a.m., when the regions adjourned to reconvene the final joint session. for

Mitchell, who has been chairman of Region III since its organization, asked to be relieved of his office. As his successor, regional members unanimously elected Aaron Gold-man, Macke Corporation, Washington. Mitchell was re-elected chairman of Paging A Region A.

### Need Educational Job

Opening speaker at the final joint session was Raymond J. Vonesh, NAMA legislative counsel for Regions I to V. Vonesh told the more than 150 members assembled that the big-(See Hershey Meeting on page 152)



 
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Ity problems—nuts and machines available ny quantity. J a trial order for five or ten machines. Find for yourself what a wonderful opportunity have overleoked. Brand-new Victor 5c Inst Vendors pictured are \$14.75 each. Red achio nuts flove nuts) cost you 67¢ per nd, sell at \$2.20 per pound. Packed in five-nd containers, each machine holds about five and containers, each machine holds about five L. M. BECKER VENDING SERVICE

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## Maine and Montana Class **Cigarette Vender Retail Outlet for Tax Purposes**

### Trade Sees Non-Discriminatory Legislation Good Sign

CHICAGO, March 22. - Legisla-tures in Maine and Montana have enacted measures placing cigarette merchandising machines in the same merchandising machines in the same license category with the over-the-counter retail outlets, news which should be heartening to vending firms in States and cities where bills or ordinances have singled out auto-matic merchandising for special taxes over and above those paid by the ordinary retail outlet.

Since the vending machine per-forms essentially the same function as the over-the-counter retailer, automatic merchandising operators have never been able to justify the reasons for extra-added taxes. Ac-tion in Maine and Montana, vending firms hope, will signal an example for other Legislatures.

### **Defines Vending Machine**

In House Bill 23, Maine's Legisla-ture clearly defines the vending machine as a retail outlet, subject to the same tax as the over-the-counter retailer. A portion of Section 187 from House Bill 23, approved March 13, is reprinted here from the measure's official text:

"Each person engaging in the busi-ness of selling cigarettes in this State, including any distributor or dealer, shall secure a license from the tax assessor before engaging in such business. A separate application and business. A separate application and license shall be required for each wholesale outlet and for each retail outlet when a person shall own of control more than one place of busi-

control more than one place of busi-ness dealing in cigarettes. "Each vending machine shall be considered a retail outlet. Such li-cense shall be issued on forms pre-scribed by the assessor, and shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the address of the place of business and such other information business, and such other information as the assessor may require for the proper administration of the provi-sions of Sections 186 to 205 inclusive. Each application for a wholesale out-Each application for a wholesale out-let license shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 and each application for a retail outlet license shall be accom-panied by a fee of \$1. Each license so issued shall be prominently dis-played on the premises covered by the license and in the case of vending machines there shall be attached to the same a disk or marker to be furnished by the assessor, showing it to have been licensed."

#### Montana Bill Similar

The Montana measure (House Bill 269 which was approved March 11) is similar to the Maine bill with one major exception. By a special sec-tion, the Montana bill provides that cigarette vending operators who have more than one cigarette machine on the same location must pay the li-cense fee for only one of these machines

Under the definitions in the Montana bill's official text, "The word 'dealer' shall mean any person other than a distributor, who is engaged in selling cigarettes at retail, and shall also mean cigarette vending ma-chines." chines.

Section 2, which defines the pro-

Section 2, which defines the pro-cedure for application of distributors' and dealers' licenses reads: "Distributors' and dealers' license applications, fees. Every such distrib-utor or dealer shall secure a license from the board before engaging in such business or continuing to engage such business or continuing to engage therein after July 1, 1947. A separate application and a separate license

shall be required for each place of shall be required for each place or business owned, controlled or oper-ated by such person within the State of Montana. Application for such license shall be made on forms pre-scribed by the board, which shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name, address and place of business to be licensed, the type of business, and such other intype of business, and such other in-formation as the board may require for the proper administration of this

### Lists Fees

"Each application for a distributor's license shall be accompanied by tor's license shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15). Each application for a dealer's license shall be accompanied by a fee of five dol-lars (\$5.00). No dealer shall be granted a distributor's license except a retailer who also performs, in the usual course of business, a distribu-tor's or wholesaler's function. Each license so issued shall be perma-nently and prominently displayed on the premises covered by the license. the premises covered by the license. Distributors and dealers licensed under this act may buy, sell or have in their possession only such cigarettes which have the stamp or insignia provided for in this act on each individual package.

"The stamps or insignia provided for in this act shall be sold to, and affixed by, licensed distributors and retailers only. A distributor's license shall not authorize the holder thereof shall not authorize the holder thereof to make sale of cigarettes at retail in less than carton lots, provided, how-ever, before said distributor shall make any such sale at retail, the stamp or insignia shall be affixed to each individual package. Each ciga-rette vending machine shall be li-censed at a particular place of busi-ness, provided that only one machine is to be licensed at a particular place of business where the licensee has more than one machine in operation." or business where the licensee has more than one machine in operation."

### New Soft Drink Tax, Higher Cig Levy in Pennsylvania Bills

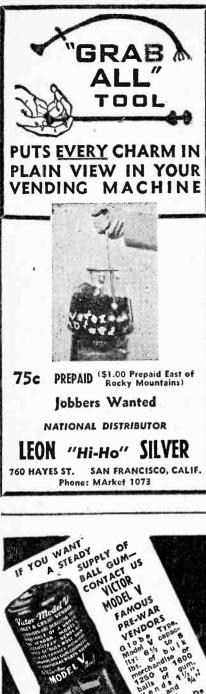
the Pennsylvania House of Repre-sentatives asking new taxes on soft drinks and cigars and higher taxes on cigarettes and beer.

New revenue bills, introduced by the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, are as follows:

Means Committee, are as follows: House Bill 662 is designed to in-crease the excise tax on cigarettes from 2 to 3 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes, to tax cigars at the rate of \$10 a thousand for those retailing at 5 cents or more and \$5 a thou-sand for cigars retailing at less than 5 cents, and also to place an excise tax of 20 per cent on smoking to-baeco. basco.

House Bill 664 would place a new 1-cent-an-ounce excise tax on sirup used in the making of soft drinks, which, it is estimated, would in-crease the retail price of soft drinks by 1 cent for each 12-ounce beverage.

Altho manufacturing firms are ex-pected to ask for public hearings on the proposed legislation, the bills are listed for adoption by the administration, in which event they would become effective June 1, 1947.





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CHICAGO, March 22 .--- Impetus for expansion of dairy drink and ice cream vending operations is seen in adoption of a three-year, \$5,000,000 promotional program to maintain and extend mass consumption of these products at a recent congress of 200 industry leaders here.

Meeting was held in conjunction with the eighth annual American Dairy Association conclave, and included representatives of all branches of the dairy industry. ADA, farmer-financed promotional organization of the industry, has been instructed to carry out the three-year program.

Pointed toward warding off "ruinous surpluses" which plagued the in-dustry in pre-war years, the cam-paign calls for industry-wide and na-tional advertising, merchandising and research. It is expected to tie-in with extensive drives on which many individual companies and groups are spending large sums.

"In hitching the dairy cow to the wide basis," said ADA manager Owen M. Richards, "the dairy congress acted to bring the industry's promotion more nearly in line with the industry's size and importance in providing America's food."

The dairy industry, which pro-duces and distributes nearly a fifth of the nation's food supply, is based on the \$3,000,000,000 annual milk production of American farmers, he pointed out. More than 5,000,000 farmers and 90,000 processing and distributing firms are engaged in various phases of the industry.

Richards tied the campaign to recommendations of government agencies calling for an increase of 20 government per cent in the milk content of the American diet. He said that the Na-tional Research Council had made this proposal even in the high production year of 1941.

While milk consumption has risen 30 per cent above pre-war average levels, Richards declared that adver-tising on a broad front will be needed **Borden's 1946 Net** to maintain such an advance.

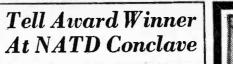
Election of ADA officers at the two-day meeting resulted in re-elec-tion of D. T. Carlson, Willmar, Minn., as president. New officers include W. J. Sawyer, Chicago, president of Pure Mills Accountion wice-presi-Pure Milk Association, vice-presi-dent; W. L. Hendrix, Boise, Idaho, secretary; C. R. Schoby, Bode, Ia., treasurer.

Two States, Ohio and Mississippi, were added to the association's mem-bership, bringing total member States to 37 States, which produce 90 per cent of the nation's milk supply.

Meanwhile, another dairy organi-zation, the National Dairy Council, was shaping up plans for its annual June Dairy Month, according to Gen-eral Chairman E. W. Tiedeman, of Central Grade-A-Co-Operative, Appleton, Wis.

With the slogan, "Enjoy Delicious Dairy Foods," this regular event of the industry uses symbolic poster and display materials and other forms of publicity to promote dairy product consumption. Eight regional chairmen have been appointed to steer the drive in various sections of the country.

Star endorsement of the campaign comes from Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, who declares that he hopes everything possible will be done "to impress upon the Ameri-can public the importance of milk and milk products in their diet."



NEW YORK, March 22 .- The Alex Schwartz Memorial Award, given to the tobacco wholesaler judged to have made the year's greatest con-tribution to the trade, will be pre-sented at the April 14-18 convention of the National Association of To-bacco Distributors in the Palmer House, Chicago. Mrs. Alex Schwartz founded the award in memory of her husband, a wholesale executive.

Since half the tobacco distributors are now operating vending machines, chances are good this year's prize will go to a machine op.

### Milwaukee Vets Sue, Say Peanut Vender **Contract Won't Hold**

MILWAUKEE, March 22. — Two veterans have filed a suit in Circuit Court here seeking return of \$1,060 which they said they had invested in 40 bulk vending machines.

Suit was against Charles Stearns, of Better Business Brokers, who has been released after posting bond of the amount involved in the action.

The veterans, John Rankin, 21, The veterans, John Rankin, 21, and Joseph Nemec, 20, charge that they bought the machines June 15, 1946, when both were minors, that they later repudiated the contract on the basis that a contract of this type with minors was illegal. They said that they had offered return of the machines and sought return of their machines. money.

John J. Reilly Jr., counsel for Stearns, on the other hand said: "The kids have no good ground to get out from under the contract, because they have bought other peanut vending machines. They're just kicking about the price, and are trying to use their minority as a shield."

As a result of their allegation that Stearns was about to sell his property, convert his assets to money and leave the State and jurisdiction of the court, the veterans won a writ to force the defendant to remain within the court's jurisdiction.

Counsel for Stearns said he plans

## **Highest Since 1930**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- Borden Company's net income for 1946 reached a record high that was only surpassed by the 1930 earnings, according to Theodore G. Montague, president.

Last year's net, \$19,581,006, or \$4.64 a share on common stock, compares with the milk company's 1930 figures of \$20,517,496, or \$4.85 a share. Earnings for 1945 were \$12,-093,972, or \$2.85 a share.

Sales made in 1946 totaled \$542, 998,805, against \$459,454,880 in 1945.

### **Shreveport Vending Firm Files for Incorporation**

SHREVEPORT, La., March 22.— Shreveport Vending Machines, 423 Crockett Street, filed articles of in-corporation in the Caddo parish clerk's office last week. Firm of-ficials are listed as Clarence H. Rob-erts, president; Marvin W. Carlson, evenutive vice-president and Mrs.

erts, president; Marvin W. Carlson, executive vice-president, and Mrs. Roberts, secretary-treasurer. Roberts and William L. Mirdock are agents of the corporation, while subscribers include Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, Carlson, Fred J. Renfroe, Walter A. Clements and U. Koen & Company, Inc., of Shreveport.



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Wayne W. Ryan, of Clay Center, estimated that the proposed levy would yield between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 a year. He said his com-

mittee also had agreed on new taxes

on cigarettes, beer and tobacco, which he estimated would yield another \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 annually. In committee discussions, it was learned, much of the argument for the soft drink tax turned upon the fact that some soft drinks cuch as

fact that some soft drinks, such as soda water and ginger ale, are used as mixer in whisky and other alco-holic beverages, which are filegal in

Kansas.

### Peanut, Pumpkin Seed Line In 5-Cent Bags by Leader

BROOKLYN, March 22.-Leader Novelty Candy Company here is offering a line of 1-cent cellophane bags of salted peanuts and pumpkin seeds to the wholesale confectionery trade, company officials stated this week.

Both products are packed 80 count and sell for 50 cents per box; they are also packed in 5-cent bags at 68 cents per 24 count. Firm is located at 311 Meserole Street.

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### **Answers by Experts** At AMA's Packaging Conclave in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22. American Management Association's conference on packaging, packing and shipping, to be held in conjunc-tion with AMA's 16th annual Pack-aging Exposition here in Convention Hall April 8-11, will be of interest to vending operators. Meetings will highlight packaging techniques, im-provement of package manufacture, and the return of emphasis on the package as a major merchandising factor, according to Alvin E. Todd, president, and E. A. Throckmorton, vice-president of AMA.

Session April 8 will center around Session April 8 will center around unit packaging for its main topic; morning discussion will include an address on A Program of Packaging. Cost Reduction, and afternoon period will feature a consumer packaging clinic, during which a panel of ex-perts are to talk on design, produc-tion materials merchantion, protection, materials, merchan-dising and the consumer.

Program April 9 will center about Program April 9 will center about shipping containers. Talks on this subject will include Industry's Stake in the Freight Classification Revision; The Packaging of Metal Parts; The Packaging of Heavy Articles, and The Receiving Clerk's Viewpoint. A question-and-answer session will fol-our these talks during which wooden low these talks, during which wooden and fibre containers, transportation, bags, the user, and research will be analyzed by experts in these fields.

#### Shipping Discussion

Final session is slated to further develop the shipping aspect of packaging. Techniques of Export Packaging; Eliminating Damage Claims Thru Proper Carloading and Staying and Packaging Economics Thru Unit Loads will be topics coming under discussion. Additional sub-jects to come up for mention during this session will be Developments in Pre-Packaged Perishable Foods; The Outlook for Improved Package Ma-

### **Brach & Sons Makes** ManagementChanges

CHICAGO, March 22.—E. J. Brach & Sons, candy manufacturing firm, announced this week that a reshifting of management responsibilities among its officials is in process and that Theodore Stempfel has retired as advertising manager.

Stempfel, with Brach for 30 years, Stempfel, with Brach for 30 years, will continue as a vice-president in an advisory capacity. Two other vice-presidents received additional responsibilities. They are Clinton O. Dicken, who was appointed general manager of the company, and Edwin O. Blomquist, named director of sales and advertising. Other appointments and advertising. Other appointments were Arthur C. Shrier, plant director, and William A. Melody, factory man-ager in charge of all manufacturing operations.

#### **Pennsy Ice Cream Men Meet**

NEW YORK, March 22 .- The 40th NEW YORK, March 22.—The 40th annual convention of the Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers of Penn-sylvania, New Jersey and Delaware will be held Wednesday and Thurs-day (26-27) at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. Last-minute in-formation and reservations may be obtained at the association's offices in obtained at the association's offices in the Hotel Pennsylvania here.

Kolodny Greek Aid Leader

NEW YORK, March 22 .-- Joseph NEW YORK, March 22.—Joseph Kolodny, managing director of the National Association of Tobacco Dis-tributors, now heads the tobacco, confectionery and allied trades group of the New York Greek War Relief Comparison Campaign.

## **Ops Not Worried**

NEW YORK, March 22.—In spite of newspaper stories to the contrary, postage stamp vending machine operators in this area are not concerned over the proposal of the post office to raise posal of the post office to raise the price of postcard mailings to 2 cents. Ops state that two of the 2-cent stamps could be vended for a nickel in place of the present four 1-cent stamps, with no loss in volume and only slight trouble. Reduced volume of postcards sent thru the mail would equal-ize the present sales, since four

ize the present sales, since four cards can now be sent with a nickel sale.

chinery, and Can Package Design Be Evaluated?

Alan S. Cole, general manager of Modern Packaging, is to be chairman on the exhibitors' advisory committee. Approximately 150 exhibitors are scheduled to occupy the 95,000 square feet of exhibit space avail-able. They will show machinery, equipment, supplies and services dis-plays thruout the conference.

### Hiram P. Griffin **Elected President Of Red Rock Cola**

HARTFORD, Conn., March 22.— Hiram P. Griffin was elected presi-dent and a director of the Red Rock Cola Bottling Company of Connecticut, according to an announcement made by the firm here this week.

Starting with the Coca-Cola Bot-Starting with the Coca-Cola Bot-tling Company of New York, Inc., in the production department 12 years ago, Griffin successively worked in the advertising and sales depart-ments, later becoming plant superin-tendent. He was production manager tendent. He was production manager and assistant to the vice-president of the firm when he resigned to take

his new post. Red Rock Cola, with executive of-fices at 747 Windsor Street, this city, earlier this month purchased Charter Oak Bottling Works, Inc., bottler of soft drinks in Hartford for the past 24 years.

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### Cycling Op

DORCHESTER, Mass., March 22.—Morris Freedman, veteran candy coinman with Philip Garber Theater Candy vending firm here, is an ardent cyclist and makes his business calls among New England theater-men on his bicycle, according to P. Garber. Freedman says 50 to 75 miles of pedaling is an easy day's work for him in good weather and combines business with pleasure.

Red Rock Cola, under a franchise governed by the State of Connecticut. Charter Oak, he added, is the first of several bottling companies which his firm plans to acquire in this State.

Red Rock also announced the board of directors as follows: G. Everett Parks, chairman, New York invest-ment banker; William M. Dunbar, president of Downing & Perkins, 120-year-old Hartford trucking and trans-States Policy Griffin said that while the company intends to continue bottling carbon-ated beverages under the Charter Oak trade name, its main efforts will be concentrated on the bottling of Clinton, and Griffin.

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#### 153 **VENDING MACHINES**

## Phila.Firm **Rolling** Now

Distribs will handle 425cup machine with selector buttons for sugar, cream

PHILADELPHIA, March 22 .- The Kwik-Kafe automatic vender, a new hot coffee machine manufactured by

to franchised operators. With a 425-cup capacity, the machines have been on test location for over a year in this area. At present the manufacturer is operating 30 of the machines in the city and intends to keep the Philadelphia franchise.

#### How It Operates

The machine vends a cup of hot black coffee for a nickel. The drink is made from a liquid coffee concen-trate that will be sold by the firm and its appointed distributors. Cups, and its appointed distributors. Cups, cream and sugar will also be sold by the firm. After receiving the vended cup of coffee, the purchaser may press a cream or sugar button—or both. These buttons may be pressed only once after a coin insertion before they lock automatically. If a patron doesn't want the sugar or cream huve doesn't want the sugar or cream, buy-er can get the use of an added sugar or cream by pressing the right but-ton before inserting his coin. No more than two servings of cream or sugar could be received for a nickel, such a fiter pressing a button it locks by itself. A wooden spoon is also vended with the cup. Six feet high, the cabinet of the vender is 33 inches wide and 18 inches deep. Machine is brown with

cream trim. Operators will be franchised for territories that will vary in size from

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# Coffee Vender Shipments Start

## **Comparative Candy Sales**

January, 1946 Product Pounds Package Goods ..... 6,472,000 Bulk Goods .....16,820,000 \$ Totals 94,869,000

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Value	Pounds
\$17,785,000	67,585,000
2,755,000	8,920,000
3,185,000	16,747,000
323,725,000	93,252,000

January, 1947 unds Value 5.000 \$22,984,000 0.000 4,590,000 7.000 3,840,000

\$31,414,000

December, 1947 Pounds Value 54,244,000 \$18,905,000 9,987,000 5,679,000 16,635,000 4,008,000 80,866,000 \$28,592,000

## Candy Sales Show 31% How in production and deliveries are leaving the plant, according to Lloyd Rudd, firm president. Machines are sold thru coin machine distributors to franchised operators **Period; Chocolate Leads**

#### 278 Manufacturers Report \$61,399,000 January Sales

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Candy first month of this year totaled \$61,-anufacturers' dollar sales for Jan- 399,000 compared with \$61,829,000 re-ary, 1947, were 31 per cent higher corded for the previous month. manufacturers' dollar sales for January, 1947, were 31 per cent higher than for the same month a year ago and remained at the December, 1946, level, according to a report released by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census.

Based on a poll of 278 manufac-turers thruout the nation, the survey showed that dollar sales during the

a part of town to an entire State. Under terms of sale an operator must purchase his coffee supply from the manufacturing firm "unless he finds a liquid coffee that is equal in quality and lower in price," Rudd says. At present the only liquid coffee that would work in the machines is the firm's product.

firm's product. Both Rudd and K. C. Melikian, vice-president of the concern, are graduate engineers and served at Wright Field, air force experiment center in Ohio, during the war. Be-fore the war, both operated beverage cup venders and candy machine routes in the Philly area

Machines now are being manu-factured at 4340-46 North Seventh Street, but contracts for larger manu-facturing quarters are being signed. Several other automatic vending ma-chines are being designed and manu-factured by the firm and will be an-nounced before the end of this year.

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Chocolate manufacturers, whose January, 1947, sales were 34 per cent above the corresponding period in the previous year, registered the heaviest year-to-year gains. Figures, however, represented a 4 per cent drop from those on record for De-cember, 1946. Wholesale manufac-turor, splea during Longer, 1047 drop from those on record for De-cember, 1946. Wholesale manufac-turers' sales during January, 1947, were up 30 per cent over the first month in 1946 and 7 per cent greater than the December, 1946, averages.

than the December, 1940, averages. Bureau's report also pointed out a decided falling off in sales by re-tail manufacturers. For this group dollar sales for January, 1947, de-clined 61 per cent from the figures for the previous month, tho showing a 19 per cent gain on sales for the corresponding period in 1946.

The price fluctuations and other re-lated factors allowed a 30 per cent dollar value increase in the year-to-year survey, January, 1947, poundage of 93,252,000 for 126 reporting firms was off 5 per cent when compared with the same paried in the recording with the same period in the preceding year. Largest gain in the comparayear. Largest gain in the compara-tive periods was recorded by pack-age goods whose poundage rose 38 per cent while value soared 67 per cent. At the same time bar goods dropped 6 per cent, while gaining 29 per cent in dollar value.

In a breakdown by territories, the most significant gain was reported in the New Jersey-Maryland-District of Columbia area where the January, 1947, sales jumped 159 per cent over the corresponding month in 1946.

### **Northwest Ice Cream** Ass'n Renames Pres.

SEASIDE, Ore., March 22.—Mem-bers of the Northwest Association of Retail Ice Cream Manufacturers at their annual convention here re-elected Fred C. Klaus, Salem, Ore., president, and elected Frank Hum-ble, Portland, vice-president, and Agnes Humble, Portland, secretarytreasurer.

Executive secretary is Kenneth P. Jette, Portland. District vice-presi-dents are Ralph Fowler, Kelso, Wash.; Harold Horn, Roseburg, Ore., and Harry Truesdale, Portland. Elected directors were: Ray Thies-sen, Hoquiam, Wash.; Al Call, Mult-nomah, Ore.; H. L. Hatchard, Hills-boro, Ore.; James Rogers, Seattle, and Fred Bozeman, Cathlamet, Wash.

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## No Sugar Uncut

HAVANA, March 22 .-- Cuban Marvana, March 22.—Cuban sugar industry leader, Sen. Jose Manuel Casanova, assured the United States this week that Cuba will not leave any sugar cane uncut this year. He made the statement in commenting on James H. Marshall's testimony before the Senate House Banking sub-committee in Washing-ton. Marshall, head of sugar cane branch of U. S. Department of Agriculture, said that price control was essential to keep the ratio cystem functioning until ratio system functioning until the country's estimated 1947 shortage of 1,000,000 tons was broken.

## **Candy Council Plans 26 Meets Across Nation**

CHICAGO, March 22 .- A Council on Candy official, S. H. Cady Jr., recently released details of the Coastto-Coast preview rallies preceding Council on Candy Month (October) which are to be held in 26 cities. Rallies will take place during August, September and early October.

Object of the regional meetings is Object of the regional meetings is to encourage awareness of the need for improved selling at all levels of candy distribution. National Con-fectioners' Association, thru the council, has adopted the slogan, "Let's Sell Candy," as a further aid to the compaign to the campaign.

List of dates and cities for the candy conferences follows: August 13, Denver; August 15, Salt Lake City, Hotel Utah; August 18, Seattle; Au-gust 20, Portland, Ore.; August 22, San Francisco; August 25, Los An-geles; August 28, Dallas; September 3, Minneapolis; September 4, Mil-waukee, Hotel Plankinton; Septem-ber 8, Pittsburgh; September 10, Buf-falo; September 12, Boston, Somerset Hotel; September 17, New York, Hotel Pennsylvania; September 18, Philadelphia; September 19, Balti-more; September 22, Chicago, Hotel Sherman; September 29, Detroit; September 30, Cleveland; October 2, Louisville: October 3, Kansas City, Mo., President Hotel; October 6, St. Louis; October 7, Memphis, Peabody Hotel; October 8, New Orleans, and October 10, Atlanta. List of dates and cities for the

#### Form M&B Vending, Miami

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 22 .-Secretary of state has issued a charter to operate vending machines to the M & B Vending Company, Miami. Firm has 50 shares of no par value stock. Morris S. Salomon, Ely R. Katz and Virginia W. Gibson are stock-holders holders.



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WASHINGTON, March 22.—Janu-ary production of ice cream in the United States was estimated at 38,-630,000 gallons, Bureau of Agricul-tural Economics reports. Figure is a .4 per cent gain over December, 1946, production but a 3 per cent de-cline from that of January, 1946.

cline from that of January, 1946. Ice cream vending operators, who at present time have about 3,000 ma-chines on location, are watching with increasing interest ice cream produc-tion figures in different sections of the U. S. Tho accounting for but a fraction of total ice cream sales, they contemplate ever expanding use of such venders which are now being readied by these companies who are tooling for new and improved models. tooling for new and improved models. One type ice cream cup vender in 1940 was found to average a gross of \$1,000 per machine for that year, and with the upswing in year around ice cream sales future profits from the machine vended product is expected to be proportionately greater.

Sharp Rise Over Averages

Production of ice cream this Janu-ary compared with the January 1941ary compared with the January 1941-'45 average was up 99 per cent and had reached the highest level in re-lation to the five-year average for any month since April. Production more than doubled in the West North Central area and in the East North Central; South Central area showed a 59 per cent boost.

East North Central area recorded a 2 per cent decline of production during January, 1947, from previous January; Indiana was exception in this area, holding up even on ice cream output. West North Central

## **Use Electronic Test On C-Eight Vender**

NEWARK, N. J., March 22.—As part of the C-Eight Laboratories' pro-gram to eliminate bugs in the Electro cigarette vending machine manu-factured by the firm, a new elec-tronic testing machine which gives the equivalent of 10 years of actual operation in three days has been developed.

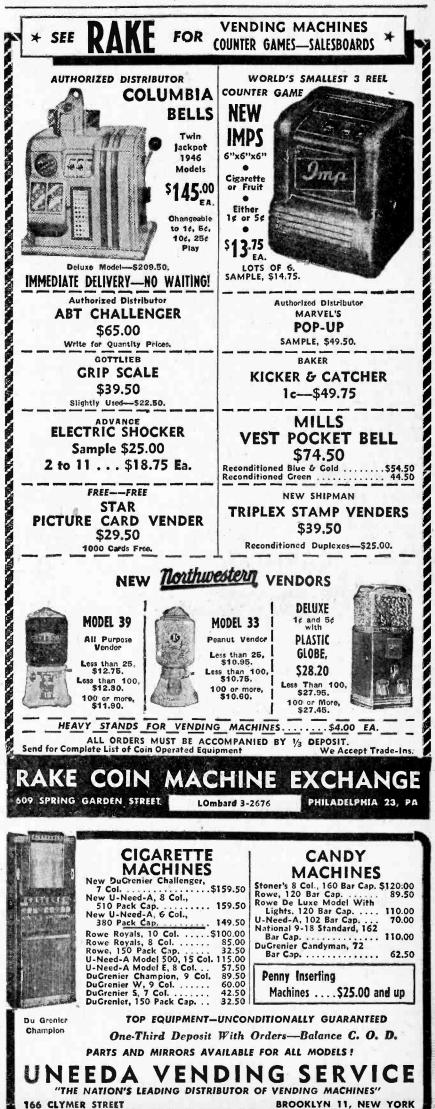
Mario Caruso, president of the con-cern, says that the machine tests sample parts from the production line before the venders are assembled. Only two of the 1,200 pilot model Electros placed on the market a year ago have been returned for repairs. Both had been damaged in transit. Therefore, a packaging pro-cedure that gives 50 per cent more protection has been developed. Re-versals of crates in transit is blamed for most of shipping damage. The crates now have a slanted top that makes it impossible to stand the vender on end.

## P. K. Flaskamp Joins **Candy Council Staff**

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Philip P. CHICAGO, March 22.—Philip P. Gott, president of National Confec-tioner's Association, announced that Paul K. Flaskamp is the new pub-licity assistant for the Council on Candy. Flaskamp succeeds Duncan Campbell, who served in that ca-pacity from January 1, 1946, to March 1, 1947 1, 1947.

Flaskamp formerly was associated with Montgomery Ward & Company and Precision Scientific Company, both Chicago firms. Prior to his employment with these companies he spent four years with the Army Air Forces in public relations work. He Flaskamp formerly was associated Forces in public relations work. He graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1941 and now makes his home in Des Plaines, Ill.

Ice Cream Vending Men Eye Production Totals for Supply WASHINGTON March 22 – January



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## **Better Public Opinion Goal**

Campaign to last as long as necessary, president tells ops at meeting

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 22.— The Alabama Music Operators' As-sociation has opened an intensive public relations campaign designed to improve public opinion of the industry thruout the State.

Campaign was formally opened here recently when members of the association met to hear public offi-cials and leaders of the industry paint a graphic picture of conditions facing them and stores that will have facing them and steps that will have to be taken to remedy the situation.

"The campaign will last as long as is necessary to convince the people that the reputation is undeserved and has no roots in actual fact," Claude N. Hall, of Jasper, president of the organization, stated during the meeting.

#### Legitimate Business

"Rather, the members of the association are legitimate business men carrying on a lawful, in fact benefi-cial, business. 'Certainly,' they rea-son, 'there is nothing wrong in pro-viding people with music for the nominal sum of a nickel.'"

Expressing the attitude of music perators from all parts of the State, Hall added:

"The members of the association in Alabama are determined to start the post-war period with a clean slate as well as wonderful new products, so as to prove that the Music Operators' Association of Alabama stands for good government and good business practices."

Plans for the campaign were laid carefully prior to the meeting. One of the first steps taken by the organ-ization was the selection of R. E. L. Choate, retired army colonel, to serve as business manager. The next step was to formulate a long-range edu-cational program to be given the people thru news releases.

"The appeal centered in the hu-manity of the operator—the man," Choate declared. "It is a simple, honest-to-goodness plan. It lacks all the frills of a big publicity build-up. For the most part, the operators are men from small towns thruout the (See Alabama Ops Open, page 163)

## **Dead in Oregon**

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.-Dime, three-for-a-quarter juke box play has been tried here only in private clubs and consensus among coinmen here is that the idea, espe-cially for the general public, is dying out

Operators are of the opinion that dime play proposals came about a year too late, arguing that any in-crease in prices should have been made when new machines first started coming out.

Operators generally are opposed to the price increase now because play is dropping off from the boom days of the war and is returning to the peace time normal.



LARRY FRANKEL, who heads the Frankel Distributing Company, played host to this group during a two-day sales meeting held at the Savoy Hotel, Des Moines. Among those present are Bob Bleekman, Packard Manufacturing Corpo-ration; Lawrence Kehoe, Interstate Finance; Philip Leman, Bob Regan, Dan Mack, Bob Robertson and Harold Harten, all of Rock Island, III.; Mike Oakley, Jack Wiley, Charles Page and Rex Bone, all of Des Moines, and the Omaha delegation of Parage Luckers Lawrence Kenon Willie and Bud Kenon. of Barney Luckman, Ken Willis and Bud Keeney.

## **Worcester Music Men Drop Dime Play After Trials** Show Biz Cut Beyond 50%

#### **Press Hails Association Plan To Keep Nickel Price**

nounced at a meeting in the Sheraton Hotel here March 17.

Hotel here March 17. When the group was first organ-ized in December, members were al-most unanimously in favor of in-creasing the price. However, public resentment to the higher price, plus general acceptance of the group's plan to cut commissions to location owners, led to a change in plans. During the first week dime play was tried operators reported apparent success, altho location owners said there were grumbles from patrons. Second week of the experiment, play dropped approximately half, bring-

Dime Play Idea dropped approximately half, bring-ing the gross down to about the same level as that under nickel operation.

Sharp Drop Third Week

According to reports, the real drop in play came during the third week, in play came during the third week, when it went far below the halfway mark. A few operators kept their machines on dime play for a few weeks but when there was no im-provement in play they reconverted to a nickel to a nickel.

to a nickel. Decision to return to nickel play received notice in the daily news-papers and one paper, The Worcester Evening Gazette, carried an editorial in a light vein. Entitled "A Nickel Proposition," the editorial declared: "How blessed it is to learn that the juke box in Worcester County will still dispense its joys for a nickel. There had been a threat of raising

There had been a threat of raising the price to a dime, or three records for a quarter, but the Worcester County Phonograph Owners' Asso-

ciation studied the problem from all angles. The price remains 5 cents. The juke box is, said the associa-tion, strictly a 5-cent proposition.

"To help in this problem of keep-ing the juke price down, it is said restaurant and cafe owners have agreed to take smaller commissions. The juke box public will be grateful.

"There are many, of course, who would give strong support to an inwould give strong support to an in-crease in juke box fees per record. They would not weep if the playing of each disk in those elaborately il-luminated music boxes cost 50 cents, or \$1, or \$5, or \$10 or even \$100. Any time the juke box owners want to increase their prices to a really substantial figure—that is, any time they want to make the juke box strictly a \$5 proposition—they will find hearty endorsement from sur-prising sources. prising sources.

"But a nickel it is and a nickel it stays. Those who object can eat and drink in the non-juke establishments, if any. Which suggests that some day cities may have to fix juke and non-juke zones by law."

## Linotype Music

SCRANTON, Pa., March 22. Telephone music system has been installed in the mechanical departments of *The Scranton Tribune* and *Scrantonian*, local dailies, in an effort to reduce fatigue of printers and press operators. Music, however, does not go to the editorial and business departments.

## Harold Pearson Named Aireon's **New President**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.— Harold L. Pearson has been selected president of Aireon Manufacturing Corporation, it was announced here this week.

Pearson, who has been assistant to Sewell Avery, chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward & Company, succeeds Randolph C. Walker, who had directed the company five years prior to his resignation several weeks ago after bankers and the Recon-struction Finance Corporation ap-proved new loans for the company. Walker, however, continues as chair-man of the board. Election of a new board of directors for the company is in progress and appropriet of the company is in progress and announcement of the names of the new directors is expected next week.

Pearson is reported to have served with Avery for 20 years previous to his election to the Aireon post.

Rudy R. Greenbaum, vice-presi-dent of Aireon, reported that produc-tion of the firm's 1947 "super-de luxe" model is going ahead on sched-ule, with output of the firm's quota of these machines slated to be finished by May. Then, Greenbaum said, pro-duction of the Fiesta juke will get under way under way.

Previously, Walker had reported that Aireon completed a schedule of 10,000 juke boxes manufactured during 1946.

## **Music Guild To Hold Open Meet** For N. J. Ops

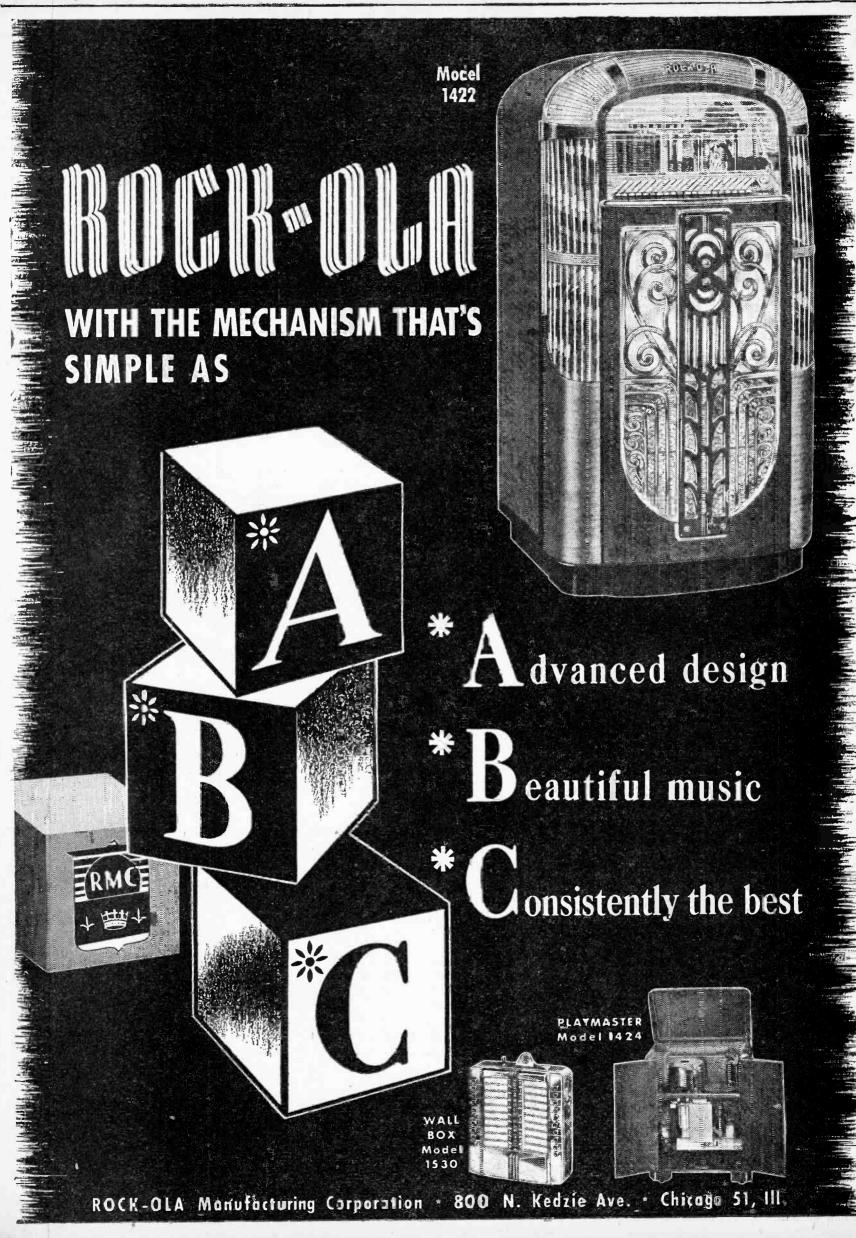
NEWARK, N. J., March 22.—An open industry meeting of the Music Guild of America, New Jersey Juke Box Association, will be held Thurs-day (27) at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Auditorium, LeRoy Stein, MGA ex-ecutive director, announced this week. Meeting will be conducted by Sam Waldor, association prexy. All automatic music operators in the area, whether Guild members or not, have been invited to attend the

have been invited to attend the meeting. Open meeting is part of the public relations program stressed by the MGA Board of Governors. Talks on Music for Profit and Pleasure will be given before liquor deal-ers, tavern owners, restaurant owners, beverage distributors, food sup-pliers, confectioners, civic groups, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and fraternal organizations as part of the program. Stein also announces that he will be able to spend as much as four days a week in the field assisting with location problems as a result

of a recent board of governors rul-ing. No charge is made for the service of the executive director to MGA members.

#### **Ohio Music Ass'n Elects Ross Secretary-Treasurer**

CLEVELAND, March 22.—Jimmie Ross, advertising committee chair-man of the Cleveland Phonograph Merchants' Association, has been been elected secretary-treasurer of the Ohio State Phonograph Owners' As-sociation, OSPOA announced here this week.



#### 158 **MUSIC MACHINES**

### Atlas To Hold Ops' Service School in **Des Moines Mar. 26**

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Another in the series of Seeburg service schools being conducted for operators by the Atlas Novelty Company in its Des Moines branch will be held March 26, according to an Atlas announcement.

Sid Schneider and Ed Feldmann, sales engineers, will conduct the classes scheduled to start at 10 a.m., past, the announcement said, and opwhile Phil Moss, Atlas' Des Moines erators have been able to glean many manager, will be in charge of arrangements.

School has proved valuable in the businesses.

**College** Juke

WAVERLY, Ia., March 22.— Wartburg College here and its juke box made headline and photo spread in Waterloo (Ia.) *Courier* last week. Photo de-picted scene in college's base-ment social center with the automatic phonograph occupy-ing a prominent position. Juke is said to be very popular in the newly rededicated Wartburg Hall Den section. newly rededicate Hall Den section.

points of information that have helped them in the conduct of their



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## Charles E. Parker Honored at Packard **Testimonial Dinner**

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22. Speaking over a direct wire hook-up from his Washington office, Homer E. Capehart, chairman of the board, Packard Manufacturing Corporation, led firm officials and co-workers in honoring Charles E. Parker at a testi-monial banquet here. Occasion was the completion of Parker's first year as vice-president in charge of engineering and produc-tion for the live how manufacturing

In charge of engineering and produc-tion for the juke box manufacturing concern. Capehart praised Parker's experience and his contribution to the advancement of the automatic music industry. He also associated Parker's work with the production progress made by the firm since post-war reconversion war reconversion.

William H. Krieg, firm's president and general counsel, followed Park-er's response with an address deer's response with an address de-signed to orient the group with re-gard to existing business conditions in the industry. He traced progress of the firm's production last year and set goals for the current year. Also attending were M. J. Smith Sr., secretary-treasurer; T. J. Hick-lin, sales manager; Gustave Erickson, chief engineer; William E. Wood-worth, assistant factory manager; J. F. Ratliff, advertising manager: Hor-

F. Ratliff, advertising manager; J. F. Ratliff, advertising manager; Hor-ace Moorman, of Sidener & Van Riper Inc., firm's advertising agency, and more than 50 other business associates of Parker.

**Top Eaterie Has Coin** Music Plan

COLUMBUS. O., March 22. Pointing up the trend to remote-controlled music systems in well-known restaurants is an installation in the Maramor Restaurant here. in the Maramor Restaurant here. Sher Vending Company, of Colum-bus, made the installation recently, using a Seeburg music system. Manager of the Maramor said the

system improved the atmosphere in the dining rooms. Music is played for 15 minutes every half-hour from noon to closing time, and consists of semi-classical and popular tunes. Restaurant employees claim the music aids them in their work and often operate the system before and after business hours.

### **Permo Needle Price** Won't Be Increased

CHICAGO, March 22. — Permo, Inc., announced here last week that altho some production costs of the firm's phonograph needles have in-creased, there will be no increase in the price of this product. Gene Steffens, vice-president and general sales manager, in explaining the firm's position, said that altho labor and general overhead costs have gone up, the company's im-proved production methods have off-set these factors. set these factors.

#### **R. Randall Appointed Head Of NAMM By-Law Committee**

NEW YORK, March 22. -- Hugh Randall has been named chairman of the committe on by-law revisions of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). The commit-tee will report at the annual conven-tion and trade show June 2-5 at the Palmer House Chicago Palmer House, Chicago. Financing the NAMM committee in

the music promotion program is one of the problems facing the by-laws committee. A definite plan will be proposed as an amendment. E. D. Turner Jr. and John Weisert are on Randall's committee.

## **News Staff Hears On-the-Job Music**

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—Tele-phone music has been piped into the city room and other departments of The Sacramento Bee, daily newspaper here. It is believed to be the first such installation in the editorial and business offices of a newspaper in the country.

Music is played in the city and press rooms at intervals during the day to reduce fatigue of newspaper writers, as well as the printers and other manual workers. Reactions of the writers are said to be mixed. One or two say that the melodies, even the played softly appay them even the played softly, amoy them. but others voiced wholehearted ap-proval of the musical intervals, de-claring that it seems to make the time pass more quickly.

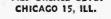
### **Conlon New Ad-Sales Director at Aero Co.**

CHICAGO, March 22 .- E. J. Conlon has been named director of ad-vertising and sales promotion for the Aero Needle Company here, manufacturers of Aeropoint phonograph needles.

Conlon has been in charge of the Aero advertising account for the Burton Browne Advertising agency here for the past two and one-half years.

A native of Chicago, he is a World War II veteran, having served as an officer in the navy for about two years.

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#### 'Skeets" Yodels

Clyde (Skeets) Yaney, known as the Golden Voiced Yodler, has been on Station KMOX, St. Louis, for the past 17 years and has had the same sponsor, Uncle Dick Slack, for 16 years. Skeets started in radio in Evansville, Ind., singing and playing guitar and harmonica. He has broadcast over 100 different stations and has been on the Columbia network for 10 years. Skeets has won seven national yodeling championships. He has written words to several published songs and he is now recording for Town & Country. One of his recent waxings is Don't You Tell a Soul I Love You, published by Chaw



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Mank's Blue Ribbon Music Company, of Stauton, Ill. Skeets is on the air several times daily, including Sunday. The Bailes Brothers are now heard daily at 8:15 over KWKH, Shreveport, La. . . Lou Emerson, formerly of WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., is now heard over Station WOAI.... Sleepy Jeffers has a group of his own now and is heard on an early morning program over Station WDBJ, Roanoke, Va.

Jimmie Hutchinson recently joined



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5	SEEBURG HIGHTONE 8200, CLEAN	295.00
3	SEEBURG COMMANDER, CLEAN	229.50
4	SEEBURG 9800, E. S., R. C., CLEAN.	279.50
2	SEEBURG 12's, CLEAN	89.50
16	ROCK-OLA STANDARD, '39, CLEAN	209.50
25	WURLITZER 312 AND 412, CLEAN	79.50
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Exclusive Distributors Alabama and N. W. Florida 24 North Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama Phones: 3-9164 and 7475 up with Doc Williams's Border Riders at WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., and is heard daily over that station at 3:30. Jimmie has appeared on many stations, including KQV, WJAS, WWSW, WWVA, WLBJ and WOR. He also played overseas on Guadalcanal with a G. I. act called *The Foxhole Four*. He was also in the 295th A. G. F. Band, playing a bass fiddle on these shows. Among those he worked with while overseas were Ray Milland, Jack Benny, Larry Adler, Carole Landis and Martha Tilton, and the last big name act was with Martha O'Driscoll, Franciene Fay and Berle Cuff. In the army it was necessary that Jimmie learn popular music too, so he now does a lot of the popular tunes and the lighter classics, altho he does not do them on the air, Jimmie has a fan club. President of the club is Dorothy McLaughlin of Washington.

Sidney B. Holcomb, of Chanute, Kan., writer of many folk songs, including Love Me Today, Just One Red Rose, I Hear the Ozark Mountains Calling Me, Wool-Loo-Moo-Loo Blues (written in collaboration with H. C. Handy and Clarence Jones), You Will Never Grow Too Old for Me and Then I'll Come Back to You, reports great success with his latest, Out in Kansas.

Johnny Brit, formerly of WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., now has his own show and is heard every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. over WPIC, Sharon, Pa... Several WSM Grand Ole Opry entertainers appeared in the Akron Armory recently. Entertainers included Grandpa Jones, Jam-Up and Honey and Bill Monroe and His Blue Grass Boys.

#### **20th Anniversary**

WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., has just come out with its 20th Anniversary Family Album, a book that will be of interest to followers of folksong entertainers. Album contains a history of the station's 20 years of broadcasting, a history of their big jamboree that is aired every Saturday night, photos of many of their first entertainers in the folksong field and of all their latest entertainers. Photos of former WWVA entertainers include Hugh Cross, Cap, Andy and Flip. Eloise Boffo, Blue Grass Roy, Frankie Moore, The Sheepherder, Shug Fisher, Cowboy Loye, Frank Dudgeon (who is on WWVA again at present) Elmer Crowe, Shorty Hobbs, Quarantine, Ginger, Snap and Sparky. June 15, WWVA will become affiliated with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Smokey Mountain Shindig, new half-hour show of folk music, made its debut over WSM, Nashville, recently. Aired at 11 p.m. Friday nights, the show stars Pee Wee King and Wally Fowler and their guest stars.

Mel Morris is cutting a series of six new sides for Maratone Records, new label being put out by Melmore, Inc., of Detroit.

Pie Plant Pete and Bashful Harmonica Joe have written a new song, *The Rooster Serenade*, which is being published by Kelly Music Publications. Pete and Joe plan to record this number soon. It is reported that the Process label is dickering for the duo.

Another new number, Prairie Moon, by Gale Rice, is already being featured by Rex Allen, of the National Barn Dance; the Prairie Ramblers, of WLS, and others. Song will be waxed on Blue Ribbon Records by the Rocky Mountain Boys. The song, Look on the Bright Side, was pulled out of the Columbia picture, Over the Santa Fe Trail, and will be featured in the new Columbia picture, Swing the Western Way, by the Hoosier Hot Shots. Look on the

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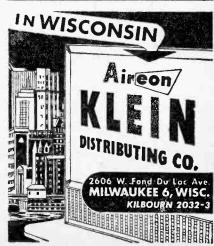
Bright Side is another McDaniel tu The song Down in Nashville, Tenn., is being featured on the Grand Ole Opry by Cowboy Copas, over WJAS by Al Rogers and on other stations by well-known entertainers, including Jim Boyd, of WRR, Dallas, and "Skeets" Yaney, of KMOX, St. Louis.

Kelly Music is proud of the fact they have so many well-known songwriters in their catalog. To mention a few: Bill Boyd, Jim Boyd, Polly Jenkins, Cliff Carlisle, Asher Sizemore, Gordon Sizemore and Little Betty; Colleen Wilson, of the Beaver Valley Sweethearts; Pie Plant Pete and Bashful Harmonica Joe, Cowboy Jack Hunt, Al Stewart, Cowboy Ted Holly, Jake Miller, Gerry McGee, Ernie Benedick, Roy West, Lenny Sanders, Tex Cal, Tex Hall, Perry Douthit, Cowboy Shel Fisher, Fleetwood Jack, Susie the Gal From the Hills, Lew Mel and George Calder. Ziphia Horton, cultural director of

Ziphia Horton, cultural director of Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., and singer of folk songs, gave a folk song demonstration recently in Chicago.



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JACK McVEA (Black & White 828) The Key's in the Mailbox—FT; V. Richard Gets Hitched—FT; V.

Its original disking of Open the Door, Richard having loosed a wax deluge that skyrocketed the novelty to top spot on the Honor Roll of Hits, Jack McVea's combo returns to bid for further profits with a cleverly conceived sequel, The Key's in the Mailbox. The second installment picks up where the first left off, leads picks up where the first left off, leads the locked out crew to the mailbox where the key is found. Door is opened and the gang (which for the sake of plot, happens to be hungry) makes a beeline for the icebox. Punch line ending: Richard's put a I with the same belly-tickling dialog, the same contagious rhythm singing, and the same fetching keyboard backing that makes this a sock follow-up. Only weak spot is a sax solo ride spotted midway in the disk which tends to slacken the pace. Flip is as corny as the topside is clever, apparently resulting from lack of better material as B side filler. Burlesking marriage cermony at best is n.s.h disk topic.

Label is wise to waste little time with a Richard follow-up while the original is still hot, and by following its example, ops will reap a new coin harvest with Key's in the Mailbox.

#### DAVE BARBOUR (Capitol 358)

Forever Paganini-FT; V. Forever Nicki-FT; V.

Ace guitarist Dave Barbour turns over the lead chairs of his waxing ork to Buddy Cole on piano, Ray Linn on trumpet, Herbie Haymer on tenor sax, Nick Fatool on drum, Heinie Beau on clary and Phil Stev-ens on bass, and when backed by a four-man tram wing and a reed quartet, the music-making in this couplet provides exciting ear nour-ishment. Forever Paganini consists of cleverly penned synco variations on a theme from Paganini's Perpetand Motion. With Barbour's clean-cut guitaring setting the high pace and flashes from Cole's facile-fin-gered keyboard highlighting the in-strumental color, other lead jazzmen chime in to make side a disk delicht chime in to make side a disk delight. While reverse is musically not as strong as its mate, it matches the instrumental high quality of the topside. Also, Barbour achieves fetching tonal combinations in pairing his guitar in unison with other instruments. flock of folk shekels. The Haymer tenor here adds considerably to side's strength.

While couplet is a collector's delight, Paganini should keep jazz jukes in per-That's Where I Came In-FT; V. petual motion.

#### KING COLE TRIO (Capitol 356)

I Want To Thank Your Folks-FT; V. You Should Have Told Me-FT; V.

The Benny Benjamin-George Weiss hit-headed ballad, I Want To Thank Your Folks, is right up Nat Cole's vocal alley. Framed in clean-cut bass and guitar blends touched off with his own continuting piezel off with his own captivating pianology, Nat's heart-warmingly intimate voicing makes this strong competition for other waxed versions. The same quality vocal and instrumental The style gives the ballad flip an appeal- JOE ALEXANDER (Capitol 359-372) ing luster.

As a follow-up to Cole's current money maker, For Sentimental Reasons, I Want To Thank Your Folks is a nickel natural.

HUGH CAMERON (Vel-tone 502)

Remember When-FT; V. Just One More Chance-FT; V.

accompanied by the restful blends of organ, piano and harp. Picking on two oldies, Cameron dusts them off with ease, and injects a nostalgic flavor into his warbling. Leonard Resig's Hammond and Steinway dusting, smoothed over with June Weiland's harp arpeggios, adds to the pleasantry.

Best suited for the home shelf, this one will find takers at spots where they like their music soft and sweet

#### JIMMY WAKELY (Capitol 360) Somebody's Rose-FT; V. Everyone Knew It But Me-FT; V.

Latest addition to label's cowboy corral, Jimmy Wakely makes his initial Capitol bow with a pleasingly homespun voicing of his own tuneful Somebody's Rose. Bright Western love ballad is sold easily with vocal trio chiming in on the chorus and instrumental group (The Rough Rid-ers) providing the saddle swing beats. Everyone Knew is a typical ditty of the heart-heavy variety and is warbled with fitting sentimentality.

Featured in Monogram's Western pix, the Wakely tag should attract considerable folk coinage. Somebody's Rose has a bright future in rural phonos.

GEECHIE SMITH (Capitol 365)

et Your Pride Be Your Guide—FT; V. ig Fine Girl—FT; V. Let Big

With a small jazz group setting the well-defined beats, Geechie Smith easily chants the sermon of Let Your Pride Be Your Guide, a mellow sax and Geechie's growl trumpeting rounding out the side. Honky-tonk piano and voicer's temperature raising trumpet flavors the reverse. Be-yond that, Big Fine Girl, cut from typical blues-shouter cloth, has little to offer.

Let Your Pride may snare race coins.

#### TEX RITTER (Capitol 366)

One Little Tear Drop Too Late—FT; V. Ninety-nine Years Is a Long Time—FT; V.

Tex Ritter's teary troubadoring Tex Ritter's leary troubatoring makes Jenny Lou Carson's tune, One Little Tear Drop, a convincing entry in the folk sweepstakes. There's in the folk sweepstakes. There's plenty of authentic folk appeal in his pipes as he sings of love that came too late. Accordion, guitars and fid-dles set the Western mood here as well as on the flip. In the latter he warns against being roped into matrimony, since Ninety-nine Years Is a Long Time.

One Little Tear Drop should corral a

#### JO STAFFORD (Capitol 355)

It's the flip that holds the ear on this one with Jo Stafford giving the Peter de Rose-George Tobias torcher an expressive vocal send-off. Innoc-uous tune material weakens the A side but Miss Stafford's top-drawer styling, the Paul Weston Strad-reed heavy ork dream settings and hon-eyed blends of an unnamed vocal group that make Give Me Something a palatable wax dish.

Both sides will collect on the strength of the Stafford tag, but look to That's Where I Came In for the heavier returns.

At Your Command—FT; V. 1 Keep Telling Myself—FT; V. Heartaches—FT; V. 11 Had a Chance With You—FT; V.

A new voice for the whirling waxes, Joe Alexander's strong bary pipes bear a striking resemblance to Vaughn Monroe. Youthful Negro balladist, Cap's latest addition to its Another new Coast indie label song department, tops both disks takes to wax, and for its first offering with two revivals. At Your Command, comes up with a relaxing bit of voice fave of the early '30s, makes a wel-work by bary-piped Huge Cameron, comed comeback as interpreted by

Alexander. Tenor Saxist Dave Cavanaugh (Bobby Sherwood featured reeder) capably arranged and batoned ork support. It's plattering with a purpose for *Heartaches*, the standard which is beginning to blossom out again in various sections of the country. Warbler's voice is show-cased to better advantage here with Cavanaugh adding strings to the recording ork, injecting warmth into the spinning. Weak song material on the spinning. Weak song material on both flips (*Myself*, and one of the Peggy Lee-Dave Barbour lesser tunesmithing efforts, If I Had a Chance), gives balladist little with which to

In area's where Heartaches is in demand, this version should spin for profit.

ARTIE WAYNE (Hucksters 1002) Mozel-FT: V.

work.

It's Past My Bedtime-FT; V.

Ex-Freddy Martin warbler Artie Wayne goes back to the same Yiddish (See RECORD REVIEWS, page 180)

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small communities."

#### **Pull No Punches**

For the Montgomery meeting, tax. Choate obtained as speakers a number of men in important positions thruout the State. Choate told them to "pull no punches" because he felt it was necessary for the operators to know the full story of how things stood.

Co-operation of the State was promised by H. S. Pfifer, head of the license division of the State revenue department, who declared:

'Gentlemen, I find that the law is, the time it was written, so many changes have been made in the busi-ness which you are in that it has be-come almost impossible for the tax collectors to keep up with them.

#### Identification Problem

"One of our chief worries is identi-fying the machine, but that is just lined by William I. Truby, State di-one. We ask for suggestion and any you care to make will be presented to the Legislature. We want to co-your faults, seeking a remedy, workto the Legislature. operate with you."

Other phases of State law were discussed by O. H. Culver, assistant head of the State sales tax division.

"The burden of the law," Culver "The burden of the law," Culter stated, "requires that the State sales tax of 2 per cent be extracted from the gross receipts on each music ma-chine. The case has been taken to the Alabama Supreme Court and the State's case was upheld. The court decided that the operator (Editor's city officials.

note: Culver apparently is referring State. Their machines are in those to the location owner) is the consumer and is merely renting a space in his business establishment and, as the consumer, is liable for the sales

"Until the law is changed, the revenue department must press for all the books showing the full story. We know extracting the tax is pain-ful to you—but it is to us, too."

#### Jukes and Bars

Melvin L. Dawkins, member of the Alabama Beverage Control Board, lamented the position in which the former State Administration had placed the operators in making it impossible to install machines in places selling alcoholic drinks.

"The law provides," Dawkins said. "not that music machine operators will be prosecuted for having ma-chines in a place of business selling drinks, but that the proprietor is liable to prosecution.

ing a cure and telling the people what you are doing." One remedy, he said, includes helping all law enforcement agencies.

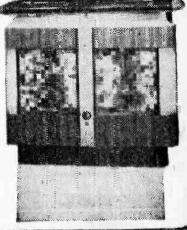
Another speaker, Frank Livingston, member of the city commissioners of Tuscaloosa and president of the Ala-bama League of Municipalities, recommended that members of the as-sociation take their problems of "cleaning up" directly to State and



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DICK LIEBERT AT THE ORGAN (Victor P-164)

This package of eight sides, fea-turing Dick Liebert at the grand console, is pleasant enough for the sentimentalists who like their fa-miliar melodies with organ glissan-dos. Keyed to restful listening, Lie-bert adds instrumentalists to his organology, including harp, rhythm in-struments, obe and English horn. Save for his own In a Little Clock Shop, a fanciful musical novelty, other seven sides are all standard faves, taking in Estrellita, The Sweet-heart of Sizer Child, White in the heart of Sigma Chi, A Kiss in the Dark, Over the Rainbow, When Day Is Done, Amor and Laura. Album cover smartly lettered, the inside page blank altho a photo of the grand organ would make for eye appeal.

#### SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (Adventure ARC 3)

The familiar story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is told in sim-ple story fashon by Uncle Henry, director of WNEW Children's Play-house in New York. It's the straight fairy tale without the lyrical charm that Walt Disney's movie found in the story. Nonetheless, Uncle Henry's forthright manner will make the moppets listen. Organ music by Ray Carter bridges the story over the two 10-inch records. Color drawing of the Seven Dwarfs makes for the album cover design, with cartoons of each of the four story chapters on the inside flap.

## ADVENTURES OF BUZZY BEAR AND PEGGY PENGUIN (Willia 1) A fanciful kiddie story that strikes

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alike, this first kiddie set by the label rings the bell. It's Julie Marvin's story of Buzzy Bear and Peggy Pen-guin who ran away from their Arctic home to New York to join the air corps. Story is packed with humor and pathos and it's all browth out LET US PRAY (Variety V.102) and pathos, and it's all brought out LET US PRAY (Variety V-102) by Glenda Farrell in her narration, Screen these Pat O'Brie heightened by the play-acting of Jack Mercer as Buzzy Bear and Marjorie Mercer as Peggy Penguin. Original organ music by Emil Velazco bridges the four 10-inch sides. Entire pro-duction, and a commendable one, is by W. F. Martens. Photo of Miss Farrell, of stage and screen note, and figures of the story characters, make for an attractive front cover, inside cover carrying a flimsy of the story.

#### THE MESSIAH-HANDEL (Columbia MM-666)

A real contribution to the world of recorded music, for this is indeed a notable needling. The label has seen fit to bring forward this new record-ing of Handel's The Messiah in its entirety, packing 19 12-inch records entirety, packing 19 12-inch records in two boxed albums. It's a rare per-formance of Handel's great choral work, including all 53 numbers of the famous oratorio. Recording was made in England by the Huddersfield Choral Society and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Malcolm Sargent. And with outstand-ing voice soloists the impressive ala responsive note for boys and girls ing voice soloists, the impressive al-

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Screen thesp Pat O'Brien devotes these four sides explaining and read-ing five of the fundamental prayers of the Catholic faith, recorded with Ecclesiastical approval. Voiced in a simple, informal yet sincere manner, he gives the background and purpose of each prayer in a manner that pose of each prayer in a manner that can be understood by the younger set. An a cappella chorus blends beautifully in the background as O'Brien reads The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, The Confiteor, Act of Contrition and The Apostles' Creed. The Reverend Edward V. Dailey (editor-publicher The Mon Creed. The Reverend Edward V. Dailey (editor-publisher, The New World) arranged the prayers and scribed an introduction for the innercover, discussing the values of prayer. Aimed directly at the child, Catholic parents will find this set ideal for the youngster's collection. Cover is de-signed with dignity, colored in red and gold. Inner flap contains pic and biog of O'Brien.

## IRISH SONGS—PAT O'BRIEN (Variety V-103)

Pat O'Brien turns Shamrock balladist for these six sides and proves that the beloved old Irish songs should be left to those who are better vocally equipped than he. However, the Pat O'Brien tag will lure many a sale for this package. Accordion and piano supports his ho-hum voicing and a barbershop quartet (held for chorus chiming), providing a mea-sure of authentic Shamrock flavor to sure of authentic Shamrock flavor to the spinning. Selections include Tread on the Tail o' Me Coat, Old Donegal, Mrs. McSorley's Twins, The Same Old Shillelagh; Brannigan, M. P., and Wearin o' the Green. All green cover pic of O'Brien and gives his name big play as well as listing his tune selections. Inner flap holds his tune selections. Inner flap holds biog and pic of O'Brien singing at a piano. Tho musically on the minus side, thru the O'Brien tie book should get a plus rating commercially.

#### CALYPSO-Vol. 2 (Disc 628)

It's the native Trinidadian singing of Macbeth, Lord Invader and Duke of Iron, sharing the six selections, that makes for an engaging set of calypso music. Heightening their singing is the authentic musical back-grounds of Felix and His Interna-tionals of Felix and His Internagrounds of Feinx and His Interna-tionals, a small and capable combo. The folk flavor of calypso entirely captured by the cuttings, the six sides in Donkey Wants Water, Ma-tilda, Dorothy, Out the Fire, Small Island and Sly Mangoose. David Martin's etchings of native figures make for an attractive cover design, with an accompanying hacklet made with an accompanying booklet read-able and educational for those unfamiliar with this folk music.

#### KHATCHATURIAN'S CONCERTO FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA-WILLIAM KAPELL (Victor DM-1084)

With brilliant colors in his tones and fine dynamic control, William Kapell brings a rhapsodic interpretation of the richly melodic Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, by Aram Khatchaturian, the Armenian-born Soviet composer. And with excellent orchestral support from Serge Koussevitsky, conducting the Boston Sym-phony Orchestra, Kapell's piano translates all the native folklore fasihoned by the composer for this flavored concert piece, which incorflavored concert piece, which incor-porates the distinctive Caucasian music into the modern symphonic scheme. This is the first domestic recording of the concerto, spinning

over four 12-inch records. Photograph of the soloist and conductor on the front cover, notes on the composer and his music on the inside page.

#### DVORAK'S CONCERTO IN B MINOR-GREGOR PIATIGORSKY (Columbia MM-658)

The brilliant technique and warmth of tone as Gregor Piatigorsky plays the cello brings out the rich plays the cello brings out the rich melodic theme of Dvorak's Concerto in D Minor, accompanied by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Or-mandy conducting. Unlike the com-poser's New World Symphony, altho this too was written on his visit to this, too, was written on his visit to America, the concerto is idyllic, eliciting a Bohemian nostaglia thruout its three movements. The performance of cellist and orchestra is entirely sensitive and intelligent, and represents a tonal accomplishment that makes it an important contribution to the realm of recorded music. Five 12-inchers to the set. The soloist's instrument embellished by Slavic figures makes for an attractive cover design, with photo of Piatigorsky and notes on the music for the inside page.

#### ZINO FRANCESCATTI-VIOLIN RECITAL (Columbia M-660)

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#### EDDY HOWARD (Majestic M-15)

Six pop faves of an earlier day make for an engaging package of make for an engaging package of three platters in the conventional Eddy Howard manner. The emphasis on his sugar-coated chanting, alone and with the trio, with the soft brasses and clarys in the band pro-viding the musical support its cell viding the musical support, it's all sweet music that blends with soft lights for those who will go dancing with their disking. Pipes it alone for *Heartaches* and *Once* in a While, joined by the trio for two other slow ballads in Goodbye Girls, I'm Thru (See ALBUM REVIEWS, page 182)





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MAN) De Luxe 6001 LAFAYETTE Luxe for Darbone and His Hackberry Ramblers (Lennis Sonnier) (CROWLEY
LIFE AIN'T WORTH LIVING Ezzie Nicolus Westerners (SWEETEST WITHOUT YOU LITTLE)
MAYBE I'M RIGHT Arthur (Guitar Boogie) Smith and His
Krackerjacks (HAVE A). Super Disc 1033 ME AND THE DOGGON' BLUESJimmie Widener (SHE'S A)King 595 MOTHER'S PRAYERS HAVE FOL- LOWED ME
MY MEMORIES YOU NEVER TAKE Ezzie Nicolus Westerners (THE CATTLE) AWAY
OVER THE RAINBOW
Ramblers (URL BOUGLE)De Luxe 5029 SHE'S A SHADY LADYJimmie Widener (ME AND)King 595 SHE'S GONE AND LEFT ANOTHER BROKEN HEARTGrandpa Jones (GET BACK)King 601 SILVER BELLSKing 602 villes (YOU'RE GONNA)King 602
SINCE YOU WENT AWAY Hawkshaw Hawkins (WHEN THEY)
SOUTHLAND POLKAPee Wee King and His Golden West Cow- boys (TEXAS TONI), Victor 20-2212 TEXAS TONI LEEPee Wee King and His Golden West Cow- boys (SOUTHI AND POLKA)
SWEETEST LITTLE GIRLEzzie Nicolus Westerners (LIFE AIN'T) THE CATTLE CALLEzzie Nicolus Westerners (MY MEM- ORIES)
THREE TIMES SEVEN
WHEN THEY FOUND THE ATOMIC       Hawkshaw Hawkins (SINCE YOU)         POWER       King 611         WILDCAT       MAMA       Hank Penny (HERE TODAY) King 611         WILDCAT       MAMA       Moon Mullican (FOGGY RIVER). King 613         WORRES ON MY MIND       Moon Mullican (FOGGY RIVER). King 603         WRITING ON THE WALL       Billy Hughes (MY ADOBE)       King 609         YOU GOT TO GET RIGHT IF YOU       The Rangers' Quartet (LISTEN TO)       Victor 20-2213         YOU NEVER       MISS THE WATER       Victor 20-2213       Fill THE WELLS RUN DRY Red Egner (BABY, I'M) King 604         YOU'RE GONNA BE JORRY ONE       Charlie Linville and the Fiddlin' Lin-       OF THESE DAYS       willes (SILVER 'BELLS) King 602
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CLASSICAL AND SEMI-CLASSICAL
AGNUS DEILauritz Melchior (DANISH CHILDREN'S)
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BENJAMIN BRITTEN: INTRODUC- TION AND RONDO ALLA BUR- LESCA; MAZURKA ELEGIACA (For Two Pianos, Op. 23, Nos. 7 Clifford Curzon-Benjamin Britten and 2) ALBUM (2-12")

Amores, 1 and 17, Amores, 1 an POLONAISE IN A FLAT Op. 53 (Chopin) ......Victor 46-0005 RAMEAU-COUPERIN ALBUM ...... Sylvia Marlowe ...... Musicraft M-84 MEAU-COUPERIN ALBUM......Sylvia Marlowe......Musicraft M-64 Couperin: Les Fastes de la Grande et Ancienne Menestrandise, Acts 1 and 2 Musicraft 1178 Couperin: Les Fastes de la Grande et Ancienne Menestrandise, Acts 3 and 4 Musicraft 1177 Couperin: Les Fastes de la Grande et Ancienne Menestrandise, Act 5; Le Tle-Toc-Choo Musicraft 1176 Rameau: Gavotte and Variations in A Minor (Part 1)......Musicraft 1176 

 EETHEARTS ALBUM
 Al Goodman Ork
 Victor P-174

 Angelus (Frances Greer-The Guild Choristers)
 Victor 45-0027

 Every Lover Must Meet His Fate (Jimmy Carroll) (The Guild Choristers)
 Victor 45-0027

 Game of Love (Earl Wrightson-The Guild Choristers)
 Victor 45-0026

 I Might Be Your Once in a While (Christina Lind-Earl Wrightson)
 Victor 45-0026

 In the Land of My Own Romance (Frances Greer-Jimmy Carroll)
 Victor 45-0025

 Jeanette and Her Little Wooden Shoes (Christina Lind-Earl Wrightson)
 Victor 45-0027

 Pretty As a Picture (Earl Wrightson-The Guild Choristers)
 Victor 45-0026

 Sweethearts (Frances Greer-Jimmy Carroll)
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VIOLIN RECITAL ALBUM (3-10")...Zino Francescatti (Max Lanner)...... Columbia M-660 Debussy: La Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin (Prelude No. 8, Book 1) Debussy: Minstrels (Prelude No. 12, Book 1) Schumann: The Prophet Bird Shostakovitch: The Age of Gold—Polka Tartini: Variations on a Theme of Corelli Wieniawski: Caprice in A Minor

\*Re-listed to show change in record number from that listed in March 15, 1947, issue.

#### HOT JAZZ

ACE IN THE HOLE
ALONE IN THE CITT BLOES Sabby Lewis Ork (EDMA)
ALONE IN THE CITY BLUESSabby Lewis Ork (EDNA)
Gold Seal 2005 BILL'S MILL
EDNA
FREE EATS       Count Basie (BILL'S MILL) Victor 20-2148         HOT CANARY       Eddie South Ork (BEST YEARS)         Gold Seal 2005
JAZZ AT THE PHILHARMONIC Willie Smith-Illinois Jacquet-Charles ALBUM (3-12")
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#### New York:

Joe Kochansky, Bay Ridge Music Company, has gone to Florida. . . . Max Brown, Philadelphia Coin Machine Exchange, was in town. . . . Barney Schlang, Automatic Music Operators' Association manager, was delayed getting back from Florida until the middle of last week. . . . Dick Finders and Larry Silverstein have formed a partnership to operate coin machines. . . Robert Sullivan, of Klein Sales, plans to marry a Boston girl April 9. . . Sid Hoffman, Burt Music, has returned from a Texas biz trip.

Murry Goldstein and Charles Feldheim, Bronx ops, are resting in Atlantic City....Bob Kaplan, cig op, has been joined by his brother, David, and both plan expansion moves....Report from Atlantic City is that five and seven-ball play has fallen, but oneball is holding its own....Jack Mitnick. Runyon Sales, is leaving shortly on a biz trip....C. M. McMillan, exec secretary of the National Candy Wholesalers' Association, is due in town this week to address local candy group.

group. Lou Brown, Coradio, just back from a Georgia-Alabama-New Orleans trip, left Monday (24) on a Kentucky-Arkansas-Texas tour with his new coin radio model that is now being delivered. . . Joe Ash, Active Amusements, Philadelphia, made a hurried biz trip to Chicago last week. . . West Side Distributing is in its new headquarters near 49th Street, but will not hold open house for

another month. Bob Jacobs, Amusement Games, Inc. will have his Coney Island Arcade open all week starting March 31.... George Seedman, Rowe executive, was among the many coinmen attending the Boston , meeting of National Automatic Merchandisers' Association. Hershey, Pa., meeting of Regions A and 3 at the end of the week drew a

large crowd. Max D. Levine, Scientific prexy, states that "Field Goal," new game (See NEW YORK on page 168)

#### Los Angeles:

Art Wienaud, Rock-Ola sales manager, is going to join George Murdock, San Francisco distributor, in a Catalina trip. After a visit there they will go to San Francisco and Seattle. . . Fernando Castillo and Juan C. Jimanez, both of Mexico City, stopping off here for a visit with Bill Happel, of Badger Sales Company. . . Herman Schnickloth, of Los Angeles, making the Pico rounds. . . Roy Smith in from Lancaster. . . Earl Beatty a buyer from Temple City. . . Lowell Ayers buying for his route in Inglewood.

Art Johnson, of Los Angeles, making the rounds of coin row...S. J. Burris in from Montebello...Al Reisz, a local operator, purchasing equipment. ...Niles Smith, of Oildale, spotted along Pico...Ben Korte, Glendale operator, is back in the city after visiting the Crafts 20 Big Shows, on which he has many friends...K. B. Hoar in town from South Pasadena.

Carl Collard makes his weekly trek here from San Bernardino. . . Oceanside's operator, Robert McClure, stopped off at the Pico coin center. . . . Jack Shepard, of Glen Ranch, here for a look-see. . . . James Mills drove in from Downey.

Phil Robinson, local representative for Chicago Coin, reports that Kilroy is here..., Bill Wolf, of M. S. Wolf Distributing Company, has the drawings for his new building. The executive office drawing has all the ear-marks of swank.... Golden Williams is now managing the San Diego branch of M. S. Wolf Distributing Company— California Amusement Company. Walter Huber has been named manager of the San Francisco Wolf branch, succeeding Chet Garton... L. B. Webb, Los Angeles music operator, has added searchlight advertising to his activities.

## COINMEN YOU KNOW

#### Milwaukee:

Harold Stark, of United Coin; Don Becker, of Acme Amusement Company, and George Gessert, of Packard Distributing Company, were coin machine representatives at the 14th Annual Food and Equipment Exposition of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association held at the Schroeder Hotel on March 18-20. They showed their equipment as related to restaurants.

George Gessert, an entertainment committeeman for the Wisconsin Phonograph Operators' Association's first annual show on April 14 at the Pfister Hotel, has been negotiating with LeRoy Stein, chief public relations counsel for the Music Guild of America, to be principal speaker at the April 14 event.

At the Morry Zenoff Plankinton Arcade the flu bug has been licked, and Morry is back at work. Estelle Lemerand, too, beat her case and reported back for work. Mary Lee Carroll, took over a new stand Morry (See MIL WAILKEE or page 170)

(See MILWAUKEE on page 170)

#### Cincinnati:

Harry Hester has been nominated to office of vice-president of Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association and Nat Bartfield was nominated to serve as board member to fill the vacancy left by Hester. Charles Kanter returned from a business trip to Chicago. He also took in the Jimmie Bivins-Ezzard Charles fight in Cleveland.

Sam Gerros has been confined to his home for the past 30 days with an attack of lumbago and may go to Florida to recuperate. . . Another home confinement case (don't jump to conclusions) was that of Tom Hastings. Tom expects to be back on the job soon, tho. . . Recently returned from his trip to California, Morris Kleinman is now back on the route. . . William Fitzpatrick is on the job again after a long seige with a broken ankle.

APOA President Sam Chester, and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Kanter, celebrated their birthdays March 15 and 17 respectively. . . . Abe Salmon and Louis Schoenlaub are two APOA members commended for their regular attendance at the association's monthly meetings.

#### **Detroit:**

Hazel Richlin, office manager at King Pin Distributing Company, is pleased at being able to share her responsibilities, now that her two bosses, J. R. Pieters and Samuel J. Rose, have returned from the South. ...John Anderson, Dearborn operator, is getting ready to open his own jobbing business on the west side of the city. Major problem right now is difficulty of getting construction work done.

Frank Goodyear, veteran cigarette and candy machine op, with headquarters in River Rouge, is forming a partnership with Ted Mroz, formerly in the typewriter biz, under the new name of Down River Vending Company. Headquarters are being established at 3332 16th Street, Wyandotte, where their route centers. . . L V. Rohr, president of the Greater Detroit Vending Machine Operators' Association, is acting as the sparkplug in keeping association activity alive in this territory.

F. Stanley Collins, Detroit operator, is extending his route of candy, cigarette and nut venders thru a wide suburban territory north of the city. . . James Ashley, former president of the old United Music Operators of Michigan, is again taking an active interest in the coin machine business. . . Tony Vance is taking over the National Coin Machine Company at 4458 John R Street. Albert A. Weidman, Weidman National Sales, reports a nice backlog of orders for new cigarette venders, with a lively demand for all types of used ma-

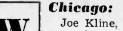
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#### **Portland**, Ore.:

Recent out-of-town coinmen visiting Portland included Vern Raw, Seaside, en route home from Palm Springs; C. H. Henning, Unity, Ore.; Walter Antram, Pendleton, head of Empire Music Company, and Rex Godding, Grants Pass, Ore.

A. M. Moss, branch manager of M. S. Wolf Distributing Company, reports a shift in demand on the part of operators, who are turning to arcade type machines rather than premiumpaying devices. This trend is noted in taverns, Moss says, where amusement machines are being used by ops.

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Joe Kline, of Atlas Novelty Company, is preparing for another road trip for the firm. While on the trip he plans to drop in on the Atlas-Seeburg service school for operators that will take place at Atlas's Des Moines branch March 26. Nate Feinstein is back at the office after a pleasant visit with his wife and baby in Florida. Visitors during the week included Henry Fox, the New Orleans veteran coinman; Ross Lewis, Peoria; Fay Gardner; Wayne Mayborn, DeKalb, and the Springfield operator, Moriconi.

J. Raymond Bacon, vice-president of O. D. Jennings, was agreeably surprised by the various press notices concerning his becoming an associate of Berea College. Art Puetz, of Garfield novelty, Columbus, O., and Phil Burgeson, Minneapolis, were visitors at the plant last week. . . . Helene Swyer, of American Amusement Company, reports that the boss, Harry Brown, is in Los Angeles,

Nate Gottlieb, of Dave Gottlieb & Company, reports that brother Sol is making a business tour of the East. Some of the cities he will visit en route are Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Syracuse, Hartford, Conn., and New York. Joe Ash, who heads the Active Amusement Company. Philadelphia, was a business caller last week.

Grant Shay, enjoying a vacation at Hollywood, Fla., dropped a post card to his secretary, Judy Sokolowski, informing her that all is well and he is feeling in the pink of condition. Other news at Bell-O-Matic Corporation is that Charley Zender, who has not missed a day at the office in 15 years is home fighting off a severe cold. Bill Perry, at Marvel Manufacturing Company, reported last week that

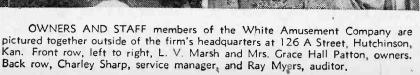
Bill Perry, at Marvel Manufacturing Company, reported last week that his firm is going into the new game field and that their first game, a fiveball free play, will be ready for unveiling about April 20. Lorraine Emerson and Nick Nelson, purchasing agent and plant manager, respectively, are keeping busy getting in the necessary tools, dies and parts. (See CHICAGO on page 168)

#### Kansas City:

Noel Fields, Independence Amusement Company, reports the phonographs he recently converted to sixfor-a-quarter play are doing so well that he is converting all his single unit boxes to that price play. He's keeping his hide-away units, tho, on straight 5-cent play. . . Hugh Roberts, of M & J Amusement Company, believes work on his firm's workshop will be completed this week. Material shortages and the bad weather has held up the progress somewhat. Their record department probably won't be completed before early summer, Roberts says, but they hope to have the department stocked and ready for business then.

Fred Lamb was handling operations at Automatic Coin Machine last week, while his boss, Victor Roos, was home with the flu....Roos, who is distributor here for Packard Manufacturing Company, is also dickering for franchises to distribute vending machines, ... Maynard Todd, Rock-Ola sales representative, was in from Chicago last week to confer with Irvin Weiler of Consolidated Distributing Company, Rock-Ola's outlet in K. C. Incidentally. Weiler is another juke box distrib who is branching into the vending machine business. His firm already is distributing a nut vender and has plans for handling candy and beverage machines, ... A. H. Myers, partnew of Weiler in Consolidated, is one of those who is in the midst of the historic "big bull' wheat market, which has already seen prices for the grain topping three dollars. Myers, who also operates an investment company, has a seat on the Kansas City Board of Trade.

Carl Hoelzel, United Amusement Company, spent several days in Chi-(See KANSAS CITY on page 169)





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(Continued from page 156) cago last week making the rounds of the factories to try and speed up delivery of machines. He was back in time to confer with Frank Larden, Bell-o-Matic Corporation, down from Chicago for several days. Mildred Nelson, secretary, says operations at United are a bit handicapped because a number of the staff are down with the flu... At Music Service, Frank Murray is carrying on short handed, with eight of the servicemen and routemen off with flu. His partner, Edward J. Nettle, is still convalescing after a six-week stay in the hospital. Nettle has a bad heart.

New president of Aireon Manufacturing Company is Harold L. Pearson who was formerly assistant to Sewell Avery, of Montgomery Ward. Rudy Greenbaum, Aireon's vice-president, says production on their 1947 super de luxe model is right on schedule and all work on the model will be completed by May. At that time they will swing into production on their Fiesta box.

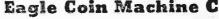
Jerry Wilson, salesman for Central Distributing Company, reports de-livery on their machines "just fair." Apparently the boxcar shortage is holding up shipments. . . . Dave Cooper, of Advance Music Company, incompany, inc says juke boxes started coming in good last week. Mrs. Martha Fleider, good last week. Mrs. Martha Fleider, mother of Dave Fleider, partner in Advance, died March 18. She was 70 years old. . . Missouri operators in on buying trips last week included N. E. England, of Purdy; Ivan Starks, Marshall; C. J. Troyer, St. Joseph; W. T. Kemper, Jefferson City; L. W. Decement Putley: Frank Roles, Spring. Bronson, Butler; Frank Boles, Spring-field; Wilson Talley, Clinton, and L. L. Heines, Joplin.

Robert Dunlap, manager of sales promotion for the Seeburg factory, was down from Chicago last week to in-troduce Reed Whitney, his firm's new district manager, to Harry Silverberg and William Betz, of W. B. Music Company. Betz, who has W. B. Novely Company, St. Louis, flew in far the conference. Al Capito is the new sales-man at W. B. Silverberg reports that his firm has just been appointed distributors for International Mutoscope, photo and voice-recording machines, and RCA Victor coin-operated radios.

Romance and Roses Department: Bob Wormington, who is in charge of the record department of Melody Lane Music Company, recently pre-sented Louise Bennett with a sparkler for the third finger, left hand. No date for saying the "I do's" has been set. . . D. V. Thompson, music operator at Picher, Okla., was in visiting coinmen last week. . . . Kan-sas operators calling on the trade Amusement Company, Garden City; C. E. Kneiner, of Pittsburg, and R. C. Lykke, of Salina.







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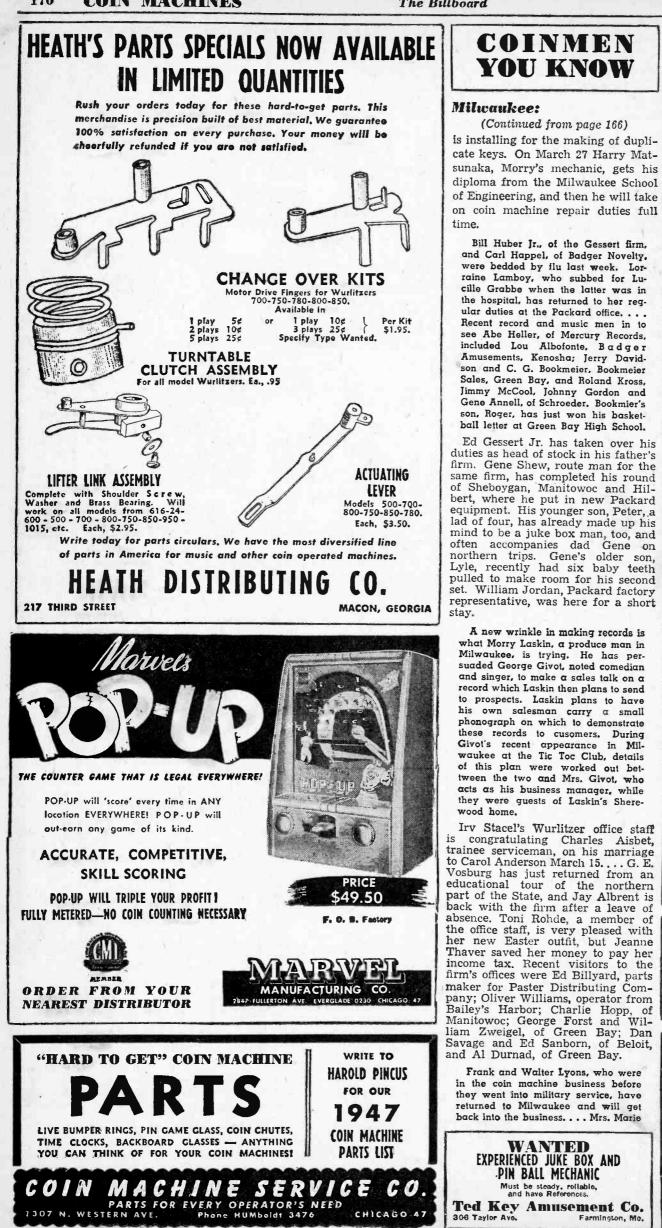
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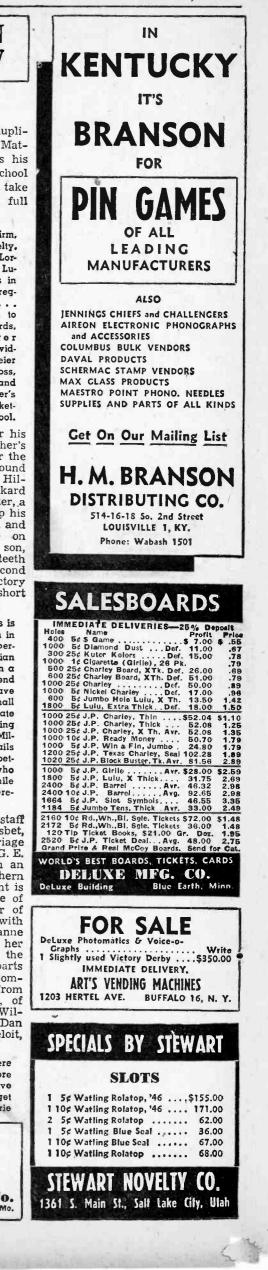
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wife of the president of Pierce. Wisconsin Phonograph the Wisconsin Phonograph Oper-ators' Association, has been taken home from the hospital in Sparta and is on the road to recovery. . . . While Fred Pease, of the Gessert staff, waits for his smashed car to be repaired he makes his rounds of Northern Wis-consin by train...Bill Huber, whose uncle died recently, has been in the northern section of the State making calls.

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Tony Smerke, son-in-law of Tony Zore, Sheboygan operator, has become a member of the Zore firm. . . . Frank Barca, of Advanced Novelty Company, is said to be pleased with his roller rink business in Kenosha.... Mike Chesnick will install a Packard music system in his new cocktail lounge, The Music Box.

Art Cohen, of Mercury Records, flew in recently to visit the Milwaukee of-fice. He had been in Boston where he supervised the opening of a new office there March 7. He discussed promotional plans with Abe Heller, Mercury's chief of staff here. Art announced the appointment of Gene Barron, as new Mercury contact man here, replacing Al DeFoe, Another new man on the Mercury staff is Carl Peterson, in charge of shipping.

Down at the Plankington Arcade, Morry Zenoff is on the sick list, as is Estelle Lemerand. Harry Matsun-aka is awaiting his diploma from a nearby college, after which time he will devote his full time to mechanics or radio. Dick McDermott is now in charge of the rifle range at the arcade and Dolly Michelson is managing the photo booth. photo booth.

#### **Detroit**:

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chines, especially in the candy field. Irving Meklir, son of the owner of the Cotton Club, uptown night spot, is going into the vending machine business. His outfit is Veterans' Com-modities Vending Company, and is at 7511 Beaubien Street, ... R. H. Wann, vice-president and general manager vice-president and general manager of the Hotel Radio Corporation, makers of a new coin-operated radio, was confined to his home by a severe attack of flu this week. . H. L. Dawson, chief engineer of the com-pany, reports distribution has now been set up in 12 States.

Ario Dixone is entering the music machine field with route headquarters at 997 Theodore Street, under name of Dixie Music Company.... Carl Angott, of the Angott Sales Company, has dis-posed of the Ideal Music Company which he formerly operated, to Alfred Raskin. Raskin is operating the en-tire route under the name of Bond Music Company. with headquarters at 16596 Normandy Avenue... Ben Bernard, partner in the Playland Arade at Flint, was married Monday (17) to May Hamilton at Napoleon, O.



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### **Instructions Given** Via Phonograph in **Game Just Patented** WASHINGTON, March 22.-Patent

for an amusement game which would use automatic phonograph equipment to give play directions has been granted to Nathan D. Wyckoff, of Sterling, III., according to the Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent Office.

Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office. Application was made June 18, 1941, and the patent has been as-signed Serial No. 398,514. Descrip-tion of the apparatus as given in the patent office publication is as follows: In an amusement apparatus of the

In an amusement apparatus of the character described, a card vending means having an operating means arranged for actuation as an incident to the vending of a card therefrom, automatic phonographic reproducing means operable in an operative cycle to give play directions relating to a predetermined game and having an energizing circuit for operating said phonographic reproducing means in-cluding two switches, means operable as an incident to the operation of said operating means of said card vending operating means of said card vending means for closing a first one of said switches, means operable by said phonographic means at the end of a cycle of operation thereof to open said first switch, means operable as an incident to the operation of said operating means of said card vending means to open the second one of said means to open the second one of said switches, electrically operated means for returning said second one of said switches to a closed position to start operation of said phonographic reproducing means, and a starting cir-cuit for energizing said electrically operated means, including a normally open manually operable switch and also including a second switch actuated to an open position as an inci-dent to closure of said first-named second switch and actuated to a closed or conditioned position as an incident to opening of said first-named second switch.

## **High Court Upholds** Mississippi's Coin Mach. Privilege Tax

JACKSON, Miss., March 22.-Con-stitutionality test of the 1946 State law permitting counties and munici-palities to levy a privilege tax on coin machines has been upheld by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Ruling came as the result of an ap-peal by an operator from a decision of a lower court, which had approved action of the mayor and aldermen of Biloxi, Miss., in assessing privilege taxes totaling \$57.50 on machines belonging to the operator. Appeal of the operator challenged

the constitutionality of the law on the grounds that it referred to provithe grounds that it referred to provi-sions of an earlier law enacted in 1944 without repeating fully the sec-tions amended. The operator argued that a provision of the State Consti-tution provided that "no law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sec-tions as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length." Supreme Court decision held that

Supreme Court decision held that the 1946 coin machine tax measure the 1946 coin machine tax measure "merely adopts the general provi-sions of the said general privilege tax law as the means by which the pro-visions of the statute here involved may be enforced, and the taxes collected, in the manner now provided by law, and such a provision would have meant the same thing as saying that the general provisions of a then existing statute (charter 137. laws of 1944) should be followed as the 1944) should be followed as the means by which the tax imposed un-der the latter statute may be enforced and collected. In such a case, we are of the opinion that Section 61 of the Constitution would not be violated."



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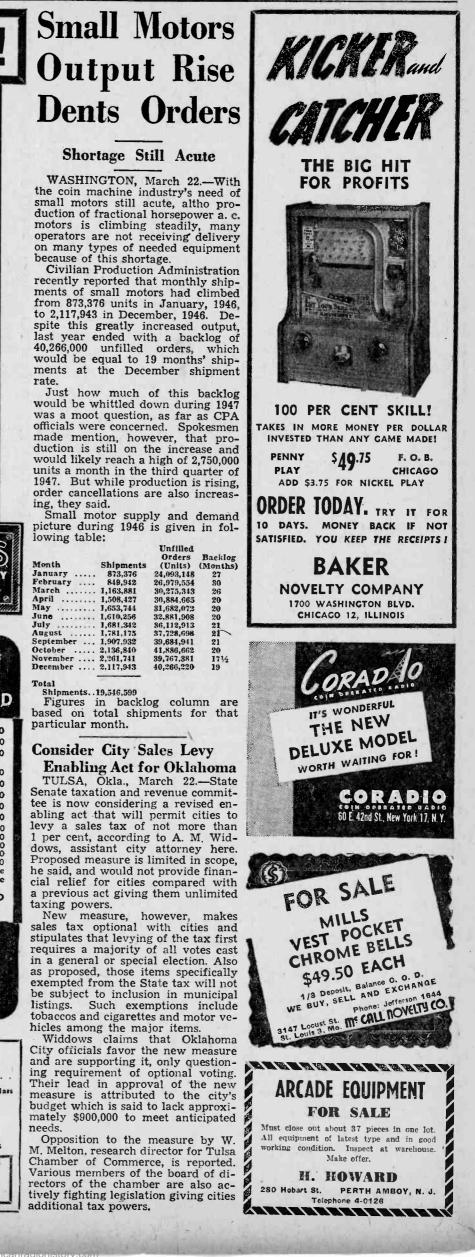
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## See Good Coin Mach. Market, Play in Canada WASHINGTON, March 22 .- Prospects for coin machine exports to Canada and also sales of commodities

thru individual vending machines, along with high play on coin-operated amusement games and juke boxes in 1947 appears to be favorable as the Dominion's reconversion battle is won and domestic production and employment figures reach new record highs.

According to an authoritative ar-ticle in a recent edition of *Foreign Commerce Weekly*, U. S. Department of Commerce publication, Canada now has a substantial increase in purchasing power over the pre-war period, along with a greater circula-tion of money and improved standard tion of money and improved standard of living. National income has doubled from \$5,500,000,000 before the war to \$11,000,000,000 today. Approximately \$1,000,000,000 today. Appendix a proximately \$1,000,000,000 has been spent by private industry on industrial expansion alone during 1946, while the pre-war figure of 3,800,000 employed persons in 1939 has been upped to 4,800,000.

Present volume of business ac-Present volume of business ac-tivity, says Commerce publication, altho below wartime peaks, still ap-proximates the levels of the closing months of 1941 and remains higher than any figure reached prior to that time. In the first 10 months of 1946, wholesale sales showed a gain of 20 wholesale sales showed a gain of 20 per cent over corresponding period of 1945. Regarding increases in wholesale prices when based on the year 1926 as 100 per cent, increases except for months of August and September on November 1, reached 110.8, the highest level since April, 1021 1921.

#### Imports Hit New High

Imports Hit New High Canadian imports for 1946, which are estimated at \$1,900,000,000, hit an all-time peak exceeding even war-time figures. All general groups figured in the increased inflow of goods, with greater emphasis on tex-tile goods, books, household equip-ment, petroleum products, automo-biles, non-agricultural machinery and parts, and variety of fruit. Most of biles, non-agricultural machinery and parts, and variety of fruit. Most of these imports came from the United States, which accounted for about 75 per cent of the total imports from all nations. United Kingdom was second largest shipper of Canadian imports, with Argentina third.

Imports, with Argentina third. Tourist trade in Canada boomed sharply during 1946. A record num-ber of 22,000,000 tourists swarmed over the country, most of them from the United States. The Canadian Travel Bureau set the expenditures of these visitors at \$212,000,000, com-paring this figure with the average of these visitors at \$212,000,000, com-paring this figure with the average pre-war year (1938) figure of \$134,-000,000. Tourist dollars spent in Canada reached an all-time low of the mid-war year of 1942, when \$79,-000,000 was spent. The years 1944 and 1945 saw this figure rise to \$117,-000,000 and \$164,000,000, respectively. Error these figures it is easy to see From these figures it is easy to see why the tourist business is regarded as one of the fastest growing indus-tries in Canada today.

Looking at the over-all picture of Looking at the over-all picture of business conditions in Canada as they exist at the present time, American exporting firms and Canadian busi-ness men are confident of steady profits and forecast a continuance of same for some years to come.

#### Harriman To Open Arcade In N. Y. Times Sq. Area

NEW YORK, March 22.—A new amusement arcade will be opened on Seventh Avenue in the Times Square area April 1, according to Ben Harriman, its proprietor.



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Gov. Vetoes Mont. Bill

(Continued from page 147) to set new fees on vending and serv-ice machines (see The Billboard,

March 22). CONNECTICUT—On April 29 a hearing will be held on House Bill 632, a measure which would classify cigarette venders as retail stores. Most operators of cigarette vending machines would likewise be classified as distributors of cigarettes under the measure which reads "any person

as distributors of cigarettes under the measure which reads "any person engaged in conducting 10 or more retail stores or 25 or more machines for vending packages of cigarettes in this State who shall buy such cig-arettes at wholesale and sell them direct to the consumer in said stores or in said vending machines." The proposal would likewise eliminate the clause in the 1939 regulations which requires a firm to be in business one year prior to date of application for a distributor's license. This will enable new firms to qualify as tobac-co distributors.

co distributors. Bill To Raise Fees GEORGIA — Proposal has been made here to increase the license fees on all types of coin-operated equip-ment. Increased revenue would be used for the support of public insti-tutions. In the Georgia General Tax of 1935 a \$1 annual license fee was fixed for penny machines, and a \$5 annual fee for all machines requiring more than a penny to operate. New fees in S. B. 124 would be \$3 for penny machines and \$50 for all ma-chines requiring more than a penny to operate. Measure was introduced March 12, with no action reported as this is being written. Drastic in-crease on the larger type coin ma-chine is one of the largest proposed hikes to appear this year. ILLINOIS—House Bill 245, intro-

ILLINOIS-House Bill 245, intro-duced March 11, is an enabling act

duced March 11, is an enabling act which would empower Illinois county boards to license various types of businesses and to collect the revenues for the county's own use. Specific businesses named in the bill are places of eating and amusement; all places where any beverage or food for human consumption is sold at retail; pinball, bowling alleys, bil-liard, bagatelle, pigeon-hole, pool or any other tables or implements; tour-ist cabins and motor courts, and all

ist cabins and motor courts, and all places selling motor fuel at retail. All of these county powers are with the understanding that licenses can

be issued any location or business which is within the boundaries of the

county but outside the limits of cities, villages and incorporated

IOWA-Following the trend in other States, Iowa's House Bill 323 is an enabling act which would em-power cities and towns to enact or-

dinances to license all types of coin machines, including merchandising equipment. No details on the meas-ure were available as this summary

ure were available as this summary was prepared, nor had there been any action taken. LOUISIANA — Legislature here, quiet since it adjourned July 11, 1946, was called into special session March 16 to take up legislation appropriat-ing funds for the aged and for the maintenance of schools.

Vender Recognition MAINE—House Bill 23 is now law, signed by the governor March 13. This bill puts vending machines in

the same classification as retail stores, and as such each machine will

be licensed at \$1 annually. In addi-

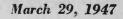
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tion wholesalers of cigarettes, which will include some vending operators, will pay \$25 annually. Venders must bear disks or markers showing that they have been licensed, just as over-

they have been licensed, just as over-the-counter retail outlets must dis-play their licenses. MARYLAND — Free-play pinball got a boost here when House Bill 618, which would license the games in Allegany County, was reported fa-vorably, on second reading. This bill would place a \$30 license on pin-ball machines and juke boxes. In addition a fee of \$3 would be levied against each low-level music box, which the measure describes as "inwhich the measure describes as "in-

which the measure describes as "he-dependent coin-operated speaker de-livering music on the same premises." MISSISSIPPI—Legislature here is back in session. It adjourned in April, 1946, was called into special session March 4, 1947. No action af-forting coin machines seen in the fecting coin machines seen in the offing.

MISSOURI-Veterans' bonus bill would be financed thru a tax on coin would be financed thru a tax on coin machines, cigarettes, tobacco, soft drinks, beer, liquor, etc. Measure is labeled House Bill 246, would place a flat fee of \$10 on each coin-operated amusement machine. Cig-arettes would be taxed at two cents per pack and soft drink bottlers would pay a 10 cents per case levy on their products. Another section provides for a 25 cents per gallon fee on sirup used at soda fountains. The bill was introduced March 12, with bill was introduced March 12, with no action as yet.

#### **Vetoes Club Bill**

MONTANA-Governor has vetoed House Bill 403, which would have House Bill 403, which would have considerably broadened the interpre-tation of the term "club." Montana provides for the licensing of bell machines in certain types of fraternal and religious clubs, but 403 would have extended this licensing to what the measure called "social clubs." This bill passed both House and Sen-ate, was vetoed March 17. Meantime, the governor has approved and ate, was vetoed March 17. Meantime, the governor has approved and signed House Bill 269 which classi-fies cigarette vending operators as retailers, fixes a dealer fee of \$5. According to the measure, each vend-ing machine must be licensed but operators with more than one ma-chine on location will pay the license for only one machine. Bill also places a two cents per pack tax on cigatwo cents per pack tax on cigarettes

NEBRASKA—Slugs, tokens and false coins are outlawed in Bill 220 and false coins are outlawed in Bill 220 which was passed March 15. This measure is similar to one up in Iowa. Legislature has fixed March 26 as the hearing date for Bill 463 which would make illegal any "mechanical device, which mechanical device upon playing delivers some commod-ity, money, token of any kind re-deemable for something of value."

#### **Gaming Bill Delayed**

NEW MEXICO-Coinmen thruout the nation, who were watching to see what results would come of the legislature's move to okay local option on gaming, are in for disappointment.

legislature's move to okay local option on gaming, are in for disappointment. The Legislature adjourned at noon March 15, and no action on Senate Bill 198 (which would have provided that local option) has been released. NEW YORK—Legislature here ad-journed March 19. OHIO—Senate Bill 225, introduced March 13, would license and tax coin-operated amusement and gam-ing devices. Few observers have any hopes that this bill will pass in its present form. It proposes a \$10 fee on games, \$5 fee on jukes and \$100 fee on gaming machines. The State proposes to use 50 per cent of the receipts to pay the veterans' bonus, with the remainder equally divided between schools and aid for the aged. OKLAHOMA — House Bill 308 would provide for the licensing of all types of coin amusement games. Proposed fees have not been made available, and the measure is in the hands of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation. PENNSYLVANIA—House Bill 662 (see Legislation Drops on page 178)

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some Latin American countries will be handicapped for some time to come by import licensing practices, according to forecasts made at the 30th anniversary meeting of the Export Managers' Club, of New York.

W. A. Coogan, foreign sales manager for Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., told the group that only in Sweden, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and the Middle East are American manufacturers transactions satisfactory.

Coogan sketched the trade picture in European countries, pointing out that because of economic or political disorders, France, Spain, Greece, Italy and England must be counted out.

He added that England is unlikely

He added that England is unlikely under present conditions to "achieve her ambition to be our greatest com-petitor in the immediate future." Reporting on Latin American ex-port prospects, Oliver E. Zimmerman, regional export manager of General Foods Sales Company, asserted that Argentina no longer presents "any opportunity or field for salesmanship, as we know it." He blamed the nationalistic trend

He blamed the nationalistic trend, dollar shortage and import licensing difficulties for the Argentine condition.

Background for the export men's conference was provided by increased U. S. exports chalked up in January.

Exports of semi-manufactured and finished products in January were valued in the Department of Com-merce report at \$1,096,000,000, com-

pared with \$1,083,000,000 in December, 1946.

#### LEGISLATION DROPS (Continued from page 177)

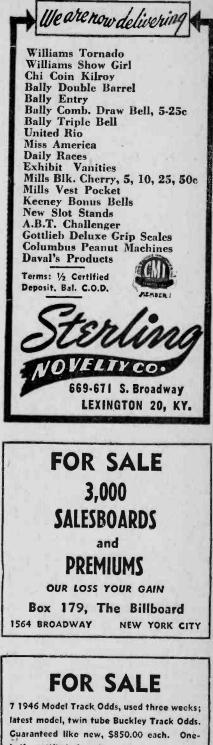
(Continued from page 177) (an amendment to the Act of 1935) would increase from \$1 to \$2 the license permit for selling tobacco products; would increase State tax on cigarettes from one to one and one-half cents for each 10 cigarettes sold; would levy a State tax of one and one-half cents on every 10 little cigars; \$10 per thousand on cigars selling above four cents each and \$5 per thousand on cigars selling at not selling above four cents each and \$5 per thousand on cigars selling at not more than four cents each. The Legislature here has also received House Bill 664 which proposes a tax of one per cent per ounce on bottled soft drinks to be paid by the bottler; provides for the licensing of soft drink bottlers and importers of sirup. RHODE ISLAND—March 19 was final day for introduction of new bills without unanimous consent.

without unanimous consent. **Bill on Venders** 

TEXAS — House Bill 634 would place a tax of one-sixth of 1 cent on each 5 cents or fractional part of on each 5 cents or fractional part of the retail selling price of soft drinks, and a tax of 5 cents on each one fourth of a gallon of sirup. March 24 has been fixed as the hearing date for House Bill 211, which would place an occupation tax of \$15 on each juke box. Merchandise ma-chines would be taxed at \$3.50 on those venders which charge more than a penny but not more than 5 cents for merchandise. UTAH — Legislature adjourned March 13. VERMONT—Length of session fs unlimited. Last day for introduction of bills was March 13. WASHINGTON — Legislature ad-journed March 13.

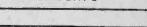
wASHINGTON - Legislature ad-journed March 13. WISCONSIN-Assembly Bill 321 would prohibit the sale of food or drinks in theater lobbies, foyers or any connected part of the theater. No action reported.

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#### **COIN MACHINES**

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## **Steel Marketing Ills Hit Coin Machine Production**

marketing of steel products, steel industry's big problem this week, is having a serious effect on costs and production progress of coin machine producers, representatives of manufacturers here report.

An alleged "grey market," in which thousands of would-be brokers and jobbers who never have been in the steel business before are operating to steel business before are operating to spiral already-high prices is largely discounted by leading steel makers. But resale of steel products which have been acquired by agencies new to merchandising in this field has become a factor of concern to the steel industry as well as to steel users such as the coin machine industry such as the coin machine industry.

#### **Supply Still Critical**

Doryn V. Edgar, at Mills Indus-tries, Inc., said that steel supplies were still very critical, but expressed the view that difficulties in procure-ment resulted more from the basic steel shortage than from any possible black market activities.

Edgar pointed out that manufacturers were forced to buy steel from varying sources and in lots and sizes available—a practice which inevita-bly would make for higher costs, both direct and indirect.

Thus, in addition to higher costs at time of purchase, there are added expenses in further processing of steel which is not in a form suitable for use as purchased. Necessity of buying in small quantities and lapses between purchases cause an ebb and flow in supplies, which is reflected in unsteady production and consequently affects costs.

James J. Sears, purchasing chief for Rock-Ola Manufacturing Cor-poration, explained how fading of many pre-war sources of steel had forced his firm to do some of its purchasing from new firms. For forced his firm to do some of its purchasing from new firms. For making juke boxes, he said, sheet and strip steel are in greatest demand. Because of irregular buying, experi-ence has been that cost per usable ton of these materials has increased considerably. When desired sizes are not available—a common problem— the manufacturer must take a dif-ferent size, from which fewer pieces ferent size, from which fewer pieces can be cut.

Cuts Yield, Ups Cost This, said Sears, often cuts the yield from 10 to 15 per cent. He repeated the observation that addi-

## **Alice Carey Resigns CMI** Publicity Post

QHICAGO, March 22. — Alice Carey, member of Coin Machine In-dustries' (CMI) bureau of public re-lations staff has resigned to take a position with Crosby-Fogle, radio production form Hollywood accordproduction firm, Hollywood, accord-ing to an announcement by James T. Mangan.

Prior to joining CMI, Miss Carey had been in radio production work both in New York and Chicago and at one time was affiliated with 14 radio shows, including the well-known Ma Perkins, Betty and Bob and Knickerbocker Playhouse produc-

tions. During the war years, Miss Carey U. S. Marine Corps, where she dis-tinguished herself in important posts at Washington and Cherry Point, N. C.

Just before being discharged she was assigned to the command of Maj. Frank Hough, whom she assisted in compiling a history of the marines in World War II, titled Island Warfare.

CHICAGO, March 22. - Irregular tional costs result when further processing of steel must be arranged for and paid for after the original pur-

Sears forecast a marked improvement in steel supplies by July. At-tributing the difficulties he outlined to the outstanding fact that there just isn't enough steel to go around today, he deelared that the irregular marked to the outline't and the scene to market couldn't end too soon to

please any manufacturer.

Hope that high prices of steel products in general may start down-ward was expressed this week as one maker, Carnegie-Illinois announced moderate reduction in delivered price by cutting extra charges. *Iron Age*, industry trade paper, said that over 68 per cent of steel consumers say steel prices are at too high a level, and that some companies have already acted to cut orders.

Iron Age also warned the industry that 36 per cent of steel users are expecting to change their source of supply, or are thinking about it.

Meanwhile, the industry was gird-

ing to fight any black market ten-dencies, at the same time minimiz-ing them as a factor of too great concern. Spokesman for the pressed metal institute urged stamping plants to join an industry-wide campaign. to join an industry-wide campaign. Telling members that in the not-too-distant future some firms would be caught with over-priced steel, he called upon individual steel com-panies to work toward a better deal for steel consumers.

This source declared that any black market steel came largely thru allocation issued for housing or farm machinery which were diverted for resale.

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## **RECORD REVIEWS**

(Continued from page 162) the wax, and the maestro is up to scherr pattern which a couple-of-years-back flavored Yes, My Darling A standard item for the record collection years-back flavored Yes, My Darling Daughter to provide melody for Mo-zel. With the Crewchiefs (former Beneke vocal unit) for chorus blends and Andy Phillips' appropriate ork framing, Wayne's sugary pipes inject an infectuous lilt into the age-old tune as he voices the new wordage. Lyric is capably tailored to the melody. Another ballad along Sleepy Baby lines holds the backside and is handled in the same dreamy manner that Wayne has used for similar material in the pack. Crewchiefs' velvet harmonies for the vocal assist add to its salability.

Mozel may prove just the new dress needed for a revival of the old tune and there's plenty of coin appeal left over for the flip.

SAM DONAHUE (Capitol 357)

I Can't Believe It Was All Make Believe —FT; V. My Melancholy Baby—FT; V.

Fashioned mostly for dancing, Sam Donahue's ork setting and Bill Lockwood's warbling in I Can't Be-Bill lieve are listenable as well. Instru-mental flip attempts to give new garb to the standard Melancholy Baby, tho pleasant, holds little that hasn't been heard before. As in his past wax works, Donahue keeps muted brass for rhymic background figurations while the melody spot-light falls on the reeds. I Can't Believe may nudge some coins.

THE PICKARD FAMILY (Coast 253) How Many Biscuits Can You Eat?-FT; V. Cindy-FT; V.

For its initial release on this label, the Pickards give out with a rib-tickler in How Many Biscuits. Backtickler in *How Many Biscuits*. Back-ing themselves with their own folksy accompaniment (piano, harmonica, Jew's harp), there's finger-snapping beats on both sides. Reverse is a rollicking voice session on the old Tennessee hill tune *Cindy*. The cracker-barrel crowd will go for

these.

FRANKIE LAINE (Mercury 5018) A Sunday Kind of Love—FT; VC. Who Cares What People Say—FT; VC. Frankie Laine oversings A Sunday Kind of Love, with his attempt to exert more out of his vibratto than is there, causing his voice to falter at certain low strains in the disking. Reverse finds Laine in usual form, selling all-out on a tune already selling all-out on a tune already waxed by Dinah Shore. While neither tune has as yet scored heavily in the neuroistic block of the selling of the second se in the popularity charts, both are of the sleeper variety and may click. Two sides to keep a wary eye on.

### JOHNNY BOND (Columbia 37255)

So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed— FT; VC. You Brought Sorrow To My Heart—FT; VC. Johnny Bond, in song, gives a clever and spicy description of his girl that makes for a catchy rhythm novelty in So Round, So Firm. His Red River Boys, featuring trumpet, clarinet and harmonica with the string instruments, keeps the spinning at a toe-tapping pace. Contrasting, Bond becomes the sentimental cow-boy torch bearer for Sorrow to My Heart, giving way only to the wail of the mouth organ as he sings the ap-pealing ballad.

So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed will pack the coin boxes.

ARTURO TOSCANINI (Victor 11-9385) Prelude: Die Meistersinger-Parts I and 11 (Victor 11-9385) The NBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini, takes bommando, \$300; Goalee, wn Cabinet, \$69.50; 12 both sides of a 12-incher to bring a both sides of a 12-incher to bring a masterful reading of the rich and dramatic music of the *Prelude* to Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*. It is one of the rare occasions that Toscanini has brought a Wagnerian work to

of good music.

THE FOUR VAGABONDS (Apollo 1030) Hoe Cake, Hominy and Sassafras Tea-FT; V. Kentucky Babe-FT; V. A fine blend of four voices rich in

vocal power and quality. And har-monizing to the strums of a guitar, monizing to the strums of a guitar, the Four Vagabonds impress with their preem platter for this label. The solo voice set off by easy-flowing rhythm figures, the foursome make the most of the Hoe Cake rhythm novelty. And show off the yocal fiber of their blend in the singing of the Kantucku Rabe hullaby in a capella Kentucky Babe lullaby in a capella style.

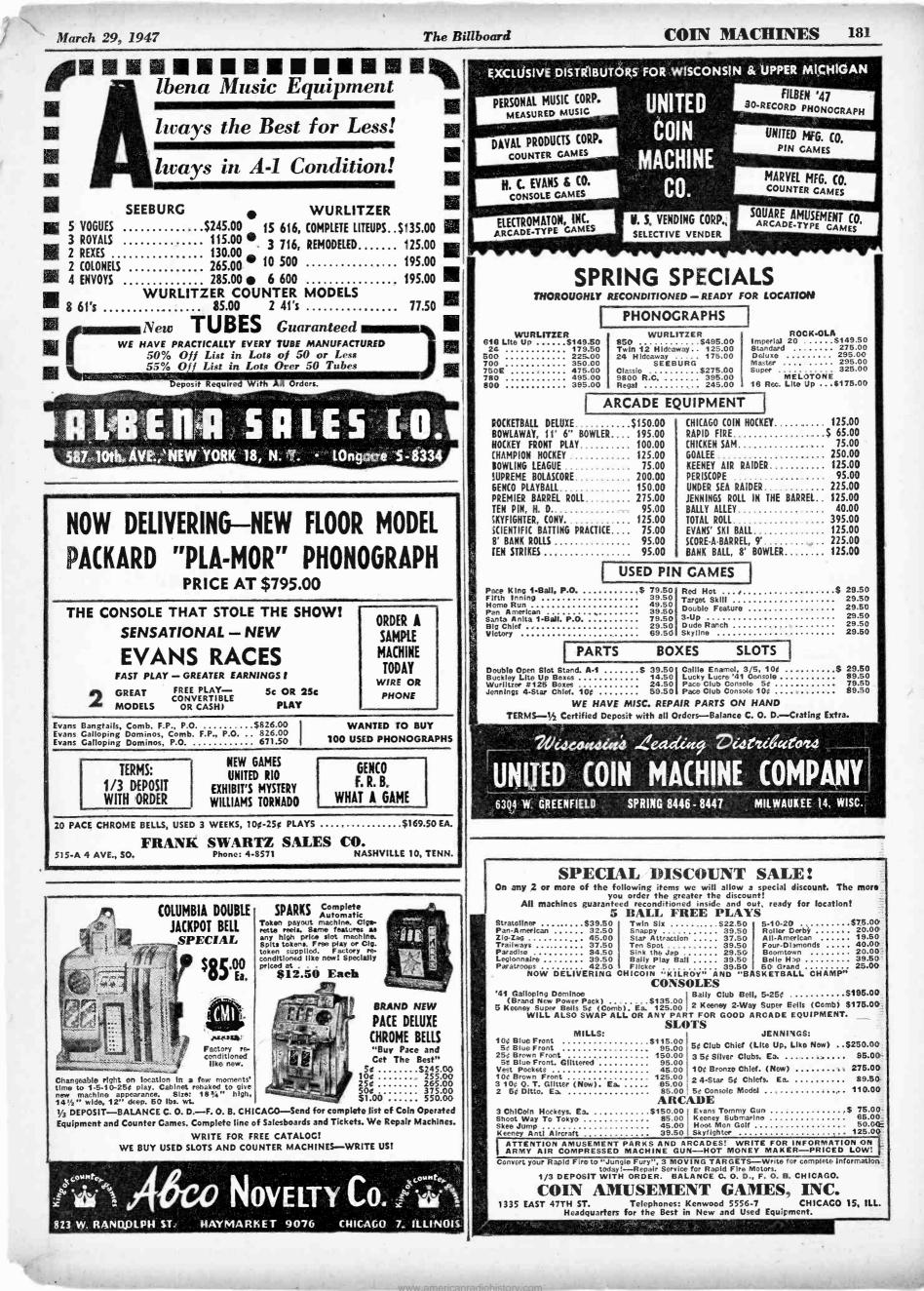
More pleasant for parlor spinning.

BILLY BUTTERFIELD (Capitol 371) We Could Make Such Beautiful Music-FT; V. Ain't Misbehavin'-FT; V. Billy Butterfield pairs contrasting

(See Record Reviews on page 184)



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CLEVELAND, March 22 .-- Cleveland Phonograph Merchants' Association's hit tune of the month for April will be Movie Tonight, it was

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Hit Tune for April

in the past, song will be featured in the No. 1 spot on the 4,000 juke boxes in this area. March selection, If I Had My Life

in this vicinity until featured as the month's hit tune, and then rose in juke and retail demand, CPMA said.

LAURA MAJORS, '41 PIN UP GIRL SUN VALLEY ZOMBIE

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(Continued from page 180) facets of his music personality for this twin revival. The oldie, We Could Make Such Beautiful Music, is dressed in sweetened reeds and toned-down brass to back Pat Flaherty's ear-easy vocalizing, with side sparked by the full clean-toned trumpeting of the maestro. Latter's horn warms up for the brighter flip, cutting it sharp and high during the instrumental brass surrounding his vocalizing.

Couplet holds coin attraction, with the swingier Ain't Misbehavin' coming up as the better juke bet.

#### WESLEY TUTTLE (Capitol 373)

A Broken Promise Means a Broken Heart-FT; V. Little You Cared-FT; V.

With guitars and piano holding a strong Western beat in the back-ground, Westley Tuttle convincingly warbles the woes of A Broken Prom*ise.* Instrumentalists chime in vocally on the chorus. The singing is sweet-ened for the flip to give a plaintive touch to *Little You Cared.* 

A Broken Promise holds the better coin promise.

#### JACK McLEAN (Coast 8006)

Why Did I Have To Fall in Love With You? —FT; V. I'll Never Love Again—FT; V. Love Turns Winter to Spring—FT; V. My Melancholy Baby—FT; V. Patterned for dancing, the mod-erate tampaod music moline of Lock

erate-tempoed music making of Jack McLean is easy to take. Tho style is dated in arrangements' close ad-herence to the melody line and standard coupling of saxes and muted brass, there's plenty commercial ap-peal in these sides. Wayne Gregg's peal in these sides. Wayne Gregg's version of the Latin-born *I'll Never Love Again* passes the ear test as a pleasant tho unexciting bit of vocalizing, adequately fitting ork's playing manner. He dusts off with equal ease the ballad flip and gives the same treatment to *Love Turns Winter* and the standard Malancholu Rahu and the standard Melancholy Baby. There's coin attraction to all these sides at locations where they like it sirupy.

### Veeder-Root Seeks **Increased** Capital

HARTFORD, Conn., March 22 .-Veeder-Root, Inc., manufacturer of coin counting devices, will recom-mendation at its annual stockhold-ers' meeting here March 25 that the firm's capital stock be split on a two-for-one basis.

Directors state that authority will be sought to increase the capital stock of the corporation from 400,-000 shares without par value to 500,-000 like shares. Present issued and outstanding shares numbering 207,-300 will, in such an increase, then number 414,600 shares. Amount of capital stock represented by the outstanding shares would be continued at \$2,591,250. Net income of both Veeder-Root

and Holo Krome Screw Corporation (which was made a subsidiary re-cently when 7,300 shares of former's remaining outstanding stock were used to buy remaining outstanding stock of Holo Krome) for year ending December 31, 1946, was \$1,714,882 after taxes. Net 1946, was \$1,714,882 after taxes. Net earnings for 1945 were \$564,726. Net current assets amount to \$4,316,276, compared with \$3,675,826 for 1945. Earned surplus was \$4,105,845 last year as against \$2,480,794 for 1945. John H. Chaplin, president, states that firm's English subsidiary, Veeder-Root, Ltd., London, is now in the process of expansion. Book value of foreign subsidaries as shown by latest available statements. is latest available statements, is \$104,214.

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New Chi Vending Operation Headed by L. Segal, F. Rubin CHICAGO, March 22. — Kandy Korner is a new firm headed by Fred D. Rublin and Leon Segal which be-

gan operating a route of candy bar machines January 23. Company is located at 8 S. Dearborn Street here. Segal was formerly with Vendit up a bit, Segal stated.

Corporation here as secretary, leav-ing that position February 1 to de-vote full time to the new enterprise. He says that at present they have 65 5-cent candy bars on location and are adding machines at the rate of 10 a week 10 a week.

Future expansion into cup beverage and ice cream vending field is con-templated when supply picture clears



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## **Portland Distrib Reports on Hotel** Lobby Music Test

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.-Al M. Moss, manager of the M. S. Wolf Distributing Company here, reported this week on the 20-day exhibition of Automatic Hostess music service in four downtown locations.

While the equipment was on location, girls at each hotel—Benson, Heathman, New Heathman and Contion, gress—circulated among lobby audi-ences from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and asked guests to make selections. According to Moss, the hotel managements said that favorable comments were received from guests regarding the innovation.

Studio equipment was set up by Monty West, of AMI.

### **Distrib Urges 6 Cent Label To Kill Nickel Candy Myth**

NEW YORK, March 22.—Five-cent wrappers on 6-cent candy bars con-tinue to cause strained wholesalerretailer-customer relations here, as in other sections where the upped price is asked.

price is asked. Stanley R. Zippin, counsel for Wholesale Candy Distributors, Inc., last week called for an end of "the myth of the nickel candy bar" and urged manufacturers to print a 6-cent price on their labels. Retail Tobacco Dealers of America, Inc., also issued a statement on the situation thru Eric Calamia president, who declared that Calamia, president, who declared that candy prices in New York do not permit a return to the 5-cent level.

## **Time To Lower** Prices, U. S. **Bureau Advises**

WASHINGTON, March 22 .- The nation's business is entering a period of intense competition and retailers should begin to lower their prices to meet the challenge, the Depart-ment of Commerce declared this week in a bulletin on business conditions.

"There are now more retailers in the implication is that competition or the consumer's dollar will be greater than ever," the bulletin stated.

"Unless business men start reviewing their pricing policies now with a view toward meeting this competition, they may find themselves faced with making drastic price changes.

"The old wartime formula of price of goods plus operating costs plus desired profit is no longer sufficient. In general, mark-up policies must be directed toward a reasonable net profit."

#### K, C. PLAY SEESAWS

(Continued from page 147) appears to be on the upward and

"Collections are down some for "Collections are down some for the month," another operator re-ported, "and during the week before March 15, when people were paying their income taxes, I'd say it was down 20 per cent."

Both new play techniques—dime and six for a quarter—appear to be paying off, and operators of both types of "converted" phonographs reported that collections on these machines were holding up better than the straight nickel layouts.





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## Unemployment Compensation **Bulletin** Out

CHICAGO, March 22 .- Division of Placement and Unemployment Com-Placement and Unemployment Com-pensation in Illinois has issued a spe-cial bulletin instructing the State's employers of the correct procedure in filing unemployment compensa-tion forms for those employees laid off or discharged. Too many firms, the bulletin states, fail to give proper forms to workers who are eligible for compensation compensation.

State law requires an employer to issue one of two forms, UC (III) Ben-39 or UC (III) Ben-22, on most in-stances when an employee has been permanently or temporarily sep-arated from his employment. First form is an application blank for use in filing claims for compensation in filing claims for compensation. Upper part of form is sent back to employer by Division after claim has been filed by worker. This is the form an employer is required to give each person who is laid off for a minimum period of seven days, and must be given at time of such a lay-off either by personal delivery or mail within two days. Other than firm name and address, employer is not required to make any entries on the Ben-39 form.

"Laid off" is defined in this manner: "Persons released due to lack act or separation occurs. of work (cutbacks, machinery break-downs, material shortages, insufficient business, fires, etc.); because quality or quantity of work done is

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#### **Pinballs** Vital

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.—Bill Vaughn, who conducts a column titled "Starbeams" in The Kansas City Starbeams" in The Kansas City Star and who frequently comments on coin machine topics, last week had the following comment to make on pinballs: "Reformers always put the worst interpretation on things.

worst interpretation on things. Now it's a group blasting away at pinball machines, without appreciating the vital part they play in improving the breed of the ball-bearing."

not satisfactory; because workers is not qualified to do the work."

not qualified to do the work." Form Ben-22 is a Notice of Possi-ble ineligibility. Worker laid off for these reasons is ineligible for com-pensation: Discharge for misconduct connected with his work, including forgery, larceny, etc.; voluntary quit-ting, leaving without good cause or failure to accept suitable work; fail-ure to report for work for four con-secutive days for reasons unknown; inability to work or unavailability for work; payment of wages in lieu of notice or vacation pay. Except for last two instances, when

Except for last two instances, when employer should issue Ben-22 within three business days after receipt of the Notice of Claim, employer must issue this form within three business days of the time alleged disqualifying

Division urges employers to use vigilance in use of these forms so as to prevent unqualified persons col-lecting unemployment insurance. This in turn will reduce charges

### Yale&TowneIncome For 1946 Below 1945

CHICAGO, March 22.—Net income of Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company during 1946 was \$577,332 below the previous year, with last year's total earnings coming to \$1,030,417, according to the annual report to stockholders released this

W. Gibson Carey Jr., president, de-clared in the report that income dropped from \$3.30 a common share in 1945 to \$2.12 a common share in 1946 for the reason that "because of OPA ceilings during much of 1946 we were forced to sell many of our lines at a loss in order to keep our com-petitive positions."

Sales also were off during 1946 because of uneven material flow, labor shortages and reconversion prob-lems, the report stated. Total sales were \$39,996,187, as compared with \$48,562,490 during the previous year. However, sales volume in some lines increased during the year as the re-sult of new tooling, standardization and new machinery.

Report also revealed plans for construction of a new 16-acre factory and office building near Philadelphia. This was in line with a generally optimistic view of 1947.

against employer's unemployment compensation merit rating card.

Those employers who need additional forms to take care of their im-mediate needs are advised to order them direct from Division of Place-ment and Unemployment Compensation, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54,

## Mo. Arcade Robbed By 13-Yr.-Old Boy

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.-Too many nickels resulted in the cap-ture here of a 13-year-old youngster who robbed Zor Gershon's Wonderland Arcade of an estimated \$150, all in nickels.

Apparently watching all the jing-ling into the arcade machines was just too much for the youngster, so he hid himself in the arcade just be-fore closing time, then stole the money, and left by the rear door after the place was locked up.

He was picked up by police at a bowling alley after it had been re-ported to them that he was buying things right and left with nickels. Before he was caught, the youngster had bought himself a new suit, shoes and a tour of the city by taxicab all with 5-cent pieces.

## **Troll's Plans Mint** 72-Count for Vender

LOS ANGELES, March 22 .-LOS ANGELLES, March 22.—Troirs, Inc., will introduce a 72-count pack of candy mints in the near future designed largely for vending ma-chines and theaters, according to Verne Besser, sales manager.

New pack, he said, will provide a saving to quantity purchasers of what would normally be paid for the display box. Company expressed belief that the large-size economy pack will establish a new trend in the candy mit field the candy mint field.

# "Skill Thrill"

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## **High-Grade** Ore Shortage Seen Hitting Steel

NEW YORK, March 22.-American steel industry faces a dire shortage of iron ore "within a period too short to be comfortable" unless methods are developed for utilizing low-grade ores, C. M. White, president of Republic Steel Corporation, told the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at its 75th annual meeting here Monday (17).

Predicting the U.S. is destined to be the greatest supplier of steel for the world market for many years, White stated: "It is unlikely that any great new deposits of high-grade ore will be uncovered either in the United States or in Western Europe.

"The known supply of actual ore is being exhausted much more rapid-ly in the United States than in the rest of the world.

#### **Issues Warning**

"Unless the American steel industry centered about the lower Great Lakes equips itself with plants capable of concentrating low-grade ores into materials usable in its furnaces, it must resign itself to a de-clining steel production and elect to watch its present plants gradually become of secondary importance as they yield to expansion of plants elsewhere in this country.

"A migration to the Atlantic sea-board to utilize imported ores would effect vast changes of far-reaching consequences to the nation.

"Whether the decline in production from the commercial reserves of Lake



JOSEPH A. HANNA

Superior ore becomes material in five or 10 years or not until later, the period is too short to permit a passive course .

White injected a note of optimism at the conclusion of his address: "En-gineers and industrialists have a way of making great progress under the spur of necessity. Hence, there is every reason to believe that when the abundant low-grade ores become the principal sources on which the world must depend for its iron and steel supplies, engineering achieve-ments will rapidly overcome the present handicaps to the utilization of these deposits."

## Cite Coinman's Leadership in Civic Affairs Thruout N.Y.

UTICA, N. Y., March 22.—For his participation in civic activities on a broad front, Joseph A. Hanna, of Hanna Distributing Company here, several of which already are in ophas received the personal commenda-tion of Mayor Boyd E. Golder and nomination for a distinguished serv-ice award to New York's five out-

standing young men. In a letter to Hanna, the mayor wrote: "I was surprised to learn of the tremendous amount of personal service and leadership that you have given the community during the past year . . . let me congratulate you and extend to you, as mayor of the city, the thanks of our people. I want you to know that we are all very proud of you."

At the same time, Hanna's coin machine distributing firm has been expanding. With a branch office in Schenectady, N. Y., and two more planned in Syracuse and Bingham-ton, N. Y., he has found time to be-come a public relations front runner in the industry in the industry.

#### Active in Civic Affairs

As vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of New York, Hanna has participated in State-wide drives for a number of causes, including youth programs, veterans af-fairs, war memorials and charities. During the war, he was a bond drive leader, receiving a treasury citation for his work.

As State co-chairman of Veterans' Affairs, Hanna supervised the func-tions of an office opened to assist returning veterans interested in start-ing small businesses. Student of a

gram, he had helped lay the groundwork for a chain of youth centers, several of which already are in operation.

When Utica decided to erect a \$1,500,000 war memorial building, Hanna acted as chairman of a war memorial bazaar which sparked interest and inception of this project.

Another civic interest of Coinman Hanna is reflected in his chairman-ship of the commerce and industry division of a St. Elizabeth Hospital drive for funds.

#### In Trade 12 Years

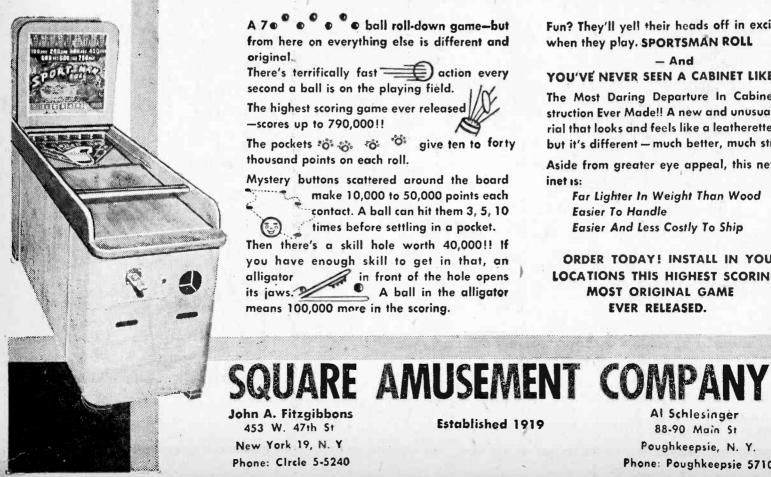
Thru his 12 years in the coin ma-chine trade, Hanna says he has tried to act upon his conviction that par-ticipation of trade members in civic affairs will encourage a favorable public opinion of the industry. One public opinion of the industry. One of his techniques has involved offer-One ing use of phonographs and pinball games to community groups.

The Club Sahara, a teen-center, received a phonograph from Hanna. Veterans at Rhoades General Hos-pital enjoyed use of two phonographs loaded with provision for free maintenance. Firm makes a practice of free loan of machines for church, school and charitable events.

Hanna summarizes his public re-lations credo as follows: "Every per-son affiliated with the coin machine industry should continually strive toward elevating to higher standards the coin machine business and the people who represent it."

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## ALBUM REVIEWS

(Continued from page 182) sides without adding anything to the spinning. Front cover is an attractive one, framing a series of play scenes capped by a winking bust figure of the master playwright to key-note the Fun With Mister Shake-speare idea of the album. Photo of jolly Coburn and notes on the play fill the inside cover page. Two rec-orde are unbuelenblar ords are unbreakables.

PAUL WHITEMAN-"Rhapsody in Blue" (Signature GP-1)

The first in a series of Grand Per formance sets to be offered by the la-bel, this album of two 12-inchers brings the familiar Gershwin classic played by the original interpreter, Paul Whiteman. The maestro con-ducts a large orchestra. And what it lacks in grandeur and luster, even with the addition of a vocal choir blending with the orchestra, is made up by the fine piano fingering and feeling by Earl Wild. Companionship of Whiteman with the composition will undoubtedly bring merchandising attraction to the set for those whose library lacks this Gershwin classic. Records shipped without album cover for review.

### IRISH DANCES-MYLES O'MALLEY

Johnny Connors accompany O'Malley at the piano for the five sides that feature his tin whistle virtuosity, with O'Malley's Irish ork taking over three of the sides to fill out the four-record set. It's all rich in the old country Erin flavor, with the traditional green for the title page making for the front cover. Takes in 15 traditional jigs, reels and hornpipes over the eight sides.

#### SABICAS-FLAMENCO CONCERT (Keynote K-134)

It's all colorful concertizing by It's all colorful concertizing by Sabicas, Spanish Flamenco guitarist, for this set of six Spanish gypsy na-tive melodies. All in good tone and technique, the three 10-inch records include all tuneful selections in Tanger Danza Amora, Malaguenas, Variaciones Clasicas de Farrucas, Aires de Cadiz Solea, Granadinas and Gran Jota de Tarrega. The Spanish guitar serves as the cover design with guitar serves as the cover design, with photograph of the virtuoso and bio notes for the inside page.

#### 'HAWAIIAN CHANTS"-AL KEALOHA PERRY (Decca 464)

For the Hawaiian enthusiasts, Al Kealoha Perry and his Singing Surf-riders, featuring the traditional strum **IRISH DANCES—MYLES O'MALLEY** (Decca 516) A collection of jigs, reels and horn-pipes played on the tin whistle by Myles O'Malley with all the zest of the Shamrock Isle Fileen White and the Shamrock Isle. Eileen White and music and the rhythmic setting, it's

the native musical flavor for those seeking out such sides. All descrip-tive chants, listed as "ancient legends in song," the chants take in the story of the Beautiful Hau Flower, Beauty of the Moon at Night, Fire Goddess, Prince Kalanianaole's Riding Academy, the familiar Hawaiian War Chant, Ancient King, Lanakila and for the wind-up waxing a medley of three native chants. Front cover, moonlight scene on the paradise le, is more glamorous than the isle. music inside.

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#### JEANETTE MacDONALD-"Cinderella" (Victor Y-327)

The venerable story of Cinderella and her glass slipper gets Hollywood treatment with the addition of song lyrics by Lee Rogow set to William Provost's music. And for the story telling, as well as playing the part of Cinderella and singing the songs, it's movieland's Jeanette MacDonald. But in face of all the meaningless gloss. Miss MacDonald makes for a charming story teller without losing two inside covers. the fairy flavor of the tale, overcom-ing the slowing of the pace when the unmelodic melodies are injected. Story adaptation is by Michael Martin, with Russ Case's orchestra for the musical settings. Spins over two 12-inch unbreakable disks, with the Miss MacDonald lifting this version from what would undoubtedly be obscurity. Attractive picture of Cin-derella and the fairy godmother makes for the eye-appealing front-cover design. Story synopsis and song lyrics, all profusely and elabo-rately illustrated, spread over the two inside and back covers.

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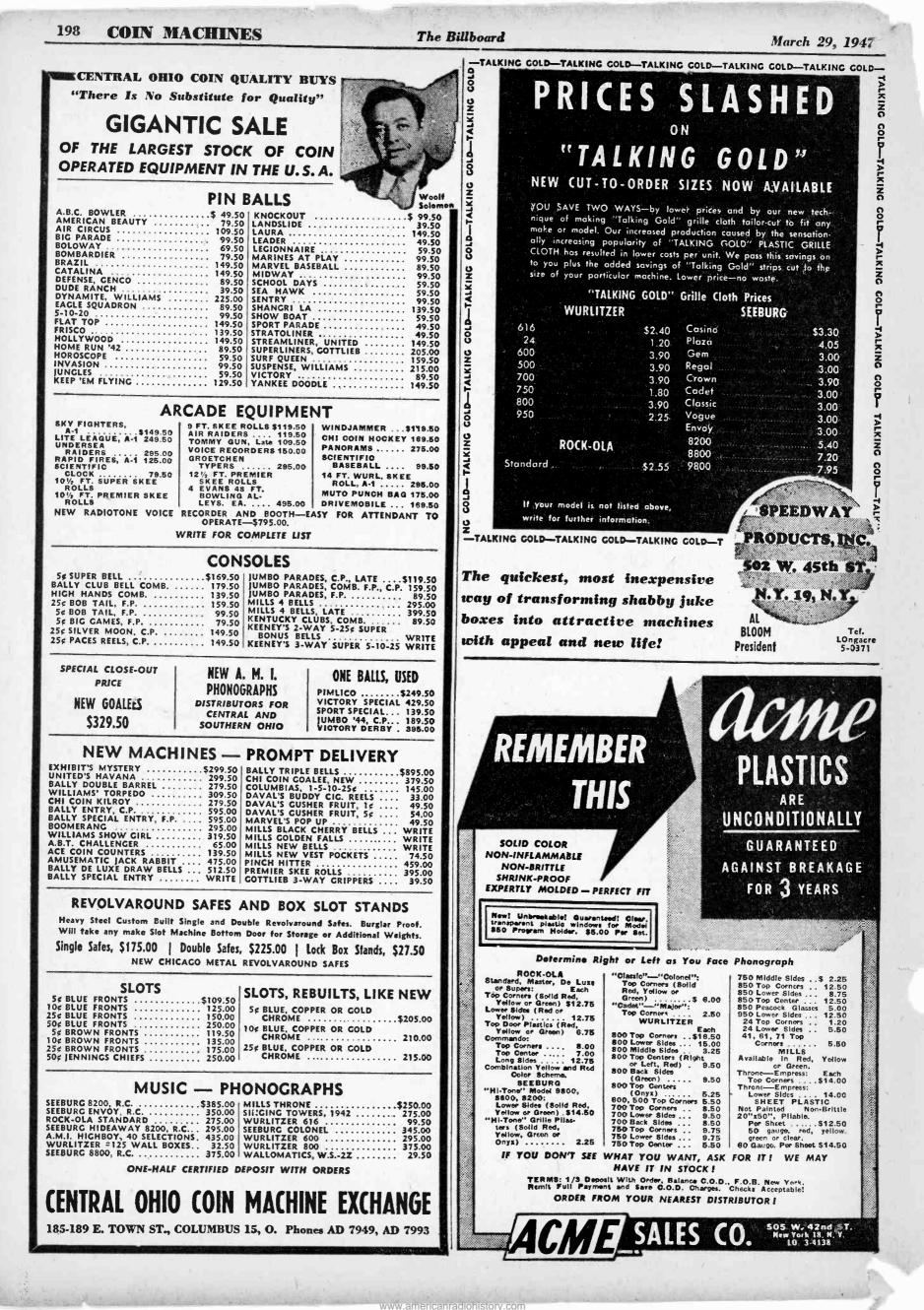
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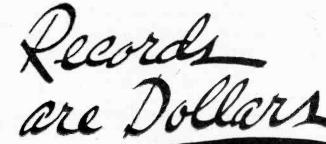
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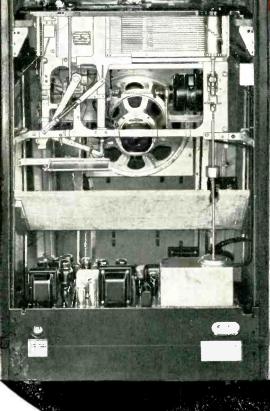
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