

Ine Ernest Tueb record shop in Nashville is only the latest of top folksinger Tubb's many successful showbiz activities. Piloted by Oscar Davis, Tubb has been a major attraction on WSM's Grand Ole Opry for five years (that's Harry Stone, WSM manager, and Davis up there with Tubb), has sold millions of Decca disks, been featured in two Columbia and one Republic film ("Fighting Buckaroo" and "Ridin' West" for the first firm. and "Jamberee" for the second). His latest film, in which he stars with his Texas Treubadours, is 'Hellywood Barn Dance," produced by Jack Schwarz and scheduled for release by Screen Guild June 1. Tubb has also found time to do some 75,000 miles of personal appearances annually and turn out over a hundred felk tumes, hottest of which has been "Walking the Floor Over You." The folksinger's songbocks are also among the alltime folio best sellers. Ernest's wife, Elaine, will manage the new disk shop.



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GEORGE GOODWIN, MUSIC BUSINESS—I was particularly impressed with the remarkable tenacity of the original tone structure after several hundred plays. This should be of interest to record makers, disc jockeys, juke box operators, etc., desirous of obtaining long-life records, especially for standard type music. The tonal qualities of the DUMOR discs were excellent.

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# NAMM CONVENTION WIND-UP

### Average Blurb Copyright Co-Owner Must **On NBC Runs To But 12%**

### Soapers Run Longest

NEW YORK, June 7.—Recently completed survey of time devoted to commercial copy on National Broad-casting Company (NBC) programs reveals that excessively long com-mercials are in the minority. Study mercials are in the minority. Study by the web's research department, based on programs during the month of December, 1946, shows that of the total time NBC was on the air, com-mercial and sustaining, the percent-age of commercial copy time totalled 6.5 per cent. Analysis of commercial programs only indicates that 12.9 per cent of program time was devoted to plugs. plugs.

plugs. Dramatic programs, according to the survey, show a higher-than-aver-age per cent of commercial copy time—17.1 per cent. Researches say this is accounted for by the large number of daytime serials which have an "allowable" copy time of three ard one-quarter minutes per three and one-quarter minutes per quarter-hour period, or 21.7 per cent. NBC survey states that news pro-grams, too-most of which are 15 grams, too-most of which are 15 minutes-can run as high as 15 per cent in commercial copy time, but average only 11.6 per cent of their total program time. Among 30-minute programs, the plug range varies from 10 per cent on evening shows to 15 per cent on (See Average Blurb on page 15)

**AFRA Rallies** 

Vs. Job Inroad

**By Disk Jocks** 

Seek Copyright Revision

NEW YORK, June 7.- A concerted effort by two top theatrical unions, the American

Federation of Musicians (ÄFM) and the American Federation of Radio Artists

(AFRA), to bring about changes in the Copyright Law so that phonograph records could not be used for radio broadcasting

purposes, appeared as a distinct possibility this week. Both unions are disturbed about the growing use of disk jockey pro-

grams, especially by networks. AFM holds its annual convention in De-

troit next week, and some action on the

platter program problem is likely on the agenda. AFRA, meanwhile, met in New York this week to give the same head-(See MAY PIN HOPE on page 9)

Unions Burn as

# Account to Other, Court Rules

NEW YORK, June 7.—In a precedent setting move, Judge John Bright, of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, has held that co-owners of a copyrighted song must account each to the other for proceeds received from exploitation of the song. Finding was made in Shapiro-Bernstein's (S-B) action against Jerry Vogel Music Company on the song, My Melancholy Baby. Case was first brought to court in 1945, when S-B as the plaintiff, obtained an injunction against Vogel on the ground that it was sole owner of the renewal rights of the original version of the song, published and copy-righted in 1911 under the title of Melancholy. In 1912 the composer, Ernie Burnett, with the same tune, but with George Norton as lyricist instead of Mayebelle Watson, had Melancholy published and copy-righted for a second time. In 1914 the title was changed to My Melan-choly Baby and an additional chorus in march time was added. Tune and In a second time a second time and the same tune and the same tune and the second time. The second time is the second time. The second time is the second time. The second time is the second time. The second time is the secon in march time was added. Tune and lyrics remained the same.

Defendant appealed the same. Defendant appealed the case in February, 1946, and the injunction was reversed, the Circuit Court of Appeals holding that Burnett and Norton, who had died before the 1914 copyright had been obtained, were joint co-authors of the 1912 tune, and also were co-authors of the 1914 version version.

S-B maintained that it was the sole owner of the renewal rights of the 1911 version of the song by Bur-nett and Watson, that the song was the same in the 1912 version, that Burnett, Watson and Norton were co-authors of that tune, and, as the plaintiff, is the successor in the in-terest of Burnett and Watson and de-fendant of Norton interest in the 1912 fendant of Norton interest in the 1912 version. Therefore S-B would be (Copyright Co-Owner on page 11)

DETROIT, June 9. — American Federation of Musicians (AFM) annual convention opens here today with delegates prepared to spend the week on problems ranging from the highly controversial Taft-Hartley bill to recording and transcription devel-opments and television, especially as far as the networks are concerned. Preceding the official opening of the convention were a series of exec-utive heard sessions, which started

utive board sessions which started last Thursday when James C. Petrillo, AFM president, and his assistant, Harry Steeper, arrived in town. In line with the new AFM policy to bet-ter press relations, Petrillo held a general press conference Thursday night, at which time he discussed labor problems in general, but did not touch on the convention agenda. Schedule for the convention, which (See AFM Convention on page 15)

Wax Whirls

### Piano-Band, **Radio**-Tele **Cop Biz; Wax?**

### **Registration Under '46 Peak**

CHICAGO, June 7.—Winding up the five-day trade show and conven-tion of the National Association of Music Merchants here Thursday night (5), music biz segments split into rival camps when it came to evaluating the success and value of the whole NAMM affair. Broad and large, the dealer turn-out was disappointing at first (regis-tration which included exhibitors and non-dealers in goodly numbers stood

Tuesday at only 3,200) but by later in the week distribs who came to write business were somewhat hap-Thursday topped 5,200, which wasn't too bad, altho not matching up to last year's 7,500 total.

Year's 7,500 total. On an all-over basis the piano and band instrument tradesmen were the show-toppers. The happy wedding of pent-up demand coupled with "now available" displays of new equipment concededly won biggest (See Diskers Sound Out on page 21)

Now MBS-Don Lee Plan Drama Type Disk Jock Show

HOLLYWOOD, June 7.—Don Lee net is prepping a radically new type of disk jockey program with a dra-matic format to feature the characters matic format to feature the characters created by Jimmy (Johnson Family) Scribner. Scribner will cut the first in series of audition platters next week to experiment with format variations before launching a test airflight on KHJ, key Don Lee outlet in Hollywood

airflight on KHJ, key Don Lee outlet in Hollywood. Don Lee sales chief, Syd Gaynor, plans to offer the series on a local participating sales basis, expanding the seg to a full Mutual airer for sale in quarter-hour slices. Scrib-ner's five-a-week disk show will be in addition to his regular daily John-son Family airer now carried on most of the Mutual skein.

### **Random House Buys** Arch Oboler Novel

NEW YORK, June 7. — Arch Oboler, top flight radio writer, this week sold an untitled novel to Ran-dom House, of which Benett Cerf is president. Publication is due in the fall.

Doler returned to the Coast Fri-day, where he is slated to complete a new play for which he hopes to set Broadway production. He's due back in New York in July. Scribbler just finished a writer-di-mator meet with Metro

rector pact with Metro.

### Petrillo Says

DETROIT, June 7.—James C. Petrillo, president of the Amer-ican Federation of Musicians (AFM), told The Billboard this week that so far there has been no discussion of the disk jockey situation by the AFM—that "the in the newspapers." The AFM head minimized reports that the union was concerned as to such shows cutting musicians' employment.

Petrillo, however, back-tracked Saturday when, in con-tradiction to his statement to *The Billboard*, he told the AFM executive board that he was "disturbed" by the spread of disk-jockey programs.

He said that they were earning staggering incomes; that name-band leaders were break-ing up their bands to take disk-jockey jobs, and that musicians were losing employment as a re-sult.

Petrillo gave no indication of what measures he had in mind.

cially since the 802 delegation itself is split on the problem. Other points on which the Local 802 delegates (Dick McCann, presi-dent; Charles Iucci, secretary, and Emil Balzer, treasurer) seek definite action include a radical change in (See Regulation of Disk on page 9)

**Disk Jockey Curbs Sought** By 802 Group **AFM Action May Be Asked** 

NEW YORK, June 7.-Regulation of disk jockey shows, both on national networks and on independent stations, may be urged by a delegation representing Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, at the AFM's annual convention in Detroit, starting Monday (9). At press time, however, local execs were not certain as to how

the matter would be tackled, espe-cially since the 802 delegation itself

### **Music Copyright Legislation Develops New Battle Fronts At Third of House Hearings**

### Widening Split in Music World Brought Into Focus

WASHINGTON, June 9.—A broad new front is developing on Capitol Hill in the raging battle over copy-right legislation, with Representative Sol Bloom (D., N. Y.) and a host of other luminaries from in and out of the show world leaping into the fray at the third in a series of hearings before a House judiciary subcommit-tee today. The latest hearing brings into sharper focus a widening split in the music world, with record com-panies demanding that any disk copyin the music world, with fector com-panies demanding that any disk copy-rights be vested in manufacturers rather than performers as requested by the National Association of Per-forming Artists (NAPA) in an earlier hearing before the committee.

hearing before the committee. The demands of the record com-panies were carried over into today's session after occupying virtually the entire morning of the subcommittee's second hearing last Wednesday (4). Decca and Columbia diskeries plunged into the melee to express dissatisfaction with the "interpreta-tion bill" (H.R. 1270), which proposes to permit individual copyrights on recorded versions of previously copy-righted material. righted material.

### **Opposes** "Interpretation Bill" **Opposes "Interpretation Bill"** Bloom, in testimony prepared for today's hearing, argued vigorously against the "interpretation bill" and voiced strong support for the two "juke box" bills (H.R. 1269 and H.R. 2570). Recalling that he has been "profoundly interested in the copy-right situation for decades," the con-gressman asked the committee to kill the "interpretation bill" which, he said, "would destroy genius." "It may be that the copyright law needs gensaid, "would destroy genius." "It may be that the copyright law needs gen-eral revision," he said, "but this is not the way to do it." Bloom, a one-time showman, re-

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called that he was sent to Europe on a mission to investigate the copyright a mission to investigate the copyright situation when Calvin Coolidge was president, "and I have always been convinced that when you destroy the incentive for a composer to produce a work you destroy creation itself." He said he favors the "juke box" bills because "these reward genius." Spokesmen for the juke box indus-

Spokesmen for the juke box indus-try were given a chance to have their inning in the latest hearing after being denied time at last Wednesday's session because of the lengthy testi-mony on the "interpretation bill." The "juke box" bills (H.R. 1269 and (See Music World Split on page 133)

### Two WLW Airers Take to the Road

CINCINNATI, June 7.-Two WLW cracker-barrel operas, Circle Arrow and Midwestern Hayride, will barn-storm the Cincinnati station's listening area with outdoor performances skedded from July 4 thru September 19. Regular broadcasts of both shows will continue while they are on the tour, which WLW Talent Director Bill McCluskey estimates will play before

Michakey estimates will play before 100,000 people. Midwestern Hayride troupe in-cludes Ernie Lee, Lafe Harkness, Girls of the Golden West, Trailblaz-ers, Bill Thall, Turner Brothers and the Lucky Penny, Trio Dates outthe Lucky Penny Trio. Dates out-side Ohio include Hillsdale, Mich.; Side Onio include finisoale, Mith.; Muncie, Ind.; Rushville, Ind.; Port-land, Ind., and Pennsboro, W. Va. *Circle Arrow* group includes Dolly Good, Frazier Thomas, Jack Brown, the Harmonaires and Doc Wilderson's orchestra, and will play Portland and Rickreall Ind cuttide its home State Bicknell, Ind., outside its home State.

Schubert Signs Mona Kent NEW YORK, June 7. - Bernard NEW YORK, June 7. — Bernard Schubert has signed Mona Kent, au-thor of *Portia Faces Life*, to an ex-clusive contract for her next soap opera, titled *Today Is Mine*. Schu-bert has cut an audition.

### Switch

BOSTON, June 7.—He may be swimming against the tide, but disk jockey Bill Hickok, of WCOP, Boston, refuses to recog-nize the current trend of con-usation hand loaders into platter verting band leaders into platter spinners. Hickok, who likes to yodel while airing records, lined up a 12-piece band which he began fronting yesterday at the Ocean View, Revere Beach, Mass.

Page Jimmy Petrillo.

### **Music Pubs Ride** Herd on Rodeo's Tunes, Seek \$\$\$

NEW YORK, June 7.---It was sweet music that came out of the horns of the band at Larry Sunbrock's Rodeo, but it sounded sour to five music but it sounded sour to five music pubs who this week sued Larry for \$250 apiece, plus an injunction to prevent any encores. The combined action was filed in U. S. District Court by M. Witmark & Sons; Leo Feist, Inc.; Shapiro, Bernstein & Com-pany; Remick Music Corporation, and Irving Berlin Music Company. The complaint alleges that the

The complaint alleges that the rodeo, in New Haven, Conn., and on other occasions, infringed copyrights by tootlings, without consent or li-cense, of such nifties as Witmark's California Here I Come, Shapiro, Caujornua Here I Come, Shapiro, Bernstein's The Last Roundup, Rem-ick's A Gal In Calico, Berlin's A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody and Feist's In a Little Spanish Town.

### Majestic Spot Drive **To Plug Its Platters**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Majectic Records this week prepared a spot radio campaign to plug its platters, utilizing transcribed plugs by one disk jockey on the other jock shows thruout the country. Ted Husing, of WHN, is the turntable cowboy who cut the commercial for Majestic. Spots will be sent to all Majestic distributors, who, it is expected, will buy time on local record shows. Transcriptions will be spotted at the beginning and end of each 15-minute period.

### **Ticket Tax Cut** Held Unlikely **Despite** Pleas

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WASHINGTON, June 7.-Despite strong pleas by theater headliners be-fore the House Ways and Means Committee this week, the committee is expected to take no action toward reducing the present 20 per cent fed-eral admission tax. Avowedly unim-pressed by arguments that the the-ater is a necessity and not a luxury,

ater is a necessity and not a luxury, committee members are freely pre-dicting that there will be no theater tax cut this year. Sparking the hour-long hearing were Ilka Chase, Actors Equity; Marc Connelly, Dramatists' Guild; Thomas Murtha, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees: James Theatrical Stage Employees; James F. Reilly, executive director of The National Association of the Legiti-mate Theater, and Brock Pemberton, representing producers and theater operators.

#### Sees Slump Likely

Sees Slump Likely Miss Chase declared that "the seven lean years may be upon us" as far as the theater is concerned. She stated: "When people see that the tax alone upon a theater ticket is about as much as they would pay for whole evening's entertainment at a movie, a great many of them will feel that the difference in pleasure will not be worth that much." Playwright Connelly asked for tax

relief in the name of the ex-service-men learning to become better craftsmen.

#### Pleads for Stagehands

Speaking for New York's 10,000 stagehands, Thomas Murtha told the group, "Our work is seasonal at best. A falling off in theater attendance immediately affects the employment of our members. We feel that in the face of the impending recession, the maintenance of the admissions tax of 20 per cent will cause a further fall-ing off in attendance." Pemberton said that even if the ex-

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minute period. Dailies' Reaction to CBS Seg Runs From "Commy" to Bouquets

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NEW YORK, June 7.--Reactions ranging from strong support to vio-lent disapproval, and claims of ad-herence to the "Communist line" were voiced by New York dailies this week in commenting on the new WCBS program, CBS Views the Press. (For a review of the series, see Part IV of Continuing Program Stu-dies in this issue of The Billboard.) The Communist smear line was thrown at WCBS, New York owned-and-operated Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) station, by Keats Speed, executive editor of The New York Sun. Quoted in Editor and Publisher, newspaper trade organ, Speed said: "Several neyspapers fol-low the Communist line, so why shouldn't a radio station?" Reaction of broadcasters to Speed's comment was, "How square can you get?" "Daily News" Divided

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was, "How square can you get?" "Daily News" Divided Reaction of The Daily News seems mixed. It is understood that the pa-per thinks well enough of the series to plan to highlight it weekly, but Richard Clarke, its executive news

editor, told *Editor* and *Publisher*, "CBS has to strain pretty hard in its critical review of New York papers. The papers could do a better job on radio any week."

Both The New York Times and Herald-Tribune devoted considerable space to the first program (31), but their stories were factual and not in the nature of reviews. However, George Cornish, the H-T's managing editor, expressed, to E. & P., his con-fidence in the CBS newsmen; stated the newspapers should be able to take honest criticism and that he would "respect the opinions. . . . as honest Herald-Tribune devoted considerable "respect the opinions. . . . as honest

"respect the opinions. . . . as honest and well informed." John P. Lewis, editor of PM (for which Don Hollenbeck, the CBS com-mentator on the program, used to work); Jack McManus, PM's radio editor, and Ted O. Thackrey, editor of The New York Post, gave the ser-ies full support and wholehearted commendation. Lewis said it was "a healthy thing;" Thackrey noted, "I am utterly in favor of critical com-ment, whatever the source."

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### WTAG Rejockeyed **Back Into Position**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Thru inadvertance The Billboard last week stated in its analysis of top bonus audience delivery stations that WTAG, Worcester, Mass., was an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). The station, actually, is affiliated with Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS).

To make matters worse, we said it was in "Worchester, Mass." As Phil Harris would say, "Oh, Billboard, how you do go on."

Story pointed out that in day-time program picture, WTAG was "first" among NBC bonus staticns. Statement should have read that WTAG is second in the CBS ranks of bonus audience stations. WGBI, Scranton, Pa., led the CBS list. Positions of the stations were

obtained by computing the number of Hooper points the station gets over the average national Hooperating. In commenting on The Bill-

boara's boner-and we hereby apologize-E. E. Hill, WTAG's executive vice-president, wired:

"Your story gave us a pleasant moment to find that WTAG led all stations in the country with a top bonus delivered on the first 15 daytime shows. We con-firm this with modest approval. However, you state that we are firm this with modest approval. However, you state that we are 'WTAG, Worchester, NBC out-let.' We beg to make a correc-tion. We are WTAG, Worcester, CBS outlet, and have been for the past five years." Well, at least we got the call lottore right

letters right.

### **Theater Guild Program's Fate** Still in Doubt

NEW YORK, June 7.—The ultimate destination of a particularly juicy radio plum, U. S. Steel's Theater Guild on the Air, remained in doubt this week, as Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) continued its efforts to woo the sponsor away from American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Altho major reason for Steel's restlessness is its desire for an earlier time slot than its current 10-11 p.m. Sunday period, CBS is reported to have offered the identical time. Decision may be forthcoming within the next week.

Steel officials have been hoping for CBS to clear an earlier Sunday time, and one executive said he still is "living in hopes." Meanwhile, ABC "living in hopes." Meanwhar, is reported seeking to retain the hour-long prestige program by juggling its programing. With cancellation this week by Carter of its Police-woman stanza (Sunday, 9:45-10 p.m.), ABC may attempt to shift the pre-ceding 15-minute show, Carter's Jimmy Fidler. This would enable Theater Guild to begin airing 30 minutes earlier, immediately follow-ing the high-rated Walter Winchell and Louella Parsons shows.

### Skelton, Cast **Get BW Bonus: Act Nut Hiked**

HOLLYWOOD, June 7.-Bonuses totaling \$30,000 were passed around to cast and production staff of Red Skelton show by bank-roller Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company (Raleigh cigs) following season's last airer Tuesday (3). Top recipients of unprecedented gesture were Skelton and Manager Edna Skelton Borzage, each getting a 10 grand slice, with remaining dough passed out to every member of cast, scripting staff, producers, and sound men. Size of bonus varied with length of service. At the same time, Russel M. Seeds

At the same time, Russel M. Seeds Agency passed out new contracts for next season with cast getting healthy raises, thus upping talent budget by an additional \$2,000. Show's format will remain the same next season, but characters portrayed by Wonderful Smith and Gee Gee Pearson will be used sparingly. Orkster David For-ester will also be missing from line-up, but ork remaining intact. Unup, but ork remaining intact. Un-derstand David Rose, Max Steiner and Dimitri Tiomkin are being considered to replace Forester.

### **NBC Enters Fray** For DeSoto Biz

NEW YORK, June 7 .--- A sales decasting Company (NBC) this week confirmed reports that the web is engaged in active negotiations with the DeSoto division of Chrysler Mo-tors. Web is making an active pitch, in competition with American Broadcasting Company, for sale of time to the auto firm for a fall show.

Program now under consideration by DeSoto is a dramatic opus being readied by the firm's agency, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn. An NBC official said that should the time sale be consummated, the pro-gram would be presented to the client and web for approval by the agency when it has been smoothed

### No "Sun" Column NEW YORK, June 7.—The New York Sun is not planning a radio column, Keats Speed, the daily executive editor, declared this week. Published reports were that the Sun was interviewing candidates for the job. Paper gave up its radio coverage about five years ago, with E. L. Bragdon, its long-time ra-

dio editor, shifting to RCA.

### **Big Wind-Up Set** In AFL Airings Vs. Labor Bill

NEW YORK, June 7.-Radio campaign of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) to combat the Taft-Hartley labor bill which went to the President this week, will wind up next week with a terrific drive via both network shows and spot an-nouncements. Latter will feature such AFL members as Eddie Cantor, Melvyn Douglas, Gregory Peck, Lawrence Tibbett and a slew of others.

All told, AFL programs will be All told, AFL programs will be broadcast on more than 1,000 sta-tions. The AFL soap opera, on 239 American Broadcasting (ABC) sta-tions, will air two evening shows over the same web during the week, each on a like number of stations, and will repeat one of the ABC shows on Mutual's 430 stations Sunday (15). Spots will go on 150 different stations.

#### **Big Results Reported**

AFL representatives say that the results of the radio campaign have been "terrific," having focused pub-lic opinion and interest on the bills. It is felt the drive has served to put the labor bill proponents on the defensive. Considerable reaction via mail to legislators is reported, as well as requests from both AFL and CIO unions for permission to repeat the programs.

Extra radio activity next week will increase the AFL radio expenditure from the original \$250,000-\$300,000, as was first planned, to about \$400,-000.

### IBS' NAME TALENT SPLURGE **Board Mulling Top Shows for Night Spots**

### Web To Loosen Bankroll

NEW YORK, June 7.-Competition among the junior webs seems likely to stiffen, with Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) seriously considering splurging on name talent for pro-grams. Web's board meets Tuesday (10) to consider going into the five-figure bracket for talent and program.

Tieing in with the MBS board con-fab Tuesday is an authenticated re-port that MBS is mulling a couple of name half-hour variety programs, name nail-nour variety programs, one of them to be spotted in a Satur-day night slot. Walter Lurie, MBS program exec, is slated to go to the Coast July 22 and it is expected that he may wrap up some deals at that time time.

Lurie, incidentally, already has made three trips to the Coast in the last six months and is keeping a close Lurie, watch on the talent market.

### Top Night Shows Sought

Some MBS officials have felt for some time that the one big obstacle the web must hurdle is to get one or the web must hurdle is to get one or two name programs to provide night-time schedule "anchors" around which to build other shows. This has taken second place to the question of building a good market coverage, which the web feels has been accom-plished thru its 430 affiliates.

MBS argues that it has been proved, notably via *The Shadow*, that it can command big top-rating audi-ences with potent shows and that now is the time to move in that direction. Heretofore, MBS has tried to build packages on a non-name basis, but indications now are that it may latch onto a few high-priced star players to hypo its evening skeds.

### **CBS Would Swap** WAPI for KQW

WASHINGTON, June 7.--Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), in a renewed attempt to buy into KQW, a renewed attempt to buy into KQW, San Jose, Calif., is now trying to overcome Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) original objec-tions to the deal by offering to give up its 45 per cent share in WAPI, Birmingham, in return for FCC ap-proval of CBS's proposed purchase of 45 per cent of KQW it has been learned. Offer is expected to be sub-mitted to FCC soon. FCC originally nixed CBS' bid to buy control of KQW on the ground that adding a seventh owned-and-operated outlet seventh owned-and-operated outlet to the web would result in "undue concentration of control." Acquisition of interest in KQW would give CBS a second top broad-casting position on the Pacific Coast.

Web already controls KNX, Los An-geles. CBS officials regard KQW as geles. CBS officials regard New as giving the chain a definite advantage over WAPI, since apart from its stra-tegic location, KQW operates at a lower and better frequency than the Birmingham station.

### **CBS Ends NRI Ad Series After Other Webs Squawk**

NEW YORK, June 7. Broadcasting System (CBS), accord-ing to authoritative report, has with-drawn a projected advertising and promotion campaign on statistics de-rived from the A. C. Nielsen Com-pany Radio Index (NRI). Vigorous protests, it has been stated, were registered by the presidents of the other three major webs to the Nielsen

- Columbia work buy in radio on evening shows, S), accord- and second best buy (with 1 per cent

difference) for daytime commercials. Nielsen office, which is quite strict in enforcing its no-publication edict, also was deluged by calls from other NRI clients, it is reported. Some called to register beefs; other to in-

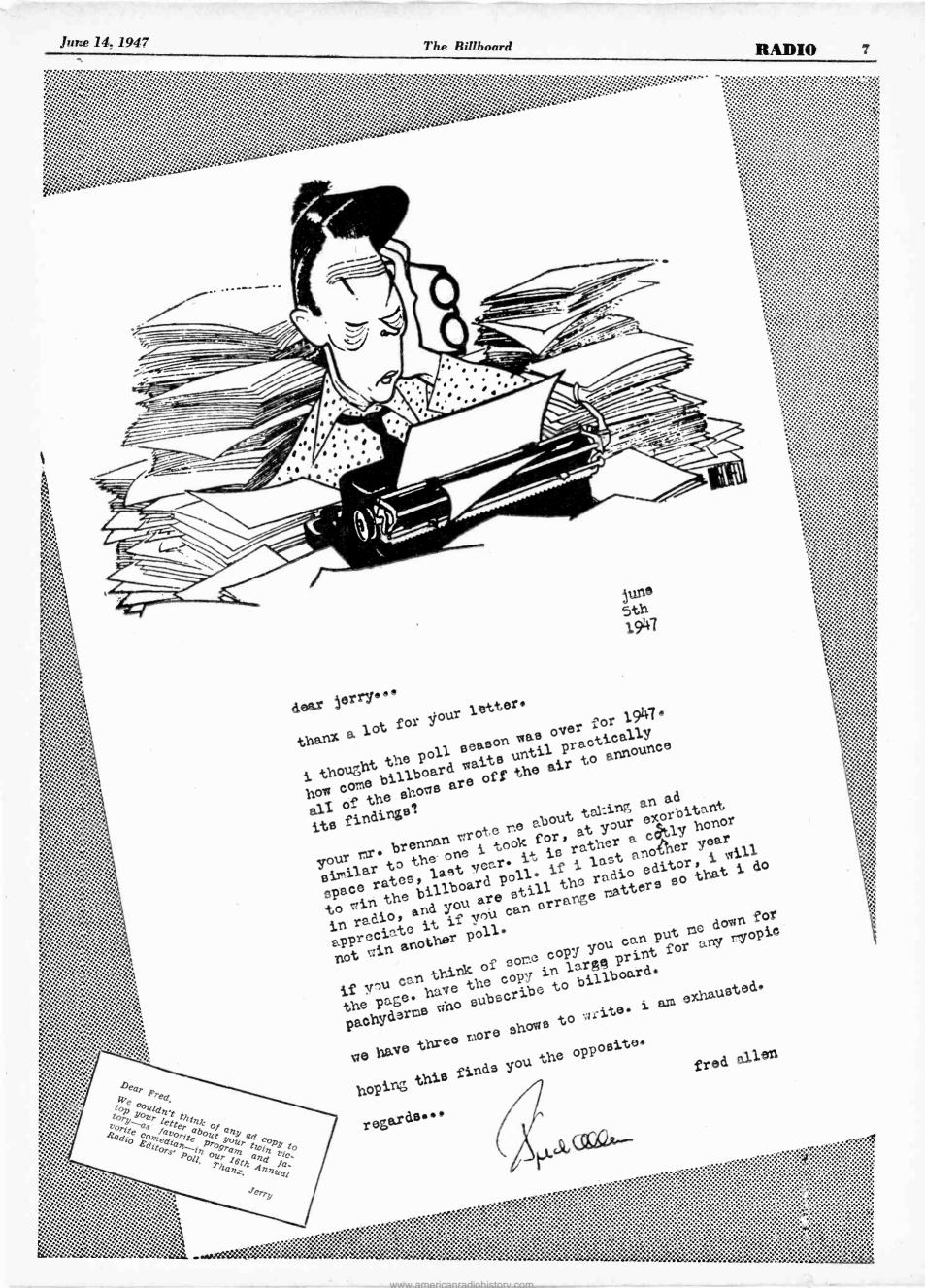
called to register beefs; other to in-quire either as to whether the policy had been changed or whether they could go and do likewise. Niles Trammell, National Broad-casting (NBC) head; Mark Woods, American Broadcasting (ABC) presi-dent and Edgar Kobak, Mutual (MBS) topper, were said to be par-ticularly steamed about the CBS maneuver. According to the re-port, CBS agreed to kill similar ads which had been in the works, as well as a promotion campaign cued to the

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The J. Walter Thompson Company repeated its victory of last year by scoring more firsts than any other agency in the sixteenth annual radio editors' poll. At the same time, JWT beat its record of last year when it had four firsts, scoring five this year. —The Billboard, June 7, 1947.

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#### RADIO 8

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State of the Nation's Radio Say 1946 Was **Static Year** 

#### **Many See Improvement**

NEW YORK, June 7.--American radio during 1946 showed virtually no change in its programing and public service highlights. That's the opinion of the majority of U. S. radio editors who participated in the 16th Annual Radio Editor Poll conducted by *The Billboard*. It was by no means a unanimous decision, however. Of the 102 editors who answered this par-ticular poll question—"Do you think radio improved, deteriorated or re-mained the same during 1946"—the voting came out like this: Remained the same.....46

Admittedly, this question might be criticized as a sort of "When did you stop beating your wife?" deal. Actu-ally, it was designed to elicit, from the newspaper folk who are presumed to be closest to broadcasting other than broadcasters themselves, some index as to the state of the nation's radio industry.

Heavy Favorable Vote

Even more important is the healthy, impressive vote in favor of radio-the 31 columning oracles whose considered opinion is that radio improved last year. Fact remains that during 1946, what with the Blue Book, and magazine and newspaper articles, magazine and newspaper articles, radio took a terrific lacing from the criticism angle. But industry steps to meet that very criticism may well be the reason why radio wound up with so marked a vote of approval from the editors who thought it im-proved. At any rate, on the "im-proved" vote radio may well take a bow.

Here are some quotes from the editors who signified their approval of radio's behavior during 1946: John Crosby, New York Herald (See AIR EDITORS on page 11)

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NEW YORK, June 7.—A growing preoccupation on the part of radio stations with public service broadstations with public service broad-casts concerning juvenile problems and racial intolerance is strongly indicated in *The Billboard's* 16th An-nual Radio Editor Poll. Full re-sults of the editors' network program and performer favorites were pub-lished last week.

One of the poll's questions asked the editors to list locally broadcast public service programs they thought truly worthwhile. Of the programs listed below, six deal with racial tolerance, eight deal with kids or are built for kids.

Poll also asked the editors to recommend local talent which they thought worthy of network consid-eration. Their recommendations are published elsewhere in this issue.

#### TOP LOCAL SHOWS

TOP LOCAL SHOWS WMCA, New York—"New World A-Comin'." A-bomb series. WQXR, New York—United Nations hearings. KFI, Hollywood—Hollywood Bowl Auditions. Young instrumentalists and vocalists. KECA, Hollywood—"Design for Death." On itafic accidents. KECA, Hollywood—"Prevention Preferred." On children and their problems. KLAC, Hollywood—Housing campaign. KFVD, Hollywood—Housing campaign. KFVD, Hollywood—Housing campaign. KFVD, Hollywood—Housing campaign. KFWB, Hollywood—United Nations broadcasts. KFWB, Hollywood—United Nations broadcasts. KFWB, Hollywood—United Nations broadcasts. KFWB, Hollywood—United Story." Dramatic series on community relations, exposing bigotry and discrimination. WTRY, Troy, N. Y.—Religion in the News. Resume of religion's place in the news, conducted by Christian and Jewish clergy-men.

men. WPAR Parkersburg, W. Va.—"Parkersburgers at Work." Factory workers in broadcasts from plants describing work and types of jobs.

jobs. WGRC, Louisville—"Tri-City Forum." Panel discussion of community problems by

WGRC, Louisville—"TrI-City Forum." Panel discussion of community problems by prominent citizens.
CFPL, London, Ont.—"CFPL Foes Calling." Junior Chamber of Commerce "Get Out and Vote" campaign.
WLW, Cincinnati—"WLW Mission to Europe." Findings of three listeners sent to Europe to study food situation.
KUOM, Minneapolis—"KUOM for Kids." En-tertainment, stories, play guides.
WIOD, Miami—"Miami Civic Forum."
KSO, Des Moines—"Careers in the Making."

Our Boy Is Only 59 Votes Behind Look out, You in Billboard's Radio Editors' HENRY Poll for Newest Star of '47!!! MORGAN!! JACK BARRY Memo to Al Jolson (also-ran): "Maybe you need some guest appearances. P. S.: THANKS, EDITORS, FOR VOTING "JUVENILE JURY" SECOND PLACE FOR ALL CHILDREN'S SHOWS. JACK BARRY-WOR FAN CLUB #71 J. BARRY, PRES.

WEEI, Boston-"Today's Youth" series. WBZ, Boston-"Open for Discussion." Weekly

WBZ, Boston—"Open for Discussion." Weekly forum.
WCOP, Boston—"It's Your Move Next." Local United Nations forum.
WNAC, Boston—"Yankee Network Institute" and "Yankee Network Journal."
WHDH, Boston—Roundtable discussion on "This Is Your Business."
WQXR, New York—"I Was a Convict."
WMUR, Manchester, N. H.—"Your Town Crier."

Crier." WFIL, Philadelphia—"Fellowship Hour." To foster better racial relations. KOA, Denver—"These Kids of Ours." Juve foster user-KOA, Denver-f'These Kids on con-forum. KGO, Berkeley, Calif.—Atomic energy series. WNEW, New York—Saturday night swing show. Tolerance spot announcements.

### **Booream Quits Hutchins Post**

HOLLYWOOD, June 7. —Hank HOLLY WOOD, June 7.—Hank Booream, general manager of Hutch-ins Agency's Coast wing and father of the Bing Crosby-Philco transcribed air-show plan, resigned his Hutchins post last week and left for New York. In explaining his bow from Hutching Booream stated that his Hutchins, Booream stated that his ties with the commission house prevented free-lance operations. It is known that Booream wanted to work up other transcribed shows, following the Crosby-Philco pattern.

Jim Burton, producer of the Burl Ives show, will take over Booream's desk here, with the office to remain as fully staffed as before. Hutchins stressed that Booream's departure should in no way be interpreted as curtailment of its Coast operations. Indications are, it was said, that the agency may see a boost in its biz here.

### **Special Show From NBC Studio To Mark** WINS Power Boost

NEW YORK, June 7.—WINS, New York sister station to AVCO's WLW, Cincinnati, will mark its daytime power boost to 50,000 watts Sunday (15) with a special program. A week-long bally will precede it. A name talent line-up is expected, but has not been set as of today.

Show will originate from one of the larger Radio City studios of National Broadcasting Company (NBC). WINS did not have sufficient time to arrange for a theater rental, with NBC proffering its facilities cuffo in an unusual gesture.

Power boost doesn't affect nighttime airings, since international agreement prohibits this power. Governmental intercession is necessary for the nighttime hike.

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### **Editors' Poll Tips Webs on** Local Acts

#### May Be Tomorrow's Stars

NEW YORK, June 7 .- An offshoot of The Billboard's Annual Radio Edi-tor Poll is a list of local programs and performers whom the newspa-permen feel warrant consideration as network possibilities. Here are the recommendations the editors made this year-they may be radio's future stars:

#### **TOP LOCAL ACTS**

KPO Berkeley, Calif.—"Pat Novak for Hire." Detective stories. KOA, Denver—"These Kids of Ours." Kid's forum. Guests. WCOL, Columbus, O.—Reagle. News com-

SP, St. Petersburg, Fla.—"A Boy and a Girl." mentator WTSP, St. J

WTSP, St. Petersburg, Fla.—"A Boy and a Girl."
WHIS, Bluefled, W. Va.—Sunset Royal Travelers. Negro quartet.
KECA, Hollywood —Frances Scully's "Star Gazing." Hollywood commentary.
KECA, Los Angeles—Averill Berman. Commentator.
WNBC, New York—"Ben Grauer's Ballot Box." Pub. serv. debate.
WTIC, Hartford—Bob Steele. Sports—disk jockey.
KGO, San Francisco—Sidney Roger. Commentator.
KFRC, San Francisco—Merv Griffin, singer.
WFBR, Baltimore—"Club 1300." Variety and quiz show.
WTAG, Worcester, Mass.—"Make Friends With Music."
KCMO, Kansas City, Mo.—Jimmy Blain.

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WATR. Waterbury, Conn.—Henry Howard. Announcer.
WINS, New York—"Conversation at Eight."
KNX, Pasadena, Calif.—"Romance of the Ranchos."
WAVE, Louisville—"Healthy. Wealthy & Wise." Kids' audience participation.
WCPO, Cincinnati—Malcolm Richards. Disk jockey.
WJAS, Pittsburgh—Beckley Smith. News com-mentator.
KSDJ, San Diego, Calif.—Bill Thompson-Breakfast clubber.
WHN, New York—Morey Amsterdam. Comedy.
KLX, Oakland, Calif.—Joan Shepherd. Singer.
Sports.
KFH, Wichita—"Phantom Theater." Mystery melodrama.

melodrama. KFRC San Francisco-Merv. Griffin. Vocalist. KRLD, Dallas-"Hillbilly Hit Parade." KRNT, Des Moines-Betty Wells. Commenta-

KRNT, Des Moines-Beity Wells. Commentator.
WIOD, Miami-Earle Barr Hanson, pianist, and Clark Fiers, organist.
CFPL, London, Ont.-Carson and McLaren. Comedians.
WTCM, Minneapolis-John Ford. News with wry comment.
WGRC, Louisville-"Anything Goes." Comedy.
WTRY, Troy, N. Y.-Mike Baniak. Teen-ager patter and music.
WJW, Cleveland-Gay Crosse Orchestra. Hot Negro band.
WGAR, Cleveland-"Serenade for Smoothies." Variety show for teen-agers.
KECA, Hollywood-Norwood Smith. Baritone.

### NLRB Calls NBC **On Union's Claim**

NEW YORK, June 7.—National La-bor Relations Board has issued a combor Relations Board has issued a com-plaint alleging that National Broad-casting Company (NBC) has spon-sored a company-dominated group in its New York offices, and has refused to advance an employee because of union activity. NLRB allegations followed charges made by the Radio Guild of the United Office and Pro-fessional Workers of America (CIO). NBC has been asked to appear before an NLRB trial examiner July 14 to present its side of the case.

Notification to NBC was made by NLRB regional director Charles **T**. Douds.

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**May Pin Hope On Copyright** Law Revision

**Special Committee Picked** 

(Continued from page 3) ache a going over. For details on AFRA see story below; for details on the AFM developments, see story on this page.

NEW YORK, June 7.-AFRA this week appointed a committee to study the question of network disk jockey programs and inroads such shows are making on employment of AFRA members. One of the assignments the committee faces is to survey the field and, if possible, provide actual figures on what the job loss comes to. Committee also has been charged to try to develop counter measures.

What disturbs the union, its mem-bership and officials more than any-thing else, is the basic question: "What can we do about it?" An AFRA official said considerable thought had been given to specific counter meas-ures, but the net result was the belief that neither AFRA, nor any other union, had any control over such programing.

One possible solution, according to this AFRA spokesman, is revision of the Copyright Bill, on which hearings now are being held in Washington. That, however, he admitted would be a long, drawn out process. If AFRA and the AFM got together, as is re-ported possible, to support a copyright measure which would preclude the ineasure which would preclude the use of phonograph records for broad-cast purposes, they would be allied with the National Association of Per-forming Artists, which already has come out in favor of such a measure.

AFRA is not concerned about net-work and syndicate disk shows. Thus, the Paul Whiteman show on Ameri-can; the Martin Block show on Mu-tual; the Freddie Robbins program on WCBS and some 600 stations thruout the U. S., Canada, Bermuda and Ha-waii, for Columbia Records—un-doubtedly the most widely aired pro-gram of its type—and pending or re-ported deals for platter parades with such stars as Kate Smith and Rudy Vallee as spielers—are the kind of offering the union fears. One actor said that the Whiteman program alone, on a coast-to-coast basis, meant the loss of jobs for almost 100 radio performers. AFRA is not concerned about netradio performers.

### Hal Fellows Voted NAB District Head

BOSTON, June 7.-First district of BOSTON, June 7.—First district of the National Association of Broad-caster elected Harold E. Fellows, gen-eral manager of WEEI and director of Columbia Broadcasting System op-erations in New England, chairman by unanimous vote at the two-day meeting held Monday and Tuesday (2-3) at the Hotel Somerset here. Fellows succeeds Paul Morency, of WTIC, Hartford, Conn., who con-cluded four terms of two years each as chairman.

Fellows was elected head of the Boston Advertising Club within a few hours of his NAB election.

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### **Regulation of Disk Jocks** Sought by Local 802 Group

(Continued from page 3) the national transfer law, control of the number of free longhair sustain-ing programs on the air and elimina-tion of gratic neharing here is of logit musical set. tion of gratis rehearsals for musical shows going on the road.

Increased Membership Problem Regarding transfers Local 802 is faced with the problem of greatly in-creased membership (over 30,000), which continues to grow despite the fact that employment opportunities remain at the same level. Numerous curbs on the admittance of new re-cruits have been suggested. One line cruits have been suggested. One line of thought is that if the waiting time period, during which a transfer man is prohibited from working on a steady job, is extended from three to six months or more, out-of-towners will be discouraged from trekking to New York.

New York local also will suggest curbing the number of free longhair sustaining shots. Execs contend that house men are idle while concerts are piped onto the webs from various cities. Local is anxious over the situation because some execs believe cities. networks in future negotiations might argue for a reduction in the miniground that many men are idle a good part of the time.

**Traveling Show Rehearsals** 

Delegation will also seek elimina-tion of the seven and one-half hour

### AFRA Signs WCAU In 2d Philly Pact

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—Ameri-can Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), which made little progress (AFRA), which made little progress in local radio until this year when staffers at KYW elected to have the union represent them, now has established itself at a second station. Contract was signed this week by AFRA with WCAU, 50,000-watt CBS station, putting the staff announcers in the union's fold. KYW, linked to NBC, is also a 50,000-watter. While the contract only covers WCAU announcers, a rider was in-serted making AFRA the bargaining agent for the talent as well. Altho talent will not hold AFRA cards, their pay will match AFRA scales. Pay hike for the announcers sets \$57.50 a week as the basic minimum, with increases reaching to \$80.50 over

with increases reaching to \$80.50 over a five-year period. Announcers at most other stations are members of Broadcast Local No. 1, of the American Communications Association (CIO), which in most cases in-cludes staff engineers and office workers as well.

### Webs Reject RDG's **Free-Lance Proposal**

NEW YORK, June 7.—After two confabs, Tuesday (3) and Friday (6), the networks refused to recognize the Radio Directors Guild (RDG) as the bargaining agent for free-lance meg-gers. Union seeks a national agree gers. Union seeks a national agree-ment covering free-lance directors.

RDG's answer to the webs' action will be to report the discussions back to its membership. A strike vote to enforce the union's demands is possible.

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Regarding disk jock problem, ire of some members of Local 802 has been on the upbeat since Paul Whiteman was sold commercially. Other factions within the local however, favor a hands-off policy, fearing to meddle with a problem they consider distinctly in the lap of the national official office.

### Amer. Tobacco May Up Air Coin; Seeks **CBS** Daytime Spots

NEW YORK, June 7.—Possibility seen that American Tobacco Company might boost its radio ex-penditures for 1947 enormously over 1946 billings. Greater nighttime ac-tivity, combined with a good chance that the firm may go into daytime radio for Lucky Strike Cigarettes, is the reason.

Tobacco firm now is talking to Columbia Broadcasting System about a daytime program. An audience-participation 'show is under consid-eration, it is learned. Other ciggie makers—notably Philip Morris and Chesterfield—recently branched out into daytime programing into daytime programing.

Luckies now has Jack Paar, *Hit Parade* and *Big Story* on the air. If Paar clicks, he might be retained during the fall, in addition to Luckies' sponsorship of Jack Benny. Same sponsor also is reported interested in Robert Q. Lewis for a web show.

## sidering a disk jock show drew a remark from one top web exec this week that he had "strenuous doubts" as to the veracity of the rumor. Colum-bia's policy on the matter of recordings, he said, has been clear. Exec indicated, how-ever, that "inner councils" might be considering a disk jock show of which he was unaware show of which he was unaware.

No CBS Jock NEW YORK, June 7.---Re-

port that Columbia Broadcast-

ing System (CBS), was con-sidering a disk jock show drew

NEW YORK, June 7.—Joan Ed-wards this week filed a \$75,000 dam-age suite in Supreme Court against American Tobacco Company, charg-ing breach of contract with regard to her warbling engagement on *Hit Parade*. Program moved to the Coast Parade. Program moved to the Coast following the death of George Wash-ington Hill, American Tobacco presi-dent. According to the Davis com-plaint, she was assured that no change in the program would be made and that she would receive a \$250 weekly hike in pay for one year, starting in October, 1946. Plaintiff claimed that after she moved to the Coast the sponsors ended her employment on January 19, 1947. Complaint also alleges Miss

ended her employment on January 19, 1947. Complaint also alleges Miss Edwards already had discharged her personal staff in New York and that her husband also gave up his New York contacts to move to the Coast with her and their children. Petition claims the singer suffered humilia-tion loss of professional standing and tion, loss of professional standing and

loss of employment opportunities. Miss Edwards started with *Hit Parade* in 1941. By January, 1944, her contract called for \$750 weekly with options graduating to \$1,500 weekly.

### **Senator White Pushing for Fast Hearing on Radio Bill**

WASHINGTON, June 7 .--- A spirited move to get Senate floor action within a month on the White Bill to reshuffle the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is being pushed by Senate proponents, with present prospects that a subcommittee hearing slated to start June 17 will be rushed thru in a week's time. Sen-ator Wallace White (R., Me.), author of the bill and chairman of the Senthe bill and chairman of the Sen-ate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, told *The Billboard* that he hopes for "a fast and thoro" air-ing of the bill so it can reach the floor before the tentatively scheduled mid-July adjournment mid-July adjournment.

Altho the measure stands a better-than-even chance of getting a favor-able vote from the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommit-tee, it is seen certain that numerous and drastic changes will be made be-fore the measure get to the Senate and drastic changes will be made be-fore the measure gets to the Senate floor. White is convinced, tho, that this "trial balloon" strategy is the best device for getting fast Senate action, inasmuch as a delay of action on the bill until 1948 might easily doom its chances. White is head of the subcommittee as well as the full committee committee.

Arguments for and against various phases of the White Bill are being speedily mustered by more than a score of organizations and individuals score of organizations and individuals already invited to participate in the hearing. National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is mobilizing material for a lengthy brief strongly supporting provision of the bill to cripple the FCC, but opposing pro-visions to increase certain program-ing responsibilities and to plant eco-nomia invision the FCC

Ing responsibilities and to plant eco-nomic jurisdiction in the FCC. Network representatives at the hearing are expected to toss heavy annunition at a provision which modifies present contractual agree-ments between webs and stations whereby stations are prevented from carrying programs of more than one network network

FCC officials are expected to be given at least two full days to put

given at least two full days to put arguments on record, with the com-mission readying to blast provision which would drastically reduce the power of its chairman. Witnesses on the measure probably will total more than 40. A com-panion bill by Chairman Wolverton (R., N. J.), of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, is being sidetracked temporarily.

**Joan Edwards Sues** Over "Parade" Job

### PROGRAM AVAILABILITI

A weekly advertising service, listing pertinent details concerning outstanding programs available for sponsorship. Agencies and advertisers inter-

ested in any one or more of these program requested to communicate with station n sentative or production organizations listed.

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#### Networks

#### NAT'L BROADCASTING CO. The Adventures of Frank Merriwell

10-10:30 a.m., Saturday

Rep.: NBC Program Sales Rep.: NBC Program Sales A 30-minute dramatic show designed for family and juvenile listening, dealing with the adventures of Frank Merriwell, collegiate hero of the first decade of the 20th century. It is founded on the long series of books of the same name. Frank Merriwell typifies the American ideal of the sound mind and the healthy body, of clean living and good sportsmanship, qualities which appeal to old and young alike. The program attracts old friends and makes new ones.

Radio Stations

#### Georgia

WBBQ, Augusta **Baseball Participation** All Road Games

8:45 p.m. to conclusion

Rep.: Joseph Hershey McGillvra, Inc. Here is your chance to join 17 smart sponsors participating in our play-by-play broadcasts of the Augusta Tigers road games. The team is having a successful season and the sponsors are realizing splen-did results. We have only one participation open. The cost is only \$5.00 per game. This open. The cost is only \$5.00 per game. Includes time, talent and wire charges.

### Illinois

WJJD, Chicago

WJJD, Chicago Ernie Simon Show 8-10 a.m. and immediately after base-ball games, 5 times wkly. Rep.: Avery-Knodel Chicago's newest conversational toplc. ERNIE SIMON, has room for only two more sponsors on his morning and afternoon shows. Completely uninhibited, ERNIE SI-MON has captured the fancy of Chicago radio listeners with his rapid chatter, spon-taneous humor and latest "hit" tunes. Bpot charges for this favorite comedian on Chi-cago's next 50,000-watt station, WJJD, begin at \$21.50 for one and scale down to \$18.50 for 104.

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### Indiana WOWO, Fort Wayne

The Blackhawk Valley Boys 3:45-4 p.m., daily except Thurs.

Rep.: NBC Spot Sales

Featured for several years on major net-works, this group is known throughout the country for realistic renditions of cowboy songs and Western ballads. Stars of the Hoosler Hop on ABC. Feature guiltars, ac-cordion and bass. Command return per-formances to live audiences throughout area odd to eith program nonularity. Widely add to air publicized. Ti client's needs. air program popularity. Widely d. Time on air can be made to fit

#### Iowa KSO, Des Moines

House Party 3-3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Rep.: Headley-Reed Co.

Rep.: Headley-Reed Co. First come, first served! Art Linkletter's "House Party" is now open for co-op spon-sorship in the rich Central Iowa market, "House Party"... with its big afternoon audience (consistently voted on top in the popularity polls)... yours for the sponsor-ing. This CBS co-op show is a natural to sell the best audience in Des Moines and Central Iowa. Need more be said? The nearest Headley-Reed representative will be glad to give you the details.

### Maryland

Maryland WFBR, Baltimore, Md. WORLD TOURS ("RADIO'S GLOBAL QUIZ") 9:30-10 p.m., Thurs. Rep.: John Blair & Co. WORLD TOURS features Lt. Col. George Hutchinson and his famous family, the "Flying Hutchinsons." This unique quiz show boasts the largest electric world map in existence. Studio audiences are enchanted by many visual attractions, including; illu-minated travel routes; tiny rocket ships fly-ing across the map; a flashing, electric totalizer board, and Super Bonus Bowl. Cash prizes total \$100 per broadcast. Col. Hutch-inson, having traveled in 51 countries, is well qualified to M. C. this educational program.

### **Massachusetts**

WBZ-WBZA, Boston HUM and STRUM 8:45-9 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat. Reps.: NBC Spot Sales

Reps.: NBC Spot Sales Hum and Strum, radio's unique tuneful team, specialize in popular songs and old-time ballads, plus cheery chatter as only they can put it over. Guitar and plano accompaniment add to the harmony, but two-part humming is their real trademark. Hum and Strum have completed twenty-three bang-up years in radio. Their per-sonal appearances have entrenched them firmly in the hearts of their delighted following.

### Michigan

WILS, Lansing First Call

7:05-8 a.m., Mon. thru Sat. Rep.: Hal Holman Co.

Rep.: Hal Holman Co. If you want results, and who doesn't (especially your sales manager), try selling your products on the WILS "First Call" broadcast Monday thru Saturday from 7:05 to 8 a.m. Bud Kauffman wakes up his fans with a smile, and keeps them smilling with a well-balanced routine of late tunes and chatter. A few choice segments now avail-able. Call, wire or write WILS, Lansing, Michigan, or the Hal Holman Company, New York and Chicago.

### Montana

KBOW, Buite Sports Spotlight 6.15 p.m., 6 times wkly. Rep.: Donald Cooke, Inc., New York, Chicago & Detroit; Gene Grant, Inc., Los Angeles & San Francisco. New but popular. Butte is great sports town and the sports commentator does not merely read press releases but adds per-sonal touches through years of observance of major league baseball and other sports. Local sports are carried. Weekly award made to Butte individual with outstanding sports performance of the week. Now spon-sored by local beer brewery on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Sponsor pleased. Informal survey indicates Butte sports fans consider this their first evening broadcast with late sports. with late sports.

### WGY, Schenectady New York

WGY, Schenectady New York The Chanticleer Six times weckly, 6:30-7 a.m. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales Participation show that for over a year and a half has consistently outpuiled mail-wise (average 2000 letters weekly) all other programs on Station WGY. Ideal for reach-ing a large, responsive general audience-58% rural, 42% urban—"Chanticleer" gets thousands of workers who start work at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., who are generally not available again until end of day. Few participations remain. Get complete details, this low cost show from NBC Spot Sales today. today.

### **North Carolina**

### WBT, Charlotte

Afternoon Dancing Party 2:30-3:25 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

2:30-3:25 p.m., Mon. thru FR. Kurt Webster, who put "Heataches" at the top of the "Hit Parade" and recently represented America's disc jockeys on "Vox Pop," conducts an afternoon version of his famous "WBT Midnight Dancing Party." Preceded by CBS's "Bouquet for You," fol-lowed by WBT's top-rated "Briathoppers," the show offers a low-cest approach to the biggest audience in the Southeast. Limited to 3 announcements per quarter hour. For participations call us or RADIO GALES, the SPOT Broadcasting Division of CBS.

### WBT. Charlotte

WBT, Charlotte Carolina Hayride and Hit Parade 9-11 p.m., Saturdays A choice quarter hour is now available on a music-comedy show enceed by Variety award-winner Grady Cole, the South's out-standing salesman. (8,000 monthly is his average mail pull—his early morning hour on WBT draws an average daily share of audience amounting to 55%, according to the CBS Listener Diary.) A round-up of popular WBT personalities, the variety show plays to a capacity crowd at the mammoth Armory Auditorium. For full information call us or RADIO SALES, the SPOT Broad-casting Division of CBS.

### Ohio

WING, Dayton Swing With WING

Swing With WING 12.05-6 a.m., Mon. thru Sun. Rep.: Weed & Co. "Gene Barry's SWING WITH WING show over WING, Dayton. O., is the best of its kind in the U. S.," says General Artists Corporation, leading band booking agency. GAC gets information from touring bands-men . . . Tommy Dorsey, Stan Kenton, Charlie Spivak, Woody Hefman, Spike Jones. They say "SWING WITH WING'S got it!" Barry's SWING WITH WING'S got it!" Barry's SWING WITH WING'S got it!" Barry's SWING WITH WING club has 6,500 membership and growing daily. Requests average 100 nightly from every State. It's a hot show . . . brinming over with felli

### Oregon

KEX, Portland

Rep.: Free & Peters Another KEX production of network cali-ber. This versatile Western instrumental quintet with every member doubling on vo-cals, has corralled top audience rating among all KEX local programs in just four months. A fast moving format paces three vocal solos, two trio and one quintet in-strumentals in a quarter hour. Group headed by radio veteran Roy Jackson, who led famed "Pals of the Golden West" through many years of network, stage and screen appearances.

#### Pennsylvania

KDKA. Pittsburgh Brunch With Bill 12:15-1 p.m., 5 times wkly. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales

Rep.: NBC Spot Sales Visitors to Pittsburgh see Fort Pitt, steel plants, the view from Mt. Washington, and "Brunch with Bill." KDKA's big noontime variety show features the KDKA orchestra, vocalists, gags, skits, MC Bill Hinds. Forty-five minutes of fun, with musical direction by Bernie Armstrong, scripts by Ed King. Listeners love the show, write for reserva-tions to see it weeks ahead. Brunch is pre-ceded and followed by established news broadcasts. One-minute participations.

### KYW, Philadelphia Musical Clock

7-9 a.m., Mon. thru Sat. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales

Rep.: NBC Spot Sales Stuart Wayne, cheerful disc jockey, starts Philadelphians off with a smile through this morning variety show of music, news, five-minute time signals and gay ad-lib patter. A KYW feature for the last ten years, the "Musical Clock" enjoys outstanding success as a sales medium. Stu Wayne's sparkling personality, plus his versatile mike experi-ence and understanding of people, make this program a popular morning habit. You can cash in through spots or segments.

### Washington, D. C.

### WRC

WRC Robert Ripley's Believe It or Not Mon. thru Fri., 1:45-2 p.m. Rep.: NBC Spot Sales The new Robert Ripley show presents the best of his stories, dramatized in an attrac-tive 15-minute daily package. Ripley's pop-ularity in Washington is long established thru his newspaper cartoons, books and movie shorts. His new radio appearance provides an excellent opportunity to reach a great "prepared" audience in the Nation's Capital. Ripley does the program with Courtney Benson, one of radio's leading dramatic personalities. This NBC partici-pating availability is a natural entree into the valuable Washington market. NBC Spot Sales for details.

### WTOP

WTOP Jay Carmody 12:15-12:30 p.m., Sunday Jay Carmody, theatrical critic of The Washington Star, presents a program de-voted to news and reviews of the legitimate theatre and motion pictures in the D. C. area. With The Washington Star since 1933, and thru his annual trips to Hollywood and regular monthly visits to New York's entertainment centers, Carmody has devel-oped a wide acquaintance in the theatrical field. He draws upon this for much of the human-interest material heard on his pro-gram. Here is an excellent means of reach-ing the 340,360 radio homes in WTOP's day-time primary area (CBS Listener Areas 7th Geries).

#### Live Shows

MAURICE C. DREICER PRO-GRAMS

### 998 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

998 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C. Double Jam Tested on WINS, WBYN, WWRL. Special format includes problems and complete format for show to be handled by local mc. 15 minutes across boards or half week-ly. Unique method takes actions such as forgetting anniversary and talking one's way out with opposition from other con-testant, who plays ad lib role of aggravated wife, then situation is reversed and man is mad because wife forgot his birthday. Judge clinches who does best job, then other contestants arrive.

### Transcribed Services

LES MITCHEL PRODUCTIONS, INC.

(Producers of Skippy Hollywood Theater)

Theater) 8853 Beverly Blvd., Hollywood "The Theater of Famous Radio Play-ers"—Family Drama, ½ hr. Features the best 15 names of Hollywood's Radio Row in "top-flight" family entertain-ment. Lurene Tuttle, Cathy Lewis, Peggy Webber, Joe Kearns, Tom Collins, Jack Ed-wards, etc. Drama, comedy, suspense, ro-mance by name writers plus deft produc-tion. Auditions on request. Priced righti 39 shows available, more in production.

### PARAGON RADIO PRODUCT'NS 131 W. 52 St., New York 22, N. Y. George Raft in The Cases of Mr. Ace

Ace George Raft starred in a fast-paced, hard-hitting vehicle worthy of his great movie reputation. Millions of Raft fans will love him as "Mr. Ace" in this network caliber half-hour show. Top Hollywood cast. Top script, Jason James of "Sam Spade" fame. And what music! Not an organ—a full orchestra! Show package in-cludes impressive merchandising designed to take full advantage of this big time, big name attraction. Write or wire today!

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The Northwesterners 4.15, Mon. thru Fri. Rep.: Free & Peters

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HARRY S. GOODMAN 19 E. 53d St., N.Y. 22, N.Y. Your Gospel Singer Edward MacHugh, Your Gospel Singer, now available to local and regional sponsors. 420 fitteen-minute transcribed programs con-sisting of hymns known and loved by young and old. Featuring Edward MacHugh, who is said to have the most perfect diction of any singer without sacrificing warmth of expression. His many years on the networks have created a loyal rendy-made audience. Newspaper mats, glossy prints, press re-leases, etc., are available for publicity pur-poses. Write, wire or phone for availabilities and audition disk.

#### HOPKINS SYNDICATE, INC.

HOPKINS SYNDICATE, INC. 11 S. La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Dr. George W. Crane, M.D., Ph.D. Priests, preachers and rabbis frequently urge from their pulpits, "Listen to Dr. Crane's advice, especially on marital prob-lems." One of many factors in Dr. Crane's phenomenal rise to radio popularity. Im-portant, too, is his unique case-history format with all the elements that sell True Story type magazines by the millions, here presented to relieve and prevent human misery. Over 180 open-end 15-minute pro-grams now ready-more added regularly. Write John R. Kneebone, director, for sample transcriptions.

### BEULAH KARNEY, INC. 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1, Ill., or 444 University Av., Toronto, Can. Meal of the Day

Meal of the Day 5-minute open end, 5 times wkly. A ten-year tested program used locally and nationally by big name advertisers. Five minutes, five times a week. Written and narrated by Beulah Karney. 160 shows ready for local or regional sponsorship. More in production. Tailored especially for grocers, dairies. appliance dealers, flour mills, utility companies and household prod-ucts. Merchandising plan. Send for free audition platters and availabilities.

### KASPER-GORDON, Inc.

KASPER-GORDON, Inc. 140 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass. Adventures of Buddy Bear The greatest transcribed children's pro-gram ever offered! See TIME magazine, May 12, page 62. 78 ¼-hour episodes avall-able in first unit. Sensational merchandis-ing tite-ups, plenty of publicity for all sponsors, with Universal Pictures making color cartoon shorts, Richard G. Krueger Company making BUDDY BEAR dolls, Boston Junior Deb Company making chil-dren's sportswear. etcetera, and 100,000 BUDDY BEAR SONG ALBUMS (records) in production. Available for regional and local sponsors at low syndicated rates. Wire for samples, rates. Release date, June 9.

### FREDERIC W. ZIV CO. 1529 Madison Rd., Cin. 6, O. Favorite Story, with Ronald

Favorite Story, with Ronald Colman Shirley Temple, Orson Welles, Spencer Tracy, Bing Crosby pick their FAVORITE STORIES, which are brilliantly dramatized in the most lavish series of half-hour pro-ductions ever transcribed. All-star cast: Ben Alexander, John Beal, Janet Waldo, Vincent Price, Lurene Tuttle, William Con-rad in addition to Ronald Colman. Fifteen-piece orchestra, under the direction of Glaude Sweeten, brilliant musical scores by Robert Mitchell. Stories include "Wuther-ing Heights," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde." Available transcribed.

**COPYRIGHT CO-OWNER** (Continued from page 3) owner of two-thirds of the song and

owner of two-thirds of the song and the defendant of one-third. Judge Bright, who had been re-quested to determine if co-owners are accountable to each other, said: "The co-owners of the 1912 version, it has been decided, were Burnett and Norton. Burnett alone renewed, and it is now determined that he did so for both and that Norton's son and Norton. Burnett alone renewed, and it is now determined that he did so for both, and that Norton's son was his co-owner. (Norton had died before the renewal.) When he (Bur-nett) renewed, he renewed the whole work, not just the song part. It was the indivisible product of joint au-thors. The plaintiff, concededly, suc-ceeded to Watson's rights in the 1911 copyright renewal; if she had any rights or property in the 1912 re-newal, it was thru Burnett." Judge Bright also stated: "The re-maining question is whether the parties (Burnett and Watson) should account each to the other for their, or either of their, transactions. I think they should, and by so holding I do not intend to decide the basis on which the ultimate award shall be made. I leave that apportion-ment to the special master."



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Tribune: "In the past year I think radio has shown an increased vitality and a stirring of new ideas that were not apparent a year ago."

Harriet Van Horne, New York World-Telegram: "Radio improved very slightly. More self-examina-tion, more public service, gradual de-

tion, more public service, gradual de-cline of giveaway shows." Ulmer Turner, Chicago Sun: "Solely because the networks fear the FCC. When Republican Congress renders the FCC ineffective, this will change—for the worse."

will change—for the worse." Harry Lamartha, St. Louis Globe Democrat: "Public criticism has had some effect in convincing the agencies that the late George Washington Hill theory of 'hitting 'em over the head, rub their noses in it, smear their

rub their noses in it, smear their faces so they can never forget' doesn't go so well with the listening public." Ken White, *Denver Post:* "The Blue Book literally pressured the minority of broadcasters, who had offended by their lack of community interest, around to something resembling that which the FCC insisted upon." which the FCC insisted upon."

#### **Outspoken** Critics

Equally outspoken were those radio editors in whose judgment radio last year was on the toboggan. The dearth of new ideas was decried, as was the increasing offensiveness of some com-mercials and the axing of many liberal news commentators. This is the way some of the sterner critics expressed their belief that radio de-teriorated in 1946:

Robert S. Stephan, Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Radio has become too worn and routine, needs new program forms, more imagination, not enough real effort to get behind United Na-

tions movement, which sorely needs radio support." Gene Cook, Life magazine: "For the usual reasons of bad taste, low cultural level and lack of imagina-tion plus increasing discrimination tion, plus increasing discrimination against liberal commentators, pro-grams." Ben Gross, New York Daily News:

"Nothing new was contributed; the defects of broadcasts became more exaggerated."

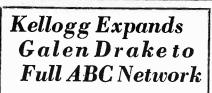
Paul Denis, New York Post: "With the war over, they became so timid. The fire and inspirational quality of certain commentaries and documen-taries was missing. Too many same-style quizzes, soap operas, crime shows."

Cy Shain, Daily Californian: "The influence of advertising agencies on program packaging showed a lack of good taste. In addition, several noteworthy programs were removed from the air. Too many commercials, and too low level of audience apprecia-tion."

Those critics who felt that radio neither advanced nor retreated in marked fashion during 1946 cited, along with Bill Ladd of *The Louisville Courier-Journal*, radio's "terrifying lack of ingenuity and originality." Among the reasons given for adher-

Anong to tried formats were these: Martha McHatton, Indianapolis News: "This was not the year for new development but for pulling in

new development but for pulling in the reins and taking stock of the whole radio situation." Harry MacArthur, Washington Evening Star: "Principally because there just wasn't any over-all im-provement. Radio is saddled by com-mercialism and just so long as the networks think first of sponsors and networks think first of sponsors and second of listeners, it will offer noth-ing. It's bound to remain static." Paul Speegle, San Francisco Chron-icle: "Same format—same stars— same jokes."



The Billboard

NEW YORK, June 7.-As the result of an unusual test campaign over the past six months, Kellogg has decided to boost gabber Galen Drake from his present 111 American Broadcasting Company (ABC) out-lets to the full network beginning June 30. Drake will retain his current time spot, 11:30-11:45 a. m., Monday thru Friday.

When Kenyon & Eckhardt Agency When Kenyon & Eckhardt Agency presented Kellogg with both Drake and Hollywood Story as good day-time possibilities last year, food company decided to test both simul-taneously. It split ABC facilities and placed Drake on half the outlets and Story on the other half. While shows

### Harry Peck Elected Neb. Group Prexy GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 7.— Harry Peck, of KFOR, Lincoln, was elected president of Nebraska Asso-ciation of Broadcasters at the annual ciation of Broadcasters at the annual meeting here.

L. L. Hillard, KOLT, Scotsbluff, was elected vice-president, and Rob-ert Thomas, WJAG, Norfolk, was named secretary-treasurer. Thomas

named secretary-treasurer. Thomas succeeds his father, Art. New directors are John Alexander, KODY, North Platte, and Wick Heath, KMMJ, Grand Island. John J. Gillin Jr., manager of WOW, Omaha, was renamed National Asso-ciation of Broadcasters' representa-tive. The 1948 meeting will be held in North Platte. in North Platte.

market research indicated Drake to placed Drake on half the outlets and Story on the other half. While shows ran neck-and-neck in Hooperatings, pansion of Drake's time.



### EDDIE CHASE Emcoe of "Make Believe Ballroom"

NOW HEARD OVER THIS STATION

In the Detroit Area, It's





#### **Stress Bally Advantages**

NEW YORK, June 7.-Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) may develop its documentaries into commercial properties, if this can be accomplished without compromising the public service nature of the programs. No announcement to this effect has been made, but it's known that the web and at least one sponsor are huddling with a view to bank-rolling the one-shot documentaries.

There are various aspects to the contemplated deal. Chief of these is the fact that sponsorship would be hedged with restrictions—that is, bankrollers would be limited to strictly institutional blurbs, which would have to meet high copy stand-ards, imposed by the web Secondly. would have to meet high copy stand-ards imposed by the web. Secondly, the deal might be either for one documentary—or a series of them. Doc under consideration at the mo-ment is We Went Back, the one-hour show scheduled for August 14, and designed to be in the nature of a report on the peace to ex-GI.'s.

#### Sales Pitch

It's understood that CBS's pitch to potential advertisers includes various salient points. One is the fact that salient points. One is the fact that from an artistic and public service point of view, the documentaries have been very highly received by radio critics and the public. Sec-ondly, promotion given to a docu-mnetary one-shot is unusually ex-tensive. Thus, for the \$20,000 per hour time cost a sponsor will pre-sumably get not only a topnotch pres-tige show, but one which has been tige show, but one which has been ballyhooed to the hilt. Thirdly, the claim is put forward that this type of sponsorship entails less aggravation to the sponsor, inasmuch as the show is web-built and involves no agency production staff.

agency production staff. Most recent CBS documentary was given\*Friday (6), titled Experiment in Living, at 8-8:30 p.m. Another, The Sunny Side of the Atom, is scheduled for June 30, 9-10 p.m. No specific hour slot has yet been set for We Went Back, the August 14 offer-ing. Jim Hurlbut, who has been trekking around the Far East gath-ering material for this one, is due back Monday (9). Bill Downs, who covered European centers for CBS, already has returned. Bob Heller, in charge of the documentary unit, is in charge of production.

### TICKET TAX CUT

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cise levy is cut back to the pre-war 10 per cent, "it would scarcely make a dent in the U. S. Treasury's receipts. At the most liberal estimate the rev-At the most noeral estimate the rev-enue from this source would be re-duced about \$5,000,000, which if not imposed could conceivably be met by the income tax on the earnings of those who would receive additional employment thereby."

Reilly made a brief plea for a tax reduction, confining his remarks chiefly to introducing the other four witnesses. Questioning of the wit-nesses by committee members was desultory, and restricted chiefly to gueries about the price of tickets, leading seasoned observers to be-lieve that the group has no intention lieve that the group has no intention of lowering the theater excise rate.

### CBS Offering Writers Ask Webs for Guild Shop, Minimums, Arbitration

The Billboard

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Radio Writers' Guild (RWG), this week en-tered the final and most important ment employees who write scripts but tered the final and most important phase of its confabs with the net-works—negotiations for a minimum basic agreement. RWG demand is for an agreement covering five main points: guild shop, retention of cer-tain rights by the writers, standard release form, arbitration machinery and minimum fees. Altho the union isn't rattling any sabers it is keeping its decks cleared

sabers, it is keeping its decks cleared for action with a strike still possible in case the webs don't see fit to play ball. Feeling around RWG headquarters is that the guild shop and scripters' rights may be troublesome issues. Minimum fees, tho once thought to be an issue, are in reality not, fact being that unofficial stand-

ard rates prevail generally now. Nets did a complete turn-about in agreeing to recognize and negotiate with the RWG. Both parties then agreed as to which scripters the new agreement would apply, with 99 per cent of present air writers being covered. Main category of pen pushers not provided for in the tentative agreement is the free-lance contrac-tor. Latter are figured as scripters who sell single scripts and then re-fuse to rewrite. In other words, they are not subject to the direction by the purchaser. Scripts bought from writers' estates and then rewritten also are included in this definition. Both fields are extremely limited.

are prohibited by their positions from joining the union; (2) speech writers for politicians and (3) clergymen who do their own scribbling. All other types of scripting will be covered.

### Dan Goodman Heads Dad's Coast Office

NEW YORK, June 7.-Harry S. Goodman, transcription producer, is setting up branch offices in Holly-wood. Daniel S. Goodman, Harry's son, will be in charge, with Art Silverstein as assistant manager.

work in Alaska is in prospect for the 1947-'48 season, William J. Wagner, owner and operator of KFQD, has rewealed here. Wagner has just returned from work for a new 250-watt station there. Permit for KWJW, Wagner's

**Due in Alaska** 

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, June 7.-Operation of a five-station radio net-

station at Fairbanks, was received several weeks ago and Wagner alseveral weeks ago and Wagner al-ready has selected a site for that station. At the present time KFQD, Wagner's 100-watt Anchorage sta-tion, is a member of an Alaskan ra-dio network which includes KINY at Juneau, and KTKN at Ketchikan. KFQD's new 5,000-watt transmit-ter is pagging completion and sta-

ter is nearing completion and station expects to be on five kw. power this summer. Wagner at present is in the States assembling equipment for his two new stations.

### **NBC Sells 'Andrews'** Package to Swift

NEW YORK, June 7.—Sale of a National Broadcasting Company pack-age, The Adventures of Archie An-drews, was set this week. Swift & Company, of Chicago, will bank-roll the teen-age dramatic seg beginning

time period used currently as a sus-tainer, Saturdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. J. Walter Thompson is the agency.

Kaltenborn Goes A-Sailin' NEW YORK, June 7.—Gabber H. V. Kaltenborn will start a seven-week globe trotting jaunt July 28, his first round-the-world trip since the war's end. Until his return on Mon-day, September 15, three commen-tators will rotate in filling Kalten-born's 7:45 p.m. spot on National Broadcasting Company five nights weekly. They are Richard Harkness in Washington, Henry Cassidy in New York, and Clifton Utley in Chi-cago. cago.

tempt to oversee so that objectionable campaigns were eliminated or improved.

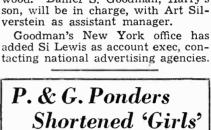
One big objection to the over-all plan is that it might be opposed by advertising agencies. Its backers say, however, that it would benefit agen-cies because it would bring new industries into advertising and would never take 15 per cent cuts, but would be supported primarily by transcrip-tion companies, and possibly, because it would increase work of AFRA members, by the union.

It is admitted that such a complex, many-faceted plan cannot be put into practice over night. But it is stressed that such an organization is nceded, that quite a few companies have expressed faith in it and a willingness to back it. Now, its backers say, what is needed is the support of the entire industry. This support they are going to take steps to get.



### **5-Station Web**

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NEW YORK, June 7.—Leave It to the Girls, on Mutual Broadcasting System earlier in the year, was audi-tioned in a 15-minute version this week by Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample as a possible vehicle for Procter & Gamble's Dreft.

elds are extremely limited. Sponsor is dropping Mystery of the There are also several types of Week August 25.

### **Transcription Men Bob Up** With Clearing - House Plan For Sale of Platter Segs

### Seen as Benefit to Radio Industry and Allied Fields

CHICAGO, June 7.- A plan for the formation of a new clearing-house type of organization which would attempt to sell transcribed radio to various industrial groups is quietly being talked about among transcription men here and in other cities. Originator of the idea and its fore-most exponent here is E. J. Sperry, director of radio for the W. E. Long Company, which has run up an un-usual record of success in the past four wave solling transcribed radio few years selling transcribed radio to the baking industry.

Idea has been discussed with other transcription people, such as Jerry Ellis, head of the Columbia Broad-casting System (CBS) transcription service, and backing and praise of it has been almost unanimous. Plan has been almost unanimous. Plan has been discussed with transcription execs elsewhere who have approved

it and expressed interest in going ahead to help put it into practice. In the latter group are such well-known transcription people as C. P. MacGregor and Jerry Fogel, of the Temple Transcription Company, and many others who ask that their names be withheld at this time. It is felt that such an organization, representing many transcription companies, could be a unified sales force to sell transcribed radio to such industries as the jewelery, laundry, automotive and other fields.

In addition, such an org would supervise standards of production to make sure that all campaigns (particularly spots) were of highest quality, doing the best advertising jobs. It is also felt such an opera-

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tion, handled properly, could make seasonal users of spots year-round radio advertisers and thus again add

It is stressed that such an org would not take away business from existing companies, but would channel it to them, and also would not be an advertising agency. It is estimated that it would require about estimated that it would require about \$60,000 to start.

The steps in the campaign would be these:

1. Transcription firms and the American Federation of Radio Actors American Federation of Radio Actors (AFRA) would provide an advertis-ing fund with which to sell the plan not only to the radio industry but also, thru various industrial trade journals, to potential users of tran-newibad radio advertising scribed radio advertising. 2. The organization would place

2. The organization would place advertising in trade journals, compile a handbook of all available tran-scriptions and a brochure to be used by radio stations in trying to get local segments of selected industries to sponsor time, and issue a bulletin to radio stations every week showing what new transcriptions were avail-

able. 3. The agency or organization, whatever it is to be called, would enlist the aid of the sales manager division of the National Association of Broadcasters.

4. It would offer the assistance of producers and AFRA in designing any local spot campaigns and seeing that campaigns got into the hands of the proper producer. 5. New organization would at-

August 9. Show will continue on the same

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### Adds Philly Outlet; More Links in Sight

PHILADELPHIA, June 7. --- The Continental Network, Eastern Seaboard frequency modulation (FM) web, last week added another affiliate in Pennsylvania and looked ahead to early expansion into Middle West. to early expansion into Middle West, with possibility the web shortly may hit 25 stations. Latest addition was WFIL-FM, which is using web's Wednesday army band concert from Washington as part of a promotional build-up for FM in its area.

Optimistic outlook for Continental's future was voiced at a regional meet of the Frequency Modulation Association in Cincinnati last week by network's founder, Everett Dillard, of Washington. Dillard said the web would experience no difficulty in adding links in Ohio, Indiana, Ken-tucky and West Virginia when stations there are ready to join.

### Stores Open Evenings

WFIL's pitch is tied in with the fact that local radio retailers are open until 9 p.m. on Wednesday. With re-ceivers now coming thru, the station is building up its programing on that evening and has notified all set dis-tributer and dealars of its place. tributors and dealers of its plans. One firm, Elliott-Lewis Company, distrib-utor of Stromberg-Carlson sets, has followed up to its 800 dealers, re-minding them that WFIL-FM's Wednesday shows are a ready means to demonstrate FM's reception and tonal reproduction in showrooms.

Besides the army concert at 8 p.m. station has skedded a studio band, sportscast by Tom Moorhead, news commentator Elmer Davis taken from American Broadcasting Company, and hour-long oratorio services from the First Baptist Church.

### **Four-H Clubs To Get** "Superman" Theme

NEW YORK, June 7.—Kellogg, bank-roller of Superman, and Ken-yon & Eckhardt, agency on the ac-count, have worked up a tie-up with the 4-H clubs whereby the aims and accomplishments of the 4-H organ-ization will be woven into the Super-man script. This is the latest of Superman's public service stints— the last being a tie-up with Youth-builders. builders.

Four-H tie-up will involve a membership crive to hike the present total of 1,500,000 to 5,000,000. Scripts, for which material is now being gathered, will point up 4-H members' modernization of agriculture, improvement of rural health conditions, etc.

Sponsor and agency plan tie-ups with Boy Scouts and similar organizations.

### **Criterion Renamed Corday-Roberts**, Inc.

NEW YORK, June 7.-Producing firm hitherto known as Criterion Pro-ductions, Inc., has changed its name to Corday-Roberts, Inc., in order to avoid conflict with a Chicago org using the Criterion tag.

Ted Corday and Wilfred S. (Wiff) Roberts are director and producer, respectively, of Gabriel Heatter's A Brighter Tomorrow on Mutual and Betty Crocker on American Broad-casting Company. The organization is currently peddling 16 new shows.



Baker, Eversharp Feud Settled, for Present, at Least

Total-5 1/4 Hours Weekly

HOLLYWOOD, June 7.—At least for the present, Take It Or Leave It for the present, *Take It Or Leave It* emsee Phil Baker and sponsor, Ever-sharp, have kissed and made up, and Baker will remain on the show until expiration of present contract Sep-tember 7. Comic returns to the air Sunday (8), having won his demand to remain in Hollywood for duration of current nact

of current pact. Biow Agency was anxious to make the emsee switch early this month, but decided against move when faced but decided against move when faced with a possible legal fracas over con-tracts. Whether Baker will fade at the end of his contract is still uncer-tain, altho agency cut audition plat-ters with Bill Goodwin, Harry Von Zell, Frank Fay, Dick Powell and Red Barber. Should Baker leave Take It (as reported to head new

### Special Investigator Morton Downey Easy Does It Judy, Jill and Johnny Radio Warbiers Buck Rogers Double or Nothing The Shadow Bible Institute National Broadcasting Company asting Company Borge-Goodman Don Ameche Meet Me at Parky's Alan Young Show Roy Rogers Revellie Roundup Socony-Vacuum P & G-Drene Lorillard Bristol-Myers Miles Laboratories Groves Laboratories Total-3 1/4 Hours Weekly **P&G Shifts Agencies**

On Two Programs NEW YORK, June 7.—Procter & Gamble has shifted agencies on two of its shows and inked renewals for six others. Shifts, in line with sponsix others. Shifts, in line with spon-sor's policy of moving shows from one agency to another, affect Lowell Thomas, Monday thru Friday nights over National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC), and Mystery of the Week, five-a-week seg on Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)—both of which move from Compton to Dan-cer-Fitzgerald-Sample. cer-Fitzgerald-Sample.

Six daytime serials which P&G has renewed on NBC are Joyce Jor-dan, Life Can Be Beautiful and Ma Perkins, all thru D-F-S; Road of Life and Right to Happiness, thru Comp-ton, and Pepper Young's Family, thru Pedlar & Ryan.

Thomas shifts to CBS in the fall.

show) successor will probably be Von Zell, whose audition platter was reported the best of the lot.

### **ABC** and **NBC Batting High;** MBS, CBS Off

Total Time Sales Above '46

#### By Sam Chase

NEW YORK, June 7.—Despite all the scare talk about a drastic decline in radio business, the combined four-network time sales today are running hetwork time sales today are running ahead of the balance existing at the end of last year. The increase in sales is not general among all four major webs, however. Where one network's business has climbed sharply since January 1, and another has shown a slight increase, the other two have dropped behind, so far. far.

Here's the way the four webs stand in new business and cancellations in 1947:

American Broadcasting Company

American Broadcasting Company (ABC): Signed 13 hours weekly, can-celled 4½ hours weekly. Net gain of 8½ hours weekly. Net gain of 8½ hours weekly. Net gain of 2 hours weekly. Net gain of 2 hours weekly. Net gain of 2 hours weekly. Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS): Signed 8½ hours weekly. Net loss of 2¼ hours weekly. Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS): Signed 13 hours and 10 min-utes weekly, cancelled 15 hours and 55 minutes weekly. Net loss, 2¾ hours weekly. hours weekly.

#### **Competition Intensified**

**Competition Intensified** The entire sales picture serves to confirm the impression prevalent last year that 1947 would be one of the most competitive years in radio his-tory. Outstanding development of the year, saleswise, has been the success scored by ABC. That web now seems to be moving into a posi-tion where, for the first time, it is a real threat to NBC and CBS. ABC's gains have been attributed.

ABC's gains have been attributed, by the trade observers, to its willingness to break with tradition and an aggressive sales campaign based upon securing good ratings at lower costs. Former is evidenced by ABC's trendcrosby program last year, and fol-lowing thru recently by setting up the first web disk jockey show fea-turing Paul Whiteman.

ABC's High Night Ratings ABC's major sales pitch is based upon its claim that, in one year, it has gone from the most to the least has gone from the most to the least expensive of the webs for nighttime programs, based upon ability to se-cure ratings. The web's sales chiefs expect to rack up gains approaching 10 per cent over last year's gross billings of \$40,040,000, with billings now running about 11½ per cent ahead of 1946. The NBC has lost good commercial

Tho NBC has lost good commercial shows (Don Amechi, Borge-Good-man, Alan Young, Parkyakarkus, Roy Rogers), the web has kept pace (See Box Score on Web Biz, page 18)



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NETWORK PROGRAM

**Reviews & Analyses** 

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The Author Meets the Critics Reviewed June 1, 1947 Sustaining Via NBC

Sundays, 4:30-5 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$400. Producer, Martin Stone; directors, Martin Stone and Jack Hill; writer, William Hodapp; cast, John K. M. McCaffery, moderator; also two guest critics and author.

(Premiere)None
Current Hooperating for show preceding (Quiz Kids)
Current Hooperating for show following (Sustaining)None
CURRENT HOOPERATINGS OF OPPOSI- TION SHOWS ON OTHER NETWORKS
ABC: SustainingNone
CBS: "Hour of Charm" 5.1

MBS: True Detective Mysteries. ...... 7.9

With its format somewhat refur-With its format somewhat retur-bished, The Author Meets the Critics made its network bow this week over National Broadcasting Company after a New York career over WQXR. Program is sponsored in New York only by Book-of-the-Month Club, by special arrange-ment, and is carried sustaining on the remainder of the web. New format includes a brief dramatization of high spots from the book under discussion to give listeners an idea of what the shouting is about.

Book dissected on the show caught was Natalie Anderson Scott's The Story of Mrs. Murphy, latest in the current run of novels dealing with alcoholism and July selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club. Appearing as critics were John Mason Brown, of the Saturday Review of Literature, and Edwin Lucas, director of the Society for the Prevention of Crime. John K. M. McCaffery served as moderator. Latter opened the program with a terse mention of the tome's theme.

After comparing it with Uncle Tom's Cabin and Main Street, Mc-Caffery tossed the ball to the critics for an initial summation. Brown used adjectives freely in praising the volume, stating that it far sur-passes Lost Week-End. Lucas, too, passes Lost Week-End. Lucas, too, lavished praise on the opus, but indicated the author might have rendered it into a useful social weapon as well as an interesting piece of reading. At this point, the dramatization was presented, with a narrator in-troducing himself as James Patrick Mumbu, the book's protagonist

Murphy, the book's protagonist. While some of the individual scenes in the dramatization were effective, the seven-minute presentation did not come off, being too loosely drawn and diffuse and more than a bit confusing. The adaptation was followed by fully 10 minutes more of jousting between Brown and Lucas before the author, Miss Scott, was brought into the fight. She crowned the discussion with the dubious observation that she felt an author must write a novel only with the idea of entertaining and must never strive to present a social idea, for that would only kill the entertainment value. And they rap radio and pix for being escapistminded.

Program as a whole was interesting enough to nurture an interest in the volume, despite Miss Scott. Dramatization could stand smoother Dramatization could stand smoother scripting, and critics of more di-vergent viewpoints might add punch. Commercial for Book-of-the-Month Club at show's beginning tied in such contemporary lights as Dorothy Canfield and Clifton Fadi-man, who are on the Club's selec-tion committee. Concluding plug tion committee. Concluding plug was rendered by Miss Canfield, and offered her reasons for selecting the book discussed as a Club choice. Both were straightforward, altho latter ran nearly two minutes. Sam Chase.

**Frances Langford** Reviewed June 5, 1947

JDIES

MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE Thru Benton & Bowles

Via NBC

Estimated Talent Cost: \$5,000; pro-ducer-director, Al Kaye; writer, Gene Holloway; announcer, Tobe Reed; cast, Frances Langford, Eloise and Choir, Carmen Dragon's orchestra.

CURRENT HOOPERATING OF SHOWS ON OPPOSITION NETWORKS

.Johns Manville News..... . . . . . 7.7 MBS: Sustaining (no rating available)

It's all held together with a facile It's all held together with a facile script which—tho using one old technique—gives the show pace and manages to work in commercials with impact. The oldie device is the one Bing Crosby popularized years ago on the old Kraft Music Hall, whereby he and Ken Carpenter would deliver a minor cavalcade of would deliver a minor cavalcade of customs, events and musical taste of a year gone by. Maxwell sum-mer show did it, capturing the Earl Carroll technique, in the verbiage leading up to the choir's perform-ance of Lady of Spain—circa 1931.

Miss Langford was in good voice, chatter with announcer Tobe Reed she fluffed her lines, but her next tune made you forget it all.

Commercials were carefully and taste.

### opener.

ideas that seems sprightly in con ception and then poofs out into boredom in execution. It was way

overlong and draggy. Musically, the program is erratic, too. Trudy Edwin (Ex-Bing) turned in a handy job on That's How Much I Love You, and the Page Cava-naugh Trio also contributed a top-drawer job. Jerry Fielding's orches-tra. tho, seemed intent on blasting hellangone out of the great Ameri-Jerry Franken.

Thursdays, 8:30-9 p.m.

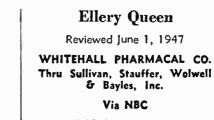
> ABC: "America's Town Meeting"..... 3.9 CBS: "FBI in Peace and War"..... 9.3

Summer edition of Maxwell House Coffee Time with Frances Langford replacing Burns and Allen and warbling old and new tunes, makes for very pleasant listening. Production is tight and slick, with Miss Langford ably abetted by a studio ork under the direction of Carmen Dragon, and musical pro-duction further enhanced by Eloise and Her Choir.

delivering the tunes with a silken flexibility. At one point in the

intricately integrated into the script. Generally they came off well, but on one occasion the build-up was rather boring. Specific instance of the latter was the development of the theme, Take Me Out to the Ball Game via the use of music and dramatization, and leading to the bromide that Maxwell House Coffee, like baseball, was part of the American scene. Other commercials, however, were solid as well as ingeniously devised-and in good

All in all, a very promisin Paul Ackerman. promising



are supplied by the C. E. Hooper or-oncerning advertiser expenditures, cam-is complied by interviews with agencies is based on latest available information.

Sundays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Estimated Package Cost: \$500. Pro-ducer, Don Victor; cast, Charlotte Keane, Bill Smith, Ed Latimer; writers, Manfred Lee and Fred Donnay.

Current Hooperating for this program 8.2

Average Hooperating for shows of this type (Mystery Drama)...... Current Hooperating of show preceding (Sustaining).....N None Current Hooperating of show following (Jack Paar-New) ......None

HOOPERATINGS OF OPPOSITION SHOWS ON OTHER NETWORKS ABC: "Greatest Story Ever Told"..... 2.9 CBS: "Kate Smith Sings"..... 7.7

MBS: "Mrs. Nick Carter"...... 5.2

In kicking off its new National Broadcasting Company series after its recent switchover from Columbia Broadcasting System, the Ellery Queen mystery program is using the fight against discrimination, delinquency and other social evils as a story base. The program re-viewed, however, fairly bulged with cliches in showing why the good guys always beat the bad guys. Reable in purpose, passed beyond the bounds of credibility and partly vitiated its intent.

The program opened with the an nouncement that it is dedicated to the fight on crimes against America, and asked listeners of all ages, colors and faiths to pledge to oppose bad citizenship, racial and religious hatred, and political discrimination. Repeating of the pledge by those in the studio gave it a ring of sincerity.

#### The Green Gorillas

The play which followed was based on kid gangsterism, as practiced by a mob of young gunsels called the Green Gorillas. The youthful mobsters made a racketeer named Johnny Rack their pin-up boy, and Rack lost no time in adopting the role of Fagin, disposing of hot cars picked up by the punks. Enter Ellery Queen, and things took a turn for the better. Queen forced his way into a con-

clave of the Gorillas and faced Johnny Rack unarmed. The subse-Johnny Rack unarmed. The subse-quent showdown, in which Ellery made the gangster yell for mercy, was the greatest evidence since *Pil-grim's Progress* that the powers of right must win. Unfortunately, it was slightly less effective. The typ-ical Owern commont was an meda ical Queen comment was one made after he subdued the gangster. Turning to the changeable car heisters, who by now were on his side, Ellery proclaimed: "There's some-thing about crime that makes a rat out of a man, and something about fighting crime that makes a man out of a rat."

#### **Guest Sleuth Gives Up**

The practice of giving a guest "detective" an opportunity to offer a solution to the show's problem a solution to the snow's problem was continued; in this case the ques-tion was the identity of the Gorilla's leader. Dorothy Gordon, moderator of The New York Times Youth See Ellery Queen on opposite page,

Closing routine, a satire on hoss-opera pix, done as the British might do one, was one of those engaging can living room.

Thru Foote, Cone & Belding Via NBC (159 Stations)

Sunday, 7-730 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$6,000. Pro-Estimated Latent Cost: \$0,000. Pro-ducer, Bob Nye; writers, Larry Marks, Larry Gelbert, Sid Dorfman, Jack Paar; announcer, Hy Averback; cast, Jack Paar, Trudy Erwin, Page Cavanaugh Trio, Jerry Fielding orchestra; Dennis Daw grupst Day, guest.

Jack Paar

Reviewed June 1, 1947

AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY For Lucky Strike Cigarettes

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Jack Paar, the young ex-G.I. comic who is replacing Jack Benny for the summer, is in both one of the most enviable and hottest spots of any of the summer replacement performers. Inheriting the Wauke-gan's kid's air time places an out-sized onus smack dab on his shoulders, for it is obvious that he will be subjected to the most careful scrutiny and inevitable comparisons. The unhappy part of it is that opinion must be voiced on the basis of the first program, long before a radio performer—especially a comic—has been given any chance to develop. It took guys like Fred Allen and Fibber McGee and his writer, Don Quinn, back-breaking months—or Quinn, back-breaking -to develop satisfactory forlongermulas for radio. But the fact remains, neverthe

less, that on his first dive into the tank, Paar fell short. He offered a melange of comedy bits, many of which got laughs; still, he didn't make par for the course. The an-swer, of course, is the usual short-coming of newborn air comics who strive rather for laughs than for development of a character with which, in some fashion, listeners can identify the comics, and thus develop the repeat tuning—in habit. On top of that, Paar's own delivery On top of that, Faar's own derively is too gentle; he doesn't project vig-orously enough to center attention on him. Yet some of his gags were clever, notably using familiar Ben-ny tag lines ("Wait a minute!") for

his own purposes. Actually, judgment on Paar should be withheld for some time, and insofar as The Billboard is concerned, it's going to be. Fact remains that both Luckies and Foote, Cone & Belding deserve plaudits for eschewing the tried and true and working to develop a new radio property in so valuable a radio air-time franchise.

Best bit on the premier was the sock performer, either as a vocalist or a comedian. His timing, inflec-tion, delivery, all bear the mark of a true big leaguer.

Dennis Day spot, poking fun at the routinized guest star introductions, with both Paar and Day reading the usual vapid lines, and then, thru a filter mike, voicing what they actually thought. And get it on the rec-ord—this Dennis Day, who started with Benny some years ago as a bashful, ex-page boy, unable to read a line, has developed into a truly

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### Latourette Heads **ABC News Office**

Part IV

Billboard

Reviewed May 31, 1947

Some months ago, John Crosby,

the radio critic of The New York

Herald-Tribune, invited radio to

programing. There have been iso-lated instances of similar programs --WHCU, Cornell's Ithaca, N. Y., station recently gained a Peabody Award for its review of up-State New York weeklies--but so far as is known, this is the first instance of a network owned-and-operated station undertaking so ricky a ven-

station undertaking so risky a ven-

And more power to CBS, its newsmen and Don Hollenbeck, who

newsmen and Don Honenbeck, who writes and reads the commentaries. Hollenbeck, a former newspaper-man himself—and a good one—did a well-rounded job on his initial program. Principal shortcoming seemed to be a lack of variety in

stories covered, most of the program being devoted to the Roman holi-day New York dailies made of the recent exposure that city relief

families had been residing in hotel

rooms. He implied, obviously, that the dailies apparently preferred the hungry citizenry to sleep in the

streets. Hollenbeck's criticism centered mainly on The New York Sun (whose editor reacted violently; see story on Page 5 of this issue); The World Telegram and the Journal-American. Their treatment of the relief coverage was "as sorry an exhibition as the press. . . is ca-pable of putting on," he declared. He noted that the inevitable claim of "communist connivance" was dragged in, too. He also praised PM's coverage, and then turned around and panned the same sheet for its handling of a transit story. He also rapped Westbrook Pegler-but this faces the hazard of becom-

but this faces the hazard of becom-ing a weekly event.

is a courageous move made by a radio network and/or station. Why it means that radio actually is tak-ing a stand; that radio is squaring

off and asserting its birthright! That

Hollenbeck actually voices his own studied reactions and those of the newsmen on the CBS staff. It

ture.

streets.

HOLLYWOOD, June 7. — Frank Latourette will replace Foster May as head of ABC's Hollywood news office. Latourette, currently chief of ABC's Western division news de-partment bedguartering in Sec of ABC's western division news de-partment headquartering in San Francisco, moves to Hollywood, where he will retain his present ex-ecutive post as well as fill May's shoes. Latter resigned two weeks ago.

Unique situation existed whereby Unique situation existed whereby web's operational headquarters were in Hollywood, but the news depart-ment's Coast anchor remained in San Francisco. With present move, all of ABC's Coast activities will be cen-tered in the film city. At one time, San Francisco harbored all of Coast radio's head officer. News hypersu radio's head offices. News bureau would have followed trek to Holly-wood, but San Francisco remained Coast news hub during war years.

#### turn about and review the press, **Down Under Drive** even as the press does to radio, theater, pictures, art and the rest. **On Bootleg Dialers** And CBS has done gone and done it, inaugurating a milestone in radio programing. There have been iso-

SYDNEY, June 7.—Australian rev-enooers this week continued their drive to wipe out bootleg radio listening Down Under. The postmaster general's department is slapping prosecutions on radio-receiver owners caught listening without the necessary federal license, and a special gang of inspectors is out putting their ears to keyholes.

One result has been stimulation of a flood of license applications. Last week, 20,100 new licenses were taken cut in New South Wales alone, compared with 2,000 for the same week last year.

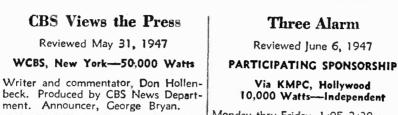
### NBC's "Ellery Q"

**Vamps Till Ready** NEW YORK, June 7.—Unusual hiatus plan goes into effect after to-morrow for Ellery Queen, which is sponsored by Whitehall Pharmacal Company over National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Sundays at 6:30 Company (NBC) Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Queen mystery series just started June 1, but after two broad-casts is skedded to take a seven-week layoff.

Filling in between June 15 and July 27 will be Varieties, a musical program featuring Joe Gallicchio's orchestra with vocalists Jack Haskell and Vivian Martin. Agency is Sulli-van, Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles.

#### **AVERAGE BLURB**

(Continued from page 3) daytime, according to NBC. "It is interesting to note in this connect-ion," states the survey, "how well the commercial copy limits were adhered to for certain types of programing (mostly half hour) which represent a substantial postion of our broad-cast day. On light music programs, for example, 10.8 per cent of the time was devoted to commercial copy, for variety program 9.2 per cent, and for quiz and audience-participation programs 8.6 per cent."



Monday thru Friday, 1:05-2:30 p.m.

Talent Cost: \$100 per 15-minute seg per week. No fees for guests. Carlyle Stevens, writer-producer. Cast, Frank Graham and Van Des Autels, emsees. Occasional guestars. Music, studio ork conducted by Benny La Gasse plus disks. Hooperatings unavailable.

Show offers a little different twist to the old listener participation giveaway pattern. Three alarm clocks are supposedly set by screen names to ring during time program is on the air. Listeners write in and attempt to guess what time a clock attempt to guess what time a clock would ring. Dialer who comes the closest to exact time alarm rings gets a string of free gifts. These range in value from \$5 to \$10. Per-son who comes within 30 seconds of son who comes within so seconds or guessing alarm's ringing gets what seg calls the *Jakspot* or a bundle of more expensive prizes — watches, beauty kits, pen and pencil sets, etc. Anyone guessing an alarm time on the button receives the Bullseye prize—a free plane trip to any spot in California. Winners of either the Bullseye or Jakspot prizes are in line to win a free automobile for each 13-week period.

Show gets majority of its prizes on a cuffo basis in return for pro-ducts' air mentions. Airer is bank-rolled by string of spot announce-ments. These are capably voiced by the emsees, avoiding usual pit-fells of present colling. falls of pressure selling.

As daytime giveaway shows go, As daytime giveaway snows go, Three Alarm is well-patterned for an indie station. Emsees Graham and Des Autels are successful in keeping pace at a high pitch thru-out, while retaining an informal tone. Music capably combines live and waxed talent. Fanfares and a couple of feature numbers are per-formed by studio ork. Current pop disks are squeezed in to add to entertainment quality.

Show has been on KMPC for past few months during which time it has exhibited a strong mail pull. Lee Zhito.

is no small event in radio program-ing or radio-press relations. Let's hope that other broadcasters will get their feet wet in the same water. -Jerry Franken.

KORTZ-LEE JEWELRY COMPANY

Via KLZ, Denver 5,000 Watts—CBS Affiliate

News of the Week in Review

Reviewed Via Transcription

Sundays, 8:30-9 p.m.

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Rating figures are used whenever available from sources. Data concerning advertiser's expendi paign themes, promotion or other pertinent i as in the case of public service programs, are material supplied by station, advertisers, ag

Current Hooperating for this program .. 7.8 CURRENT HOOPERATINGS OF SHOWS ON OPPOSITION STATIONS

A lot of thought and production has gone into KLZ's News of the Week in Review, and it's apparently Company, local merchandise mart, has been picking up the bill for more than three years.

Program, judging by the May 25 broadcast, has infinitely more pro-duction than the ordinary news show. With the exception of a show. With the exception of a brief portion devoted to news bul-letins at the tail end, the news events are dramatized, with actors playing the roles against a musical background prepared by Arthur Gow. The thesps managed to re-capture a good deal of the excite-ment and significance attached to such occasions as the anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight, Decoration Day, etc. The flight, Decoration Day, etc. The half-hour format gave staff scripter John Connors a chance to work in some nostalgic and moving sketches, presupposing considerable research.

Proportion of local to national and international news, of course, varies weekly. Show reviewed had all types, the chief local item being a dramatization of the city's recent mayoralty election and pointing up the civic duty of voting. Another interesting and effective bit was a brief dramatization highlighting the horror of highway accidents. Kudos to soundman Harold Craig for this one. Proportion of local to national one.

Plugs for Kortz-Lee are worked -which makes for an honest ad-vertising pitch and undoubtedly

News of the Week probably doesn't suffer, inasmuch as the weekly proportions of local and other types of news vary considerably.

Producer-director is Charles Robdisplays ingenuity, knowledge of good radio and a capacity for work-ing with raw actors.

Paul Ackerman.

### SURE "CONTACTS COUNT!"

And glossy photo reproductions of yourself are con-stant, considerate and consistent contracts with those who Count. I produce over 50,000 photos daily.



#### **AFM CONVENTION** (Continued from page 3)

was still tentative as The Billboard went to press, called for the opening session to be held at 1 p.m. today in Moose Temple, the site of all general sessions. Registration, board meet-ings and special sessions will be held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Jack Ferentz, prexy of the Detroit local; Mayor Edward J. Jeffries Jr. and a representative of Governor Kim Sigler will speak at the opening session. Opening talk by Petrillo will keynote

by the convention. Business sessions will continue daily until Friday, except for an out-ing Tuesday. Executive board is ex-



Parts 1 and 11 do not appear in this issue. These features will be carried in the next issue of The Billboard, dated June 21.

pected to meet for an additional three or four days after the convention ends.

Entertainment schedule includes a grand ball tomorrow night

**ELLERY QUEEN** 

(Continued from opposite page) Forum, gave up on the detecting, but pitched for better living condi-tions and a more understanding community as more important than revealing any one gang leader. Commercials at the 10 and 20-

minute mark plugged Anacin and Kolynos, respectively. The former was the usual "made like a doctor's prescription" theme, while Kolynos was said to offer a "mouth-wash effect to sweeten the breath." The cowcetcher at the show's hering inc cowcatcher, at the show's beginning, plugged Freezone corn remover.

Sam Chase.

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#### All Men Are Created

Reviewed Wednesday, May 28, 8:30-9 p.m. Drama. Sponsored by Mueller's Macaroni, Inc. Agency—Duane Jones. Cast—Eighteen graduate members of Cast—Eighteen graduate members of the Television Workshop of the Amer-ican Theater Wing Veteran program under general supervision of Harvey Mar-lowe. Original story by Bernard Karlen and Barbara Leondar. Adapted by ATWV Television Workshop members. Direc-tor—Kit Kirkbride. Sets—Iran Berlow. Music--David Gaines.

Tele workshops, particularly those set up to give vets an opportunity to learn the budding video biz, are certainly to be encouraged, and it is therefore regrettable that All Men must be tabbed a good try which fell far short of its mark on many counts. Major mistake was in selec-tion of the material. Satire is among show business's most difficult assignments for writers, producers and/or actors and even professionals (in all three categories) with long years of experience miss the boat more often than not.

For a bunch of kids, with admittedly little solid entertainment industry background, to try the trick was sheer folly. In the case of All Men, it showed up first in the writing, and it showed up first in the writing, and then, of course, most glaringly in the performances. Taking the story of Cyrus Simean, a chemistry prof who thru a laboratory mishap, grows a monkey's tail, the Theater Wingers tried to show how, because of his appendage, he was ostracized by so-ciety. In the process they lampooned the unwitting cruelty of children, the fatuous smugness of college of-ficials, the fat-headed screaming de-fenders of the American way of life found in chamber of commerce and women's club circles, panic-preachwomen's club circles, panic-preach-ing radio newscasters and the clichecascaders in the halls of Congress.

#### Feeble Smash

The intention presumably was to smash at prejudice, but as has been indicated, the smash turned out to be the most feeble kind of slap on the wrist. It lost effectiveness because practically all the characters were written in stereotype fashion and furwritten in stereotype fashion and fur-ther because of overacting by the great majority of the cast. Marlowe, as producer, and even more Miss Kirkbride, as director, must be held largely accountable for this.

On the other hand at least three of the performers—Simean, the halfway-point-to-heaven gatekeeper, and particularly the gal who did the club-woman caricature show definite promise. It would be this reporter's promise. It would be this reporter's guess that with a better, easier-to-handle script and more astute direc-tion, at least several others of the troupe will make the grade.

#### **Good Music Cueing**

Musical cueing thruout was well done and Gaines rates a bow for this. The Duane Jones Mueller com-mercials were good, especially the middle one, which was neatly tied into the script. Midway point in the show had radio newscaster shrieking the news of havoc Simean was causing by his mere existence.



Reviewed Saturday (31), 2 to 4 p.m. Style—Direct remote pick-up of stunt flying from Santa Anita. Sustaining over KTLA (Paramount), Hollywood.

Air Circus

In the hands of Paramount, tele again proved itself as the ideal medium for covering special events. Without doubt, those viewing the Santa Anita Air Circus from the comfort of their living rooms saw far more than the throngs that at-tended the event in person. Thru use of telephoto lenses, scanners gave the home lookers amazing close-up the home lookers amazing close-up shots of the planes as they went thru their stunts. In one case, the long-barrel lenses brought the tele viewer so close that the pilot's face and features were clearly visible.

In attempting this scanning, Para-mount asked for trouble, since it meant lenses would have to be shoot-ing skyward thruout and strive to keep the stunting planes in frame. KTLA's camerane accomplished this feat easily, seldom if ever losing their subject. To shoot skyward, camera bases were set at an angle, allowing for the extreme upward panning.

Adding to seg's enjoyment was smooth commentary of Dick Lane and breather gab breaks handled equally well by station announcer Keith Lee Zhito. Hetherington.

The scene segued from the broadcast studio to the kitchen, where a gal was listening to this newscaster. She turned off the radio and went into her Mueller pitch, built around a \$25 prize contest to name a macaroni salad she whipped together. Mueller and Duane Jones rate a bow for sponsoring the Wing show, at any rate.

The newscaster closed the show by talking directly to the video audience and admitting that maybe the whole story was a "little silly." It was, kids, but try again, with something Joe Csida. not so tough.

### Tele Packages Seen As Important Cogs

NEW YORK, June 7. - Video package agencies provide a specialized service which will grow more important to advertising agencies and tele stations as the medium grows, according to Philip Brodsky, president of Video Associates, Inc. (VAI). Brodsky last week told a staff lunch-eon, attended by free-lance contributors to his package firm, that as a specialist the packager "offers a solution in the present tussle for program control between agencies and broadcasters."

broadcasters." Brodsky asserted that, using the packager, agencies could retain con-trol of program ideas and production, while the stations and webs might be more willing to grant leeway with the packager's experienced techni-cians supervising operations. While agencies understandably want to garner production experience, Brodagencies understandably want to garner production experience, Brod-sky said, "many of their experiments have been to the client's—and their own — disadvantage." He predicted that when an agency finds itself with a number of simultaneous produc-tions, need for the packager will be even more acute. even more acute.

Meanwhile, Brodsky announced pacting of WRGB, General Electric outlet in Schenectady, to a three-month contract for VAI packages during the summer months. Initial series a miniature musical comedy titled Cafe Domino, spotlights the tribulations of a forlorn waiter. Cast in-cludes Zelick Segal, Penny Osgood and Dayton Lummis, plus a marionette troupe under direction of Wayne Reed.

www.americanradiohistory.com

### WABD in Deal With Allied Hywd.Filmery

NEW YORK, June 9 .- Significant tie-up between motion pictures and television was concluded last week when Allied Artists Productions, Inc., when Allied Artists Productions, Inc., signed to sponsor the first of what is expected to be a series of programs o ver DuMont television outlet WABD. Time sale is the initial re-turn from the revised personnel setup installed at DuMont last month, which saw John McNiel, ex-station manager at WJZ, New York, named

WABD general manager. Program to be sponsored will be aired today (9), from 8:30 to 9 p. m., and will plug Allied's new film, It Happened on Fifth Avenue. Pro-duction will be handled by two more recent DuMont additions director recent DuMont additions, director Paul Belanger and set designer Jim McNaughton, who recently were cut loose during the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) staff slash. The program will combine both live and film techniques, leading off with live presentation of a ballet, under the supervision of Valerie Bettis, who appeared in several recent Broadway productions, including Beggars' Holiday. Sets will take the dancers from a backdrop of Fifth Avenue into a movie house, where a trailer will be presented on the picture advertised.

WABD expects Allied to bankroll

WABD expects Allied to bankroll at least two more programs for Fifth Avenue, and to continue its video pitch on future releases, including Black Gold, due soon. A concerted sales drive is under way to peddle sponsorship for Fash-ion Showcase, a Belanger-McNaugh-ton package. Evelyn Lawson WABD's p.a. is lining up about 10 models, p.a., is lining up about 10 models, to be known as the Du-Tel Girls to participate in the initial fashion program, about three weeks hence. WABD execs are currently striving to set sales policy for the series, some holding for the security of a single sponsor, and others advocating rotat-ing sponsors. ing sponsors. Under the McNiel aegis, DuMont

Under the MCNiel aegis, DuMont is expected to make other aggressive moves to bring sponsors to the sta-tion. Small Fry, moppet film show, probably will be pitched at pub-lishers of kiddies books in the near future.



NEW YORK, June 7.—Contracts were signed this week between the DuMont Television Laboratories and the Walter Reade theater chain of New York and New Jersey whereby the video firm has been named to supply custom-built tele receivers for the lounge of each of the movie houses. Sets will provide large di-rect-view screens, which will be in-stalled flush with the walls, as an integral part of the lounges. First installation was at Reade's Park Ave-NEW YORK, June 7 .-—Contracts installation was at Reade's Park Avenue Theater. Two more sets have been delivered and are being installed at the St. James Theater, Asbury Park, N. J., and Strand Theater, Freehold, N. J.

### **Gillette Renewing Boxing Tele Rights**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Rights to televise all boxing bouts staged by the 20th Century Sporting Club were retained this week by Gillette Safety Razor Company, which renewed its contract with WNBT, outlet of the National Broadcasting Company. Gillette, which has been using video the agency.

### 'Firemen, Spare My Child!' Is Anti-TV Cry of Movie Ops

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.-Altho large-screen television looms as no immediate threat to the motion picture theater owners, operators of theaters in the rural towns in Eastern Pennsylvania are already becoming alarmed over the competition they expect to get from television this summer. Agents of television set makers are visiting volunteer fire companies in the small towns, many of which own community audimany of which own community audi-toriums, to interest them in purchas-ing large-size receiving sets for entertainment in their fire halls.

Until now, the fire companies have Until now, the fire companies have been providing film shows, using 16mm. films, as the major form of entertainment for members' families, who are generally admitted free to the fire halls or community audi-toriums. Now, with television sets in the fire halls (some sales are already reported to have been made), owners of theaters in the rural towns are deeply concerned. The fire halls are deeply concerned. The fire halls generally accommodate 100 to 200 people. While the 16mm. films have made some inroads in picture grosses during the summer months, movie exhibitors fear that the novelty of television shows, paid or free, will cut down revenues for them.

### Chi Music College Sets Video School

CHICAGO, June 4 .--- A school of production and writing for television has been set up here at the Chicago Musical College. Television courses, Musical College. Television courses, under the direction of Dr. Hans Rosenwald, dean of the school, is divided into three 18-week semes-ters, covering production, directing, acting and writing. Courses are ac-credited for application toward a college degree, and accordingly, some of its students have already made connection with video stations which will hire them upon graduation. Following the 54-week course the school will offer advanced workshop training, which will give students a training, which will give students a chance to work on actual radio shows for two semesters.

School at present enrolls only 50, following Rosenwald's belief that many students cannot now be han-dled in courses for which there are so few competent instructors. Inso rew competent instructors. In-cluded on the video faculty are Pat-rick Murphy, director at American Broadcasting Company here, and Joel Willard, of the Goodman Theater and Northwestern University.

Altho this school so far seems to be operating on a legitimate basis, not making promises it can't keep, trade here is beginning to talk about the advent of shyster video producthe advent of shyster video produc-tion schools which will fleece stu-dents, teach them nothing and then turn them out ostensibly for employment in a trade which will find them completely useless because of im-practical instruction received at schools that were just in the business to get tuition. Already, here and elsewhere, television engineering schools of racket proportions have sprung up, and it is expected that next will come the racket production and talent schools.

for fights since September, 1944, will continue to bankroll the Monday and Friday bouts at Madison Square Gar-den and St. Nicholas Arena. Terms also include exclusive tele rights to all Joe Louis title bouts. Maxon is

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### Only 11 TV Spots on Air; **ŴNBW Opens**

### 2d NBC Outlet Due June 27

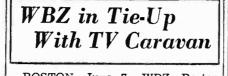
WASHINGTON, June 7.-As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), released a survey showing that only 11 video stations are now in operation, WNBW, National Broad-casting Company's (NBC) Washington outlet, announced this week that it will begin official telecasts June 27—making a total of 12 U. S. TV stations.

WNBW plans to use the New York-Washington coaxial cable to transmit programs from WNBT, New York, until the local station's facilities are completed. WNBW hopes to start local studio productions about Sep-tember 1, with a children's after-noon show to be given top priority. Kiddie spot will feature marionettes, handicraft work and musical chardes.

### Service to 37 Cities

In the FCC's video survey, it was revealed that television service to 37 cities in 24 States is proposed in cur-rent grants and applications, with California leading with 13 proposed stations and New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania following in order. Of the dozen stations expected on the the dozen stations expected on the

rennsylvania following in order. Of the dczen stations expected on the air by July 1, only six have been formally licensed by FCC---WCBS, WABD, WNBT, in New York; WRGB, Schenectady; WBKB, Chicago, and WPTZ, Philadelphia. Meanwhile, as anticipated, FCC readied to push its inquiry at an en-gineering hearing starting Monday (9) to determine why commercial television is lagging. FCC is par-ticularly interested in the causes of slow progress in video networks. American Telephone & Telegraph will be asked to explain its coaxial cable plans and its rate schedules. AT&T is expected to advise the FCC that it is able to install a new cable between New York and Washington and is ahead of schedule on its trans-continental plans. continental plans.



BOSTON, June 7.—WBZ, Boston Westinghouse station which is cur-rently building a \$1,000,000 radio and television center and is set to initiate television center and is set to initiate television test patterns on the air within the next six months, starts an all-out tie-in with the RCA-Victor-Allied Stores Television Caravan which moves into Jordan Marsh Company department store Monday (9) for a week-long display of equip-ment and video. Opening gun in the WBZ-Jordan Marsh hook-up is set for Tuesday

Marsh hook-up is set for Tuesday when Chick Morris, director of special events, will describe the Hub's first sizable television exhibit. The AM facilities of WBZ will carry the regular programs which will be televised at the same time and seen by spotted around the store. Governor Bradford is scheduled to

make his first video appearance on a special program with store officials and Allied executives.

### "Author-Crix" **On TV for GF**

NEW YORK, June 7 .- As part of its extensive video experimentation, General Foods Corporation this week signed to sponsor The Author Meets signed to sponsor The Author Meets the Critics for seven weeks over WNBT, National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC) tele station. Stanza will air Thursdays, from 8 to 8:30 p. m., beginning either July 3 or 10. Max-well House will be the product plugged. Benton & Bowles is the agency agency.

agency. Show will have no relationship with radio version of the same name, which has just begun airing over NBC. Tho John K. M. McCafery acts as moderator on both programs, guest critics and books discussed will be different. Another GF tele show, Juvenile Jury, winds up its spring series June 27.

### Hollywood Designer Plans Tele for Ad, Exploitation Use HOLLYWOOD, June 7. - Holly-

wood dress designer, Don Loper, may become the first in his field to use nationwide tele outlets for exploitanationwide tele outlets for exploita-tion and advertising, it was learned this week. Fem apparel creator is currently mulling plans calling for television preem of his new fall line, with video showings to be included in all principal markets having tele outlets

While still in the formative stage. While still in the formative stage, Loper is said to be ready to sink a sizable chunk of dough into tele if full exploitation potential can be reached. Shows would be packaged in Hollywood in the usual film city glamour style, sparked by possible inclusion of show biz personalities.

also with the Federal Communications Commission and even with the advertising industry. Latter is felt to be a possibility in view of the ex-pectation that many sponsors will not pectation that many sponsors will not want to pay for shows on a medium that has too large a tavern following, nor will they want to pay for show programed closely preceding or fol-lowing alcoholic commercials. It is also felt that television will never achieve its full potential as entertainment and educational me-diums unless some stop to tavern trade programing is made and unless

trade programing is made and unless shows other than those beer makers would like to bankroll are put on the

### Video Workmen-No. 8 of a Series How To Put on Television Shows: Free Advice by Performer Who Was in Video on Ground Floor - By Jay Marshall-

I could have started something by asking, "What's wrong with the vau-deville?" Instead I paid for my beer and left. There were reasons why I did not ask. 1. I didn't have the time it would

take for his answer. 2. Someone had told me once be-fore (at least once).

3. I didn't have enough for another beer.

Jay Marshall is a nitery and vaude performer currently at the Blue Angel in New York. One night the editor of The Billboard picked up the check at Lindy's and Marshall was obligated for this story on television. Marshall wrote some articles about USO Camp Shows which helped to get him canned and he hopes the television consequences are in no way similar.

If you want to know, go to the "Actor's Wailing Wall," in front of the Palace, or to the NVA Club. They will be more than unhappy to tell you what was wrong with vaude-ville, with detailed descriptions of the death throes from the early days of Nora Bayes to Jack Benny's record Nora Bayes to Jack Benny's record run at the Roxy. The symptoms of the television disease seem somewhat similar, so Dr. Marshall will diagnose and prescribe.

### First View of Tele

I first saw television at Massachu-setts Institute of Technology in 1931. As I recall, the camera was a stationary piano box with a large glass eye in front and a mess of wires, switches, tubes and dials in back. Flooded with hot lights, a perspiring professor stood on a chalk-marked spot and held up various cardboard signs, just like the medicine men who used to demonstrate corr curves in store win demonstrate corn cures in store win-dows. In the next room we saw the

dows. In the next room we saw the professor and the cards projected on a small screen. There was no sound. It was almost like the movies. I was, therefore, aware of video's existence when 10 years later a well-meaning friend called me to the Du-Mont studio. "Here's your big chance," he said, "You can get in on the ground floor of television." I had been taken in on these bene-

I had been taken in on these bene-fits before. But, I have kept telling myself, there is always that chance. I put some lavender lips on a some-I put some lavender lips on a some-what magenta face and stood under the hot lights. They thanked me when it was over, and I was indeed thankful. Well, as luck would have it *The Billboard* reviewed the show. I all but bought out the edition. I knew if anyone saw it I was ruined.

#### Another Offer

Then there was the time I picked up a last-half out of town. After up a last-half out of town. After the matinee, a department store ex-ecutive came backstage and handed me his card. "We're having a demon-stration of Farnsworth television in our store tomorrow. Would you be interested?" "Thank you, but I have seen it before." "Oh, no, I want you to do your act—we'll pay you for it."

it." Aha! Commercial television. Next day I took a cab from the theater to the store because I was wearing stage makeup, and I carried the dummy (I was doing a ventriloquist act) in a pillow case. "Glad you're here," the technician said, as he eyed and approved the

**"I** WOULDN"T turn on the vaude-ville, only your wife says you was gonna be on," the bartender said, and added, "My trade goes for the fights and the ball games." Hope you don't melt," he said. "Gets pretty hot under those lights." An inner voice said over and over, "You're gonna get paid." After 15 minutes I had to quit. The insaid. "Gets pretty hot under those lights." An inner voice said over and over, "You're gonna get paid." After 15 minutes I had to quit. The in-tense heat had blistered the paint on the dummy's face so that he looked like a smallpox patient, and I looked and felt like a hot pastrami—with mustard. I was thanked and handed a fat pay envelope just stuffed with money-15 one-dollar bills.

#### **Uncle Sam Interrupts**

The war came and I went. I couldn't get out of the Army, so I couldn't get into a television. Thus it was early in 1946 before I was again visable on video and then only to a select few.

This came about when Ed Sobol at WNBT called my agent, Mark Leddy, for an RCA color television demon-stration. We rehearsed all morning to get the proper angles, focus, timing, cues and stage directions. The running order was set and we ran over the show for an informal auover the show for an informal au-dience of vice-presidents, engineers and acts who gathered in little groups to talk quietly and excitedly. The lights were not hot. We wore no makeup (the girls wore street make-up). When I was not on the set I would walk over to the engineer's name! and watch. There were two panel and watch. There were two screens—one with color, the other

screens—one with color, the other black and white and after the novelty of color wore off I began to compare them. Both were excellent, colors were true, no blur or distortion and the sound was exact. Great progress! After this came a *Quiz Kids* type of show produced by Ronald Oxford at WNBT, called *Teletruth*. As em-see I quizzed a quartet of juvenile delinquents, assisted by Remo Bu-fano's puppets. I thought the series was doing all right until *The Bill-board* reviewed the show. I don't board reviewed the show. I don't know whether they saw the review up at WNBT, but the next time Teletruth went on, I didn't.

#### On 'Hour Glass'' Show

The last time I was on television was almost a year ago. Standard Brands sponsored a variety show was almost a year ago. Standard Brands sponsored a variety show called *Hour Glass*, which played for one hour, one night a week. Every show had a thread of theme running thru it and it was amazing how tang-led it could get. The particular pro-gram I was on purportedly showed commencement exercises at the college of something or other with all the acts, commercials, cameras, techni-cians, props and hot lights crowded into one studio about 40x60 feet. Lovely Helen Parrish, warmly clad in cap and gown, introduced the acts with lines like, "And now the young man who was voted most likely to (See HOW TO PUT ON on page 18)



### WBKB Limits Beer **Sponsors to Three**

CHICAGO, June 7.—Danger of video becoming a medium for the tavern trade thru the airing of too many shows sponsored by beer companies or shows aimed at tavern viewers, which has been talked about in the trade here for the past few weeks, has been recognized by WBKB, local B&K television outlet. Station unofficially has set a policy that its present three brewery spon-sors will be the limit. As in other cities, the sale of video receivers to taverns has continued to iumn here, until the tavern audience

jump here, until the tavern audience is now an estimated 50 per cent of the total. This has made beer companies anxious to sponsor time and reach this market, with the station now airing shows bankrolled by the Fox De Luxe and Keeley breweries and the Canadian Ace Company set

to follow shortly with sponsorship of horse racing from Arlington Park. As a result of video becoming a natural for beer makers, others than those signed by WBKB are asking for time, but are receiving a polite but time but are receiving a polite but firm turndown—at least until the station programs more hours so that beer sponsors will not be taking such a high ratio of commercial time. Liklihood is that even then they will be turned down

be turned down. Worry behind all this, of course, is that television will get a bad repu-tation not only with the public but

### WWJ-TV Starts Commercial How To Put on Television Shows; Career With 12 Sponsors Free Advice by a Hep Performer

here for the first time Tuesday, with WWJ-TV (formerly WWDT) taking WWJ-TV (formerly WWDT) taking the air following several months of experimental operation. Station is operated by *The Detroit News* (WWJ). Operating schedule will be 2:30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tues-day thru Saturdays.

Major program offerings will in-clude home games of the Detroit Ti-gers, horse racing at the State Fair-grounds, and prize fights from Olym-pia Stadium, in addition to studio shows.

WWJ-TV goes on the air with 12 commercial sponsors, including a rep-resentative cross-section of major radio time-buyer groups. Included are one public utility, Detroit Edison Company; three automotive sponsors --Chevrolet, Ford---with time bought by the Ford dealers' organization rather than the company itself; U. S. Rubber; two department stores, J. L. Hudson Company and Sam's, Inc.; three appliance organizations; Grinnell Brothers Music Company, Hot 'n' Kold Shops, and the Norge divi-sion of Borg-Warner. List includes three other firms-Harry Suffrin, clothing house; the omnipresent Bulova Watch Company, and Goebel

Brewing Company. First commercial contract for the then unnamed station was signed by the Hudson store August 7, 1945.

#### **Sponsor Interest**

Strong interest by major local time buyers in commercial field, both sponsors and agencies, was indicated in television demonstrations by sponsors and agencies, was indicated in television demonstrations by WWJ-TV, which held virtual open house all week. Commercial depart-ment is following up the situation closely, with likelihood of additional contracts shortly. Weather hurt station programing the last two days, rain causing tem-porary halt of a baseball game on Thursday, with program switching to studios. Friday the station trans-mitter developed trouble and was off air early in afternoon. Projected

air early in afternoon. Projected man-in-street show from Sam's De-partment Store was canceled because

### BOX SCORE ON WEB BIZ

(Continued from page 13) by gaining shows from other webs (Hit Parade, Take It or Leave It, Jimmy Durante from CBS), and by selling sustainers (Archie Andrews).

MBS, now running about 8 per cent behind last year, is due for an upturn in the near future. Onset of the Kate Smith Speaks co-op daytime show and the new Martin Block disk jockey stanza are counted upon for hypoed sales impetus. Also on docket is a new name-show by. MBS sales staff now is prepolicy. MBS sales staff now is pre-paring a new weapon for the all-out warfare: Special maps which will compare MBS with the other webs along new lines combining factors not before employed for such promotion.



DETROIT, June 7. — Commercial ration protection for cameras was not television operation became a fact available, and film programs were available, and film programs were used thruout.

Program department has shown considerable versatility in switching shows and filling in when such last-minute crises forced changes, altho station went off air for a half hour early Friday afternoon in lull. Television receiver sales were reported soaring this week, with RCA claim-ing 500 sets already installed and 3,000 orders on hand.

### "Flicks, Flashes" Set for Canada's 1st Wax Gossiper

HOLLYWOOD, June 7.-For the HOLLYWOOD, June 7.—For the first time in its radio history, Canada will have a regularly skedded weekly transcribed Hollywood gossip show, beginning July 7, when the Dominion Network tees off Susan Fletcher's Flicks and Flashes. Miss Fletcher is currently in Hollywood lining up pic personalities to record enough inter-views which will carry the show thru its first sustaining cycle. Seg goes commercial in the fall, with one of two American bank-rollers reportedly set to buy seg

Because of the recent ban on cuffo platter appearances of movie people (clamped down on by major pic producers), Miss Fletcher is currently being squired about Hollywood by exploitation men from indie flicker factories. Taking advantage of the major studio ban, indies have opened the door wide to la Fletcher, thus enabling her to snare many top box-office pic names unavailable to other gabbers.

### GarryMooreBuzzing With Y&R on GE Seg

NEW YORK, June 7 .--- This week's report on Garry Moore was that Young & Rubicam is talking to the comic—soon to leave Jimmy Durante comicto go on his own as a single—for an air show for General Electric. An air audience participation show is men-tioned. Same sponsor had House

Party, participation, on the air until recently. Last week's Moore murmur was that N. W. Ayer wanted him for Ply-mouth autos.

### Video Bids for "Drunkard"

NEW YORK, June 7.-Two video outfits are bidding for rights to the film, The Drunkard, classic melo-drama, for tele use. Tex\_McCrary, drama, for tele use. Tex McCrary, of National Broadcasting Company's WNBT, is reported interested in the WNBT, is reported interested in the hiss-and-cheer opus for his Sunday program. Also said to be dickering for the rights is Louis Stumer, of Television-Radio Enterprise Com-pany, a package outfit. The Drunk-ard now is playing twice nightly at the Old Knick Music Hall.



WILMINGTON, Del., June 7. —Station WILM is carrying transcribed spot announcements plugging the *Telephone Hour*. WILM is a Mutual affiliate. *Telephone Hour* is heard locally thru opposition Station WDEL, an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company.

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succeed. An Irish lad whose voice fairly drips with brogue, here is our diploma cum laude to Dennis Day. . . ."

An engineer upstairs started a record playing and Dennis Day dripped silently as he mouthed the words This to one of his own recordings. was not the fault of Dennis Day, rather the hot lights and James C. Petrillo. Benny Baker sweated out two routines, in the second of which he danced (to recorded music); Elizabeth Talbot-Martin's warm personality gave vent to a wealth of impressions and some Equity actors stewed in their own 10-minute playlet. I wilted my stiff shirt in a sixminute magic act, and Oldfield and Rooney pored forth their all in a comedy acrobatic routine. The last few grains of sand dropped to the bottom of the Hour Glass and we only had to wait for Father Time to put his J. Walter Thompson on our pay checks and post them with the able couriers. As we filed into the comparative darkness of the normally comparative darkness of the normally lighted corridors of the RCA Build-ing, I overheard a conversation. better than ringside. You that Louis-Conn fight was the see. turning point of television and we're in on the ground floor. . . .

#### **3M's Blocking Tele**

3M's Blocking Tele This brings us back to "What's wrong with vaudeville?" and, spe-cifically, television vaudeville. The three M's are holding back video vaude: (1) Money, (2) music and (3) more money. Now I think a mint of moola squandered wisely might revive this murdered wisely high revive this murdered member of the arts. Of course, the smart thing to do would be to move into Loew's State for one show a week, and some vice-president ought to drop into Lindy's some early a.m. and talk it over with Sid Piermont, who books the place (Loew's State, that is). The vecpee could learn something about show business just from Sid's con-versation, and even if the veepee couldn't interpret Piermont's jargon, he could at least nourish his ulcer

on some succulent gefelte fish. You'll notice I have not been guilty "Now if I were running this. . . I would . . . , etc," because I have noticed how few actors get to do more than use the line.

#### Formula for Video

But, if I were running a television show . . . I would . . . . well, I would hire a staff of about 18 people -actors, singers, writers and comics of assorted age and sex. Hire them on a weekly salary and work them as a show unit or team. Stick in a standard sight act and a new name each week. Add a good director-producer with a background of show business, a smart lad with imagination, ideas and free rein. A schmo can make big-name talent look like high-priced turkeys, whereas smart high-priced turkeys, whereas smart experience can turn turkeys into stars. Lock them in a room and tell them you gotta have a show. Hire a theater, provide a live audience and produce a smash revue. Gotta have that live audience, even tho it handi-caps the engineer. The sightseer at his set needs that audience just as much as the actor. Gotta have that smart producer, and actors instead of readers of lines. Gotta settle with Petrillo somehow, because music will give access to a much wider variety of acts. And gotta produce a teleof acts. And gotta produce a tele-

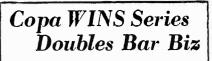
vision set cheap enough for the man on the street to lure the ad accounts, to pay for the shows, to hire the acts, to appeal to the man on the street. It's as simple as that.

#### **Advice Is Gratis**

No, you needn't pay me for this advice, just send me a television set and a subscription to The Billboard. I'm still available for appearances, althe I have temporarily forsaken the iconoscope for a swing on the bistro and borscht belt. However, should anyone wish me to emsee clambake, bar mitzvah, grocery store opening, ash tray emptying, television show or a similar emergency, you merely have to call my agent, Mark J. Leddy.

Well, that's it, my friends. Lately the actors tell me the lights aren't as hot as they used to be and I'll miss that 'cause they used to dry out my sinus. They tell me that sight acts are going to have a field day—but they have been telling me that for some time now I'll just that for some time now. I'll just watch television 'cause I think it's going places and I want to know where. I'll go to the saloon at the end of my block and watch those fights and ball games, where the unsuspecting player can scratch his fanny and never know he got a yock from the beer guzzlers.

And, it the guy on the next stool buys a beer and says, "That television stuff is okay," I guess I'll have to tell him, "Yeah, it's pretty good—but it's not like the old days—you see I was on the ground floor in television -and if I were running it . . . . I would . . . .



NEW YORK, June 7.—An instance of where radio has paid off terrific-ally in hypoing business for a night club has developed in the Monte Proser's Copacabana buy on WINS here. Series, a 12:30 to 4 a. m. ses-sion with Jack Eigen, has doubled trade in the Copa lounge. Program which started as a six-night-a-week affair, is going to seven nights Mon-day (9), as a result.

Series uses records and interviews with guests in the Copa lounge. Re-sult has been that both showbiz peosult has been that both showbiz peo-ple and firemen now head for the joint, to get on the air or just to rubber. Lounge used to do about \$3,500 or \$4,000 weekly biz, virtually all hooch take, but now is hitting from 8 to 9G weekly and is still climbing. Proser credits it strictly to the air show.

### **Red Face**

WILMINGTON, Del., June 7. —Harvey C. Smith, WDEL pro-gram director, spent an hour and a half Tuesday (3) getting Lieut. Arthur B. Wilson, traffic head of the Wilmington police, to transcribe an interview on traffic problems. traffic problems. The chore completed, Wilson

rushed downstairs to move his car—only to find that police had already tagged the vehicle for overtime parking. How does it feel, lieutenant?

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### **Frisk That Disk!**

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., June SAN QUENTIN, Cani., June 7.—San Quentin's inter-cell radic hook-up now has a disk jockey. One of the inmates has been assigned by Warden Clin-ton Duffy to play request num-bers. Leading the cooler parade this week were How Was I To Know?, Gentlemen of the Jury, They Didn't Believe Me, Till the End of Time, A Door Will Open, I'd Do It All Over Again and Time on Mat Hands Time on My Hands.

### **Officers** Named By Musicraft; Meyerson Prez

NEW YORK, June 7.—Election of new officers and a board of directors was highlight of the first Musicraft diskery toppers' meeting held Wednesday (4) following the firm's successful refinancing plan. Jack W. Meyerson was officially named prexy and general manager, while William A. Shea, of the Tucker & Shea law firm, was named board chairman to replace Irving M. Felt. Felt remains on the board, but holds no other executive title. Robert O. Buck and Warren W. York, who runs an in-vestment biz, round out the board. In exec posts under Meyerson, Frank Furcell was chosen secretary and Joseph Zachary assistant treas-urer. Posts of veepee and treasurer

urer. Posts of veepee and treasurer will remain vacant temporarily. Firm still has not signed an artists and repertoire chief, but Meyerson says that he currently has at least six men under consideration for the post post

post. Meanwhile, the new prexy says he is negotiating with all of the firm's current artists' roster to remain with the diskery. Firm is openly pinning hopes on warbler Mel Torme, who will be the first artist recorded fol-lowing the lapse of cutting activity while the diskery was facing its fi-nancial crisis. Beyond Torme, who will be waxed "immediately," the prexy says a recording sked cur-rently is being worked up. He also reports that diskery's Ossining, N. Y., plant definitely will reopen next week.

**ASCAP Elects** 

**Appeals Board** 

NEW YORK, June 7.—American, Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) election for

Publishers (ASCAP) election for representatives on group's board of appeals resulted in one switch in the pre-election board, which had Sam Stept, of Stept pubbery, replacing Irving Caesar on the appeals group as one of the two popular production pubbers represented. The other is Max Mayer, of Paull-Pioneer Music. Remainder of the heard which upopular

Remainder of the board, which was

Remainder of the board, which was re-elected, includes pop writers Abel Baer and Peter De Rose, standard writer Douglas Moore and standard pubber John Sengstack, of Clayton F. Summy Company.

Click Disk Mix

erroneously reported in this sec-tion last week that Sam Dona-nue's version of I Never Knew

was the Philadelphia disk dis-tribs' Click record of the month. Actually the distrib group picked a song of the month. Choice was Oxford Music's Chi-Baba, Chi-Baba

-It was

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Baba.

# AFM Faces

faces a double-barrelled congres-sional probe of its activities as a resional probe of its activities as a re-sult of a House labor subcommittee jumping on the bandwagon already occupied by House Interstate Com-merce Committee. Labor group sent Rep. Richard Nixon (R., Calif.) to the West Coast to check on AFM squab-bles with the film industry. Other members of the subcommittee have quietly investigated AFM in Chicago quietly investigated AFM in Chicago and New York.

Labor committee spokesman said the group has not yet decided whether to subpoena witnesses and hold a full-scale hearing in Washington, but is expected to decide in a few weeks after digesting data gathered by the subcommittee.

#### House Group Calls AFM

House Interstate Commerce Com-mittee decided some weeks ago to put AFM on the congressional carpet and only awaits a decision by the Supreme Court on the Lea-Vanden-berg anti-Petrillo bill before going ahead. It is still uncertain whether the Supreme Court will hand down a decision in the case testing validity of Lea-Vandenberg Act before the recess of the current session. Court is expected to adjourn late this month

or early July until fall. Congressional inquiries into AFM are proceeding independently of floor action on general labor reforms even tho the G.O.P. Congress's labor bill, which was sent to White House this which was sent to White House this week, seeks to rectify some of the alleged abuses which were charged against AFM when the Lea-Vanden-berg law was enacted last year. House Interstate and Foreign Com-merce Committee is sticking to plan for subpoening of James C. Petrillo, AFM president.

### **Tucker Cancels Asbury Hotel**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Tommy Tucker, whose ork was skedded to spend the summer at the Berkeley Cataret Hotel, Asbury Park, N. J., has canceled the engagement. Nitery now is reported nixing name bands for the season, and will stick to local or territorial combos. It is understood that Columbia Broadcasting System, which had planned to pick up the Tucker ork, has canceled out the spot and instead will have two pick-ups a week from Convention Hall, Atlantic City, which has a string of name orks skedded.

### ASCAP ExecTouring **On Field Problems**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Herman Greenberg, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers CAP) exec, currently is on a tour to straighten out a number of prob-lems which have arisen with Society field men during the past few months.

### Eddy Howard Sets Record

DETROIT, June 7.-Eddy How-ard's ork set a new attendance record at the Walled Lake Casino here recently when 3,412 admissions were chalked up, bettering the old mark by 800. Spot, which started a name

### Talk of the Trade

Double Probe By Congress By Congress Second House Group Acts WASHINGTON, June 7.—Ameri-can Federation of Musicians (AFM), on the eve of its national convention Mo., in 1936, and in 1941 became pro-gram director at KXOK. . . . James G. Riddell, general manager of WXYZ, ABC's owned-and-operated station in Detroit, in New York last week on network and station busi-ness. Ditto Hugh O. Jones, general manager of WGCM, ABC affiliate in Gulfport, Miss. ÷

> Chick Lind, announcer at WKBN, Youngstown, O., recently became a pop for the second time—a boy. . . . Barbara Pierce, of the WTAG, Wor-cester, Mass., flackery, engaged to Arthur J. Boucot, non-pro. . . . Jack Hardesty, formerly of sales staff at WOL, Washington, named director of sales promotion by general manager Tom Craven. . . Milt Bacon, recently appointed assistant to the manager at WCBS, Columbia's New York station. doing extensive lecture assignments in the station's coverage area.

MYRON CURRY resigned as con-tinuity editor at KMBC, Kansas City, Mo., to take his master's and doctor's degrees at University of Wis-consin. . . Staff additions at CKWX, Vancouver: Vernon Groves, formerly considered production manager at assistant production manager at CJVI, Victoria, now an announcer at CJVI, Victoria, now an announcer at CKWX. Frank Celuch, recently with the Canadian army, has rejoined sta-tion's technical staff as program op-erator, and Jack Hughes has trans-ferred from technical department to continuity staff.

Bill Meredith, formerly scripter at WLW, Cincinnati, to WRFD, Worthington, O., as continuity editor, and Bob Maley, another WLW scripter, to WMBD, Peoria, Ill., as continuity editor.

\* \* \* NANCY SHERIDAN now playing the fem lead opposite Millard Mitchell on Mighty Casey Saturday nights over Mutual Broadcasting System. . . John Crosby, New York Herald Trib radio editor, father of a six and a half pound boy born last week at Doctors' Hosp. . . Pat Ryan, sports director at WKY, Okla-hamo City, father of a girl. . . . Ken Roberts has quit Quick as a Flash.

Because National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC) now feeds about 108 news periods monthly from Washington, the web has appointed William R. Mc-Andrew assistant to Vice-President Frank M. Russell, to be director of special events from the capital.... Robert W. Dumm named general manager of KNOE, NBC's affiliate in Mon-roe, La. Dumm formerly was director of broadcasting at KXOA, Sacramento. . . . Personnel additions at WLBR, . . . Personnel additions at WLBR, Lebanon, Pa., are announcer Bill Ryan and engineer Alfonse Donovan. . . . Continuity department at WLW, Cin-cinnati, has added Arthur Alan Stern, formerly scripter at WLIB and WNYC. New York. . . Margaret Rea, re-cently discharged from the Royal Canadian Navy, has taken over man-agement of CJAV, Port Alberni, Van-couver Island, B. C. . . . KTHS, Hot Springs, has added Robert Ewing Brown to announcing staff. Brown to announcing staff.

MATTHEW J. NOONAN, of Milton, Mass., appointed national sales manager of WLAW, Lawrence.

ork policy a month ago, has been drawing heavy week-end crowds, but midweek biz has been far below last year.

dio copywriter.

\* \* \* CHARLES AVEY has been ap-pointed continuity editor of KMBC, CBS outlet in Kansas City, Mo., to replace Myron Curry who re-signed to take his masters and doc-torate degrees at the University of Wisconsin. Curry had been with the station five years. Avey has been an announcer... Steve Martin, former CBS 'television producer, now with Television-Radio Enterprise Com-pany, package outfit.

### Ad Agency Notes

 $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}}^{\mathbf{FTER}}$  12 years with National A FTER 12 years with National Broadcasting Company, Gerry Martin has joined the radio depart-ment of William Esty Agency. . . . Ruth E. Duson, for two years radio copywriter with Malcolm Howard Advertising Agency, Chicago, has been appointed radio copy chief. . . . Galsser-Gailey & Company, of Los Angeles, has been elected to member-ship in the American Association of Advertising Agencies (4-A's). . . . Sydney D. Ritter has been named director of radio at Dundes & Frank.

Don Francisco, vice-president and director of J. Walter Thompson, spoke on the subject of distribution costs at the 12th annual conference of the National Federation of Sales Executives in Los Angeles June 3. . . Ruthrauff & Ryan added two members to the copy staff: Marie F. Welch, formerly chief copy writer for Grant Bros., of San Fran-cisco, and James Kennedy, formerly with J. Walter Thompson and the Biow Company.

WWPG, Palm Beach, Fla., an ABC WWPG, Faim beach, Fia., an Abc affiliate operating on both AM and FM, has named John H. Perry Associates as representatives. . . . Seidel Advertising Agency, Inc., has appointed Jean L. Malchin as ac-count executive. Malchin worked in France with the Parisian advertis-ing agency the Avenir Publicite in France with the Parisian advertis-ing agency, the Avenir Publicite, where he concentrated on perfume and fashion accounts. . . William Douglas McAdams Agency and J. D. Tarcher & Company, both of New York, were elected to membership in the 4-A's. . . . Roy Degroot Con-sultants, Inc., is planning special ra-dio promotions for four new ac-counts: Contact Lens Service, Inc.; Helen Norfleet Individual Study Program, Inc.; Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, all of New York, and Mullen Laboratories, Boston.



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CORRALLING Phono, Tele Sets GetNod

### **Off-Brand Selling Tough**

CHICAGO, June 7.-Plenty of new CHICAGO, June 7.—Plenty of new radio, phonograph and television sets, most of them in the higher priced fields—in recognition of the current market trend finding the public and dealers disgusted with low priced, in-ferior merchandise—were displayed at the National Association of Music Merchants' convention. Displays of Merchants' convention. Displays of this type equipment filled almost two full floors of the Palmer House, con-vention headquarters.

### Tele Array

Tele Array Among the new television sets shown were these: DuMont showed three new models, one a video, FM-AM phonograph combination with a 12-inch direct view video screen. \$750, and two table models with 12-inch screens, in-cluding on FM broadcast hand about cluding an FM broadcast band, about \$495.

Farnsworth showed three new video models—an AM-FM phono-graph television combination to sell for about \$875, one AM-video combo (See QUALITY SETS on page 22)

### **Stress Service** As Biz Aspirin, **Dealers Urged**

CHICAGO, June 7.-The nation's music store dealers will have to return to the pre-war standards of courtesy and service toward cus-tomers in order to beat the recent biz drop-off, a trio of leading music shop ops told a clinic audience of the National Association of Music Mer-National Association of Music Mer-chants' (NAMM) convention here last

week. Louis Lennon, of Payne of Boston Music House, emphasized the re-sponsibility which will be placed up-on proper store management in re-viving the lagging service tendered payees during wartime. Lennon pointed out that ops of music stores will generally have to tighten their operations and watch and instruct employees more carefully than during the five past years. Lennon urged the five past years. Lennon urged that more consideration be given such important matters as (1) installation of any type equipment; (2) return of faulty equipment; (3) service and (See DEALERS URGED on page 23)

### **Radio-Phono** Market For Quality Sets Still Big --- Freimann CHICAGO, June 7.—Re-emphasiz-ing a general condition in the radio

and phonograph industry (apparent at the National Association of Music Merchants' convention) that is find-ing the market glutted with inferior low-priced merchandise, Frank Frei-mann, executive vice-president of the Magnovox Company, told The Bill-board after a meeting of his com-pany's dealers that there is still a (See Still Big Market on page 37)

### Better Radio, Price Wars Bruise Dealers, **MPA-NASMD** Meetings Show; **Pop** Sheet Discard Growing?

CHICAGO, June 7.—Price cutting, which for the past year or more has been one of the most prickly thorns in the side of sheet music dealers, constituted the major issue at the series of meetings held here this week by the National Association of Sheet Music Dealers (NASMD) and the Music Publishers' Association (MPA). Opening with a NASMD board of directors meet at 10 a.m. Monday (2) and followed by membership confabs at 2 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. Tuesday (3) and a joint meeting with MPA Tuesday at 2 p.m., the retailers heard reports on the net-no-discount policy adopted by members last fall. This policy stipu-1

members last fall. This policy stipu-lated that regardless of the amount lated that regardless of the amount of standard and educational sheet music, orchestrations, textbooks, etc., purchased by groups such as churches, high schools, colleges, camps, etc., dealers would sell only at net prices, allowing no discounts whatsoever. Reasoning behind adop-tion of the original policy was that publishing costs, dealer sales costs and all other factors had risen so drastically that the only way pub-lishers and dealers could continue to do business at a profit (short of raising prices all the way down the line) was to follow a strict net-no-discount procedure.

While reports generally indicated that the policy had met with a fair measure of success, it was apparent that many dealers (not necessarily NASMD members) were not follow-

### **Rosy Wax Future** Seen by Murray, Southard in '47

CHICAGO, June 7 .--- Record distributors and retailers were given re-assuring news concerning the future status of bix during the National Association of Music Merchants' (NAMM) convention this week when biggies of two major firms, Colum-bia and Victor, forecast stabilized prices and a blue horizon ahead, at least as far as December, 1947.

Speaking at a banquet attended by 500 diskery reps. retailers and dis-tributors, Paul Southard, v.-p. in charge of sales for Columbia, said that his firm, like all the others, had experienced a bit of recession early this year when stock piles of platters that many dealers (not necessarily NASMD members) were not following the plan. Jenkins Music Company in Kansas City, for instance, which does a large retail as well as a wholesale business, maintained that their retail business was off some \$\$18,000 in the past three months, while their wholesale business was up better than \$12,000. In the Jenkins case this situation is held directly attributable to the severe price war raging among retailers, which discounts. Jenkins, of course, in selling net, finds it tough to compete. Smaller dealers seem to be the most flagrant perpetrators of discount sell-(See NAMM Meetings on page 38)
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### **CONVENTION NOTES**

Eric Mattson and Jean Casto, principals in the Carousel cast playing at the Chi Shubert Theater, donned costumes for appearance at the Decca booth Wednesday (4). They were kept busy autographing the *Carousel* album for dealers and being photographed with them.

Something unusual in song plugging technique was Cookie Shields, five-and-one-half-year-old daughter of Edward Shields, handing out book matches and telling every-body to buy Sherman Hayes' Aristocrat record of her daddy's song, Got on the Ball, Paul.

Two of the independent record firms made a special play for the lady dealers with giveaway tie-ins. Manor Records' Irving Berman posted a fancy exchange-display for the Columbia compact-making firm of New York—gals and guys were handed gratis compact-making infinition New York—gals and guys were handed gratis compacts with Manor Records em-blazoned across the top. Wiseacres pretended to shudder upon opening the cover and seeing the Columbia (altho not the diskery) name on the powder cover. Continental Records had Al Millet giving out tiny bottles of Black Magic perfume in some kind of effort to tie in with the black shellac (magic) of firm's dienbayed disks of firm's displayed disks.

Tedos Demetriades and Loe Scovell, president and general manager respectively of Standard Phono, repped the international disk firm at the show. First show Tedos has made in a long time. Until recently he was tied up with his chicken farming.

Wrestling bouts via WBKB television in the RCA Victor suite probably drew as big a crowd as the grunt and groan arena itself. Jack Williams, who has just been upped from the ad manager post of the disk division to ad and promotion head of the home instruments division, was the genial host. Jack beamed over the various new record players, radio and tele-vision sets and combinations as he would over his kids at home.

Moe Asch, of Disc Records, felt that the most interesting and important point brought up at the Thursday a.m. record clinic was the matter of uniform standards for records. Standards should be set by all manufacturers, big and small, feels (See Convention Notes on page 36)

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### Pipe This

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CHICAGO, June 7.—Rudolph Wurlitzer Company introduced its new line of organs at the National Association of Music Merchants' convention here this Merchants' convention here this week. Wurlitzer had the mezza-nine right across from the Em-pire Room, and to demonstrate tonal quality of the organ, demonstrators played it day and night. At the Empire Room dinner show Monday (2), Herb Shriner came out on the floor to go into his routine of Chic Sale style gags and harmonica Sale style gags and harmonica blowing. After working against blowing. After working against Wurlitzer's organ music thru half his act, Shriner finally stopped in the middle of a gag and said: "This is a combina-tion convention and funeral," and at another point the comic cracked, "This is the first time I've ever told jokes to a back-ground of organ music."

### NAMM Okays Music Fund; **Notes Officers**

CHICAGO, June 7 .- Members of the National Association of Music Merchants this week approved by a five to one majority the projected \$250,000 to \$400,000 music industry research and public relations program set forth early this year in a meeting of members of all affiliated segments of the music industry. Meeting during NAMM's national convention here, members took a substantial step toward realization of such a financial expenditure by okaying a dues increase of one-tenth of 1 per cent of the entire sales volume of their stores to go into the campaign fund. A fund of \$100,000 has already been appropriated to carry the program thru its first year, after which consideration of an increased pro-gram will be made.

Re-elected president of NAMM was Louis G. LaMair, of Lyon & Healy, Chi. George Byerly, Byerly Bros. (See NAMM Okays Fund on page 36)

### **Retail Record Fed.** Holds Chicago Meet; Frames Resolutions

CHICAGO, June 7.-Newly formed National Record Retailers' Federation National Record Retailers' Federation held a closed session at the Hotel Morrison here Tuesday with approxi-mately 15 retailers on hand for what was termed the first intersectional meeting of the temporary board of governors. Michael Alexander, of St. Louis, temporary president, pre-sided sided.

Highlight of proceedings was adop-tion of resolutions calling for record manufacturers to allow dealers a uni-form return privilege and full credit on broken and defective disks from their local distrib, elimination of package deals, registration by disk-eries of their labels in States where fair trade laws exist and to main-tain prices where they do not, and a recommendation that diskeries seek to improve the quality of their records (See Retail Fed. Meets on page 36)

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### **Musical Saws**

CHICAGO, June 7.—Lack of dealer attendance the first sev-eral days of the National Asso-ciation of Music Merchants' show had manufacturer and disshow had manufacturer and dis-trib exhibitors pulling out all the old convention saws. Said one manufacturer: "It's been great. We took two \$16 orders and a flock of small ones." Said another: "It's a good thing the exhibitor badges are yellow and the dealers' white. Otherwise we exhibitors would be running around trying to sell each other." Wind-up of the con-vention saw a neat pick-up in the action. the action.

### **Dealers Warned Fair Trade Now** Needs Bolster

CHICAGO, June 7.-Reflecting the general sales trend in the music in-dustry, wherein a change from a "sellers' market" to a "buyers' mar-ket" is taking place as a result of a more abundant flow of merchandise, the National Association of Music Merchants' convention here this week de-voted two meetings to the considera-

voted two meetings to the considera-tion of fair trade practice, violations of which usually occur when the economic picture shifts. First fair-practice meeting was that held by the industry's fair trade prac-tice committee on Monday (2). This committee, which receives fair trade (See Dealers Warned on page 37)

### Disk Dealers Affirm Inventory As Pet Bogey; Do's and Don'ts

**Outlined for Handling of Wax** CHICAGO, June 7.—The Record Promotion Clinic (at the National Association of Music Merchants con-vention) held here Thursday (5) in the ballroom of the Palmer House found a solid and representative group of dealers beefing pretty largely about the same things they had about the same things they had beefed about at the '46 confab clinic. beeted about at the '46 confab clinic. Inventories, said the retailers, were still way out of line and the old question of amount of turnover on which an inventory should operate got its usual kicking around. As in '46, estimates varied from two turn-overs a year to four, with most deal-ers saying they felt they were doing all right if they hit two. All the inventory, turnover, costs and other similar topics got a work-ing over in the question period fol-lowing the regular speakers at the clinic. Harry Calloway presided at the meet and Herman Platt talked on merchandising of records, Harold Miles on store modernization, Oscar

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Miles on store modernization, Oscar Lawson on reducing inventories, and Paul Murphy on manufacturer, dis-tributor and dealer co-operation. Platt outlined successful merchan-dising practices carried on in his shop. Miles stressed the fact that store mod-ernization need not be an expensive proposition, but indicated that nu-merous, resultful modernization jobs had been done purely with paint and had been done purely with paint and soap. Miles cited instances where modernization was responsible for increases in disk business of as much as 75 per cent. In one case, he told of a store which had built in a spe-cial children's record department in the course of modernization, and had

gerous type of disk-department man-ager in the Ward experience has been the guy who considers himself a music expert and refuses to follow inventory figures, as against his own judgment. Despite the solid meat presented in Larsen's talk, it became apparent from the after-speech discussion that the Ward inventory con-

apparent from the after-speech dis-cussion that the Ward inventory con-trol system and standards were hardly applicable to smaller disk out-lets. Generally, as a matter of fact, the discussions showed that each dealer's inventory problem has its own peculiarities and must be worked out as an individual problem. Both Miles and Larsen stressed the im-portance of the sales clerk in the sales and inventory picture. Murphy outlined a series of do's and don'ts for manufacturers and distributors in the course of urging them to be real "partners" to the dealers. The distrib, he said, should carry far-greater inventory, so that the dealer would have better oppor-tunity to order on short notice. Other factors Murphy urged were: Manu-facturers should not press so much "poor" material; disk makers should make serious efforts to improve the quality of their records: amule notice "poor" material; disk makers should make serious efforts to improve the quality of their records; ample notice should be given in the event any manufacturer plans to introduce a plastic or vinylite disk to sell for the "accepted" price, presumably 75c to (See Inventories Still on page 36)

### **Diskers Sound Out Future at** NAMM Show

### Hash Price, Distrib Changes

(Continued from page 3) dealer attendance and probably the biggest written orders.

In the radio and tele fields, altho little actual business was written (manufacturers claimed, anyway, to little

(manufacturers claimed, anyway, to be more interested in merely show-ing their lines for distrib and dealer reaction), higher-priced "quality" sets managed to snag considerable retailer attendance and attention. But it was with the record and small appliance people in the exhibi-tion hall where opinion divided sharply as to the outcome of the five-day showing. Diskers, distribs and manufacturers alike, yapped about the shortage of "buyers" the first couple of days, changed their tone somewhat by convention end but still were swept in undercurrents of com-plaint that it wasn't what it should plaint that it wasn't what it should have been.

Reason most advanced by waxers for the fall-off in dealer attendance was that dealers, running into both the so-called "recession" and the usual summer slump, had shied away from convention expenses. The \$200 to \$400 they'd spend, it was figured, (See Diskers Sound Out on page 24)

### **Dealers Endorse Uniform Ac'ting** Investigation CHICAGO, June 7.—Possibility of

reaching a uniform accounting system for all music store merchants was sounded out here at the "expense control" clinic held at the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) convention, Thursday (5). (NAMM) convention, Thursday (5).
Dealers present pledged their co-operation in reporting biz percentage information to NAMM which might form a base for prescribing a uniform method of keeping books.
At the meeting presided over by Carl Wittich, Wittich's, Reading, Pa.;
William H. Beasley, Wittel Music, Dallas; Otto B. Heaton, Heaton Shop, Columbus, O., dealers showed great-(See Dealers Favor on page 39)

### **Jerry Johnson Quits Bornstein for Peer**

NEW YORK, June 7.-Jerry John-NEW YORK, June 7.—Jerry John-son this week resigned as profession-al manager of Saul Bornstein's pub-lishing firm, Bourne, Inc. He will become general professional manager of Ralph Peer's pubberies, Southern. Melody Lane, Charles K. Harris and Peer, International. It is understood Johnson has a long-term contract. Johnson has a long-term contract with the Peer interests.

with the Peer interests. Meanwhile, Saul Bornstein cate-gorically denied the report, published in *The Billboard*, May 31, that he was contemplating selling his Bourne-ABC-Bogat c at a logs. Publisher stated he has no such plans or inten-tions and will retain his catalogs himself. Bornstein also officially notified his staff to this effect this week, sending each employee a memo. week, memo.

### **Big-Ticket Boys** Score "Selling" **Of FM and Tele**

CHICAGO, June 7.-Promise of increased profits for music merchants who back campaigns to sell the public lic television, FM, and the Radio Manufacturers' Association plan for "a radio in every room" was made at a Thursday morning meeting of the National Association of Music Merchants. The meeting, titled "Pro-moting Higher Priced Merchandise," also heard a speech by Edward Lu-beroff, head of the electronic organ department at Wannamaker's, Phila-delphia, who pointed out ways in which music stores should merchan-dise organs and organ accessories.

Bill Bailey, executive secretary of the Frequency Modulation Associa-(See "SELLING" of FM on page 25)

### New Sound Amp. System Introduced By ESE People

CHICAGO, June 7.—A new form of sound amplification system which can be installed in any radio, phono-graph or transcription player to give greater fidelity and less distortion so that quality put into a recording or radio show can actually be heard by the listener was displayed by Fleo. that quality put into a recording or radio show can actually be heard by the listener was displayed by Elec-tronic Sound Engineering Company of Chicago at the National Associa-tion of Music Merchants' convention here this week. At the convention (See ESEC INTRODUCES, page 25)

### **Band Instrument Pic NAMM Best** As "Availability" Spurs Buyers

showing a drop-off in biz, the band instrument picture (as reflected by the 22 exhibitors in the instrumentmaking field represented at the Na-tional Association of Music Mer-chants' (NAMM) convention here this week) looks promising for at least the next year and perhaps a good deal longer. For the first time since the war started, the majority of the horn-makers were able to prom-ise delivery within the next couple months and the demonstration rooms were crowded continually during the four-day confab with buyers.

There was very little in the way of radically new and improved horns, for the band instrument manufac-turers are still flooded with back or-ders for their best pre-war models, manufacture of all of these having been suspended during the war when Elkhart Ind. Elkhart, Ind., and other centers were switched to 100 per cent war work. New and improved models have been further slowed down by need for new dies and pressing equipment, which take time to work up, and when the demand has built up a heavy backlog of orders it must be met imme-diately.

#### **Bigger Line**

Biggest news for dealers was pres-ence of a bigger line of instruments, with most manufacturers showing a number of horns, other than the basic cornet, trumpet, trombone, clarinet

CHICAGO, June 7.—With almost and alto sax line which they saw at every segment of the music business the 1946 convention. Even more enthe 1946 convention. Even more en-couraging was news that the second line or more moderately priced be-ginner type instruments were starting to hit, with the major band in-strument plants offering delivery around the latter part of this year on the basic horns in the lower priced line.

> While estimates were rather vague, While estimates were rather vague, manufacturers reported that the spe-cialized lines, such as the woodwinds and the larger brass instruments, sousaphone and baritone, and the lesser called for reeds, such as bari-tone sax, will probably start to ap-pear on the market around the first of next year. While it's difficult to visualize the end of the current back-log, the band instrument industry is hoping to put a huge dent and pos-sibly wipe out the back orders, within the next 15 months. the next 15 months.

Wiping out the huge supply of or-ers will not mean a big drop in the ders ders will not mean a big drop in the current business, for current demands are equal to any post-war series of orders. With music in general get-ting a big hypo from records and radio, manufacturers hear from bandmasters all over the country that they are having less trouble than ever before in filling out their uniforms with prospective tootlers. The num-ber of younger professionals encourber of younger professionals encour-aged to continue in that occupation by a couple of years in service organ-(See Instrument Pic Okay on page 36)

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### FEDS PROBE DISK INDUSTRY D. of J. Study **Under Way for** Some Months

#### **Scan Trade Practices**

WASHINGTON, June 7.- The antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice has been investigating the nation's record-manufacturing indus-try for months, it has been learned by *The Billboard*. Investigation is aimed at determining whether any elements at determining whether any elements of the industry are operating in re-straint of trade and in contradiction of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, but the inquiry has no relationship to re-cent congressional explorations of record manufacturers' trade practices, a Justice Department spokesman dis-closed closed.

Anti-trusters decline to discuss the probe openly since it may not develop into a prosecution, but it is known that Department of Justice operatives have been inquiring into the extent of absorption of businesses, alliances in the music and film industry, and practices in wholesale and retail dis-tribution. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which has been making inde-pendent studies, has limited itself only to cursory activities in response to requests from Senate Judiciary Committee, which last week complet-ed a series of hearings on proposed ciation (PRMA), called on Sen. Wil-

### Jockeys or ??

CHICAGO, June 7.—Dave Garroway, one of the town's top disk jockeys (oops, pardon us), is launching a campaign on his Tuesday 1160 Club show over the National Broadcasting Comthe National Broadcasting Com-pany net to find another term to describe the men who play the records and chatter on rec-ord programs. The phrase, "disk jockey," Garroway feels, is rather undignified and, what's more important, inadequate to describe the duties of the plat-ter spinner. The Billboard here-with invites disk jockey and with invites disk jockey and other readers to submit their own new phrases as substitutes for "disk jockey." If either Gar-roway or The Billboard can come up with a better term, this publication will go all out to promote it.

revision of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to close loopholes in business integration.

Department of Justice's anti-trust inquiry, it is learned, is a widely ramified one, affecting several segments of the music industry. A D. of J. spokesman emphasized that the anti-trust probe had been started long in advance of the current session of Congress and that the congressional inquiries have developed "merely as a coincidence." Jack Pearl, temporary chairman of

a committee representing the Phono-graph Record Manufacturers' Asso-



### liam Lenger (R., N. D.), a few weeks ago and consulted also with James A. Mullalley, special assistant to the attorney general. Pearl at that time was invited to file briefs by mail. Also, he was granted a conference with the anti-trust division which invited him to submit complaints. Ac-cording to the anti-trust division, no communication has been received from Pearl.

### Soon, Says Pearl

Soon, Says Pearl Pearl, contacted in New York, said that a PRMA committee will meet next week to draw up the above-mentioned documents, as well as a request for investigation of major diskery "practices." Pearl would not disclose just which practices the PRMA request would name. Upon completion, the letters and request will be immediately forwarded to Langer and the D. of J. Langer , subcommittee spokesman pointed out that the group's interest

pointed out that the group's interest has been confined largely to dealer franchises, particularly in reference to grants to war veterans. More than two score complaints have poured into the committee since a first hearing was staged several weeks ago, with most of the complaints coming from veterans unable to obtain franchises to open retail record stores. "In every case," said the spokesman, "Senator Langer has written to the major record manufacturing com-panies and has been assured that every step was being taken to remedy the situation." D. of J. inquiry is expected to con-

b. of J. induiry is expected to con-tinue for months, with no certainty yet whether or not a prosecution will develop. A mass of facts and figures has already piled up, it has been learned. The probe was originally started at the instruction of Wendell Barrer who recently maigned as which Berge, who recently resigned as chief of the anti-trust division.



(Continued from page 20) and another phono AM-FM video, latter two as yet unpriced.

For the cocktail lounge trade, United States Television Company showed a model that had a 25x19" projection screen and FM-AM radio, to sell for \$1,995.

to sell for \$1,995. RCA showed all comers its new table model FM-AM combinations to sell for about \$95, but projected much interest in its "upstairs" display of a 15x20" screen video set in addi-tion to its small screen console and its de luxe Golden Throat radiophono

Talk at the trade convention was to the effect that the public wants a table model AM-FM set for about \$45, but manufacturers stated quality FM reproduction could never be pro-

FM reproduction could never be pro-duced for that price. Stromberg - Carlson showed two new video sets, one an FM-AM phono—video console to sell for \$1,100 and one console that had only tele to sell for about \$550. Indicative of the general public acceptance of television and demand for video sets, RCA announced that it is going to turn over its Indianapolis plant to the manufacturing of teleplant to the manufacturing of tele-vision sets only, whereas now it has been making radios. RCA will con-tinue to make video sets at its Camden plant, too. Reaction of sales execs at the con-

vention as to business anticipations was mixed. Some who came to take orders were disappointed, while

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### **School Co-Oping ProgramNeeded Clinic's Advice**

CHICAGO, June 7.—The music store must be as much of a music education center as possible in order to encourage customers from the teen-age group on, a group of leading musical figures told a clinic of the National Association of Music Mer-chants' (NAMM) convention here this week.

Nels Vogel, Fargo (N.D.) store owner, discussed a plan, which he had been operating for years, under which he extended to music educators every possible assist in promoting grade and high-school musicians. Vogel said that he had found the yearly \$2,500 he expended for setting up a summer music school well worth the sales resulting from the increasing number of musickers in his area.

Norman J. Beihoff, Milwaukee music store op, said that his store has been operating its own instruc-tion studios, rented to competent pri-vate tutors, for the past 20 years. At present he has a staff of 25 teachers, each of whose classes en-courage music purchases. Teachers assist in the better operation of the assist in the better operation of the store, he pointed out, by impartially testing new merchandise. He pointed out that store-studios help promote business by (1) encouraging play-mates to come into stores while their friends take lessons; (2) setting up store recital-audiences; (3) organiz-ing student orks and groups to play eivin and forternal functions civic and fraternal functions.

#### Ravelli's Points

Ravelli's Points Prof. William D. Ravelli, of the University of Michigan music depart-ment, thanked music store ops for taking the load of selling music to the public off the shoulders of teachers. Ravelli said that he found co-operation lacking from only one segment of the music biz-sheet mu-sic, for which he had to wait a month after an order and usually had to go to New York or Chi to get supplies. He urged that publishers work out a better system of contact-ing band directors with conductor's scores of their latest works. In this way, directors would get a good idea of the work and could save lots of time in securing music. Ravelli said store ops could help

Ravelli said store ops could help bandmasters in their region by set-ting up yearly clinics at which they would demonstrate their latest mer-chandise. He said music store ops should talk to bandmasters at these clinics and try to find their wants, for he had found often that his particular music stores didn't stock the materials music stores didn't stock the materials he recommended and often his stu-dents had to take an inferior product due to unavailability. Ravelli lashed out at the variable teachers' dis-counts. A competent music teacher, he added, would appreciate co-opera-tion more than any discount plan which the store op could work out. Baulli pointed out that music store

Ravelli pointed out that music store ops must assist in straightening out the entire perspective of the public, regarding music. Movies, juke boxes and radio, he averred, have made the student conscious of only pop music (See SCHOOL CO-OPING, page 25)

those who came to further good will those who came to further good will with dealers and only show, not sell, new merchandise were satisfied with convention reaction. In the main, it seemed to be those with cheaper, off-brand name products that were hav-ing the roughest job selling ing the toughest job selling.

### Memo to MPPA

-Editorial -

N ANOTHER STORY in this department, it is reported that H. W Hangen, president of the National Association of Sheet Music Dealers (NASMD), told *The Billboard* during the National Associa-tion of Music Merchants (NAMM) convention that it was his belief that more and more sheet music dealers were throwing popular sheet music out of their stores entirely. Hangen gave as his reasons the fact that dealers resented being "stuck" with pop sheet, which they neglected to return to the publisher or jobber within the stipulated return period, and that they still resented the harm they believe the racks are doing the established music dealer by keeping people from coming into his store coming into his store.

We don't know how much, if any, validity there is to either of Hangen's claims. We do know, and so do many popular music pub-lishers, that sheet music sales have been suffering in recent months, and that a number of dealers have discontinued handling popular beet. We also know that any live industry found muth such a situe sheet. We also know that any live industry, faced with such a situation, will make every effort to learn the reasons for the decline in sales, and to take whatever steps may be practical to eliminate those reasons. At the very least, we think it would be wise for the popular music industry, as an industry, to find out how much truth there is to Hangen's charges, to learn how many dealers around the country (NASMD members and others) feel as Hangen does, and why dealers are dropping popular sheet music. The first step, it would seem to us, would be very simple. Let the Music Publishers' Protection Association (MPPA), ask Hangen and a representative group of dealers to meet with MPPA to discuss the matter. Whether or not anything to meet with MPPA to discuss the matter. Whether or not anything would come out of the meeting we don't know. But it certainly can't hurt to try. And we say this, regardless of some pop music publisher claims that nothing can be done with groups such as the NASMD or other music and allied trade groups. We say this in spite of claims on the part of some old-line publishers that such meetings have been attempted in the past and have met with failure. Dealers are in business to make as much money as they can. They can make money out of popular sheet music as well as the educational and standard stuff they handle. These latter two statements are simple, basic truths. And as long as that is so, there should certainly be a common ground on which popular sheet music publishers who can supply a product from which dealers can make money can meet. What do you say, MPPA? you say, MPPA?

**Dealers Urged To Stress Service** 

(Continued from page 20) prompt repair on equipment; (4) honest pricing and evaluation of a product to a prospect. Now that employees are remaining with a firm longer than they normally did with a wartime employer, Lennon urged store ops to spend more time in straightening out employer-employee relationship, arguing that the better relationship projects to the customer readily. He urged also that employees be instructed to maintain a stricter work schedule and avoid being tardy in their work.

### Godfrey's Advice

A. E. Godfrey, of Williams Piano Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., elabo-rated on the service-tendered-cus-tomers theme, pointing out specific instances of benefits accrued from at-tention given the public. Godfrey en-couraged dealers to become active in couraged dealers to become active in any community project, such as civic any community project, such as civic music associations, high-school band projects, recitals, in which music played a part. A good band instru-ment repair department, Godfrey averred, pays off in promotional ac-tivity, it encourages purchase of finer instruments and will cause plenty of word-of-mouth advertising. Godfrey instruments and will cause plenty of word-of-mouth advertising. Godfrey said he had encouraged better rela-tionship with band directors in his area by sending a repairman free with any high-school band which made an out-of-town contest appear-ance to repair horns. As a result of this and other courtesies, Godfrey said his firm had 85 per cent of the local sales to schools and students. Godfrey said he was cultivating the market early and had worked out a plan to make a yearly personal can-vass of all available school song books, select the top volumes and send them to his district school su-pervisors. In the majority of cases, his books were selected for use, he said, and when he sold the book he added a free copy of a general music study book upon which his firm's

### See Rosy Future For Wax in 1947

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to the fact that supply was plentiful. Southard brought encouraging news from a recent Radio Manufacturers' Association (RMA) report, which stated that the first quarter of 1947 showed sales of 871,000 phono-players, which figure, when multi-plied by four three-month periods would mean 3,484,000 sets sold. Southard said that RMA has figured that each new set means \$50 in plat-ter sales the first year, which would mean that \$174,000,000 in records sales alone would be accounted for by new phono-player owners.

James W. Murray, v.-p. in charge of the Victor record division, pointed out that the record industry has held the price line pretty well during the past four years when production costs have mounted greatly. He unged past four years when production costs have mounted greatly. He urged record dealers to fight a retrench-ment program, pointing out that cur-rent prices of 50 to 75 cents for plat-ters are not out of line and that the only people who would have to re-trench were those dependent upon a higher priced disk. Murray said he figured that the current peak platter sales should not be considered a temporary boom—contributing fac-tors such as movies, juke boxes, radio and the upsurging interest in concerts should bulwark the record market. Murray averred that the shellae

Murray averred that the shellac disk will not suffer from the prog-ress made by wire-recording equip-ment. The shellac platter, he be-lieves, will be augmented in its growth by the wire ord tone or its growth by the wire and tape equip-ment. More and more equipment combining the features of both wire and shellac players in one radio set will make its appearance on the market, he added.

name was printed, thus getting even the grade-school kids on his side. Godfrey said that an as-yet-untapped market for sound recorders (both shellac and wire) were schools.

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### **Diskers Sound Out Biz Future At NAMM Chicago Conclave**

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could be used to better advantage elsewhere and besides they had better attend to business at home before things got worse. Other grumblers sounded off that a NAMM convention, perhaps, was not the best thing for disk people; claimed that the piano and band instrument people seemed to run the show, grabbed off the best attendance and dominated the interest of NAMM dealers who did attend. Theory gained some plausibility with indications in an "expense control" clinic that most of the 1,100-odd NAMM dealer members plus the non-affiliate dealers attending did only about 12 to 16 per cent of their business in records. Grunts that next year the record industry should foster its own convention (recent coin machine convention here in Chicago was pointed up as indicative of activity that could be developed) and try to hustle up more of a record-retailer's attendance, got no official promises but held possibility that '48 might see someone starting something.

#### **Inventory** Gripe

While major diskers claim that in recent months they've made serious efforts to bring distrib and dealer inventories in line (at the convention, major spokesmen contended that back-log and standing-order problems were rapidly being ironed out), dealers at the record clinic and those on the show floor generally still seemed to eye heavy inventory as their biggest bogey. Indications were that either major diskeries' policies haven't had time to take widespread effect or that the jumbo distribs aren't following thru as claimed.

Altho major diskers and distribs followed the line that they weren't at the convention to write biz anyway, buying slowdown was nonetheless apparent. Independent firms, who were looking out for orders, found them few and far between and seemed to substitute for selling activity a good deal of searching for new distributors and distrib-alignments. Distrib conversations indicated that many of the smaller label firms were growing wary of the retail-biz slip and were checking credit standings of wholesalers as well as scouting for replacements in doubtful locations.

Convention tone made it doubtful that either Victor or Columbia would be dropping disk prices soon spokesmen insist that labor, one of biggest parts of operating costs, is on

contract basis and no wage-reduction likely before another year, at least; hence, 60-cent disks would probably stay at minimum. But a few minor companies and perhaps one major are expected to cut prices on records, probably when the new fall season starts. With the independents, particularly those who contract for pressings on the outside, cutting is expected to come first on the present \$1.05 sellers which probably will be dropped to 75 cents and then on the 75-centers, which will come down to 60 cents. While die-hards couldn't see how, some seers predicted the return of some few labels (perhaps one major) to 50 cents.

### **Price Chops?**

Price-cutting by independents in September seems to be a certainty in many cases. In an effort to dent the lagging retail market and with the expectancy that pressing costs, already dropping, will go low enough, indies figure to get off the 75 cents and \$1.05 kick and down to the 50-60 cents bracket. Manufacturers in asides were murmuring that even now on the West Coast small wax firms, in an effort to keep their operation going, were offering contracting at from 12 to 13 cents per, a new low for Coast outside disk-stamping.

Iow for Coast outside disk-stamping. Only really acrimonious note at the show was the handing out of sharptoned leaflets at a banquet tendered by *Record Industry* mag, at which Victor's James W. Murray and Columbia's Paul Southard delivered speeches. Accusing the majors of "murdering" the record biz with their standing-order systems and alleged forced-sales tactics, the throw-aways created quite a stir. No one ever heard of the Associated Dealers' Research Committee which appeared as the author, and as it turned out, distribution of the propaganda had been authorized by *Record Industry* or NAMM. Billy Mills, NAMM executive secretary, reportedly had detectives out hunting down the actual parties behind the "murder" sheet but by press time no information had been disclosed. The small - label Phonograph Record Manufacturers' Association, which has made no secret of its op-

The small - label Phonograph Record Manufacturers' Association, which has made no secret of its opposition to so-called major-firm sales abuses, denied any link with the leaflets. PRMA's Prexy Jack Pearl declared that "we have always signed our names to any printed matter we issue and that alone should indicate we are not connected with this thing"

### ALBUM REVIEWS

#### GEMS OF THE SYNAGOGUE — Cantor Josef Rosenblatt (Victor S-48)

This is a memorial album of three 12-inch records bringing back the gifted tenor voice of the late Cantor Josef Rosenblatt for four liturgical gems which are part of the Hebrew traditional services. Unquestionably the best-known of the synagogal cantors, whose voice has remained legend since his untimely death in 1933, Cantor Rosenblatt displays a wide and unusual vocal range from a low bass to a falsetto that any soprano might envy. Singing with all the dignity and simplicity demanded by these religious selections, for which he composed the melody theme, Cantor Rosenblatt takes both sides of the record for *Have Mercy* and *Dew*, assisted on the latter by Cantor Meilech Kaufman. Full orchestra provides musical accompaniment; also for his third selection, *It Shall Be the Will of God*, mated with *He Is High and Exalted* with or-

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gan, violin, flute and viola accompanying him. Photograph of the cantor graces the front cover with biographical notes on the inside page.

#### ITALIAN OPERATIC ARIAS-

#### Helen Traubel (Columbia MM-675)

Altho identified almost exclusively with the Wagnerian operas, Helen Traubel, Metropolitan opera soprano, proves she can do just as well and in as fine style with the Italian operatic arias. Sings selections from Aida, Don Giovanni, Otello, Cavalleria, Tosca and Gioconda for this set of three 12-inch records, her rich and powerful soprano voice reaching emotional stature for these highly dramatic arias. The orchestra, directed by Charles O'Connell, provides adequate support. Album cover designed as an attractive title page with photo of Miss Traubel and notes on the arias for the inside page.

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# "Selling" of FM, Tele Is Scored (Continued from page 21) tion, told the meeting that plenty of profits could come via selling radius rates and called for retailers to use here a here a seles approach based on

tion, told the meeting that plenty of profits could come via selling radio equipped with FM, but that these profits would be accrued only by those who knew how to sell and mer-chandise. Bailey complained about the sales habits of some stores where expensive console radios having FM are not displayed properly nor sold with enthusiasm. with enthusiasm.

to be serviced in the future. Plan of the RMA to have a radio in every room in every American home was explained by Melva Ches-rown, of the Fred Eldean Company. Miss Chesrown also stated that last year only 6.8 per cent of all radios sold were bought in music stores and that backing of the radio-in-every-room plan by the music dealers could result in more dough for the music merchants. Indicating that sales po-Citing the growth of FM and its potential, Bailey claimed that FM was now available to 40 per cent of the public and would be available to 80 per cent by the end of 1947. He stated that by the end of the year there would be about 1,000 FM sta-tions in operation in the country but that one of the most important phases of the industry's development would be retailers' ability to merchandise FM sets. He also stated that FM could never have a large audience unless retailers sell plenty of sets. In answer to a question from the Citing the growth of FM and its

unless retailers sell plenty of sets. In answer to a question from the floor about why FM is not yet pro-graming live music or network shows, Bailey explained the American Fed-eration of Musicians' ruling banning live music on FM was responsible, but that FMA was going to get to-gether with the AFM top brass as soon as there was a Supreme Court decision on the Lea Act, and that the association believed it could come to

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use a better sales approach, based on

more information about television sets and what they could bring to the public. Lindquist also pointed out that sale of video sets could become

a new source of profit for music merchants in markets now serviced by television stations and in those to be serviced in the future.

merchants. Indicating that sales po-tential if the RMA plan is success-

ful, Miss Chesrown stated that whereas 93 per cent of all American families have radios, only 33 1/3 per

DOVER, Del., June 7.—Vita Rec-ord Distributing Company of Minne-sota and a Tennessee unit of the same

name have filed incorporation papers with the secretary of state here. Pur-

pose: Deal in phono records. Stated capital, each \$1,000.

cent have more than one radio.

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the system was demonstrated to record and transcription company execs. to radio manufacturers and to dealers. Many record and transcription peo-

ple endorsed it and said they were planning to equip their salesmen with machines using the system so that quality pressed into a record could be brought out for potential buyers. Some dealers stated they were plan-ning to equip store record booths so that the public could hear records under best circumstances and thus be more willing to buy. Mercury Rec-ord Company will be one of the first to use the system for its sales meetto use the system for its sales meet-ings and also for equipment used for cutting records ,since the system is helpful in cutting records as well as playing them. Universal Record Company also is planning to equip its record-cutting equipment with the Electronic Sound System.

#### Inventor Explains

Explaining the system, its inventor, Harry W. Becker, chief engineer for Electronic, said: "The effects of this new circuit are best explained as follows: When a series of tones enter the loud-speaker, the vibrations of the diaphram are stopped after each tone impulse so that each succeeding vibration is reproduced without intervibration is reproduced without inter-ference from other tones. An exam-ple of this phenomena can be found competent musickers.

in all musical instruments. For example, a piano has dampers con-trolled by keys and pedals so that in mixing tones not harmonically related, discordant tones do not result. But in a loud-speaker, we have no manual control by the performing artist, therefore this electronic meth-od has supplied the solution to this problem."

Bernard J. Sullivan, general man-Bernard J. Sullivan, general man-ager of the company, said: "Among the first to place orders for these high-fidelity amplifiers were record dealers who are equipping their lis-tening booths and special group demonstration rooms. The customer, demonstration rooms. The customer, thru this arrangement, will hear all of the quality of the record with no added distortion. It will encourage better recordings, a willingness to pay for them and an ultimate change for the better in all home instru-ments."

### SCHOOL CO-OPING

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and instrumentalists, and the youth of today must be cognizant of the technicians and works in the classical He asked music store ops to play square with new musickers (selling them good horns), which would allow them a fair chance of becoming musi-cians. He said he has encouraged boards of education in his areas to buy instruments for fourth-grade students and up, realizing that inter-est must be created early to build

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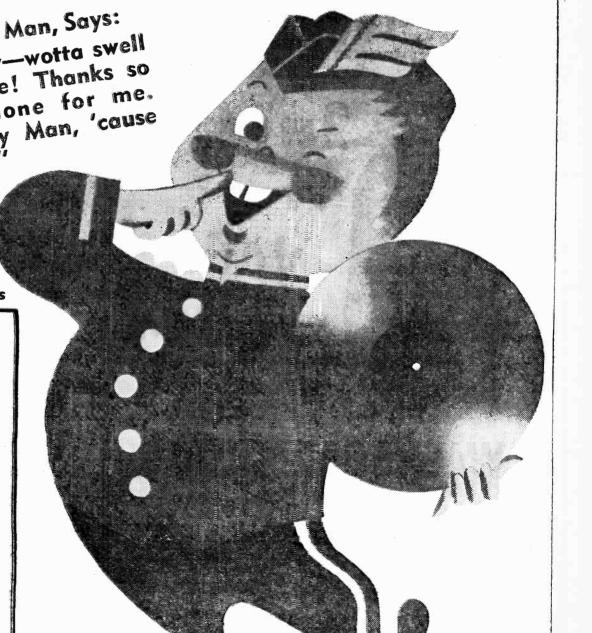
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### **BEST-SELLING SHEET MUSIC**

Tunes listed are the national best sheet according to greatest number of sales. music sellers. List is based on reports (F) Indicates tune is in a film; (M) indi-received each week from all the nation's sheet music jobbers. Songs are listed tune is available on records.

POSITION			Publisher
Weeks   Last   This			
to date	Week V	Veek	
14	2	1.	LINDA (R)
11	1	2.	MAM'SELLE (F) (R)Feist
3	5	3.	PEG O' MY HEART (R)Robbins
11	3	4.	MY ADOBE HACIENDA (R) Peer
21	4	5.	ANNIVERSARY SONG (F) (R)
4	10	6.	I WONDER, I WONDER, I WONDER (R)
15	6	7.	HEARTACHES (R)Leeds
2	8	8.	CHI-BABA, CHI-BABA (R)Oxford
5	11	9.	THAT'S MY DESIRE (R)
-6	9	10.	I BELIEVE (F) (R)
3	10	11.	ACROSS THE ALLEY FROM THE ALAMO (R). Capitol Songs
3 9	12	12.	A SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE (R) Peter Maurice
9	7	13.	APRIL SHOWERS (F) (R)
10	14	14.	IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER (R) General
4	13	15.	TIME AFTER TIME (F) (R)Sinatra Songs

### ENGLAND'S TOP TWENTY

### POSITION Weeks | Last | This to date | Week | Week

6	1	1.	AMONG MY SOUVENIRS. Lawrence WrightT. B. Harme
8	10	2.	TELL ME, MARIANNE Southern*
6	3	3.	TRY A LITTLE TENDER-
			NESS
6	111	4.	A GAL IN CALICO Feldman Remick
14	5	5.	HOW LUCKY YOU ARE. Kassner
21	6	6.	ANNIVERSARY SONG Campbell-Connelly . Mood
19	2	6.	APRIL SHOWERS Chappell
7	12	7.	YOU WENT AWAY AND
•			LEFT ME
24	9	8.	THE OLD LAMPLIGHTER Irwin Dash Shapiro-
		0.	Bernstein
6	8	9.	HARRIET HALLS Keith Prowse Hill Broadway
6 3	4	10.	PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE
9	7	10.	IN LOVE
3	7	11.	OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL
9	· ·		MORNING
1	_	12.	COME BACK TO SOR-
		1	RENTO RicordiPublic Domain
25	14	13.	THE STARS WILL RE-
23	1.4	13.	MEMBER Feldman
18	13	14.	MAY I CALL YOU SWEET
10	1.5		HEART? Internet Irwin Dash*
4	18	15.	PUNCH AND JUDY MAN. Strauss Miller*
10			
	15	16.	HI JIG A JIG Box and Cox*
8	20	17.	HEAR MY SONG, VIO-
	10		LETTA Dix Crawford
12	19	18.	WHEN CHINA BOY MEETS
			CHINA GIRL Mac Melodies*
13	16	19.	DON'T FALL IN LOVE Chappell

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### PLAY STATUS OF FILMS WITH LEADING SONG.

ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND (Berlin), in 20th Century-Fox's "Alexander's Rag-time Band." Re-released April, 1947.

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

APRIL SHOWERS (Harms, Inc.), sung by Al Jolson in Columbia's "The Jolson Story." National release date-January, 1947.

AS LONG AS I'M DREAMING (Burke-Van Heusen), sung by Bing Crosby in Para-mount's "Welcome Stranger." National release date-June 13, 1947.

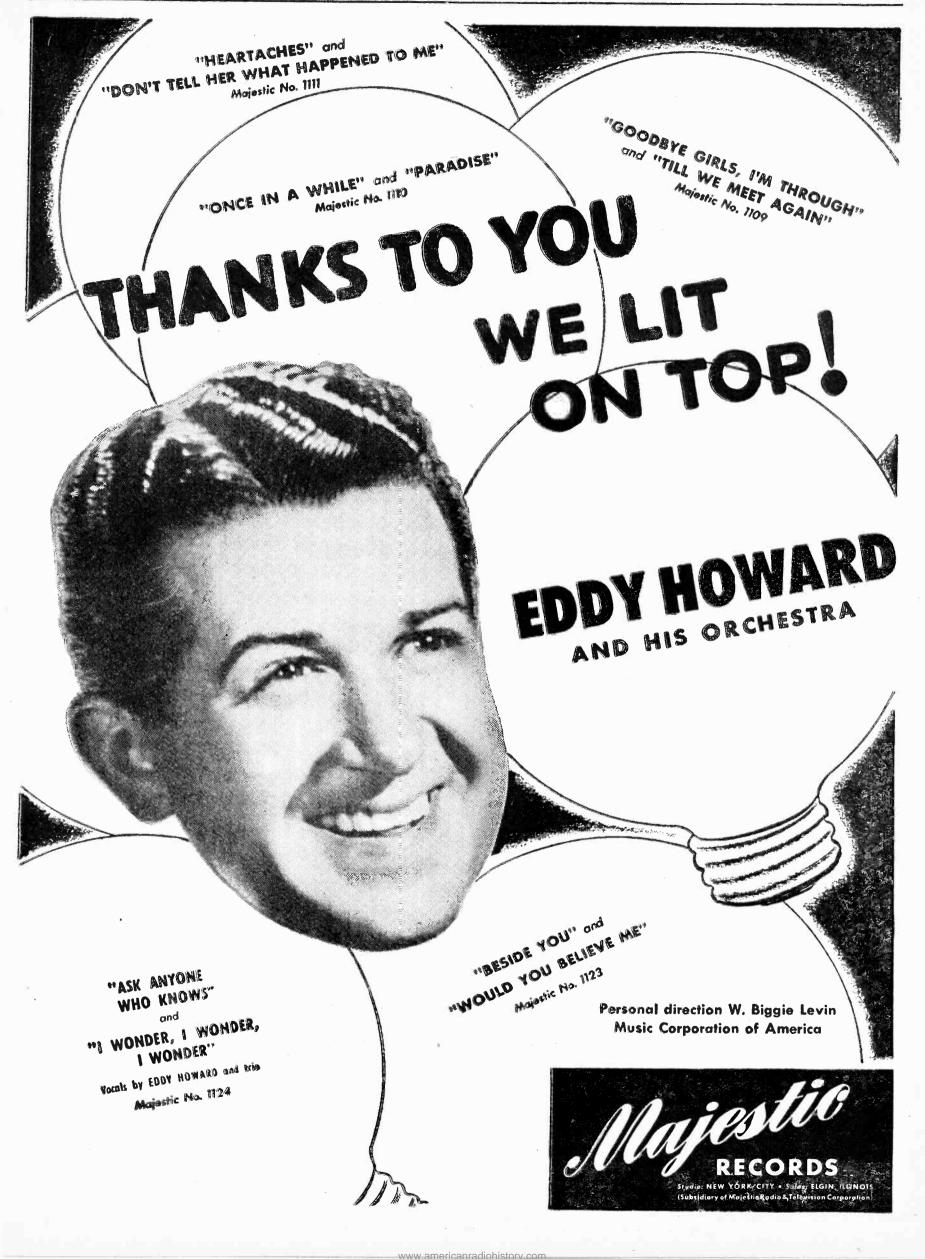
Tunes listed alphabetically are in films Chart are listed, since many film-featured currently showing or to be shown soon. Only tunes which have won a position in one or more of the other features of the published.

BESIDE YOU (Famous), sung by Dorothy Lamour in Paramount's "My Favorite Brunette." National release date—April 4. 1947.

1947. 1 BELIEVE (Sinatra Songs), sung by Frank Sinatra in MGM's "It Happened in Brook-lyn." National release date—April, 1947. IVY (Burke-Van Heusen), in Universal-International's "Ivy." National release date not set. MANIFULE (Frink) in 20th Contarn Mark

MAM'SELLE (Feist), in 20th Century-Pox's "The Razor's Edge." National release date-January, 1947.

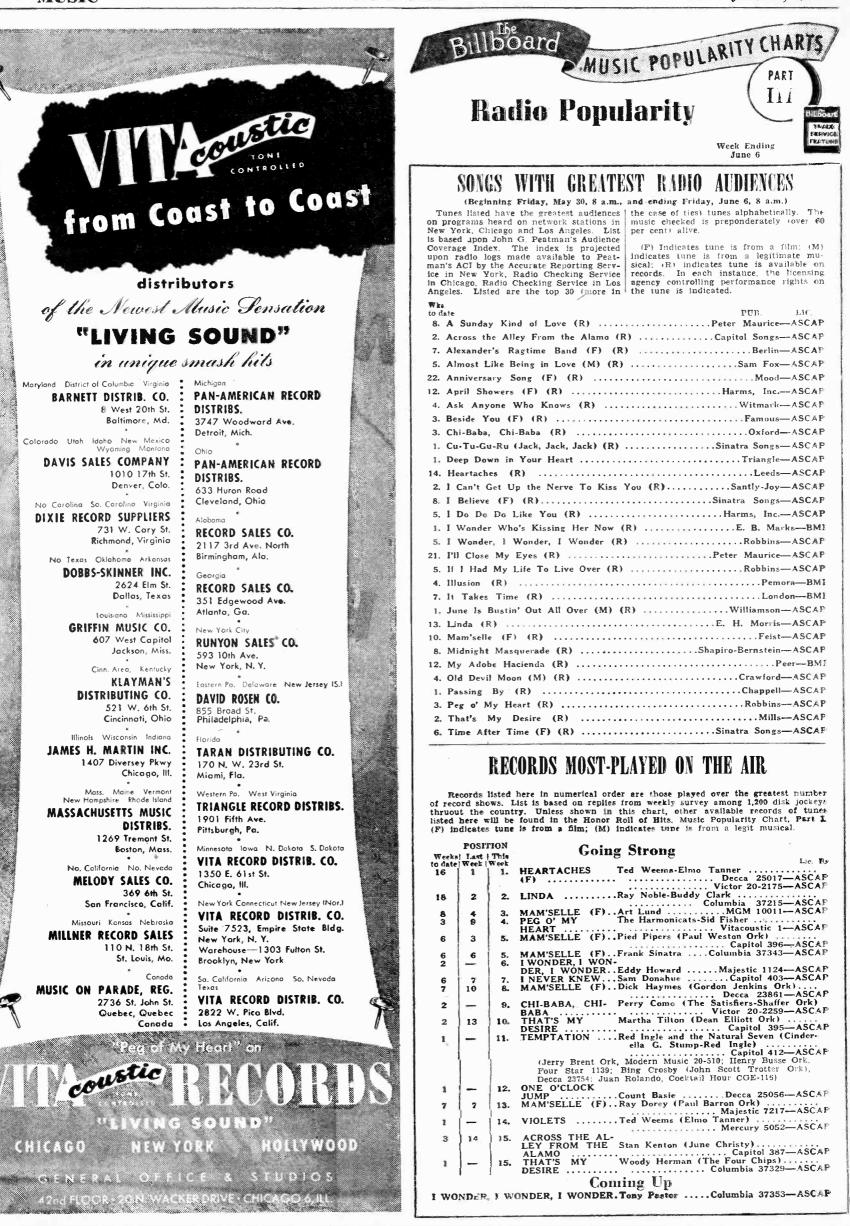
TIME AFTER TIME (Sinatra Songs), sum: by Frank Sinatra in MGM's "It Happened in Brooklyn." National release date-April, 1947.



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Records listed are those selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on The Billboard's weekly survey among 4,970 dealers in all sections of the country. Records are listed numerically according to greatest sales. (F) indicates tune is in a film; (M) indicates tune is in a legit musical. The B side of each record is listed in italic

### POSITION Weeks | Last | This

-10 (iate	Week	Neek –	
9	1	1.	MAM'SELLE (F) Art Lund (Johnny Tompson Sleepy Time Gal Ork) MGM 10011
4	e	2.	PEG O' MY HEART The Harmonicats-Sid Fisher Fantasy Impromptu
15	3	3.	HEARTACHES (F) Ted Weems (Elmo Tanner) Oh, Monah Decca 25017
12	2	4.	LINDARay- Noble Ork-Buddy Clark.
4	7	5.	Love Is a Random Thing
10	5	6.	THE ALAMO Mills Brothers Decca 23863 Dream, Dream, Dream MY ADOBE HACIENDA Eddy Howard (Eddy Howard-
7	4	7.	Midnight Masquerade Trio)
2	8	8.	1 WONDER, I WONDER, 1 WONDER
3	8		Ask Anyone Who Knows MAM'SELLE (F)
2.	10	10.	CHI-BABA, CHI-BABA Perry Como (The Satisfiers- When You Were Sweet Lloyd Shaffer Ork) Sixteen

### BEST-SELLING POPULAR RECORD ALBUMS

Albums listed are those selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers), List is based on The Billboard's weekly survey among 4,970 dealers in all sections of the country. Albums are listed numerically according to greatest sales.

	POSITI		
	Last 1 Week W		
22	1		A) Jolson Album
8	2	2	Al Jolson
	-	1	Dorothy Shay (Mischa Russell Ork) Columbia C-119
4	4	3.	Songs by Sinatra, Volume 1, Album Frank Sinatra (Axel Stordahl Ork)Columbia C-124
1	-	4.	Brigadoon Album
6	5,	5.	Brigadoon Ork-Franz Allers, DirVictor P-178 Wayne King Waltzes, Volume 2

### BEST-SELLING RECORDS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS

Records listed are those classical and semi-classical records selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers), according to The Billboard's weekly record dealer survey. Records are listed according to greatest sales.

POSITION Wecks Last This

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to date	Week	Veek	
61	3	1.	Jalousie
			Boston Pops
4	2	2.	The Whiffenpoof Song
			Robert Merrill Victor 10-1313
88	1	3.	Clair de Lune
			Jose Iturbi
03	4	4.	Chopin's Polonaise
			Jose Iturbi
77	5	5.	Warsaw Concerto
1	5)		Boston Pops Ork, Arthur Fiedler, conductor; Leo Litwin,
	1		pianist

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POSITION			
Weeks	Last	This	
to date	Week	Week	
39	1		Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 2 in C Minor Artur Rubinstein, pianist, NBC Ork; Vladimir Gol- schmann, conductor
94	2	2.	Rhapsody in Blue
9 6	3	3.	ductor
6	4	4.	Isaac Stern in Violin Selections from Humoresque Album Isaac Stern (Piano Solo by Oscar Levant in Tristan and Isolde) (Franz Waxman Ork)
7	2	5.	Isaac Stern (Piano Solo by Oscar Levant in Tristan and Isolde) (Franz Waxman Ork)Columbia M-MM-657 Beethoven: Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 (Moon- light) Album Vladimir HorowitzVictor DM-1115



### 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.

POSITION Wreks Last This to date Week Week			Going Strong
15	1	1 1	HEARTACHES Ted Weems-Elmo TannerDecca 25017 (F)
8	4	2.	MAM'SELLE (F)Art Lund
15	3	3.	LINDA
7	4	4.	MAM'SELLE (F)Dick Haymes (Gordon Jenkins Ork)
	)	1	Decca 23861
11	2	5.	MY ADOBE Eddy Howard (Eddy Howard-Trio)
		I	HACIENDA Majestic 1117
÷	5	6.	
		1	LEY FROM THE
	1	L	ALAMO
7	6	7.	PEG O' MY
			HEART
3	11	8.	I WONDER, I WON-
			DER, I WONDER. Guy Lombardo Decca 23865
5	12	9.	MAM'SELLE (F) Pied Pipers (Paul Weston Ork). Capitol 396
3	7	10.	I WONDER, I WON-
<b>1</b>			DER, I WONDEREddy Howard Majestic 1124
3	15	11.	THAT'S MY
3	9	12.	DESIRE
Э	9	12.	
4	11	12	DESIRE Victor 20-2251 MAM'SELLE (F) Frank Sinatra Celumbia 37343
	8	14.	THE RED SILK
		1 14.	STOCKINGS AND Sammy Kaye (Don Cornell-Chorus)
1		1	GREEN PERFUME. Victor 20-2251
			(Ray McKinley Ork (Ray McKinley), Majestic 7216;
			Tony Pastor, Columbia 37330; Smiley Wilson (Crossroads
			Gang), Apollo 141)
2	_	15.	CHI-BABA, CHI- Perry Como (The Satisfiers) (Lloyd
		1	BABA

#### **Coming Up**

MY ADOBE HACIENDA ..... Louise Massey-The Westerners (Louise Massey) ..... Columbia 37332

### MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

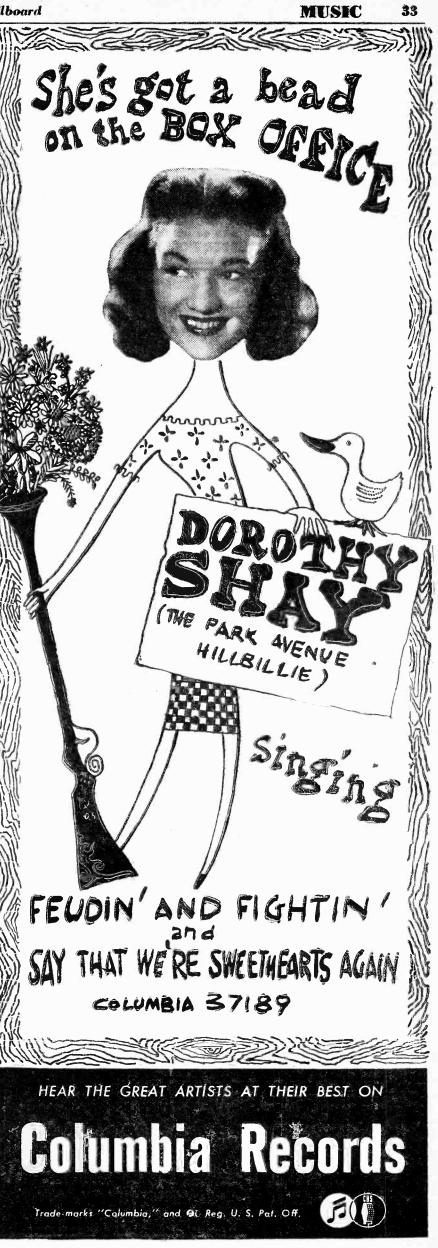
Records listed are folk records most played in juke boxes according 50 The Billboard's weekly survey among juke box operators.

	POSITI	ION	
	Last ]		
	Week V	Week	
.3	2	1.	IT'S A SIN
21	3	2.	SO ROUND, SO FIRM, SO
16	4	2.	FULLY PACKED Merle Travis Capitol 349
5.0		4.	
			LOVE?
11	5	3.	NEW JOLIE BLONDE Red Foley (The Cumberland
	1	[	Valley Boys)Decca 46034
3		4.	STEEL GUITAR RAG Merle TravisCapitol 384
-4	L L	4.	SUGAR MOONBob Wills and His Texas Play-
•	ļ		boys Columbia 37313
3		4.	THREE TIMES SEVEN Merle Travis Capitol 384
- 4	5	5.	DON'T LOOK NOW (But
	l.		Your Broken Heart is
			Showing)
14	-	5.	NEW PRETTY BLONDE Moon Mullican and the Show-
~			Showing) Ernest Tubb Decca 46040 NEW PRETTY BLONDE Moon Mullican and the Show- (Jole Blon)

### 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.

	FUSIT		
	Last !		
to date	Week	₩eek	
11	] 1	1 1.	I WANT TO BE LOVED (But Only
	ſ	1	LOVED (But Only
	[	1	By You)
\$ <b>3</b>	3	2.	OLD MAID Eddie Vinson Ork (Eddie Vinson)
			BOOGIE
26	4	1 3.	AIN'T NOBODY
			HERE BUT US
	1	1	CHICKENS Louis Jordan Decca 23741
3	]	4.	LOVED (But Only By You)
			DESIRE
14	1	5.	TEXAS AND
	1		PACIFIC Louis Jordan (Louis Jordan)Decca 23810



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NOTE:

### **Inventories Still** Pet Bogey, Say **Record Dealers**

(Continued from page 21) \$1; sample records of all releases should be supplied dealers so they wouldn't have to order blind; manu-foctured, patients. wouldn't have to order blind; manu-facturers' national ad campaigns should be better timed with releases; blanket orders should be eliminated; only material which is actually available should be listed in current catalogs; all disks should be turned out with uniform edge sizes; some relief should be provided from the breakage problem; distribs should be more careful about double filling of orders; cash register, bookkeeping and other firms should be called in to help advise a uniform method of inventory control; uniform discounts should be worked out and adhered to; all packworked out and adhered to; all pack-age deals should be eliminated; and manufacturers and distribs should stop "shoving merchandise down dealers' throats." Decca's Sellman Schultz and a Columbia distrib spokesman both said the charges inherent in Murphy's talk did not apply to them.

Following the discussions, the al-leged board of experts made up of various trade paper reps, including Louise Gale of Record Industry, Neil Harrison of *Record Retailing* and Joe Csida of *The Billboard*, conducted a question and answer session. As it de-veloped the original dealer-speakers answered most of the floor questions, altho Miss Gale took a couple on inventory, and sales costs, Harrison handled one on the levelling-off pefurther co-operative exploitation effort on the part of dealers with disk jockeys, film exchanges, juke box operators and recording artists. Calloway piloted the meeting in his usual adroit and able fashion.

### **INSTRUMENT PIC OKAY**

(Continued from page 21) izations, too, has created a wider field

Izations, too, has created a wider field for instrument purchases. The Conn band instrument school, which was started last year for ex-G.I.'s has already turned out 150 trained repairmen, whose presence is vital to the sale of better grade in-struments. Prior to the war, sale of the finer and more delicate two horns struments. Prior to the war, sale of the finer and more delicate type horns was cut down, because pro musicians had faltered when asked to buy ex-pensive instruments, for which they could not find good repairmen when on the road. With the Conn school operating to put 150 new repairmen into the field yearly, the long short-age of adequate fixing facilities, which has deterred purchasers of good horns, is expected to be erased.



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### **CONVENTION NOTES**

(Continued from page 20)

Asch, and he urges that the majors set the pace by holding a joint meeting to take first steps toward setting such standards. Asch points out the success of the Radio Manufacturers' Association in setting standards in set manufacture as evidence that it can be done in the disk field.

Herman Lubinsky (Savoy), Ivin Ballen (20th Century), Sid Nathan and Howard Kessler (King), Al Millet (Continental) and many other indies were busily engaged a good part of the time in working on distributor deals.

Bill Fredlund came all the way from Hawaii for the NAMM show. Fredlund is head of Bell Records in Honolulu and one of the most active music men on the islands. He was shopping for Stateside distribs. In September he's planning to bring two Hawaiian orchestras to the States, one or both of which will go into the Lexington Hotel, New York.

Columbia Records cocktail party at the Ambassador East proved one of the show week's smartest affairs. With Paul Southard hosting and play-ing straight man for the party's magician, the session turned out a bang-up success.

That drum and cymbal-crashing on the seventh floor Tuesday was orkster Buddy Rich giving a demonstration on the WFL Drum Company equipment. Bob Holley made the arrangements for Rich's appearance with William F. Ludwig, WFL bigwig.

Syd Jurin, Pilot Radio promotion and ad man, stumping for his vinylite Pilo-tone albums and rehashing the "good old days" when he was being dropped from British Dakotas into enemy territory ahead of the G.I.'s. Syd was one of the OSS boys,

Ad agency reps, out in volume, include Art Kemp, Walt Kraus and Ed Wilson, of McCann-Erickson; Bill McKamy and George Dibert, of J. Walter Thompson; Lloyd Dunn, of Dunn Fenwick, on the Coast, and Audi-ence Records' Pete Jaeger, of Warwick & Legler.

Herb Allen stepping out in his new Signature silks determined to make the label a major. Bob Thiele, Signature prexy, and Larry Moore, G. E. Supply record chief, looking pleased with prospect of using Herb's long experience with Victor.

Musicrafters Ollie Sabin and Harry Sultan looking fit in front of a fitlooking exhibit that promises the diskery will be making a real try with its reorganized structure and dough. That man Sultan looked well rested at convention close. He probably won some of his money back from Al Wise and dapper A. Ashley.

Jimmy Martin not knowing which to promote first-his Vitacoustic label, his Chicago-distribbed Musicraft wax or just Jimmy Martin.

The Capitol Records gang out in full force: Glenn Wallichs, prexy; Floyd Bittaker, sales chief; George Oliver, top ad man; Dan Anderson, flack chief, and Lloyd Dunn, agency exec. They're getting up a great big "Miss Hush" unveiling on their zany *Temptation* disk—could it be Stafford.

Stephen Nester, Duotone prexy, reports materials coming in soon to market a new metal juke box needle.

Rainbow Records' Eddie Heller and Larry Newton had a fine visitor roster at the booth, one of the few to write good business. Distribs said the after-hours Latin show Rainbow put on upstairs was the finishing blow that got 'em.

Norman and Herb Ravis, of Peerless Album, not taking about big deal with major label for new-type album, but it's a non-spillable improvement on old packages that will be rating lots of look-sees.

Jim Murray, Jack Williams and Dick Fielding loved the way Victor's newest acquisition, British songbird Beryl Davis, stole the record industry show. And that gown!

In the biz-writing department, Decca's Ed Manning, J. Gordon Thornton and Chicago branch manager Sellman C. Schultz seemed to be scribbling more than most competitors-Jolson, it says here.

Charlie Hasin, Harold Drayson and Charlie Roberts handling MGM's first NAMM convention. Lots of MGM distribs on hand, too—Len Smith, of Trilling & Montague, Philly, for one—to look over newest Zenith equipment.

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#### NAMM OKAYS FUND (Continued from page 20)

#### **RETAIL FED. MEETS** (Continued from page 20)

Peoria, Ill., was renamed veepee, while Hugh Randall, Bradford's, Milwaukee, was elected secretary, and E. D. Turner, Sherman-Clay Company, San Francisco, treasurer. Newly elected board of directors members included S. H. Almanrode, J & S Music, Shreveport; Ted Brown, Brown Music, Tacoma, Wash.; A. E. Godfrey, Williams Piano Company, Sioux Falls, S. D.; C. W. Gould, Gould Music, Minneapolis; Stuart Julius, Julius Music, York, Pa.; N. E. Neal, Neal-Clark, Buffalo; William Richardson, Birkel Richardson, Los Angeles, and J. M. Wylie, Wylie Pi-ano Company, Fargo, N. D.

bv eliminating surface noise and other objectionable flaws. Group also established dues at \$5 per until convention time in the spring of 1948, when they will be doubled, and adopted a code of ethics.

Execs in attendance besides Alexander were Alex Gettlin, Philadel-phia, and J. G. Bradburn, Houston, vice - presidents; Louis Pearlman, Philadelphia, recording secretary, and board members Frank Ryall, Upper Darby, Pa.; Ernest R. Jones, St. Louis; Mallory Chamberlain, Memphis; J. A. Atchison, Pasadena, Tex.; C. H. Davis, Ardmore, Pa., and Lawrence Nogi, Chicago.



## **Still Big Market For Quality Sets**

(Continued from page 20) large pent-up public demand for quality radios and musical equipment.

Freimann said: "The long-term prospects are exceedingly good in the quality radio-phonograph field. Independent surveys support our company's survey showing that one out of every four families wants radiophonographs. Last year the industry produced about 700,000 radio-phonographs and it is apparent that even with maximum production capacity,







it would be a matter of years before the supply could catch up with the urge to buy.

"As to the purchasing power of the United States people, cash buying of radio-phonographs is at an all-time peacetime high, and the nation's credit remains an untapped reservoir."

Freimann cited the fact that there were more radio-phonographs sold were more radio-phonographs solu every day now than there were in a week in 1937. He interpreted this to indicate a larger interest in recorded music. He also said that Magnovox has enough orders on hand to com-pletely utilize its full production un-til fall til fall.

In its display room, one of the best attended during the convention, Magnovox introduced four new models. All of them radio-phonograph consoles, they were: (1) The Mayfair, which will retail for \$198.50 plus \$65 extra for FM; (2) the Traditional, \$235 with FM; (3) the Cosmopolitan, \$235 with FM; (3) the Cosmopolitan, about \$400 without FM, and (4) the Windsor, which will be about \$750 with FM, and a wire recorder to be included for an additional sum not yet determined. Despite all the re-cent talk in the radio-music trade about the upsurge of wire recorders for home use and the conjecture that recorded music music trade recorded music may evtntually be sold on wire instead of on wax, Magnovox was the only manufacurer to show a new model equipped with a

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## **Dealers Warned** Fair Trade Now **Needs Bolster**

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(Continued from page 21) complaints from members of the in-dustry and then tries to iron out the offender so that court procedure is not necessary, has received many more complaints within the past few more complaints within the past few months than it has in the past, Rex-ford C. Hyre, secretary of the com-mittee, told *The Billboard*. Altho Hyre would not reveal specific com-plaints, he said that most of them wore observes appoint mombers using "loss leader" and "price baiting" tac-tics in advertising and selling. Hyre added that he expected even more complaints as the "buyers' market" condition become more prevalent, but that he expected few court suits to result. He pointed out that since 1945, when his committee was formed, no case has gone to court; all had been cleared up when the com-mittee pointed out errors to offenders. He said he saw no reason why this form of settlement would not continue to be the rule.

Present officers of the committee Present officers of the committee were re-elected for another year at the Monday meeting. Ray S. Erland-son, of San Antonio, was re-elected chairman; Max Scherl, of Cleveland, treasurer, and Hyre, also of Cleve-land, secretary. The officers will serve until the next annual convention of NAMM.

The convention also focused attention on fair trade practices at a luncheon on Wednesday (4) when John W. Anderson, president of the American Fair Trade Council, de-Livered a speech entitled Strengthen Fair Trade or Surrender to Retail Monopolists."

After explaining the various State and federal fair trade laws, how they prevent over pricing of non-competi-tive fields and selling below prices set by companies registering under fair trade laws, Anderson assailed retailers who sell branded products retailers who sell branded products at a loss to entice customers and ex-plained how this and other unfair trade practices could harm music manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and even the public, which would suffer from unsettled economic con-ditions council by the convertises ditions caused by these practices.

Anderson stated the loss leader formula, skillfully applied, continues to serve the interests of the retail monopolist who is able to draw customers into his store thru such prac-tice, but that the "gullible customer has probably wound up at the pricebaiting loss-leader store in the course of a month or a year by paying more for the merchandise he buys than he would have at the straightforward retailer.

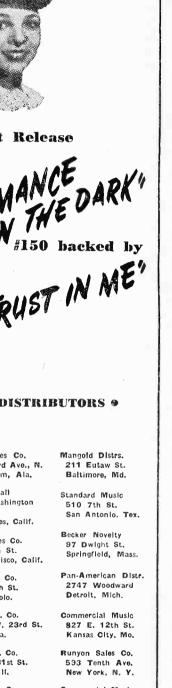
#### Utica Ball Field, Turned **Outdoor Terpery, Drawing**

UTICA, N. Y., June 7.—Bennett's Field, a half mile east of here, a rustic-fenced baseball field which failed to draw sports fans this spring, has been changed by its owner, Frank Bennett, into one of the largest out-hour dange conterns in Control New door dance centers in Central New York.

Opening attractions were Johnny Bothwell and his orchestra, with Claire Hogan and Don Darcey as Claire Hogan and Don Darcey as vocalists, and three vaude acts fea-turing the Del Aires. Bennett will change attractions each week for the 12 weeks he plans to keep the field open. Don Alvin, New York, is han-dling the booking. Field has 7,000 square feet of newly constructed dance floor, bandstand with roof and a seeting capacity of 10,000

a seating capacity of 10,000. Admission prices, tax included, are set at 98 cents for the evening dances and 65 cents for matinees Saturdays and Sundays.





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## RECORDS **BOOGIE WOOGIE** #8025 Humoresque Boogie **Organ Blues** #8026 Shirley's Boogie Organ Boogie SID CATLETT-PETE JOHNSON BILL COODEN-JIMMY SHIRLEY List Price 79¢ or in a beautiful Album, \$1.98, tax incl. MANOR RECORDS 313 W. 57th St. NEW YORK 19, N. Y. No. 1 in the RACE FIELD and Stonding The Best in HILLBILLY and WESTERN TUNES Our types are always on the nations leading popularity charts. UKE BOX RECORD COMPANY West 46th Street, New York 19, N Y RECORD PRESSINGS FINEST WORK AND MATERIALSI NO ORDER TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALLI DROMDT SERVICES ALBERTI RECORD MANUFACTURING CO. 1508 Grande Vista Ave. LOS ANGELES 23, CALIF. ORDER THE ORIGINAL HIT RECORD IF I HAD MY LIFE | STAY AS LONG TO LIVE OVER | AS YOU LIKE No. 20-13\*\* RECORDS-. Territories Open for Live Distributors. Manufactured by BALLEN RECORD CO. 515 Jefferson St. Philadelphia 21, F 10 INCH RECORD PRESSINGS Shellac or Vinylite Fast Service — High Quality Small or Large Quantity Labels — Processing — Masters SONGCRAFT, INC. PHOTO POST CARDS -Ideal for Give Aways, Fan Mail, Publicity Handouts. Top quality. Madie from print or merative. Speedy service— satisfaction guaranteed. 500—\$13. 1000—\$21. Write for low prices on larger quantities PERFECT FOR PUBLICITY KEHRES PHOTO SERVICE, 2108 Lee Rd., Cleve. 18, 0.

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## **Uniform Plan For Accounting**

(Continued from page 21) est interest in expense-by-percentage figures disclosed by the presiding speakers. Beasley stirred comment with the report that his store sustained a "realized gross profit" of 42 per cent, with a net profit of about 5 per cent. He explained "realized gross" as distinguished from "gross" in that the former represented the subtraction of trade-in losses, returns and allowances. He recommended that dealers should keep their own year-to-year figures on basis of net sales as the best way of getting closer to a uniform base.

**Expense Breakdown** Many of the dealers present felt that the sustained mark-up repre-sented in Beasley's 42 per cent gross was far above their potential altho one retailer contended that if he could maintain that percentage gross he could realize a 10 per cent net. Beas-ley estimated that average expenses in music store operation should run ley estimated that average expenses in music store operation should run 15-20 per cent for salaries; 3-5 per cent rent; 2-4 per cent advertising;  $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 per cent for bad debt and other losses. He felt possibly that his per-centage of expenses was low because volume was high altho Heaton and other dealers present formed an op-posing bloc, contending that cost-of-doing business was increasing per-centage-wise centage-wise

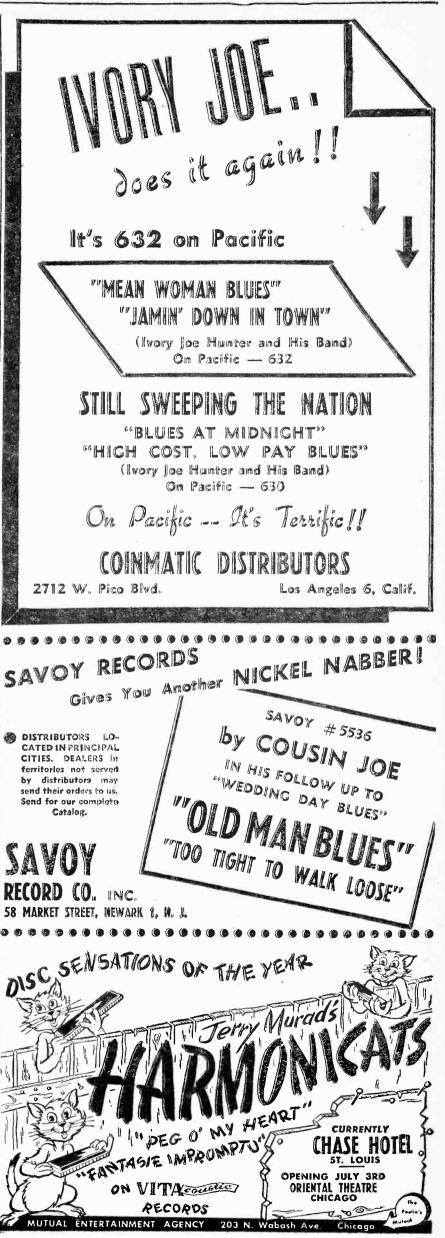
Heaton broke down his costs more minutely. Cost of selling ran him 15 per cent, he said; advertising, 4 per cent; service costs above receipts, 5 per cent; freight and cartage, 2 per cent; overhead, 10 per cent; office maintenance, 3 per cent; store ex-penses, 1 per cent. Heaton tipped off the problem preceding a uniform ac-counting system for NAMM members by recommending that trade-ins be handled as follows: The trade-in item should be entered on the books as "purchases. . . \$1" no matter what was actually paid; for tax purposes, however this would be adjusted at time of reporting. Beasley and other members felt this unwise, if practical, and expressed belief that the best ac-countants and other associations endorsed the policy of writing up trade-ins at the actual worth placed upon it by the dealer.

Trade-in accounting; whether to list inbound freight charges as ex-penses or cost; percentage profits based on net sales or gross sales... All these made it incumbent on Beas-ley to explain "that's what we want, to decide whether it would be worth-while to investigate a uniform system of accounting and figure out a way to get information from members which will be based on comparable figures." Meeting broke up with dealers endorsing any attempts at such investigation such investigation.

#### Department Income

Much discussed figures, also, were those supplied by Heaton showing income from his music store depart-ments. Pianos realized 30 per cent of the overhead and brought in 27 per cent of the volume, he declared; band cent of the volume, he declared; band and ork instruments, 23 per cent overhead, 25 per cent volume; sheet music, 19 per cent overhead, 20 per cent volume, and records 15 per cent overhead, 16 per cent volume. Gen-eral contention of attending dealers was that record biz represented only 12 to 16 per cent of their volume.

Heaton also declared for the future he would separate his pop and classical record departments and endeavor to divide his sheet music department into three sections, piano, vocal and choral.



## Scale Angle Seen as Factor Agents' Knives Tickle Many In 20-25% Slump in Eastern Cocktail Combo Bookings NEW YORK, June 7.—The old spot for \$1,500. Obviously the buyer of what is "exclusive man-agement" when another agent steps agement when another agent steps at the smaller price and because of

### Midwest Continues in Doldrums; Look for Summer Hypo

NEW YORK, June 7.—That cock-tail biz is off isn't any secret. But a new development has crept into the small combo field that has the

the small combo field that has the boys really worried. New York, for example, long has been a scale town. The lure for a Stem job always was the showcase gimmick, and with every newly formed combo breaking its neck to get a New York spot, it was reason-able to suppose that money usually was short. was short. But if the lads couldn't make a

buck working near the subways, they always could get a fair price on the bus routes. The Jersey region, Long Island and other near-by zones always paid good dough. In the past few weeks this has changed. The suburweeks this has changed. The subur-ban areas also have started telling agents that scale is as far as they will go. Unfortunately the salesman can't do much about it. If he doesn't, or can't, deliver for scale, the op buys a local bunch or does without.

Scale Angle Held Obstacle Several talent offices queried admit that the scale angle is now a real obstacle, but they say they counter it by offering units that are claimed

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MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS CORP. N. Y. C. 19-Tel.: Plaza 9-7490 to be different, have entertaining value and possess some box-office. In spite of this agencies admit that biz has dropped 20 to 25 per cent. Some of the offices feel that with

the summer season around the cor-ner the resort market will open up. One office disagrees. It points out that Atlantic City and near-by Jersey that Atlantic City and hear-by Jersey resorts expected that last year's open-ing of the racing season would hypo lounge takes. These expectations never were realized. Having been singed once, the resort buyers are walking carefully this year.

#### Units Worried

The scale offers are worrying the units more than they are the offices. In fact, some of the offices have In fact, some of the onless have merged their cocktail biz with their band departments to cut expenses. William Morris has shied away from units for the past few months. The Gale office has dropped them com-pletely. Music Corporation of Amer-ica (MCA) makes the units a part of their big ork branch. General feeling among agency toppers is that if they have to work hard to sell a musical package, efforts might better be devoted to selling something that ill make them a buck. The only large offices with Eastern will

The only large offices with Eastern cocktail departments today are Fred-erick Brothers and General Artists Corporation (GAC). Both admit it takes twice as much work today to sell a unit as it did a year ago. Johnny Hamp, of GAC, sees busi-ness picking up, tho he admits grosses have slipped. He also said his summer bookings, to start late this month, have doubled last ycar's figures. Examples cited were season

this month, have doubled last year's figures. Examples cited were season bookings for the following: Harry (Hipster) Gibson into the Surf Club, Wildwood; Doles Dickens into the Rip-Tide, Wildwood; Four Vaga-bonds into the Nomad, Atlantic City, and three other nackages. and three other packages.

#### Find Tough Sledding

Walter Bloom, of Frederick Broth-ers, said his department was holding up, but admitted it was tough sleders, said his department was holding up, but admitted it was tough sled-ding. Most of his properties, he said, were taking 15 per cent cuts. Trios which used to get \$375 for out-of-town jobs now are getting about \$300-\$325. The \$1,150 unit now gets \$1,000. The larger combos also are taking cuts. Tommy Ryan (11) is now at the Dubonnet, Newark, for around \$1,300. Last year he would now at the Bubonnet, Newark, for around \$1,300. Last year he would have gotten \$1,700. Milt Britton's crew gets \$1,900 at Club Diana, (Cocktail Unit Slump on opp. page)

# A Gullet as Niteries Slump

in and submits another's act is back again.

Under rules and regulations, an agent handling an act under an ex-clusive pact is entitled to a full 10 per cent. If another agent steps in and submits the act, he's not legally entitled to a poppy. entitled to a penny. The rub, how-ever, is that more and more acts are laying off, and with acts laying off, commissions are getting slimmer. When the Music Corporation of America (MCA) announced it would no longer split with other agents, it foresaw a business drop and took steps to control its income.

#### Depends on Point of View

The adherence to the non-split program is something every agent would like to follow—as far as his own acts are concerned. The same agent will usually yell murder if he doesn't get his 5 per cent on the other guy's acts. Neither the agents' org, the Artists Representative Association (ARA), nor the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) has taken Variety Artists (AGVA) has taken a definite stand on this matter. They both claim the exclusive agent is en-titled to the full commission. If he wants to split, it is his own affair. AGVA takes the position that it per-mits its members to pay up to 10 per cent to the agent. If there is an ex-tra 5 (except to a recognized booker). tra 5 (except to a recognized booker),

tra 5 (except to a recognized booker), it will not officially sanction it. The actors' main trouble is that with lay-offs becoming more fre-quent, they'll shop around for jobs wherever they can get them. Ob-viously an agent isn't going to give them work unless he gets his cut.

#### Sold Down the River

On the other hand, exclusive agents complain that outside reps frequently sell their properties down trequently sell their properties down the river to make a quick buck. For example the exclusive agent may ask \$2,000 for an act. The outsider may submit the same act to the same

#### Four Jailed and Fined Over S. F. Copa "Mickey"

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Fines and jail terms were handed to four ex-employees of the Copacabana Club following their conviction on charges of serving doped drinks to members of Noel De Selva's dance band. All four were placed on proba-tion for four were

tion for four years. Henry Torres, former club man-ager, will pay a \$200 fine and spend six months in the county jail. Louis Coloretti, Mike Silvers and Rudolph Ruby drew lesser jail terms and fines of \$400 each.

#### Gordon Assigns Daughter

HARTFORD, Conn., June 7.-Jack W. Gordon, general manager of Gor-don's Entertainment Bureau, has an-nounced the addition of his daughter, Frances, to the bureau's new Springfield, Mass., office staff. Miss Gordon, who has had experience in the Hart-ford and New York offices, will work with Eddie Stone, Springfield field supervisor.

#### **Ex-Pic House Now Nitery**

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Star-light Room at Farmingdale, L<sup>\*</sup> I., opened May 22 with Peter Brent's six-piece ork. It started spending \$550-\$600 for a floorshow June 4. The room was converted from the old Strand pic theater at a reported cost of \$25,000 by operator Joe Adamo.

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the business to the second will give the business to the second agent, who frequently can't deliver at the smaller price, and because of the difference in salaries the act winds up without a job. Exclusive agents say this unauthorized sub-mission of their properties hurts them and want something done about it. ARA insists that hitting agents in the pocketbook is still the best way

the pocketbook is still the best way to make them behave. It also ad-mits, however, that actors will fremits, however, that actors will fre-quently promise many things to other agents, and that is something it can't control. AGVA says if an agent can't give an act enough work he is entitled to a release. So there is where the matter stands. In the meantime with biz taking a dive-every agent is busy cutting himself a piece of threat a piece of throat.

## Alaska Clubs Need Acts, But At Lower \$\$

#### Anchorage Ops Are Eager

a batch of new clubs are opening for the summer, but so far no acts have shown up. Operators are anxious to book good ones. However, at the prices asked, it's just too tough a nut to crack. On top of the salary, ops must guarantee transportation from the States and are expected to find howing which is next to impossible the States and are expected to find housing, which is next to impossible. Damon Polk, of the South Seas Club, is giving thought to bringing in acts from Minneapolis rather than in acts from Minneapolis rather than Seattle, feeling that many more per-formers are available in the Twin Cities. The drawback there is the plane fare Polk would have to fork over. The South Seas currently has Randy Ball and his ork, with Gloria Gall as featured vocalist. Ball, who has been in Anchorage for some time, formerly played with Freddy Beard-en, who recently concluded a long engagement at the South Seas. The gal was imported from Los Angeles. gal was imported from Los Angeles. The group broadcasts over KFQD a half-hour weekly.

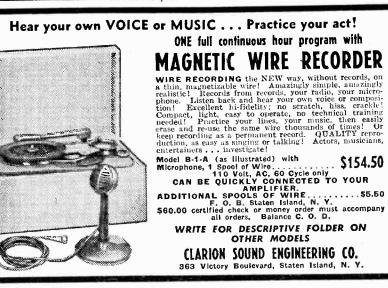
Aleutian Gardens The Aleutian Gardens, another spot right in town, now has a four-piece orchestra, along with J. Winfred Curry, organist. The Green Lantern, on the outskirts of town inst monod and is footuning

of town, just opened and is featuring Roy and Ruby Moore. The boy plays the piano and the gal does the vocals. The spot hopes to land a couple of musicians to round out the entertainment fare.

The Black and Tan Club is another spot recently opened. Catering pri-marily to Negro G.I.'s from Fort Richardson, the club has Judy Mersongstress, piano and electric rill. guitar.

#### Lush Field Open

Taking everything into considera-Taking everything into considera-tion, night club patrons in this town have a wide variety to choose from, but it still stands to reason that if acts would come down in their de-mands the ops could offer them good propositions in Alaska. There is defi-nitely a need for live entertainment here and once a few acts come up and start spreading word around the States that showbiz possibilities in States that showbiz possibilities in Alaska are good, it is believed ops will have no trouble booking good acts, and lots of them.



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## AGVA June Meetings Delayed || Cocktail Unit Slump in East So Actors Can Switch Locals **To Permit Balloting in Person**

#### New System Still Allows Ballots by Mail

NEW YORK, June 7.—The mid-June nationwide meetings by all branches of American Guild of Va-riety Artistes (AGVA) have been post-poned on the advice of the interna-tional board of the Associated Actors riety Artistes (AGVA) have been post-poned on the advice of the interna-tional board of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's), parent body of AGVA.

Reason for the change was the feeling by the board that some mem-bers would prefer to switch their membership from one city to another rather than cast their vote by ab-sentee ballot, as originally planned by AGVA. According to the first plan, members of each branch were to vote on the choice of the platform and the delegates. Members on the road were to get a ballot by mail and and the delegates. Members on the road were to get a ballot by mail and cast it by mail.

#### Mail Balloting To Continue

New system will not eliminate mail New system will not eliminate mail ballots, but will permit members to switch their affiliation from one city to another so they can attend meet-ings wherever they're working and vote personally. A New York mem-ber currently in Chicago, for example, and who expects to stay there for some time, may transfer and estab-lish his eligibility to vote in that city, and vice versa. and vice versa.

To get wires and letters out to branches and for them to notify members of the change, it became neces-sary to set the date back. The transfer system will not eliminate mail balloting. Members who don't want to switch from one branch to another will still be able to vote by absentee ballot.

Meetings originally were set to start June 2 with the final AGVA

## **Rio Cabana Folding Reported Forced by Debts of Former Ops**

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Rio Cabana folded last week (4) after trying to make a go of it for the past eight months. Irony of the situation is that the club was in the black when it shuttered. What forced it to quit, it is said, were old debts incurred by previous ops.

Incurred by previous ops. It is understood that besides an old federal tax bite, another tax matter involving an additional five or 6G cropped up. In addition to the federal claims, club reportedly was in hock for ads and credit was nulli-fied. For the three days prior to its chutdown the tax people were in shutdown the tax people were in nightly taking their cut from the register.

## **Rey Files 2G No-Pay** Suit Vs. Texas Club

FORT WORTH, June 7.—Alvino Rey Wednesday (4) filed suit against George T. Smith, owner and opera-tor of the Lake Worth Casino, for in-debtedness allegedly due from a three-day 16-piece band engagement that started last April 18.

Rey's petition, in 48th District Court, states he was not paid after the engagement. He seeks judgment for \$2,152 on a \$2,250 contract. The difference in these figures is the amount of United States withholding tax.

#### Shelvey Holds Chi Meeting

Shelvey Holds Chi Meeting CHICAGO, June 7.—Matt Shelvey, national director of the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) met here this week with 12 major sec-tional reps of the actors' union or-ganizational machinery "to guaran-tee a democratic procedure, leading up to the national convention." Shel-vey said that he wanted to got to yey said that he wanted to get to-gether with the reps in order to insure the largest possible group of AGVA membership, securing a hand in the first convention of the union under its new nàtional autonomy set-

## **Iceland Eatery** Latest on Radio

NEW YORK, June 7 Iceland Restaurant is the latest nitery to go Restaurant is the latest nitery to go in for on-the-spot radio broadcasts. Ice house will start Monday (9) air-ing Ask Ella Mason, a quizzer, with a daily "sponsor's luncheon," made up of food sellers who will take care of the radio nut. Abe Goldstein, Ice-land operator, is charging 99 cents for the luncheon, which he says will just about cover his service nut. Club seats 850. Program goes on WHN

Just about cover his service nut. Club seats 850, Program goes on WHN across the board, 12:30-1. The Copacabana has been broad-casting Jack Eigen's disk show from its cocktail lounge over WINS for the past month and the gimmick has boosted club's takes. Latin Quarter is starting a "lunch-

Latin Quarter is starting a "lunch-eon" setup for a Luncheon at the La-tin Quarter air show on NBC with Maggi McNellis, June 30.

# Seen Hinging on Scale Factor

(Continued from opposite page) Union, N. J. Last year it got about

Union, N. J. Last year to get a \$2,400. Foster Agency (FA), a newcomer in the field claimed it will match grosses with any of the major offices and come out ahead because it doesn't have the big overheads. Bookings are obtained thru repeated personal calls on the operators plus personal calls on the operators plus a live mailing list, which, it said, is effective with the out-of-town spots. Within a month, however, the over-all picture may change for the better least temporarily--if shore cafe operators find that business is okay enough to warrant spending dough for entertainment according to a concensus of cocktail rep opinion.

#### **Midwest** Situation

CHICAGO, June 7.-Midwest cocktail ops and bookers are hoping for a biz hypo somewhere during the summer, but signs of gross hike are not yet forthcoming. Latest segment of the cocktail sec-tor in this area to feel the recession

are the summer resorts. A spokes-man for the (MCA) cocktail sked-ding unit here, after making a two-week excursion thru the Northern Wisconsin and Michigan spas, reports that ops, for the first time since the start of the war are holding off on big bookings, with some telling him they don't want to use any units or singles at all. Reason given for reluctance toward buying live talent is fact that State and local officials have stiffened their attitude toward the slot machines, which usually paid for the talent budgets. Many summer ops also report they are uncertain about tourist business when tempera tures start to climb.

#### Resort Sector Letdown

Failure of resort sector to come thru is a hard blow for bookers, this trade was depended upon to help fill out the usual summer lull in the regular lounge trade. In general, cocktail biz has shown

no signs of starting upward. Book-ers report anything about a trio is getting harder to peddle. Spots, which used quintets and sextets, with

a trio or single working the intermissions now have a trie headlining with medium-priced single playing the off-stint.

Cocktail skedders are looking for singles to fill out their badly de-pleted rosters. For the past four months, lounge ops have been seeking more and more singles, specially singing and comedy planists, to re-place trios. Search has bookers comb-ing the sticks for material, with the resultant canvass uncovering some fair talent, especially organists, who are also in demand.

#### Declining for 3 Months

Prices have been declining during the last three months, with those \$1,000 to \$800 comedy trios and quar-\$1,000 to \$800 comedy trios and quar-tets taking salary cuts when agents reported, after a couple of weeks' layoff, that they just couldn't get the wartime figures. Because of the big request for singles, prices have re-mained consistent, with non-singing 88-ers getting \$125 to \$150 in some instances, while a good comedy 88-er, brings from \$175 to \$250. Bookers report a growing demand for duos. report a growing demand for duos. Because there were few doubles on the market, bookers said they answered the demand by forming teams from over-manned quartets and from quintets which were becoming a drug on the market.

Cocktail bookers are hoping that two factors, (1) bum weather thru-out the entire area, and (2) tight supervision of gambling by new civic and State administrations will ease up soon. Both these factors have played an important part in driving talent budgets down.

## William Morris Is Dickering for Silvers Office

NEW YORK, June 7.-The William Morris office is dickering with Morris Silvers, of Chicago, to take over his office completely. Silvers has been running the Midwest office for about 20 years and is said to be desirous of retiring.

Present arrangement of Silvers with the New York Morris office is based on splits. Silvers owns the business and books Morris acts into Chicago territory for split commis-sions. Same deal works for Silvers's acts who work for the Morris office in the New York area.

If deal goes thru, Morris will take over the Chicago office and install its own salesmen. Irving Greenburg, of the New York cafe department, will be the first transferee. Green-burg is being married this week and will meye to Chicago when he returns will move to Chicago when he returns from his honeymoon. Leo Salkin will continue in Chicago, it is understood, tho plans are not definite.

### Downbeat on Upbeat, With a Show Again

NEW YORK, June '7.-Downbeat Club reopened as a nitery Friday (6) after being operated as a straight (b) after being operated as a straight eatery for about three months. Louis Shanowitz, who took over from Ruby Breadbar, has retained Ralph White as manager. Opening show has Ella Fitzgerald, Bill Johnson's ork (5) and the Al Russell Trio.

The bill is in for two weeks, with options.

## **Frisco** Paramount Theater Goes to Flesh Policy July 1

New policy marks first booking of live talent in a Paramount house in S. F.--will provide opposition to RKO Golden Gate Theater-search is on for acts

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.-Para-SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Para-mount Theater here will start flesh on July 1, with initial bill including the Ink Spots, June Richmond and Johnny Otis in for a week stand. Decision to install flesh, first time in a Paramount house in San Fran-cisco, was based on the competitive picture brought about by the break-up of the pool arrangement When

up of the pool arrangement. When pool dissolved, Skouras took three houses and Paramount took three. Paramount houses are the State, St. Francis and Paramount. The latter,

Francis and Paramount. The latter, a 2,600-seater, is the largest. With the circuit having only one film product available for all three local theaters, it was thought the addition of flesh to one house would hypo its competitive position. Deal also is under way to dispose of the State to Skouras. Paramount wants to sell and Skouras wants to huy so to sell and Skouras wants to buy, so deal may materialize soon.

Live shows for the Paramount will vine.

mean added competition for the RKO mean added competition for the RKO Golden Gate, which has been using acts for a long time on a 52-week basis. The Paramount apparently doesn't intend to use its stage ex-cept when attractions become avail-able. But so far latter's policy is in a state of flux. It has inquiries out for attractions and if enough of them come up it may decide to operate flesh come up it may decide to operate flesh on a more than a now-and-then basis.

Some weeks ago, when Paramount first started thinking about acts for first started thinking about acts for San Francisco, it approached Ben Griefer, managing director of the Adams, Newark, N. J., to go out and run the house. Griefer was inter-ested but wanted a free rein in choos-ing and buying the talent. There was some palavering, but deal didn't jell and Griefer decided to stay in Newark

Talent for the local house will be bought in New York by Harry Le-

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#### The Cascades, Hotel **Biltmore**, New York (Wednesday, June 4)

Capacity, 820. Price policy, \$1-1.50 cover after 10. Shows at 9 and 12. Owner, Hotel Biltmore, John G. Horsman, manager. Pub-licity, Estelle Foley. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show, \$3,500 including music.

This warm weather roof room has relighted with Borrah Minnevitch's relighted with Borrah Minnevitch's Harmonica Rascals and Ray Heather-ton and his orchestra. The Rascals, sparked by Johnny Puleo, are a new departure from the type of acts which have been standard in this room. If opening night supper crowd reaction is any indication, the room will come out the winner in the ex-noviment. periment

The Minnevitch unit's stint was a top job, with a special nod to Puleo's skilled panto and keen timing. What these boys may lack in musical acu-men, they more than make up for with their sock knockabout routines.

#### Heatherton Crew Okay

Heatherton Crew Okay Ray Heatherton, fronting a 13-piece crew, did a competent job. The lad fits this room and, altho his bary pipes are not powerful, he sells a song with ease. His personality pro-jects itself and he is smart enough not to attempt anything out of his range. The band sticks mostly to pops and its good, even beat makes it easy for the dancers to follow.

pops and its good, even beat makes it easy for the dancers to follow. Fem vocalist, Joan Burke, a little on the heavy side, has a blues type of voice and managed to sell com-petently, standing out in a pleasant duct with Heatherton on Necessity. The Heatherton Glee Club, composed of all members of the ork, adds fair harmony on specials. Arthur Ravel's relief band (6) al-

ternates with the Heatherton crew. Don Marshall.

#### **Minnesota Terrace, Hotel** Nicollet, Minneapolis (Monday, June 2)

Capacity, 400. Price policy, \$2.50 dinner, \$2 supper. Shows 8:30 and midnight. Man-agement: Neil R. Messick, manager; Jimmy Hickman, room manager; Sally Delaney, pub-licity. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Esti-mated budget this show \$3,600; budget last show, \$1,200.

Preem of the Dorothy Lewis Ice has become a tradition here r home town. And skater has Show in her home town. yet to disappoint. Her show is good entertainment and moves nicely.

This, her eighth annual tanker, is back to its old formula, four-gal skating line, two men and the star. Titled Adventure on Ice opener was clocked at 21 minutes, after a delayed

start due to wardrobe mishap. Cos-tumes, incidentally, were well ex-ecuted by Kilpatrick, local designer. Show is set in three scenes. Opener is a Parisian number to Mam'selle. Miss Lewis takes ice in a beautifully-urgented bellt offert which winds executed ballet effort which winds up in an old Central Park number to a Debussy tune. She did some fine one-legged spins before going into a trio number with the men for a waltz culminated by a whirling spin. Line joins for wind-up of scene, as Lewis does intricate sit-spin. Finale, in black light, is Carnival in Cuba with entire cast.

Show here for eight weeks with two-week option after which it goes on tour. Billy Stofft's 11-piece ork tops as usual for show and dancing. Jack Weinberg.

## CHAZ CHASE NOW ON TOUR IN AUSTRALIA

#### Leon and Eddie's, New York (Tuesday, June 3)

Capacity, 380. Price policy, \$3.50 minimum. Owner-operators, Leon Enken-Eddie Davis. Shows at 8:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Dorothy Gulman. Estimated budget this show (minus Eddie Davis), \$1,000. Previous show estimate, \$1,200.

This perennial 52d Street spot has a smooth moving show with satis-factory novelties, pleasing acts and the Frank Shepherd line (6), which makes up one of its best packages in a long time.

Sparked by Danny Sullivan, boy singer and inobtrusive emsee, show teed off with Judith Sargent, eccentric novelty dancer. The gal did two numbers, one a combo ballet and the second an Afro-Cuban ritual thing. With it she did a little acro bit,

With it she did a little acro bit, winding up with a pleasant mitt. Sullivan is a pleasant shortish lad with a friendly manner. His intro stuff was handled competently cnough, tho it is apparent he was bought for his singing. As a song seller the lad has some distance to go. His choice of numbers was okay, particularly the inevitable Irish particularly the inevitable Irish tunes, but delivery showed lack of experience. Patrons liked him, however.

#### **Mayo Brothers**

Mayo Brothers, a pair of clean-cut, good-looking lads, did a fast job on a platform. Their hoofing consisted of one and two-part stuff, with each boy seguing into his own routine as the other boy wound up. The Mayos worked hard and moved around with ease and grace. Their sliding taps, (Leon and Eddie's, N. Y., page 45)

#### Versailles, New York (Wednesday, June 4)

Capacity, 300. Price policy, \$3.50-\$4.50 minimum. Shows at 9:30 and 12:30. Oper-ators, Nick Prounis-Arnold Rossfield. Book-ing policy, exclusive. Publicity, John O'Mal-ley. Estimated budget current show, \$1,400. Estimated budget previous show, \$2,250.

After a slow start, Myrus got gasps of surprise and the doubters made with the oohs and ahs once he warmed up. As is usual with a mentalist act, audience participation al-ways is hesitant. It wasn't until Myrus worked for about four or five minutes that he got eager assists. From then on it was a case of everybody trying to get into the act. The thin, bespectacled, balding chap handles himself with a lot of skill. Questions are unknown to audience, but his answers, all highly personal, are told with a pontifical and authorita-tive air that adds to whatever au-thenticity he tries to build up. Result was completely satisfactory, particu-larly as it left them wanting more.

Lisa Kirk, who got her showbiz start here as a chorus girl, has de-veloped into quite a canary. Looking classy in a black lace gown, gal came on to open with a special number using a stage-side mike. Preem nerv-ousness affected first few bars, but she got over it and went on to wind up with a sock hand. After her opener, she came down to the floor for a standard ballad, holding them beautifully. Dashed off and came back minus the gown top and showed a chassis that dripped eye-appeal. Man and All Mine, which she gave plenty of heart. Gal did six numbers, mixing them up between ballads and novelties. Her throaty delivery, with occasional breaks, makes her ballads and her mood numbers stand out. The novelties are okay but lack the punch only experience and better timing can give them. On appear-ance and delivery, Lisa Kirk would do well in any classroom. Bob Grant's ork cut the show capably. Grant's intro chores were handled with friendly dignity. Pan-chito does the rumba sessions. Bill Smith. and her mood numbers stand out.

Bill Smith.

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#### Iceland, New York (Thursday, June 5)

Capacity, 850. Price policy, \$2 minimum. Shows at 7:36 and 12. Operators, Abe Gold-stein and Noel Lee. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Frances E. Kaye. Esti-mated budget this show, \$1,800. Estimated budget last show, \$3,500.

Smorgasborderie is resuming icers this trip and has put in a neat little package. Altho lacking in name value, the performers do a competent job and blend to combine a click show. It is fast-paced all the way and should sell to the tourists who patronize the club. Three line (6) routines are well presented and costuming is elaborate.

Blond thrush Harriet Lorraine showed a fair voice, good delivery, projection, plus looks and a figure to match. She scored okay with three oldies, with a pleasant choral back-ground by the ork on *These Foolish* Things.

A handsome kid, Jerry Mapes, sold with a series of skilled stag leaps and His bladework was excellent spins. once he got over his apparent initial fright.

#### Neat Line Routine

Line's second routine, Enchanted Dutch Garden, was neatly executed and was topped with a solid closer done in black lights with prop tulips planted on the ice. Joe Ann Axtell did a solo spot in this and, judged by audience reaction, the over-all rou-tine was show's highlight. Black-light effect was slightly marred because of strong light from the bar.

Jo An McGowan showed two unique routines with skilled ara-besques in the first and a soft-shoe bit in the second. Choice of a martial number for her first routine was bad. A fast-paced standard, played less loudly by band, would dress up the stint.

Lou Menschel, aided by the two other boys in his trio, reaped plenty yocks with a couple of broad bits. Strictly corn, but table-holders ate it up. Blimpy Blank showed good tim-ing and his double takes were good.

#### Adagio Clicks

Team of McGowan and Mack in an adagio bit was one of the show's clicks. They worked in close unison, selling bladework with imaginative skate-terpology. Second routine, built around fast spins and closing with gal whirled while hanging on man's neck by one foot, also won strong returns. Spotting of Mc-Gowan and Mack near closing didn't seem to fit. Placing earlier in show might provide better balance.

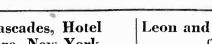
Show's choregrapher was Paul Von Gasson.

Blimpy Blank's ork did a nice job backing the show. Lou Menschel has improved a great deal in his emseeing technique since last caught. His trie holds down relief sessions.

Don Marshall.







#### Slapsy Maxie's, Hollywood (Monday, June 2)

Capacity, 500. Price policy, \$3 minimum, \$3.50 Saturdays. Shows at 9 and 12. Opera-tor, Sammy Lewis. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Erman Pessis and asso-clates. Estimated budget this show, \$5,500; estimated budget last show, \$5,000.

Three Slapsy favorites, Ben Blue, Patti Moore, and Benny Lessy returned for their perennial stint, much turned for their perennial stint, much to the delight of a legion of loyal followers. Blue's zany antics, as corny and funny as ever, and the intimate song styling of Miss Moore and Lessy provided a solid show-casing for a satisfying bill. But for choice top honors, first nighters gave an overwhelming hand to Jack Cole and His Dancers, unquestionably the and His Dancers, unquestionably the most talked-about dance group to hit

Work of the Cole troupe (four boys and three girls) combines the skill and grace of modern ballet with the fire and passion of primitive African rhythms, for an effect both startling and exciting. Cole's terpsters dance with precision and perfect co-ordination in two well-costumed numbers which left ringsiders whistling and shouting for more. It was apparent that sheer physical exhaustion prevented dancers from obliging. Use of bongo drums and maracas to set the beat and sustain rhythm added much to effectiveness of the act.

to effectiveness of the act. In the solo spot, Blue scored with his typically Blueish monologue. Comic works effortlessly and with polish. His material is neither fresh nor dated, but nobody seemed to mind. Blue still retains much of the agility of his early dancing days, as displayed in few impromptu hoofing bits tossed in at random.

Patti Moore and Ben Lessy introed two new parodies, Mahzel and All of a Sudden My Heart Sings, plus two oldies, all of which brought hefty mitting. Act wears well, for Slapsy

regulars (and opening night audi-ence was full of old customers) never tire of the bounce and zip which Moore and Lessy put into their work 

Rounding out the show is mimic Bob Hopkins, clean-cut lad, with a sockful of good takeoffs. His gags, however, unfunny and stale, took the edge off the act. Best of his take-offs were Frank Morgan, Edward Everett Horton, Cary Grant and Hugh Herbert. Lad's Crosby, Bob Hope and Fred Allen were passable. Ben Yost's Colleens (new Yost fem singing act breaking in at Slapsy's) complete bill. Gals pass eye test easily, but lack flash and confidence which made maiden effort so-so. Usual blackouts, with Blue, Miss Moore and Lessy handling thesp chores aided by Sid (Professor Melonhead) Fields brought chuckles and gave production a welcome change of pace. Matty Malneck's ork, with Milton Rounding out the show is mimic

Matty Malneck's ork, with Milton De Lugg holding baton, did a first-rate job of cutting a music-heavy show as well as providing terp tunes. Alan Fischler.

## Jersey Shore Club **Å**dds Floorshows

NEW YORK, June 7,-Sheehan's Beach Palace, Keansburg, N. J., has started using week-end floorshows and will go into a full week late this month with \$1,000 budget shows. Nut, including Johnny Dee's ork (11) and a four-piece relief crew, plus a trio in the spot's lounge, will run to \$2,500.

Spot was purchased recently from former operator, Jerry Sheehan by Joe Callahan and Pat Anaca. Shore

#### Chez Paree, Chicago (Friday, June 6)

Capacity: 475. Price policy, \$4-\$5 mini-mums. Shows at 9:30; 12:30 and 2:30. Opera-tors: Mike Fritzel and Joe Jacobson. Booking policy: Non-exclusive. Publicity: Bob Curley. Estimated budget this show: \$9,600. Estimated budget last show, \$8,200.

With other Midwest niteries groaning about descending grosses, Danny Thomas's third stay here, a six-week deal, already has the house almost sold out for the first three weeks. sold out for the first three weeks. The radio comic and reputed-to-be promising movie actor (his first flicker is expected to be released soon) didn't disappoint the most packed first-show house here in years, working almost 45 minutes, every second of which had the crowd intent on his every word and action. intent on his every word and action.

Lad's rise to prominence has made him a surer worker, not in a cocky manner, but rather has increased his sincerity and his ability to feel an audience out. Started fast with a series of pertinent Chi ad libs that caused audience to swing and stay his way immediately. Went thru three solid routines, each of which was enhanced by meaty ad libs, with his tribute to fems getting the most yocks. Finally had to give in to a mass of continually shouted requests for old, familiar bits, responding with his Syrian lament and America, both of which were brightened up with new yock-pullers. Guy has sharped up his previously rather latent talent of being able to go into something really heavily dramatic to Lad's rise to prominence has made something really heavily dramatic to lead into a terrific punch line. Even after a third return, mitt was long and loud.

and loud. Miriam Lavelle, shapely brunet acro dancer, made a fine impresh immediately, coming out in lavish white fur piece adorned with con-trasting orchid over her scanties that pulled even envious fems' orbs and kept them there. Tho she worked BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 7. — Swiss Village here has been taken over by Louis Spinelli, who will operate it as Club Rio. Artie May-no's band will play for dancing and handle the floorshow. Spinelli for-merly operated Club Crystal here.

on a floor-level stage that makes it hard to follow dancers here, gal has an act that is full of kicks and spins which can be seen by back rows. Has spruced her stint up plenty with original kicks, whirls and more rigorous acrobatics that won her call back.

Dorothy Porter, introed as MGM singer but with no mention made of pix she worked in, did okay with two pieces of special material and a jump tune but dropped off when she did Mahzel and Little Girl Blue. Gal's voice isn't too good, especially in low register, but her sales ability helps

register, but her sales ability helps her with the special stuff. Rodriquez and Phillis, ballroom terpers new to these parts, should have opened with their firier Tico-Tico rather than the sedate waltz to catch better attention from the stor catch better attention from the star. Pair excel in the Castilian metier and it was their flamenco closer that consistently pulled mitts for their expert footwork and won them hefty bow-off mitt.

Producer Olive Bernard came up with an unusual gimmick in having a fine feminine acting voice do a weird fine feminine acting voice do a weird prolog, a la Suspense, for a number which deserved the title, Bewitched. Routine featured Norma\_Doggett as the bewitched one, while Vivian Parker played the hypnotic spell to a background of eery prancing by the remainder of the Chez Paree ador-ables. Usually production bits bring steady buzz from disinterested diners, but this one kept them alert to the stage always. Marty Gould's new house ork here did top-notch job of cutting the show. Johnny Sippel. cutting the show. Johnny Sippel.

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**NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE** 

Strand, New York (Friday, June 6)

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Capacity, 2,700 seats. Prices, 75 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows, five daily; six Saturdays. House booker, Harry Mayer. Show played by name band.

So long as Ted Lewis manages to come up with a Paul White, Geraldine DuBois and Elroy Peace, he'll have a sock show. The Lewis name is still good marquee bait, but it is the kids mentioned above who furnish the entertainment.

Lewis does okay with his standard bits and occasional horsing around with the other acts. But it was Paul White who got the screams. The Negro lad's dance bits, novelty songs, deacon routine and panto stuff were hilarious. As hoofers, both White and Peace were in there throwing their gams around for top hands.

Geraldine DuBois gives enough gaslight era schmaltz to her warbling to make her sound authentic. The fact that she has a smooth chassis, can sing and sell, is all for the good. Gal worked with Lewis in the Face and Body number for fine re-turns. Timing in latter by Lewis was beautiful to watch. He fed and she caught, and then she fed and he

**VERNON HOFF** Female Impersonator

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Together they made it a caught. delightful routine.

A girl vocal trio, Eileen Ayers, Julee Ann and Pat Yankee (two brunettes and a blonde), start the show off on the stand with Lewis's theme, When My Baby Smiles at Me, and contro with one of the youngsters and center with one of the youngsters doing a fairish solo with a cute lisp.

Tempo picked up right after the opener with Shirley, Sharon and Wanda on for their chain dance and Sharon and wanda on for their chain dance and acro routine. Three girls moved around with plenty of zip and kept things humming. Discarding the chain, they went into a series of butterflies and dervish bits which were heightened by the use of a jumping rope. Two on the rope and one doing the tricks, with girls switching until each one got a shot.

#### Paul White Panicks 'Em

Paul White got hysteric returns with his Woodman Spare That Tree number. Elroy did his Shadow bit with Lewis against a scrim showing a projected figure of the latter fading in and out.

Everything considered, the house Everything considered, the house has a good entertaining show for its return to flesh after a two-week straight flicker try, a show that should do business. The fact that Lewis's opening day (6) was also his birthday, was plugged heavily. So-phie Tucker came on for a birthday greeting and other names probably greeting and other names probably will come in for opening day shows. Pic. Cheyenne. Bill Smith Pic, Cheyenne.

Loew's State, New York (Thursday, June 5)

Capacity, 3,500 seats. Prices, 50 cents to \$1.10. Number of shows, four daily, five Saturday. House booker, Sidney Piermont. Show played by Louis Basil's house ork (13).

Theater's bill of fare is a good one Theater's bill of fare is a good one with appeal for the variegated types of customers usually on hand here. The kids will like Gautier's Steeple-chase, the wolf trade will eat up Diosa Costello, oldsters will go for G. Ray Terrell and there's the Earl Warren Sextet for the jump fans. But it's Miss Costello and Warren's crew, who give the chow, its best lifts crew who give the show its best lifts. Miss Costello's torrid Latin rou-tines had the customers drooling waiting for more. Her Babalu and Bim Bam Boom were solid sales jobs with excellent drum backing from partner Jesus Martinez. Whether her familiar hootchie-kootchie routines with a rumba lilt are out of place in a family house is another matter. Choice of Joseph Joseph, sung in yiddish, showed imagination in switch from her standard Latin routine

In his initial Loew's State preem, Archie Robbins did a competent job in the comic slot, altho his delivery appeared strained. He has added a new bit, a dialect version of a French chanteuse doing *Jim.* It didn't show much.

Earl Warren's Sextet, closing the show, is a sock instrumental unit show, is a sock instrumental unit combining strong musical skill with top arrangements. Leader has a good front and kept the offerings well paced. Major portion of numbers featured him doing the vocals in a pleasant voice. The unit impressed as plenty commercial, mixing jive and ballads well. Line-up consists of Rufus Webster, piano; Charles Lewis, trumpet; Bob Kenerly, trom-bone; Freddy Radcliffe, drums; John Levy, bass; and Warren, sax. G. Ray Terrell, last seen at the Cotillion Room of the Hotel Pierre, New York, did okay with his stand-ard cake-baking magi routine, altho some of his bits didn't get over. They appear lost in a theater where customers in the back of the house miss them. Act is smoothly done, front and kept the offerings well

miss them. Act is smoothly done, however, and Terrell won strong hands for his disappearing rabbit get-off. Ballroom hoofers, Estelle and Le

Roy, executed three routines, waltz, tango and samba, with competent skill. Boggie encore was a weakie. Pair's footwork was well done and act closed to a good mitt. Gautier's Steeplechase, opening

bill, started slow-paced but animals won fair hands for tricks. Pic, My Favorite Brunnette. Don Marshall.

**Roxy**, New York

(Wednesday, June 4)

his selling.

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Chicago, Chicago (Friday, June 6)

Capacity, 3,900. Prices, 95 cents straight. Five shows daily six Saturday. House booker, Nate Flatt. Show played by Lou Breese's house ork.

Loop house has its most compact variety package in months for the next two weeks, with a set of coheadliners, Billy De Wolf and the Mills Brothers, either of which would do well in a solo top spot.

De Wolfe, seen here often before the war, goes thru basically the same excellent routine he's been doing for years, but flicker parts have built up terrific interest in him and have boosted his response a hundredfold. The elongated, double-jointed mimic The clongated, double-jointed mimic went thru his Egyptian dancer, Mrs. Murgatroid, and the cheap nitery revue bits, all to tremendous tumult. He got solid yocks from the males and had the fems shrieking with his caustic comedy of the weaker sex. He could have worked for an hour.

The Mills Brothers, Negro harmony four plus non-singing git man, have worked up such a list of record hits that they utilized only one tune which didn't get a terrific ovation at the opening bars, when it wasn't recognized immediately. Rotund Harry provided the comic relief, which, when mixed with their indi-vidual vocal blends, pulled top mitts. Pemainder of the show was also The Mills Brothers, Negro harmony

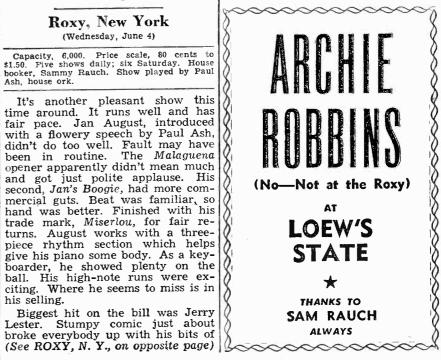
Remainder of the show was also Remainder of the show was also high-calibered, with the Sensational-ists, a roller-skate threesome, offer-ing a delightfully different presenta-tion for this type act. Act is well paced, with Hugh Thomas and La-veda Simmons doing the breath-taking bits, while Artie James inter-sperses solo ballet skating for con-trast Vivacius Learne Shirley only Vivacious Jeanne Shirley, only trast. eight months out of the Harry Cool ork, got attention immediately, coming out in a white evening gown that set off her dark beauty. Gal is a top looker and packs all the anima-tion and soulful throating that's necessary to put over almost any kind of tune. Johnny Sippel.

> Capitol, New York (Thursday, June 5)

Capacity, 4,627 seats. Prices, 70 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows, five daily. House booker, Sid Piermont. Show played by name band

For its return to flesh (after straight-film, *Duel in the Sun*), house brought back Guy Lombardo with three acts. Result is a completely satisfying stage show, pleasing to the eye and ear, and should be equally pleasing to the box office. Lombardo has hypoed his fronting job. He now struts like a Harry Richman, but does it capably enough (See CARITOL N Y on our page)

(See CAPITOL, N. Y. on opp. page.)





**RETURN TO BROADWAY** 



New York:

The Billboard NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDE GROSSES

#### CAPITOL, N. Y.

(Continued from opposite page) that his baton waving adds to the band's (15) appearance. As usual, band's (15) appearance. As usual, Lombardo picked his tunes with an eye to public appeal. So stuff like *Managua, Nicaragua* and *I Wonder* went over with a bang. His medley of oldies, his *Humoresque* (twin pianos) and the novelty, *Frankie and Johnny*, with Kenny Gardener doing a wonderful vocal job, all were in the groupe. The finale Showhir with the groove. The finale, Showbiz, with the vocal trio and Jean Carroll, was an equally effective wind-up to a smooth and pleasant show.

#### Yocks for Jean Carroll

Jean Carroll got yocks almost from her walk on and kept getting them until she finished. Comedienne had a sharp audience out front, so prac-tically all her quickies and hep bits hit them right in the funny bone. Entire routine was loaded with gig-gles to yocks, with pay-offs coming back in satisfactory fashion. The race track routine was delivered with skillful timing for ton results. Her skillful timing for top results. Her special lyrics to Girl That I Marry

The Pitchmen sold corn frankly and unashamedly. Act makes no claims to class, but it got results. Their kazooing, their various broken-down instruments their chatter and down instruments, their chatter and their bits of business all were aimed for laughs. And they got them, walking off to juicy mitts.

Lathrop and Lee Score

Lathrop and Lee are still among the smartest hoofing gams around. The gal had plenty in the eye-appeal department, with her gown slashed up to the waist, and the boy was smart, suave and sleek as ever. Their taps were delightful. Double and triple cleating, with beats clear and distinct, made them an ideal opener, and a fine warmer-upper. Pic, High Barbaree.

Bill Smith.

### LEON AND EDDIE'S, N. Y.

(Continued from page 42) quick splits and rubber-leg bits make them a natural for a bandshow pack-age playing theaters. The fact that they look good and are well cos-tumed makes them that much better. tumed makes them that much better. Judy Richards, girl singer, had difficulty with the band. The fact that the canary worked like a begin-ner didn't help her, either. But in the voice department, she has some-thing that can stand developing. Her blues styling has a certain appeal that experience should make more salable. Make-up needs better application and hand positions also need improvement to overcome her awkwardness.

Tahja, Egyptian and Near East ritual dancer, worked with a statue around which she did her act. Her work was okay, but lacked origi-nality to make it more than just an-other novelity other novelty.

Eddie Davis socked 'em across in his usual showmanlike fashion. Like old man river, Davis keeps rolling along, punching his special stuff at

them with sock results. The line, all ponies, worked with a great deal of spirit. The routines called for pep, and the kids delivered. In fact, the current line does a stand-out job, particularly in the St. Louis Blues number.

Art Waner's ork cut show. Bill Smith.

(4). The dolls looked real and the handling was so effective that the fact that string pullers in the proscenium were responsible for the ac-tion below was almost completely forgotten. Pic, Miracle on 34th Street.

Bill Smith.

NEW YORK, June 7. - Ralph Cooper, of the Gale Agency, has left Show teed off with a small pro-duction, which segued into the Salici puppet act. Tremendous Roxy stage was made to order for the Salicis in the org's nitery department.



MH's 140G Tops 1st Week; **Rest of Stem in Low Gear** 

NEW YORK, June 7.—Jack Ben-y's two-week Roxy date closed to a bod \$117,000, bringing last week's orite Brunette. ny's two-week Roxy date closed to a good \$117,000, bringing last week's total grosses at the six Stem houses orite Brunette. Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$72,-000) closed its four-week temporary straight-film policy (Duel In The Sun) with \$37,000, bringing the total month's take to \$213,500. Unveiled to \$83,500, went to \$54,000, \$39,000 and closing \$37,000. House resumed its combined vande size policy their total grosses at the six Stem houses usually running vaude-pix to \$412,-000, as against the previous frame's strong \$448,000. The Benny show, the most expensive package in re-cent years to work on the Stem, opened to \$148,000 and with the sec-ond week's \$117,000, brought the Roxy's two-week take to \$265,000. Out of this, the comic, who was in for a reported \$40,000 guarantee and percentage, is said to have collected close to \$90,000. The Roxy take was hypoed by hik-

The Roxy take was hypoed by hik-ing admission prices from a \$1.25 to \$1.50 week-day top and \$1.80 on Saturdays. House record, \$155,000, was grossed last year with Rosario & Antonio, Emma Otero, Bob Hannon, Tommy Treat and Razor's Edge. The Tommy Treat and Razor's Edge .The Benny package included Phil Harris, Eddie (Rochester) Anderson, Mar-jorie Reynolds and Sportsmen's Quartet. Pic was Brasher Doubloon. New bill (reviewed this issue) has Jerry Lester, Salici Puppets, Art Lund, Jan August and Miracle on 34th Street. Badio City Music Holl (6 200 this issue.)

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; average \$110,000) topped pre-vious week's take by collecting \$140,-000 for its second frame with the Wiere Brothers, Sharkey, the Seal, Kathryn Lee and Great Expectations, as against preceding stanga's \$120 as against preceding stanza's \$130,-000

Paramount (3,654 seats; average Paramount (3,654 seats; average \$75,000) got \$60,000 for the second week with Boyd Raeburn's ork, Jan Murray, Buddy Clark, the Modern-aires, the Acromaniacs and The Im-perfect Lady, against \$65,000 the week before week before.

week before. Loew's State (3,654 seats; average \$25,000) collected \$25,000 with Leo Carrillo, the Berry Brothers, Ross and Stone, the Smoothies, the Chad-wicks and The Fabulous Dorseys, as matched with \$24,000 the previous stanza with Professor Lamberti, Betty Reilly, Lee Davis, the Whirl-winds and Guilt of Janet Ames. New bill (reviewed this issue) has Diosa Costello, Archie Robbins, Earl



and closing \$37,000. House resumed its combined vaude-pic policy this week with Guy Lombardo's ork, Jean Carroll, the Pitchmen, Lathrop and Lee and High Barbaree. (Bill re-viewed this issue.) Strand (2,700 seats; agerage \$40,-000) closed its temporary two-week straight pic policy of reissues Sca Hawk and Sea Wolf to collect \$33,000. First week brought in \$40,000 Takes First week brought in \$40,000. Takes were at slightly reduced admission scale. Strand also went back to its combined flesh-flicker policy this week with Ted Lewis' ork and his revue and *Cheyenne...* (Bill reviewed

### **Omaha**:

### **Busse Beats Weather** For 20G at Orpheum

OMAHA, June 7.—Continued rainy weather hurt Omaha show business, but Henry Busse and ork rolled up \$20,000 for the week ended June 5 at the Orpheum (3,000 seats). Gross is fair.

Also on bill were Betty Taylor and Lane Adams, featured with band; Ross Wyse Jr., and Peggy Womack, Russ Clark and His Puppeters, and Mage and Karr. Screen had Mr. Dis-trict Attorney.

### **Detroit**: **3-Day Detroit Date**

## **Ġives "Opry" 7G**

DETROIT, June 7.—Grand Ole Opry, badly hit by weather, grossed \$7,000 in three-day stand with one matinee at Masonic Temple Auditorium at a flat \$1 admission. •Show was headlined by Bill Mon-

roe and His Blue Grass Boys, Jamup and Honey, Grandpa Jones and York Brothers. In contrast, Opry grossed \$12,800 in four shows in December.

ROXY, N. Y. (Continued from opposite page) business. He started off with old routines, then went into two newies. Of these, then went into two newles. Of these, one was a build-up of the Harry Richman thing, and the other a pointed satirization of Jolson doing *April Showers*. Latter was strictly lowdown comedy, but there was nothing lowdown about its reception. The weaks were to wife The yocks were terrific.

Art Lund Scores as Single Art Lund, in his first Stem appearance as a single, is still one of the handsomest boy singers around. His blond, Harvard-crew appearance is a blond, Harvard-crew appearance is a real asset. Lad opened with Blue Heaven, then came the revitalized Peg o' My Heart and Blue Skies, with his Mam'selle as the clincher. Latter number also was used as background for production (12 girls, 12 boys) effectively. Gals wore 12 boys) effectively. Gals wore slinky hooped skirts and went thru some elaborate dances, using the hoops for little stunts. Lund came back to wind up in front of the Gae Foster line, finishing to a good hand.

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## Donaldson Awards Committee || St. Louis Muni Op **Meets To Plan '47 Citations**

#### **By Robert Francis**

NEW YORK, June 7. launching of another of theaterdom's over-all season laurels for achieve-ment was held Thursday (5), when ment was held Thursday (5), when the committee for the Fourth Annual Donaldson Awards, sponsored by The Billboard, met at Sardi's Res-taurant to discuss ways and means of getting out a 1946-'47 record vote for its winning choices. While about 2,500 ballots were counted host wore out of a total of

counted last year out of a total of some 9,000 sent out, and it was felt that such a return gave a fair cross-



section as to legit showbiz opinion, it is obvious that there is still room for vast improvement. One of the committee stressed again that the 27 cate-genion included in the

gave some voters the impression that they had not seen enough plays or musicals during a season to enable them to complete the whole ballot accurately, and hence refrained from voting.

The general consensus of the meeting was the importance of emphasiz-ing that a ballot should be filed by everyone, even if only partly filled out. It was pointed out, for examout. It was pointed out, for exam-ple, that a dancer might not be fa-miliar with straight plays and an actor in the latter might miss mu-sical performances, but each prob-ably would have a thoro knowledge and a definite opinion as to achieve-ments in his own field. There is no reason why each should not vote for categories within his own sphere of interest.

#### **Better Ballot Distribution**

Another item under discussion was the better distribution of ballots and the better distribution of ballots and booklets which will be sent out later this month. All players in current Broadway shows will receive theirs by hand delivery at their theaters. Equity will handle the mailing to out-of-town members, and President Clarence Derwent believed that it more be fossible also to cover memmay be feasible also to cover mem-bers working in summer stock by mailing direct to their theaters. ATAM, theatrical protective union local, and Ticket Sellers' Local 751 will take care of distribution to press agents, managers, stagehands and treasurers. Producers, critics and drama editors will receive their bal-lots direct from The Billboard.

The committee, most of whom were

- Official on hand for the meeting, also passed on a new design for the scroll which is awarded along with the gold key (5), when or individual accolades. Those prefor individual accolades. Those pre-sent were Clarence Derwent, repre-senting Actor's Equity; Judy Holli-day for the actresses, Brock Pem-berton for the producers, Anita Al-varez and Michael Kidd for the dancers, Robert Coleman for the critics, Edward Dimond for the stage managers, Morris Seamon for the treasurers, Oliver Saylor for the p.a.'s and managers, and Robert Francis for The Billboard. Unable to attend were Ralph Bellamy for the actors, Ruth Richmond for Chorus Equity, and John McDowell for the stagehands. Also absent, due to outstagehands. Also absent, due to out-of-town commitments, were Roger S. Littleford Jr. and William D. Little-ford, publishers of *The Billboard*, and Joseph Csida, the paper's editor-in-chief.

## \$222,926 Surplus For Chorus Equity; **Officers** Elected

NEW YORK, June 7 .-- Chorus Equity now has a surplus of \$222,-926.46 on hand. Figure was announced by Paul Dullzell, head of exec-utive committee, in his report to the CE members at the sparsely at-tended meeting of the terping bri-gade at the Hotel Capitol yesterday. Union's net increase in income last year was \$23,157.39.

Meeting was informed by execu-tives that recommendations made by tives that recommendations made by CE contract committee have been accepted by the CE executive com-mittee and the Actors' Equity coun-cil. Demands are for: (1) minimums of \$70 per week in New York (\$85 weekly on the road instead of the \$50 per week local minimum); (2) one week's vacation for every six months' work; (3) one-half the minimum salary for six-week re-hearsal period; (4) one week's sal-ary for each day's appearance in tele or motion pictures; (5) no reduction in the size of chorus engaged first day of rehearsal unless by appli-cation to the Cuts Board. Members also elected the follow-

Members also elected the follow-ing officers: Paul Dullzell, chairman of the executive committee, to serve for one year; Ora Leak, recording secretary, for the same period; Gil-bert Adkins, Ray Cook, Philip Gor-



ST. LOUIS, June 7. - The St. Louis Municipal Opera opened its 29th consecutive season of musical presentations under the stars Thurs-day night (5) with the first Ameriday hight (5) with the first Ameri-can performance of Ivor Novello's Viennese operetta, The Dancing Years, which had a long run at the Drury Lane Theater in London.

The show was warmly received. The show was warmy received. The story centers around the turn-of-the-century romance of a prima donna and a musical composer whom she befriends. While Novello has she berriends. While Novello has not written a score replete with lilt-ing tunes, there are three which are really worthwhile, a waltz titled Waltz of My Heart, Wings of Sleep and My Love Belongs To You.

Operetta is in two acts and 12 scenes, with three of the sets on the spectacular side, a colorful ballroom, an enchanting illuminated garden setting, and a charming Tyrolean open-air inn. Costuming is elaborate.

The rolls of the two lovers are played by Wilma Spance and Eduard Franz, while Marjorie Bell and Christopher Gower appear in lead-ing support roles. Miss Spance gives the prima donna part excellent voice and acting ability, while Franz makes a perfect Viennese composer.

Christine Johnson endeared her-self to the St. Louis audience on her self to the St. Louis audience on her first appearance as an ex-operatic star. Robert Perry, Municipal Opera stage director, doubled in a straight role as a Viennese prince. Helen Arden, Edwin Steffe, Theodore Ko-rosy and Margaret Roberts, with sound footlight salesmanship. Highlights of the production were two sock dance numbers by the corps de ballet, directed by the Muni Opera's new ballet mistress. Virginia

Opera's new ballet mistress, Virginia Johnson. Bell and Gower stepped solo slots. The choral work of the singing ensemble of 60 voices was

singing ensemble magnificent. Dancing Years will run for 11 nights, with 10 revivals following to comprise the 1947 season. Frank Joerling.

don, Estelle Loring, Paula Purnell, Elena Salamatova and Charles Tate, Elena Salamatova and Charles Tate, executive committee members for three years; Xenia Bank, executive committee replacement for an unex-pired two-year term, and Kathleen O'Brien, CE representative on AE council for five years. Members elected were unopposed.



FOURTH ANNUAL DONALDSON AWARDS COMMITTEE. Around the table, left to right: Edward Dimond, Judy Holliday, Clarence Derwent, Robert Coleman, Morrie Seamon, Oliver Saylor, Anita Alvarez, Brock Pemberton, Mi-chael Kidd and Robert Francis. Unable to be present were Ralph Bellamy, Ruth Richmond and John McDowell. —Photo by William Leftwich.

## "Patriots" for Pix **Brings \$250,000**

NEW YORK, June 7.—Motion pic-ture rights to Sidney Kingsley's The Patriots have been purchased by Warner Bros. from the Playwrights Company, producers of the show, for 250G. Play was produced in 1943 and ran for 172 performances.

The film company has assigned Bretaigne Windust, director of State of the Union and Finian's Rainbow, to handle the megging chores on the script. The Patriots is one of the few plays produced by Playwrights Company that wasn't written by a scripter belonging to the group.

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## **BROADWAY OPENINGS**

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#### **OPEN HOUSE**

(Opened Tuesday, June 3, 1947) CORT THEATER

A comedy by Harry Young. Staged by Coby Ruskin. Setting, costumes and lighting, Leo Kerz. Company manager, William Croucher. Stage manager, Esther Snowden. Press representatives. Frank Goodman and Ber-nard Simon. Presented by Rex Carlton.

There is something back-handedly prophetic about the title, *Open House*, the comedy by Harry Young which returns Mary Boland to the Stem. The Cort is open now, but it won't be for long. The best that can be said for Young's thinly sliced comic cap-ers is that they bring back an ami-able star after an absence of some five years five years.

Miss Boland as the elderly Widow Barrett is just that—amiable, slightly fluttery and confused—and she makes the most of the scant opportunities which the script gives her. The Open House in question is, of course, the widow's, a kindly soul who is given the double-lorgnette by the neighbors. A particularly overdrawn, hell-cat from next door wants to give the widow the heave-ho, buy up the house and install the old gal as her cook.

#### **Plot** Thickens

This skulduggery is stymied by the advent of a pair of ex-G.I.'s and a sister as tenants. The trio pose as the old gal's relatives in order to get around a local zoning law prohibiting roomers. But this is just the set-up. From there on in, the Young genius for confusion tosses in a daughter of the nasty neighbor to fall, of course, for one of the G.I.'s. An indigent, comedy uncle gets in the picture. So do a couple of drunks, a dizzy laun-dress and a dumb expressman. The whole boils up to a frenzy, when the place gets raided as a disreputable joint. Naturally, after a third act littered with some more of Young's inventive teeterings, the problem is solved by the last person the audience is expected to expect will do it—the grafting, conniving uncle. The entire crew is skedded to grow old together in the Widow Barrett's house But this reporter doscn't bahouse. But this reporter doesn't be-lieve it—at least, not at the Cort.

House, like many others of its ilk, substitutes turbulence for wit. Some-one is always popping in or rushing up and down stairs, but nobody has much to say or do that is funny. What chuckles there are, stem from individual personality rather than the scripted word. The star manages to get her full share and Dulcie Cooper wrings more than a bit of wry amusement out of a dull part as the dopey washwoman. Ann Dere strug-gles mightily with a incredible chore as the shrew from next door and Curtis Cooksey slides effortlessly thru his scalawag assignment of the uncle. Joyce Mathews is pretty and overwholmingly notuber the CL's overwhelmingly petulant as the G.I.'s sister; a performance which could take a lot of toning down. Con-versely, Ben Loughlin turns his bit as a hard-boiled detective into a standout. The rest are so-so, and so is Coby Ruskin's staging, altho that any director could keep a matter

like House rolling on an even keel is something of a question. House might do as a frothy sum-mer road vehicle for Miss Boland. It will shrivel up on the Stem. Bob Francis.

#### LOUISIANA LADY (Opened Monday, June 2, 1947) **CENTURY THEATER**

tives, Leo Freedman and June Greenwall. Presented by Hall Shelton. El Gato \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ray Jacquemot Joe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lou Wills Jr. Michel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Val Buttignol Sarah \_\_\_\_\_\_ Tina Prescott Corrine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ann Lay Germaine \_\_\_\_\_\_ Patti Hall Annette \_\_\_\_\_\_ Angela Carabella Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_\_ Patti Hall Annette \_\_\_\_\_\_ Angela Carabella Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_\_ Patti Kingsley Yvonne \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ann Viola Marie-Louise \_\_\_\_\_\_ Edith Fellows Charley \_\_\_\_\_\_ Howard Blaine Christophe \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bert Wilcox Hugo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lee Kerry Genevieve \_\_\_\_\_\_ Isabella Wilson Madame Corday \_\_\_\_\_\_ Monica Moore Pierre \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gil Cass Marquet \_\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Kimberly Merluche \_\_\_\_\_\_ George Baxter Alphonse \_\_\_\_\_\_ Charles Judels Celeste \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bertha Powell A Drunk \_\_\_\_\_\_ George Roberts Hoskins \_\_\_\_\_\_ Partick Meany Judge Morgan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bert Wilcox Ladies and Gentlemen of the Singing Ensem-able: Angela Carabella, Fatti Hall, Frances Ladies and Gentlemen of the Singing Ensem-able: Angela Carabella, Fatti Hall, Frances Keys, Patti Kingsley, Ann Lay, Tina Pres-cott, Ann Viola, Isabella Wilson, Gil Cass, Berton Davis, Ken Emery, Gerald Griffin Jr., George Roberts, Robert Kimberly, Michael Landau and Patrick Meany.

Michael Landau and Patrick Meally. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Ballet: Aleta Buttignol, Karlyn De Geer, Louise Harris, Anzia Kubicek, Terry Miele, Nancy Milton, Helen Osborne, Ruth Ostrander, Daniel Buberniak. Val Buttignol, Kenneth Davis, Robert De Voye, Tony Matthews, Ralph Wil-liams, Raoul Celeda.

liams, Raoul Celeda. SONGS: Gold, Women and Laughter: That's Why I Want To Go Home, Men About Town, Just a Bit Naive, Cuckoo-Cheena. I Want To Live, The Night Was All to Blame, Beware of Lips That Way, Cherie, Louislana's Holiday, It's Mardi Gras; No, No, Mam'selle: When You Are Close to Me. No One Cares for Dreams, Mammy's Little Baby.

Twenty years ago Sam Shipman and Kenneth Perkins wrote a play called Creoles. The records say it ran 27 performances. Somehow this reporter missed it, but if it was anything like the musical which Isaac Green Jr. and Eugene Berton have Green Jr. and Eugene Berton have based on the story, your reporter is glad he did. *Creoles* has now become a song-and-dancer, titled Louisiana Lady, and unveils at the Century where all who wish may look and listen. It is likely that few will.

Perhaps the notion was sparked with producer Hall Shelton was sparked with producer Hall Shelton when he found that Watson Barratt's sets for the defunct In Gay New Orleans, which shuttered in Boston at the end of last year, were available. Certainly the Barratt backgrounds or all right replace with megnolics are all right, replete with magnolias and other delta impedimenta. Un-fortunately, Shelton didn't find a mu-sical to put in front of them. Lady is a sorry hodge-podge of dated ro-mantic tripe, minus both wit and imagination in practically every de-partment. Except for an occasional bit of tuneful chanting and a special-ty or two, it is a colossal bore from curtain to curtain.

#### **Plot** Outline

The plot, if anyone is interested, includes the love of an amiable young pirate for the love of an annable young pirate for the lovely, innocent daugh-ter of the proprietress of one of the town's really top-drawer bordellos. Ray Jacquemot and Edith Fellows are tunefully and coyly concerned in these chores. Mama is eye-fillingly played by Monica Moreo and Charles played by Monica Moore, and Charles Judels is the supposed comic interest as the major domo of the establishment. The customer will be surprised to know that it is Mardi gras season with everyone all dressed up and carrying on very merrily, also that there is a crooked politician who wants to hang the pirate and marry (See LOUISIANA LADY, page 49)

## **3 Independents Win** Equity Council Posts

NEW YORK, June 7 .--- Three members of the opposition Independent Ticket were elected to the Actors' Equity Council for five-year terms at the quarterly meeting of the union at the quarterly meeting of the union at the Hotel Astor Monday (2). Aline MacMahon and Ilka Chase, incum-bents, and Ralph Bellamy were the trio chosen. Rest of the winners were selected from the regular slate, with Elliot Nugent drawing the most votes and being followed by Ray-mond Massey, Philip Ober, Margalo Gillmore, Bert Lahr, Marjorie Gate-son and Frank M. Thomas Sr. Eddie Nugent was named replacement Nugent was named replacement councilor for one year.

Election is figured to widen the split among the liberal and con-servative elements in the union. Considerable rancor was displayed at the meeting when speeches were made in favor of the different tickets. However, trade sees the independents being chosen primarily on their rec-ords of service to the union rather than for political reasons.

## **Book** Review

Are You Going To Build a Theater? (American Theater Conference, 60 cents) will be on sale Tuesday (10). 60 Booklet, edited by Paul Baker and George Freedley, curator of Theater Collection of New York Public Li-brary, with research by Elizabeth P. Barrett, is newest legit bibli-ography published by the Conference and is a timely neutron tourned neu and is a timely pointer toward new drama housing facilities which must expand in the near future. It should hold particular interest for community, high school and rural

orgs which have in mind the devel-opment of local spots for the show-casing of drama. Primarily, the brochure is a complete reference list showhouse-building information, of of showhouse-building information, based on Freedley's premise that "money spent in legit showcase build-ing is either a waste or an invest-ment." "Proper planning," says Freedley, "can be an investment for any community."

Bibliographical references cover about every angle that can plague a prospective theater builder—acoustics, heating, ventilation, equipment and lighting. There is a pro and con argument as to whether a grid is nec-essary, examples of modern stage and house designs and their adapta-tion to needs, and scope of under-graduate drama organizations. Based on a study of the exhaustive list of references included in the

above is a suggested questionnaire to be put to the theater architect by interested parties. If the advice is followed, the potential house designer will be kept on his toes. In these days, when a renaissance of post-war legit so evidently requires more showcasing, the Conference's latest publications should be a must on pro-fessional and amateur bookshelves. Bob Francis.

## Foreign Opening

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## THE LOVE OF THREE ORANGES (L'AMOUR DES TROIS ORANGES)

THEATRE MONTPARNASSE, PARIS

A play by Alexandre Arnoux. Sets by Emile Bertin. Music by Andre Cadou, Coctumes by Annette Sarradin. Staged by Gaston Baty.

Alexandre Arnoux, who recently became a member of the Academie Goncourt, has scripted a new play, Love of Three Oranges (L'Amour Des Trois Oranges) with the premier at Gaston Baty's Theater Montparnasse.

Director-producer Baty commis-sioned this for a marionnette show, but once he had read it decided to use live actors. Had he stuck to his first plan it might have been more exciting, but as it stands there is little coherence and the tempo is too

Arnoux has used the same folk legend that inspired Prokofieff's op-era. However, here the "orange" tale is a pale excuse to squeeze us within the adventures and misad-ventures of Count Carlo Gozzi. In 18th Century Venice, Gozzi wrote the scenarios for and financed the stary. scenarios for and financed the starv-ing, bedraggeled Commedia Dell' ing, bedraggeled Commedia Dell' Arte Players, bringing them back to public attention and acclaim. At the same time he falls victim to the charms of a capricious actress whom he has discovered as a servant girl in a country inn. His influence puts her into the troupe to star until a rich Venetian protector carts her off to Paris.

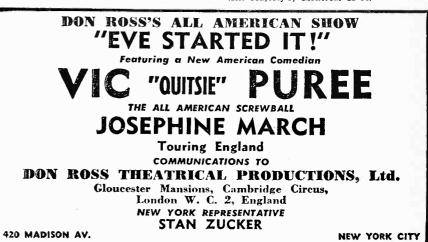
The epilogue, 25 years later, packs the only scene of force and ingenuity in the play, featuring Gozzi's dreams of former glories against memorable lighting and costuming. The cast for the most part is medi-

ocre; except that Muriel Chanay, as Theodora, reveals moments of vigor and intelligence. But the part is much too heavy and complicated for a beginner, and weighs down her best efforts.

American audiences won't take kindly to this love-escapade of a Cinderella-gone-wrong. Jean White.

ROUTES **Dramatic and Musical** 

Accidentally Yours (Selwyn) Chicago. Anna Lucasta (Plymouth) Boston. Anna Lucasta (Geary) San Francisco. Bloomer Girl (Biltmore) Los Angeles. Born Yesterday (Erlanger) Chicago. Call Me Mister (Blackstone) Chicago. Call Me Mister (Cass) Detroit. Carousel (Shubert) Chicago. Dark Memory (Wilbur) Boston. Iceman Cometh (Studebaker) Chicago. Laura (Harris) Chicago. Laute Song (National) Washington. Oklahoma (Forrest) Philadeiphia. Song of Norway (Curran) San Francisco. Three to Make Ready, with Ray Bolger (Colonial) Boston. Two Mrs. Carrolls, with Elizabeth Bergner (His Majesty's) Montreal 12-14.



## Burlesque

PHIL ROSENBERG, after 20 years **P** booking and representing artists for various circuits, has sold out his interests in the Brill Building office, Manhattan, to become associated with the I. Hirst Enterprises in charge of theater operations, with offices in Philadelphia and New York, Joe Hirst continues as vice-prexy with Jay Hornick, Hirst over-all exec.

Hirst continues as vice-prexy with Jay Hornick, Hirst over-all exec... New purchaser of the Rosenberg sanctum is Jack Beck, last manager of the Roxy, Cleveland, who takes possession June 15. . . Bernie Fer-ber, with the closing of the Gayety, Washington, takes over the manager-ial end of the Globe, Atlantic City, due to reopen with burly stock June 20. . . Bobb Lang is readying an act to break in with his new straight man, Don Mathers. . . . Marion Lee doubled as front line dancer and in her first strip-tease specialty at the Hudson, Union City, which has now closed for the season. . . . Helen Rita, accordionist, and her all-male ork will be featured all summer at Gradus Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y. . . Bettie MacDonald (Lady Godiva) opened at the Folly, Kansas City, Mo., June 6 in featured spot. . . . Sam Sidman, former ace comic, removed from Masonic Home, Utica, N. Y., to Englewood Hospital. Englewood, N. J., for heart treatment. . . . Vi Shaffer, featured for years with the Bert Smith Players, is re-cuperating from a siege of pneumonia at her home, 206 Douglas Street, cuperating from a siege of pneumonia at her home, 206 Douglas Street, Litchfield, Ill. Miss Shaffer has been residing in Litchfield since the death of her husband, Bert Smith, 18 months ago.

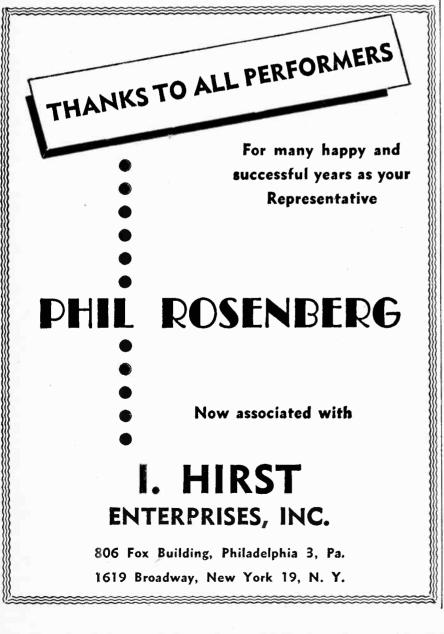
ROXY, Cleveland, remains a Hirst **R** unit. The expected deal for its return to George Young's operation fell thru. Jay Hornick, the circuit's exec, in Cleveland May 29, effected

new arrangements whereby the house remains open indefinitely with Jack Montgomery continuing as producer. . . . Ida Rose Chorines at the Pal-ace, Buffalo, include Connie (Rusty) Lee, in her fourth season, and Corine and Dottie Collins, Margie Olsen, Julia Warner, Peggy Shuite, Regina Otis and Mickey Kelly. Jessica Rogers, Renee Griffin, Lili Dawn and Naomi are among the burly strippers footuned in *Bits of Bourty* mag Rogers, Renee Griffin, Lili Dawn and Naomi are among the burly strippers featured in *Bits of Beauty* mag, Au-gust issue. . . Ronny Mason, comic-emsee, is at the Liberty Inn, Chicago. . . The Whitneys, Jerry and Cyn-thia returned to Harry Faros' Star, Portland, Ore., after a tour with A. J. Budd's carnival. . . Howard, Boston, has Billy Ainslee, Herbie Barris, Evelyn Knight and Georgia Sothern for the week of June 9; for June 16, La Vodis, Jean Carroll and Murray Briscoe; 23, Sammy Smith and Al Murray, and 30, Carol Le-Clair. . . Walter Brown moved into the Roxy, Cleveland, June 6 along with Carol King, Helen Colby and Dolly Dawson. . . Jack Pepper, Tommy Mack and Eddie Mills are a new trio in California. . . Joey Faye, following his engagement at the Diamond Mirror, Passiac, N. J., goes to Taminent Country Club in the Poconos for the summer. Poconos for the summer

#### Jelin Pays AE \$6,700 Due Cast of "Lysistrata"

NEW YORK, June 7.—Max Jelin has paid Actors' Equity the remain-der of a \$6,700 debt he owed the cast of Lysistrata. Thesps in the show will receive about \$5,500, while the chorus gets the rest.

The producer and Belasco Theater The producer and Belasco Theater lessee previously lost to the union when the matter went to arbitration early this year. Altho Jelin is still on the Equity unfair list, he may have his name removed by applying to the council. Lysistrata opened last November 17 and closed after a few performances





CAPT. C. C. SLAYTON, of Washington, was elected national president of the Society of American Magicians at the annual convention at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, May 29-31. Other officers elected were John McArdle, vice-president; Jean Hugard, treasurer, and Leslie P. Guest, secretary. With over 800 reg-istrants, the convention was generally concoded to be the "biggest vet" Com conceded to be the "biggest yet." Con-clave got under way with a "night before" party Wednesday (28), with various prominent magickers pre-senting impromptu acts. Highlight of the party was the unexpected arrival of Blackstone, who presented his complete card routine. Thursday his complete card routine. Thursday afternoon (29) saw the start of the educational program, with lectures by Bert Allerton, Matt Schulien, Johnny Paul and Doc Tarbell. In the evening a carnival was held in the hotel's Mural Room, with Si Stebbins, Don Sweet, Dave Coleman, Prince Zombie (Klauba) and Theo (Okito) Bamberg participating in the plat-forna show. Friday afternoon's lecforna show. Friday afternoon's lec-turers included Jack Gwynne, Bob Lotz, W. C. (Dorny) Dornfield and John Nichols Booth. Friday evening, at the Eighth Street Theater, a packed house witnessed the Headpacked house witnessed the Head-liners' Show emseed by Dorny. In-cluded in the line-up of acts were Stuart Cramer, Paul and Trudy Stadelman, Bill Baird, Bob Neller, Le Paul, Gwynne and Company, Frakson, and Tung Pin Soo (Al Frakson, and Tung Pin Soo (Al Wheatley) and Charlene. Dai Vernon lectured at the Saturday afternoon (31) show....Banquet was held Sat-(31) show.... Banquet was held Sat-urday night in the Terrace Room, fol-lowed by a show featuring Chicago magicians only. With Al Baker (the only non-Chicagoan) as emsee, Bert Alierton, Russ Walsh, John Platt, King and Zorita, Gregory and Cherie, Derofessor Slutter, and Kodell persent Professor Slyter, and Kodell present-ed their nifties. Magic dealers were well represented in the display room, with 18 proprietors exhibiting. Highlights of the exhibits were Jack Miller's hilarious demonstrations of his hold-out, and Tiny Grant's visible rabbit vanish.

JAY PALMER and Doreen postal from Japan: "Have had a very fine tour of Japan and go next to the Philippines, Korea and China. We're both in good health and enjoying the trip."...G. Ray Terrell, following his engagement at Hotel Pierre, New York mound into Loew's State there York, moved into Loew's State there Thursday (5) for a week's stand. He returns to the Pierre in the fall. Harold Lloyd, veteran movie comedian and producer and no mean trixster himself, caught the Terrell performance at the Pierre the other night. . . ance at the Pierre the other hight.... Jack Herbert is on his fifth return en-gagement at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. . . . Terry Lynn, magish, and Ray Parker and Port-hole, vent, have just concluded a two-weeker in the Blue Grass Room of the Brown Hotel, Louisville. Lieut. Lee Allen Estes, Safety First Magi-cian of the Kentucky Highway Patrol, was a visitor during their stay there. ... Val Rev and Ann have closed out ... Val Rey and Ann have closed out their interests in Florida and are presenting their magic in private clubs in New York State... Hal Haviland, after a week at the Olympic Theater, after a week at the Olympic Theater, Miami, hopped into Baltimore. . . . Frank Clinton was elected president of the Parent Assembly, Society of American Magicians, at the annual meeting and election 'held recently at the Barbizon-Plaza, New York. Elected along with him were Max Katz, first vice-president, and Walter Colomon geograph wige proz. Foctured Coleman, second vice-prez. Featured at the Parent Assembly's annual show was Sir Felix Korim and Company, which played to an audience of nearly by Princess Pat, is presenting his musical mental turn nightly at the Dream House at New York's Colum-

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## **Unions Give Break** To New Stem Stock

NEW YORK, June 7.—Company of 12, new legit producing outfit, whose initial venture will be a 10-week season of stock this summer at the City Center, was given an unusual break by the unions when the latter agreed last week, at a meeting before their fact-finding committee, to cut labor costs to the minimum because the group was doing stock and some unions had no provisions for this type of legit.

Concessions are as follows: Actors' Equity is allowing the regular stock minimums of \$46 per week for thesps minimums of \$46 per week for thesps (regular scale being \$60 a week); minimum crew of five stagehands will work the large house; one head b.-o. treasurer at \$110 per week and an associate at \$90 weekly, instead of a regulation four-man set-up; As-sociation of Theatrical Agents and Monogers is permitting a combined Managers is permitting a combined house and company manager, and Scenic Artists' Union will allow the use of one scenic designer for the 10-week season at \$164.50 a week. (Regulation here is \$500 a set.)

Union's point of view, in addition to stock angle, is that the group not only can be a civic venture, but that it will create a new audience for legit among the younger element by virtue of its \$2.40 top.

#### **Revivals** Planned

Among the shows being considered for revival are Rip Van Winkle, The Trial of Mary Dugan, Arms and the Man, Seven Keys to Baldpate and

Man, Seven Keys to Baldpate and Beggar on Horseback. Twelve members of the company are Harold Bromley, Byron McGrath, Robert Rapport, Haila Stoddard, Frances Reid, Grace Coppin, Philip Bourneuf, Montgomery Clift, Mil-dred Natwick, Herbert Berghof, Carl Kent, and Bill Doll, the flack.

#### Wilmington Legit House **May Try Pic Revivals**

WILMINGTON, Del., June 7.— Francis E. Cavanaugh, manager of the Playhouse, legit house frequently used for pre-Broadway openings, has sent letters to a mailing list of 5,000 Wilmingtoniag, aching whether they Wilmingtonians, asking whether they would like to see some old-time movie classics. Cavanaugh is trying to keep the

theater lighted as much as possible. His experiments with a variety show at \$1.80 top was a financial flop this winter.

bus Circle as a feature of the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund drive. Giovanni, the pickpocket magician, has just concluded a fortnight's stand on the Normandi Roof of the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal.

### \$1,800 Stripper

UNION CITY, N. J., June 7. When the Hudson Theater, local burly house, found \$1,800 local burly house, found \$1,800 on its hands over Decoration Day, it chose for safe-keeping a place it supposed to be the most secure in town—police head-quarters. On Monday, when the ops called for their moola, they learned that not all the stripping in Union City lost work and hed in Union City last week-end had been confined to the stage of the been confined to the stage of the Hudson. Someone had stripped police headquarters of the 1,800 skins. The three officers in charge were so embarrassed they immediately chipped in 600 bucks apiece to make up the loss. They denied any guilt ex-cept carelessness, but were sus-pended pending investigation. The burly manager took his \$1,800 and ran-not walked-to

\$1,800 and ran-not walked-to bank.

#### Jory in N. Y. To Cut|LOUISIANA LADY (Continued from page 47) **Moppet Disk Albums**

YORK, June 7.—Victor NEW Jory returned from the West Coast last week to complete platterings of three children's albums for Signature Records. He will leave for Hollywood early next week.

Jory's current plans include turn-ing three of the moppet recordings into animated cartoons. With Mendy Brown and Arnold Weisberger, he has already raised \$105,000 for the project. The pix will be made here, and the only stumbling block is the release set-up via Pathe-RKO.

Meanwhile, during the next eight weeks, Jory will make a pic version of *Taproots* for Walter Wanger. He expects to be back on the Stem in the fall with an eye on a new play. He will definitely not return to the American Repertory Theater.

### Walden Is Elected **Scenic Union Prez**

NEW YORK, June 7. — At its monthly meeting Monday (2), the United Scenic Artists Union, Local 829, American Federation of Labor, elected Walter Walden prexy over Arne Lundborg by a vote of 118 to 115. Woodman Thompson, incum-heat did not run bent, did not run.

Rest of the officers chosen include Charles E. Lessing, vice-president; Emeline Roche, recording secretary; Arthur Romano, financial secretary; George Everett, treasurer; James Balfour, trustee, and Rudy Karnolt, big const. biz agent.

Karnolt defeated Fred Marshall, former biz agent, who recently re-turned from retirement, by a vote of 180 to 47.

#### St. Louis Theater Group **Opening With Comedy**

ST. LOUIS, June 7.—St. Louis Resident Theater has scheduled Car-lo Goldoni's comedy, Mistress of the Inn, as its first production in the Wednesday Club Auditorium, June 22-24. The offering will be directed by Bill Miller, KMOX actor and staff announcer and will feature Valerie by Bill Miller, KMOX actor and staff announcer, and will feature Valerie Brinkman Lutz, Sam Seeks, Gabriel Anderson, Betty Beal, Wiley Hance and Russell Jung. The Resident Theater, which has been in the process of reorganization for the past 10 months, has branched out with a mag, *Prologue*, covering St. Louis out downs and music.

St. Louis art, drama and music. The org also is sponsoring a September exhibition of non-professional thea-ter work for local groups at the City Art Museum.



the gal. Of course the politician doesn't, because Charles Judels blows up his warehouse and frees the gallant lad. This makes for a nice fi-

nale, with the villian tied up and

everybody stepping and chanting robustly. This may give some general indi-cation of the novelty of the idea.

Monte Carlo's and Alma Sanders' lyrics and tunes sound all more or less put of the same barrel. Verses are sticky and love-lorn and the music is over-all, sugar-coated in the sic is over-all, sugar-coated in the manner of ancient operettas. It all sounds like something you have heard long ago—and far from the best of what you have heard at that. Felicia Sorel has injected an equally small amount of invention into her dance patterns. Her gals and how dance patterns. Her gals and boys are more than energetic, but that's as far as they go. The magic dance touch present in some of our other current musicals is woefully lacking here.

#### Not the Director's Fault

There should, however, be no com-plaint about Edgar MacGregor's di-less out of the same barrel. Verses

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matters to about the only pace possible—operetta circa, 1910.

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Castwise, Miss Fellows warbles prettily and Jacquemot adds a satis-factory robustly romantic presence. What prompted Judels to get mixed up with a role that has less than zero to offer, is a question. Miss Moore, as has been said, is more than nice to look at and sings engagingly Mote, as has been said, is more than nice to look at and sings engagingly. Brightest spots in the show are Lou Wills Jr.'s familiar acro-terping. The rest of them are just in there trying. Most of them have a faintly apolo-getic air about the whole thing.

The apologies are accepted. June is here. Bob Francis.



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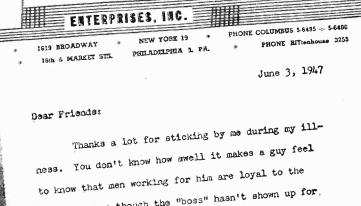
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business even though the "boss" hasn't shown up for, I have been a pretty sick man, but I am on my

way to recovery and will soon be back in harness doing business at the

In the meantime, in order to keep the records

straight, I want to take this opportunity to tall you that, until I get back, Jay Hornick is the acting "boss." His word goes. He is the General Manager of the works. Any problems you have, anything to be done --- you take it up with Jay, or whoever he thinks is OK to handle the job. That's off my chest. I'm getting along pretty well and I'll be around soon, traveling the old circuit, and I'll be able

to thank you personally.

sincerely yours, padore -Isadore Hirst

P.S. I am happy to announce the association of Phil Rosenberg with the I. Hirst Enterprises in charge of theatre operations.

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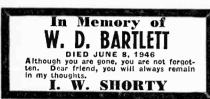
#### 49 **GENERAL NEWS**

AMES-Adrienne, 39. former film star and radio commentator, over Station WHN, until illness forced her to retire recently, in New York, May 31. Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Flora McClure; a daughter, Barbara; a sister, Jane Merrick, and three brothers, Samuel, Joseph and Walter McClure.

#### In Memory of W. D. "BILL" BARTLETT **DIED JUNE 8, 1946** Chas. & Jane Reynolds

BARNARD—Frederick, 59, drum-mer in leading Toronto theaters for past 30 years, May 30, in that city. He formerly traveled with the Garden Bros.' Circus and with minstrel shows.

BLANTON—John B., 51, motion picture operator, suddenly in Chat-tanooga May 30. He served in the navy in World War I and in the marine corps in World War II.



BONFIGLIO—Giuseppe, 64, pre-mier danseur of the ballet of the Metropolitan Opera Company for more than 20 years, in New York, June 1. He retired in 1935. Prior to coming to New York he had been in more than Sank in leading male dancer at the Scala in Milan, Italy, and had danced as so-loist at the Royal Theater, in Dres-den, Germany, for 10 seasons, and also at the San Carlos Opera House, Naples, and the Royal Theater, Rome. Surviving is his widow, Esther Bon-figlio, a ballet dancer.

CASADESUS-Henri, 68, French composer and musician, in Paris, May 31. He was a member of the Quator Capet and was the founder and president of the Society of Antique Instruments, widely known in Europe and the United States. Among his compositions were the comic operas, Le Rosier and Cotillon and the bal-lets, Les Plaisirs Champetres and Bouquet De France.

CHANDLER - William, 67, May CHANDLER — William, 67, May 30, in Fair Haven, N. J. He was the father of Evelyn Chandler Mapes, former Olympic figure-skat-ing champion who now, with her husband Bruce Mapes, promotes ice shows

CHRYSLER-Mrs. Gurnee, 48, interior decorator and associate of Franklin Hughes, night club designer, killed in plane crash near Bainbridge, Md., May 30.

DAREWSKI-Herman, 64, one of England's best-known songwriters for the past 40 years, band leader and a former music publisher, in London, June 2. Darewski was mu-sical director of the SPA Corporation at Bridlington (1924-'26); the Win-ter Garden, Blackpool (1927-'30); ter Garden, Blackpool (1927-30); and, for several winter seasons, the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the Olympia, in London. Among his widely known song hits were Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Sol-diers, When We've Wound Up the Watch on the Rhine, Which Switch Is the Switch for Ipswitch, If You Only Knew and Whispering. He was also the author of a book on memoirs, Musical Memories, the creator of musical strip cartoons and inventor of a method for teaching piano to children—which he successfully used as tutor of Princes Elizabeth. as tutor of Princess Elizabeth. DEVEREAUX—William, 49, a for-

DEVEREAUX—William, 49, a for-mer champion speed skater, of a heart ailment May 21 in Detroit. Survived by his widow, also a former speed skater, and two children. In-terment in Detroit. GREGG—George A., 65, veteran showman, May 25 in Veterans' Hos-pital, Chillicothe, O. He operated

## THE FINAL CURTAIN

Motordromes and minstrel shows on carnivals. Survivors are his widow, Cora, and son, Donald. Funeral and burial at Lorain, O.

HANCOCK—William, 97, long in-terested in circus affairs, May 30 at the Massachusetts Masonic Home. Services and burial at Brockton. Mass.

HOLMAN—Lewis L., 82, co-owner of Holman's Rides, May 22 at Seneca, N. Y., following a short illness. Sur-vived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Sprague. HORVATH—Julia, 23, ballet dan-

cer of Cleveland, former member of the Monte Carlo Ballet troup, killed in crash of Eastern Air Lines plane near Bainbridge, Md., May 30. She was bound for Rio De Janeiro to fill

engagements. HUBBARD—John W., 83, Pitts-burgh steel magnate and one-time owner of Coney Island, Cincinnati amusement park, June 3 in Atlantic City. He became owner of Coney Island in 1923, operated the park for

Island in 1923, operated the park for a year, and then sold it back to the Coney Island Company. KOFORD—William P., 48, show-man, suddenly May 29 at his home in Jamestown, Pa. He had been with the Merry Widow and various Olson and Johnson companies and also with the Ringling and John Robinson circuses. More recently he had been property manager of the *Stu-dent Prince* company. Survived by his widow and a sister. Burial in Jamestown.

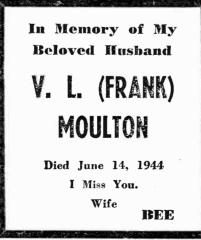
KONSTANTINOFF — Konstantin. composer and conductor of Paris, killed in plane crash near Bainbridge, Md., May 30. LESSEY — George,

LESSEY — George, 67, veteran stage and screen actor, in Westbrook, Conn., June 3. He appeared recently in the Broadway production of *State* of the Union. He played the lead in the original company of *The Bat* and later appeared in such Broadway hits as *Cradle Snatchers*. Porgu and hits as Cradle Snatchers, Porgy and Bess and Earl Carroll's Sketch Book. He was a member of the Lambs. Surviving are his widow, May, and a

Surviving are his widow, May, and a sister, Flora Fish. ' MACKAY — Norman, commercial manager of Station WBAY, Coral Gables, Fla., killed in Eastern Air Line crash near Bainbridge, Md., May 30. For 12 years he was pro-gram director of Station WQOM in Miami. Surviving are his widow and two sons

Miami. Surviving are his widow and two sons. MACKEY—John, 53, at one time in charge of music for the Warner Bros.' theaters in Hartford, New Britain and Waterbury, Conn., May 26 at his home in Hartford. He was a member of Local 400, Hartford Musicians' Protective Association. MADIGAN—James P., 50, ride owner and concessionaire in and

owner and concessionaire in and around Chicago, June 1 in that city following an extended illness. (For details see Carnival Section.)



McCONNELL-William, 73, projectionist in Toronto theaters for past 35 years and a former flying trapeze and high-wire performer May 30 in that city.

MORRIS — David, 38, mechanic with the Dorman Bros.' Circus, in State Hospital, Connellsville, Pa., June 1 of injuries sustained when an airplane struck the cab of his trailer truck man Connellsville truck near Connellsville.

NEWCOMB — Henry, 69, well known in radio and theaters as Ab-69, well ner Keene, father of Hank Keene, with whose entertainment ventures he had been associated, in Williman tic, Conn., May 31. He leaves a son Harry, and a grandson, Harry Jr.

O'BRIEN—Daniel, 59, agent on the O. C. Buck Shows, in Troy, N. Y. May 27. Funeral services were held May 29 at the James J. Clinton fu-neral parlor and at St. Mary's Church, in Troy. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

PHILIP—Harry C., 73, orchestra director, June 3 at his home in De-troit after a long illness. He became director of the Ford Motor Company Band in 1912, and subsequently built, and for many years fronted the De-troit Shrine Band. At one time he was affiliated with the Lorenzen and Philip Orchestras organization. Survived by his widow and son. Burial at Chatham, Ont.

RABINER — Charles, 30, play-wright and radio script writer, in RABINER — Charles. Brooklyn June 1.

Brooklyn June 1. REEDY—Grover C., 62, business agent for the Wichita, Kan., stage-hands' union, June 2 at his home in that city. Survived by his widow, Hazel, and a brother, Dr. Robert Reedy, of Toledo. REMY—Dick Sr., 74, motion pic-ture director and showman, in Holly-wood Lune 1 of a beart attack.

wood June 1 of a heart attack. He was the father of Dick and Dot Remy,

was the father of Dick and Dot Remy, comedy team. ROBSON—Robert, 77, retired ac-tor, in New York June 3. He was a member of the original cast of Way Down East and played with Annie Russell at Wallack's Theater. Other plays in which he appeared were Wall Street, The Guinea Pig and The Unsonhisticated His last case of the start Unsophisticated. His last stage ap-pearance was in Pastoral, in 1939.

pearance was in *Pastoral*, in 1939. RUEDA—Enrique, a dancer from Mexico City, killed in a plane crash near Bainbridge, Md., May 30. RUSHIA—Jennie M., 72, conces-sionaire, May 28 at her home in Naples, Me. With her husband, Tom, she was active for 25 years in the concession field over the New Eng-land circuit of carnivals, fairs and beaches. Burial at Beverly, Mass

beaches. Burial at Beverly, Mass. SISSON—Ken, 48, pianist and ar-ranger, in Rego Park, L. I., N. Y., May 30. For 30 years he served as arranger for bands and as pianist and contact man for leading music publishers. At death he was a partner in the firm of Casey, Sisson Music Company, Rockefeller Center, New York

SKLAR-Ezar, 63, father of George

SKLAR—Ezar, 63, father of George Sklar, playwright and author, in Meriden, Conn., May 29. SMITH—James, 78, former presi-dent of the Estevan, Sask., Agricul-tural Society, at Estevan recently. Burial at Estevan May 26. SMITH—Margaret, sister of R. W. Smith (Bob Bobbett), with World of Today Shows, May 23 in Houston in an accident in which her grand-mother, Mrs. Oda Dixon, also died. Burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Houston. Houston.

SOKHEY—Lady, Indian classical and folk dancer, better known as Madame Menakashe, in Bombay, In-

dia, May 30. SPIVA—Cyril C., 45, veteran race track programer, June 2 at Phoenix, Ariz. Legless for 30 years, he was a familiar figure at race tracks for more than 20 years. He was a mem-ber of the Arizona Showmen's Association. STILES-

-Bob, 57, a trouper a decade ago with Gentry Bros., Gollmar and John Robinson shows, May 15 of a heart attack at his home in Dick-son, Tenn. Survived by his widow,

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Marie; two sons, Paul and Lyn; three brothers, Bill, Joe and Ed; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Heilig, and Mrs. Mary Bankston, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stiles. Burial in

Dickson. SULLIVAN—Howard, 63, father of SULLIVAN—Howard, 63, father of Howard Sullivan Jr., news editor of WiCC, Bridgeport, Conn., and brother of Mrs. Arthur Flannagan, organist, in St. Vincent Hospital, Bridgeport, Conn., May 29. Survived also by his widow and daughter. Burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Bridgeport.

SWEENEY-Thomas J., 88, father

SWEENEY—Thomas J., 88, father of Mrs. Larry Marcaccio, concession-aire on the O. C. Buck Shows, in Youngstown, O., recently. TRAPP—Baron Georg Von, 67, father of the Trapp Family Singers, in Stowe, Vt., May 30. Trapp's wife and 10 children, coming to New York, from Austria in 1938 soon became from Austria, in 1938, soon became one of this country's outstanding musical groups. Baron Von Trapp was an Austrian naval officer, but quit Austria when Hitler took over. He was a violinist, tho he did not play professionally. He served as business agent for his family and assisted in the operation of the Trapp Family Musical Camp at their farm

Family Musical Camp at their farm in Stowe. WILKINS—Floyd, songwriter and Eastern manager of Wallace-Fowler Publications, Albany, N. Y., May 26 at his home in that city. He and Wally Fowler co-authored many tunes, including The Love You Threw Away, No Wonder I'm Blue, With Tears in My Heart, Never Mind and Too Late for Tears, the last-named soon to be released on Capitol Rec-ords. Survived by his widow and a son. Floyd D. son, Floyd D.

## Marriages

BOULLON-BAKER - Jo Boullon, French ork leader, and Josephine Baker, American-born, Music Hall artist, in Castelnau-Fayrac, France,

June 3. DAVIS-WALTERS - Jack Davis. cashier at the Motordrome, River-view Park, Chicago, and Vivian Wal-

 view Park, Chicago, and Vivian Walters, guess-your-age operator at the park, in Chicago May 26.
 EYTHE-CHAPMAN — William J.
 Eythe, film actor, and Mrs. Patricia
 Cobb Chapman, former screen actress
 Buff Cobb granddaughter of the late Coop Chapman, former screen actress Buff Cobb, granddaughter of the late Irvin S. Cobb and stepdaughter of Mrs. Frank Chapman (the singer Gladys Swarthout), in New York, June 2

June 2. HENRY-HAWKINS—Hugh Henry, henry, on the C. A. Ferris Wheel foreman on the C. A. Stephens Shows, and Elenore Haw-kins, Girl Show worker with the same shows, May 23 in Jonesville,

Va. JOHNSON - BENTON -Gilbert Johnson, scenic artist on the C. A. Stephens Shows, and Mabel Benton, of Gate City, Va., in that city May 25. MILLER-KEENEY — Everett B.

Miller, carnival concessionaire, and Thelma E. Keeney, of *The Billboard's* Cincinnati office mail forwarding de-partment, May 20, in Great Bend, Kan

Kan. MULLINS-BRANCHERRY — Ber-nard Mullins, announcer on WBRY, Waterbury, Conn., and Barbara Brancherry May 27 in West Hartford,

Conn. SKIDMORE - REYNES — Jimmie Skidmore, Ferris Wheel man on the C. A. Stephens Shows, and Virginia Lee Reynes, of Gate City, Va., in that city May 25.

TARA-EMERY-William Tara and Ann Lusson Emery May 19 at St. Louis. Both are with Royal American Shows.

## **Births**

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Page May 25 in Russellville, Ky. Father is brother of W. E. Page, owner of the Page Bros.' Shows. A daughter, Diane, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Niesen in Chicago April 6. Father is a concessionaire at River-view Park, Chicago.





## Sunbrock's N. Y. Thriller **Passes 200,000 Gate Mark;** Weather Chills Night Biz

#### **Operational Nut Draws Awesome Comments**

NEW YORK, June 7.-Attendance at Larry Sunbrock's Rodeo and Thrill Circus thru last night was reported in excess of 200,000 by Thomas Gal-In excess of 200,000 by Thomas Gal-lery, business manager of Yankee Stadium, where the show winds up its nine-day engagement (18 per-formances) tonight. Sunbrock, volu-bly pleased with the outcome, should count big dough for his end, even tho the operating nut has been terrific to the point of drawing awesome com-ments from showmen who are no ments from showmen who are no

strangers to daring promotion. Show got under way to a healthy start Decoration Day when an esti-mated 35,000 turned out for the matinee. Saturday was equally good and a peak crowd, announced as 44,000, attended Sunday. The night shows have been weak, due in part to cool

### Saddle River, N. J., Scores for B&V

GARFIELD, N. J., June 7.—B&V Shows closed a successful week at near-by Saddle River Saturday (31). Good weather favored the stand for Good weather favored the stand for the run with the exception of Thurs-day night (29) when a heavy down-pour killed off business. Shows played under local fire department auspices. The midway was jammed Friday and Saturday nights (30-31) and all rides' shows and concessions played to good business. B&V office staff this season in-cludes Eddie Elkins, business man-ager; Mike Buck, general manager; Justin Van Viliet, manager; Queenie Van Vliet, secretary-treasurer; Justin Van Vliet Jr., electrician and main-tenance, and Joseph Perdrak, ride su-perintendent. Line-up consists of cookhouse, Mr.

tenance, and Joseph Perdrak, ride su-perintendent. Line-up consists of cookhouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. Geegory; two cat games, Queenie Van Vliet, agents, Irene Gil-lis and Albert Turneri; two stores, A. Kalman; two stores, Johnny Glyn; three stores, Eddie Elkins; beat the dealer, Lillian Elkins; cage, Joseph Perdrak; three stores and over and under, Albert De Suo; pan game, Marye Van Vliet and Robert Lee; H. W. Jones, bingo; French waffles, J. W. Wendle; candy floss, W. Kraus; french fries, Mary and Archie Cook; three stores, Moe and Sam Walker; shooting gallery, Ralph Lee; three stores, Benny Spagnola; J. D. Martin. Girl Revue is managed by Ed Fer-rerie, with five girls; Cowboy Show has Slim Skellett, radio artist, as-sisted by Kitty Bert and Larry Regna; Side Show, Fred Hoyt, assisted by Prof Moni Diane and Mrs. Hovt:

Side Show, Fred Hoyt, assisted by Prof. Moni Diane and Mrs. Hoyt; Funhouse, Millard Frick, assisted by James M. Kile.

Mr. Buck is recovering nicely from his long siege of illness. J. W. Wen-dle, who was painfully burned in Garfield when a fire started in his waffle stand, was discharged by the doctor last week.

doctor last week. Visitors recently were Mrs. Bess Hamid, Mrs. Anna Halpin, Mrs. Midge Cohen, Dorothy Packtman, Clem Schmitz, Harry Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kane and Junior, en route to the Kirkwood Shows at Newburgh, N. Y.

Free attraction is the Fearless Stars, aerial act, which is proving a good drawing card.

temperatures, while attendance on temperatures, while attendance on weekday afternoons nose-dived, as expected. Since schools are not yet out, the kid play has been confined to the week-end. It is unlikely that the total attendance will exceed half of the 500,000 predicted by the hopeful Surbrook Sunbrock.

The extensive promotional cam-paign undertaken by Sunbrock out-ballyhooed anything to play here of a similar nature except the Big Show. With the exception of newspapers, which failed to co-operate the sell. which failed to co-operate, the selling job was a thoro one. Altho spending several grand a day on bought newspaper space, little men-tion was given the show. Top stunt to attract attention, engineered by Publicist Dick Sullivan, was the human fly antics of Ciamba, the Brooklyn Tarzan and a show feature, who climbed the Hotel Astor and scampered over ledges and cornices before being corraled by police. Thousands gathered in Times Square (See Sunbrock Thriller on page 103)

B. F. Gimbel To Head Board Of Madison Square Garden NEW YORK, June 7.—Bernard F. Gimbel, head of the Gimbel Depart-ment Stores and a director of the Coca-Cola Company, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Madison Square Garden Cor-poration, Wednesday (4), replacing Stanton Griffis, who has been ap-pointed ambassador to Peland. Financial report of the Garden for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1947

the fiscal year ended May 31, 1947, shows operating revenue for the year of approximately \$7,250,000 and profits of about \$2,025,000, prior to deduction of federal taxes. of

Claflin Children Get Share of Work Estate AKRON, June 7.—Two children are assured a \$50,000 share in the estate of the late Fred W. Work, a Common Pleas Court decision by Judge C. V. D. Emmons reveals. Work was well known thruout the country as a circus fan and for a number of years traveled with the Barnett and Wallace Bros.' circuses. The children are Alan Claflin, 11, and his sister, Patricia, 14, children of Minor B. Claflin, who was Work's secretary.

Miniature Circus Drawing Card at **Detroit** Park

DETROIT, June 7.-New type of DETROIT, June 7.—New type of miniature show, stemming from show business itself, bowed this season at Edgewater Park here, as Ernie's Miniature Circus. Operating in a Quonset hut structure erected for the number with a 25 center denoted purpose, with a 25-cent admission charge, it is proving a good box office attraction.

Producer and manager is Ernie Palmquist, former name band leader, and more recently an emsee, who did the job of carving a complete circus set-up himself, with the assistance of Mrs. Palmquist. Show consists of some 15,000 in-

show consists of some 15,000 in-dividual pieces, according to Palm-quist, and is constructed on a scale of a half inch to a foot. Complete circus spec and individual typical big-top acts working simultaneously on three rings two plotforms and big-top acts working simultaneously on three rings, two platforms, and in the air are shown in a cuataway big top modeled after the Ringling-Barnum show. The model set-up includes the appurtenances of a cir-cus lot from the Side Show and me-nagerie to backlot cookhouse and lavatory tents. Figures are not anilavatory tents. Figures are not animated.

Palmquist exhibited his miniature circus for the past three months in various department stores, and made his first appearance on an actual show lot at Edgewater, where he will remain for the balance of the sum-

## **Decoration Day Big for Strates**

TROY, N. Y., June 7.-James E. Strates Shows, playing here this week, enjoyed one of the biggest Decoration Day grosses in history at Watervliet, N. Y., one show official

"Decoration Day the crowds came early and stayed late. The following day we had a surprising matinee and

## How To Avoid Damage Suits

#### By Leo T. Parker

rules that proprietors of amusement parks may follow to avoid all lia-bility for injuries to patrons who ride

bility for injuries to patrons who ride amusement devices. When deciding a suit filed by an injured patron, the court considers only four simple questions. If these questions may be answered in af-firmative, an injured patron always can recover damages for an injury. These questions are: (1) Was the in-inved patron evercising ordinary care jured patron exercising ordinary care to protect himself from injury when the accident occurred? (2) Did the proprietor know the device which caused the injury was dangerous? (3) Was the device so dangerous the

The higher courts have laid down ales that proprietors of amusement arks may follow to avoid all lia-lity for injuries to patrons who ride nusement devices. When desider a suit filed by an other that the defect ex-have knowledge of the defect ex-dition and if not had the defect exhave knowledge of the defective con-dition, and if not had the defect ex-isted for so long that a reasonably careful proprietor could have dis-covered and repaired the defect? If, after considering all testimony the court decides all of these ques-tions can be answered in the affirma-tive it will render a verdict in favor

tive it will render a verdict in favor of the injured person.

Quite obviously, therefore, it is ad-visable readers know what to do so that, in event of litigation, these ques-(See HOW TO AVOID on page 103)

## Eastern Ops **Do Socko Biz Over Holiday**

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**Ideal Weather Lures Trade** 

NEW YORK, June 7.-At long last outdoor showmen and park operators of this area were favored with an ideal week-end, a three-day Decoration Day holiday week-end with the kind of weather showmen have been praying for ever since the season opened.

May 30 brought good crowds to all (See Eastern Funspots on page 102)

#### **Circus Clown Club Drive** For Members in Progress

LOS ANGELES, June 7.-President Richard Arcand, of the Circus Clown Club of America, P. O. Box 606, Los Angeles, reported at a recent meeting that the membership drive meeting that the membership drive is moving along at a fast clip. New members include Phil Kallail, Jack Vinick, Joe Bustead, George J. Koesny, Mrs. Stanley Christy, Jimmy Beach, Mary Wood, Dr. Lochner, Oma Sandler and Louis La Voie. Margretta V. Kelly, executive sec-retary of the club, announced the death of Mrs. P. T. Smith, a member. Donations of \$50 from Margretta Kelly and \$10 from Phil Kallail, for the death benefit fund, were an-nounced.

nounced.

#### Packs Sets July 7-13 Date For Cincy's Crosley Field

CINCINNATI, June 7.-Tom Pack's

CINCINNATI, June 7.—Tom Pack's Thrill Show, featuring Roy Rogers, film cowboy, is booked to appear here July 7-13 at Crosley Field, home of the Cincinnati Reds. Show opens in New York June 15. Other attractions slated to appear here are Terrell Jacobs; Selden, "the Stratosphere Man"; Peejay Ringens, Victoria Zacchini, Incomparable Kays, and the Mighty Milos, high pole, along with standard circus acts. Arrangements have been made Arrangements have been made with the Cincinnati Baseball Club to handle the advance ticket sale.

#### King & Franklin Reported Stuck in Virginia Snow

CHICAGO, June 7.—A letter writ-ten by N. R. Garnes May 31 reveals that snow and rainy weather bogged down the King & Franklin Circus at Wytherville, Va. Continuous bad breaks stripped the

org, which opened at Lebanon, Tenn., in April, of its bankroll, and Garnes' letter indicates that many of the troupers will be facing a distressing situation unless relief is furnished.

#### **Circus Historical Society**

The second national convention of the CHS will be held in Jamestown, N. Y., July 11-13. Hotel Samuels will be the headquarters and reservations should be made thru Burns Katten-

should be made thru Burns Katten-berg, manager. Edmond P. R. Holt, president of division No. 3, visited the Bailey Bros.' Circus at Bethlehem, Pa. Dr. E. N. Olzendam, Manchester, N. Y., made his annual trek to Boston to sofeh the Big Show Burns Katten catch the Big Show. Burns Katten-berg entertained Fred Baker during (See Historical Society on page 102)

#### CARNIVALS Communications to 155 No. Clark St., Chicago 1, Ill.

## Quinn's Org Makes Record **Fighting Mud**

#### **Much New Equipment Added**

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., June 7.— History has been made by the World of Pleasure Shows since it opened seven weeks ago. Never before in the annals of John R. Quinn's org has it hit so much rain. Even snow has fallen. Caterpillars have been used to get the show off almost every lot. On those relatively few days when weather has been clear business has

weather has been clear, business has been good. Folks have even turned been good. Folks have even turned out when it has rained, and those who have shown up have spent freely. When the shows moved into Mus-

kegon, Mich., May 21, the lot was found to be under water. Another location, higher and sandy, was se-cured. Weather during the stand, however, was like that of previous stands marred by rain, yet the folks evidenced a desire to spend and have fun.

Unit moved into Muskegon from Flint after tearing down in a blind-ing rain. Lansing and Wyandotte, two previous spots, were hit hard by rain and cold.

#### Six New Light Towers

Six new light towers were deliv-ered in Muskegon. Two govern-ment searchlights are skedded for ment searchlights are skedded for early delivery. The new office truck is nearing completion under the sup-ervision of O. B. Bauer. Clifford Andrus is building a new arch which will footure near

Mrs. Quin's mother-visited the show at Flint, and a special dinner was served to the family in Al Kelly Dear's trailer. The Sensational Royals joined as

the free act at Lansing, coming on from California.

Max Cohen, secretary of the Amer-ican Carnival Association, was a vis-itor at Wyandotte. Ben Sawyer, of the Saginaw Fair, has made several visits.

Charles Schaefer, general agent, continues under a doctor's care, with B. Ludwig meanwhile handling his duties.

#### Here's the Line-Up

Staff follows: John Quinn, owner-manager; Mrs. John Quinn, secre-tary-treasurer; E. C. May, assistant manager; C. B. Ludwig, general agent; Clint Lowery, billposter; Robert Goode, electrician; Raymond Conner excitent electrician; Lohn Cooper, assistant electrician; Idyinoind Nilsson, ride superintendent; O. B. Bauer, building superintendent; John (See World of Pleasure on page 58)

## \$5,000 Blaze Razes **Gangler Jungle Show**

HUNTINGDON, Pa., June 7.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed Joe Gangler's Jungle Show on Bright Lights Exposition Shows here. Loss was estimated at \$5,000. All animals were insured and will be replaced. Uninsured specimens were a total loss. A new top was ordered.

Business was exceptionally good here for the week ending May 31. The Joctopus was top ride, with the Merry-Jo-Round a close second. Frank Joseph's new Spitfire and a new roll--plane will be added to the line-up ioon.

The personnel was saddened by who was to have joined as billposter. Visitors were Mrs. Pearl Myers, Mrs. Linda Wallace and Myrel Davis, prother-in-law of Paul Bish, Chairplane foreman.



DURING THEIR RECENT ENGAGEMENT in Roanoke, Va., members of the Cetlin & Wilson Shows visited the grave of C. D. Scott, former carnival owner.

Veterans' United **Greets Snow With** Christmas Carols

LAKE CITY, Ia., June 7 .--- Christ-LAKE CITY, Ia., June 7.—Christ-mas carols were played over Bob Hill's p.-a. system on the Veterans' United Shows' lot here Wednesday, May 28. It wasn't that Bob was mixed up; it was the weatherman who was. The latter delivered sev-eral inches of snow. Fires were built in the Merry-Go-Round to melt the snow off the top. By nightfall it was cleared of the white stuff and no damage was re-

white stuff and no damage was revealed.

During the clean-up job folks on the shows expressed hope that the weatherman wouldn't get his tunes mixed up to play the old favorite, It's June in January, with a reverse twist twist.

## **Conklin Books Terrell Jacobs** As CNE Feature

CHICAGO, June 7.—J. W. (Patty) Conklin, manager of the midway for the revival of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto next fall, an-nounced here Monday (2) that he has signed a contract to present Ter-rell Jacobs and his wild animal cir-cus as one of the feature attractions. Jacobs toured with the Conklin shows in Western Canada seven years ago and racked up grosses that were ago and racked up grosses that were amazing for the prices then in vogue. Conklin, here for three days on business, announced that he has pur-

chased a new 90-loot round with three 50's from the O. Henry Tent & Awning Company in which to pre-sent Jacobs, and that an entirely new type of modernistic front will be erected. "We plan to present at least seven

circus programs daily, and there may be more on the big days, but I know that Terrell will not object, for when we were in Western Canada he worked as many as 13 performances in a single day," Conklin declared.

Jacobs nodded his assent, adding that he was ready to work as many daily performances as the business warrants.

Conklin said the show will be framed to seat 2,500 people with 500 grandstand chairs, for which there will be no additional charge. There

will be no additional charge. There will be no inside ticket sales of any kind, only the customary novelties and candy stands. Conklin announced that the mid-way building program "is half way home, and with a little decent weather we'll be thru ahead of sched-ule." He pointed out they had only five clear working days since con-(See Conklin Books Jacobs, page 58)

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## Southern Valley **Moving Despite Tornado** Hurts POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., June 7.

Despite a severe setback at Jones-boro, Ark., May 1 when a tornado hit the lot, Southern Valley Shows have been playing their route, rebuilding as they go. The tornado struck at 4:30 a.m., and

the following equipment was lost: Minstrel Show, including a 50 by 80 top, lost; stage, seats, piano and lighting effects, was a complete loss. Marquee was a total loss. Twenty-two concessions were torn up including all frames flash and

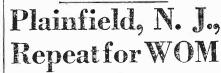
up, including all frames, flash and

tops. A 20 by 40-foot bingo game was demolished, including about \$600

worth of merchandise. Light towers were bent over. Ferris Wheel was moved off its

blocks, but did not tip. Merry-Go-Round was torn to

shreds. According to Owner-Manager Ed-die Moran, all new canvas has been ordered, and he expressed his appre-ciation to his people and the various committees for their efforts in keeping the organization in action since the disaster.



PLAINFIELD, N. J., June Fourteenth annual appearance of the World of Mirth Shows here was a repetition of former successes despite a downpour Thursday (20) and nixed Decoration Day eve crowds and business.

A new Kiddie Whip, Kiddie Train and a complete set of Hey-Dey cars were delivered here. Shows equip-ment is nearly all painted, altho in-clement weather had handicapped Jack Synrex, painter.

## Clinton, Ia., Biz For Wonder Shows Is Just So-So

CLINTON, Ia., June 7.—Business here this week for the Wonder Shows of America has been just so-so, deof America has been just so-so, de-spite the fact the weather has been okay and the crowds big. "The peo-ple just aren't spending too freely," one show official said. Org moved here from Beloit, Wis, where business Decoration Day and

Saturday was good. Sunday (1) the show tore down early because of snow tore down early because of rain and had difficulty getting off the lot because of the mud. Show ar-rived in Clinton early Monday to be we'comed by rain and opened Tues-(See Clinton Just So-So on page 58)

## Pottsville, Pa., **Proves Red One** For Endy Bros.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 7 .- Endy Bros.' Shows drew a red one here for the week ended May 31. An anthe week ended May 31. An an-nounced 12,000 on Decoration Day (30) spent freely to help give the org its best week in 10 starts. Weather until now had been rough. An estimated 3,000 turned out to watch Grant Chandler, trainmaster, unload the show.

Since this is Owner Dave Endy's home town, Mayor Claude A. Lord, a'eng with other municipal officials, Stended a Sunday afternoon party, May 26, in Endy's private car, the Jean B. It was a real homecoming. Jack Gilbert's concessions did well,

as did Joe Decker and Sleyman with his new cookhouse and grab joints. Maybelle Kidder's Girl Revue and Del Crouch's Motordrome topped the hows. The Caterpillar, Looper and Her-Dey reported top business. The staff, about the same as last year, includes Owner Endy; Louis

A. Rice, general manager; Jack Gilbert, concession manager; Charles bert, concession manager; Charles Abbott, general agent; Howard Stah-ler, promotional director and press; Joe Rowan, special agent; George Kerestes, purchasing agent; Grant Chandler, trainmaster; Jules Sliffer, billposter; Joe Hearn, assistant secre-tary; Neville Baker, artist; James Zabraski, electrician and Diesel mo-tors, and Jack Hornsby, mail and The Billboard sales agent. Show travels on 30 cars and car-

Show travels on 30 cars and car-ries 27 paid attractions. Included in the latter are George Vogstadt's Wild Life, Illusion and Unborn; Maybelle Life, Illusion and Unborn; Maybelle Kidder's Scandals of 1947; Bobby Barrow's Posing Show; Jimmie Hurd's Side Show; Bob Holmes, Snake Show; Jimmie Shaffer, two-headed baby; Del Crouch, Motor-drome; Joe Uhl, Penny Arcade; Jim Zabraski, Funhouse; Rube Nixon, iron lung, and Fat Head Williams, Harlem Revue. Grant Chandler has completed an

Grant Chandler has completed an 80-foot aluminum front trimmed in neon for the Posing Show. Mrs. Dorothy Crouch has added a Kiddie Train for a total of four small rides. The new Funhouse, Hubba Hubba, operated by Hazel Zabraski, opened here this week. Secretary Milton Paer, who re-cently underwent an operation, is convalescing in Miami. Grant Chandler has completed an

## Western Unit New Flash for Lynch's **Maritime Outfit**

HALIFAX, N. S., June 7.—Pat Gibson's Western Novelty Show, which consists of rodeo acts, sing-ing and cowboy ork, is one of the new features of the Bill Lynch Shows now playing in Nova Scotia. Show claims a seating capacity of 1,500. Other shows include the Pin-Up Girls' Dance Revue, headed by Joe Kara, in which six gals mix magic with dancing. Marjorie Norton's monkey unit, which has 30 monkeys.

with dancing. Marjorie Norton's monkey unit, which has 30 monkeys, is also offered.

monkey unit, which has so monkeys, is also offered. Org this year turned from its cus-tomary trapeze free act to Sol Solo-mon and his high dive. New rides this year include a Fly-o-Plane, claimed by the show to be the first cuch ride to operate in the Maritime Drevinces. Another new ride is a Kiddie Whip. Other rides are Chair-plane, Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Octopus and Whip. No. 1 Lynch unit, which opened May 24, is skedded to play the larger towns in Nova Scotia, New Bruns-wick and Prince Edward Island, with the No. 2 show playing the smaller enes. No. 2 unit opener was at Kentyille, N. S.



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Flo and Hooper Dent report they have quit the road and will reside in their home at 911 N. 18th Street, St. Louis.

Roy Harper is asked to contact Pearl Harper, 2950 South Sixth Ave-nue, Tucson, Ariz., who reports the serious illness of his wife.

Long and expensive runs are okay if you're going to a proven spot.

Minnie Simmonds writes that she now has palmistry with the Conklin Shows in Canada after a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wingert are operating the cookhouse with Cresent Amusement Company, having left the Florida Amusement Company.

Nowdays when you crack, "With it," to a grab stand operator, it entitles you to an extra paddle of mustard.

Leo Lippa, former carnival owner, and several times president of the Michigan Showmen's Association, is convalescing following a leg amputation.

edition of This Week, magazine cir-culated nationally by newspapers, and there is a striking picture of him on the front cover.

Average American midway patron be lieves a front talker has a good imagina-tion and a gift of gab. They go into shows pove to themselves how wrong the alker is.

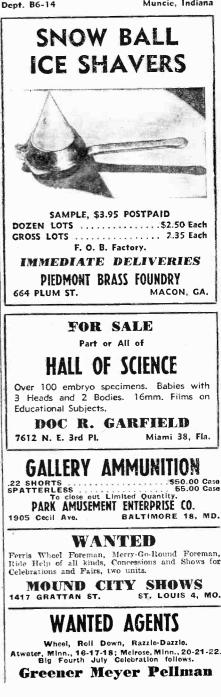
Robert W. Wilcox, (Oklahoma Bob, tatoo artist), formerly with Al Tomani on the James E. Strates Shows and this year with Earl Myers on the Ross Manning Shows, is con-fined to the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, N. H., following a heart attack.

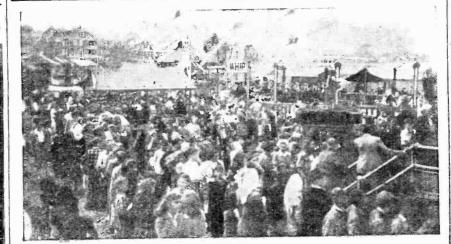
J. W. (Patty) Conklin visited the Atwell Luncheon Club, Chicago, Monday (2) and someone immediate-ly started the rumor that he was in search of strange, weird talent for his Canadian National Exhibition midway.

Hundreds of dollars worth of shoe leather is being worn out this season by showmen running from show to show ask-ing other showmen, "Are you doing anything?'

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougall witnessed the wedding of Ann Lusson Emery and William Tara May 19 in St. Louis. Bride and groom are members of leading showmen's clubs, and

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that he and Sam R. Childers scored with flags at the Indianapolis auto race classic Decoration Day, knocking off 60 per cent more than a year ago.

Remember some of the early-day man agers who wouldn't book some independent shows because they burned too many lights?

Holman's rides will continue on their route despite the death of Lewis L. Holman, according to his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Sprague, whose husband is co-owner of the org.

Tex Conroy, emsee of Lauther's Side Show with Gooding Greater Shows, has returned to the show after a flying visit to the bedside of his mother, who is ill.

Gal show dancers should think twice before resigning. Just where in the hell else can you go and be introduced as "a glamorous starlet direct from Hollywood?

Phil Miller, of Miller Creations, is operating a jewelry stand at Fairy-land Park, Stickney, Ill. . . . Dugan's Wild Animal Exhibit played Bartles-ville, Okla., to fair business May 26-27 26-27.

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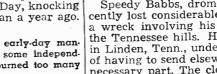
Paul Brown writes from Nashville | are connected with the Royal American Shows.

> Speedy Babbs, drome operator, recently lost considerable equipment in a wreck involving his two trucks in the Tennessee hills. He is rebuilding in Linden, Tenn., under the handicap of having to send elsewhere for every necessary part. The closest telephone is 11 miles away.

> Tiny Zimmerman, who with her Tiny Zimmerman, who with her husband, Corkie, has a cookhouse and grab stand on Gold Medal Shows, is still in Galveston, Tex., where she has been with her sister since the Texas City disaster in which her sis-ter lost her husband, whose body has not been found. Tiny plans to rejoin the shows soon.

The rains, and even the snows came, but it hasn't been too bad around Endy Bros.' Shows. Since opening Louis A. (Stretch) Rice and Del Crouch have bought new Cadil-lacs; Bob Martin and Ben Levine, Dodges; Billie Garber, a Kaiser; Del Crouch Jr., a Pontiac, and Ernie Buz-zells a GMC truck.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tanner entertained friends at their tourist court in Dublin, Ga., May 27, serving a chicken dinner. Those attending were John Wendler is styled the Carrou-sel King in a feature in the May 31 Comdr. and Mrs. R. W. Wheeler, of





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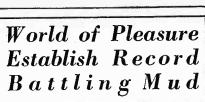
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and tickets. Ride line-up: Merry-Go-Round, Roy Warr, foreman; V. Moose and George Westfall, assistant, and Mrs. Vanderweg tickets; Kiddie Train, Clarence Showman, foreman; Kid-die Train, Charles Owens, foreman; Twin Ferris Wheels, O. B. Bauer, foreman; Alfred Uber, assistant; Bill Thatcher, tickets; Tilt-a-Whirl, Sam Gregory, foreman; Bill Ohles, Rob-ert Pellow, and Ted Szczepanek. as-Gregory, foreman; Bill Ohles, Rob-ert Pellow, and Ted Szcezepanek, as-sistants; Mrs. Obie Bauer, tickets; Rolloplane, Robert Carlin, foreman; Jack Weekly, second man; Marguer-ite McPheron, tickets; Octopus, Mar-vin Cooper, foreman; Leonard Martz, second man; Mrs. Fred Weekly, tick-ets; Caterpillar, Earl Weekly, fore-man; John Vanderweg and Milton Cain, assistants, with Mrs. Alexander, tickets; Fly-o-Plane, B. Paul; pony ride, Mr. and Mrs. B. Irons, and Cen-tury Flyer, A. Raybuck. Mrs. Roth handles the tickets for both the Kid-dies Auto and Kiddie Train.

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**CLINTON JUST SO-SO** 

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day. Only rain here was a trace Friday morning (6). Patsy Lee's Girl Show is doing good business. Show has a new front and new minaret, executed by Tiny Dempsey and Art Riley, topped by a 16-foot blowup cut-out, illuminated with neon. Music for the girl show is supplied by Jimmy Simpson's Trio which includes, in addition to Simp-son, Roy Roten and Harold Frank. Wonder Shows used plenty of radio publicity here and got plenty of good

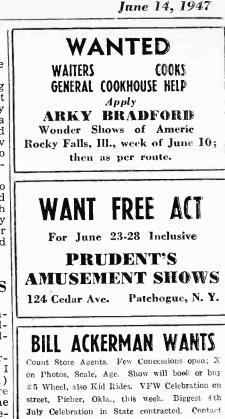
publicity here and got plenty of good breaks from Station KROS, which co-operated all the way, especially with the kiddie matinee. Walter Tiech, station sales manager, helped in every way.

### **CONKLIN BOOKS JACOBS**

(Continued from page 52) struction started last April 1, but con-siderable time was saved by building inside the huge automotive build-

ing inside the huge automotive build-ing on the grounds. "Eighty-four men, including 36 car-penters, were on the job when I knocked off last Saturday (May 31) and I presume they are still there as I haven't had any s-o-s calls," he replied in response to a question regarding the labor situation.

tury Flyer, A. Raybuck. MIS. Roth handles the tickets for both the Kid-dies Auto and Kiddie Train. Show line-up: Side show, F. Len-tini, owner-manager; Swede Peter-son, opening and assistant manager; Mrs. Lentini, tickets; Girl Revue, G. Padgett, manager; Mechanical Farm, Whitie Nolte, owner-manager; Fun-house, James Harrington, owner-manager; Big Snake, Mose Smith, owner-manager; Penny Arcade, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reis, owners-man-agers. Concessionaires include Floyd Mel-lon, cafe and grab, with John Mc Car-thy, assistant manager; Gil Conen, corn, Earl Wright, custard; Mrs.



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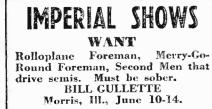
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trum. Jessie Loomis was reported ill, Clara Zeiger recovering from illness, Sunshine Jackson recovering, and Billie Usher as being ill. May All-man underwent an operation. Ruth McMahon and her son were called east by the illness of her father.

Tillie Palmateer visited Crafts 20 Big Shows at Bakersfield. Helen Smith visited in Kansas City, Mo. Called on were Joe Mead, Vivian Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffcoat, Fred Smith and Madame Delma. C. H. and Inez Allton plan an early trip north.

received Communications were from Ruth Kelley, May Allman, Lilla-belle Williams, T. Dwight Pepple and Virginia Stephenson. Harry Levine won the door prize. Meetings are scheduled for June 12 and 18.

Ferry. Communications were read from Tom Heney, who wrote from Port-land, Me., and from Jack Christensen, who sent in 11 membership applica-tions. Sol Grant and Teddy Texeira were congratulated on their efforts in bringing in new members. Lola Cox won the pot of gold.

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#### **Pacific Coast** Showmen's Association 6231/2 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 7.—Monday (2) meeting was Ed Walsh Night and there was a program plus refreshments.

President Bill Hobday conducted the business meeting. Also on the rostrum were Vice-President Harry Suker, Secretary Ed Mann, Chaplain Jack Hughes and Past Presidents Dr.

Jack Hughes and Past Presidents Dr. Ralph Smith and Ed Walsh. Ben Beno, cemetery committee chairman, reported on the decorat-ing job at Showmen's Rest. He was assisted with the work by Charles Soderberg and Fred Donnelly. Weekly drawing was won by Bill Hobday. Following the business meeting, Joe Krug, chairman of the Ed Walsh Night committee, invited the Ladies' Auxiliary to join the men for refreshments and the entertainfor refreshments and the entertain-

ment program. Jean Doren, known as The Lady of Magic, gave a half-hour show. Refreshments were served by Ben Beno, under supervision of Chairman Krug More than 180 members and guests were present.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

A special board meeting and a regular meeting were held May 26, with President Trudi Di Santi presi-ding. It was announced that here-after the auxiliary will occupy the ballroom instead of the blue room. Lillian Eisenman reported that Lucille King was improving and sent thanks to whose who had cost contact thanks to whose who had sent cards or called upon her. May Allman wrote that she was entering a hospi-tal in Three Forks, Mont., for another operation.

Estelle Wampler advised that she is unable to attend meetings as her husband is too ill for her to be away from home. Rose Westlake wrote from Cincinnati. Rose Fitzgerald ad-vised that she is too ill to attend meetings. Each week, however, she writes the club. Rose Rosard and Mary Taylor an-pounced a postry in to be Taylor an-

nounced a party is to be given June 18, at Rose's home. Co-hostesses will be Vivian Gorman and Marie Mead. Bea Stein, Grace Merkel and Mead. Bea Stein, Grace Merkel and Betty Harris sent in gifts for the bazaar.

bazaar. Elsie Suker reported a fire caused \$900 damage to the home of Fay Prosser. Word was received that Jenny Perry's husband, Bob, lost a diamond ring while en route north to the Douglas Shows. Folders were brought in by Joe Di Santi, Nancy Meyers, Jewel Hobday and Mable Brown. Members who have not received folders are asked to contact the secretary or president.

to contact the secretary or president. Membership cards for 1948 now are available.

Edith Hargraves, hostess for the evening, gave a bingo party.

#### Arizona Showmen's Association, Inc.

317 W. Washington, Phoenix

PHOENIX. Ariz., June 7.—Club-rooms, now closed for the summer, are being repainted under the direc-tion of J. B. Austin, secretary, and Don Hanna, treasurer. A membership drive will be started July 1. Hiko Siebrand writes that everything is going okay with his show. Percy Jones, manager of the Victory United Shows, reports his org is having fair business in the Midwest. His wife, who has been here for three years, is enjoying im-proved health. proved health.

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#### Heart of America Showmen's Club 931A Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 7.— Rooms have been the rendezvous this week for many of the members of the 20th Century Shows. Org played here this week under auspices of the (Rainbow) Division reunion. S (Rainbow) Division reunion. Shows were located on a lot directly oppo-site the Municipal Auditorium. Out-fit is the former Anderson & Scrader Shows now operated by McCarry Shows, now operated by McCarry and Martin. Shows carried 11 rides, 7 shows, and 40 concessions.

Sam Benjamin, chairman of the banquet and ball committee infos from Walled Lake Park, Detroit, that he and his committee have completed arrangements for a well known showman to be the guest speaker at the annual event. President Elliott says donations for the building fund are coming in very well.

Henry (Hank) Marshall is now in the lead in the membership drive with L. K. Carter second and Buck Ray third.

Past President Chester I. Levin leaves Saturday (14) to attend the Grand Session of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets in Colombus, O., June 16-19.

#### Caravans, Inc. 400 South State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, June 7.—Final social of the season was held May 24 with Clara Polich and Dorothee Bates hostesses. Raffle awards went to Pat Seery, Edith Streibich, Isabelle Brantman, Eva Clark and Walter

Driver. Ann Sleyster entered St. Eliza-Ann Sleyster entered St. Eliza-beth's Hospital Wednesday (4) for a major operation. Her granddaughter, Donna Rae Garris, who has been ill with rheumatic fever for several

with rheumatic fever for several months, is improving. Members were saddened to learn of the death of Ross Abbott, husband of Nellie Abbott. Abbott was stage manager for the Chicago Theater group and served for two years as treasurer of the Show Folks of America America.

Past President Jeanette Wall and her sister, Edith Streibich, now are at their Delavan Lake, Wis., summer home. Secretary Hattie Hoyt is in Detroit, where her husband, Arval (Irish) Hoyt, is working with Jack Gallagher.

Membership Chairman Edna Levin Membership Chairman Edna Levin is with the John R. Ward Shows and members soon will hear regarding her membership drive. A special meeting will be held June 17 regard-ing an amendment to the by-laws and all members are urged to attend.

#### Show Folks of America 1839 W. Monroe St., Chicago

CHICAGO, June 7.—Darrel Lyall, chairman, presided at the regular meeting of the board, June 5. Nellie Grosch, secretary of the home's board of governors, read the report of the board's meeting which pro-posed the sale of the home of the club at 1839 West Monroe Street, with the recommendation that larger quarters be secured. The board adopted the report and it will be brought up at the club's meeting June 17. June 17.

Pearl Royale is making an airplane trip to California to be at the bedside of her mother. Jess Har-low, club treasurer, spent four weeks in the Ozarks. Members were sadin the Ozarks. Members were sad-dened by the death of Ross Abbott, dened by the death of Ross Abbout, long associated as an active member, a treasurer for two years and a mem-ber of the board at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Nellie and two daughters, Mrs. El-Nellie, and two daughters, Mrs. El-vene Barth and Mrs. Corinne Stig-lich, and a son, Albert. Uncle Herman Stoike will give a party at the home June 21 in behalf of the cemetery committee

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Lamb, L. B.: Hillsboro, Ill.
Lawrence Greater: Perth Amboy, N. J.
Lee United: Grand Ledge, Mich.
Leeright, J. R.: Superior, Neb.
Lewis, Ted: Jersey City, N. J., 11-21.
Lloyd's Rides: Sheridan, Ind.: Linden 16-21.
Long's United: Benicia, Calif., 9-15.
Madison Bros.: Champaign, Ill.
Magic Empire: Greenville, Ky.
Magic Valley Am. Co.: Sundown, Tex.
Magnolia Expo.: Hardinsburg, Ky.
Maine Am.: Carlbou, Me.
Marino Greater: Lancaster, O.
Marning, Ross: Oldtown, Me.
Marino Greater: Lancaster, S. C.
Marks, John H.: Clarksburg, W. Va.
Marine Bros.: Walnut Cove, N. C.
McCall, Jim: Fairburn, Ga.
McKee, John: Albion, Mich.
Meerker's: Okanogan, Wash.
Merriam & Robinson: Perry, Ia., 9-11; Radcliffe 13-14; Odebolt 16-18.
Merry Midway Attrs: Churubusco, Ind.
Midway of Mirth: Barry, Ill.
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Midwest: Aberdeen, Idaho.
Mid-Vestern Expo.: Rockwell City, Ia., 9-11; Rutland 13-14.
Mighty Hoosier State: Maysville, Ky.; Paris 16-21.
Model Shows: Marceline, Mo.
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Moore's Modern: Danville, Ill.
Mound City: Sullivan, Mo.
New England Am. Co.: Milford, Mass.
Noithern Expo.: Garrison, N. D., 13-14; Parshall 15-16; Williston 17-21.
Northwestern Am. Co.: Antwerp, O.
Ohio Valley: Hartford City, Ind.
Omar's Greater: Iola, Kan.
Page, J.: Pineville, Ky.; Harrodsburg 16-21.
Paris & McIntyre: Mt. Holly, N. C.
Paul's Am. Co.: Greenfield, Mo.
Pearlene: Watong, Okla.
Penelress Celebration Am.: Kingwood, W. Va.; McCool, Md., 16-21.
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Regent: North Vernon, Ind.
Reid, King: St. Albans. Vt.
Rockers M. Co.: Ashdown, Ark.
Regent: North Vernon, Ind.; Frankfort 16-21.
Rogers Bros.: Oakes, N. J., 9-11; Edgeley 12-14; Aneta 16-18; Northwood 19-21.
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Roof Garden: New Martinsville, W. Va.; Sistersville 16 Rogers Greater: Marion, Ind.; Frankfort 16-21.
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Rosen, H. B., Am.: Wadesboro, N. C.
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Rupe's Midway for Fun: Rushville, Neb.
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Shan Bros.: Beckley, W. Va.
Sibipei's Am.: Delight, Ark.
Siebrand Bros.: Idaho Falls, Idaho.
Silver Slipper: Lancaster, Ky.
Silver State: Pueblo, Colo.
Smith Am. Co.: McAlester, Okla.
Smith, George Clyde: Tyrone, Pa.; Seward 16-21.

Snapp's Greater: Booneville, Mo.; Ottumwa, Ia., 16-21.
Snapp's Model: Nevada, Ia.; Grinnell 16-21.
Snyder's Greater: Shepherdsville, Ky.
Southern Am.: Rankin, Tex.
Southern States: Ccala, Fla.
Southern Valiey: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Stafford's: Gas City. Ind
Standard: Sturgis, S. D.
Steblar's Greater: Rivesville, W. Va.
Stephens, C. A.: Dungannon, Va.
Strates, James E.: Springfield, Mass.
Stumbo, Fred R.: Jerico Springs, Mo.
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Tatham Bros.: Monitoello, Ill. Sunset Ain. Co.: Leavenworth, Kan.; Fremont, Neb., 16-21.
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Texas Expo.: Thorndale, Tex., 9-15; Rockdale 16-21.
Thomas Joyland: Charleroi, Pa.
Thompson Bros., No. 1: Renova, Pa.
Thompson Bros., No. 2: Bellwood, Pa.
Thompson Bros.' Fark Unit: Altoona, Pa.
Tidwell, T.J.: Breckenridge. Tex.
Tinsley. Johnny T.: Cartersville, Ga.
Tivoil Expo.: Ames, Ia.
Triangle: New Kensington. Pa.; Jeanette 16-21.
Turner Bros.: Streator, Ill.
United Am.: Jamestown, R. I.; Bristol 16-21.
Veterans United: Fredericksburg, Ia., 11-12; Alden 13-14.
Virginia Greater: Front Royal. Va.
Virginia Rose: Louisville, Ky.
Wade, W. G.: Lima, Ohio; Munice, Ind., 16-21.
Wallace Bros. of Canada: Lachute, Que, Can.
Wallace, I. K., Attrs.: Berwick, Pa.; Trevorton 16-21.
Wallace & Murray: Sharpsville, Pa.
Ward, John R.: Escanaba Mich.: Jone Marine, Jone Neuron 16-21. Wallace & Murray: Sharpsville, Pa. Ward, John R.: Escanaba, Mich.; Iron Moun-tain 16-21. Wason Am.: Dillwyn, Va. West Coast: Livermore, Calif., 9-15; Napa 17-West Coast: Livermore, Calif., 9-15; Napa (1-22. Wheeler, Eddie L.: Corbin, Ky. White, Art: Darlington, Pa. White Rose Am. Co.: Mauch Chunk, Pa. Whitney & Scott United: Gilmore City, Ia., 12-14. Whitney & Scott United: Gilmore City, Ia., 12-14.
Wilson Famous: Keokuk, Ia.; Macomb, Ill., 16-21.
Wilson Greater: Riverton, Wyo.
Winchester Am.: Brentwood, Md.; Falls Church, Va., 16-21.
Wolf Greater: Wascca, Minn., 9-11; Mountain Lake 12-14; Atwater 16-18; Melrose. 19-22.
Wonder City: Harrisburg, Ill.; Carbondale 16-21.
World of Mirth: Lodi, N. J.; Schenectady, N. Y., 16-21.
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Cole, James M.: Cooperstown, N. Y., 10; One-onta 11; Bion 12; Utica 13-14.
Cocke's: Pinnacle, Ark., 14; Roland 16; Bigelow 17; Houston 18; Perryville 19; Perry 20; Morriton 21.
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Gainesville Community: Dallas, Tex., 12-14.
Gouid, Jay: Pine Island, Minn., 11-13; Fart-bault 14-15; Monticello 16-17; Long Prairie 18-19; Fergus Falls 20-21.
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Mills Bros.: Grand Rapids, Mich., 10; Holland, 11; Battle Creek 12; Kalamazoo 13; Benton Harbor 14; Elkhart, Ind., 16; Goshen 17.
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L. C. McHenry, Manager **Crescent** Amusement Co. Asheville, N. C., this week; Johnson City, Tenn., week June 16.

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and Riders. Bud Turner, please answer (this is the best equipped Motordrome in America).

**COUNTER MAN** AND RELIEF CALLER Also have good opening for Agent for new Slum Blower. JOHN GALLAGAN 1620 S. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio, this week; Napoleon, Ohio, on streets, next week. Care Gooding Amusements.

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Any Show with own transportation. Man to handle Alligator Show. Help on Ferris Wheel and Kid Rides. Few Concessions open. Red Gilmore wants Agents for Clothespin, Balloon Darts. Can place Swinger Agents. Have four well-flashed Concessions with lease to party that can furnish agents.

to GEORGE CLYDE SMITH SHOWS, Tyrone, Pa., this week; Seward, Pa., next week.

WANT FOR CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS SIDE SHOW

Care Clyde Beatty Circus, Jamestown, North Dakota, June 11th; Aberdeen, South Dakota, 12; Watertown, 13; Huron, 14; Mitchell, 16; Sioux Falls, 17.

Osage City, Kansas, this week; Osawatomie, Kansas, week of 16th; Parsons, Kansas, week of 23rd; then the big one, Pittsburgh, Kansas, 4th of July.



## VETERANS' UNITED SHOWS WANT

June 18-22; Sheridan, Wyoming, June 23-28; Red Lodge, Montana, Rodeo, week July 4th. No time to write—come on. Want capable Agent for Novelty Stand, Counter Man for Bingo.

Want Concessions-Fish Pond, Devil's Bowling Alley, String Game, Hoopla, Cane Rack, French Fries. Agents for Grind Stores. Wire

WANTED

Concession Agents, Pim Store

Agents, Grind Store Agents

for best dates. Wire



WANTED

Foremen for Rides, General Help, Cook House Help, P.C. Agents, Man to work Snake Pit. Will book Merry-Go-Round for balance of season; also Hillbilly and Monkey Show. Will book String Game. Ball Game, Country Store, Basketball, Will give X on Frozen Custard, Jewelry and Novelties. No Flat Stores or P.C. wanted. Fair Secretaries in Virginia, have first week in September open, one week in October open in Georgia.

and



## FROM THE LOTS

#### **Blue Grass State**

BEDFORD, Ind., June 7 .- Funhouse has been getting top money here this week. Rides have been well patronized considering the cool evenings. Monkey Show has been grinding away to good business.

Johnson brothers joined here with three concessions. They were with the org last year during the fair season.

Washington, Ind., played the pre-vious week, proved a successful en-gagement. Rain did not fall any night during show time, but after closing weather turned bad several nights. Shows moved out of Wash-ington Sunday (1) in rain, which slowed up the crew, and org was late in getting into Bedford but made the in getting into Bedford, but made the trip without mishap. Shows opened here late Monday night (2). Mr. and Mrs. Wally Davidson and brother, Dave, have the frozen cus-tard and, considering the cold and reinv worther they have no getting

rainy weather, they have been getting good returns. Ditto Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Martin with their bingo and Mr. and Mrs. Red Blakely with their cookhouse and concessions. Brownie Woodward is in charge of

Brownie Woodward is in charge of the front gate and banner line, and also looks after one of the cash boxes. Manager C. C. Groscurth spent sev-eral days away from the shows, clos-ing for several open dates.—HARing for several open dates VEY (DOC) ARLINGTON.

#### West Coast

SANTA CLARA, Calif., June 7.— West Coast Shows were here from May 27 to June 1. It was the 51st annual celebration here, weather being cold and business good. Shows have been battling cold weather most every week since opening in Stock-ton, Calif., March 12, but in spite of the weather, attendance has been greater in every city than in previous years.

Manager Harry Myers reports the following staff: Mike Krekos, owner and general manager, Harry Myers, manager; E. W. George Coe, business manager and general agent; Louie manager and general agent; Louie Leos, secretary and treasurer; Ed-ward Camp, special agent and bill-poster; Virgil Latiker, general super-intendent; Harry Baker, electrician; Cleo Mortimer, assistant electrician; William S m i th, Merry-Go-Round foreman; Charles Auker, Fly-o-Plane foreman, assisted by his son; Bill Miller, Tilt-a-Whirl foreman; Clyde Rogers, Octopus foreman; Bill Cash-man, Roll-o-Plane foreman; Leon Correy, Ferris Wheel foreman; Jack Correy, Ferris Wheel foreman; Jack Hensley, in charge of Kiddie Land; Oscar Scarbary, poný ride; Robert Cash, master of transportation; Bill Stathos, front gate; Herbert Owens, assistant; Nick Krekos and Charles Dutton, show officers.

Ticket sellers: Isabel Myers, Betty

**CLYDE R. PIERCE WANTS** FOR ILLINOIS AND MISSOURI FAIRS AND CELEBRATIONS

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G. Coe, Marjorie Latiker, Jewell Miller, Mrs. Cash, Ella Hanun, Mrs. Mortiner, Viola Rogers, Grace Scarbery, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Williams.

A. J. Budd, manager of the Circus Side Show, reports satisfactory busi-ness. Pete DeCenju is manager of the Oriental Follies and Stella Show. Other shows on midway are the Mon-key Motordrome, a consistent moneygetter; Animal Show, Funhouse, and Snake Show.

The line of concessions has a footage of over 700 feet not including the Penny Arcade, which is owned by Charles Albright.

Charles Albright. Concessions: Charles and Edith Walpert, four; Al and Chris Rodin, six; Hunter and Margaret Farmer, four; Jack and Hazel Christenson, popcorn, floss, candy apples and car-amel corn; John and Alice Miller, cookhouse, grab, snow cones and corn on the cob; Tommy and Eloise Syes-ter, two; Louie Reistick and family, six, Dutch and Lillian Stone, race track; Henry Herman, diggers; Clyde and Viola Rogers, long-range shoot-ing gallery; Smith family, guess-your-age and weight scales; Ivan and June Gilligan, four; Red and Pug June Gilligan, four; Red and Pug Crimmins, four; Roy Scott, high-striker; Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Pool, Penny Arcade; Harry and Celie Martin, one; Sol Grant, one.

Harry Myers has received a letter from Mike Krekos, general manager, who is visiting his mother and broth-er in Athens, Greece. Mike's brother is a senator in Greece. The writer, John Dededusis is assistant concession manager.

#### B&C's Expo

ELMIRA, N. Y., June 7.-Show opened Monday evening (2). A cloud burst late that night resulted in the flooding of streets surrounding the lot by Tuesday morning. Luckily, the lot was high and show equipment was undamaged.

Since show opened new trailers have been delivered to Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Colegrove, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole-grove, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Scott and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Peck. A new 28-foot office trailer has also arrived. Recent vicitors were Mr. and Mrs. Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hex, Mrs. Harry Agne, Lois Agne, Mickey Purcell and F. W. Smith.

Office-owned rides include the Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheels, Whip, Octopus, Chairplane and Moon Rocket. Also on the lot are V. L. Peck's Tilt-a-Whirl, Harry Benedict's ponies, and Max Bailey's kiddie rides. Shows: Ned Bevin's Gorilla and

posing units; 10-in-1, Earl Webber, manager, and Texas Mill's Hillbillies.

In the concession line-up are 15 show-owned units; Harry Johnson and Duke Doughtery, cookhouse and 10; Jack Tolz, ice cream and floss; J. Murphy, four; Bill Hurst, French fries; Ice's high striker; G. W. Carr, novelties and penny pitch; Steve Marks, mitt camp and age; Betty Scott, cork gallery, and Boxall's bingo, John Lowe, manager.—BETTY SCŌŤT.

#### John H. Marks

CONNELSVILLE, Pa., June 7.-Unfavorable weather since opening Monday (2) has resulted in light busi-ness. Business at Uniontown, Pa., last week was fair.

Owner John H. Marks and the writer played host to a group of newsboys Tuesday (3) and the stunt resulted in page 1 publicity in The Daily Courier Daily Courier.

Herman Bantly joined with his Glass House and Funhouse.—LEW HAMILTON.





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MANAGER

Boone, N. C., this week; then as per route. Johnnie Bond, wire Mac McCrary.



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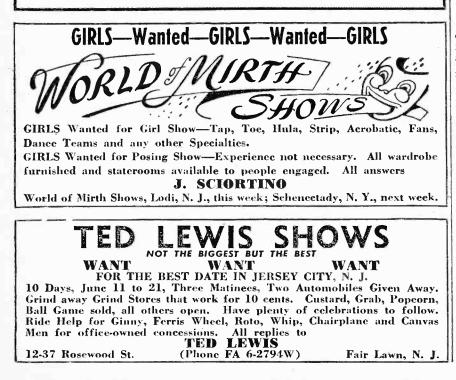


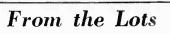
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#### **Crandell's Midway**

SPRING CITY, Tenn., June 7.— Org moved in here this week follow-ing a successful week's stand in En-glewood, Tenn., week ended May 31. This is not a large show, but all hands pitch in and double up on jobs.

This is not a large show, but all hands pitch in and double up on jobs. Staff and personnel: Leroy C. Crandell, manager; Mrs. Crandell, secretary-treasurer, who also has jewelry; Richard Crandell, bingo; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett, cook-house and nickel dish pitch; William C. Costich, mugg joint; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henry, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berryhill, darts and pitch-'til-you win. Also Specs Costello, coke bot-tles and nitt camp; John Miller and George Davis, mitt camp; Bob and Flossie Miller, 6, together with sound car; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cook, pop-corn, snow cone, candy apple and cotton candy; Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Peach, hoop-la; B. E. Spencer, elec-trician; Sailor Jack Allen, ride su-perintendent and sign painter; John Davis Sr., Chairplane foreman; John Davis Jr., Kiddie Auto foreman, and Charles Harold Cuvilier and John Miller, bingo countermen. Org sticks to small towns where larger units, con't obtain the neces-

Org sticks to small towns where larger units can't obtain the neces-sary room to play downtown lots. Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice.—KAREN MOORE.

#### Pioneer

CORNING, N. Y., June 7.—Pioneer Shows played a winner at Mansfield, Pa., the week of May 26, with a school picnic group on the lot all day Wednesday (28). Shows were set up in Smythe Park. On Decoration Day (30), many of the veterans with the show took part in the parade and the memorial services. By noon the midway was packed. Rides worked continuously until midnight. Saturday (31) gave shows their

Saturday (31) gave shows their best matinee of the season so far. Business continued until after mid-night, with the midway packed all day. A radio-record-player-recorder was given away at 11:45 p.m. New 160-seat bingo, under supervision of Frank Tucker, was used here for the first time. George Uptegraff joined with his

balloon dart game. Betty Smith, for-merly Betty Kirkland, ball game worker, is in the Charleroi (Pa.) Hospital, where she underwent an operation. Mrs. Duke Stigner was operation. Mrs. Duke Stigner was back with the shows for a week at Mansfield on a visit.—PHILIP J. KIRKLAND.

#### **Majestic Greater**

MONACA, Pa., June 7.—Despite considerable rain, business was okay for the week ending May 31. Attendance and spending were particularly good Tuesday (27), Ladies' Night, Wednesday and Thursday. Decora-Night, tion Day was a winner, altho matinee play was nil. Bubble Gum Matinee, Saturday, promoted by the writer, was big.

Personnel was saddened by the death of Ida Miller, concessionaire, Saturday night (31). Visits were ex-changed with members of Wallace & Murray Shows in near-by Rochester. Committee, headed by Mr. Johnson, co-operated. Don Thompson left here.

here. The writer has fully recovered from his illness. Mrs. Pearl Roth left for Orlando, Fla. Franklin Kersey is doing a good job managing Leonard Gould's bingo. Mrs. Sam Goldstein letters from Detroit that she is doing fine. Bob Hallock, general agent, re-turned from a short business trip. Jim Rapple. a capable and popular bill-Rapple, a capable and popular bill-poster and special agent, will be missed. Dave and June Rosenberg, of Triangle Poster Company, visited.— HARRY E. WILSON.

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#### **Morris Hannum**

ASHLAND, Pa., June 7.-Enjoying good weather after weeks of rain, good weather after weeks of rain, shows are in excellent condition, with rides and trailers painted and new tractors proving their worth, espe-cially on mountain pulls. Shows are playing some new spots and have lined up a good route of fairs.

Staff: Morris Hannum, owner-man-Staff: Morris Hannum, owner-man-ager; Harry Elliott, assistant man-ager and general agent; Garnett Pa-len, secretary and The Billboard agent; Jimmy Davidson, legal ad-juster; Eddie Eager, advertising and promotion; Lemon Moore, lot super-intendent; Jimmy Haynes, ride su-perintendent; Ollie Orndorff, me-chanic; Jimmy Deal, electrician, and Fred Snyder, billposter.

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Recent visitors were Frank Harrison, Charles Sutton, Ralph Decker, Tommy Carson, Mrs. W. C. and Billy Smith, of Cetlin & Wilson Shows. Secrétary Palen was given a surprise party recently.

Personnel has been visiting home Personnel has been visiting home towns, Mrs. Sinko going to Phillips-burg, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Reaver, Lewiston, Pa., and Mrs. McWethy going to Mechanicsburg, Pa., to visit her son, who has bingo in Williams Grove Park there. — MARIE Grove Pa BROWNE.

#### **Douglas Greater**

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—Org jumped in here from Salem, Ore., played week of May 26, where it had fair business despite rain which marred the closing part of the stand. Move was made without mishap, and chowe was cat up in the min shows was set up in the rain.

shows was set up in the rain. Chick Trotter now is riding the Motordrome wall. Happy Jackson's family joined for the summer. Maxine Wells has been promoted to cashier of the cookhouse, where Marie (Mom) Russell continues to put out excellent food. Clarence and Evelyn Kinnemur joined to take over the knife joint for Al and Marie Hawkins. Hawkins.

Ray and Midge Holding report good takes on their stores. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tripp are handling Kawaba (Della Clark).

Clara Trotter is getting her share of business with the Posing Show. Louis McCauley is fronting on the Girl Show, with Lola McCauley fea-tured inside.

H. (Chief) Johnson, recently re-leased from the navy, is now foreman of the Fly-o-Plane. Before he entered the service he was with the Cetlin & Wilson Shows.—HELEN HENRY.

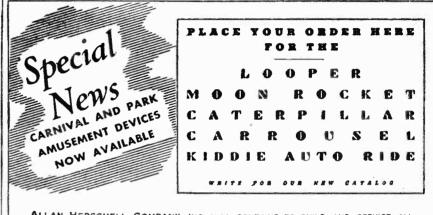


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### Wallace and Murray

VANPORT, Pa., June 7. - Org VANPORT, Pa., June 7. — Org jumped in here from a two-Saturday engagement at Rochester, Pa., that proved satisfactory. Latter stand was boosted by a good Decoration Day play. Benwood, W. Va., pre-vious spot, was one of the best of the season. Org. had a good state the season. Org had a good gate there and grosses on rides, shows and

there and grosses on rides, shows and concessions matched the turnouts. Scotty Devine joined on at Ben-wood. W. Va., with a concession and helped to build the office-owned cookhouse. Latter, now completed, has been doing a brisk business. Shows recently purchased a new p. a. system which has been mounted is a newal truck and is being used for

in a panel truck and is being used for downtown and front-gate bally. Mr. and Mrs. Repass are enjoying the new trailer they purchased in Virginiā.

Boosters Club held its second

Boosters Club held its second Wednesday night session during the Rochester stand. Jack Murray is judge and Davis A. Wise secretary-treasurer of the kangaroo court. Mack Maxwell, who manages the popcorn and candy apples, under-went an operation at the Rochester General Hospital, and latest reports are that he is recovering nicely.— DOLLY WISE.

#### Heart of Texas

PAMPA, Tex., June 7.-Here the week ending May 31, org then in its 13th week out continued to be har-rassed by the freakiest weather breaks experienced in the five years that Harry Craig has owned the unit.

Midway thru the stand, a northerner ran the temperature down to the freezing point and in a few moments levelled some of the tops. No damage, however, was done to the can-

vas. Along with others, Craig and his secretary, B. C. McDonald, dug out the old "bennies" and many snickers went up and down the midway as the manager scurried about in an everyoact and papage hat while Mag overcoat and panama hat while Mac was busy in an overcoat and canvas

was busy in an shoes. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Steel joined on with their Wall of Death. Mrs. Craig and Bobby have come on for the summer. Bobbie Jean Lynch also is more Mazie Beeves summer. Bobbie Jean Lynch also is on for the summer. Mazie Beeves was up from San Antonio for a week's business. Harry Ray arrived from St. Louis and is handling the duties of second agent.—MRS. L. JOHNSON.

#### **20th Century**

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SALINA, Kan., June 7 .- Org has SALINA, Kan., June 7.—Org has been getting its share of bad weather, yet everyone has been doing some business. Move from Great Bend to the stand here the week ending May

31 was made without mishap. General Manager H. W. Anderson returned with a signed contract to play at South Omaha under Ameri-can Legion auspices. Sailor Oliphant, lot superintendent, is given much can Legion auspices. Sailor Orphant, lot superintendent, is given much credit for the condition in which he keeps the lots in the face of the weather. He has also been doing a

weather. He has also been doing a notable job in laying out lots. Several new trailers are being built. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shank-land continue to add touches to their new ball game, which has been get-ting sizable tips.—DON FOLTZ.



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#### Twin City

GRISWOLD, Ia., June 7. - Unit, owned and managed by George Cra-ble and Sam Wells, moved in here this week from Perry, Ia., where, de-spite sleet and snow May 28, org was reported to have enjoyed good busi-

Arthur Moss and Cliff Newby, as-sisted by Mrs. Shorty Moss and Elea-nor Newby, have been kept busy with their bingo and fishpond. Rich-ard Moss joined with a three-dice chuck wheel after 18 months in Vienna, Austria.

Other concessionaires in clude Binger McCord, 3; Ann McCord, add'em up dice; Mrs. Lea Craney, coke bottles and bumper; Mrs. Tony coke bottles and bumper; Mrs. 10ny Ferris, mug joint; Arnold Crable, cork gallery; Huck Anderson and W. O. Hurley, 5; Ed Hathaway, pea pool; Mrs. Ed Hathaway and Edith Miller, hoop-la; Mrs. Anderson, balloon darts; Doug Miller, devil's bowling alley, and Ruth Melton, hit-and-miss

Also Pat O'Brien, candy floss; John Rhea, add 'em up ball game; Ben and Clara Xander, penny pitch, buckets and string game, with John and V. Ann Daniels as agents; Dutch and Lola Van Rossum, cookhouse; Mrs. Tillie Crable, beat the dealer; Sis Wells, mitt camp, and Freddie, dig-

personnel follows: Ferris Ride personnel tollows: Ferris Wheel, Floyd Melton, foreman with Blackie Eller, second man; Merry-Go-Round, Walter Crable, foreman with Stanley Dennison. second man, and Mix-Up and kiddie ride, Timmie Stein

Staff consists of Sam Wells, manager; George Crable, secretary; Charles Ferris, general agent, and Floyd Melton, electrician. A birthday party was held recently for 5-year-old Sammy Crable, and he stepped to the mike and thanked the folks over the page system for

the folks over the p.a. system for his presents. Refreshments were were

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#### Page Bros.

PARSONS, Tenn., June 7.—Org racked up good business here the week ended May 31 despite rains. Shows, spotted on school grounds, was auspiced by the fire department. V. Collier joined on as general agent and assistant manager. John Stine added another concession, which gives him five. A truck has been purchased by Dillard Jones and a new house trailer has been bought a new house trailer has been bought

by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hutzler. Lou Wyatt has joined with his cookhouse. Eddie Lamont, manager of the Minstrel Show, has added two more members to the band, bringing it up to five pieces. G. E. Montie has joined with four concessions.

Paul Ethridge, chief mechanic, has the rolling stock in top shape.

#### Bee's Old Reliable

FRANKFORT, Ky., June 7.—On its annual visit to the Kentucky capital city, shows received a good break in weather and date was a success. The spot was heavily billed, and a hock up with the heavily billed,

success. The spot was heavily billed, and a hook-up with the local radio station plus the shows' new sound car gave us a good Saturday matinee. Relford Green has joined to pro-duce the Minstrel Show, as did Tex Boyd, with Sunny Boy, the wonder horse, and the hilbilly revue.

The Hollywood Revue scored in Frankfort, and rides and concessions reported satisfactory results. Numerous visitors were on the lot, including many friends and State officials.— RAYMOND C. HULS.

served by Mrs. Tillie Crable, Edith Miller and Mrs. Betty Crable. Arnold Crable sent his wife and baby, Connie, to the hospital at Iowa

City. Recent additions to the show are George Crable's twin brothers. Marvin and Melvin, who joined with slum spindle and popcorn.





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## From the Lots

#### Midwestern Expo

ALBANY, Mo., June 7. — Org moved in here Monday (2), but was greeted by rain. It also rained the following day, but Wednesday (4) the weather cleared and personnel was looking for a strong finish to the stand which is sponsored by the American Lordian American Legion.

American Legion. Previous week in Adrian, Mo., org ran into booking difficulties, but when it was straightened out the stand, despite rainy, and cloudy weather, netted surprisingly good business. Small town gave the show a good reception, and co-operation was tops. Stand was sponsored by the high school athletic fund. Clos-ing night was hit by a deluge. ing night was hit by a deluge.

During the stand, Frank Morris closed on orders of his doctors. Al Costello and family joined with American palmistry, photos and ball games. Floyd Crouch was busy framing novelties for fairs and two more concessions were added to Murphy's row. Lee Walters was a

Murphy's row. Lee Walters was a nightly visitor. Owner Ted Woodward made a booking trip during the Adrian stand. Carl Pyles, electrician and builder, framed a new snake show front.

Wagoner, Okla., the week ending May 7, netted good business in clear weather. During the stand Charlie and Mary Doherty visited their hometown, Blackwell. Art and Roger

hometown, Blackwell. Art and Roger Murphy joined with candy floss, as did Mr. and Mrs. Rue Enos with popcorn and candy apples, mounted in a new concession trailer. Mrs. Mabel Munson, mother-in-law of Owner Woodward, returned to Decatur, Ill., after an extended visit. A birthday party was given in the girl show top for Floyd Crouch (Floating Floydon), free act, with all personnel in attendance. Buffet supper was carved with entertain. supper was served, with entertain-ment furnished by Bob Murphy, Rue Enos, Laura Enos and Bud Logan. Floyd was gifted with a cowboy outfit.

Huba Revue has been topping shows. Mrs. Jack Kofron's bingo has also been getting a good play.--TED WOODWARD.

#### Alamo Exposition

ALICE, Tex., June 7.—Org opened here three days ahead of its paper, cutting short its stay on the muddy Port Arthur, Tex., lot. Radio sta-tions and newspapers got in some Strong licks, thanks to the work of C. Eddie Rood, shows' general agent, and a good turnout marked the open-

ing night. Benny Hyman, lot superintendent, did a notable job in laying out the lot.

General Manager Jack Ruback closed for the purchase of three Die-sels. A 22-foot Fruehauf trailer was purchased by C. A. (Curley) Vernon and is skedded for delivery before June 16.

From here, org goes to Corpus Christi, Tex., where it will furnish the midway attractions for the Buc-caneer Days' celebration. — JACK RUBACK.

### O. C. Buck

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CARMAN, N. Y., June 7.—Shows had a good week here. Weather was fair with just enough rain to settle the dust.

the dust. Personnel was grieved over the deaths of Daniel O'Brien in a Troy, N. Y., hospital following a heart at-tack May 27, and Thomas J. Sweeney, father of Mrs. Larry Maraccio. Mr. and Mrs. Maraccio went to Youngs-town, O., to attend the funeral. New Fly-o-Plane is crowding the Looper for top play.—PAUL A. ERICKSON.

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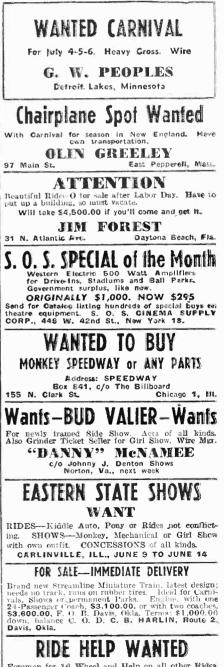
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#### Johnny T. Tinsley

MARIETTA, Ga., June 7.—Shows did well here, in one of the few towns in the South which observes Decoration Day, altho the weather turned cool and the ice cream and soda pop business was nil. The front end and the rides did okay.

Delivery on a new Fly-o-Plane from the Eyerly Aircraft Company is expected next week. Racks are being constructed on a new trailer to handle this ride. Rides are Merry-Go-Round, Caterpillar, Octopus, Rollo-Plane, Whip, Chairplane, Airplane, Whoopee, Kiddie Auto, Kiddie Train, two Ferris Wheels and pony ride. All mechanical units are profusely trimmed in fluroscent tubing. Six light towers, purchased from Downey Supply Company, add flash. Sidney Alcido's free act the Four

Sidney Alcido's free act, the Four Skyrockets, is packing them in. Sid purchased a new house trailer and everyone is awaiting the house warming.

There are several new concessionaires. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Scott and their son joined with three. The Goodnough family has the cafeteria. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mizzle have three well-framed stores. Joseph Marks, W. W. Ackie and Bob Everling each have one. Willie Hewitt added two for a total of six and Jack Coleman added two for five. Tuck Archer has a new joint under construction.

Recent visitors included J. L. Henson, owner of the shows bearing his name; Mr. Sanders. Norfolk Tent & Awning Company; Scotty, the Plaster King, Atlanta; Kelly Abbott, representing Charles Lenz, insurance; Bill Brown, former show manager now in the carnival supply business; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Shapiro, Southern Poster Company; Don Justice, Crystal Exposition Shows; Mrs. Jessie Weibert, mother of Leon Dailey, Roll-o-Plane foreman, and Ike and Inez Maxwell, concessionaires. Albert (Dummy) Birgs neny, side

Albert (Dummy) Rives, pony ride manager, and his bride, the former Rose De Carlo, are now living in their new trailer. She is cashier on the ride. Owner John T. Tinsley has returned from a business trip and reports that he will add four new rides for fairs.—H. SAWYER.

#### Prell's Broadway

BALTIMORE, June 7.—These are the first shows to play the Fort Avenue lot in four years and a banner week is expected. The past four weeks have been particularly rough with rain falling almost incessantly. At Wilmington, Del., the lot was under from two to three feet of water and the fire department's pumper was kept busy all of the time. Even so, when the skies cleared partially the natives came out in droves to waddle thru the mud.

Owner Sam E. Prell had a serious dental operation recently but has returned to the shows. His new molars make him look 20 years younger. His son, Joe, who is secretary and lot man, was confined to bed for a few days but is back on the job.

New personnel is arriving daily. Three new rides are on order. Two Diesel plants have been ordered to supplement the five now used for midway power.

midway power. Bennie Beckwith, Caterpillar foreman, had an unusual accident recently. While standing in front of his car and making repairs to a tire, the vehicle started rolling and pushed him into a ravine where he was knocked unconscious and broke a shoulder. He didn't come to until it started to rain four hours later. Then, despite the fracture, he managed to drive to a hospital where a cast was applied.

aged to drive to a hospital where a cast was applied. Gertie Miller, the wife of the one and only Cash, was welcomed back to the shows following a serious operation.—ALLAN A. TRAVERS.

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mount Park. Unlike last year's victory celebration, this year's program will be devoted principally to civilian ac-

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rade and following with folk dancing, baseball and a rodeo. Also included are Punch and Judy shows, free pony rides, baby parade, small animal circus, comic boxing acts, bicycle races and a fly-casting tournament.

BRYAN, O., June 7.-Ohio Valley Shows have been contracted to supply the midway for the Homecoming and Jubilee Celebration to be spon-sored by the Bryan Chamber of Com-merce here August 13-16. General Agent Bill Harris closed for the

around the courthouse park. Present plans call for one high act, five plat-form acts, street dance, fireworks, bathing beauty contest, participation of bands from surrounding towns and drawings each afternoon and night, with a new car giveaway and the crowning of the celebration queen on the final night. L. D. Umstead is the

Temple Shrine Horse Show, held May 31-June 1 at Cochran Stables here, was an outstanding success, grossing \$23,000, according to J. A. Robinson, committee chairman. There were 22 classes consisting of walking, gaited, light harness and sulky horses.



## Halifax Kinsmen Raise Dough for Shut-In Bus

HALIFAX, N. S., June 7.-The Kinsmen Club sponsored a three-day fair in the Forum Rink to finance the building and equipping of what is claimed to be the first wheelchair coach in the world. It was designed coach in the world. It was designed by Walter Callow, vet of World War I, who has been bedded for 18 years in a local hospital. The bus has ca-pacity for 10 wheelchairs and is equipped with septic tank, water cooler, air conditioning and radio. It will be used to give wheelchair pa-tients of local hospitals rides in the country and to sports events.

Among features at the fair were a barber shop quartet contest, fiddle and accordion competition and nightly dancing. Admission prices were 60 and 90 cents.

The Kinsmen Club of St. John sponsored an eight-day indoor carni-val in St. Andrew's Rink, and offered a free stageshow featuring Lola and Lewis Strand, comedy dancing, and Russ Whitebone, ventriloquist and impersonator. Dime-a-dance policy prevailed. Proceeds were for charit-able activities of the club.

Kinsmen clubs in other centers of the Maritime Provinces are active in promoting indoor fairs this summer for charity work.

## **Rodeo for Cancer Fund**

NORTH BATTLEFORD. Sask. June 7.—United Commercial Travel-ers will sponsor a two-day rodeo in June, proceeds to go toward cancer control. Prize money totals \$1,800. E. J. Casey Shows will be on the midway.



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# **Poor Biz, Weather Force Y-P To Close for Season**

VENICE, Calif., June 7.—The Yankee-Patterson Circus, owned and op-erated by Jimmy Wood, closed in Petaluma, Calif., after a short season of 57 days. All personnel and equipment returned to winter quarters here. Show got off to a bad start in the Venice area March 21. With the excep-tion of part of the first week on the road, Y-P played to consistently poor houses, due in part to bad weather. Show experienced several blow-downs. Wood was confined to his home here much of the time with a severe case of flu and this, combined with several Hollywood movie contracts, kept him from accompanying the show on its trek north. Mrs. Wood took over the managerial reins and made a valiant effort to keep the show out. Decid-ing the best bet was to take the show north and play small towns up the

ing the best bet was to take the show north and play small towns up the Central Valley of California, with the final goal in Northern Washing-ton, the show began making long hops to get the outfit into paying ter-mittaw in the Northwast ritory in the Northwest.

Biz failed to pick up, however, and the nut was cut several times, the first drastic reduction being the dropping of Mabel Stark's animal act, follow-ing the Burbank date. Several other helt tightoning mouse followed belt-tightening moves followed.

Wood, busy on the 20th Century-Fox production, *Nightmare Alley*, planed to Petaluma. After confer-ence with his wife and other show officials he ordered the show back to cuarters quarters.

Three trucks and a considerable amount of canvas and props have been leased to the DeWayne Bros.' Circus, which opened its 1947 tour in Costa Mesa, Calif., June 2. Other paraphernalia will be added to the carnival set on the Nightmare Alley movie Following completion of the movie. Following completion of the flicker Wood will begin work on an-other picture contract calling for show property.

Plans also call for several small circus units to play sponsored dates in the Los Angeles area. A staff is being maintained in winter quarters to keep equipment and rolling stock in tiptop shape.

# Helps Cole Org To Big Business

GREENSBURG, Pa., June 7.-Finally getting a break in the weather, Cole Bros.' Circus is packing 'em in. Here in Greensburg Wednesday (4) show had a three-quarter house at the matinee and a full one at night. Tuesday (3) in Butler, Pa., org was late in arriving, due to heavy rains. Show originally planned to play the Duffy lot here but switched to the fairgrounds where it was found the lot was too muddy. Org finally set-tled on the Pullman property near the ball park. Because the matinee was about two hours late starting, crowd had thinned out. Night show drew a strong house. Decoration Day in Canton, O., show

becoration Day in Canton, O., snow hit the jackpot twice, getting straw houses at both shows. At Akron the matinee was light, but show did ca-pacity at night. Youngstown, de-spite an all-day rain, show had a fair matinee house and a capacity at wight night.

## **Montana** Spots **Okay for Beatty**

GLASGOW, Mont., June 7.—Four Montana spots, Glasgow, Great Falls, Lewiston and Billings, proved okay for the Clyde Beatty Circus, altho matinee attendance in Great Falls and Lewiston was not up to expecta-tions tions.

In Glasgow the show drew two strong houses Wednesday (4). In Glasgow, Decoration Day, show had only a fair crowd at the matinee but only a fair crowd at the matinee but a strong house at night. The matinee at Lewiston, May 29, drew a full house, but cold weather at night cut attendance at the night show. Bill-ings, played May 28, gave with a strong matinee house and a full one at night.

## Sault Ste. Marie **Big for Garden Org**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., June 7.-Garden Bros.' Circus did capac-ity business here every night during

Ty business here every night during its four-day stand. Org opened May 27. Weather was cold every day and the final day, May 29, there was a light snow. Despite the weather, org had a full house at the matinee and a sellout at night.

## **RB** Overcomes Slow Start To Register Washington Winner

WASHINGTON, June 7.-Ringling-Barnum circus got off to a slow start here, but attendance picked up the latter part of the week and promises to close tonight with bang-up busi-ness for the final two days of its sixday run.

day run. Mabel Ringling, daughter of the late Richard T. Ringling, grabbed a bit of the spotlight here as a rider in the circus spec. Miss Ringling made her debut as a circus performer last week in Philadelphia and intends to travel with the show. Change in managerial set-up of the Big Show drew considerable comment

Big Show drew considerable comment and speculation in local papers.

## D. Clinton Cooke, 71, Once **Circus Owner, Succumbs**

TRENTON, N. J., June 7 .--- D Clin-

TRENTON, N. J., June 7.—D Clin-ton Cooke, 71, one-time circus owner, died in St. Francis Hospital here Fri-day (6). Surviving are a son, D. Baker Cooke, and a daughter, Mrs. K. Ethel Mulheron. Cooke came into the circus busi-ness in 1914 when he was named re-ceiver for a Wild West show which was stranded in Trenton. In 1919, with several associates, he launched the Cooke & Wilson Trained Wild Animal Circus, but after a few weeks the Cooke & Wilson Trained Wild Animal Circus, but after a few weeks was forced to close it. A short time later he, together with a partner, pro-duced a wild animal show called Zira and Her Leopards. **Dorman Truck Hit** By Army Airplane

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., June 7.— The Dorman Bros.' Circus ran into the most unusual kind of bad luck here Sunday afternoon (18) when an army plane crashed into the cab of a truck-trailer on Route 119, a State highway, just off Connersville Airport.

port. Sgt. William Smiley, of Union-town, Pa., was making a landing in an ATS plane after coming up from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport at Coraopolis, Pa. As he headed for the runway, extending to within 210 feet of the highway, he dropped down too fast and crashed into the cab, critically injuring David Morris, 38, of Tyrone, N. C., driver, and a circus mechanic.

Circus, owned by Mrs. James Bag-well, of York, S. C., was en route from Brownsville, Pa., to Dunbar, Pa., two miles from the scene of the crash. Mrs. Bagwell was in a car crash. Mrs. Bagwell was in a car following her trailer but was not in-volved in the crash. A dalamiatian dog, Dutchess, and her two pups were in the trailer but were unhurt. Two women from Connellsville driving by at that time were slightly injured when the debris enveloped their sedan

Also on the highway at the same time were a number of trucks of the John H. Marks Shows, which showed this week at Hillcrest, on the outskirts of this city.



OLEAN, N. Y., June 7.—After a tour of Pennsylvania, King Bros." Circus moved into New York State and hit the jackpot here Wednesday (4). With ideal weather prevailing, org had a turnaway at the matinee and a full house at night. Trek thru Western Pennsylvania gave the show plenty of business. In Bradford, Pa., Tuesday (3), two full houses were on hand. Rain cut at-tendance at Warren, Pa. Monday (2), org getting a strong house at the mat-inee but only a half-house at the

inee but only a half-house at the night show

night show. Meadville, Pa., proved another big one. Playing there May 31, show drew 3,200 persons and the night show attracted 2,000. Kittanning, Pa., May 29, gave with strong houses, 2,500 hundred catching the matinee and a like number the night show. Apollo Pa. gave with a strong houses Apollo, Pa., gave with a strong house at the matinee and a full one at night. Jeannette, Pa., proved a good spot, org getting a full house at the night show. There was no matinee.

## Monroe Gets Overflow Crowd at Waverly, Ill.

WAVERLY. III., June 7.—Aided by ideal weather. Monroe Bros.' Circus did okay business here Thursday (5), getting a strong house at the matinee and an overflow crowd at night. At Greenfield, III., Tuesday (3), org drew an overflow at the night show after getting a strong crowd at the matinee. Business in Red Bud, III., May 28, was excellent, with two full houses. Show at Red Bud was spon-sored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lebanon, III., played May 26, proved only fair, org getting just fair houses at both shows.

# **Del.** Chancery **Court Voids** '46 Election

## Haley, North, Griffin Ousted

WASHINGTON, June 7.-Robert E. Ringling, only living son of any of the five brothers who founded the the five brothers who founded the Big Show, took over the presidency of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus here Thursday (6) in accordance with an order signed in the Court of Chancery, Wilmington, Del., the day before which voided the 1946 election of James A. Haley. Order was signed by Chancellor William Watson Harrington and Vice-Chancellor Collins H. Seitz and was the result of a decision of the Delaware Supreme Court which ruled that the agreement between Mrs.

Delaware Supreme Court which ruled that the agreement between Mrs. Charles Ringling and Mrs. Aubrey Haley to vote their stock as a block was "valid and enforceable." Ring-ling first became president of the circus in 1944. Also ousted were John Ringling North, first vice-president and producer of this year's show and James B. Griffin scenatory president and producer of this year's show, and James R. Griffin, secretary. The latter was replaced by William P. Dunn Jr., of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York, who held that position at the time of the dis-puted election. In its order the court said the only lawfully elected officers of the 1946 election were Mrs. Ring-ling and Mrs. Haley, vice-presidents, and directors Ringling, his mother, Dunn, North, James Woods and Grif-fin. There is one vacancy.

### Election June 20

Election June 20 The vice-chancellor set June 20 as the date of the 1947 annual meeting of stockholders for an election, at 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, in the offices of the Corporation Trust Com-pany. The voting power is divided between Mrs. Ringling and Mrs. Haley, who each own 31½ per cent of the stock, and John Ringling North, who owns 7 per cent and votes

of the stock, and John Ringling North, who owns 7 per cent and votes an additional 30 per cent belonging to the State of Florida. The 50-year-old Ringling, accom-panied by his attorney, Dan Gordon Judge, of New York, and Dunn, took over here at the Oklahoma Avenue and Benning Road showgrounds just before the night show. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Griffin and John North. Buddy North. brother of John, was in New York. Ringling To Take Halm

## Ringling To Take Helm

After the show Ringling told the personnel that he would "run the show myself. I'm glad to be with the show again," he said. "I have no immediate plans for changes in the show itself. I think it is much better than last year's." He saw the show under canvas here for the first time this year. this year. According to the order issued by

According to the order issued by the vice-chancellor, Ringling and Dunn may petition the Court of Chancery for a hearing and deter-mination of liability of the principals and surety on the \$15,000 super-sedeas bond given by the appellants North, Haley and Griffin. The Court of Chancery also re-tained jurisdiction to hear such peti-tions "and to enter a decree for any damages to which this court may determine and decide the obligees in said bond may be entitled." The corporate defendant, the Cir-(See Ringling in Control on page 86)

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# James M. Cole Org Drawing J. M. Cole Program Polack Tops Well Despite Tough Weather

### By Jim MeHugh

By Jim McHugh TROY, N. Y., June 7.—Owner James M. Cole, of the circus bearing his name, took another step forward this year toward realizing his ambi-tion to head a top-notch organization. Selling authentic circus from the marquee right thru to the back yard, Cole has come up with a solid presentation. When caught here Wednesday night (4) in the eighth week of the season, quality has obviously paid off despite consistent be-deviling weather. Altho motorized, Cole has constructed in miniature a facsimile of a wagon show. Whether his ambitions encompass a rail-road show is unknown, but Cole is outspoken in his belief in the circus and its future. His wife, Dorothy, feels the same way and together they have accomplished wonders from

have

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"I'm trying to give the customers

a little more than they expect," Cole said. That, he intimated, justified his \$1.20 general admission, plus 85 cents for reserved seats. That's near

top dough for a show of this size but

the customers were noticeably happy and inclined to remain in large num-bers for the concert. Kid's pay 60 cents for night shows. If they utilize

a coupon they can catch a matinee

Got Early Start Cole got away to an early start in the second week of April, with the result that he has been first in at most

of his towns. Altho the weather has been anything but favorable there

were tales of strawing 'em on many lots. The three-quarter house here

added up to a nice take even tho Cole was inclined to discredit it as being

Show has five elephants, including

Show has five elephants, including the recently imported Dorothy, who stands only a head taller than James M. II, seven-year-old son of the owner, who works the baby, and Big Freda, solo in the center ring. Youngster has the cocky, poised as-surance of an adult bullman and the natural appeal of the turn wows the audience

Barton Works Horses

Barton Works Horses The Cole Liberty horses, trained and presented by Lew Barton, work a lengthy routine smoothly and are nearly as good as the show person-nel thinks they are. The Dutton Troupe, with youngsters Ida Mae Curley and Jimmie Stutz, and the well known Nellie and her husband, personnt a fact riding act even tho

present a fast riding act even tho working with relatively new stock. The act's harlequin costuming is out-

Accounting for plenty of talent spread thruout the 17 displays are the Dobas, perch act; Senorita Flordelina, wire walker; Kirk Adams's dog acts; Morris Troupe, teeterboard; Irvin Romig and his mule, Snafu, and Grace McIntosh, aerialist. Joeys are numerous.

Tama Frank and Patsy, in a West-

ern and knife-throwing act, handle the concert capably. Charley Cuth-bert fronts for the able eight-piece

Cole is gassing 55 pieces of rolling equipment, about 40 of which are owned by him. Units are dressed up like a wagon show, even to sun-bursting on all wheels. A well stocked menagerie holds the public on its way to the big top, which has a capacity of about 1,800.

TABER, Sask., June 7.—A crowd of 6,500 was on hand at the opening of the Southern Alberta Stampede Circuit here May 14, with Clark Lund

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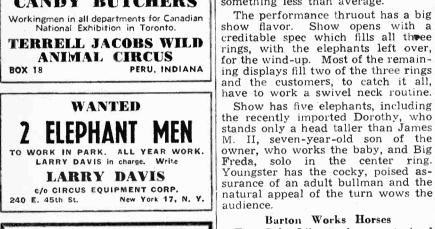
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Display 5—Elephants worked by James M. Cole II.

Display 6-Clowns: Romig, La Bird brothers, Zeke Lamont, Blinkie Hoff-

man and Billie Burke. Display 7—Webs. Display 8—Cole's Liberty Horses, worked by Lew Barton; Teeter Ponies in end rings. Display 9-The Dobas, perch; Miss

Orr, contortion. Display 10.—Cole's High School

Horses. Display 11-Kirk Adams's dog act

(two rings). Display 12-Double and single traps.

Display 13—Clowns. Display 14—Dutton's Riding Act. Display 15-Senorita Flordelina,

wire walker . Display 16—Clown walkaround. Display 17—Morris Troupe, teeterboard.

## Sello Bros. Offers Well-Paced Program

ENUMCLAW, Wash., June 7.—Roy Bible's Sello Bros.' Circus did okay business on its stand here. Show moves on 10 trucks and trailers, with all rolling stock painted white on blue. Org has three different cat acts. a Liberty act, pony drill, fast-step-ping dog act, bull act and plenty of aerials and comedy. Show runs 1½ hours in one ring and a steel arena. The menagerie is spotted in its own

The menagerie is spotted in A. tent. Show is working into Canada via Victoria, B. C., and intends to work Vancouver Island. The program: 1—Suzie, pony rid-ing puma. 2—The Three Aerial Lakes. 3—The Bounding Bromleys. 4—Miss Hess's dogs. 5—Capt. Van Der Woll and baby lions. 6—Bozo the clown. 7—Captain Prudom's Lib-erty horses. 8—Clown stop. 9—Miss Esther, one-arm planges. 10—Capt. erty horses. 8—Clown stop. 9—Miss Esther, one-arm planges. 10—Capt. Van Der Woll with pumas. 11— Miss Georgia, swinging ladder. 12— Clown stop. 13—Military ponies. 14 —Amelia, iron jaw. 15—Clown ball game. 16—Captain Predom, high school horses. 17—Miss Jeanne, Span-ish web. 18—Elephant, worked by Miss Hess. 19—Miss Dorothy, cloud swing. 20—Clown stop. 21—Lions worked by Mrs. Bible.

## Southern Alberta Rodeo **Org Announces 17 Dates**

Urg Announces 17 Dates LETHBRIDGE, Alta., June 7.—The Southern Alberta Rodeo Circuit will provide 17 days of competition. Dates are: Nanton, June 24-25; Claresholm, June 27-28; Macleod, June 30-July 1; High River, July 2; Lethbridge, July 3-5; Cardston, July 15-16; Medi-cine Hat, July 18-19; Pincher Creek, July 23; Coleman, July 25-26. In addition to the \$12,700 prize money put up by the various stam-pedes, there will be five special prizes of \$400 each for top winners in each of the major events. Calgary Ex-hibition and Stampede Association donated \$400 for steer riding.

## Fernie Winners Named

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FERNIE, B. C., June 7.—Winners of the one-day rodeo held under Fernie Rodeo Association auspices were: Steer riding, Joe Bossio; bare-back bronks, Joe Zoffa, Gordon Cook and Nick Gravelle, tied for first; saddle bronks, Gordon Cook; calf roping, Slim Frank and Alex Gravelle.



More Than 140,000 See Show

SAN FRANCISCO. June 7.-Polack Bros.' Western Unit Shrine Circus beat last year's gross business by 27 per cent in an 11-day stand here May 22-June 1, according to George Wes-terman, promotion director of the show. Westerman said attendance for the 11 days was in excess of 140,-000.

While no official figures were given, While no official tigures were given, it is an established fact that with the exception of the first three perform-ances, which drew strong houses, the show played to capacity houses the rest of the run. Org played in the Civic Audito-rium here under auspices of Islam Temple of the Shrine.

Temple of the Shrine. Just prior to the show's opening matinee, Cheerful Gardner, 68, with the circus the last three seasons as elephant trainer, suffered a slight stroke and was placed under the doc-tor's care. Altho quite ill, Gardner refused to leave the arena and with the aid of an attendant appeared at

on Friday night (23), members of the show were guests of the Shrine at a midnight party. Each trouper was presented with a souvenir.

## Three-Day Melfort, Sask., Rodeo Draws 12,000 Fans

SASKATOON, Sask., June 7.—A three-day rodeo here, staged by Cliff Claggett, Melfort, Sask., and spon-sored by the Optimist Club, drew 12,000 persons. Winners were: Calf Roping, Floyd

Winners were: Calf Roping, Floyd Peters, Norman Porter, Al Galarneau; Steer Riding, Wally Lindstrom, Jim White, Gordon Earl: Bronk Riding, Cam Landsdell, Ken Brower, Bob Fisher; Bareback Bronk Riding, Everett Vold, Wally Lindstrom, Gordon Aikins: Steer Decorat-ing, Everett Vold, Tony Benedictis, Gordon Earl.

## Medicine Hat Stampede

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MEDICINE HAT, Alta.. June 7.---Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stam-pede Company, Ltd., has affiliated with the Southern Alberta Rodeo As-sociation so that contestants at the stampede will compete for circuit prizes, as well as the \$2,000 local

prize money. Herman Linder will direct tl.e stampede, July 18-19. Mach Higdon is president and J. P. Marsh, secretary.

## James M. Cole Gets Two Full Houses at Rome, N. Y.

ROME, N. Y., June 7.—Despite a soggy lot, the James M. Cole Circus drew two full houses here Decoration Day, after having to pass up Oneida, N. Y., the day previous because of rain rain.

rain. Saturday (31) at Little Falls, the show had two strong houses. At Au-burn, N. Y., the day previous, the show drew two strong houses.

## Mills Biz at Saginaw **Okay Despite Weather**

SAGINAW, Mich., June 7.—Mills Bros.' Circus, on a two-day stand here May 30-31, sponsored by the American Legion Post, did okay busi-ness, despite rain. Org drew strong houses at both matinee and night shows on both days

days.

Harry and Dorothy Lee Brown, ft the Sparks show and spent several days in Chicago recently.

Small circus of today may be the giant tomorrow.

George Davis Hensley postcards from New York that he no longer is with the Bailey Bros.' Circus.

Willie C. Clark, who has been with Dailey Bros.' Circus, is now in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Look-a-likes—Justus Edwards, general agent for Clyde Beatty Circus and A. K. McMartin, of Meyerhoff's Crescent Shows.

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standing horse trainers, Cheslaw Mroczkowski first making his first tour of the United States, handling the liberty horses on the Ringling-Barnum circus.

Bernie Head and Frank Braden, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus tub thumpers, are still con-fined in Bellevue Hospital, New York.

When King Bros.' Circus played Bradford, Pa., Tuesday (3), The Era used a full column story on the show and on its owner, Floyd King.

Clyde Wixom, owner of the Mat Wixom Great Show title and active circus historian, is vacationing in California.

Don't let one successful indoor promotion make a hamburger aristocrat out of you. The next 10 may not be red ones.

George Phillips postcards from Staten Island, N. Y., that he caught the Ringling-Barnum show in Philadelphia Saturday (24).

Since closing with Barnes Bros.' Circus, the Snell brothers, clowns, played the Jimmie Lynch Thrill Show and report several more bookings.

The Gainesville (Tex.) Community Circus rated a page feature, including pictures, in the magazine section of the Sunday (1) edition of The New York Daily Mirror.

There isn't a thing wrong with circus biz during a rainy spring—if you can gross enough to keep on moving and paying off.

Harry Philips and Fred Timon, of Oswego, N. Y., visited two shows May 28, catching the Bailey matinee at Binghamton, N. Y., and the James M. Cole night show at Auburn, N. Y.

George H. Barlow III, red-hot fan, of Binghamton, N. Y., left last week for Daytona Beach, Fla., to get Mrs. Barlow, who has been convalescing there after an operation a month ago.

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Dan Pyne is handling advance pro-Mathematical and the prosent advance pro-motions for Mills Bros., and Dick McKinnon is working press. . . John Williams and sons, John, Alex and Warren, visited Dailey Bros. at Durham, N. C.

Stan Reed, for the last two years general agent for the Gate City Shows and before that press agent with the Harrison Greater Snows, is now handling advertising and ban-ners for Hunt Bros.' Circus.

Age also has it's circus handicaps. The young are held as First of May's, and the vets are termed "Old fogies living in the past.

Arthur and Florence Griffiths, cir-cus fans in Saginaw, Mich., were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills at a chicken dinner when the Mills a chicken dinner when the same Bros.' Circus played Saginaw May 30-31.

Ray Wallace, Alliance, O., theater owner and circus fan, caught three circuses in May: Mills Bros., May 2 at Akron; Bailey Bros., May 3 at East Liverpool, O., and Cole Bros., May 30 at Canton, O.

Visitors on Bailey Bros.' Circus at Lancaster, Pa., included J. Rudolph Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Berk-ely, George Kienzle Sr. and Jr., George Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Douglas.

Marty Lynch, juggler, reports that the Syracuse Planning Commission has decided to grant two circus per-mits each season for the McCarthy's Island lot, despite protests registered by natives on the street over which the wagons must be hauled.

Indoor circus promoters that boast, "This event is backed with brains and years of experience," fail to mention any financial backing.

Capt. Anthony Greenhaw. well known in the circus world, has been assigned as commanding officer of Company B of the First Training Regiment at Camp Stoneman, near Pittsburg, Calif. Greenhaw has been in service since November, 1942.

George W. Stark, columnist and former city editor of *The Detroit News*, wrote a series of articles last week on the childhood and Detroit associations of James A. Bailey, of the original Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Henry Cordell McCoy and Frank Williams Williams joined William Dugan's World Wide Animal Exhibit in Oklahoma as inside lecturer and boss canvasman, respectively, according to Jim Stutz, who has concessions. Stutz reports business at Sand Springs, Bartlesville and Pawhuska, Okla., was okay.

Charles Kyle, sales manager for the Hudson Fireworks Display Company, reports that after firing the show for Larry Sunbrock's presentation in the Yankee Stadium, New York, he will open for 10 weeks with the Roy Rogers-Tom Packs show in the New York Pole Grounds York Polo Grounds.

Some of the self-styled efficiency experts, who are always trying to connect someone with the taking of a little shortcake, build up a distrust between bosses and employees.

Circus Fans of America took over the Atwell Luncheon Club table in the the Atwell Luncheon Club table in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, May 27 with Dr. H. H. Conley, president; William Montague, publicity director: Walt Hohenadel, editor of *White Tops* and Happy Oakley, a fan from Hatties-burg, Miss., present; and among the other characters present were Harry A. Atwell, Dwight Pepple, P. N. Branson, Clint Finney, Vaughn Rich-ardson, Nat Green, G. L. (Mike) Wright, Eddie Schooley, Joe Strei-bich, Frank Winkley, Sunny Bernet, Allen J. Wagner, Lou Leonard, Bill Snyder, Walter Hale, Ray Marsh Bryden, and Bube Lichman Brydon, and Rube Liebman.

Charles and Peggy Kline report they are playing the Tom Packs' dates and will open in the Polo Grounds, New York, with Roy Rogers Thrill Circus. They report they have several fair dates signed, including the Towns State Roin at Dallage the Texas State Fair at Dallas.

> BOBBIE PECK, Mrs. Bill McGough in private life, was once a member of the Marcelles troupe of acrobats and is now working spec, web, pony-elephant drill and menage on the Clyde Beatty show.

attracts customers! the original

Capt. Dan E. Fox, retired New York State trooper who gained consider-able fame as head of the Spotted Horse Troupe, is operating Bickford's Restaurant in Binghamton, N. Y., where he recently entertained Lee Conarroe, Hi Bobby Burns, Bob and Opal Stevens and Joe Bowers. He's awaiting the arrival of the Ringling-Barnum show July 4 and predicts Cole Bros.' Circus will do business there June 12.

During the Larry Sunbrock Rodeo and Thrill Show at Yankee Stadium. New York, May 30-June 7, Pat and Mrs. Sarah Cartier visited with Mike Kociuk, Mary and Roy Valentine, the Gretonas, Willie and Clara Lam-

betti, and Great Gregoreski. . . Sam Freed cards from Schenectady, N.Y. that the James Cole Circus agent billed Fonda, N. Y., for the June 3date at Amsterdam, but that when he went to catch the show there he learned the date was blown because of rain.

Harry Meyer pens the following from Philadelphia: Ace Collins was in Philadelphia for the opening of in Philadeiphia for the opening of the Ringling-Barnum show. He was sporting a new convertible Packard. . . . Tom Wilcox planed to Onio to join a phone crew . . . Edward G. Drew on his way to the Bailey Bros. Circus. . . . Harry Lotto in town for the Big Show. . . . Esther Haines re-ports her husband, Charles, is on the sidelines with a bad eve Mever bile by the time the fair season ar-rives. He added he had an offer to sell his Wild Life show to Frank Longwell.

Then there was the early-day circus owner who liked to dress cool, com-fortable and loose to be like his boys. When his daughter visited the show someone would whisper, "Mary's on the lot," which sent him hurrying to his car to put on sharpened pants and a stiff collar.

Two veterans of the big tops, whose Two veterans of the big tops, whose experiences date from childhood, en-joyed a visit in Chicago May 25 when C. H. (Dad) White called on Thalei Dechert, during the former's stay in the Windy City. Joe W. Keown, general agent for Roger Bros.' Circus, tells from Scottsbluff, Neb that he doesn't think the spring Neb., that he doesn't think the spring will ever settle. "Since opening in Dothan, Ala., February 11," Joe says, "show has played Southern Alabama and Mississippi and Northeast Louisiand to nothing but rain. During the trek thru North Texas and Western Kansas it was rain and more rain. We've only lost one day, however."

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## **Ringling-Barnum**

favored with ideal We were weather and big business on our sec-ond week out under canvas. A Sunday off in Washington gave the folks a chance to go on various sight-seeing trips and take in the movies. Bobby Hasson gave a party at his home in Washington. His mother put on a Syrian meal that was out of this world. Midway thru the meal all you could see of Harry Doll was the top of his head; chicken bones were that high on his plate.

Mabel Ringling joined and is riding menage. She plans to do pro-duction numbers later. Myron Orton joined clown alley and Dusty Cunningham joined the Side Show.

Visitors: Mrs. Dippy Diers, Melvin D. Hildreth, Dr. William Mann, Karl Wallenda, Mrs. F. A. Von Rosenberg, R. L. McConnell, Henry J. Frank, Mr. Fawcett and daughter, Claire, and Mrs. Red McKettrick.

Recent birthdays: Marcel Forgeur, June Perkinson and Richard Skiles. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

Roddy Bell joined his parents, Betty and Gus Bell, for the remainder of the season; also joining was Sally Marlowe.

Around the lot: Softball, baseball and soccer take up our spare time between shows. . . Laugh of the week: John (Bring 'Em Back Alive) Manko chasing one of the Vargas chimps that had climbed the center pole and got on top of the big top. ... A picture of Manko and two prop boys, plus the chimp, made the Wash-ington dailies... Harold Ward has a new entrance for the flying act which only he is able to do correctly. which only he is able to do correctly. ... Mildren Keathly is working in the Ward-Bell flying act, replacing Betty Ward who is out for the season. ... The Free-Roll Club is making plans for the annual outing July 4, reports Secretary Arthur Springer.— DICK MILLER.

## **Polack Western Unit**

We closed in San Francisco Sunday (1), breaking all previous records. Everyone was kept busy visiting the various points of interest. Conchita seemed to enjoy Chinatown, making several trips there. After the night show Decoration

After the night show Decoration Day, the Shriners gave a party for all personnel. The ladies were given gifts. Several of the performers en-tertained with impromptu bits but all agreed the star of the evening was Louis Stern, especially his im-personation of Al Jolson. Sunday (1) was Bee Black's birth-day and she was hosters at a party

Sunday (1) was Bee Black's birth-day and she was hostess at a party for the kiddies. The writer cele-brated her birthday Decoration Day. San Francisco visitors included Hurley Woodson, Nick De Ambrosia, Maggie Murphy and Fletts Angle.— IRENE LAFFERTY.

## Mills Bros.

After a quiet run in Flint, Mich., we strawed 'em in Bay City, Mich., putting 5,000 in at the matinee, de-spite a 3,000 capacity. Even the rain

and mud couldn't stop us on this one. Jimmy O'Neil is showing a lot of interest in the ordeals of obtaining the necessities pertaining to getting married. After listening to Mrs. Ray Goody tell of all the hardships they had to go thru he loves to hear the happy ending. "We arrived back to the lot just in time for the blow-off while the band played *Here Comes* the Bride.

Ine Bride. Most popular saying on the lot: Do me a favor; I'll appreciate it. Louis Mittendorf of the band awoke the other day, looked at his faithful watch and saw it was 11:50 a.m. He ambled over to the cookhouse, heard the band playing in the big top and decided it was an impromptu morning rehearsal. On second thought, he decided to look (See MILLS BROS. on opposite page)

## DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

## **Gran Circo Americano**

Show concluded its fourth week here in Bogota, Colombia, May 26. Business was a shade off at opening, due to the student demonstrations and general strikes, but conditions have improved and business is look-ing up. Weather had been good to ing up. Weather had been good to us, but bad in a way, as there has been little rain, and when there's no water electricity is rationed. It's al-ways cool to cold here and colds are quite common among personnel.

Mel Henry and Al Spiller are receiving penicillin shots from Mos-quito, the clown. Dorothy and Willie Storey are wearing their dog, Nila, to a frazzle with their practice ses-sions. Janis Wilson is trying to calm herself after discovering that our native wardrobe mistress thought some of the highly spangled wardrobe was slightly soiled and took it upon herself to wash it, spangles and all.

self to wash it, spangles and all. Taxicabs are difficult to hail around theater and circus time, so yours truly and Jerry and Janis Wil-son have worked up a deal. Who-ever has success in obtaining a cab doesn't have to pay. Prop hands went on strike one day during the stand here, but the show went on as usual, with new recruits and artists pitching in. Among Willy Storey's sundry duties is selling menagerie exhibition tickets during the inter-mission. Mel Henry collects them. Both vehemently insist they's not re-hashing. Biggest chore on show: Putting up my single trap rigging in Spanish. Dona Bertha de Ospina Spanish. Dona Bertha de Ospina Perez, wife of the president of Co-lombia, attended the matinee performance with her party Thursday (22).—JIMMIE HARRINGTON.

## **Bailey Bros.**

We left Pennsylvania for New York We left Pennsylvania for New York to the accompaniment of rain, mud and opposition. Bob and Opal Stev-ens and Skinny Goe visited the Ringling-Barnum show in Philadel-phia. Buck Leahy, who played the Star Theater in York, Pa., has been discharged from Jameson Memorial Hospital in New Castle, Pa., where he underwent a minor operation Jack he underwent a minor operation. Jack Haines joined clown alley in Lebanon, Pa. Johnny Wall, super-intendent of the big top, suffered a scalp wound when one of the sec-tions of the steel arena fell on him. He is on the job, however.

Cy Murray served some great meals Decoration Day, with plenty of extra trimmings. Gladys Gillum added three cub bears to the menagerie display

Visitors have included Hi-Brown Visitors have included in-Leona Bobby Burns and Lee Conoroe, of the Ringling-Barnum advance; Frank Mansfield and family of the James the Ringling-Barnum advance; Frank Mansfield and family of the James Eskew Rodeo; Lee, Elmer and Jack Smith, Rochester, N. Y., retired clowns, and Clayton Hawks, Castle Creek, N. Y., circus fan. R. A. Griffin, Rochester, delivered new boots to Peggy Henderson and a pair of clown shoes to Red Harris. (Rube Simonds please note)

(Rube Simonds, please GEORGE L. MYERS. note.)

### Stevens Bros.

Since we played the benefit at Mount Vernon, Mo., Hospital, many thank-you letters have been received from patients and officials.

At Golden City, Mo., a center pole broke, delaying the matinee. The writer enjoyed a visit with Gertrude Gamble, relative of Fred Stumbolt, owner of the shows bearing his name.

Recent visitors were Irish Howard, Melvin McCaslin and Chick Neilson, the latter en route to an eastern club date with his band. Being a photog-rapher, Neilson took many pictures of the shows.—JACKIE DALE.

## King Bros.

Entering New York at Olean, a big crowd greeted us at the matinee in spite of wait paper. At Bradford, Pa., the last stand in the Quaker State, lately plagued with floods, we narrowly missed the high water. The provide lat was impressible neutrino regular lot was impossible, portions regular fot was impossible, portions of it being under water. Due to the efforts of James Salter, 24-hour man, and the Saints and Sinners we switched to a graveled parking lot adjacent to the ball park. Lot was two miles out but it didn't affect business

At Warren, Pa., we Sundaved on the banks of the Allegheny River. It was 5:15 a.m., when the last wagon was loaded and started over the mountains toward Bradford. Elmer Jones, 74, retired circus owner, spent a busy two days on the lot at Warren, his home town. At one time Elmer had two circuses, two minstrel shows and a repertoire company operating simultaneously. He is connected with the State Highway Department. Gary Vanderbilt and Ed Lowery, ex-showmen, also were on hand. At Meadville the contracted lot was

under water and we switched to a downtown lot owned by the Erie R. R. Ex-Sheriff Ben Darling and Rusty Rusterholtz, of The Erie Times, visited at Meadville. Rusty clowned both shows. At Wellsville, N. Y., Fred Barker, of the Ringling advance, was on the lot. At Warren, Pa., Eddie Jackson, of the same show, visited. Floyd King left at Wellsville for New York on business. He returned at Bath.—VICKI KERNAN.

### **Dailey Bros.**

We were privileged to meet Don Cavilla, born in 1849, one of the sur-vivors of Pickett's charge in the War Between the States. He was an acro-bat and leaper with Pogey O'Brien, then with Buffalo Bill on his Euro-pean tour and also with Milt Robbins's father in 1888. All broken watches were gathered

and taken to the jewelry store of Charles and Lamont Landerback in Petersburg, Va., for repairs. These gentlemen are died in the wool circus fans and were around the lot early in the evening and took in the night show.

The railroad had so much fun shifting our coaches in Pulaski, Va., that Red Rumbel, head porter, didn't know where two of the cars were hidden.

Ricky Miget entertained the small Ricky Miget entertained the small fry of the dressing room at a birth-day party for her three-year-old son. The six-pole top, 120 with five 50-foot middles, is down and loaded in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Is this a record? Principals in this fast-mov-ing drama are Paul Pyle, Whitey Haley and Vernon Thomas. Visitors have included J. C. Arter, Ernie White, Charlie Campbell, Doc (See Dailey Bros. on opposite page)

### Cole Bros.

The day in Zanesville, O., was a big one for Huffy Hoffman and Lee Virtue. They both threw parties for their brother clowns. Huffy staged his between shows and Lee put his his between shows and Lee put his on after the show. In the party were Otto Griebling, Horace Laird, Mrs. Virtue, Ernie Burch, Jack Crippen, Billy Griffin, Grover Nitchman, Al-bert White, Charles Raimer, Jack Kennedy, John Wyatt, Charles Rob-inson, Frank Cain and Eddie LaRue. Huffy's mother was a special guest. In Mansfield, O., Winn Partello en-joyed a big day. It is his home-town and his mother visited. In addi-tion Winn and Marion celebrated

town and his mother visited. In addi-tion Winn and Marion celebrated their wedding anniversary. Question of the week: Why is Nena Thomas leaving notes on Jo-Jo Monarch's berth? Nice gesture: Florence Tennyson handing out mint (See COLE BROS. on opposite page)

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### Sparks

The midway is sporting many new faces these days. Winthrop Lamb is now presiding over the tax box, Chandler Miller has the front door, Alex Mikko represents Tom Ken-nedy at the novelty stand, Bruce Brooks and Fat Fife run the grease joint, Harry Crosby and Bernie Blount the No. 1 stand and Johnny Ricci pops the corn. Bigal Davis, of course, is the kiddies' favorite with the candy floss. The red wagon's three windows

The red wagon's three windows are handled by Arnold Maley, Eddie Toomey and Mrs. Ward Nath. Billy Payne and Virgil Taylor, on the Side Show boxes, are rigged out in identi-cal blue jacks and white hats. They create a harmonious effect, marred only by the writer's checked slack suit on the bally platform. The three inside track boxes are manned by Harry Hanmond, Tommy Thornton and Happy Starr, who doubles in

clown alley. Howard Mentz, Whitey Escalante and their boys recently repainted all the props and rigging. An unfailing weather indicator is John White's hat. If he wears it to work the greyhounds, it's cold. Hannah Griebling was out of the

Hodgini act for a few days to attend her daughter's wedding. Billy Bar-ton now is doing traps while Edna and Skee Matausch are cloud swinging. Francisco Reynosa is balanc-ing during the ladder number and Sue Staley works the bulls with Whitey Haven.

Whitey Haven. If John Staley is not famous for his salads he should be. Jimmy Pier-son, of the front door staff, has taken on additional duties. He now calls on the mayor in the Sunday towns. One feature of the big show is a natural for Won, Horse and Upp. It's the ballet of the quarter poles.— DAVE MURPHY.

## Garden Bros.

The first of the dreaded long 10-lowout jumps is past history. What blowout jumps is past history. What a jump! Five hundred miles over all kinds of highways, black top, mud top and what have you. The only peo-ple who didn't have trouble were the ones taking the ferry, which was too small to accommodate the trucks. The folks of Sault St. Marie turned

out in great numbers to see us. Ma-tinees were sellouts and night attend-ance near capacity. On the queen's birthday in Owen Sound we gave three shows.

three shows. Diane Robinson is assisting Jane Ross in her whip act. Their West-ern wardrobe is no less than glam-orous. Kenneth Johnson is back home in Bloomsburg, Pa., on busi-ness. Ken Good is back on the job waving his teacher's stick with more fury. Bill Garden spent a week-end in Toronto viciting his wife and chilin Toronto visiting his wife and chil-dren. Don Dorsey keeps Basil Whit-field busy delivering fan mail. Bob (See GARDEN BROS. on opp. page)

## **Clyde Beatty**

At Bozeman, Mont., Frances O'Conner, of the Side Show, entertained friends. A farewell party was given Jack Joyce.

New menagerie canvas arrived at Billings.

Billings. Lewistown. . . First really grassy lot of the season. P. M. Silloway, CFA, was on the lot all day. Great Falls. . . Weather here Decoration Day was excellent. The Mint, noted eaterie, was visited by many showfolk. Bobbie Peck and Janie Staatz practiced menage be-tween shows. Mell Rennick began lay-ing plans for an enlarged musical ing plans for an enlarged musical July 4 personnel show. Everyone remembers the successful job he did

remembers the successful job he did with it last year. Shelby... Weather very gloomy. "The Queen of the Feathers" extends best regards to Henry Kyes. Nita Brooks suffered head cuts while practicing acrobatics. 'Touch of rain (See CLYDE BEATTY on opp. page)

## Gran Circo Americano Has Well-Balanced Show

BOGOTA, Colombia, June 7.---Gran Circo Americano, now touring South America, presents a well-bal-anced show. The program: 1.—Juan anced show. The program: 1.—Juan Perez contortionist; 2.—Tellander, Liberty act; 3.—Dorothy Storey, web and dog and pony menage; 4.—Wil-Son-Ray Duo, adagio; 5.—Droguet Troupe, hat throwing: 6.—Jimmy Harrington, single trap and flying rings; 7.—Chi-Chi, table rock; 8.— Andres Perez and wife, telepatico brunet; 9.—Olympic Trio, hand bal-ancing; 10.—Flying Wilcos, Jerry Wilson, Janis Wilson and Eddie Ni-lan; 11.—Lilia Sarmiento, ladders; an; 11.—Lilia Sarmiento, ladders; 12.—Captain Troncoso with chim-panzee, McGinty; 13.—Rebecca, foot juggling; 14.—Julio Farias and Este-ban Munoz, rolo-rolo duo; 15.— Lechuguin. musical clown; 16.—Five Mia.is, trampoline; 17. — Spiller's Mia...s, trampoline; 17. — Spiller's Seals, with Albert and Judy Spiller and wel Hendry.

Marcos Droguet heads the clowns. Others are Lechuguin, Ramoncita, Gasparin, Tachuela and Horacio Drouget. Jorge Sarmiento is ring-master and Wilson Storey, assistant manager.

## George R. Beers, Veteran **Owner**, **Buried** in Miami

MIAMI, June 7.—George R. Beers, co-owner of the Beers-Barnes Circus, who died in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, May 27, was buried in Southern Memorial Park here May 31.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Watson and the Normi Lodge of Masons. Many members of the Miami Showmen's Association were in attendance. Beers had been in the amusement

business since 1908 when he and his family formed the Five Musical Beers. After several seasons with the Barnes Comedy Company, he organized his

Comedy Company, he organized his own repertory company. In 1934 the Barnes Players and Beers Players joined to form the present Beers-Barnes Circus, which will now be operated by his son, Cnarles W. Beers, and son-in-law, Roger Barnes. Other survivors are the widow,

Mrs. Anna Beers, and two daughters, Mrs. E.la Barnes and Mrs. Matilda La wton.

## **Montgomery Does Okay**

DOUGLAS, Wyo., June 7.—The C. R. Montgomery Circus, despite a heavy rainstorm, accompanied by a strong wind, at night, drew two strong houses here Decoration Day.

## **CLYDE BEATTY**

(Continued from opposite page) created such heavy and sticky mud that it seemed like everyone was on stilts. Actually, the Sylvester Duo appeared five feet high rather than three and one-half. Latest pets added to the dressing room are Mitty Belle and Betsy Belle, two rabbits named after the true names of two wellknown aerialists. Red Larkin visited. The night show was canceled by weather. Show was off the lot and loaded before 2 a.m., thanks to Larry

loaded before 2 a.m., thanks to Larry Wilcox's transportation department and O'Brien's train crew. Havre, ... The rain clouds still hung overhead, hitting us late at night. Most placid scene was in the menagerie. Gator, Irish, and Kokomo were comfortably nestled in the curled trunks of their elephants as all the other bulls lay in identical positions, snoring away. Malta... Again the skies were

Malta. . . . Again the skies were overcast and it rained between shows.

overcast and it rained between shows. Janie Staatz entered a hospital here for an appendix operation. Glasgow.... Jorgen Christenson practicing menage. Tiny Huntly en-ters the elephant-pony drill, and Mullin calliope concertos are the talk of the lot.—DICK ANDERSON.

## **Hunt Program**

Display 1.—Hunt's Horses presented in two rings and worked by Phil Wirth and Charles Hunt Jr.

Display 2.—Zoppe's Trapeze, man, girl and boy in balancing routine. Display 3.—Marion Drew, juggling; Marvin and Hazel Case on rolling globes, and Edward Hunt on rolling globe.

Display 4.-Happy Spitzer and his

Display 4.—Happy Spitzer and his mule, January. Display 5.—Millie and Mildred Hunt on swinging ladders. Display 6.—Germana Zoppe, riding principal act. Display 7.—Phil. Wirth's Piding

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School. Display 8 .- The Levines, shoulder

perch. Display 9.—Zoppe-Zavata riding

Display 10 .- Drew's Dogs and Daleny's unsupported ladders.

Display 11.—Aerial Smalls. Display 12.—Marvin and Hazel Case, wire walking. Display 13.—Hunt's trained mule

Display 14.—Edward and Millie Hunt, balancing, and Jim and Betty McDonald, comedy acrobats.

Display 15.—Hunt's Liberty Horses. Display 16.—Zoppe's unsupported

ladder. Display 17.—Hunt's elephants worked by Capt. Roy Bush.

## COLE BROS.

(Continued from opposite page) bars on those long runs. Jack and Kay Burslem's grandchildren are getting bigger and noiser, especially when they get up at 6 a.m. The writer made Voise's stateroom again,

writer made Voise's stateroom again, this time for breakfast on the run from Lima to Wooster. Bonnie and Vickie Cristiani, Os-car's daughters, joined for their va-cation. Maggie Wise is doing a good job in the elephant number. Hilda Burkhart left for New York to visit Mary Lou and the new grandchild.

Everyone is glad to hear that Mrs. Cristiani, who has been seriously ill in Sarasota, Fla., is well on the road to recovery. Pete and Corky flew to Sarasota to be with her during her illness.

Laugh of the week: All the girls doing their washing in Mansfield, decked out in rubber boots and standing ankle deep in mud. (Dorothy

Carter, please note.) Oto Griebling left on our second day in Akron to attend the wedding of his daughter, Elsie. During Otto's absence we made Bogonghi king for a day. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brambles and

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brambles and family, who were in a Jap concen-tration camp for more than three years, are on their way back to their home in Manila after a visit on the show. Mrs. Brambles is a sister of the writer and this marked their first get-together in 30 years. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs.

Tom Gregory and Virginia and Dot; D. C. Walters, Ted Deppish, who took pictures and showed his circus took pictures and showed his circus movies; Jim Canon, Spanky Jones Jr., Andy Kooper, guest of Ernie Burch; Forest Wilson, Roy Ruhlman, Burch; Forest Wilson, Roy Ruhlman, Frank and Mary Majares from Hono-lulu, Danny O'Donald, Coral Col-leano, Frank S. Hammer, Ernie Jen-sen; Glen Tracy, to whom we owe thanks for the painting; Dan Miller and Frances Wallace. To the latter we say thanks for the poems.— FREDDIE FREEMAN. we say thanks for FREDDIE FREEMAN.

K-M in Big Holiday MANKATO, Kan., June 7.—The Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros.' Circus, show-ing here Decoration Day, drew two strong houses.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., June 7.— Bailey Bros.' Circus drew a capacity night house here after playing to a strong matinee crowd May 28.

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## MILLS BROS.

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(Continued from opposite page) in and discovered the matinee was near closing. Was his face red! Jack Hoxie relinquished his op-timism about the weather and ap-peared with a large pair of rubber galoshes. Now we can have some fair weather.

fair weather. Visitors have included the Hanne-fords, Terrell Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Karsh, Vern H. Woods and Jimmy Freed, Paul and Mae Lewis, Patsy Montana, Tony Grey, Chief Red Cloud and famliy, guests of Chief White Eagle, and Oklahoma, who purchased one of Gypsy's wolf pups. "Pontoon" is the password around the lot. Most famous saying is "the day it rained so hard." Outstanding scene: The Owosso sewer depart-ment pressure pump at work in the ring curbs just before the matinee. The Acevedos have a new paint

The Acevedos have a new paint job on their bus. Jim Conley is proudly displaying a new house trailer.

The Old-Timer's Club, now being organized on the lot, brings to light many wonderful memories and asso-ciations. Just wait until they start initiating the first of Mays.

Burma, performing elephant, got the show nationwide publicity, when she took a walk from the lot at Lansing, Mich., and staged an un-scheduled performance on the lawns and in the gardens of Lansing's south side homes. side homes. Story was sent out of Lansing on the Associated Press wire. —BONNIE BAKER.

## GARDEN BROS.

(Continued from opposite page) Carr, producing clown, celebrated his birthday. With Uncle Sam's soil only a five-

minute ferry ride, most everyone commuted. Sweaters, fur coats and red flannels continue to be the vogue. Kingston, Ont., engagement was a

pleasant one. Every matinee was a turnaway and night houses were capacity. The Armory was an ideal spot for a circus. Stock was housed inside and the dressing rooms were spacious, fully equipped with show-ers and everything.

A surprise party was given Roland Robinson, of Billy Siegrist's flying act Occasion was his birthday. There was a dutch lunch and a big cake. Versatile Basil Whitfield now comes

Versatile Basil Whitfield now comes into a town, puts up the rigging and goes ahead acting as 24-hour man. Flash Foy handles the property de-partment in his absence, under the watchful eye of Leo Mathieu. Dav Fonger, our drummer, and Velma Des Lauriers announce they will wed this fall. Hugh Burritt and Barney Oldfield, of Gray's Shows, visited. Bill Garden is sponsoring a show for the hospital fund of the Show-men's League of America and all are participating. Each participant must do some kind of an act, other than his or her own. From all indications it will outdo the A1 G. Barnes July 4 shows of previous years.-DOLLY JACOBS. JACOBS.

## DAILEY BROS.

(Continued from opposite page)

(Continued from opposite page) Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, Frank Oppie and Jack Smith, old-time drummers visiting Billie Todd, and Frank West, former carnival owner. Band leader Joe Rossi reports his health is improving. Paul Strait is breaking in on trampoline and clown alley. Chief Sugar Brown is always seen sitting in his comfortable chair under his new 20 by 20 dressing top. Side Show Notes: A new prosce-nium was received, half for Francis Doran's show and half for Millie Curtis's first-aid department. Dave Curtis, incidentally, was the first pa-tient in the first-aid department be-cause a taxi charged him \$2 for a trip from town to the lot.—HAZEL KING. KING.

## CIRCUSES

## With the Circus Fans -By The Ringmaster-

Members of the James E. Cooper Top observed the 75th anniversary of the first Washington showing of P. T. Barnum's Circus, May 6, 1947, with a luncheon in the United States National Zoological Park. Dr. Wu-liam M. Mann presided. Past Presi-dent Melvin D. Hildreth told the story of Bornum's fort with to be mationed of Barnum's first visit to the nation's capital in 1872. Members visited the James M. Cole Circus in Frederick, Md. Nellie Dutton entertained Doc-

James M. Cole Circus in Frederick, Md. Nellie Dutton entertained Doc-tor Mann and Hildreth. Robert J. Burtini, New Britain, Conn., banker, has been elected presi-dent of the Bluch Landolf Tent, CFA, succeeding Norman E. Bigelow, of East Berlin, Conn. Annual meeting was held in the Sea Food Restaurant in Hartford. Others elected were Bryan A. Bigelow, East Berlin, Conn., vice-president; William R. Brinley, Meriden, Conn., treasurer; Wolcott S. Brown, New Britain, Conn., secre-tary; Jeffrey O. Phelps IV, Simsbury, Conn., historian. Dr. Henry Martin, New Britain, continues in charge of publicity. The 10th anniversary of this Tent was held in April. Bluch Landolf, former circus clown, came Landolf, former circus clown, came from his home in Cedarville, N. J., to attend. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davitt, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Charles Davitt, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hubbard, Joseph and Walter Beach, Venitia Pennax, and Mr. and Mrs. Shea, all of Springfield, Mass.; Stuart Hills, Avon, Conn.; Gil Con-linn, Mr. and Mrs. George Long, Wil-liam Montague, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Viering, West Hartford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. William Day, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-liam Heslin, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-liam Heslin, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-liam Carey, Doctor Martin, Robert Bertini, Mr. and Mrs. James Curtin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatsing, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. James Curtin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatsing, Mr. and Mrs. William Judd, Mr. and Mrs. William Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sablotsky, Joseph B. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roche, Arthur E. McEvoy, New Brit-ain, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Litch, Southwick, Mass.; Helen Brody, James Hoye, Hartford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Looffler and Mr. and Mrs. James Hoye, Hartford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Loeffler and Mr. and Mrs. I Alderson, Waterbury, Conn.; S. H. Woodward, Enfield, Conn.; Lawrence Nordgren, Meriden, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bigelow, Janice Bigelow, Bryan A. Bigelow, East Berlin, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery O. Phelps, IV, Simsbury, Conn., and Mrs. B. H. Pratt, Berlin, Conn. Circus fans of the San Francisco Bay Area recently yoled by postcard

Bay Area recently voted by postcard and named their tent for Jorgen M. Christiansen, the noted horseman and trainer.

trainer. Catching the Bellmar Bros.' per-formance Monday (19) at Camden, O., were Robert C. King, Richmond, Ind., and Clarence R. Shank and Harry M. Simpson, CFA No. 1647, Camden, O. Simpson reported tt s show's night performance drew a full house. Dogs and ponies are featured.

## **Two Ontario Spots Prove Only Fair for Sparks**

OSHAWA, Ont., June 7.—Playing the grounds on the flats, south of King Street, instead of at Kinsmen Park, Sparks Circus did only fair business here May 31. A recent grad-ing of Kinsmen Park made the grounds there unavailable. The day newsions in Poterboreurth The day previous in Peterborough, Ont., business was just fair.

## James Perry, Vet Aussie Circus Op, Is Dead at 75

SYDNEY, June 7 .- James William SYDNEY, June 7.—James William Perry, veteran showman, died here recently at the age of 75. He spent practically his entire life in the cir-cus, starting with the Eroni Bros., with whom he worked his way up from performer to manager. For many years he had his own circus, Perry Bros.' Circus, which is still in operation.

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coming out Sunday (1). Rockaway Beach reported cool weather for bathing but said attend-ance was good. Rockaway's Play-land, officials said, was host to the largest crowd of the season. Asbury Park, N. J., drew 125,000 persons Sunday and traffic was the heaviest in 15 years. Business topped all previous records. Palisades Park, too, broke all records during the holiday week-end. Total attendance Decora-tion Day was 79,000 of whom 22,000

broke all records during the holiday week-end. Total attendance Decora-tion Day was 79,000, of whom 22,000 were members of New Jersey Legion posts. Olympic Park, Irvington, N. J., was favored by the best weather of the season and Robert Gunther of the Olympic staff, while failing to give any figures, said, "we had an extremely good attendance. Other Eastern figures were: Sea-side Park, Rockaway Beach, 30,000 Decoration Day, which topped last year; Playland, Wildwood, N. J., top-ped last year; Freeman's Amusement Center, Seaside Heights, N. J., 35,000 Decoration Day, with 30,000 each on Saturday and Sunday; Easton's Beach, Newport, R. I., rained out Decoration Day, drew 600 persons Saturday and 1,400 Sunday; Beech-wood Park, near Baltimore, crowds beld down by uncersonably cold wood Park, near Baltimore, crowds held down by unseasonably cold weather; National Zoological Park, Washington, 30,000 Decoration Day, 20,000 Saturday and 45,000 Sunday; Conneaut Lake Park, Conneaut Lake Park, Ba 25 000 Decoration Day Park, Pa., 35,000 Decoration Day, 2,000 Saturday and 500 Sunday, when it rained most of the day; Crystal Lake Park, Averill Park, N. Y., 1,200 (See HOLIDAY PARK BIZ, page 83) (see the city limits) (

the afternoon and temperatures which ranged from 50 to 62 degrees. While many may consider 30,000 a good draw, it is far below the record attendance chalked up for Decoration Day last year. The two days follow-ing Decoration Day, attendance was poor and the weather kept pace. Rain came both days and the tem-perature, especially at night, was good for almost anything but amuse-ment parks. ment parks.

## Waukesha Beach Converts **Ballroom Into Picnic Site**

WAUKESHA, Wis., June 7.—Wau-kesha Beach Park, which operated daily until 1942 and then changed to Sundays and holidays only, has con-Sundays and holidays only, has con-verted its ballroom into a family pic-nic garden, Theo M. Toll, owner-manager of Waukesha Beach reports. "Ballroom has a seating capacity of 700 and this enables picnickers to use this spot in the case of rain or cold weather," Toll said. Waukesha Beach, in its 54th year of operation can accommodate about

operation, can accommodate about 20,000 persons on its 64 acres, and boasts a 2,200-foot lake front. Parking space is available for 4,000 cars.

## Plans Elkin, N. C., Funspot

ELKIN, N. C., June 7.—H. C. Price, manager of Rendezvous Airfield here, announces that part of the field not used for flying will be converted into

four-lane highway for 1,500 feet by entry, giving two thru lanes and two for entrance and exit, so as to speed up traffic and eliminate hazards.

up traffic and eliminate hazards. A roller rink which opened last year has folded. The 40 by 100 quon-set which housed the rink has been divided, half being a spaghetti hut and other half a dark ride called Ghost Train. Frank Murru and S. Berardi will be the operators of both spots. The midway will have a new Funhouse, a Kiddie Auto, Merry-Go-Round and a show, *Chinatown*. All other former rides and concessions are being readied for opener. A ferry, named G. A. Bocckling for the late resort founder, has been re-

the late resort founder, has been re-painted for its 43rd season of plying Sandusky Bay waters from dock in Sandusky to resort. Steamer LaSalle, slated to bring crowds across Lake Erie from Cleveland, will be late starting because of converting it from war-time navy service. The steamer Put-in-Bay will visit several days weekly from Detroit and one a week from Toledo. Both the New York Central and Baltimore and Ohio railroads plan to book excursions.

## **Riverside Holiday** Biz Tops Year Ago

AGAWAM, Mass., June 7.-Despite AGAWAM, Mass., June 7.—Despite cool weather, lowest on record for May 30 according to the weatherman, holiday business (May 30-June 1) at Riverside Park topped last year's gross by several thousand dollars, Edward J. Carroll, owner, reports. The dance opening at Riverside got off to an impressive start with Vaughn Monroe the attraction May 28.

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excise tax on outdoor amusement parks, pools and beaches, for a trial period during the advancing taxable years of 1947 and 1948, one-cent tax on each 10-cent admission, or major fraction thereof, if the admission price is in excess of 20 cents. This would produce a sizeable income to the government, and at the same time exclude from taxation, in the use of simpler forms of healthful, outdoor amusement devices, children and young people and that section of the underpaid white collar class.

"May I direct your kind attention to the fact that it has been the policy of various other parks such as the park with which I am identified, to sell large quantities of reduced rate amusement tickets as a means of providing cheaper entertainment to school children and to youngsters of workingmon who attend industrial workingmen who attend industrial outings. Since the tax must be comoutings. Since the tax must be com-puted on the established price of the anusement, the reduced rate ticket must be taxed accordingly and thus at a considerable higher rate than the present 20 per cent. For example, a 10-cent ride on the Roller Coaster sold at the reduced rate of six cents becomes a 33 1/3 per cent tax," Mc-Swigan concluded.

The NAAPPB is mailing a ques-tionnaire to all its members regard-ing their ticket prices on various rides, shows, etc., to compute tax figures.

## O'Hara Renamed Zoo Head

MOOSE JAW, Sask., June 7.--A. B. O'Hara was re-elected president of the Wild Animal Park, and J. A. Thompson was returned as vicepresident.

# **Utah's Spots Get Fair Biz Memorial Day**

## Weather Trims Attendance

SALT LAKE CITY, June 7. Threatening weather and occasional showers forestalled possible attendance records at Utah's four major resorts on their opening date — Decoration Day. But attendance, in the face of possible downpours, was good. Movement of tourists, a must for

profitable summer business here, al-ready is at a new high. To top it all there is renewed interest in the spots locally since new life has been infused into them thru nearly \$200,000 in improvement programs and new management in all of them within the last two years.

### Black Rock Rejuvenated

Black Rock Beach, purchased this year by the Western Service Com-pany, opened with Elmer K. Aagaard as manager after a complete face lifting. Forty grand was spent in improvements, including a beach promenade, an amusement area with five rides, an open air dance hall and cafe, new bathhouses, games, new cafe facilities, a floating pier and installation of boating on Great Salt Lake.

Long famous Saltair Beach has William M. Armstrong as manager, following the death during the winter of the veteran Tom Wheeler. It is still owned by the Snow interests. The dance hall has been renovated and new bathing facilities installed.

### 100G Spent at Lagoon

100G Spent at Lagoon Lagoon Beach, the only resort not on the Great Salt Lake, and midway between Salt Lake and Ogden, the State's two largest cities, reopened last year under new management for a record season. It is leased by Ranch Kimball, president and man-ager, and Bob Freed, secretary and assistant manager. This year it com-pleted a \$100,000 improvement pro-gram with new dance hall, cafe and rides and the opening of fresh-water rides and the opening of fresh-water motor boating. Sunset Beach, formerly under the

management of Dern and Thompson, was taken over this year by Ira and Phil Dern. It is a bathing and picnic spot on the Great Salt Lake.

### Name Bands Play

Name Bands Play Lagoon opened with Anson Weeks and his orchestra; Saltair with Mur-ray Jones, and Black Rock inaugur-ated its new cabaret dancing with Dick Johnson's band from Coon Chicken Inn in Salt Lake City. Opening was slightly off normal as against 10 per cent above normal in 1946

The resorts will face new competition when the Centennial Exposition at the fairgrounds in Salt Lake City opens a run of 120 days with name shows as pulling features and a mid-way offering twice the amusement area of any of the resorts.

## **Snake Farm Owner's Hand** Nearly Severed by 'Gator

PANAMA CITY, Fla., June 7.—At-tempting to remove an eight-foot, four-inch alligator from an automo-bile, Jack Tillman, co-owner of the snake farm on the beach highway near here, had his hand almost severed. He was taken to a local hospi-tal for treatment.

Tillman, who has had many years experience handling snakes and alligators, said the saurian was the most ferocious he had ever encountered. The 'gaitor is now at Tillman's farm.

## Sitting 'Round the Table

(Editor's Note: Have you entered into the round-table discussion on the current question? If not, mail your views on the subject now to the Outdoor Editor. The Billboard, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1. The current question is "Are you in favor of co-operating with local industrial plants in your area regarding local in-dustrial picnics? If so, what concessions do you believe should be made? Example: (a) Reduced prices or scrip tickets; (b) payment of a flat sum to the plant's recreational funds; (c) a free gate."

## Co-Operate All the Way

Our policy at Coney Island has been to co-operate with local indus-trial plants for picnics in every pos-sible way. We think it is excellent business to cultivate employees in industrial plants—they have money and usually are willing to spend it. In addition to what the employees spend, we try to sell the employer on opening his pocketbook to treat the employees and their families with ride tickets, refreshment tickets, swim tickets, etc.

We favor reduced prices on amuse-ment devices rather than a flat pay-ment to the plant's recreation fund. By giving reduced prices we feel that we offer a bargain and a benefit to each and every employee, whereas the flat payment might be used for the benefit of a few committee men instead of the employees as a whole.

I hope I am not too late with these comments. I read Sitting 'Round the Table regularly. It is a most interest-ing column—al column which con-tains concrete and tangible comments, where various people of the indusder if they so desire.—EDWARD L. SCHOTT, Coney Island, Cincinnati.

### Mullins Has Say

We have, in the last 10 years, sold tickets at reduced prices to schools, companies and other organizations good only on the rides and in the swimming pool as an inducement to have their picnics in our Crystal City Park. We give them 20 to 30 per cent off on tickets that are bought and paid for in advance prior to the day of their picnic. This, we feel, is a big inducement for them to buy in advance and is an assurance of so much vance and is an assurance of so much money for their picnic. If they do not purchase enough tickets in ad-vance, they pay the full price the day of their picnic. We feel this plan has worked advantageously for us over the years. — JOHN C. MULLINS, Crystal City Park, Tulsa, Okla.

### Offer Special Prices

Our program on industrial picnics is to solicit them and offer as an in-ducement special reduced rates amounting to approximately 15 to 20 per cent on non-food concessions and per cent on non-food concessions and rides. Later, depending upon many things, such as the fall of prices, we may offer a reduction in food con-cessions, altho it would not be more than 10 per cent. We are definitely opposed to any suggestion of a pay-ment of a flat amount to the plant's recreation fund.—T. E. SPACKMAN, Ideal Beach Resort, Shafer Lake, Monticello. Ind. Monticello, Ind.

## N. E. Ass'n Directors Meet in Boston June 12

BOSTON, June 7.—Harry Storin, president of the New England Asso-ciation of Amusement Parks and ciation of Amusement Parks and Beaches, has called a luncheon meet-ing of directors and the summer pro-gram committee for the Parker House here Thursday (12).

Directors are Julian H. Norton, John Collins, Wallace St. C. Jones, Edward J. Carroll, John T. Clare, Harold D. Gilmore, J. Victor Shayeb, John Dineen, Meredith Lee and Hen-W.C. Rowon ry G. Bowen.

Summer program committee mem-bers are John Collins, Harry Prince, Lawrence Stone, Phil Palotto, Charles Kronson, Al McKee, Saul Feldman and Joseph Carrolo.

## Sandusky, O., Spots **Bow in Cool Weather**

SANDUSKY, O., June 7 .--- Two re sorts made their summer bows over the Decoration Day week-end de-spite cool weather. Crystal Beach at near-by Vermilion opened Friday spite cool weather. Crystal Beach at near-by Vermilion opened Friday (30) for its 40th season, with Jimmy Dulio's ork in the ballroom Friday and Saturday. Sunday spot was filled by Bob Strong. Policy is for Dulio to play Friday and Saturday nights with "name" orks Sundays.

Rides and concessions are the same as in '46, except the roller rink and Penny Arcade are missing due to a fire in May.

Twin Beaches at Gem-Terrace near Port Clinton, continues popular with Toledoans who have a 40-mile lake shore drive to reach the beaches, picnic grounds, dance hall, roller rink and concessions.

Ruggles Beach Dance Hall, east of here, has Speros Karas ork playing Saturday and Sunday nights until mid-June when policy will shift to nightly. There also is week-end roller skating at Elberta Beach near Vermilion.

Put-in-Bay Island, in Lake Erie, which has dance hall using local bands, bowling alleys and roller rink in one building, has also opened concessions and rides. Island is being served by more boats from mainland than ever before, coming from Detroit and Toledo, Port Clinton, Catawba Island and Sandusky. Ops are hoping for better season than '46 which was bit by effects of Detroits extended to the set of the set o hit by effects of Detroit's auto strikes.

Oka, baby gorilla at the New York Zoo, recently was the subject of two pictures in *The Chicago Tribune* Graphic Section.

# **Celoron Tops Memorial Day** Gross of '46

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Weather Fair for Opening

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., June 7 .- To the surprise of almost everyone, par-ticularly Owner Harry A. Illions, business at Celoron Park here Deco-ration Day, official opening of the park, was ahead of last year, despite cool and cloudy weather. Sunday (1) the rains came and washed busi-ness away.

For the opening, Celoron had Murtz and Kurtz, aerial act, the Jamestown Concert Band for after-noon and evening concerts and a gigantic fireworks display as special features.

features. "Altho all riding devices enjoyed big business Decoration Day and the day following, the Roller Coaster was top money getter, with the Magic Carpet and Kerstetter's Moon Rocket close seconds," Illions said. Contractors have started work on the new dock at Celoron, which eventually will be 40 by 550 feet. The ball park has been renovated and is now the home of the Ameri-can Legion baseball league team. Illions said a grandstand will be built in the near future. On the lake there are four boats.

On the lake there are four boats, one the speed boat Ventura, which travels at a 50-mile-an-hour clip; two amphibian planes, which take off from Celoron's landing strip in the picnic grove, and which are operated by Robert Ostrander, concessionaire in the park in the park.

in the park. Illions plans to use the Jamestown Concert Band for Sunday afternoon and evening concerts in lieu of free acts. In addition, the band will be on the air every Sunday for 15 min-utes. The Pier Ballroom is managed by Irvin Swank and Illions has contracted Morrey Brennan's band, with Elma Olson, vocalist, for the season. Ballroom broke all attend-ance records Decoration Day and the following day. following day.

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## Strolling Thru the Park Earl Redden's Playland Spot At South Bend Gets Publicity

Thanks to two robins, who chose the Airplane ride at Earl J. Redden's Playland Park in South Bend, Ind., as the site for their home, Redden's funspot garnered a Page 1 story in The Chicago Tribune Friday (6).

According to Redden the birds set up housekeeping atop the ride before the park opened for the season. Workmen swarmed over the ride, fixing this and that and repainting it. In the process they destroyed the nest. The robins moved right back, however, when the workmen finished their job. Despite the whirling of the ride and the many lights at night, the robins seem to like their home, Redden said.

Robert Fossurier, mayor of Deavuville, swanky pre-war beach resort of France, who has been visiting in New York in an effort to recapture prewar tourist business, left for his home.

Thirteen children of United Nations Inirteen children of Onited Nations delegates and staff members were treated to a free day at Steeplechase Park, Coney Island, N. Y., May 24. Guests were from Britain, France, China, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rus-sia and Argentina. Good will gesture by the park resulted in much free the park resulted in much free newspaper space.

Eight bowling alleys have been in-stalled in Coney Island's Half Moon Hotel. Recreation area fronts on the Boardwalk. Year-round operation is planned.

Fairyland Park, Kansas City, Mo., chalked up a new attend-ance record May 25 when 5,200 came thru the gates for a bene-fit picnic for the Parent-Teachers Association.

J. Spencer Smith, president of the American Shore and Beach Preserva-tion Association, which held its 21st annual convention recently in Atlantic City, was awarded the annual achievement award of the New Jersey Resort Association. Smith, who

## **Portland's Oaks** Forced To Shutter Early on Holiday

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—Rain that held off since May 8 finally came—on Decoration Day—to wash one park in the Portland area out of business for the night and bring out the rain checks at the motorcycle race at another.

The downpour hit about 4 p.m., forcing Oaks Park to lock up about 8 p.m. General Manager Robert Bol-linger said business was good up to the deluge. Sprinklings of rain and consequent slowdown in business continued into Saturday (31).

At Jantzen Beach, General Man-ager Roy Carpenter reported issu-ance of rain checks to more than 1,000 customers at the cycle race, but the drivers who did show up put on an exhibition for the crowd that stayed. Rain fell less heavily in that sector, and Carpenter said park business was not severely hampered by the two-hour rain. Turnout was called "good" and was considered about equal to last year's, when rain also fell to be followed by three rainy Sundays in Lune

also fell to be followed by three rainy Sundays in June. Sunday exhibitions at the swim pool are proving attractive, says Car-penter, prominent swimmers being used for brief demonstrations for entertainment of pool and park patrons.

is a commissioner of the New Jersey State Board of Commerce and Navigation, was re-elected head of the beach and shore group.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Carroll celebrated their 10th wedding anni-versary June 5 with a trip to New York. Carroll is owner of Riverside Park, Agawam, Mass.

Peter and Paul Zenzie, Bloomfield, Conn., are operating a miniature rail-road over a five-acre area. The ride formerly was operated in Farmington. Conn.

Charles S. Rose, who operates Edgewater Park, Detroit, in addition to his Milwaukee Park activities, visited recently in Detroit.

## **Parroff Trio, LeVolos Pontchartrain** Feature

NEW ORLEANS, June 7 .- The Parroff Trio, high-pole ladder act, and the LeVolos, slack wire come-dians, were featured this week at Pontchartrain Beach, in accordance with the beach's policy of two acts weekly.

Local programs also are being con-tinued. The "Mr. New Orleans" con-test for the best developed athlete in the city was held Thursday (5). The first of a series of teen-age fun nights begins Monday (9).

## "Hollywood in Miniature" **Booked At Hamid's Pier**

ATLANTIC CITY, June 7.—Holly-wood in Miniature, an exhibit cost-ing an announced \$250,000, has been booked for the season on Hamid's Million Dollar Pier.

The unit shows in miniature the city of Hollywood, Grauman's Chi-nese Theater, the Brown Derby, Hollywood Bowl, a typical movie studio and Malibu Beach. Show is backed by a Hollywood

group headed by producer Don Hart-man as president and agent Nat Goldstone, vice-president.

## Summit Beach Will Stage **Miss Ohio Contest Final**

AKRON, June 7.—Summit Beach Park will stage the Miss Ohio contest for a State beauty winner in the Miss America Atlantic City contest this summer.

State finals will be held July 27. Six cities have been lined up for the Akron finals—Akron, Warren, Mans-field, Lorain, Kent and Ravenna. Plans also are under way to have junior chambers of commerce sponsor the events in other cities.

## **Picnic Series Draws** 62,340 at K. C. Funspot

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 7.—A 14-day series of picnics drew a total of 62,340 at Fairyland Park during May, Harry Duncan, park manager, reported.

Picnics were sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, which cleared \$7,000 on its share of gate recleared \$7,000 of its share of gate re-ceipts and percentage on ride collec-tions, Duncan said. Final and banner day drew 5,600 grade school pupils and their parents.

Parking facilities for visitors to St. Louis Zoo are being prepared in Forest Park. Spot will accommodate 500 cars.

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## **Decoration Day** Week-End Okay For Det. Spots

DETROIT, June 7 .- With business at local parks running an estimated 25 per cent under 1946, Decoration Day week-end proved surprisingly good. Afternoon trade was generally good. Afternoon trade was generally off, due maily to two showers, but around 5, p.m. on the holiday, De-troiters piled into the parks. At Walled Lake Park, there was a line-up of customers as late as 11 p.m.

Saturday (31) business was far above the season average to date, benefitting from warm weather and a clear day, the one break in a week of solid rain. Sunday, however, was away off as heavy rain started before noon.

## New Ferris Wheel

At Walled Lake, a new Ferris Wheel has been installed, parallel to wheel has been instanted, parallel to the old Wheel which will be con-tinued in operation as a children's ride. The new ride was placed in operation the day before Decoration Day and did big business from the outset outset.

Ray St. Pierre, former Walled Lake staffer, has taken over all refreshment concessions from Bob Babigan. St. Pierre, who operated only the candy floss on his own last year, has constructed a new French fry conces-sion building in the middle parkway.

Walled Lake Park has remodeled walled Lake Park has remoted the baseball diamonds and regraded the atheletic fields and parking lots. The parking lot capacity has been in-creased to 600 cars. The park bath house has not been opened because of celd wanthor. of cold weather. Park is under management of Fred

W. Pearce Sr., with Fred Jr., taking a more active part in management (See Holiday Week-End on page 86)



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## **Excelsior** Hit **By Bad Weather; Take Off 20-25%**

EXCELSIOR, Minn., June 7.---Un-seasonable weather has had a serious effect at Excelsior Park here, with the take off an estimated 20 to 25 per cent over the 1946 all-time high.

The park, in its 23rd season, got thru Decoration Day without rain, for a change, and altho the largest crowd of the early season was on hand, business still was off 10 or 15 per cent.

Excelsior opened its week-end dancing season April 25, with daily opening May 16. Bud Strawn's 11piece ork is in the dance hall for the sixth consecutive year.

## Pierce on Hand

Fred W. Pierce, park owner, was here for two weeks to supervise installation of three new rides at an es-timated cost of \$10,000. The new rides, bringing total to 16, includes the new miniature train carrying 32 passengers, kiddie Roto-Whip and Kiddie Auto. Also new is the Playland Arcade and two candy floss machines, all park owned. In fact, the only concessions rented out are popcorn and candy apples to John Roma, who has had them for a number of years.

Joe Colihan and Frank Clapp continue as co-managers of the spot, with Rudy Shogren in charge of publicity-advertising, dance hall and pic-nics. Shogren reports the picnic lineup the best ever, with more than 100 already set. Same are coming as far as 185 miles, with the first Wisconsin

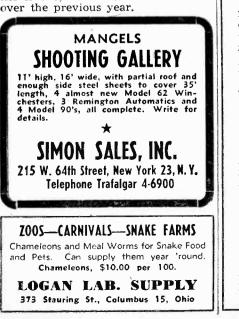
group coming this year. Park has already staged its annual high school night, with 10,000 Minne-apolis kids attracted to shindig. For the next 10 days annual commence-ment night picnics for the various invice and comian bigh school gradu junior and senior high school gradu-ating classes will be conducted. Big wind-up is June 12, annual com-mencement night party, which has become a tradition over the years un-der Shogren's direction.

## Fireworks Skedded

A large fireworks display has been set for the July 4 celebration. The annual Kiddie's Day program on La-bor Day, postponed last year because of the polio epidemic, is expected to draw 10,000 kids.

draw 10,000 kids. The annual Miss Minnesota con-test is set for August 17. The contest usually attracts entrants from the key cities of the State and is given top publicity in the State press. Crowds of 15,000 to 20,000 usually attend. All prest winners of the State contest past winners of the State contest, while not picked as Miss America at the Atlantic City contest, have been given Hollywood picture contracts.

Colihan reports this year's person-nel is 125, an increase of about 25



## **Riverview** Notes - By Hank Hurley-

CHICAGO, June 7.-Jim Elliott, veteran ride man who owns the skee roll, also has charge of the Looper this year. Ride was handled by Burt Thompson, brother-in-law of Norman Bartlett, last season. Thompson was here early in the season to super-vise erection of the ride, but returned to Miami to assist Bartlett. New at the park is W. R. Brinley's Minia-ture Circus, which is under contract to Ray Marsh Brydon. Circus replaces the midget troupe Brydon. Circus re-places the midget troupe Brydon had at the park since the opening. Brin-ley, who spent 20 years building the circus, toured with Cetlin & Wilson Shows in 1938. Sabu, the elephant-skinned girl, is

back with Ray Marsh Brydon's Pal-ace of Oddities for another season. On the same show, Louis Osenbaugh is a new addition out front and Colonel Casper is helping as emsee and doing a bit of magic. Betty Dunnington, who opened with Brydon's show as a singer and in the magic act, left to visit her mother in California. A. L. (Al) Windes, who has been

a familiar figure around Riverview for some 20 odd years, is not in the penny pitch stand anymore. Windes penny pitch stand anymore. Windes is now working at the Goldblats De-partment Store in Chi. . . . Clarence (Jimmy) Niesen, who is working the penny pitch, became the father of a daughter Easter Sunday. New heir was named Diane but is called Bunny. The Niesens have a son, Bob. . . Frank Durkes and Don Da-vis are new additions at the Motorvis are new additions at the Motordrome. Betty Fritz, known profes-sionally as Betty Dare, who worked the bally at the 'Drome last year, is a rider this season. Nita Nielsen, who rode at the 'Drome last season,

is back again this year. Jack Davis and William (Wild Bill) Jack Davis and William (Wild Bill) Runge, the latter working the balloon stand, marked their birthdays Thurs-day (5)... Ray Thomas, assistant to Ray Marsh Brydon, was out of town for a few days. He drove sev-eral troupers to Logansport, Ind., to join Oscar Bloom's Gold Medal Shows... Familiar faces back with the Calamari-Trenker Interstate again this year include Al and Johnny Interstate Rodrigo, Andy Pasha, Bob Jaeger, Johnny Lino and Danny Calamari.

### **Brookfield Gets Giraffe**

CHICAGO, June 7. - A 14-root East African giraffe arrived this week at Brookfield Zoo. Animal, purat Brookfield Zoo. Animal, pur-chased for \$4,000, had special signi-ficance for two lady giraffes at the zoo. There have been no male gi-raffes around for a long time.

## The Brighter Side

CHICAGO, June 7.-Despite rain and cold weather on more days than he cares to remember. George Schmidt, president and general manager of Riverview Amusement Park here, hasn't

lost his sense of humor. Successive days of rain and cold, in which business was any-thing but heavy, prompted Schmidt to send the following wire to several park operators thruout the country.

"Our lillies of the valley, iris and lilacs have born icicles. Business is great. Come to Riverview for your icicles. Ice Business is great. Come to Riverview for your icicles. Ice breaker necessary to bring Bill's boat from Sturgeon Bay to Chicago. You can't beat fun only with icicles."

with icicles." First to reply to Schmidt's telegram was Harry Batt, of Pontchartrain Beach, New Or-leans, who called long distance to say: "Glad to see you haven't lost your sense of humor."

# Holiday Park Biz Okay in East **But Midwest Takes Are Down**

(Continued from page 80) av: Riverview Beach Park, (Continued from page su) Sunday; Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville, N. J., 10,000 Decoration Day, 8,000 Sunday (no figures given for Saturday); Suburban Park, Man-lius, N. Y., no figures given but Decoration Day business off 25 to 50 per cent, according to Fred W. Searle, manager; Whalom Park, Fitchburg, Mass business good considering the Mass., business good considering the weather but off from last year, said weather but off from last year, said Harold Gilmore, manager; Kenny-wood Park, Pittsburgh, business down from a year ago; Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Md., 22,000 Decora-tion Day, 15,000 Saturday and 12,000 Sunday; Rocky Glen Park, Moosic, Pa., was hit by the coldest Decoration Day weather in 30 years, according Day weather in 30 years, according to Manager Ben Sterling, and busi-ness the other two days was just average; Willow Mill, near Mechan-icsburg, Pa., 3,500 Decoration Day, which was a cold day, and weather made for nil business Saturday, with 4,500 out on Sunday; Uncle Billie's, at North Beach, Md., reported 15,000 Decoration Day, 7,000 Saturday and 13,000 Sunday; Hershey Park, Her-shey, Pa., attendance about the same as a year ago, J. B. Sollenberger, manager, reported. Riverview Gets 30,000

### Riverview Gets 30,000

In the Midwest the weather, for the most part, wasn't too good. Riv-erview Park, Chicago, did what many parks would consider okay from the attendance standpoint. Spot drew 30,253 Decoration Day, which was way off from its record turnout last Decoration Day. On the two days following, rain and cold weather didn't help matters and attendance was way down.

Most Midwest ops reported attendance down for the holiday com-pared to last year. There were three pared to last year. There were three notable exceptions, however. Dyne's Resort at Hortonville, Wis., reported Decoration Day higher than a year ago. E. A. Buchman, owner-man-ager, said 15,000 turned out for the holiday, with attendance the next two days, altho considerably lower, good. Harold Emeese, manager of Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia, O., reported attendance this year better Tuscora Park, New Philadelphia, O., reported attendance this year better than 1946. He gave 5,000 as the attendance figures for Decoration Day, the same figure for Saturday and Sunday. Chain of Rocks Park, St. Louis, topped last year, Carl Trippe reported. Attendance for the holiday was given as 10,000, but Saturday and Sunday were off due to cold weather and rain to cold weather and rain.

### **Other Spots Report**

Other Midwest spots reporting were High Cliff Park, High Cliff, Wis., much lower than last season; Arnold Park, Arnold Park, Ia., at-tendance down due to rain and cold; Stony Point, Watertown, S. D., which

equaled last year's attendance Decoration Day and had good crowds the oration Day and had good crowds the two following days despite very cold weather; Waukesha Beach Park, Waukesha, Wis., 5,000 Decoration Day, which was lower than last year; Ideal Beach Resort, Monticello, Ind., attendance down from a year ago due to weather, altho the ballroom attendance was heavy; Silver Beach, lower Wisconsin Dells, Wis., ham-pered by rain and cold; Bob's Picnic Park, Pontiac, Mich., hit by rain and cold; Excelsior, Minneapolis, lower than a year ago, due mainly to cold weather; Spring Lake Park, near St. Louis, dogged by rain and cold weather, under a year ago. Even Texas beefed about the weather. From the few scattered returns, majority reported business under a year ago. "Thursday (29) and Decoration Day broke all weather records in Dallas for being cold at this time of the year," T. Riley Hick-man, manager of Vickery Amuse-ment Park, Dallas, reported. Sunday (1) gave the park a bit of good weather and 6,000 turned out. On the two days previous, however, business was far below last year. Others reporting a falling off from. last season were Lookout Park, Jacktwo following days despite very cold

Others reporting a falling off from last season were Lookout Park, Jackast season were Lookout Park, Jack-sonville, Tex.; Stewart Beach, Gal-veston, Tex.; Witts Playground, Lub-bock, Tex., where, Bates Witt said, business is off 60 per cent from a year ago because of rain and cold.

## Casino Park Okay

Casino Park, Virginia Beach, Va., reported its Decoration Day attend-ance higher this year than last, de-spite overcast and cold weather.

Jantzen Beach and Oaks Park, both Jantzen Beach and Oaks Park, both in Portland, Ore., had rain as the bugaboo. Oaks Park was forced to close at 8 p.m., after a four-hour rain, on Decoration Day. Jantzen, altho not getting as much rain as Oaks grave 1000 rain checks to cus-Oaks, gave 1,000 rain checks to cus-Oaks, gave 1,000 rain checks to cus-tomers at the motorcycle races. The turnout in the park was called "good, about equal to last year," Roy Car-penter, general manager, said.

W. D. Newcomb Jr. had this to say about business at Newcomb's Santa Pier Santa Monica. Calif.: "If we Pier, Santa Monica, Calif.: "If we had had hot weather we would have had 500,000 on our beaches. Decora-tion Day the crowd was the smallest of the three days. We were off about 35 per cent.

### Weather Okay

At Medicine Park, near Lawton, Okla., the weather was okay but still the Decoration Day crowd didn't equal last year. Utah's four spots, Black Rock Beach, Saltair Beach, Lagoon Beach and Sunset Beach, had fair business Decoration Day, despite



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END TO GATE TAX IN SIGHT

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Bill Before Around the Grounds: Senate Comm.

Measure exempting nonprofit fairs from admish tax passes House

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Exemp-tion this season for agricultural fairs from the 20 per cent federal admissions tax became highly probable this week as the house rushed a tax relief measure to the Senate only three days after it cleared the House Ways and Means Committee. Final passage in the House was by voice vote with little discussion on the floor.

Measure providing for the exemp-tion now is in the hands of the Senate tion now is in the hands of the Senate Finance Committee, which is com-prised of Senator Taft (R., O.); Sen-ator George (D., Ga.), and Senator Milliken (R., Colo.). If reported upon favorably by that group passage is expected by the Senate. White House approval of the measure is ex-pacted pected.

### IAFE Represented

The House bill was introduced by Representative Daniel Reed (R., N. Y.) and received the unanimous approval of the House Ways and Means Committee. At the hearing before the House committee here early this week the International Acception of Faim and Exposition Association of Fairs and Exposition was represented by Bligh A. Dodds, director, who is also president of the New York Association of Agricul-New York Association of Agricul-tural Fairs, director of the New York State Fair, now temporarily suspend-ed, and secretary of the Gouveneur, N. Y., Fair, and by Frank H. King-man, secretary and manager of the Brockton (Mass.) Fair. Declaring that agriculture fairs are chiefly for educational nurnoses.

beclaring that agriculture fairs are chiefly for educational purposes, Dodds, speaking before the House committee, stated that they "cannot be considered as commercial enter-prises." He pointed out that "numerous States partly or wholly subsidize these fairs as a means for farmers and students to gain knowledge about new farming methods and machinery."

### For Non-Profit Fairs

Representative Frank Wilson (D., Tex.) also appeared before the House committee to urge exemption of ag-ricultural fairs. He specificically asked that any exemptions approved by the committee include the State Fair of Texas at Dallas.

Exemptions under the Reed Bill apply only to admissions to those ag-ricultural fairs which are conducted by non-profit organizations for edu-cational purposes and for the prodomestic science, Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club activities.

## Lockport, N. Y., Grounds To Be Sold at Auction

LOCKPORT. N. Y., June 7.—The Niagara County fairgrounds here will be sold at auction July 11 to satisfy a bondholder's judgment, Fayette E. Pease, president of the Niagara County Agricultural Association, an-nounced. Pease said the property in-cludes 48 acres, a grandstand and other buildings, with a total assessed valuation of \$190,000. The associa-tion owns the fairgrounds. tion owns the fairgrounds.



Ohio State Fair at Columbus is re-ducing front gate admissions, Man-ager J. Bath announced this week. Adult admissions will be 50 cents plus tax, as against last year's 75 cents, which included tax, for a cut of 15 cents. Children this year will be ad-mitted for 25 cents, including tax, as against 29 cents, including tax, as year. Grandstand and Coliseum at-tractions for the '47 event remain unsigned, but the fair is expected to close contracts next week.

Colorado State Fair, at Pueblo, this Colorado State Fair, at Pueblo, this year will revive two of its pre-war features. They are the 4-H Club En-campment and the band contest-re-view. Latter will have a special day, Frank H. Means, secretary-manager, announced. Rodeo and horse races will be held four afternoons, with the rodeo also showing four pights the rodeo also showing four nights. Other features will include auto races the last two afternoons. Pueblo plant has undergone substantial improvements since last year. These include a new rabbit building, two new horse barns, the installation of a straight-away for starting quarter races, a new entrance for rodeo and racing performers and improvements to the livestock barns.

Ken Baker, former band leader in San Francisco, is producing the Cavalcade of the Golden West featuring Gene Gray, Western movie star. Show recently played the 40th Home-Coming Celebration in Wasco, which Coming Celebration in Wasco, which pulled 39,500 people for two days. Cavalcade has been signed to play the Peach Bowl Festival in Yuba City, Calif., by Reba Perry, secre-tary-manager of the fair.

Hard pressed for midway space, Moose Jaw (Sask.) Exhibition has obtained permission to erect a temporary tence enclosing 650 feet of a near-by street for its four-day fair in July. Area will provide between 30,000 and 40,000 additional square feet for Wallace Bros.' Shows.

Publicizing the fair week rodeo, directors of the Regina (Sask.) Ex-hibition are sporting 10-gallon hats. . . Advance ticket sale for the Cal-gary (Alta.) Exhibition and Stam-pede opened May 30 and there was a continuous line-up of more than 100 people all day for afternoon and grandstand reservations. Between 30,000 and 40,000 tickets, reserved in advance, were mailed to persons thruout Canada and the United States. The exhibition-stampede will open July 7.

All concession space at Regina (Sask.) Exhibition has been sold, according to Manager Tommy McLeod. Two nights of fireworks will be featured it was announced, following clarification of Canada's Explosives clarification of Canada's Explosives Act by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The act generally prohibits the sale and uses of skyrockets in Canada, but the Mounties ruled that annual exhibitions can purchase rockets and other fireworks direct from manufacturers for displays.

A specially built theater will a feature as the first post-war be a Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver, B. C., this summer. The Canadian National Film Board, the provincial government and industrial firms will supply motion pictures.

Rate payers of Brandon, Man., will vote this fall, on a by-law to author-ize a debenture issue of \$100,000 for the provincial exhibition there. Pro-ceeds will be used to retire outstanding debentures and to rehabilitate the grounds. About \$50,000 will be used to make the grandstand fire-proof.

## **Craner Claims New Record for Annual** Fete at Los Banos

**FELC AL LOS DAILOS** SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Art Craner, West Coast showman, spent the Decoration Day week end here after being away since the first of the year. He had been occupied with his efforts on behalf of outdoor show-biz at the State capital and also as manager-publicity director of the combined "It's May Day in Los Angeles" festival and Merced County Spring Fair and Livestock Show at Los Banos. Los Banos.

The Los Banos event, Craner reported, broke records in all depart-ments. He maintains it constitutes ments. He maintains it constitutes a model of what can be done in a big way in a small community. Public-ity was both far flung and effective, releases hitting every metropolitan daily and over 400 weekly publica-tions of the State. Craner said that 25 radio stations used material. Five daily spots, as well as some 15-min-ute programs, were carried by KYOS, Mutual affiliate in Merced, for 34 days prior to the May 1 opening. Prize dairy herds shared in \$7,000

Prize dairy herds shared in \$7,000 in premium awards from the California pari-mutuel fund. Craner placed attendance at close to 100,000 for the four-day event, saying that Craft's Exposition Shows did excellent business.

Before leaving here for Los Banos, Craner said dates for the 1948 event, which will mark its 70th anniversary, have been set for May 1-4. Judge D. Olivier is secretary of the fair, with City Clerk Mike Dombrosio in the same capacity for the festival.

## **\$20,000 Bond Issue Planned** For Pensacola, Fla., Bldgs.

PENSACOLA, Fla., June 7. - A \$20,000 bond issue to construct per-manent exhibit buildings at the fairmanent exhibit buildings at the fair-grounds here is planned by the Pen-sacola Interstate Fair Association. James A. Abbott, association presi-dent, recently appointed a committee of F. L. Miller, J. E. Daniels, J. M. Coe and J. E. Frenkel to arrange for the bonds, which are planned to pay 3 per cent interest.

The association has assets of \$39,-The association has assets of \$39,-000, with no liabilities, it was re-ported at a recent meeting. Of the assets, \$29,000 is invested in property and \$2,405 in fixtures. Bank balance of \$7,638 is earmarked to pay pre-miums to exhibitors and thus is not available for building purposes, it also was reported also was reported,

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# **End Two-Mile Ohio Saharas**

Legislature lifts old prohibition of liquor sales during operation of fairs

COLUMBUS, O., June 7.—The ban on the sale of liquor within two miles of any Ohio fair during its operation was lifted this week with enactment of legislation which repealed a 96-year-old law prohibiting such sale.

The old liquor ban bill, which was The old liquor ban bill, which was passed in 1851, was resurrected last year by the Women's Christian Tem-perance Union and was enforced by the State Liquor Department. En-forcement created two-mile saharas around fairgrounds, caused substan-tial loss to taverns and liquor inter-ests and placed fairs in an uncomfortable spot.

The dry zone here during the Ohio State Fair extended into the heart of the downtown area, and emphasized the losses sustained by taverns. On one of the main stems, taverns on one side of a street, which fell inside the two-mile area, were shuttered while those on the other side were open for business. Enforcement here was rigid, but its intensity varied in other

municipalities during the run of county fairs. The repeal measure enacted this week also opened the way to the is-suance of new tavern permits within 500 feet of schools, churches, libraries and public plugmented as the bill and public playgrounds. As the bill now stands, the State Liquor Department may or may not issue new per-mits within 500 feet of schools, libraries and public playgrounds if the issuance of the permits is protested.

## Soble's Hells Angels Draw 1,800 Against Opposition

CULVER CITY, Calif., June 7.— Lee Soble's Hells Angels Thrill Show, playing its third still date, pulled a slim 1,800 here Friday (30), in the stadium, formerly the dog track. With the same personnel as that used in Yuma Sunday (25), aided by Jay Farr, showed bucked a DAV air cir-cus in near-by Arcadia that had heen cus in near-by Arcadia that had been plugged thoroly. Prior to bringing the show here, Hells Angels played a night still date in Yuma Wednesday (28).

Featuring Harry Woolman in mo-torcycle rides and automobile roll-overs, show clicked exceptionally well in spots. John (Magee) Smith, well in spots. John (Magee) Smith, cycle rider, had the misfortune to lose the first joint of his little finger in an over and criss-cross under trick with Woolman. Soble's show is being ironed out and has improved greatly over the initial Yuma date.

Show was sneaked into the stadium here under a blanket. Outside of a few window cards that made their appearances on telephone poles and fences, there was no promotion. Against this meager exploitation was the air circus that blasted radio lis-teners thruout the day and copped columns of free space in the dailies because of the DAV tie-up.

WASHINGTON - West Lanham, Md., Speedway opened its midget racing season June 6 with a big field of leading pilots at the wheels. June 14, 1947

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VEATHER HITS UTAH OPENIN **Fair Dates** The following corrections and additions to the List of Fair Dates were received during the week emded June 6. The complete List of Fair Dates was published in the issue dated May 31. The next com-plete list will be published in issue to be dated July 26. See ach issue of The Billboard for corrections BUIN TRADE SERVIC each issue of ' and additions. ALABAMA Jasper-Walker Co. Fair. Sept. 22-27. James D. Dickson.

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Morehead - Rowan Co. Fair. Sept. 29-30. William K. Rouse.
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ONTARIO Merkham-Markham Fair. Oct. 2-4. R. H. Crosby.

## **Calgary Names Officials**

CALGARY. Alta., June 7.—Dick Cosgrove, Rosebud, Alta., will be arena director at this year's Calgary Stampede. Senior field judge will be Jack Wade, Big Timber, Mont. Warren Cooper will announce.

## Ia. State Sells Out **Commercial Space** DES MOINES, June 7.—For the first time in the history of the Iowa

State Fair, every foot of available commercial exhibition space was sold out for the 1947 exhibition June 1, L. B. Cunningham, fair secretary, reported. This was at least two months earlier than usual.

Largest allocations of space have been made to farm equipment manufacturers, many of whom have broad-ened their lines and developed new types of implements and farm con-veniences since their last pre-war showing. Concessionaires, too, have broken the previous record, with 90 per cent of all concession space taken by June 1.

## Tampa Officers, Directors **Renamed**; Plan Improvement

TAMPA, June 7.—All officers and directors of the Florida State Fair and directors of the Florida State Fair and Gasparilla Association, Inc., were re-elected at a meeting here Tuesday (3). Peter O. Knight Jr. and George M. Holtsinger were named to the ac-tive board. Knight fills the place vacated by the death of his father, and Holtsinger replaces James A. Foley, who was elevated to the hon-orary directorate. General Manager P. T. (Pa) Strie-der reported that all exhibit space

der reported that all exhibit space for counties has already been taken and that four additional counties are seeking space. Strieder reported that additional toilet facilities will be added at the south end of the fair-grounds. Directors approved a re-port of the building committee calling for the joining committee can-ing for the joining of the women's building and a school building at a cost of \$13,500 to provide 2,500 addi-tional square feet of space. It was voted to defer rebuilding and en-largement of the livestock buildings until 1049 until 1948.

until 1948. Officers re-elected were Carl D. Brorein, president; J. Edgar Wall, chairman of the board; C. A. McKay and F. D. Jackson, vice-presidents; Russell Kay, secretary; E. P. Talia-ferro, treasurer; Strieder, general manager, and J. C. Huskisson, execu-tive secretary tive secretary.

tive secretary. Holdover directors, in addition to the officers, are Fred W. Ball, R. J. Binnicker, R. E. L. Chancey, Ray B. Cralle, H. C. Culbreath, David Falk, Carl P. Fish, M. B. Fisher, Cody Fowler, F. J. Gannon, J. A. Griffin, T. N. Henderson Jr., Curtis Hixon, George Howell, Howard P. MacFar-lane, D. B. McKay, J. S. Mims, V. V. Sharpe, D. E. Smiley, J. T. Swann, W. M. Taliaferro, F. M. Traynor, J. A. Waterman and D. H. Woodbery.

## Franklin, Mass., Cancels; Lack Night Racing Lighting

FRANKLIN, Mass., June 7.—In-ability to obtain sufficient lighting fixtures to illuminate its half-mile track for night harness racing has caused the Franklin Fair here to cancel its 1947 run.

Directors, meeting here Wednesday (4), decided to cancel because they believed it would be too costly to conduct the fair without racing.

## Hartford Names Cronan

HARTFORD, Conn., June 7.—Louis L. Cronan, of Harwinton, has been named publicity director for the 1947 Hartford County Fair which will be held September 20 and 21. Direc-tors also authorized Cronan to sign attractions.

## **20-Year Lease Goes** To Ft. Worth Stock Show on City Bldgs.

FORT WORTH, June 7.—City of Fort Worth has signed a 20-year lease for the Southwestern Exposi-tion and Fat Stock Show to use the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorum cite 20 days a more Auditorium site 30 days a year.

Rental will be \$5,000 annually un-l such time as the city spends 1,500,000 on the buildings, at which \$1,500,000 on the buildings, at which it will be pegged higher. Money for the improvements to the buildings is provided by an already adopted bond issue. Contract provides that the city, in addition to the rent, will get 5 per cent of all show profits in ex-cess of \$60,000 a year.

Concession rights will be held by but the show during the 30-day period, but the city will receive 15 per cent of the gross income from this source. Permanent offices will be maintained the year-round by the show on the site.

## Speed Round-Up

WASHINGTON—Talk here is of a triple-track speedway, designed to outdo the Indianapolis speedway, which would be built next year in near-by Prince Georges County, Md. Sherman F. (Red) Crise, veteran midget car promoter, is linked to the project. Proposal is to build two-mile track for 500-mile speedway events, a one-miler for stock car races and a third asphalt track for WASHINGTON-Talk here is of a

# Salt Lake Cele **Tees Off Weak**

Dust storm, downpour, menacing skits hurt first two days—icer packs 'em.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 7 .-Skedded for a continuous run of 112 days, the Utah Centennial Exposition opened Monday night (2) in threatening weather and a dust storm, to considerable fanfare and a small crowd of about 7,000, most of whom turned out to see the first performance of Holiday on Ice, billed in the coliseum on the exposition grounds for two weeks.

Tuesday (3), the first full day, was hard hit by a downpour which held the gate to 12,000. *Holiday on Ice*, which has the option to hold over for a third week, played to capacity (5,000) for the second straight night.

## Officials Out in Force

Expo is presented by the Utah Cen-tennial Commission, in charge of the with Gus P. Backman as director. It was produced for the commission by the Utah State Fair Board, with Sheldon R. Brewster, secretary-manager of the board, as production manager. The annual State Fair this year will be a part of the Centennial Exposi-tion which is convince the protion. which is occupying the fairgrounds.

Utah's Gov. Herbert B. Maw pre-sided at the opening, assisted by Cal-leen Robinson, centennial queen. All of the Centennial officials, including (See SPEED ROUND-UP, page 86) (See Weather Hits Utah on page 86)



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David O. McKay, chairman of the commission, participated.

Improvements Draw Raves Altho greatly expanded and tre-mendously improved under a \$500,-000 improvement project, the State fairgrounds weren't quite ready at the opening. Some of the scars of renovation remained, as did some of the debris and the handling of

Expansion and improvements of fairgrounds have caused much raving by those familiar with the old and also from the early patrons. All walks, drives, parking areas, rest zones and the midway, which pre-viously had been either graveled or sketchily oiled, now are paved. An impressive parkway has been created and landscaped from the administra-tion building to the coliseum, the cen-

### Many State Exhibits

Exhibits run about four times as many as the editions of past State fairs here. Included among them are State exhibits from California, Mon-tana, Idaho, Colorado and Nevada, as

All exhibit buildings have been renovated and repainted in a uni-form color scheme of pastel colors. New sprinkling, fire-safety devices, sanitary facilities and entrances and

exits mark each building. Home economics exhibits and flower shows will be held continu-ously, featuring seasonal subjects. Greatly expanded exhibits of cattle, swine and lambs will be rotated. Junior agriculture and livestock shows will alternate with junior homemakers for the 16-week run of the auto

## 14 Rides on Midway

tion, lessees. All games are perma-nently housed, while the rides are in the open. Fourteen rides, believed the largest array ever seen in the intermountain area, are presented.

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# \*\* Weather Hits Utah Opening; Speed Round-Up Salt Lake Cele Tee-Off Weak

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the debris, and the handling of crowds was a bit slow. Most of the faults, however, were minor, and with good weather and a few more days under its belt the expo should be operting smoothly.

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basis, with coupons being used.

Eating and drink concessions are owned by the Western Service Company, with Art Teece as manager. cafeteria and cabaret have been built and all food and drink stands are new. State and city departments of health, fire authorities and police all put their okay on facilities before opening as a safeguard against beefs and clashes which hurt the State fair the past two years.

Midway play was hurt this week because lighting was not complete. Only buildings housing games had adequate light. Completion of mid-way and ground lighting was ex-pected by tonight.

### Attractions Skedded

Booked as feature entertainment Booked as feature entertainment attractions after the stand of Holiday on Ice are Jimmy Lynch's Death Dodgers, the Centennial Wild Animal Circus, Gros's Balloons, Days of '47 Rodeo, Aquacade, Count Berni Vici's Oh, Susannah; a horse show and two grandstand stageshows to be pro-duced by Barnes-Carruthers Theatri-cel Enterprises Churged cal Enterprises, Chicago.

The American-Savoy Comic Opera opened Friday (6) in the Centennial Theater (capacity 1,000), for a 15-week Gilbert-Sullivan repertory. The Mikado is the first offering by the group. Theater was sold out opengroup. ing night.

## Holiday Week-End **Okay** in Detroit

### (Continued from page 82) responsibilities this season. Sam Benjamin is office manager.

### **Concessionaires** Listed

Concessionaires include Mrs. Nell Nanni, scales and novelties; Doc Crawford, character analysis; Johnny Weiss, restaurant; Madame Rose, reader and advisor; Henry Brush, Mardi Gras waffles, and Mr. and Mrs. David Malkin, photos David Malkin, photos. At Edgewater Park, located within

the city limits, Decoration Day busi-ness was almost equal to last year's, thanks to a late evening spurt. At Edgewater, Jim Bennett, oldtime

park man, and active as a producer of stageshows and theater manager in of stagesnows and theater manager in recent years, has been named con-cession manager by Jack Dickstein, concession owner. Mrs. Dickstein is managing the penny pitch and her sister, Mrs. Lottie Johnson, is run-ning the fish pond.

Harry Brown is again general su-perintendent at Edgewater, with Wal-lace Sala refreshment manager. Refreshment concessions are operated by the park.

New attraction at Edgewater is Ernie's Miniature Circus, located on the new lower midway adjoining the office and skating rink, which has been drawing its share of business despite the weather.

Only other new attraction at Edgewater this season is the archery con-cession, installed by George Cline. This type of attraction has been operated independently in various lo-cations in the territory the past three seasons, and is doing very well as a permanent addition to the park.



(Continued from page 85) midget races. Crise is reported as having discussed with George A. Ha-mid, New York attraction booker, the possibility of using the talked-of plant for an international fair.

AURORA, Ill.-Big car auto races, staged by John Sloan, grossed close to \$15,000 here Decoration Day, ac-cording to figures announced by him. The crowd was estimated at 17,000. Jimmy Wilburn took the lion's share of the racing honors. Date was sec-ond still of the season for Sloan. He He opened May 25, with a still at Spring-field, Mo., that drew a crowd placed at 4,800. Another meet will be staged by him here June 15.

NEW YORK-Promoter Jake Kedenburg put on the first of this sea-son's midget races at the Freeport Stadium June 6. Beginning June 7 races will be held every Saturday night, as well as on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Midget racing also gets under way at the Albany, N. Y., track Thurs-day (12) and at the Lodi, N. J., sta-dium June 22.

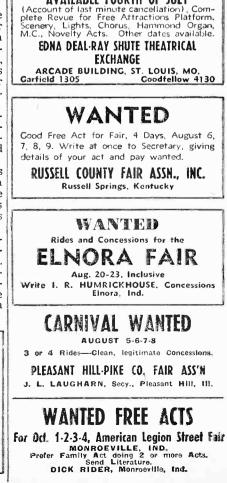
PHILADELPHIA—Dutch Schaefer, of the Bronx, N. J., won the feature Eastern States Sweepstakes midget auto race at the Yellow Jacket Sta-dium Thursday night (5). Tony Bonadies, of the Bronx, took second place, and Bill Schindler, of Free-port, L. I., came in third.

## **RINGLING IN CONTROL**

(Continued from page 75) cus Corporation, was ordered to pay within 30 days the costs of \$640.84 in the State Supreme Court, together with costs of \$75.96 in the Court of Chancery.

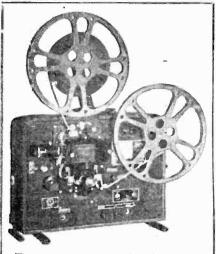


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## REP RIPPLES

ULUNETHAWAY, Oakland, L ULUNETHAWAY, Oakland, Calif., informs that the Oid-Time Vaudeville and Dramatic Artists Club, San Francisco, gave its annual Gay Nueties show at Scottish Rite Auditorium there May 17 to a full house. Madge Carreg Conway pro-duced, and music was by Don Frank ork. . . Community 16mm. Film Company has moved its circuit from Middlesex County, Mass., to Suncook, N. H. . . . Harold Armstrong has pic-tures around Garfield, O. . . . Craw-ford's Show is in the Edmonton, Alta., sector. . . . Bailey's Texas Show, which has added 16mm. pix, is in the sector. . . . Bailey's Texas Show, which has added 16mm. pix, is in the Ardmore, Okla., area. . . . C. J. Baird, who formerly had a tent show in Texas and Oklahoma, now has a pic Texas and Oklahoma, now has a pic outfit in Southwest Kansas. . . Penn Players are booking E. F. Hannan's Okie From Oklahoma in New York resort spots under auspices. . . Ar-thur Freeman advises from Geneseo, Ill., that he has finished school and will soon have a film show in Central Wisconsin, opening the middle of June near Ripon. He will change nightly. . . Claiborne White, ad-vance agent, was recently released from the hospital after undergoing two operations on his leg. He is at

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., after middle of June. . . Riggs family is around Boulder, Colo. . . . Northampton Play-ers will do some Vermont resort dates after July I. . . Suncook Players, four people, open their resort season last of June working out of Newport, Vt. They will use E. F. Hannan's So It Goes. . . University Show, A. L. Cady, owner, will operate with 16mm. films around Madison, Wis., during the summer. . . Nicholas Locantino has a 16mm. pic outfit playing aus-pices in the Galveston, Tex., terri-tory. tory.

W. WELLS ALEXANDER, the Dis-tributor's Group, Inc., Atlanta, states that 16mm. libraries are "jumping on the bankwagon" with the John Wayne series of 16 West-erns, for which he is national sales rep. Great Western Pictures, Inc., has reissued the John Wayne series, purchased from Monogram Pictures, and is delivering prints at a two-a-month rate, Alexander says. First month rate, Alexander says. First issues were delivered to libraries as of May 25. . . . Tom Aiton, agent, pens that he is sojourning in Omaha a month before hitting the road again....Byron Gosh cards that his *Hit Parade* Tent Show is getting healthy returns since the Mississippi from the hospital after undergoing two operations on his leg. He is at home, 155 S. Fourth Street, Memphis. . . . Charles M. Ganley is showing 16mm. pix around Erie, Pa. . . . Burt's comedians, adding 16mm. films, are in the Boone, Ia., area. . . . Island Players, four people, will be around

## Schaffner Opens At Wapello, Ia.

WAPELLO, Ia., June 7. — Neil Schaffner Tent Show opened the sea-son here May 26 with a new play, *The Girl Next Door*. Tenter will play its usual Iowa and Missouri territory.

During the engagement here, Schaffner flew several times to Hannibal, Mo., where he is defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit in Federal District Court brought against him by a woman who claims she was permanently injured when she fell into a hole adjacent to the show when it played in the city park at Lewistown, Mo., in 1945.

## Stella Holman Not Dead

CINCINNATI, June 7.—In the obituary notice of Harry Holman, in issue of *The Billboard* dated May 17, reference was made to his "late wife, Stella Holman, who was with him on the North Bros.' Stock Company." This was in error. Stella Holman Horn is residing with her present husband in Des Moines.

# Rep Bills By E. F. Hannan

DAVE COSTA, who has had experi-Dence in short-cast rep bills, laughs at the idea of any trick for small towns with more than six people.

Costa says: "I would rather have four performers who have worked together and learned each other's capabilities than 40 loose-flung thesps working on their own interest."

There is sense in what Costa says. as is proven by sure-fire comedians like Edward Horton, of film note, when he is working flesh on his own. Horton's best draw was a four-people bill, and it could just as well have been a solo show, or at least with someone to give Horton time to catch his breath. For lengthy stays a few performers who have polished up on very small-cast bills can serve up much good theater. Costa may be right.



## Coney Island, New York

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round spot, with San Dan, manager (brother Julius, is with fascination): Anthony Esposito, floorman, and Phillip Janaway, attendant. Harold is co-operator of Klarnet's many other island enterprises, with offices in Loew's Coney Theater Building, where brothers Mickey and Danny are execs. Harry Kogan's Three-unit Frozen

Harry Kogan's Three-unit Frozen Custard is in charge of Harry's sister, Sunnie, with John Lytle helping. Mo-tor Parkway, operated by William McInch. Also the island's electrician, has on its pay roll Hymie Cohn, ticket seller, and Paddy Venture, Ralph Battega, Frank Francesco and Angelo, Tony and Jimmie Messiana, attendants. Daiell brothers, Sid and Lou, are partners at the penny pitch in the former airdrome structure. Op-posite on Surf is Sid's Bo-Lo game posite on Surf is Sid's Bo-Lo game where Sid's wife, Mildred, helps out when Sid relieves Lou.... New Ghost Ride is operated by three Esposito brothers, Salvatore, Louis and Michael, island first-timers. Their initial Coney experience was none too profitable when Mike's car was stolen from its Surf Avenue anchorage May

Sherry Jackman is boss of father-Sherry Jackman is boss of father-in-law's photo studio. Evelyn Seidel supervises an eight-unit Skee Ball alley for Anna, Dad and Ma Julius, with Joe Skelse, helper. Family also operates another and larger (17 units) at Playland, Fockaway Beach. Mrs. E. Wolz is celebrating her 52d year as an islander and her 23d as Laff-Laff ride operator. Daughter, Marguerite, is in charge with Slim Kild, attendant. Joe with Slim Kild, attendant. Joe Marno and Leo Rogers, the Oklahoma Kid, are chiefs at Hogan's Alley milk bottle game, the last of the many tenants on the Klarnet-Richmond block.

Steeplechase Park has installed a Steeplechase Park has installed a television set in its former ballroom the Tilyous are operating in conjunc-tion with Winston television people of Brooklyn. Free admish. Spot's Girl Scout Day is set for June 14. Among the lifesavers at the pool is Evelyn Peterson, last year's winner of Steeplechase's Modern Venus con-

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New partner of Herman Wolff, in latter's many Coney enterprises is Louis Lobel, brother-in-law, who replaced Herbert Weaver. The Wolff-Lobel interests include an arcade on the Boardwalk enlarged and re-equipped from last season. Transplanting three pre-flight trainers are 10 Skee Ball alleys. Here Rebecca Saltzman and Meyer Hershoff are cashiers, and Irving Frost, Leonard Fisher and Sam Bingott, attendants. Also, eight units of Skee Ball alleys on West 16th, between Surf and Bow-ery with Morris Lobel in charge.

ery with Morris Lobel in charge. Also, a penny pitch on Harry Nel-son's property, Steeplechase walk, with Libby Wolff, co-renter. Contract for music, via a 15-piece ork (still unbooked) at the new Ma-ple Grove, in Feltman's, has been let to S. Saitta, who will have charge of the dancing concession. Spot ac-commenter 400 couples. June 15 is of the dancing concession. Spot ac-commodates 400 couples. June 15 is the date set for the opener.

beinning the role of the opener. Dave Bernstein and Bob Castelano, execs of B. O. Enterprises, feature poker tables in their arcade, Bowery and West 15th. A change among their concessions on the exterior is the substitution of Voice-o-Graphs and Photomatic booths for wire art with Morris Gilbert, Mutoscope ex-pert, chief overseer. Also new is a modern equipped and inviting piz-zeria, the Turris, operated by Bar-tholo Vuotto and Paul Pudillo, island newcomers. Manager is a blond eyenewcomers. Manager is a blond eyeal, Constance Alois. Other new attractions this season

are bowling alleys at the Half Moon Hotel and live elephants of the smaller variety for an elephant track on I. Klein's property on Kensington Walk between Bowery and Board-walk. Fred Moran is the operator. Dad George, manages the Thunder-

Dad George, manages the Thunder-bolt ride nearby. Dave Rosen's Palace of Wonders has on its platforms Charlie Phelan, weight lifter; Lloyd Priddy, magi-cian and lecturer; Milo, mule-faced boy; Alzora, turtle girl, and Hadji Ben Ali, fire and glass eater and snake handler. Charlie Burns and Bob Laverne are talkers; Mary Cox and Fred Olseck. ticket sellers: and Fred Olseck, ticket sellers; Charlie Steinbreaker, ticket taker and Bill Sherry, handyman.

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**64TO** THE PAST we take off our hats. To the future—let's all take off our coats." That is the motto of W. J. Betts, operator of Redondo Roller Rink on Puget Sound, between Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., who in the past 10 years has developed his rink into one of the show places along the Pacific Coast, embracing a three-story structure that also houses one of the largest indoor recreation centers in the Northwest. Progress seems to be the keynote of Betts's success in the Northwest, and the story of the development of his enterprise is one that should be an inspiration to all operators who start out on a small scale.

## Starts on Shoestring

Betts came to Washington with his parents in 1898. They were responsible for the name "Redondo," meaning sylvan paradise. However, it was not until the summer of 1936 that the building which forms part of the present modern structure was converted from a dance pavilion into a roller rink in the short time of four days after first conceiving the idea. Betts rented his equipment the first season, and as his initial venture was successful, he purchased it the following year.

At the time-of opening, Betts had spent approximately two hours in two rinks as a spectator. Not knowing anything about the operation of a rink and having many other duties in the operation of the amusement park at Redondo, Aubrey King, son of an old-time operator, was hired as janitor, skate room man, floor man, organ tender and manager at a salary of \$12 per week and board. The remaining personnel was invested in the daughter, Evelyn, 13 years old, who sold tickets and soft drinks and checked clothing.

### **Business Gains**

Betts had expected to shutter the rink at the close of the park season, as had been the custom with a dance policy, but as business seemed to be holding up, he decided to run Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for a while. Business gained steadily over the week-ends and one or two nights each week were added for parties. At Christmas time the old military band organ was pensioned off and an electric organ was installed according to the recommendations of the music company. In a hard-finished

shell along the side of the rink, the music practically blew the skaters off their course as they passed by. Of course, this required changing as soon as time could be found—along with the work of removing two posts from the center of the skating floor, enclosing the porch for more skating and spectator room, as well as the addition of 24 feet to the north end of the building. The grand opening was ushered in October 27, 1937, with the first roller revue. The distinguished guests were Fred (Bright Star) Murree, Pawnee Indian figure skater; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Keller, the Keller sisters and granddaughter

## Joins RSROA

In January, 1938, Betts drove to California to learn more about his new business. It was then, he says, that he took his first important step in skating advancement. He became the second Pacific Coast member of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States, then a new organization in the East. Its objective was to clean up existing unfavorable conditions existing in its members' localities and to educate and teach prospective patrons and to expand the organization over the country to such an extent that roller skating would be regarded in a better light. This, it was believed, would automatically justify the expenditure of money by eliminating fear of the "count of 10" which had heretofore followed each cycle of prosperity in the roller rink business. Returning from California and still

Returning from California and still wishing to know more about skating operations where these men had been applying their gospel for a year, Betts accepted the challenge sent out by the RSROA to hold a State racing championship and send the winner to compete with other selected skaters from different sections of the country. Staging the first sanctioned meet in March, 1938, Pat Pattison was awarded this trip and chance to compete in the RSROA nationals, which were held in Cincinnati. While the West Coast's first contestant could not quite out-race the Easterners, he did bring home a trophy presented by employees of the Sefferino Rollerdrome for outstanding sportsmanship shown during the meet. This trophy has, in the years since, always provided inspiration and aim for Redondo skaters.

### **Returns With Ideas**

The trip was also another important step in advancement, as Betts visited some of the larger rinks and came home with a trunk full of ideas. The main one was that clean floors could be had by barring allmetal wheels (which immediately started a battle). This was a major battle, inasmuch as skaters at that time would rather have had eight teeth pulled than lose their eight aluminum rollers. Minor dress rules and price adjustments came with another splurge of face-lifting in May of 1939. This year saw the beginning of

May of 1939. This year saw the beginning of professional instruction as an obligation to the skaters and the RSROA. Betty Lytle was the first pro to impress skaters. She made such a lasting impression on the skaters that their first advanced club was named the Betty Lytle Dance and Figure Skating Club (still active), composed of good skaters from many other rinks besides Redondo. Tony Mayo followed for a short period, and then Pat Pattison (after becoming a sonin-law) turned pro and took over the duties as instructor until the call to service came. After nearly five years without a steady professional, he is (See Redondo's Rags on opp. page) Close Competitions Feature of USARSA New York Contests

MINEOLA, L. I., N. Y., June 7.-Close competition in almost all departments marked the New York State championships of the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, held June 1 and 2 in Earl Van Horn's Mineola Roller Rink. Competing in the events were Mineola skaters; representatives of Mount Vernon Arena and St. Nicholas Arena, links in the William Schmitzoperated America On Wheels chain, and Fordham Roller Rink, Bronx.

and Fordham Roller Rink, Bronx. Results: Senior men, Donald Mounce, Reggie Opie and William Scheurer, Mineola. Senior ladies, Patricia Finn and Theresa Kelsch, Mineola. Senior dancing, Barbara Gallagher and Fred Ludwig, Mineola; Charlotte Perkins and Walter Clancy, St. Nicholas, and Peggy Viets and Thomas Banks, Mineola. Senior pairs, June Henrich and Reggie Opie, Mineola. Senior ladies' pairs, Gladys and Gloria Gulbrandsen, Mineola; Marie Grosso and Helen Hayes, Mount Vernon, and Olive Cano and Lorraine Gullen, Mount Vernon. Junior men, Eugene Parker, Mineola, and James Murray. Mount Vernon. Junior ladies. Olive Cano, Mount Vernon. Junior dancing, Gladys Ward and Harry Brennan, Mineola; Joyce Field and Charles Lowe, Mineola, and Olive Cano and John Murray, Mount Vernon. Junior pairs, Patricia Finn and William Scheurer, Mineola, and Lorraine Gullen and James Murray, Mount Vernon.

Junior ladies' pairs, Patricia Allen and Marion Eckwerth, Mount Vernon; Barbara Allen and Jeanette Barrie, Mount Vernon, and Norma Gullen and Joan Fleischman, Mount Vernon. Novice men, John Trotta, Michael Wasiczko and T. E. Samanen, Mount Vernon. Novice ladies, Helen Hayes, Mount Vernon, and Helen Burkhardt and Barbara Robertson, Mineola. Novice dancing, Dorothy Boiarsky and George Dahl. Mineola; Ann Leone, Mount Vernon, and Leo Weber, St. Nicholas, and Rita Lynch and Thomas Chiniel, Mineola. Novice pairs, Olive Cano and John Trotta, Mount Vernon; Helen Hayes and Fred Remson, Mount Vernon, and Ruth and Frank Henrich, Mineola. Juvenile boys, Frank Henrich, Mineola. Juvenile girls, Ruth Henrich, Mineola; Marion Eckwerth, Mount Vernon, and Dorothy Pasman, Fordham. Juvenile pairs, Norma Gullen and Albert Eckwerth, Mount Vernon. Juvenile dancing, Ruth and Frank Henrich, Mineola, and Norma Gullen and Albert Eckwerth, Mount Vernon. Members of Mount Vernon took three places in fours skating.





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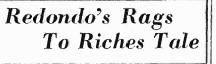
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(Continued from opposite page) back, along with his wife, Evelyn, and teaching is again on the upgrade. Keeps Plugging Away

Continued improvements kept Betts from seeing the first nationals in dance and figure competitions in 1939, but since that time nothing has 1939, but since that time nothing has prevented him from attending. He always returned home with an in-creased desire to better skating con-ditions. Even the midwinter board meetings are looked forward to, as they are the hatching grounds for future advancement of roller skating, not only for the coming year, but for as much as five years ahead as much as five years ahead.

During the war, with its attendant restrictions, Redondo was hit rather hard because there is no form of transportation to the rink other than automobile. Being 20 miles from Seattle and 12 miles from Tacoma, seature and 12 miles from factoma, the rink was operated four nights per week. This proved successful, and with junior help and much work on the part of the operator, the rink went right along—but without fur-ther improvements.

Redondo granted servicemen and women free admission thruout the war and was privileged to have as guests skaters from every State in the Union. Betts never learned how many appreciated this, but it was considerable satisfaction to know Re-dondo was doing its bit.

During this period Betts laid plans or transforming the rink into a for model establishment, once building restrictions were lifted.

### Starts Work in 1945

Even before the end of the 1945 Even before the end of the 1945 park season work was started on the 70-foot extension. This carried on right thru the winter without inter-ruption to skating sessions. Being his own architect and contractor, the job of supervising construction and furnishing labor and materials placed quite a burden on Betts. The work was finished 15 months later.

The finished building now houses on the lower floor one of the largest indoor amusement centers in the indoor amusement centers in the Northwest. The third floor has been set aside for club rooms, offices and storage. This leaves the second floor for a 90 by 175-foot skating area, a spectators' section over 100 feet long on one side, and a 12 by 130-foot practice floor along the opposide side. There is also an elaborate entrance. The lobby, 100 feet long in front of the sales room, box office and check and skate rooms, has mirrored walls. Further inspection reveals refinement in the artistically designed ceiling with its varied lighting scheme.

**Draws** New Patronage

Without interrupting skating sessions during the course of remodeling and final joining of the floors, Redondo opened September 6 and fol-



# 2d Private Club At Euclid Beach **Given City Okay**

CLEVELAND. June 7.—City li-censing of the Cavalier Club, which leased Euclid Beach Park Roller Rink here for private operation (*The Billboard*, May 10), has been fol-lowed by an official okay of the Greater Cleveland Dancing Club to operate the park's dance hall. The rink license had been granted following on effective times the second se

following an official investigation to determine whether the club was a legitimate organization or merely a subterfuge to enable the rink to cir-cumvent the anti - discrimination clause of the amusement park licens-ing ordinance massed by city council ing ordinance, passed by city council in January after council was told that Euclid Beach discriminated against Negroes and, in particular, refused to admit them to its dance floor, roller rink and beach.

Hoor, roller rink and beach. Seventy-two civic organizations had charged that operation of the rink by a private club and, by im-plication, the operation of the dance hall by a similar group "wears the appearance of an attempt to circum-vent" the city ordinance on park the city ordinance on park licensing.

While admitting that the Greater Cleveland Dancing Club "may be a subterfuge," Mayor Burke announced that the city was issuing a license to the newly-formed private club to operate the dance hall. "Two weeks of investigation have failed to prove that charge so the city must, by law, issue a license," he said.

lowed with a successful benefit re-vue, Skating Fantasies of 1946, by members of the Redondo Roller Club. Since the opening many new pa-trons are returning regularly. These added to the former crowds keep the eurront business dump from being current business slump from being noticeable. An older and even more refined class of patronage is attend-ing. This, it would seem, is an indi-cation that it pays to spend money to make money.





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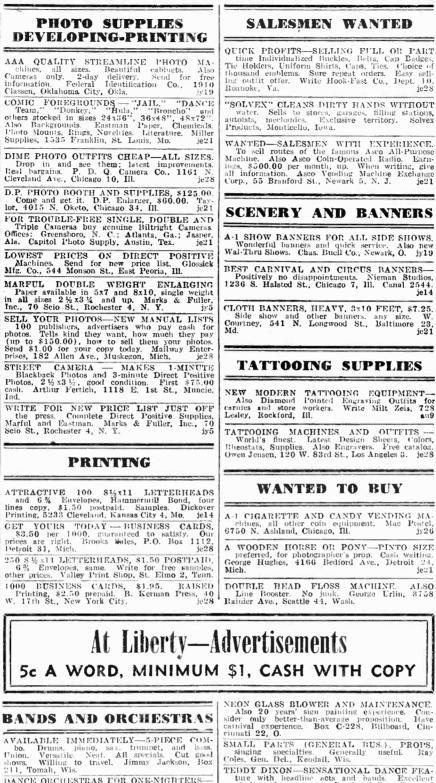
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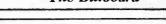






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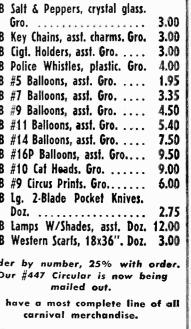
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## Tom and Med By E. F. Hannan-

VERNE SLOUT recently re-L. VERNE SLOUT recently quested notes on Tom shows for a promised book. One old organi-zation that he can make comedy of was one of the Kickapoo shows, operated by Doc Allan Damon. Damon was a lecturer, mesmerist and hymoticit and hid alaim to seve

and hypnotist, and laid claim to sevand hypnotist, and laid claim to sev-eral other potentials, doing a fair job on all of them. But he was an-other medic who yearned for the stage and liked to appear in Tom, and such bills as *Mugg's Landing*, and even *East Lynne*. Damon hired Archie Gifford, a Ne-gra performer to play Tom to Da-

gro performer, to play Tom to Da-mon's Simon Legree and while showing Portsmouth, N. H., Archie con-tracted a stiff neck and Damon promised to keep his whip lashing well away from that part of Gifford's anatomy.

anatomy. But Damon imbibed a bit before the show and forgot his promise. When Damon slashed Gifford across the sore spot Gifford turned on him and floored the manager with a punch to the jaw. Archie, it seems, had been a pupil of George Godfrey, Negro boxer and instructor of that time time.

There was a quick curtain when the event happened and it was sev-eral days before Damon was able to be back in the cast. In the meantime Gifford lost his job and a new and less manly Tom took over the part.

**Eastern Funspots Gather Moola Over Decoration Day** 

(Continued from page 51)

of New York's summer spots but attendance peaks were reached on Sun-day (1), with biggest crowds of the season at practically all parks and shore resorts.

Attendance figures for Coney Is-land were: Decoration Day, 500,000; Saturday (31), 100,000 — probably went much higher as crowds arrived en masse late in the afternoon—and Sunday, 700,000. Very few bathers were reported at Coney Island but rides chows correspins and eateries rides, shows, concessions and eateries did brisk business.

Rockaway Beach attendance was very good despite cool weather. Rock-away's Playland was host to its largest crowds of the season. Dram-bour's Seaside Amusement Park also hit the jackpot with games, rides and stands all reporting good takes. Rockaway's best day was Decoration Day, with 500,000 visitors, while attend-ance dropped to 175,000 on Saturday (31) and hit 400,000 Sunday (1).

Jones Beach, swank south shore Long Island beach, swank south shore Long Island beach resort, drew 30,000 patrons Decoration Day and 40,000 Sunday (1). Orchard Beach, strictly a swim spot, drew a modest 25,000 Sunday (1).

Atlantic Beach, one of the newer Long Island shore resorts, celebrated the holidays by holding a two-day auction sale of shore property, Friday and Saturday (30-31), at which 226 parcels of land were sold for a total of \$242,712. Much of the property disposed of was zoned for business or amusement and bidding was brisk and prices realized were high.

### 125,000 at Asbury Park

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 7.-Decoration Day week-end attendance reached its peak here Sunday (1), with an estimated 125,000 visitors on the boardwalk. Traffic was said to have been the heaviest in 15 years, with business topping all records at this resort.

### Palisades Breaks Marks

NEW YORK, June 7.—Palisades Amusement Park, across the Hudson from uptown New York, broke all early season records during the threeday Decoration Day week-end, ac-cording to Jack Rosenthal, co-owner. Rosenthal said not only did park at-tendance hit a new high but all rides, attractions and concessions registered record takes. Decoration Day the park was host to 22,000 members of New Jersey American Legion posts and chalked up a total attendance of around 79,000 for the day.

Olympic Park Does Okay

Olympic Park Does Okay IRVINGTON, N. J., June 7.— Olympic Park, favored by best weather of the season, reports ex-tremely good attendance on all three days of the Decoration Day week-end. According to Robert Guenther, of the Olympic staff, a very notice-able increase in the number of the vounger male element was evident—a younger male element was evident—a return to pre-war conditions and a stimulus to ride and game business. Strong line-up of acts in the cur-rent circus bill should help keep Olympic's attendance up to par. Show features Janet and Paul, high aerial; the Saxons, equilibrists; Flo Lin Howe, contortionist, and Doss' dogs and ponies. Maestro Joe Basile is celebrating his 31st year as leader of the Olympic Park band.

### **Santos-Artigus Closes**

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HAVANA, June 7. -- The Santos-Artigus Circus closed its season May 11 after a highly successful season. Org boasted only two American acts, Lamont's cockatoo act and Fleet's chimpanzee.

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

(Continued from page 51) his visit to Jamestown, N. Y. Burns, incidentally, had a hobby story with a picture in *The Buffalo News* May 23. Murray Guy entertained Harry Bowman at his home in Jeannette, Pa. Bowman reports catching the King Bros.' Circus.

Timothy James Maloney, CHS 300, Timothy James Maloney, CHS 300, is busy completing a replica of the two-hemisphere band wagon with the 40-horse hitch and expects to have it on display at the convention. C. E. Duble, CHS historian, let it be known, was with the Mighty Haag Circus in 1912 and made 66 stands in Canada. He also played 59 towns in Canada with the Famous Bohinson Canada with the Famous Robinson Shows in 1914. William Kriescher, CHS, Wichita, received a carved four-horse hitch from Barney Shevlin to add to his fast-growing model circus.

H. L. Symons donated a miniature dining department wagon for an auction, proceeds going to the CHS Club. Mr. Kuehne was the high bidder. Mr. John Crowley, CHS secretary, is on the sick list.

### Wichita Notes

WICHITA, Kan., June 7.-World Wide Animal Exhibit, owned by W. F. Duggan, former owner of Duggan Bros.' Circus, is playing here to Buggan Bros.' Circus, is playing here to good business. Show is spotted on one of the city's busiest streets, housed un-der a 40 by 120-foot tent and fea-turing Texas Nell. A Monkey Show also is carried. Joe Cogozzo is man-grow. Witch and Jim Stutz have the ager. Mitch and Jim Stutz have the concessions.

Fred Leonard, who is in Wesley Hospital with a back injury, expects to make the Des Moines Horse Show. The Frazier family played at the Cejay Stadium May 30-31.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Montezuma, Kan., visited at the home of the writer while in Wichita to attend the graduation of their daughter, Joan.

Cleve Reedy, well-known stage-hand, died June 2. The Knight fam-ily, wire act trio, joined the Mont-gomery Circus in Laramie, Wyo.— BETTE LEONARD.





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(Continued from page 51) tions will be answered in the negative, and thus relieve the proprietor from all liability for injuries to the patron who sued for damages.

## Must Exercise Care

First, it is important to know that proprietors of amusement devices are duty bound to exercise at least "ord-inary" care to prevent injuries to duty bound to exercise at least "ord-inary" care to prevent injuries to patrons. Generally speaking, the higher courts have held that "ordi-nary care" is that degree of care which would have been exercised by other experienced and prudent opera-tors of anusement devices, under the lastical cheumstances of the in-ium. jucy.

Jury. Of course, there is no fixed stand-ard by which a court is enabled to definitely decide in every case what conduct of an operator is ordinary care. The terms "ordinary care," "reasonable prudence," and such like terms, when applied to the care legally required of the operators of amusement devices are relative and all facts must be considered by the court. court.

Under no circumstances may a patron of an amusement device or pastime recover damages for an injury unless he proves, first, that he used at least "ordinary" care to protect himself from the injury and, second, the actury resulted directly from negligence of the operator of the armusement amusement.

For illustration, in Bluett v. Eli Skating Club, 48 Atl. (2d) 557, re-ported September, 1946, one Bluett sued the owner of a roller skating rink to recover heavy damages for injuries sustained. The testimony proved that Bluett paid the admis-sion fee of 30 cents and received a pair of skates from one of the at-tendants. He presented them to a "skate boy," who was employed by the owner of the rink to tasten skates on the shoes of customers. The boy fastened the skates to Bluett's shoes. After Bluett had skated for about half an hour he noticed, the right skate appeared to be loose and reskate appeared to be loose and re-turned to the "skate boy," who tight-ened it. Bluett resumed skating and a few minutes later the right skate came off at the toe and he fell, breaking his arm.

## Charged Negligence

Bluett contended that the proprie-Bluett contended that the proprie-tor of the rink was liable in damages for his injury because the "skate boy," employed to fasten skates, had negligently and carelessly fastened on his skates which directly resulted in the injury.

The higher court refused to hold the proprietor liable saying that altho the proprietor liable saying that altho the skate boy had carelessly fastened on the skates, it was Bluett's duty to use ordinary care to know that his skates were securely fastened. Thus, this proprietor avoided lia-bility by proving the patron's con-tributory negligence resulted in his injury.

injury.

The law, and all higher courts, assume proprietors of amusements will exercise reasonable care to regularly exercise reasonable care to regularly and carefully inspect apparatus and make necessary repairs to safeguard patrons against injuries. If a jury, after listening to the testimony, de-cides the proprietor's negligence in this respect resulted in the injury, it will hold the injured patron may perover damages sufficient to fully

it will hold the injured patron may recover damages sufficient to fully compensate for the sustained injuries. Usually the higher court will approve the jury's verdict. For example, in Johnny J. Jones Exposition, Inc., v. Terry, 63 N. E. (2d) 159, a patron of a Ferris Wheel, sustained severe injuries when she fell some 75 feet. She sued the operator of the Ferris Wheel for damages and proved: (1) The lock and catch on the safety bar of the Ferris Wheel defective; (2) that the safety bar was not securely fastened when she was

seated in the seat before the begin-ning of the ride; and (3) that the safety bar gave way and precipitated her to the ground. The jury allowed the patron to recover \$7,500 damages. The higher court approved the ver-diat caving: dict, saying:

"An examination of the record discloses that there is substantial evi-dence to sustain the facts, and it is not the province of this court to weigh the evidence, or substitute its judg-ment as to the weight of the evi-dence for that of the jury."

## **Higher Court Approves**

Altho the proprietor argued that \$7,500 damage allowance was excessive the higher court approved this sive the higher court approved this allowance on this evidence: The pa-tron was 19 years of age and in per-fect health before the injury. She sustained the following injuries: a double comminuted compound frac-ture of the right femur; dislocation of the right knee which is still stiff; dislocation of the right ankle; a deep cut (about three inches long) under chin; a deep cut about an inch in front of the chin; severe shock and bruises: of the chin; severe shock and bruises; since the accident she has been extremely nervous and excitable; she still suffers from the effects of said injuries and cannot do things she did prior to receiving said injuries. She underwent two operations and one blood transfusion; her hearing has been impaired since the accident and she suffers pain in the right side of the abdomen over the right ovary.

In this respect the higher court said:

"In view of this evidence, we can-not see that the amount of the judg-ment is so grossly excessive as at first blush to induce the belief that the jury was actuated by prejudice, par-tiality, or compution is prejudice to tiality, or corruption in assessing the damages."

### Thrown From Car

For comparison see Castle v. River-For comparison see Castle v. River-view Park Company, 11 N. E. (2d) 125 The testimony in this case proved that a passenger was thrown from a car on a Roller Coaster when the car suddenly lurched forward as it de-scended the incline. The passenger was killed and the proprietor was sued for damages on the contention that lurching of the car was accorded

that lurching of the car was caused by debris on the truck. The lower court allowed \$20,000 damages, but the higher court re-versed the verdict saying that the testimony was not conclusive that the debris on the track caused the sudden lurch which threw the passenger from the car.

## Sunbrock Thriller **Tops 200,000** Gate At Yank Stadium

(Continued from page 51) to watch the stunt, but the papers, altho running pictures and items, called the turn by labeling it "a publicity stunt" and failed to mention the show

Sunbrock was picked up Monday Sunbrock was picked up Monday (2) on a bench warrant and held in \$5,000 bail by Justice Alvin Bur-lingame, of the Court of Special Ses-sions, for alleged failure to pay wages. The charge dates back to 1943, when Sunbrock promoted the ill-fated circus on 50th Street here. Trial was set for Tuesday (10). Later, in U. S. District Court, Sun-brock and Rodeo, Inc., were charged with infringing copyrighted songs of

with infringing copyrighted songs of five music publishers. (Details on

live music publishers. (Details on page 3.) Mary Valentine was injured Tues-day night when she fell from a high rigging where she was performing with her husband. The act was dis-continued. The Flying Laforms were replaced by the Flying Duwards prior to opening. prior to opening.



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## SALESBOARD SIDELIGHTS

## New York:

Milton Soffer, new sales manager of Bork Manufacturing Company, reports biz steady. . . . Murray Sanderson, R & R Sales Company, has just returned from a six-week vacation in Mexico and Cuba. He plans to start soon on a road trip thru the South. . . . Frank Synder, Chicago; Paul Olsen, St. Louis; Sidney Keeney, Philadelphia, and Sol Goldstein, Atlantic City, were some of the visitors to the city last week.

Dick Hitter, ANS Sales, Inc., Elmira, N. Y., is now on an extended biz trip. ... Orville Rosenthal, Trenton, N. J., coin machine operator, has established a lush summer resort board business. ... Bill Lessons. Boston salesboard buyer, stopped in the city for a few days last week on his way back from a Chicago board buying tour. Bill is reported to have also made some purchases here.

Nick Reiss, Indianapolis coin machine operator and board jobber, was in town last week. . . . Carl Braun,

Gary, Ind., is due in town this week. . . . Russell Goodwin, Keeley Sales executive, became the father of a boy last week. . . . Paul Kierman, New England op, plans to be in town next week on his way back from Jacksonville, Fla. . . Alf Jordan, South African coinman, is considering salesboard expansion. He is now in the city on a buying tour.

## Chicago:

Sol Wyatt, of Gardner & Company, is leaving with his family for England this week. He will be gone about a month, visiting relations there. Wyatt said he will be an interested observer- of the English salesboard business while in the Isles. Might pick up some unusual sidelights on the industry there, he adds. Pounds and pence may prove a bit difficult at first, Wyatt thinks.

Ben Maltz, Excel Manufacturing Company, is said by the boys here to be in and out of the office so constantly that he reminds them of a revolving door. Maltz is one of the traveling-est boys in the business he's out of town this week, too, . . . Jim Reddy, of Amusement Industries, reports business coming along on a very satisfactory level these days.

J. Worth, Worthmore Sales, is looking forward to his Wisconsin vacation July 18-26. He is hoping the weather will decide to give in and throw summer his way by then.... Superior Products' vice - president and director of sales, Seymour Trott, is out in Ohio this week with salesman Buddy Bronson.

## Los Angeles:

National Novelties, a company in Los Angeles operated by Herman Rubin, Saul Freedman and Maury Ross, is going great guns with its new eight-sided den lamp. The lamp, which is available with salesboards, has openings for eight transparencies in the drop side of the shade. Designed for the den, color transparencies of models are used.

## BALLYHOO BROS.

### (Continued from page 53)

run. They are now located in the line-up. To prove to you how skeptical midway dog players are, some of them stepped off the distance and claimed it to be only a half-mile around, while others tape-lined the lot and cut it down to a quarter-mile track. To settle the track question all bettors were invited to witness the laying out of the lot.

Due to the size of this show there is only one way it can be layed out. We have a Jeep that is equipped with an automatic stakedriver on its back end. The lengths of showfronts are layed out according to the mileage reading on the Jeeps speedometer. If a showfront is one-eighth mile long a stake is automatically driven when that distance shows on the speedometor. When the lot was layed out the speedometor reading proved the mile long to be correct. Even then the dog players claimed that the used car dealer, who sold the show the Jeep, gaffed the joint.

The first kennel arrived last week. When we say "dogs" we mean name dogs. Should you care to mail in a few wagers for next Friday's races here is the list:

Bally Gal, Great United. Misty Monarch, World's Best, 20 Big and Plus Lights in the first. Third Coupon, Got a Match, Sloughed, Three Card, Holdout and High Pole in the second. Hey Rube, Weeping Towel, Blowoff, Fifth Wheel, Dookie Book and Court-

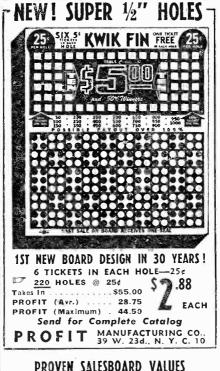
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ney Tower in the third. Rained Out, Tax Box, Glommer Geek, No Lushie, Nut Shells and Let Me Take in the fourth.

The shows' secretary, Give-Me-Gelt Cassidy, makes book in the office wagon. To keep touts and fixers away from the races, all dog players must stand under the front marquee where the races can't be seen. Results are broadcast to them over a loud speaker. After the first meet last week the office reported that it now owns 40 per cent of the concessions, two house trailers, 20 sample trunks and several truckloads of merchandise.

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1000	Silver	Buci			9	5¢	2.12	27.50	
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1000	Pipper	00 (	Girlie)		1	5¢	2.98	28.25	
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OTTAWA, Ill., June 7.—Typical of the smaller Illinois cities which lie along the fertile Illinois River Valley is Ottawa. With a population of 16,000, and the center of a thriving conjunitural area Ottawa's coin ma agricultural area, Ottawa's coin ma-chine operating firms have had little chine operating firms have had little problem converting their routes from war to peace. Altho the town is well blanketed with routes, and competi-tion is keen, the city's operators are going along on an even keel and even registering marked gains — partic-ularly in the sale of cigarettes and candy

candy. For the center of an agricultural community, Ottawa is remarkably industrialized. Largest plant in the town is Libby-Owens, which employs approximately 1,600 people and turns out great quantities of glass for use

out great quantities of glass for use in automobile construction. During the war, Libby-Owens made airplane parts, but it did not employ many more people than are now engaged in peacetime produc-tion. In Ottawa, too, are between 8 and 10 sand companies, largest of which is Ottawa Silica Sand Com-

## Four More News **Reel Showings Slated** in East

NEW YORK, June 7.—Four more East Coast showings of The Bill-board's Convention Newsreel, ex-pected to attract several hundred trade members and other business groups, are scheduled during the next two weeks. Two of the coming presentations are being sponsored by Babe Kauf-man, tobacco jobber in Atlantic High-lards, N. J., and veteran woman coin machine operator. Miss Kauf-man reports that a second showing is to be held June 17 at the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club, with another showing for the Sea Bright Lions a day later.

day later. Commenting on reception of the first Atlantic Highlands showing May 31, Miss Kaufman said that the film had been enthusiastically received by a crowd of 300. She wrote: "Just finished showing the News-reel to our local Lions clubs. I wish

everyone in our industry could have been on hand to see the wonderful reception it received. Comments as follows: 'Never thought the industry was so large'; 'big business.'"

Mass so large; big business.<sup>477</sup> On June 6, a special showing was held for employees at the plant of Viking Tool & Machine Corpora-tion, Belleville, N. J. About 200 workers at the popcorn vender pro-ducer's factory viewed the film. Members of the Coin Metered Working Machine Accession will be

Washing Machine Association will be shown the *Newsreel* June 11 at the Henry Hudson Hotel here. Affair will be a dinner meeting, with ap-proximately 100 attending.

pany, a firm reputed to produce the world's purest sand which is used industrially.

Reflecting the primary occupation of the area are the grain elevators which stand on the river banks. By far the biggest crop is corn, tho soybeans have taken farmers' fancy here of late. With good crops and better of late. With good crops and better demand, the farmers have prospered in the past five years and their pros-perity reflects itself in their patronage of merchandise venders and music machines.

At the present time, until city authorities clarify the municipal at-titude toward games, amusement games are a minor item in the operating picture here.)

Surprisingly, four companies com-pete for the juke box business in the pete for the juke box business in the town—two of them are firms which come in from out of town. One firm, Jensen Music Company, comes from Princeton, Ill., 50 miles away, and the Clydesdale Music Company, with headquarters in Oglesby—18 miles distant—also extends its route into Ottawa. Both of these firms have operated in Ottawa for a number of years.

## Gad, a New Firm

Gad, a New FIRM One of the newer operating firms, with headquarters in Ottawa, is the Gad Novelty Company. Altho juke box play has dropped off noticeably from what it was during the war years—when everyone was freer with a pickel—music grosses are still hold. a nickel—music grosses are still holding up to a higher level than pre-war. Like music operators everywhere Like music operators everywhere, most of the music firms operating (See Ottawa Thriving on page 132)

## **Everett Rollins**, Boston Op, Dies

BOSTON, June 7.—Everett Rollins, of the Rollins Coin Machine Service Company, died here Tuesday (3) after an automobile accident Mon-day. Rollins, who was 46 years old, is survived by his widow, Janith Thomas Rolling Thomas Rollins.

Joining the coin machine industry in 1939, Rollins operated music and vending machines in New England and also designed several venders of his own.

## **Pinball Courtesy**

CHICAGO, June 7.—Pinball courtesy has come under the scrutiny of that authority on etiquette, Emily Post, who last week gave her views on proper procedure in the playing of the game.

Coin Machine Industries (CMI) Public Relations Bureau has a letter from Miss Post on the subject, which gives her ideas on what to do when playing a pinball game while a group of people crowd about watching the ball player, wait-ing for him to finish. She says, "When others are watching they should be asked if they would should be asked if they would like to play and if they are wait-ing, then after a game, or possi-bly two-depending how long it takes—the table should be re-linquished."

## Tobacco Trade **Fights To Kill Book Match Tax** NEW YORK, June 7.- Tobacco re-

tailers will press for removal of the book match tax of 2 cents a thousand when the Committee begins public hearings on the impost, according to Eric F. Calamia, president of the Retail Tobacco Dealers of America, Inc., (RTDA), If tax is not eliminated, industry leaders have predicted that gratis disposal of book matches will soon stop.

Because of long-established custom, Calamia said, most tobacco retailers make no charge for matches given with tobacco purchases and so are unable to pass along the tax to the consumer. "Due to mounting operating costs, more dealers today find it necessary to discourage gratis disposal of matches wherever possible," he added, but went on to say that this is a sales deterrent, as it means the consummer is being asked to pay for something he has been getting for nothing. Tax on book matches brought peak

returns of \$10,000,000 to the govern-ment in 1945, Calamia said. Thus if consumers are made to pay for their book matches, it is estimated that they will be paying about \$30,-000,000 annually for the privilage of lighting their eigenetates eigene and lighting their cigarettes, cigars and pipes.

## Calendar for Coinmen

June 10-12-Radio Manufacturers' Association, annual conven-

June 10-12—Radio Manufacturers' Association, annual convention, Stevens Hotel, Chicago.
 June 12—National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region XII, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Seattle.
 June 15-16—National Candy Wholesalers' Association, annual convention, Hotel Sherman, Chicago.
 June 23—National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region XI, Behave Hotel, Sea Francisco

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XI, Palace Hotel, San Francisco.
June 3-National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region
X, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles.
July 20-23-Southern Wholesale Confectioners' Association, meeting and exhibit, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va.

# Competition **Affects All**

**COIN MACHINES** 

Veterans, alumni of oldline firms buying routesvenders favored branch

DETROIT, June 7.—Competition in the Motor City trade has grown stronger during the past six months, largely as a result of the influx of new operators, mostly returned vet-erans, who have gone into business for themselves. The competition is widespread, even in fields where pre-war operators had feared the saturation point was being reached Music machines have attracted many new operators during the first half of this year, and approximately one-third of the newcomer juke box operators are men formerly employed by the older and larger operating

by the older and larger operating firms. In a few instances, these newcomers bought out routes which their former employers were willing to surrender. This was noticeably the case with the extensive routes once operated by James A. Passa-nante, and other firms have followed suit suit.

Many of Detroit's old-line, estab-lished music operating firms now have a fine roster of "alumni," each with a small route of his own.

## Vending Attracts Most

The vending machine field seems to have attracted the greatest number of ex-G.I. operators here in De-troit. Older hands at the business here believe that this influx in auto-matic merchandising is directly traceable to two causes: (1) That the vending machines appear to offer the when the vending machines appear to oner the most stable returns, because they are definitely merchandise units, and (2) that the vending machine operation requires the smallest comparative amount of capital, a great inducement for the ex-servicement who wonto for the ex-serviceman who wants to get into business for himself on limited capital.

Mortality rate on new vending ma-chine operations, so far as could be determined by a spot check of the city's known newcomers, is remark-ably low, and this can be traced to the caliber of the men coming into the business and to the co-operation and guidance given the newcomers by older operators in the field.

## Newcomers Expanding

Newcomers Expanding Automatic merchandising operators here, as they have thruout the coun-try, are on record as opposed to the get-rich-quick selling which has sometimes afflicted the vending in-dustry. Most of the established op-erators, realizing that the industry thrives on competition, have warned newcomers to investigate the field thoroly before buying, and those warnings have paid dividends al-ready, with newcomers' routes steadily expanding to include loca-tions which have not yet been de-veloped. veloped.

The new operators in the vending The new operators in the vending field who are succeeding are going about their business quietly but ef-ficiently. One, for instance, started with a route of five candy and nut venders slightly less than a year ago. Today he is operating 62 machines. Others have not expanded so spec-(See New Ops Hike on page 134) CHICAGO, June 7.—Members of the board of directors for Coin Machine Industries, Inc. (CMI), met Tuesday (3), to review the results of a ballot which the association sent out to its manufacture members on the dates the 1948 annual convention and show.

Following the announcement that the dates January 19-22, 1948, had been selected for the next convention and show, James A. Gilmore, CMI's secretary-manager, said a number of the association's manufacturer members expressed a preference for show dates in December, as far in advance of the holidays as possible.

To sound out all the members on this question, a ballot was sent to all manufacturer-exhibitor members re-questing their vote on these three points:

1. Hold the next show the week of January 19, 1948, as now sched-uled and establish that week as the regular show week for following years.

2. Hold the next show the week of January 19, 1948, as now sched-uled. Then schedule the following show for the week of December 13, 1948, and corresponding week of De-cember, 1949. (These dates are the earliest dates for which exhibition space is obtainable.)

space is obtainable.) 3. Hold the next show the week of January 19, 1948, as now sched-uled. Then hold no show until the third week in December, 1949, and establish that week as the regular show week for following years.

### **Ballot Results**

Nearly all of the 66 ballots were returned, and the following results were found: the great majority voted "yes" on the first point; a compara-tive few voted "yes" on the second, and only two voted "yes" on the final point point.

Acting on the results of this ballot-ing, the directors confirmed with Hotel Sherman the January 19-22, 1948, dates and at the same time con-firmed January 17-20, 1949, deeming it wise to protect the association at least that far ahead as a result of the balloting balloting.

Only other decision concerning the 1948 convention and show made at

## Fla. Bill Would **Restrict 'Jooks'**

TALLAHASSEE, June 7.—"Jook" places, one of the best locations for music machines in this State, would be placed on restricted hours under a measure now being considered by Florida's House of Representatives. Proposal would limit such locations to the hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The bill, if enacted in its present form, would include only those places which are located in suburban or rural areas outside incorporated municipalities.

The proposal defines "jook" places to mean "any place of business or amusement located outside the cor-porate limits of a municipality where beer, wine, whiskey or other alco-holic beverages are sold or consumed, either logally or illogally, and where either legally or illegally, and where music is provided and dancing may or may not be engaged in, regardless of any other business operated in con-nection therewith."

nection therewith." Official text of the proposal states that "no 'jook' as herein defined shall remain open for business or operate, transact or engage in any business whatsoever during the period of time beginning at eight o'clock in the eve-ing of each day and every day and ending at eight o'clock in the morn-ing of the following day."

facturers, distributors, jobbers and operators are being invited to attend the convention, Gilmore said, to make it bigger and better than ever before. After disposing of this business, the

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After disposing of this business, the board of directors reviewed a new plan set up to give four awards for the best public relations work done during 1947 by individual members of the industry. Awards, to be made at the 1948 show, will be cash prizes of \$1,000 to first place and \$500 to second, third and fourth place winners

The awards, CMI's public relations bureau announced, will be made on the basis of the best contributions in the line of public relations and building good will in the local community. Rules for the awards will be released shortly and will in general follow the plan used in making the 1946 award, which was won by Curly Robinson, of Los Angeles.

## **Collection of Two Per Cent Sales Tax Starts in Tennessee**

NASHVILLE, June 7.--The State finance and taxation department began Sunday (1) to collect the newly enacted 2 per cent general retail sales enacted 2 per cent general retain sales tax. Finance Commissioner Sam K. Carson said that over 40,000 retail merchants had qualified to collect the tax. Specifically exempt under the

tax are tobacco and other items. Before the new sales tax went into effect, a group of self-service auto-matic laundries petitioned the finance commissioner and Tennessee's Gover-nor McCord for an exemption for the automatic laundries. Carson held that the automatic laundries were in effect rental of the washing machines and as such were subject to the tax. Ordinary laundries and cleaning es-tablishments are exempt from the 2 per cent tax.

# **Trade** Directory

Following tabulation of trade re-ports received during the week of May 31 and June 7 is made for the convenience of the industry. Tho the listings may be incomplete because of omissions, they are offered as an aid in revising trade files:

## **New Machines**

Rod's Columbia Coin-Operated Radio. Columbian Products Company 321 West Division Street, Chicago 10.

Cross Fire (pinball). Exhibit Sup-ply Company, 4222-30 West Lake Street, Chicago 24. Penny Scale. Nation Manufactur-ing Company, Dept. B-1, 417 Broad-way, Nashville 3.

Solotone Selector (four different kinds of entertainment). Solotone

## Standard Scale Co. Moves in New Plant. Leaves 10-Year Home

LOUIS June 7.—Standard Company, manufacturer of ST. LOUIS Scale metal typer name plate machines, this week moved into its new plant at 4333 Duncan Avenue here. New location has been under con-

struction for the past year. It was designed by the firm to meet the spe-cial requirements of producing name plate machines and disks for metal It was typer machines.

Standard had been located at its former North Kingshighway address for more than 10 years.

## Florida Passes \$1.50 Tax **On Coin Typewriters, Radios**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 7.--A \$1.50 occupational license on coinoperated radios and coin typewriters was passed this week by the Florida Legislature, which adjourned yesterday (6) without passing any other revenue-producing measures to meet appropriations.

Corporation, 2281 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles 6.

Kwik-Koin Coin Changer (not au-Kwik-Koin Coin Changer (not au-tomatic). McPherson Manufacturing Company, 164½ East Twenty-Eighth Street, Tacoma 4, Wash. Mills Q. T. Bell. Bell-o-Matic Cor-poration, 4100 West Fullerton Ave-

nue, Chicago 39.

Strikes 'n' Spares (Automatic bowling alley). Allite Manufactur-ing Company, 5732 Duarte Street, Los Angeles 11.

All Stars (baseball game). Wil-liams Manufacturing Company, 161 West Huron Street, Chicago 10.

Dime-n-Type (coin-operated port-able typewriter). Pacific Electron Products Corporation, 550 Hayes Avenue, Dept. B, Long Beach, Calif.

## **Personnel Notices**

Ralph S. Steadman has been ap-pointed assistant to the president of American Time Corporation, Springfield, Mass.

Leo Green has been appointed sales manager of the Lake City Amuse-ment Company, Cleveland. Dave Powell has joined Victory Sales Company, Baltimore, as part-

Sales Company, Baltimore, as part-ner to Jack Berger. Martin Linz, well-known amuse-ment machine operator, passed away recently in Hayward, Wis. T. S. Pendergast has been ap-pointed assistant to the general man-ager of the Universal Cooler division

ager of the Universal Cooler division of the International Detrola Corpora-tion, Marion, O. Johnson P. Scott has been ap-pointed director of sales for the Uni-versal Cooler division of the In-ternational Detrola Corporation, Marion O. Marion, O.

Burnhart (Bip) Glassgold has been named sales manager of Stoner Man-ufacturing Company, Aurora, Ill.

## **Address Changes**

Star Vending Company, 510 West Fourth Avenue, Denver. Empire Coin Machine Exchange, 1012-14 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago.

## New Firms

L. & A. Vending Company, Lewis-ton, Me. (Buying, selling and leasing various types of coin machines.) D. & P., Inc., Dover, Del. (Dealing in vending machines.)

Alexander Distributing Company, Seneca, S. C. Automatic Coin Machine Service.

Wichita, Kan.

## **Distributors** Appointed

Speedway Amusement Company, Chicago, has appointed the following firm as distributor for its Speedway Bombsight game: ABC Coin Machine Exchange,

Chicago. Regal Manufacturing Company, Whitewater, Wis., has appointed the following firms as distributors for its

following firms as distributors for its penny merchandisers:
San Filippo & Company, Corona,
N. Y., for New York and New Jersey.
Devices Novelty Company, Chi-cago, for Chicago.
Rudolph W urlitzer Company,
North Tonawanda, N. Y., has ap-pointed the following firm as distrib-utor for its products:

utor for its products: Young Distributing Company, De-troit, for Michigan.

Aireon Manufacturing Corporation has appointed the following firm as distributor for its Electronic Phonographs:

Hastings Distributing Company, Milwaukee, for Milwaukee.

## NAAMO Coin Machine Mechanic School Enters Second Phase

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ATLANTIC CITY, June 7 .- The from prospective students are being ATLANTIC CITY, June 7.—The first national coin machine mechan-ic's school being sponsored by the National Association of Amusement Machine Owners (NAAMO), and New York City Board of Education, and the Veterans' Administration en-tered its second phase of training this week According to F. McKim tered its second phase of training this week. According to F. McKim Smith, the NAAMO president, and A. P. Henry, senior instructor of the special school, coin machines for the students to work on are now being moved into the 25 by 60-foot room set aside in the Manhattan Trade School, New York, for that purpose.

A representative of Eastman Ko-A representative of Eastman Ko-dak will be the first guest instructor, starting July 14 for 10 days, since the school is moving into the photo electric machine, electric coin-oper-ated machine, mechanical athletic machine, mechanical and electric vending machine, and projection ma-chine phase of training. Other guest chine phase of training. Other guest instructors, for periods of from one to 10 days, will follow the Eastman representative. It is expected that a Chicago coin machine manufacturer will supply the second instructor. Interest is mounting so fast in the

Interest is mounting so tast in the school thruout the nation, both Smith and Henry agree, that it was found necessary to increase the attendance in the first school from 24 to 26. Letters from all parts of the country

received in the offices of the associa-tion almost every day. First course will be completed about November 5, at which time the 26 graduated mechanics will be sent to coin ma-chine operators and arcades in all sections of the country per requests now being received by NAAMO.

Al W. Blendow, sales manager of International Mutoscope Corporation and a past president of the organi-zation, is in charge of the New York Mechanic's Committee, which guides the program and acts for NAAMO in school matters. A school, similar to the one in New York, will be started in Chicago in the near future, according to Smith.

Roster of the coin machine me-chanic school includes almost every race and creed in the age group of 22 to 41. Students are: Anthony T. Antonion, Americo Ciocca, Henry Eckelman, Carmen Ferraro, Bezolel Geller, Dominick Guarino, Joseph L. Mazza, Jacob Kraus, Leon E. Phil-lips, Walter J. Turtell, Rubin Wexlips, lips, Walter J. Turtell, Rubin Wex-ler, George Chapman, Ike M. Cohen, Reginald E. Farnum, Reginald S. Grange, Joseph L. Grassi, Henry C. Mowbray, Herbert F. Nurse, Howard R. O'Neill, John B. Piscopo, Americos Ramos, Irving Rodin, David Sager-vington, Robert Steinman, Abraham I. Weisberg and George Wolfson.

# **Greene** Will **Address All Coast Meets**

#### **3 NAMA June Regionals**

CHICAGO, June 7.---National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA), has announced additional details of the three regional meetings which will take place on the Pacific

which will take place on the Pacific Coast this month. President R. Z. Greene will be fea-tured speaker at all three meetings, talking on "How to Succeed in Auto-matic Merchandising." Also appear-ing at all meetings will be George M. Seedman, general chairman of the 1947 NAMA convention, who will speak on National Views of the Auto-matic Merchandising Industry and Fred L. Brandstrater, legislative counsel, who will discuss The Threat of Unfair Taxes. Also on schedule of Unfair Taxes. Also on schedule at all meetings are "information please" panels of experts who will answer operators' questions on opera-tion, equipment and supply prob-lems lems.

lems. Region XII at Seattle First one-day meeting, June 12 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Seat-tle, will be conducted for coinmen in Region XII, which takes in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Regional Chairman H. Dan Bracken Jr., Sterling Tobacco Company, Seat-tle, will preside; Walter Wilkes, re-gional public relations chairman, will give the call to order and welcome and be moderator of the Public Rela-tions Clinic, and E. G. Allen, regional legislative chairman, will be moder-ator of the legislative discussion.

legislative chairman, will be moder-ator of the legislative discussion. Details for the June 17 gathering at San Francisco, in the Palace Hotel, are not yet available, other than that the Region XI (Northern Cali-fornia, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming) meet will be conducted by R. A. Pa-rina, regional chairman and head of Parina & Company San Francisco. Parina & Company, San Francisco. (There will be no public relations clinics held at the San Francisco or Los Angeles meets, as this feature was introduced at these meetings last year.)

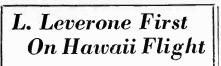
last year.) Los Angeles meeting, scheduled for June 23 at the Biltmore Hotel, will cover Region X (Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico). Regional Chairman E. G. Chandler, Rowe Serv-ice Company, Los Angeles, will pre-side; Legislative Round Table will be conducted by J. J. Shalda, regional legislative chairman.

# **Barney Hinkle Takes New Post** At Canteen Co.

CHICAGO, June 7.—E. F. (Bar-ney) Hinkle, formerly sales promo-tion manager of Hershey Chocolate Corporation, took over his new post as director of purchases for Auto-matic Canteen Company of America here last week. Hinkle during his 15 years with

here last week. Hinkle, during his 15 years with the Hershey organization, became one of the candy industry's most widely known figures among vending machine operators. He directed all of the firm's contacts with automatic merchandising firms, as well as other special groups, such as chain stores, theaters, concessionaires and new companies companies. At Automatic Canteen, Hinkle said

that his assignment would cover the usual purchasing functions, including supervision of procuring supplies for the various types of venders operated by the firm's distributors thruout the United States.



CHICAGO, June 7.—No. 1 passen-ger on United Airlines' first San Francisco to Hawaii flight in May was Louis E. Leverone, president of the Automatic Canteen Company of America. Leverone is a veteran air traveler and last year succeeded in holding the first ticket on the initial

Chicago-London flight. Leverone, who is past president of the Illinois State Chamber of Com-merce, was recently presented with a scroll in recognition of his work as the Chamber's head.

### Seedman Chairman Of Cig Vend Div., N.Y. Jewish Appeal

NEW YORK, June 7. — George Seedman, Rowe Manufacturing Com-- George Seedman, Rowe Manufacturing Com-pany executive and National Auto-matic Merchandising Association (NAMA) official, is serving as chair-man of the cigarette vending machine division of the tobacco and allied trades division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, accord-ing to UJA officials. Matthew Forbes, manager of the Cigarette Merchandisers' Association; Robert Z. Greene, president of Rowe; Jackson Bloom and Max Stern are members of Seedman's committee.

#### Jack Frost Dairies, Inc., New N. J. Ice Cream Maker

BELLEVILLE, N. J., June 7.—New ice cream manufacturing firm, Jack Frost Dairies, Inc., has been estab-lished at 31 Florence Avenue with Louis Millman as president. Firm plans to enter the vending machine field late this year when its present equipment will have been doubled.

doubled.

# Walgreen Chain Managers **Find Stamp Venders Stand** Up Well as Service Idea

#### Three-Fourths of 415 Stores Now Have Vender Units

CHICAGO, June 7.—Stamp-vend-ing machines have now been placed in all but 100 of the 415 Walgreen drugstores thruout the country, and drugstores thruout the country, and most of the chain's store managers are well satisfied with their service. Stamp venders are placed in Wal-green's under an arrangement with the Shipman Manufacturing Com-pany's R. V. Jones, Milwaukee, na-tional distributor. First units were installed in Wal-green stores in Lune 1946 according

green stores in June, 1946, according to G. E. Davis, who is in charge of Walgreen's end of the vending op-eration. Under terms of the arrangement with Jones, the venders are owned by individual operators in the various cities, and they are placed in Walgreen stores under a regular location-operator arrangement. Jones, as national distributor, sees to it that the operations conform to a set standard.

#### No Commission

No Commission Uniquely, Walgreen stores take no commission from the stamp venders, and just as uniquely, provision is made that the store's patrons have opportunity to buy their stamps at full value if they so wish. Each ma-chine placed in the chain's outlets must provide one column in the vender to sell five 1-cent stamps for a nickel. Surprisingly, Davis says, of the six different stamp com-binations offered in the average Wal-green location, the full-value column is the slowest seller. is the slowest seller.

Under stipulations of the contract between Jones and Walgreen, three principal conditions are set: the ma-

chines must be installed in pairs of chines must be installed in pairs of three-column machines, mounted on an iron stand; the venders must be placed so that they do not interfere with traffic within the store, and they must be placed so that the op-erator can service them with the least difficulty.

#### Well Located

Most of the st re managers, Davis reports, have given the stamp vend-ers preferred possioning on the cigar counter or on the special iron stand which the drug chain requires for its stand mounted units. The drug chain is likewise carrying

The drug chain is likewise carrying on some experimentation with serv-ice-type coin changers. To date, Walgreen has but one changer in its stores, and that single unit is located in the store at State and Randolph streets, Chicago. Before installing the changer— which stands near a battery of pay-telephone booths—the store had to keep a full-time cashier busy giving out change for phone use.

# Lion Mfg. Co. **Makes New Cup** DrinkVender

CHICAGO, June 7.—Lion Manufacturing Corporation, manufacturer of a wide range of coin-operated equipment, this week announced their equipment, this week announced their new cup type soft drink vender. The vender, first displayed at the Feb-ruary CMI convention, has since un-dergone mechanical and electrical simplification to make for easier serv-icing, officials said.

The new vender will dispense 1,200 cold-carbonated drinks in nine-once cups. Same mechanism may be used to vend cups of varying sizes, depend-Drink is mixed, blended and de-livered after the coin is inserted.

#### Provides for Changer

Vender is equipped with a standard nickel coin mechanism which is designed, company officials say, to per-mit quick replacement with a coin-changer that accepts nickels, dimes and quarters. Also provided is a mechanical counter.

The drink vender also features the Lion Carbonator, which is without moving parts and provides instant carbonation. The carbonator will carbonate sufficient water for 5,000 nine-ounce drinks with 20 pounds of non-ounce divide day carbon dioxide gas.

Cabinet is of stainless steel con-struction, and interior surfaces are finished in medium light grey pro-tective enamel. Exteriors are given two enamel coats, the final coat of medium high gloss. At its base the vender 24 by 30 inches, operates on 110 volts, 60 cycle.

#### Hershey Chocolate Corp. **Gives 1st Quarter Sales**

HERSHEY, Pa., June 7.—Hershey Chocolate Corporation and sub-sidiaries reports sales for quarter ended March 31, 1947, totaled \$28,-767,011. In 1946 net earnings of the company were \$8,495,582, a substan-tial gain over the 1945 net of \$4,876,038.

Extent of this increase was at-tributed chiefly to elimination of the excess profits tax on January 1, 1946.

### Chicago 1,800-Unit Popcorn **Routes Part of National Net** Corn cago operation, he said the city was

CHICAGO, June 7.—"Pop" Corn Sez of Chicago, operating and distrib-uting firm in this area for pre-popped type vender of the same name, is now

type vender of the same name, is now settled in its permanent headquar-ters at 5755 W. Ogden Avenue, Cicero, according to Neil Deimling, firm head. The local company. which operates 1,800 venders in Chicago and holds distributorship for the machine in Illinois and Wisconsin, is a unit of "Pop" Corn Sez, Inc., a complicated national organization which includes similar units in other principal cities. The national agency is primarily a means of co-ordinating a plan of oper-ating the machines, with city units set up individually, some parent com-pany owned, other independently owned. **Texan Heads Company** 

Texan Heads Company Chicago unit is owned by the pa-rent company, of which C. N. And-rade III, of Dallas, is president. Deimling is its operating vice-presi-dent; W. A. Southworth, secretary-treasurer treasurer.

treasurer. Vender which forms the basis for this far-flung operating plan is manu-factured by T. & C. Manufacturing Company, Dallas. Based on unit originated by Emerson Brothers, of Los Angeles, production during the past year has brought number of machines on location thruout the country to about 28,000. Output cur-rently, according to Deimling, is 100 a day. a day.

a day. Deimling said that operations in various cities varied so greatly in their organization that each must be treated individually. Describing the 1,800-machine Chi-

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divided into routes, with a routeman for every 100 venders. Elaborate popping equipment is centralized in the Ogden Avenue headquarters, and all routemen function from this base. Staff of 30 is now employed by the firm.

There is no predominant location, Deimling said. Among those which have been most successful are shoeshine parlors, filling stations, taverns, independent movie houses, garage waiting rooms, and bowling alleys.

waiting rooms, and bowling alleys. About six tons of popcorn a week is needed to service the entire route. At the time the operation was first launched here, Deimling said, pop-ping equipment was not yet ready and supplies were shipped in from points outside of Chicago where equipment was available. Now the firm is set with its own popping fa-cilities. A number of innovations have been incorporated in this equip-ment, he declared.

#### Window Display

One feature is the placement of actual popping equipment in the window of the home plant so that the public can see corn being processed.

Eventually, the firm plans to set up sub-stations, or supply points thruout the city in strategic spots so that servicing of machines can be accomplished more quickly and more economically.

### **VENDING MACHINES**

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**VENDING MACHINES** 



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 9 Column ... \$65.00

 Column ... \$5.00
 12 Column ... \$65.00

 Column ... \$50.00
 12 Column ... \$65.00

 Column ... \$50.00
 15 Column ... \$50.00

**UNEEDAPAKS, MODEL A:** 

NATIONALS:

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East Orange, N.

**Plans Chi Meet** CHICAGO, June 7.— National Dairy Council's summer conference will feature talks by nationally known medical, nutritional and edu-cational leaders, Milton Hult, council president, stated in announcing the program for the meet which will be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel

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here June 16-19. here June 16-19. Dr. William A. O'Brien, director of post graduate medical education, University of Minnesota; Dr. John Youmans, dean of medical school, University of Illinois, and Dr. W. W. Bauer, of the bureau of health edu-cation for the American Medical As-sociation will discuss different phases of the tonic Interesting the Medical of the topic, Interesting the Medical Profession in Nutrition Education. Dr. Janice Smith, professor of nutri-tion, University of Illinois, will conclude the nutrition phase of the con-ference with a discussion on New Developments in Nutrition Research.

List Educators Outstanding educators who will Outstanding educators who will lead a discussion of Compatibility Between Accepted Procedures and Dairy Council Standards, include Dr. Harold Hunt, Kansas City superin-tendent of schools; Arthur J. Lewis Jr., supervising teacher of Denver public schools; Miss Laura Keller, principal of MacArthur School, Van-port City, Ore, and Miss Mildred C. Letton, of the university laboratory schools, University of Chicago.

Summer conference is designed as a refresher training program for Dairy Council directors and staff workers, Hult said, and also gives them the latest available technical aids and instruction for basic selling of dairy products of dairy products.

### Wheeling Cigarette Tax Illegal, W. Va. **High Court Decides**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 7.— State Supreme Court here ruled last week that a 1-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes by the city of Wheeling was illegal.

In an opinion by Judge James B. Riley, the court decided that altho the law authorizes cities to impose taxes on "anything for which a State license is required," the Wheeling ordinance does not come under that statute.

"Where there is doubt as to whether a tax comes within such statutory designation," the judge wrote in his opinion, "the doubt is to be resolved against the tax."

#### American Tobacco Company To Launch Big Ad Campaign

NEW YORK, June 7.—American NEW YORK, June 7.—American Tobacco Company, makers of Lucky Strikes, announced the launching of a big new advertising campaign to begin June 16, with a budget of more than \$2,000,000; campaign will feature the theme, "Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco."

Twenty consecutive advertisements of three sizes are scheduled to appear at the rate of two each week over a 10-week period. Ads will appear in every English language newspaper in the country.

#### **Parking Meters for Joliet**

**DING CO.** Chicago 5, Illinois **LE GUM** LBS. TO CASE Isos Too ibs. .....556 ib. aranteed best quality. **ABILENE, TEXAS I AI KING** Interest for Joinet JOLIET, Ill, June 7.—City council here voted June 2 to purchase 500 parking meters at a cost of \$39,250. Meters, which will be furnished by the Duncan Meter Corporation, will be installed in the business district within 30 days and will be operating within 45 days, officials say. Rates for parking have not yet been fixed by the council.

Young Fry of Town Make Daily Bubble Gum Test Experts

SAN GABRIEL, Calif., June 7.-This little Southern California city appears to becoming one of the country's minor bubble gum capitals, with young fry citizenry lined up as guinea pigs to test the latest batch produced every day by California Fruit Chimes Company here.

H. A. Marshall, owner of the plant, who started out three years ago mak-ing lollypops, recently launched his bubble gum production. First, with the candy sticks, then with gum, he asked school children to test his products. A few days after he had started distributing gum outside of his plant during after-school hours, the practice was attracting a block-long line of children. Now he has been forced to limit his test gum to a daily quota; after it has been dis-tributed, remaining young candidates are out of luck.

Recently Marshall achieved an-other local triumph, rounding up Bob other local triumph, rounding up Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra and the rest of Hope's radio show cast as testers. Hope brought his troupe to San Gabriel to present a two-hour benefit show for the Alhambra district YMCA and during the intermission tried out the home town product. And Hope came thru gratifyingly with a bubble gum gag or two during the show. the show.

### Fla. Senate Okays City Cig Tax Ban

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 7 measure which would prohibit Flor-ida cities from levying tax on cigarettes was passed by the Senate May 30, 28-0. Bill now goes to the House for consideration.

for consideration. Several Florida cities which now levy a tax on each package of ciga-rettes, in addition to the State tax of four cents, opposed the measure when first brought up for discussion. Senate, however, passed the measure unanimously, after adopting an amendment which makes July 1, 1949, the effective date of the law.

#### **Portland's Parking Meters** Held Best Answer for City

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7 .--- Continued use of parking meters in Port-land received support when the City Club at a recent meeting unanimously voted against construction of underground garages in the downtown park blocks. The City Club, not the social organization its name implies, is a quasi-official group that tackles civic problems, often employing in-vestigators at its own expense for thoro probes.

A committee report adopted by the City Club held the proposed under-ground garages to be too expensive, inconvenient and a sacrifice of park assets that never could be replaced.

#### Soft Drink, Sirup Tax Mulled by Florida Senate

TALLAHASEE, June 7.—Florida's Senate is still considering a measure which would place a tax on soft drinks and sirups, under which bot-tlers and other users would pay 76 cents per gallon on sirups. In addi-tion, one section of the measure pro-vides that bottled drinks selling for 5 to 10 cents shall be taxed at the rate of one cent. All bottled drinks sold for more than 10 cents shall pay two cents per bottle. Crowns must be purchased from

Crowns must be purchased from firms which meet the State's rules in relations to design.

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# New Ice Cream Vender Due Off Line August 1

CHICAGO, June 7.—Vendi Freeze Corporation, San Diego, Calif., mak-ers of an ice cream bar vender, will have the first production units ready for delivery August 1, according to A. A. Dubin, regional director for the firm.

Dubin, who has the Illinois-Wis-consin - Indiana - Michigan - Penn-sylvania territory, stated the com-pany is setting up three other re-gional directors at present, with others to follow.

Firm offers franchises for operators, who may either lease or buy the venders, a factor determined by Vendi Freeze. In the former event, the operator acquires ownership of the machines after a period of five years, Dubia coid Dubin said.

#### Territory Data

Exclusive territory is given those operators in smaller, less populated areas where it is felt one firm can handle all locations, while in densely populated areas as in Chicago or New York, operators within the same tive vork, operators within the same city or county are offered protected locations. Each location is required to be registered with the regional director so that it may remain exclu-sive with the operator.

Vendi Freeze distributors are working with several ice cream manufacturers about the country to supply the chocolate covered bars for the venders. However, it is optional with the individual operator whether he uses this service or not. He may make his own contacts with ice cream make his own contacts with ice cream makers, but the bar vended thru the machine must be individually pack-aged in a waxed cardboard box, bear-ing the name Vendi Freeze. Bars may or may not be supplied with a stick. If a stick is used it may not protrude more than three-quarters of an inch outside the bar. Bar size must be  $\frac{7}{8} \ge 2 \ge 3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Nine Models Now At present there are only nine working models of the Vendi Freeze vender. These have been on test locations in Sharon, Pa., for the past two months, and necessary adjust-ments and alterations have been in-corporated in the design as a result of the operation of these machines, the company claims.

the company claims. Contract for the production of the improved machines was let two weeks ago to the American Fitting Company, Escandida, Calif. This firm is now in production on the units; has a capacity of 1,500 ma-chines a month. Vendi Freeze is also seeking a Chicago and a Pennsyl-vania firm to manufacture the vend-

Having 96-bar capacity, the vend-ers are five feet two inches high, two feet wide and 20 inches deep.

### **Pacific Electron Products Making** Coin Typewriter

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 7.— Adding to its production of Santa Fe coin-operated radios, the Pacific Electron Products Corporation is now making what is claimed to be the first perfected electrically coin-oper-oted postable transmiter ated portable typewriter.

Under the trade name of "Dime-N-Type," the machines are being produced for operation in hotels, motels, clubs and colleges.

The fabricated cases, cash boxes and locking, activating and timing devices are designed and manufac-tured in the company's own plant. New, nationally known portable typewriters are used.

# Slingshot Gallery **Uses Pellet Vender**

DETROIT. June 7.-New kind of shooting gallery, using slingshots, will be tried out here experimentally by Ernest Gonzer, Gonzer Products Company, who has developed a newtype slingshot.

Gonzer's idea is to set up special slingshot shooting galleries in connection with gasoline stations and similar locations. The new slings, which he intends to market nationally, will be handled either for outright sale or for rental. Pellets to use as ammunition for the slingshots will be dispensed from converted penny bulk venders set up at the gallery.

### Secretary Predicts Normal Sugar Supply In '48, Ration End

WASHINGTON, June 7. -- Fully normal sugar supplies by 1948 were predicted by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson here this week, with the additional comment that a request for continuation of sugar rationing after October 31 may be unnecessary.

Only proviso Anderson made was that the sugar situation must continue to improve as much as it has in the last few months. He said that the total supply for the nation for 1947 was estimated at 6,902,00 tons, com-pared with an estimated world sup-ply of 30,600,000 tons.

The secretary declared that industrial users were using all of their share of allotted quotas currently, but that home users so far have not taken all of their allotment. The latter have been allowed 35 pounds per person for the year.

Anderson also said that the black market situation in sugar had eased because of increase in supplies.

because of increase in supplies. He pointed to crop prospects in foreign producing nations and to difficulties of other nation users as factors accounting for bigger sup-plies. Biggest Cuban crop in history is in prospect, with 5,900,000 tons processed to date, and more than 6,000,000 tons expected. A 50,000 to 100,000 additional tons are expected from Puerto Rico, compared with last year's crop, and the Hawaiian crop is rated as satisfactory. Adding to U. S. supplies is the

Adding to U. S. supplies is the surrender of sugar allotments by some foreign countries because of lack of dollar balances. France re-cently gave up 100,000 tons of sugar for this reason for this reason.

#### Raney, Ranco President, Wins Award at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, O., June 7 .-- For his COLUMBUS, O., June 7.—For his achievements in refrigeration en-gineering, E. C. Raney, president of Ranco, Inc., was awarded the Lamme medal at commencement exercises of Ohio State University June 6. Medal is given each year by the uni-versity to an alumnus who has done distinguished work in engineering.

Ranco is the world's largest maker of thermostatic controls for refriger-ators. Company, under a different name, was formed in 1913 to manu-facture the automatic reclosing cir-cuit breaker Raney developed for railroads, coal mines and steel mills. Following Raney's development of the pefrigerator control, firm name became Ranco and production was devoted exclusively to this type of product. Ranco is the world's largest maker

Raney received his degree in me-chanical engineering and electrical engineering from Ohio State in 1912.

# **NCWA Gives Full Program**

WASHINGTON, June 7.--Program Cavan's orchestra in the Grand Ball-r the forthcoming annual conven-proom of the Sherman. for the forthcoming annual convention of the National Candy Wholesalers' Association (NCWA) at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, June 15-18, was announced this week by C. M. McMillan, NCWA executive sectetary-treasurer.

State councilmen and the associa-tion's advisory committee. Remainder

#### **First Business Session**

At 10 a.m. Monday (16) there will be a special movie on merchandising for early arrivals in the Louis XVI Room of the hotel. First business for early arrivals in the Louis XVI Room of the hotel. First business session of the convention will be launched at 1:30 p.m. on the same day, with a call to order by H. W. Loock, NCWA president. This will be followed by talks by Al R. Bixby, president of the National Confec-tionery Salesmen's Association; Ber-nard B. Hirsch, president of Western Confectionery Salesmen's Associa-tion; Philip Gott, president of the National Confectioners' Association (NCA); Dr. Alfred P. Haske, indus-trial advisor to General Motors Cor-poration, and Smith H. Cady, direc-tor of NCA's Council on Candy. At 4 p.m. Exhibition Hall, scene of the All-Confectionery Exposition, will be opened to members of the association and registered guests. Evening of the second day's con-

Evening of the second day's convention program will be over to entertainment, flo gi 7en floors ЭW

# **Details for Chicago Meeting**

**VENDING MACHINES** 

Mulcahy To Speak

Fuesday (17) Exhibition Hall will be open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. During the afternoon the conven-tioners will take part in a "See Chi-

**Reducing Hazards** 

Reducing Hazards Final day, Wednesday (18), will begin with a talk by Elmer R. Kreher, NCWA board member, who will in-troduce the third general session's subject, Reducing the Hazards for a Billion Dollar Baby. Addresses rela-tive to this subject will follow. Morn-ing speakers include J. V. Balocca, Commercial Candy Company, Paola, Kan., and William A. Quinlan, NCWA legal counsel.

Afternoon program includes reports

by Loock, McMillan, the resolutions committee, the nominations commit-

tee and the election of officers. At 7 p.m. the NCWA annual ban-quet will begin, with Dr. Ken Walker, Chicago, as toastmaster. During this

event awards and recognitions will

be made and the newly elected

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Mulcahy To Speak: Second business session wi'l be called to order by M. J. Herrick, NCWA vice-president, at 10 a.m. Tuesday (17). He will introduce the topic, Going After Our Share of the Billion Dollar Baby, after which James F. Mulcahy, NCA merchan-dising director, will discuss the mer-chandising aspects of the situation. A talk by Arthur Motley, president of Parade publication, followed by a question and answer period and a symposium built around Jobber-manufacturer relationship will con-clude the morning session. Fuesday (17) Exhibition Hall will

Meet, which will feature the theme Candy-Our Billion Dollar I by, will begin Sunday (15) with a oon luncheon for NCWA board mer bers, of the first day will be given over to registration, beginning at 3 p.m., and a dinner at 7 p.m. for NCWA board of directors.

and dancing to the music of Jack

**Cig Output Resumes** 

Gain in April After

**Small March Decline** 

WASHINGTON, June 7.---Cigarette production, which showed a slight decline in March, resumed its up-ward trend in April with tax paid withdrawals amount to 27,493,067,534 units, according to official totals an-nounced last week by the U. S. Bu-reau of Internal Revenue. Figures reflected a gain of 2,041,564,234 units, or 8.02 per cent over tax paid cigar-

NCWA officers will be installed. Dancing will commence at 10 p.m. CIGARETTE MACHINES **REAL BARGAINS**  
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or 8.02 per cent over tax paid cigar-ette withdrawals for the same month in 1946. For the first 10 months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, tax paid cigarette withdrawls were up 22,-870,005,451, or 9.14 per cent com-pared with the same period a year ago.

Bureau also announced cigarette revenue collected during April, 1947, totalled \$96,226,971, a considerable gain over the \$89,083,452 collected for the same period in 1946.

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# Early Activity in Arcade **Business in Times Square Indicates Record Season**

#### Four New Arcades Opened; Others Get Face-Lifting

The Billboard

NEW YORK, June 7.- The greatest | make the arcades stand out for blocks boom for amusement arcades along the Great White Way in the history of arcade business is indicated by early season activity. Within the past month, four new arcades have sprung up in the Times Square area and three others have given their places a face-lifting for the expected record trade.

Play this summer will make the wartime boom years seem small-fry, according to most of the large arcade owners. Given credit for the shot in the arm are the poker tables that are grouped in most of the places in groups of 20, 25 and 30 machines, and also the frozen custard machines and skee-ball alleys which have added traffic to some of the establishments.

#### **Ex-Niteries**

Two of the lush wartime night clubs which folded, Mardi Gras and Aquarium, are now super-arcades, with the entire establishments built around poker tables. It is rumored that a large bar is being offered to arcade-minded operators. Only a few months ago some of the arcade owners were moaning about high Times Square rents that ate into the already run-down profits. Now these same men are looking around for more high rent Times Square spots for arcade expansion.

First poker tables in Times Square were the set of four in each of the Max Schaffer-Shork brothers' arcades on 42d Street near Broadway and at 52d Street and Broadway. However, the battery of tables in-stalled in the arcade at Broadway and 42d (below street level at the en-trance to the subways) some months ago is credited with starting the expansion.

#### Nickel a Play

The owners of the new Million Dollar Playland Arcade, the new Mardi Gras Arcade (Seventh Avenue Mardi Gras Arcade (Seventh Avenue and 50th Street), the arcade on 42d Street near Eighth Avenue, and an arcade on 50th Street, in the block between the Roxy and Music Hall movie houses—two largest in the city —quickly followed suit with ideas for establishments planned around poker tables. Ed Ravreby leased the north half of his Times Square Playland Arcade to Max Brown, Nat Choderker and Ed Balin for the in-stallation of 30 of the poker tables, and the Mardi Gras Arcade (Times Square) installed 20 of the machines. All of the spots are getting a nickel per play on the coin-operated poker

Arrow of the spots are getting a merced tables. Johnny Christopher, one of the owners of the new 42d Street Arcade, tried getting a dime a play during the first week of the arcade's operation, but at the start of the second week he changed. Tempting hard-to-get type prizes are being dis Tempting. played in stands around the various establishments as an added induce-ment for patrons to put that spare coin into one of the machines.

#### Press Approves

An important factor in the arcade boom is the fact that newspaper col-umnists and other molders of public opinion have placed their stamp of approval on the ventures. "The public had the dough to throw around niteries during the free-spending war forms of entertainment—Coney Is-land style," is how most of them put it.

are one of the reasons for the sudden boom. Frozen custard machines, skee-ball machines, modern hot dog stands and new coin-operated arcade machines are all helping the spurt.

The rest of the country is believed sure to follow with similar improvements in their arcades. The wistful hope of visiting Chicago game machine manufacturers, such as Harry Brown, of American Amusement Company, is to see an arcade at the corner of State and Randolph streets in Chicago-New York style. F. McKim Smith, president of the National Association of Amusement Machine Owners (NAAMO), who owns Smith's Gameland, Atlantic City's largest amusement arcade, says a real hypo has been given the coin machine trade by the new arcades in New York.

The movement is by no means slowing down. Plans for additions of poker tables to the arcades that still lack them, and for new Coney Island styled arcades with Times Square lighting thrown in, are still being made. If the rest of the country follows suit—even on a smaller scale —one of the best years in the history of anyucamat anadas is in store of amusement arcades is in store.

# **Miami Officials Oppose Tax Ban**

MIAMI, June 7.—City officials were working hard for the defeat of a bill outlawing all municipal tax-ing of tobacco which was pending in

ing of tobacco which was pending in the State Legislature. Mayor Perrine Palmer Jr., said that he believed there was a good chance for the city to retain its cig-arette tax, loss of which would mean an estimated \$750,000 less annually for the city budget. Current proposal in the Legisla-ture follows a long drawn out fight against Miami's city tax on cigar-ettes, which was opposed by the lo-cal tobacco trade.

### Lord Calvert Cuts **Prices One-Third**

-Lord Calvert NEWARK, June 7.-Beverages, maker of 12 brands of soft drinks, announced a 33 1-3 per cent price reduction on its products this week.

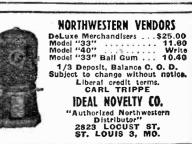
Reduction was in line with the current trend of sirup manufacturers and bottlers in this area to add to their sales force and cut prices now that production has jumped.

#### **Outdoor Stamp Venders** First for Florida Town

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., June 7.— First two stamp venders have been set up here by Carl Luben, who is planning a route of similar units. Initial venders are mounted on out-side walks of a drugstore and the side walls of a drugstore and Chamber of Commerce building. side walls of a drugstore and the

Many arcade owners say the new Local distributor for the stam electric signs and neon lights that venders is Harmon Jones, Lakeland.





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structure of the eigarette taxeswhich vary from State to State-have brought on a wave of "boolegging." As a result, retailers and wholesalers have complained of loss of business competing firms in adjoining to States. States. Joseph Kolodny, managing direc-tor of NATD said, "The NATD is co-operating with the National To-bacco Tax Administration in advo-cating a bill in Congress (Parcel Post Shipments Bill, H. R. 2947) which would make illegal the transporta-tion of merchandise in interstate commerce where the intention of the shipper and receiver is to evade the payment of a State tax" payment of a State tax." Citrus Men Eying Vender Field; Seek **Plastic** Container DALLAS, June 7 .- Texas grape-DALLAS, June 7.—Texas grape-fruit growers have expressed direct interest in the use of vending ma-chines as a new method of profitable distribution. Nickel cans of juice, say the citrus fruit producers, should find favor with vender patrons, and the resulting benefits to the citrus fruit industry because of develop-ment of this new automatic retailing outlet are not to be underrated. Citrus men finding the lack of tin Citrus men, finding the lack of tin cans a major impediment to the idea, are turning eyes toward the plastic field as a possible source of container material. Potential sales of the juice thru venders when containers are in adequate supply are so great, it is claimed, that the container problem should meet an early solution.

**On Tax Evaders** 

NEW YORK, June 7 .--- The Na-

Following the legislative season, a

#### **Florida Developments**

Florida citrus men agree with the Texas group in the vender plan. Early this year, in seeking new outlets for their surplus crops, leading growers lent financial assistance in the production of a pilot model of a special citrus juice vender. This particular model dispensed juice from refriger-ated 26-ounce cans which were perforated one at a time and the drink poured into a six-ounce cup. C. C. Commander, general manager of the Florida Citrus Exchange, is also on record as being an advocate of vend-ing machine sales of citrus juices.

John S. Stevens, Wichita, Kan., John S. Stevens, Wichita, Kan., candy machine operator, operated a number of eight-column venders made by the Can-o-Juice Company of Cleveland before the war. He sold seven flavors of juice thru the machines, which vended six-ounce cans for a nickel and contained mech-anism for punching a hole in the can so that a straw could be inserted. Straws were kept in a special con-tainer on the machine, which also had Straws were kept in a special con-tainer on the machine, which also had a built-in bin where empty cans could be deposited. Stevens has reported officials of American Can Company as showing interest in this type of vending, but says they spoke of a dime can of juice. He believes nickel cans will be the final answer for high volume business volume business.

Other operators have also stated that juice machines may provide one of the best sources for vending in the near future.

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# **Roll on Coffee** Vender in July CHICAGO, June 7.—The Bert Mills

Corporation, now in the process of tooling up on its Hot Coffee Vendor, is scheduled to start production on the coin-operated coffee machines in the coin-operated confee machines in the middle of July, according to an announcement by H. W. Chadwick, firm vice-president. First machines off the line will be shipped to the firm's distributors for demonstration purposes.

First exhibited at the 1947 coin machine show at the Sherman Hotel here, the model to be turned out on the production line embodies many improvements, including the elimi-nation of possible health hazards.

nation of possible health hazards. Machine, which employs the prin-cipal of dehydrated cream and sugar already mixed with coffee, offers the customer a choice of black coffee without sugar, black coffee with sugar, coffee with cream only, or cof-fee with sugar and cream. Chadwick also stated that recent months of lab-or form any experimentation have reoratory experimentation have re-sulted in the development of im-proved blends of coffee with cream and sugar.

#### List Distributors

Up-to-date list of distributors for e coffee vending machines is as follows:

Parker Products Company, Knox-ville, for Alabama, Arkansas, Louisi-ana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Vendors Distributors, Inc., Miami, for Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina.

Cup Machine Service Corporation, Wilmington, Del., for Delaware and Maryland.

The Sambert Company, Oakland, Calif., for Northern California. Coast Enterprises, Los Angeles, for Southern California.

Silent Sales System, Washington, for Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia (southern half) and District

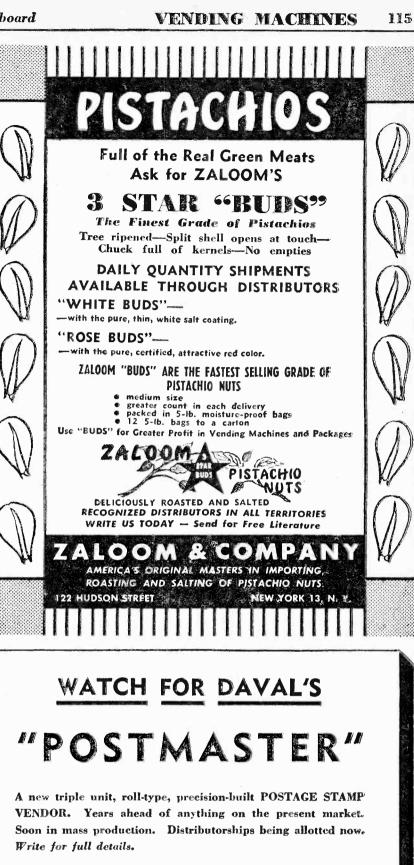
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Keystone Panoram Company, Phil-adelphia, for Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. Automatic Products Company, Pittsburgh, for Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia (northern half). Markepp Sales Company, Cleve-land, for Ohio. McClure Distributing Company, St. Louis, for Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

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# **DISCUSS NATIONAL JUKE GUIL**

# **Attorney Cites Op Benefits**

#### City, State associations reported interested in formation of group

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—Need for a national association of juke box operators, thru city and State asso-ciations, was discussed by Sol L. Kesselman, attorney associated with the Music Guild, Newark, N. J. Kessel-man, here to discuss the idea with the local music operators' association, said that the proposed national asso-ciation's purpose will be "to co-ordi-nate activities, information and ef-forts in behalf of the music machine industry."

Kesselman said that four existing associations have already expressed their interest in setting up a national association of music merchants. The associations named were the Music Guild of New Jersey, representing operators in Northern New Jersey, with offices in Newark; the Phono-graph Operators' Association of Central New Jersey, with offices in Tren-ton; the Music Machine Operators' Association of Eastern Pennsylvania, with offices in Philadelphia, and the Ohio State Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association, with offices in Cleveland.

#### No Official Action

(Contacted thru their public relations representative, officials of the Ohio State Phonograph Owners' As-sociation said that that group has "taken no official action insofar as any national organization insolar as any national organization is con-cerned." In Cleveland during the 1946 convention of the Ohio associa-tion, a tentative program for just such an association as Kesselman described was released and a com-mittee use amount to hold to be got the mittee was appointed to help get the national group moving. Since that time there has been no announce-ment from officials of the Ohio group concerning progress or plans for the national association.)

Kesselman said that the association, as he saw it, would serve pri-(See Discuss National on page 118)

### Nat Cohn Winds Up Hospital Campaign

NEW YORK, June 7.—Nat Cohn, Modern Music executive, as exec-utive chairman of the Rockaway Beach Hospital's building drive, to-night (7) brought the campaign to night (7) brought the campaign to a climax at a dinner-dance at which New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer was slated as one of the speakers. Simultaneously, a souvenir journal was issued. Funds raised during the drive will be used to improve the hospital's facilities, which are espe-cially taxed during the summer with the heavy influx of summer residents and visitors

the heavy influx of summer residents and visitors. With Cohn presiding, the entertain-ment at the dinner-dance included Enric Madriguera and his orchestra, featuring Patricia Gilmore; Harvey Sands, comedy star of This Is the Army; the Three Chesterfields; Peter Donald, radio star; the Five DeMar-co Sisters, singers on the Fred Allen program; the Three Pitchmen; Tip, Tap and Toe, dancers, and, as special guests, Sophie Tucker and the entire show of the Copacabana, New York nitery. nitery.

## **Psycho Patients** Get Decided Lift From Juke Music

ST. LOUIS, June 7.—Patients at the Malcolm Bliss Psychiatric Hos-pital here are getting a decided lift from a juke box installed in the hospital, and officials of the hospital into place several tend combination radio-phonograph sets to augment the juke box.

Supervisor of nurses, Miss Doris Stewart, said that dances for which the juke box is used helped many of the patients take their minds off themselves

Miss Stewart said that "it has not been scientifically proved that music has any therapeutic value for mental patients, but I believe our musical programs have helped us rehabilitate many patients." Additional record playing equip-

ment is being contributed by various civic organizations and individuals, but Miss Stewart said the most pressing need was records to help carry out the hospital's musical program.

# **Defense** Asks **Dismissal** in Juke Hearing

#### **Dakota Ops Waiting**

YANKTON, S. D., June 7 .- South Dakota's juke box controversy, which began (*The Billboard*, May 31) when Atty. Gen. Sigurd Anderson ordered Arty. Gen. Siguit Anderson Oldered enforcement of a 13-year-old law banning amusement devices in on-sale liquor establishments, went a step further last week when Judge C. C. Puckett in Circuit Court took under advisement a defense motion for dismissal

under advisement a defense motion for dismissal. Dismissal motion was made by at-torneys representing the attorney general's office. The defense argued that the plaintiff, Mike Imig, presi-dent of the South Dakota Phonograph Operators' Association, had remedy under the law if his property was seized and that the case, therefore, was not a proper proceeding for a court of equity.

#### **Temporary Injunction**

Imig obtained a temporary re-straining order barring removal of music machines from on-sale liquor establishments pending the showestablishments pending the show-cause hearing last week. Arguing against any action affect-

Arguing against any action affect-ing the operation of jukes in taverns, Imig said that juke boxes in the State are not used in on-sale liquor establishments for dancing or as

establishments for dancing of as games of skill or chance. (The 13-year-old and until now unenforced law which is under dis-pute bans "any form" of amusement, entertainment, recreation or gaming in Class D on-sale liquor establish-mente) ments.)

#### **Quotes Statutes**

Quotes Statutes Arguments put forth by the counsel for the attorney general's office de-clared that State statutes prohibit confiscation of property in this in-stance, and that the phonograph oper-ators have remedy at law and so do not have need for an injunction. In the case, Imig is seeking a per-manent injunction to forestall any (See ASK DISMISSAL on page 118)

# See End to Detroit Union **Unrest With New Charter**

DETROIT, June 7.—Union status of workers in the local coin machine industry has reached apparent stability with the issuance of a new charter to Local 985, Service Drivers and Helpers' Union, affiliated with the Teamsters' Union (AFL).

Issuance of the charter follows Issuance of the charter follows periods of organizational unrest, dat-ing back to the period when em-ployees of coin firms regularly switched union affiliations between the AFL and CIO. The situation was crystalized two months ago when Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federa-tion of Labor, notified local operators that the AFL had withdrawn its charter from the local to which coin that the AFL had wilddrawn its charter from the local to which coin firm employees belonged. Affected chiefly were workers in the music machine field, and to some degree, those in cigarette merchandising.

#### **James Remains President**

This was followed by several weeks of uncertainty and non-affilia-tion, culminating in the present set-up of Local 985, with Eugene C. James, who headed the old local, re-

James, who headed the old local, re-maining as president. James, confirming the issuance of the new charter, said, "It (the local) will be operated strictly as a labor union. We are not interested in the association (referring to the Michigan A u t o m a tic Phonograph Owners' Association) except to the Owners' Association) except to the extent that I would like to see har-

mony in the association. "I will sign a contract," James con-tinued, "with any employer that employs workers in this industry. I will sign a contract with them individual-ly, or as a group, as they may prefer." James said that his new charter covers all phases of coin machine operation, and that his organization will undertake to organize in all local fields. Up to now, the membership has been strongly concentrated in the juke box field in which James says his union now has signed approxi-mately 85 per cent of all eligible workers.

About 80 per cent of the cigarette merchandiser workers are now ac-tively affiliated, James added, but the union has not actually negotiated a contract in this field.

#### Other Plans

Other Plans Significantly, the local plans to start unionization drives in other fields, chiefly in bowling machines, where James already claims about 50 per cent of the present personnel, and in the candy vending field, where his union is just starting activity. James, asked to clarify the union's position on the much-debated point position on the much-debated point

## **Cincy Operators Plan Orphan Outing**

CINCINNATI, June 7.—Board of rectors of the Automatic Phonodirectors of the Automatic Phono-graph Owners' Association here held their regular meeting in the associa-tion's offices May 27. Plans were completed to charter two busses June 10 for the Annual Orphans' Outing to convey orphans from St. Joseph's and the Home of the Friendless to

and the Home of the Friendless to the Coney Island wharf. At the meeting, the board members voted to meet on the second Tuesday of each month during June, July and August. Next meeting will be held June 10 at Hotel Gibson.

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of the eligibility of small operators, said: "A small machine owner who works for himself may go out and do work for other operators in com-petition with our own members. Such a man, who is a mechanic, and works on machines, belongs in our union."

James stressed that the union in-cludes employees of both distribut-ing and operating concerns.

# Charles L. Cade **Packard Distrib** In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—Charles L. Cade, one-time business manager of the local music operators' associa-tion, has returned to handle distribution here for the Packard Manufac-turing Corporation. He succeeds the Atlas Distributing Company, taking Atlas Distributing over their offices.

Cade, who has sold his distributing interest in Baltimore, has set up the Cade Distributing Company with of-fices and showrooms at 2013 North Broad Street, along coin row.

In his former capacity with the music association here, Cade was music association here, Cade was credited with helping build the as-sociation's membership and adding stature to the industry thru a public relations program. As a result of this association public relations program, the local juke box industry received considerable favorable attention from the city's newspapers, particularly in connection with the association's donation of equipment to teen-age centers, USO centers and hospitals. During that time, too, Cade started

During that time, too, Cade started the association's cigarette fund which saw the association sending out thou-sands of cigarettes, compliments of the music industry, to men and women stationed in posts thruout the world.

# **Detroit Phono Ops Elect New Chapter Execs**

DETROIT, June 7.—Detroit Chap-ter No. 1 of the Michigan Automatic Phonograph O w n e r s' Association (MAPOA) has elected new officers following resignation of George Skinas as president. Skinas resigned as chapter-head after having been elected president of the entire MAPOA. Morris Goldman. Morris Music

MAPOA. Morris Goldman, Morris Music Company, has been named Chapter No. 1 president to fill out the unex-pired term. Goldman represents the second generation of a coin machine family here, following in the foot-steps of his father, the late David Goldman. His mother continues to operate a small music route as well. Louis Fisher, of Fisher Music Company, has been elected vice-president, and Jack Baynes, Baynes Music Company, was re-elected sec-retary-treasurer. Trustees are Ed Carlson, Carlson Music Company, and George Skinas, Skinas Music Company.

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## **Discuss** National Juke Organization

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(Continued from page 116) marily as a channeling agency for all marily as a chambering agency for an city and State music machine groups and that it would act in the name of the music operators when the in-dustry as a whole, or a part of the industry, was threatened with unfair, discriminatory taxation.

Describing the proposed national association, Kesselman said that the national body would not take over any of the functions or activities of city or State associations, but rather city or State associations, but rather would serve as a co-ordinating body for all music machine groups. He said that there would be no regular meetings of the group, but that mem-bers would use regular communica-tions channels to keep associations in touch with one another. Mentioned likewise was the possibility of an an-nual get-together, perhaps in connec-tion with the annual Coin Machine Industries' convention and show. Individual problems of operating

Industries convention and show. Individual problems of operating will be left entirely to individuals, Kesselman said. "Our only concern will be in those matters that affect the entire industry, whether it be on a local community level or on a na-tional scale, for we know that what bappens to operators in one part of happens to operators in one part of the country also affects operators in other parts of the country."

#### Lists Eligibles

While membership in the proposed national body would primarily be thru membership in local associa-tions, Kesselman said that in some instances individual operators might be qualified to join. He added that an operator with no organized asso-ciation functioning in his territory should be eligible to join the national bedy body.

Kesselman said that an organizational meeting of the four State asso-ciations mentioned earlier will prob-ably be held later this month and that at that time a name for the association may be adopted.

"We are going to go slow and ex-plore our way so that the proposed association can be set up on a solid basis and along lines that will best serve the entire music machine in-dustry," Kesselman concluded.

#### ASK DISMISSAL

(Continued from page 116) official attempt to remove music machines from on-sale liquor establishments.

In arguing against any possible action involving music machines, counsel for the juke box industry concentrated on the original intention of the State statute which bans any form of any coment entertainment form of amusement, entertainment, recreation or gaming.



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# Needle Designers Seek To **Reduce Record Wear; Keep Product's Life at Maximum**

Manufacturers Cite Variation in Record Wear Qualities

CHICAGO, June 7.—Needle design for the juke box trade is being heavily slanted toward a product which will reduce record wear to a minimum, at the same time keeping its own long-life qualities, according to manufacturers exhibiting at the National Association of Music Mer-chants' convention here this week.

Needle men say that wide variation Needle men say that while variation in wearing qualities of various record labels, plus use of substitutes for high-priced shellac, makes even more urgent the need for a juke box needle which reduces wear and tear on the disk.

disk. Tho displays at the convention ex-hibits were slanted chiefly toward the music retailer, six needle makers showed needles made for the music machine trade. Included were Aero Needle Company, Chicago; Duotone Company, Inc., New York; Electrovox Company, Inc., Newark, N. J.; Capi-tol Records, Inc., Hollywood; Permo, Inc., Chicago; Pfanstiehl Chemical Company, Waukegan, Ill.

#### New to Juke Field

4324 No. Western Ave., Chicago 18, III. Given Ave., Chicago 18, III. A Decomposition of them, Duotone Company, Inc., New York, has just announced its entry into the juke box market

that operators keep records and in-form Capitol salesmen of the results. According to a firm representative, it is felt that needles will tie in well with the company's plan for distribu-tion of records to operators. Permo Shows Film Permo, Inc., which produces an ellipitical point and a black, round needle—both of which are osmium tipped—featured its sound film of needle production. Firm also pre-sented a comparative record-wear

with a needle designed for long record wear. Stephen Nester, president of the firm, said that 10,000 of the

of the firm, said that 10,000 of the needles already have been distributed in the East as a test, with full pro-duction expected in about a month. Osmium alloy-tipped needles will be packaged five to a card and be sold under the trade name Ducacin

under the trade name Duocoin. Another comparative newcomer in

ords, Inc., which is now producing a loranium-tipped steel needle. Placed on the market about a month ago,

needle is being sold in package of 12 which features performance record blanks for each needle. To get the widest operator reaction, only one

card is sold at a time with a request

sented a comparative record-wear test of its home-use needles, with four turntables playing the same records. Needles of three other records. Needles of three outer manufacturers were used on three turntables, the fourth used Permo products.

Aero Needle Company, featuring in Aero Needle Company, featuring in its booth five types of general use needles, also makes two types of osmium-tipped needles for the juke trade, one straight, the other curved. Only producer of jewel-tipped needles for juke box operation was Electrovox Company, Inc. Sapphire pacelle introduced about a year and

Electrovox Company, Inc. Sapplifie needle, introduced about a year and a half ago, is now teamed with a precious metal tip product designed for coin machine trade. Product is sold under the trade name Walco.

sold under the trade name watco. Sixth, and pioneer needle maker in the music machine market, was Pfanstiehl Chemical Company. Like other exhibitors, firm built its booth around the music retail interests, but around the music retail interests, but also showed its coin machine needle. This product also is merchandised with a performance record card, providing space for name of loca-tion, type of machine, date of insertion and removal, and total plays.







Come to the Mardi Gras-FT; VC. Lolita Lopez-FT; VC.

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Freddy Martin goes on a south-of-the-border bender for this mating. And gets bent for the *Mardi gras* grooving which hobbles over a samba setting that has Stuart Wade and the

ensemble numbling wordage with only Barclay Allen's nimble Stein-waying setting off only a spark. More waying setting off only a spark. More effective is the rumba setting for Lolita Lopez, with Wade and the band boys giving voice to serenade this tropical siren. But counting for even more is Allen's flashy keyboard knuckling in South American style for the tuneful and lively spinning ditty.

Lolita Lopez, the stronger of the two

falo heads hopping. HELEN CARROLL and THE SATISFIERS

(Victor 20-2300)

Smoke Dreams—FT; V. Do You Love Me Just as Much as Ever?— FT; V.

Blending their voices in smooth harmony, with Russ Case's music providing full instrumental body, Helen Carroll and the Satisfiers bring out all of the melodic and lyrical appeal of the slow and dreamy Smoke Dreams, the Chesterfield radio theme. Just as tuneful and more rhythmic is their straight-forward harmony singing, with Miss Helen cutting in solo, for Nick Ken-ny's Do You Love Me.

Both songs looming big for popularity favor, the spinning may attract phono at-

#### HOAGY CARMICHAEL (Decca 23933) Old Man Harlem—FT; V. Don't Forget To Say 'No,' Baby—FT; V.

This is a reissue of two earlier sides by the delta-singing starduster, pip-ing intimately and rhythmically to his own pianology with drums, bass and guitar on the assist for the beats. It's a happy and spirited lyrical pic-ture of Old Man Harlem, Carmichael adding a hot whistling stanza to his song and piano efforts. On the mated side, it's also a lively pace for Don't Forget To Say 'No,' Baby, a draftee war novelty much dated at this late date.

Nothing here for the music machines.

Get Me the Moon Over Brooklyn-FT; VC. Seems Like Old Times-FT; VC.

Seems Like Old Times—FT; VC. Even less reason to expect the disk buyers to shell out their money for this reissue. The Lombardo mu-cic, as ever, is still bright and boun-cey for this twosome with the piano twins seasoning the syncos. The Lombardo Trio tackles the wordage for the *Brooklyn* song while Don Rodney takes the lead with trio as-sist for the singing of Old Times.

No phono appeal in these reissues at this

#### INK SPOTS (Decca 23936)

The Gypsy—FT; V. Everyone Is Saying Hello Again—FT; V.

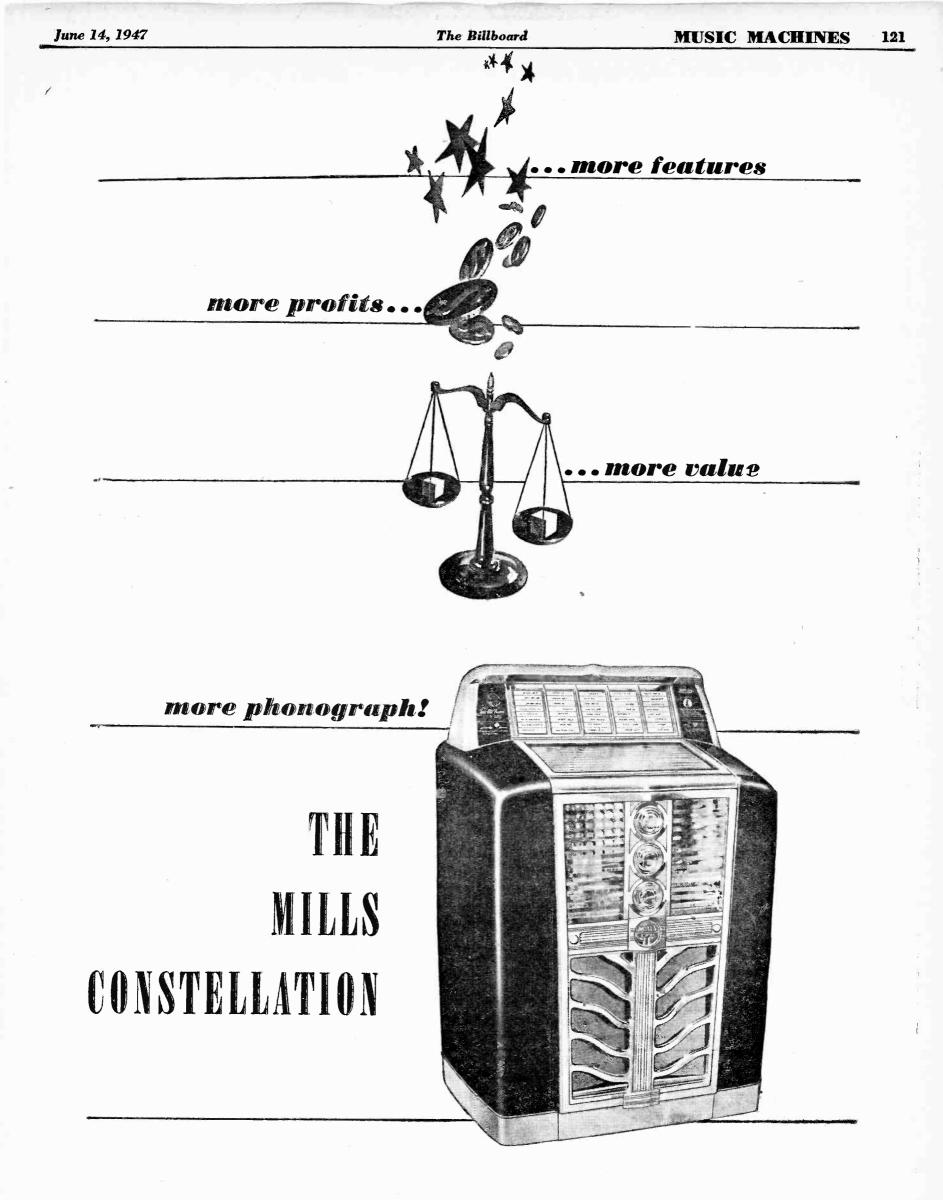
Not much reason in the bringing back of this couplet that has Bill Kenny singing it slow and soulfully in the standard Ink Spots tradition. And while *The Gypsy* curried much favor at the earlier date, there's hardly enough reason to make it rate a major revival at this early date.

For sentimental reasons, phono fans might shed a few coin pieces for The

GENE HALL (Majestic 7231)

Waitz of the Bells-W. This is the old-time music, with tuba and banjo, fiddles and accordion, for the old-time dancing. And maes-tro Gene Hall spins it out effectively, particularly for Oh! Brother, a lively and tuneful polka, with Happy Jim Parsons adding a lyrical refrain. Mated makes for the old-fashioned waltz incentive, the bells, chimes and vibes carrying the melody for the lilting Waltz of the Bells. For the old-fashioned dancing around

For the old-fashioned dancing around the music machine, both sides stand up. (Continued on page 131)



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#### RACE

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AIN'T NO HURRY, BABY (With a Etta Jones-J. C. Heard Ork (THE RICH- Guy Like Me)
BIDDLE STREET JUMPJump Jackson Band (YANCEY'S BLUES)
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BLUES)
HARD PAIN BLUES
I HAD TO LET HER GOLittle Eddie Boyd (J. P. Brown's Boogie Band) (KILROY WON'T). Victor 20-2311
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GRAVEYARD
YANCEY'S BLUES

#### FOLK

AIN'T YOU SORRY THAT YOU	Texas Ruby-Curly Fox and His Fox
LIED?	Hunters (NOBODY ELSE)
AM I TOO LATE?	Zeke Clements and His Western Swing Gang (HONEST, I'M)

 Heart Is Showing)
 Zeke Clements and His Western Swing Gang (AM I)

 HONEST, I'M HONEST
 Gang (AM I)

 (Last Night) I HEARD YOU CRYING
 Hank Williams (MOVE IT)

 IN YOUR SLEEP
 Hank Williams (MOVE IT)

 IN YOUR SLEEP
 Mark Williams (MOVE IT)

 MONDER WHO'S KISSING HERFoy Willing (Riders of the Purple Sage)

 NOW?
 (WAIT'LL I)

 IT TAKES A LONG, LONG TRAIN Texas Jim Robertson (The Panhandle

 WITH A RED CABOOSE (To Punchers) (DON'T LOOK)
 Victor 20-2308

 I'VE GOT A FEELIN' (Somebody's Roy Rogers (Country Washburne Ork)

 Stealin' My Darlin')
 (ON THE)
 Victor 20-2320

 LUCILLE FROM MOBILE
 Cliff Bruner Ork (YOU WERE)
 Mercury 6046

 MOVE IT ON OVER
 Hank Williams and His Drifting Cowboys
 I HEARD)

 ONBODY ELSE BUT YOU
 Texas Ruby-Curly Fox and His Fox

 Hunters (AIN'T YOU)
 Columbia 37385

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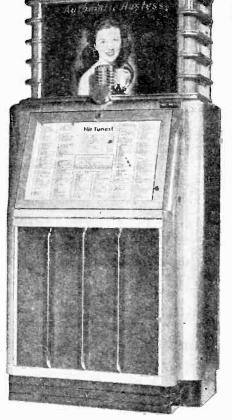


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Hal Horton, emsee of the popular Hillbilly Hit Parade, KRLD, Dallas, informs us that Cleo Landolt returned to Dallas for a few days recently, after a sojourn on USO, to organize her farm hands for personal appearances, only to have USO execs ask her to return to Nippon with one of the largest units ever to tour the islands. . . Bill Boyd, leader of the Cowboy Ramblers, feature over KRLD, Dallas, will come to Chicago soon to do another cutting date for Victor.

Hartmann & Van Horn (BMI affiliate) are contemplating going into the hillbilly record field with a label of their own, Hart-Van Records. . . . Hal Horton is enlarging his hillbilly talent office space in the Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, and has Shirley Rhoads managing the office. . . . The Shelton Brothers, Bob. Joe and Vaughn, heard daily over WFAA. Dallas, NBC outlet, have started a midweek dance at the Yacht Club there. . . The benefit program of the Hillbilly Hit Parade, run off recently by Hal Horton, netted \$26,000 with the talent numbering 25 acts, many of major caliber.

KGKO, Fort Worth, ABC outlet, has added the Dude Ranch Buckaroos, who have two sponsored shots daily. . . Cousin Herald Goodman and His Rainbow Trail unit are currently working the Griffith Circuit, using black light. . . Roy Acuff has recovered from his operation and expects to play the Texas territory for Horton within the next month.

Georgia Slim and the Texas Roundup have two programs daily over





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KRLD and are doing one, a half-hour show before an audience, daily from a local theater. . . Chester Stoddard is conducting a weekly jamboree at the City Auditorium, Gadsden, Ala., from where he is heard daily over WGAD, new Mutual outlet. The station is managed by Johnny Buttram, brother of comedian Pat.

Tex Ritter is starting a month-long tour and hopes to be back in his San Fernando Valley home come midsummer. . . Cliffie Stone is trying a new idea in record shops, intending to open the Western Record Corral soon in Bell, Calif. . . Merle Travis, Wally Fowler and Rex Allen participated in the National Association of Music Merchants' confab in Chi last week. . . Lew Mel, Brooklyn hillbilly tunespinner, has had a number of songs accepted for publication by leading tune publishers. . . Roy Rogers and His Sons of the Pioneers are currently on a rodeo tour.

Milton Estes and His Musical Millers are featured on 10 billboards in Nashville, advertising the dozen programs they do weekly over the city's Station WSM.... Whitey Ford, the Duke of Paducah, writes from Baltimore that biz is fine on the one-night line.... Three dates in Detroit and dates in Canada and Michigan are slated this week for a road unit from the Grand Ole Opry, WSM, Nashville, with Bill Monroe, the York Brothers, Grandpa Jones and Jamup and Honey in the cast.

Esco Hawkins, WROL, Knoxville, guitarist-songster, has been inked by King Records. . . Red River Dave, WOAI's featured cowboy singer, will play the annual Tomato Festival in Yoakum, Tex., June 12-14. . . . Floyd Tillman guested on the Grand Ole Opry recently. . . Wally Fowler, co-writer of That's How Much I Love You and leader of the Georgia Clodhoppers, is getting plenty of notice now from publishers who are looking over some of the 1,000 songs he has written.

Dude Webb, Big Bill Bailey and Bashful Roy Parks, formerly of WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va., are now heard daily over WCHA. Chambersburg, Pa. They are working with a former member of the Light Crust Doughboys, Billy Ross, steel guitarist. They recently cut their first four sides for Majestic Records, and did some transcriptions with Pete Cassell, from WROM, Rome, Ga. . . Chaw Mank, of Blue Ribbon Music, Staunton, Ill., recently visited with Skeets Yaney, of KMOX, St. Louis, resulting in Yaney's future use of six new BRM songs, lyrics of which are by Mary Jean Shurtz. Skeets recently cut Don't You tell a Soul I Love You and Love Has No Rules for Town and Country label....Eddy Arnold, of the Grand Ole Opry, headed talent for the Nashville Tennessean's annual forum banquet May 31.

Ken Maynard, leading Western star of the Sunbrock rodeo at Yankee Stadium, New York, May 30-June 7, did an act with his horse, Tarzan. Rodeo did \$42,000 for its opening show... Foreman Bert Phillips and his wife are vacationing on their ranch in Upper California... J. E. Mainer and His Mountaineers are heard Saturdays over WAYS, Charlotte, N. C. ... Roy Acuff has a brand of flour named after him.

Al Clauser, the Oklahoman heard over Tulsa radio stations, owns his own record company, Arrow, which distributes his platters over three States reached by his radio shows, Texas, Oklahoma and Wyoming. He is reportedly selling 25.000 of each release. ... Old Indians Never Die, the Ernest Tubb Publications' ditty, written by the Short Brothers, who recorded it for Decca, and the Willis Brothers, who waxed it for Mercury, looks like a comer.

Rufe David, the comedian and impressionist, is joining with Ken Curtis, the Mercury platter and Columbia Pic player, in a new electrical transcription series built on a Western theme and currently being sold by Frederick Bros.' Agency. . . Ken Curtis has completed making a kidisk album for Mercury, featuring original and standard Western tunes. . . Hank Penny, the King Record singer, has purchased the Painted Post, North Hollywood dancery originally owned by Hoot Gibson, and will reform his band to work dance dates there.

### Hastings Shows Aireon's Fiesta

MILWAUKEE, June 7.—Sam Hastings Distributing Company, newly appointed Milwaukee distributor for Aireon Electronic Phonographs, will hold a showing of the new Aireon Fiesta model at Hotel Pfister here for a week beginning Monday (9). Operators thruout this territory have been invited to attend.

Sam Hastings, long active in association circles here, is one of the best known distributors in the music merchandising business in this territory.

### Concertone Names New York Distrib

BROOKLYN, June 7. — Sheldon Newman has been appointed distributor of Concertone coin radios for the State of New York.

Newman will make his headquarters at 52 Willoughby Street here under the firm name of Progressive Distributing Company. He is a former cigarette machine operator and is operating coin radios at the present time.



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# Tax on Coin **Radios Held** Up on Coast

#### **Term Unconstitutional**

OAKLAND, Calif., June 7.—The \$5-per-year tax which this city had imposed on coin-operated radios has been lifted following an opinion from F. B. Fernhoff, city attorney. Fern-hoff sent the opinion to Gilbert D. Calden, who acted as counsel for Coin Controlled Equipment, Ltd., and was instrumental in having the opinion handed down.

Prior to this opinion the city was taxing coin-operated radios under a local city ordinance, Section 5-1.461, under which the licensing department had been authorized and directed to place a license tax on coin-operated radios.

#### Gets Temporary Stay

A temporary stay had been secured by Calden, and the opinion from the city attorney would indicate that the temporary stay will be followed by a permanent one. Fernhoff's opinion stated that the

city is without authority to impose a license upon radio receiving sets since such sets are protected under the United States Constitution from local licenses.

City Attorney Fernhoff's opinion, as presented in a letter to Calden, read: "After an investigation into the matter (questioning the license on coin radios), it has been determined that the city of Oakland is without authority to impose a license upon radio receiving sets.

#### **Cites** Case

"Such sets have been held to be an instrumentality of interstate com-merce and as such protected under the commerce clause of the United

**Pioneer Music Co.** Wins Civic Praise

The Billboard

ROXBURY, Mass., June 7.—Teen-agers who crowd the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) West End House here every week for danc-End House here every week for danc-ing get their music courtesy of this city's Pioneer Music Company, and the firm has been cited by local civic officials for its work in curbing ju-venile delinquency by offering free use of its equipment for teen-age ac-tivities tivities.

Pioneer is managed by Ralph Lackey who furnishes both jukes and records and follows up to make certain that a serviceman drops into the youth functions to make certain that the phonograph is working properly. Officials of the YMHA say that the teen-agers are shrewd in their ap-praisal of trends in music.

# **New Coin Radio Maker on Coast** OAKLAND, Calif., June 7.-New

firm in the coin radio field here is Coin Controlled Equipment, Ltd., Coin Controlled Equipment, Ltd., which is now producing the AMCO radio. The firm has been testing and experimenting with coin radios for many months and, according to its president, B. C. Beyer, is now re-leasing 1,500 sets per month. Beyer said that the new set is ap-proved by the Underwriters' Labo-ratory, that it comes in an all-metal, bleached, walnut or mahogany cab-inet. Set uses a six-tube RCA super-

inet. Set uses a six-tube RCA superheterodyne circuit, operates on 115 volts, 50 or 60 cycle current, and fea-tures a slug rejector. Purchases, Beyer said, carry a one-year guarantee.

to have in other cities where local license levies have been made against WBT vs. Poulnot, 46 Fed (2nd) 671." What effect this opinion is likely



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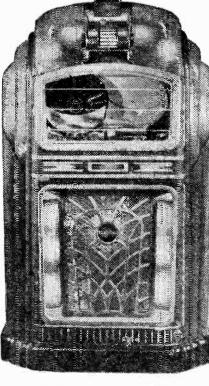
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MILT HERTH TRIO (Decca A-539)

The label packaging single sides of earlier issue, this set of four records brings back the spirited and rhythmic Hammond electric organ stylings of Milt Herth with Frank Froeba at the piano and the late O'Neal Spencer to round out the tric. the melodic and rhythmic values of the selections, the piano and organ individually and collectively display facile fingering and full command of the instrument. The sides spin at a bright and toe-teasing tempo and the music making is as fresh and pleasing as when originally cut a decade ago or so. Save for *The Dipsy Doodle*, for which Spencer adds a vocal refrain, an for *Down South*, which features the persuasive blues chanting of Ted-dy Grace, one-time Mal Hallett caary, selections are all winning in-strumentals, taking in Arthur Pryor's The Whistler and His Dog, an excel-lent version of Honky Tonk Train Blues in the eight-beat frame, Rockin' for eight standard songs, playing

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page. Some of the sides may well serve the music ops, particularly the Honky Tonk Train boogie.

EVELYN AND HER MAGIC VIOLIN (Columbia C-114)

The Strad scraper with Phil Spitalny's all-girl gang, Evelyn uses this set of four records to showcase the beautiful tone she scratches out on her rare Berganzi fiddle. The Spitalny orchestra accompanying, gal brings



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in Rhythm, Canadian Capers, Toy Trumpet and In an 18th Century Drawing Room. Herth at the Ham-mond makes for the front-cover de-sign, with bio notes filling the inside rocking chair brigade. But for a vio-lin recital on records, there is absolutely no change of pace or mood to make for desired contrast with the make for desired contrast with the result that when you've heard merely one side, you've heard them all. The schmaltz hanging heavy on the cat-gut, set spins out O, Promise Me; I Love You Truly, Ave Maria; Home, Sweet Home; Songs My Mother Taught Me, The Last Rose of Sum-mer, Deep River and Just a-Wearyin' for You. Picture of the lovely Evelyn with fiddle under chin makes for an attractive cover piece, the inside page attractive cover piece, the inside page printing bio notes and a face cut. HAWAIIAN MUSIC-Mary Kaaihue Trio

> For the most part, this set of three records spins out the slow and dreamy hula harmonics, mostly familiars, with contrast in the more lively hula chants for two of the sides. The close vocal harmonies of Mary Kaaihue blending with the male voices are attractively banked by the strumming of guitars, vibes and bass, and it all makes for letting loose that pent-up longing for the romantic Papent-up longing for the romantic Pa-cific isles. They sing both the native and English lyrics for My Heart's Choice, Song of the Islands, Farewell to Thee and Your Eyes are Like the Flowers, all in the slow and sensuous style, with a faster beat contrasting for The King's Serenade and The Beauty Hula. Symbolic beach figures of the grass-skirted hula dancer and guitar strummers make for an attrac-tive cover design. All the sides will tive cover design. All the sides will serve well for music ops seeking out the Hawaiian rhythms.

RUSSIAN YAR TZIGANY (Apollo A-9)

This set of three records spins out the familiar and traditional Russo-gypsy folk songs, all gay and bitter-sweet melodies played by a small but sweet melodies played by a small but capable orchestra of accordion, fiddle, piano and bass, with male voices to carry the song stories. With the old country flavor rather than vocal qual-ity in the baritone pipes of Mischa Markoff and the tenor voice of Lonya Kalbouss, it's the carefree spirit and gayety that typifies a gypsy campfire fest as they sing individually and col-lectively for Quick. Quick, a Bottle fest as they sing individually and col-lectively for Quick, Quick, a Bottle of Beer; Along the Highway; Oh! Those Beautiful Eyes, What Do I Care? Withered Chrysanthemums and No, No, I Don't Want. Front cover depicts merrymakers on a sleigh ride along with the song titles which don't match those on the label inside the set set.

ROLL JORDAN-Allen Roth (MGM 2) Maestro Allen Roth has taken the standard Negro spirituals and fash-ioned them in modern rhythmic production settings for the large band. For the four records in the set, he makes it a rhythmic rhapsody for each of the song familiars, and even in the blended voices of the Carolina Choristers the emphasis is on the rhythm pattern rather than on the spiritual content of the chants. While such musical treatment may not be new, Roth provides for each plenty of instrumental and vocal color with the result that the spinning adds up to attractive listening. Top twirler is Lit'le David Play On Yo' Harp, which features the syncopated and which features the syncopated and boogie-woogie harp pickings of Verlye Mills. The only side which retains some of the religious flavor is Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child with William Franklin's solo baritone voice singing the meaning-ful lyrics with feeling. Ensemble flourishes flood the other six sides which take in Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; 'Zekiel Saw de Wheel, Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, Joshua Fit de

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Battle ob Jericho and Roll, Jordan, Roll. Symbolic figure of Gabriel's horn makes for the frontispiece with notes on the Negro spiritual music for the inside page.

SONG OF THE ISLANDS AND OTHER HAWAIIAN FAVORITES-Ray Kinney (Victor P-176)

Ray Kinney and His Coral Island-ers, featuring the languid strumming of the steel guitars and the soft wood winds, make it romantic music for these eight familiar Hawaiian pop serenades. The maestro's soft and melodious tenor singing sharing the vocal chores with the harmonies of the Mullen Sisters, sides spin out the English lyrics Fach spins bright with English lyrics. Each spins bright with tempo contrast, taking in the slow waltzes, fast hulas and dreamy bal-lads. Moreover, the spinning makes lads. Moreover, the spinning makes for more than atmosphere music, the Kinney dance rhythms being plenty toe-teasing as well. Kicking off with Song of the Islands, sides include Lovely Hula Hands, Sweet Leilani, Little Brown Gal, My Isle of Golden Dreams, Hawaiian Paradise, Blue Ha-waii and Aloha Oe. Sides shipped without album cover for review.

SCHUBERT SYMPHONY NO. 9 — Bruno Walter (Columbia MM-679)

Bruno Walter, conducting the New York Philharmonic, gives a masterful reading of Schubert's Symphony No. 9 in C Major, the master's symphonic swan song, altho he never lived to hear it performed. In all its rhap-sodic splendor, Walter interprets the sodic splendor, Walter interprets the lengthy symphony with dignity and restraint, bringing out all of the ethereal qualities of the musical themes that triumph thruout the four movements. The orchestra plays with a radiance no little inspired by the conductor's deep feeling for the music. Takes six 12 inch records to cover the score and the cup of mumusic. Takes six 12 inch records to cover the score and the cup of mu-sical enjoyment in this spinning is full, making for a mighty addition to the music lover's library. Symbolic manuscript pages make for an at-tractive title page, with photo of the conductor and notes on the composer for the inside page.

TCHAIKOVSKY SERENADE-Eugene Ormandy (Columbia MM-677)

The sumptuous quality of the strings of the Philadelphia Orchestra, under the direction of Eugene Or-many, gives a graceful and sparkling performance on three 12-inch records for Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C Ma-ior for string orchestra. Richly jor for string orchestra. Richly melodic in its four short movements, including traditional folk songs, Ormandy gives the fanciful string sere-nade a brilliant and inspired reading, particularly for the most familiar movement, the graceful Waltz in the movement, the graceful waitz in the second movement. A must-have set for the music lovers. Mosque motif against a Strad-strewn sky makes for a colorful frontispiece with photo of the conductor and notes on the com-poser filling the inside page.

THE GINGERBREAD BOY - David Allen (Columbia MJ-37)

A soft-back set of two records with adding the distinct voice and song of the adventurous Gingerbread Boy and the gingerbread-eating folk. and the gingerbread-eating lock. Nancy Sokoloff's adaptation of the kid classic is designed for easy ear following, the narrator's efforts mak-ing it all the more so, with Curtis Biever providing the descriptive and diverting musical backgrounds played by the orchestra under his direction by the orchestra under his direction. Front page illustrates the story. The record script, with illustrations, fills the two inside pages. Moppet set will take to this spinning with ease. (Continued on page 136

PRICES SLASHED TO THE BONE J. H. PERES DISTRIBUTING CO. 922 Poydras Street Ma 4644 New Orleans, La.

(Apollo A-10)

#### New York:

Representatives of the industry visited Washington last week to ap-pear at the public hearings of Bills 2570 and 1270. The hearings had been postponed from the previous week. Prexy Sam Waldor, of the Music Guild of America (MGA) and Sol L. Kesselman were among those in the capital. . . . Ben Palastroat visited Washington last week to ap in the capital. . . Ben Palastrant was in town last week to help set up the Manhattan Phono showing with Leo Dixon. . . Sheldon Newman, Progressive Distributing Company, Brooklyn, is the new distributor for Concertone Coin Radios.

F. McKim (Mac) Smith, president of the National Association of Amuse-ment Machine Owners (NAAMO) and also owner of Smith's Gameland in Atlantic City, reported biz over the recent holiday week-end was under the Easter gross. Visitors in Atlantic City over Decoration Day included Mike Munves, Dave Simon, Jack Fiz-gergid of Bridgenort Conn. ord los gerald, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Joe Franks, and their wives.... Ops re-porting a big play on Benny Good-man's recent disking of I Want To Be

Watch for a new angle for vend-ing machine ops. Harry Berger, Lester Paul and Lou Fields, all of the West Side Distributing Corporation, will spring the new angle in a short while. . . MGA's annual labels are now being distributed. . . . Barney Schlang, of Automa-tic Music Operators' Association (AMOA), back in town after a business trip.

Vending machines are making their appearance in apartment houses in Brooklyn, with Aaron Snyder, overthe-river op opening up the new loca-tions. . . Bill Rabkin, prexy of In-ternational Mutoscope Corporation, was the subject of a story in the June Issue of True magazine... Maurice Silverman is the new service man-ager of the Rothman Vending Machine Service.

New New York's summer weather, which finally arrived along with the York's summer month of June, found Leo Knebel, Minute Music; Jack Mitnick, Runyon Sales exec; Al Bloom, Speedway Products, and other coinmen working in their shirt sleeves. . . . Stanley Gersh, president of Perfect Games Company, and his partner, Freddy Sindell, are all set for the opening of their new Mardi Gras Arcade this week.

The avenue is still talking about the Atlantic Corporation of New York-Seaboard Corporation of New York opening recently. Bert Lane, Meyer (See NEW YORK on page 128)

#### Indianapolis:

Eddie Wurgler, general sales man-ager of Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, North Tonawanda, N. Y., spent a re-cent week-end in Indianapolis, visit-ing friends and seeing his family. ... Harold Smith, Smith Music Com-pany was in Chicago on business. pany, was in Chicago on business. Joe Carson, of D & C Novelty Company here, is planning a trip Company here, is west for his health.

Carl Zimmer, South Bend, Ind., operator, and Art MacQuimby, also from South Bend, were visitors on coin row. Brandt Distributing Company, is suffer-ing with an infection caused by contacting poison ivy while doing some clearing for his new home. Frank Banister, Banister & Banister Distributing Company, was in Chicago buying equipment.

#### **Cincinnati:**

Lou Schoenlaub, of Columbia Lott Schoenlaub, of Columbia Amusement Company, has acquired the Hi-De-Ho juke box route from Les Pegg. Pegg plans to move to Florida. . . Bill Bigner, associated with his father in the Wesco Novelty Company, is passing out cigars. Fuent is a six-nound how Event is a six-pound boy.

#### **New Orleans:**

FAB Distributing Company, Wur-litzer distributor here, has taken over the greater portion of Alabama and 10 additional counties in Middle-Eastern Mississippi, according to John Dupuy, manager of the New Orleans office. He said a new office has been opened in Birmingham by FAB, with E. Stephens as manager.

Visitors at FAB last week included Raymond Williams, Dallas distributor, and A. M. Mendez, Wurlitzer factory manager for the Southeast region. F. A. Blalock has been traveling in the Atlanta, Columbia and Birmingham territory. Out-of-town visitors at FAB recently were Oscar Marcella, De Ridder: Ces Young, Mamou: An-thony Mele, Hammond, and C. E. Shaddock, Ruston. New salesman at the distributing firm is Cully Thomp-SOT.

Monthly meeting of the New Orleans Pinball Operators' Association has been set for June 12 at a local restaurant. Chief worry of many coinmen in the city is the "bootleg-ging" shipment of machines into the State and city by out-of-State dealers at cut-rate prices.

Ben J. Shear, owner of Soundies Operating Company, reports play on his 25 Panorams is down but that he expects improvement soon. Shear. who has the distributorship for Tele-quiz, as the Telequiz Sales Company of Louisiana, is enthusiastic about the new Teleguiz machine. He also handles commercial automatic pro-jection machines for businesses and industries. Shear is planning a 10 day business theti is planing a lo day business trip to Chicago and St. Paul soon, Bill Marais, of Crescent Cigarette Service, reports that some new machines have been received, new machines have been received, but the company could use a lot more. Dan Cohen is staying close to home these days.

Admiral Vaughan has returned from Hot Springs and looks like the vacation did him good. He said there are very few new machines, even in the best hotels there. Out of about 100 machines he looked at, Vaughan said only three or four pin tables and a couple of music boxes were new. Plenty were as old as 12 years, he said. His cousin, Norman Vaughan, is now out of the marines and has joined Service Coin Company.

Orin Blackstone, former city editor of The Times-Picayune and jazz au-(See NEW ORLEANS on page 128)

#### Los Angeles:

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COINMEN YOU KNOW

L. A. Penn Manufacturers has changed the name of its Moon, three-in-one convertible nut vending machine, to King. The company is also manufacturing the Sun and expects to add another product to its line. Earl H. Rhodes heads east soon to Earl H. Rhodes heads east soon to discuss the company's products with operators and set up points of dis-tribution. . . Ray Powers, of the E. T. Mape Company, to San Fran-cisco to discuss the manufacture of mirror jobs with Leonard Baskfield, head of the Bay City office. a visit to the Bay City.

Jim Hurley, who was formerly with AMI in Chicago, has left the M. S. Wolf Distributing Company and joined the E. T. Mape Company as assistant to Ray Powers, manager. . . . Wil-liam Happel Jr., of Badger Sales liam Happel Jr., of Company, announced that his company is the exclusive distributor for Strikes 'n' Spares in Southern California, Arizona and Southern Nevada. With this deal, the Happel firm now has this game here and in Wisconsin and Northern Michigan thru its Milwaukee branch, Badger Novelty Company, headed by Carl Happel.

Joe Duarte, of Badger Sales Com-pany, is working hard on the export business of the firm. He reports that things are going well but that ex-porting is not as easy as many dis-(See LOS ANGELES on page 130)

#### **Detroit:**

Grover M. Ball is organizing the Ball Vending Service. . . Joseph Sirocuse, whose two sons are An-thony Sirocuse, Circle Music Com-pany, and James V. Sirocuse, head of United Sound Studios, died last week. . . Marquette Music Company, headed by Victor De Schryver, pio-neer music firm in this territory, is moving all its activities to new show-rooms at 3770 Woodward Avenue.

Irving B. Ackerman, boss of Detroit Tradio Company, and attorney for the Michigan Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association (MAPOA), is making a second appearance before the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, in connection with the Scott Bill. ... Jack Baynes, of Baynes Music Company, and Mrs. Baynes celebrated their 23d wedding anniversary last week with a group of friends at Huck's Cafe. (See DETROIT on page 130)

BIRTHDAY PARTY for Lyn Durant, president of United Manufacturing Company at the firm's offices in Chicago. Durant is seated directly behind the cake, with which his employees, also pictured above, presented him.

## **COIN MACHINES**

#### Chicago:

Jack Kelner, Kelner Vendors, was very much in evidence at the Retail Tobacco Dealers' Association (RTDA) convention held at the Stevens Hotel. June 5-7. Jack was emsee at the Chicago Tobacco Table's luncheon June 6. . . Ray Cunliffe, Brown Music Company, left June 1 for a business-vacation tour thru Washington and Kentucky. . . . Automatic Distributing Company hosted visitors Ernest Ollis, Danville, Ill., and Frank Hacker, Al-liance, Neb., Mike Spagnola says.

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Al Sebring, Bell Products Com-pany, took off on a business-pleasure trip May 29 and returned June 6, after visiting Nebraska and Iowa. Al retook delivery on a new Cadilcently lac after a long wait. Harry Salat says a Bell visitor during the week was coinman Eggner, of Marinette, Wis... First thing Harry Williams did when he got his new Beechcraft plane June 3 was to fly to Kansas City, Mo. He also celebrated his birthday on that day. Irv Weiler, a Williams distributor, was in from Kansas City this week.

Clayton Nemeroff, Monarch Coin Machine Company, met visitors Fred Blazer, Kankakee, Ill.; Si Kase, also from Kankakee, and Bill Moses, Minneapolis, last week. Ruth Slutzky, Monarch bookkeeper, returned from a two-week vacation June 2. . . . Coin Amusement Games welcomed Bernard Schutz back from his two-week Southern business trip May 30. Bernard reports the tour succeeded in "waking up old equipment" and making new Firm's gun conversion units friends. were subject of the trip. Coin Amuse-ment's shop foreman, Hank Ginardi, became a grandfather May 30 when a son was born to his daughter-in-law. Hank and his son celebrated the event properly.

Sol Gottlieb, Nate Gottlieb & Com-pany, says brother Nate is on edge these days. His wife will present him (See CHICAGO on page 129)

#### Philadelphia:

Harry Shor, head of Mayflower Music Machine Company, is planning for a visit from the stork at his suburban Bywood home around the first of the new year. Harry is the father of two boys. . . . Hal Blumenstein is making the rounds of the music operators for the MGM wax line, having just joined the local distributing firm of Trilling & Montague as assistant sales manager in charge of publicity and promotion.

Martin Friedman, who sings the praises of those Walco needles, is back from Chicago where he took in the music trade convention. . . . Ray-mond Rosen & Company, local Victor disk distributors, announced the following promotions among the members of the sales staff, all of whom contact music operators: Paul Knowles, manager of firm's internal operations for 13 years, is now salesman for Southern New Jersey territory and is succeeded by Lou Schall, formerly record buyer for the department; Armand Di Stephano, former South Jersey salesman, takes over Eastern Penn-sylvania coverage, including part of Philadelphia proper. Vaughn Monroe is slated to officiate at the formal opening of Rosen's new branch.

Joe Silverman, business manager for the Amusement Machine Associa-tion of Philadelphia (AMAP), blames tion of Philadelphia (AMAP), blames the current rains for preventing him from reaching his top golfing form. ... He never gets beyond the third hole at Pine Valley Country Club be-fore it begins to pour. ... Charles Cade, new Páckard distributor, is moving his family back from Balti-more and promises to remain in Philadelphia from now on. ... Her-man Rothenberg joined the coin ma-chine ranks when he opened up a new automatic laundry location, which he calls the Washerette.



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#### New York:

(Continued from page 127) Parkoff and Harry Rosen are putting the final touches on their show place. . Irving Fenichel and Herman Tepper, International distributors, are readying a new machine announcement. . . Ed Cohn and Sam Stone, Westco Vending Company, Port Chester, N. Y., have added cigarette venders to their beverage machine routes. Both Cohn and Stone were on the avenue last week.

Visitors in town last week included R. J. Gale, of Racine, Wis.; Roy Bissel, Oswego, N. Y.; Frank Schnei-der, Wilton, Conn.; Russ Carpenter, Chester, N. Y. op, and also mayor of his home town, and Phil Wagner, of Backetill, N. Y. Usebart Eber Peekskill, N. Y. . . . Herbert Eben-stein, executive director of the Group Service, is back in town after a busi-ness trip to Chicago.

Playland Arcade, located in Times Square, will complete installation of its poker tables this week. . . . A Chi manufacturer is repealed to be interested in producing Isadore Roth-man's new foot oscillating coin ma-chine. . . Jack Seidler, president of the Independent Cigarette Operators' Association (ICOA) reports the organization plans to hire a permanent manager in the near future.

Martin Donough, of St. Paul, was a recent visitor, as was Charles O'Malley, sales manager of the Paul F. Beich Company. . . Sidney Finchman, of Finchman Vending, will be married June 14. The cere-mony will be held in the Bronx. . . . Nat Cohn, Modern Music exec, prought the Bockaway Beach Hospibrought the Rockaway Beach Hospi-tal drive to a successful climax with a dinner-dance Saturday night (7).

#### New Orleans:

(Continued from page 127) thority, is doing well with his new record shop on Baronne Street and has had some patronage from operators here. Blackstone announced that he will soon publish the third volume of Index to Jazz, covering all recordings of jazz musicians whose names begin with letters M thru R.

Ed Roberson, manager of Music Sales Company here, returned from Chicago, where he attended the NAMM convention. Ed Newell, man-ager of Music Sales in Memphis, was also at the meet. A record and pin-ball salesman at the local office is Joe Rosenfield. Lucille Pudury is in charge while Roberson is away.

Robert N. McCormick, Southern di-vision manager for Decca Records, was recently appointed a colonel by Gov. Jimmie Davis. McCormick says he now has something in common he now has something in common with the Chicago publisher. He just returned from a trip to New York where he visited the factory and branches. He said record sales are holding up fairly well in the Southern district. Jack, You're Dead, by Louis Jordan, has been a good release for Decca here, as have Mam'selle, by Dick Haymes, and I Wonder, by Guy Lombardo.

Dixie Coin Machine Company is continuing its export activities. Most recent shipment was three new and recent shipment was three new and seven used music boxes to a new operator in Puerto Cabezas, Nica-ragua. Marion Matranga recently completed a trip to Lafourche Parish where he arranged for a pinball route from Raceland to Grand Isle. "Papa" Pace returned from Hot Springs in good health and 10 pounds lighter lighter.

Frank Drago has opened the Manhattan Amusement Company in Jef-ferson Parish, according to Dixie Coin, which supplied all juke and pinball

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equipment. Three new routes added to Dixie's repair service for coin ma-chines are New Orleans Amusement Company, operated by Santo Dilatta; V & J Novelty Company, operated by Jerry Anselmo and Vincent Caminita, and the route of John O'Hara. O. C. Marshall, of New Orleans Coin Ma-chine Exchange, will take a trip thru Southern and Northern Louisiana and return thru Mississippi to visit his connections there. He hit some good fishing below Houma recently.





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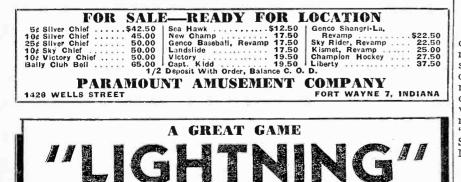
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#### Chicago:

(Continued from page 127) him with a young 'un most any day now. Sol declares buying is still brisk and there is no sign of a let-up. Firm visitors here during the week included Clarence Camp, Memphis.

Bell-o-Matic Corporation had the welcome mat out for Harold Bailey, South Coast Amusement, Houston;

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Jake Friedman, Friedman Amusement, Atlanta; Meyer Abelson, American Distributor, Pittsburgh, and Harry Hilliard, Kokomo, Ind. Lil Joch, Bell-o-Matic secretary, who had a write-up in The Chicago Times of May 27 concerning her athletic prowess, went out and bought a goodly part of the day's edition, so Grant Shay says. Golf foursome of Vince and Grant Shay and Bill and Herb Mills has a tournament every Saturday at-the St. Charles course, Grant adds.

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Al Stern, World Wide Distributors, left Chicago June 5 to visit his Kansas City office and then go thru Iowa and Western Missouri. Al, who will be gone about a week, is introducing Keeney's new one and five-ball games in this territory. . . Exhibit Supply Company's factory superintendent, Ed Hughes, has been ill. Another victim of the sick bug is the firm's electrical engineer, Norman Clark. He is recuperating from an appendectomy. Sales Manager Frank Mencuri says they are trying hard to fill orders for equipment.

Automatic Coin Machines & Supplies staffers got together in Chicago last week to formulate plans for better service and additional surprises for the trade in the near future. Irving Ovitz, Oscar Schultz and Joe Simon were also able to confer with road men Arthur Schwartz and Morrie Ovis. ... O. D. Jennings is receiving good news on its new twin-play Challenger console introduced last month. Firm's Dave Lovitz is due to become a papa in about a month. Dave says he is not a floor pacer, but the event may mean a few worn rugs before the newcomer arrives.

Empire Coin Machine Exchange, now in its new Milwaukee Avenue quarters, is accumulating one of the biggest stocks of used games in the country, and soon hopes to have at least one of every type machine on hand. Empire is starting a museum of old machines. Visitors during the past seven days were Lou Boasberg, New Orleans Novelty Company, New Orleans; Joe Rakovits, Muskegon Music, Muskegon, Mich., and E. J. Ortman, Meadville, Pa. Firm's Ralph Sheffield returned June 2 from a vacation in Ohio.

Mills Industries welcomed visitors Vic Manhardt and son, Milwaukee, and R. Felsemthal, RCA International, Camden, N. J., among others during the week. Firm's Charles Schlicht, manager of the phonograph division, returned June 2 from his West Coast trip during which he attended various operator showings of the Mills Constellation... Telequiz Sales has appointed Roger Koch district sales representative for Tennessee and Kentucky.

Mid-State Company put on a salesman who will handle calls on the Lightning game, Bruno Kosek says. New man, Morrie Wiesburg, began last week. He contacts only operators who are on the Lightning list. . . Esquire Games Company reports that its production rate is being steadily increased. . . Coin Machine Service's secretary, Alice Lemko, says Joe Mikos' pin-up gal is his daughter, Karen Ann, who is seven months old. William Rischman, Milwaukee, was a visitor here last week.

Coven Distributing Company had as visitors last week Henry Geers, Monmouth, Ill.; Bill Van Gessel, Albion, Ind., and Leo Rupert, Danville, Ill. Firm's Bob Schaefer returned June 2 from his Wisconsin-Illinois trip and reports conditions better than a short while back.

Visitors at United Manufacturing Company included Joe Young, Young Distributing Company, Cincinnati, and Eddie Robinson, Music Sales Company, New Orleans, reports Billy DeSelm.

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### Los Angeles:

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(Continued from page 127) tributors have been thinking. His secretary assistant is Rosita Miranda. Riverside. . . Bud Parr says that in the vicinity of his ranch in Ven-tura County he counted 27 deer coming into his paddock to eat with his horses.

Lee Wirt, of Montebello, in the city to purchase equipment, . . . Another visitor during the week was Lewis V. Taylor, of the Desert Amusement Company in Inyokern. . . Jimmy Marshall, Glendale music operator, in town Monday to attend the meet-ing of the Southern California Automatic Music Operators' Association. ... Hal Sherry, of Commercial Radio and biz manager for Local 1052, to the hospital for check up and possibly an operation that will keep him there for two weeks.

Bill Wolf, of M. S. Wolf Distributing Company, back in town following a trip to Chicago. On the return trip he went by Jackson, Miss. . . Carl Collard, of San Bernardino, in the city. . . E. L. Willard and E. E. Simmons, of Paso Robles, were visitors.

Bill Abel, of Coast Records, says Coast now has its own printing plant to take care of labels, release information and other incidentals. Bill Leuenhangen trying out fishing tackle in anticipation of his vacation. . . Fred Gaunt, of General Music Company, to Palms for a visit with his brother. . . Charlie Robinson, of C. A. Robinson Company, just back from Reno. . . Al Bettelman, of Robinson's, enjoyed the Decoration Day week-end as did a lot of other jobber people. Most of the firms were closed from Thursday night until Monday morning. Monday morning.

#### **Detroit:** (Continued from page 127)

... Herman Jaffee is establishing the Northwest Vending Company on West Grand Ävenue.

Fred Mitchell is forming the U.S. Postage Stamp Machine Sales, with offices at 940 Michigan Theater Buildoffices at 940 Michigan Theater Build-ing... Betty Keppler, office manager at MAPOA headquarters, is conva-lescing following an attack of appen-dicitis which required emergency hospitalization... Marcelle Grum-bache, office manager at Robinson Sales Company, has announced her engagement... Frank Wurm, oper-ator of Wurm's a longtime favorite East Side eating and gathering place East Side eating and gathering place for operators, died Saturday (31).

Mark Brilliant, Brilliant Music Company, was in Chicago on an extended business trip. . . Mrs. Lois Riddle has been named manager of the United Record Distributors, replacing Mrs. Rosita Sims. . . Sidney E. Ray is establishing the Economy Nut Serv-ice at 12736 Santa Rosa Avenue. . . Irving Ackerman, of Detroit Tradio Company, was in Washington recently, testifying in the hearings before Congress on the Scott Bill.

Max Lipin, Allied Music Sales, was in Chicago for several days visiting the National Association of Music Merchants' show at the Palmer House... Aaron Lipin, manager of Allied's record department, reports that, contrary to anticipated business trends, May business in music proved better than in April. Firm has closed the former warehouse on Temple Avenue and is concentrating all ac-tivities in the main salesrooms on Woodward Avenue. Allied is now confining itself strictly to the sale Max Lipin, Allied Music Sales, was confining itself strictly to the sale of music.



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IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE

# **RECORD REVIEWS**

# PETERS SISTERS (Cyclone 606-607) Money Power-FT; V. Sugar Cake-FT; V. Plaything of Fate-FT; V. Come, Look, See-FT; V.

While the Peters Sisters may sell strong in person for the Harlem dog-gerels with their harmony singing, gals project none of their personality equation on these spinning sides. Moreover, the gals, collectively or when Baby Edith Peters takes the mated side, are no calypso singers. And for that matter, neither are these four songs by Sam Manning and Adolph Thenstead, the latter also providing the calypso musical rhythm support that cuts thru bet-ter than the singing. Of the four sides, gals fare best for Money Power, the threesome also tackling Sugar Cake. Baby Edith spins out alone but to even less effectiveness, for *Plaything*, a ballad melody that hardly lends itself to calypso treat-ment, and for *Come*, *Look*, *See*.

All too synthetic to make for any coin count.

JOHNNY AND MACK (Apollo 147) Love in the First Degree—FT; VC. Too Many Blues—W. VC.

It's the mountain music t h a t Johnny and Jack with their Tennessee Mountain Boys wang out on fid-dles, guitars and mandolin for these sides. Boys scrape up a lively beat for Love In the First Degree, with Smilin' Eddie Hill's backwoods ten-Smilln' Eddie Hill's backwoods ten-oring telling of the suffering of love. A lively waltz tempo is set for Too Many Blues, with two lusty tenor voices blended in the same back-woods style to sing it weepy of too many heartaches and too many tears.

Phonos pitched in the backwoods may and favor with Love in the First Degree.

CARMINE GAGLIARDI (Lyric L-1003) Rimpianto-W; V. Oh, Marie-W; V.

The sweet lyrical tenoring of Car-mine Gagliardi, with strings and guitar for the musical bank, makes it highly seasoned serenading for these two standard Italian love songs. Set in the slow waltz tempo and singing in Italian with full tempo liberty. Gagliardi makes it a platter pleas-antry for both *Rimpianto*, better known as Toselli's *Serenade*, and for the familiar *Oh Marie*. For the nationality spots.

#### CLIF BRUNER (Decca 46051)

Jessie-FT. San Antonio Rose-FT.

The label brings these sides back from way back. It's the toe-tapping folk dance music of Clif Bruner and His Boys, playing fiddles, piano and guitars, for a fast-stepping Jessie polka that features the fiddle, and at a lively beat, Bob Wills's everlast-ing San Antonio Rose. Disking plenty dated. A little late for these sides to snare

coinage.

#### LARRY GREEN (Victor 20-2250)

The Heather on the Hill—FT; VC. Almost Like Being in Love—FT; VC.

The nimble octave-style Steinway-ing of Larry Green, seasoned with



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strings to make for the standard supper room brand of syncos, lends itself well to the show tunes. And in these sides. Green offers two of the top tunes from the Brigadoon success. It's the maestro's piano styling that makes for the melodic accents on both sides, taking each in a lively tempo. Falling way below par is the vocal efforts of Gil Phelan for the the vocal efforts of Gil Phelan for the Scottish serenade, *Heather on the Hill*, Miss Lee Rand faring far better with her soft and expressive singing for the Love song. Little juke-box flavor in this band styling.

#### TED WEEMS (Decca 25078) I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now-FT; VC. That Old Gang of Mine-FT; VC.

Two more sides of the Ted Weems and of old, playing with a rhyth-mic urge just as pronounced today as it was then, for two everlasting fav-orites. And what makes it all the more attractive is the fact that Perry Como handles the lyrical frames Como handles the lyrical frames with just as much romantic appeal at this late date as it was then. Band boys add swing choir song assist for *I Wonder*, taking it alone for *That* Old Gang.

Combination of Perry Como and Ted Weems, plus the fact that I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now is now a movie title tune, makes this pairing potent for heavy coinαge.

#### SIR THOMAS BEECHAM (Victor 11-9568) Intermezzo-FT. Alla Marcia-FT.

Played with spirit and majectic-ally, the B.B.C. Symphony, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham, brings out all of the whimsey and tuneful gayety in these two movements from Sibelius' Karelia Suite. Recorded in Europe and spinning over a 12-inch track, the spinning makes for relaxed

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LOUIS JORDAN (Decca 23931-23932)

Beware—FT; VC. Caldonia—FT; VC. Don't Let the Sun Catch You Cryin'—FT; VC. Somebody Done Changed the Lock on My Door—FT; VC.

Both pairings are reissues which should evoke little interest, altho Louis Jordan cuts a fastidious figure with his vocal jive and josh. Tops, as earlier, is the eight-beat Caldonia and still holding up is his patter song, Beware, from his movie of that name. Don't Let the Sun is a blues ballad while Changed the Lock is a sultry race blues with salty innuendos

Popularity of the maestro may bring another round or two of coins, especially for Caldonia.

ERNEST TUBB (Decca 46047-46048) Try Me One More Time—FT; V. Careless Darlin'—FT; V. Soldier's Last Letter—W; V. It's Been So Long, Darling—FT; V.

Singing his own sad and torchy cowboy songs, and with plenty of sincerity in his lusty baritone voice, Ernest Tubb evokes plenty of sym-pathetic appeal. All four are reissues and save for Last Letter, a sad and teary soldier song in the waltz tempo which is heavily dated and hardly appropriate at this early date, it's the cowboy torch-glowing for the grooves on the other three sides. With fiddles and guitar strumming out the

accompaniment, there's a deep note of sadness in his voice for It's Been So Long, Darling, singing that it's been so long since he had to go away, and in a brighter tempo, sings of broken love vows for Try Me One More Time and for Careless Darlin'.

Ernest Tubb fans may take another nickel fling for Careless Darlin' and for Try Me One More Time.

#### OZIE WATERS AND THE PLAINSMEN (Coast 249)

I Can't Get Out of Texas in My Dreams —FT; V. It's Indian Summer—FT; V.

The Plainsmen crowd their fiddles guitars around Ozie Waters to and provide a snappy Western setting for the folk warbler as he chants I Get Out of Texas. For the flip, it's the nostalgic Indian Summer dished up in fine style. Troubador's smooth piping is backed by the Plainsmen doubling from their instruments with homespun vocal blends.

Texas should keep the rural jukes jingling while the flip is sure to catch extra coins.

#### THE PICKARD FAMILY (Coast 254) Keep On the Sunny Side—FT; V. The Picture On the Wall—FT: V.

The Pickard family joins vocal and instrumental forces for an old-fash-ioned songfest to fill these sides. There's plenty of folksy, toe-tempting beats for both Sunny Side and Picture on the Wall, voiced in true mountain fashion.

Folk music boxes will snare coins with these sides.

THE PLAINSMEN (Coast 256) Union Pacific—FT; V. Colorado—FT; V.

The Plainsmen offer two rhythmically contrasting items with this one Union Pacific is a contagious a la Atchison, Topeka ditty. Lyrics sing the laurels of the U-P line, telling the history as well as the transportational comforts it offers today. Portions of the melody are somewhat reminiscent of The Love Bug Will Get You If-You Don't Watch Out. Lads rhythmically blend voices here and paint the restful Colorado scene for the other side.

Both sides are nickel tempters in Western jukes.

RAY HOGSED (Coast 261)

Red Silk Stocking and Green Perfume —FT; V. Daisy Mae—FT; V.

Ray Hogsed's swingy Western vocal styling is designed to keep fingers a-snapping from start to finish. He puts plenty of spice into Red Silk Stockings, current novelty topper. Rainbow Riders capably provide the Western instrumental backing, chimin vocally on the syncopated us. Daisy Mae, a Hogsed origing chorus. inal, fails to pass even as B side filler. Ditty is weakened by stereotyped rhymes and tune material. Red Silk Stockings should prove attrac

tive coin-wise.

RED INGLE AND HIS NATURAL SEVEN (Capitol 412)

Temptation—FT; V. I Love You for Sentimental Reasons -FT: V. Red Ingle, formerly featured with the Spike Jones crew, hits the laugh belt with a resounding smack with these hill-burly song versions of pop these nin-burly song versions of pop tunes. Showing little mercy in its treatment, the Ingle group rips into *Temptation* (Tim-Tayshun) in a riotous manner that's sure to tickle ribs. Gal singer, billed as Cinderella G. Stump, joins in a knockdown drag out duit with Ingle. To heart in out duet with Ingle. To boost in-terest in the disk, label is wise in creating comment about Who Is Cin-derella Stump and will release her true identity in a few weeks. Howtrue identity in a few weeks. How-ever, to many music lovers it will be no surprise to learn that beneath the veil of corned-up diction and off-key slurring, it's really Jo Stafford. Flip is handled in a similar zany manner, but it's the topside that packs the real lought laughs.

This version of Temptation looks like a sock moneymaker. (Continued on page 132)



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# RECORD REVIEWS

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**JACK McLEAN (Coast 8009)** 

Wait Till I Get My Sunshine in the Moonlight —FT; V. Pm Waiting for the Ships That Never Come IN—FT; V. I'm w

Designed for dancing, this Jack McLean ork disking fits the bill. Ar-rangements give full emphasis to the melody line, calling upon saxes and muted brass to create the sugary settings. An easy, moderate beat is held thruout. The romantic bary pipes of Waynne Gregg are displayed to good advantage on both sides. Sunshine in the Moonlight is a cleverly fashioned love tune that may catch on. Oldie, Waiting for Ships is dusted off in a likable vocal manner by Gregg.

Sunshine may see bright juke days ahead.

DICK PEIRCE (Modern Music 20-518) Across the Alley from the Alamo-FT; V. Adios-FT; V.

The newly reorganized Peirce band reveals a measure of individuality in reveals a measure of individuality in its version of Across the Alley From the Alamo. Side kicks off with a hit of dialogue that leads into the Milt Rodgers vocal. Voicing passes the ear test. The John Paddock ar-rangement throws ork's weight to the reed side of the fence, using brass sparingly for brightness sake. Latin paced instrumental flip is patterned for relaxing listening. for relaxing listening.

In the face of competition, this Alamo will have to rely on tune's tag to pull the coins.

#### ROY MILTON (Specialty 510) True Blues—FT; V. Camille's Boogie—FT; V.

This is race chanting true to the Roy Milton tradition. Small jazz group sets the beats lowdown in the groove as Milton wails the woes of True Blues. An arresting honky-tonk eight-to-the-bar piano rolls out the beats on the reverse with Milton sling-ing the lyrics in solid fashion. The Roy Milton name on a race juke sticker will attract plays.

# MARTHA DAVIS (Jewel ON-2003)

When I Say Goodbye—FT; V. Sarah, Sarah—FT; V. Surrounding herself with bass, guitar and drum, Martha Davis knuckles the Stein way accompaniment to her meaningful voicing of When I Say Goodbye. Other side is a nov-elty rhythm ditty using rapid repeti-tion of "she sits and shines and shines and sits" as lyrics. Nothing to get ex-cited on this one.

# MAC'S MISTERS (Memo 2001-2003) Reet! Voot! Ba-leba!—FT; V. Steel Guitar Boogie—FT. Lovely Wahine—FT; V. Seems I Hear Aloha—FT; V.

May snare loose change.

Mac's Misters combo arouses little ear interest on the first disk, neither *Reet* nor *Steel Guitar* offering any-thing that's particularly outstanding. A worn-out riff pattern supplies the



material for the former with only a better-than-average steel gut-man to fill the wax on the reverse. Group, however, fares considerably better on the Hawaiian-flavored second disk. Musicmaking is soft and restful, with Bob Moreau's sugar-coated barv pipes capably slurring the pineapple refrains.

Any coin interest here will be found in Lovely Wahine and Aloha.

#### HERB JEFFRIES (Exclusive 16x)

When I Write My Song-FT; V. Why Can't I Forget About You?-FT; V.

When I Write My Song looks like nother synco adaptation from the another classics that's headed for hitdom. For this one, Bill Anson (KFWB-Hollythis one, Bill Anson (KFWB-Holly-wood disk jockey), and Ted Mossman go back to Charles Camille Saint-Saens' melodious opera, Samson and Delilah. From Act II they selected one of its better known arias, My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice, for their melody. The new lyrics are care-fully patterned to the tune and the final meduat is a balled that may well final product is a ballad that may well climb the love song ladder. Herb Jeffries turns in an expressive vocal reading, highlighting tune's merits. To round out side's enjoyment, Buddy Baker provides a full-bodied ork set-ting. Reverse passes easily as second side-filler material.

When I Write My Song is a sure-fire moneymaker, especially since the original (My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice) is featured in the pic, Carnegie Hall.

**Ottawa** Thriving Coin Trade Town

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here are taking front money from their average locations.

Since there is a large percentage of new music machines on location in Ottawa, the juke operators consider the front or top money practice their best method of amortizing their investment, and the location owners seem to agree.

On a definite upswing in Ottawa are the merchandise machines, par-ticularly candy and cigarettes. Only ticularly candy and cigarettes. Only two vending machine firms have headquarters here. One is the op-eration run by A. R. McDonald and his son, Don, and the other is the Canteen Company. Two other op-erating firms — Merchants' Service from Streator, and Illinois Valley Vending Corporation, from Spring Valley—likewise have venders on lo-cation in Ottawa. Valley—likewise cation in Ottawa.

#### Began in 1936

The McDonalds got their start in automatic merchandising in 1936 when the elder McDonald purchased a single penny peanut machine. A tool maker by trade, McDonald found a new interest and a better future in vending, with the result that he turned to the business full time in 1937. From 1937 to 1941, when he went back to tool making in a defense plant, the elder McDonald built his merchandise routes. In 1944, when his son who had been running the business, entered the army, he re-turned to full-time vending.

McDonald reports the cigarette and candy business is expanding steadily in Ottawa. Operators here are still charging 20 cents per pack for cigarettes, altho the over-the-counter retail price is 21 cents. This places the cigarette vending firms in a po-sition reverse to the usual situation, of their business, usually have to charge more than over-the-counter sellers.

Just recently, McDonald reports, he placed his first cigarette machine in a grocery location, at the request

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# **Filben's Juke To** MakeMilwaukee Debut June 15

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MILWAUKEE, June 7. showing of the new Filben music machine will be held here June 15, at the United Coin Machine Company, by Harry Jacobs Sr., and Harry Jacobs Jr. The day-long showing will likewise include a showing of products from 14 other manufac-turers which United represents. In-cluded in this showing, and in addi-tion to the juke box, will be a num-ber of new pieces not previously shown shown.

Filben music line to be exhibited Fiben music line to be exhibited includes the 30-selection hideaway mechanism and the new Filben mir-rored cabinet, which has a mounted selector panel, and is styled to con-form with location furnishings.

United will distribute the music line thruout Wisconsin and in Upper Michigan, according to Harry Jacobs Jr.

Showing will get under way at 10 a. m. and will continue thru the eve-ning until all visitors have had an opportunity to examine the machines displayed. Exhibits will be displayed in the firm's showroom at 6304 West Groonfield Avenue Greenfield Avenue.

At intervals thruout the day, United will likewise present showings of The Billboard's Convention News-reel—16mm. sound motion picture made on the exhibit floor during the February coin machine convention and show.

# Wurlitzer Sets FAB in Alabama

NORTH TONAWANDA. N June 7.—The F. A. B. Distributing Company, Inc., has been appointed distributor of Wurlitzer phonographs and auxiliary equipment, according to an announcement by E. R. Wurg-ler, general sales manager of the Ru-dolph Wurlitzer Company. The sales-service facilities of the estab-lished Wurlitzer distributing offices in Birmingham will be retained by the F A B company as headquar-

in Birmingham will be retained by the F. A. B. company as headquar-ters for the territory. The office will be managed by J. E. Stephens. The F. A. B. Distributing Company is headed by Fletcher A. Blalock, president, who has been associated with the Wurlitzer company as a dis-tributor for many years. The firm also maintains offices in New Or-leans, Columbia, S. C., and Atlanta. leans, Columbia, S. C., and Atlanta.

#### N. Y. Gift Show in August

NEW YORK, June 7 .--- The New York Gift Show has been set for Au-gust 25-29 in the Hotel Pennsylvania and New Yorker. Event is skedded to draw many poker table and arcade. owners.

of the grocer who found the expense of maintaining a cigarette inventory did not justify handling the product. The grocery, Mo average location. McDonald says, is an

Notable increases in the candy business here are traced directly to the availability of new candy vend-ing equipment and to the gradual loosening of candy supplies. The operators here report that they are

operators here report that they are now getting nearly as much standard bar candy as they can use. McDonald, questioned on the use of dime candy in his units, said he has never tried anything but nickel goods. He made this decision since-until recently be operated are use until recently—he operated pre-war machines which would have required converting to the dime price. Now that he has post-war machines which can handle dime as well as nickel bars, he is seriously considering trying dime candy.



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self to saying that "the constitution's intent of exclusivity for the author would be defeated by the multiplicity of duplicate copyrights that could be obtained under the terms of this bill." His memorandum filed with the sub-committee, as disclosed in The Billboard last week, charged that the "in-terpretation bill" is unconstitutional in that Congress must preserve the exclusive rights of their creations for authors and inventors.

#### **Copyright Limitations**

Frohlich claimed that under the constitution only an author or an inventore is entitled to secure a copy-right. "This," he said, "is the fundamental basis of copyright law since the time of Queen Anne, of England." Referring to a statement at the pre-vious hearing by Fred Waring, NAPA prexy, that artists are being exploited, the ASCAP counsel declared, "War-ing has a \$30,000 guarantee plus a cut of 5 per cent on all records sold. He isn't starving in a garret. This looks like a rich reward for some-thing he hasn't created."

Frohlich shouted: "This bill throws the copyright act into a cocked hat. It will result in endless confusion." More quietly, he said, "under the terms of this measure, 10,000 performers could get 10,000 copyrights on one man's song."

ASCAP President Deems Taylor testified: "A work once recorded is to all intents and purposes in the public domain. Now it is proposed that individual performances be copyrighted. It naturally follows that a performer who played an au-thor's song would receive guester prothor's song would receive greater protection than the author himself.

#### SPA Attorney Protests

Songwriter's Protective Association (SPA) thru attorney John Schulman protested that the "interpretation" measures are "fundamentally falla-cious." Schulman stated that "no congressional hearing on this matter has been held in the last 10 years be-cause of the weirdness of the bill. The entire tenor of the copyright act is the intellectual concept. Those who do not create have no reason to de-mand a copyright on the creations of others" others.

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# **SCAMOA Sets Initiation Fees for New Memberships**

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LOS ANGELES, June 7.—Follow-ing a series of changed decisions, Southern California Automatic Music Operators' Association (SCAMOA) announced Wednesday (4) that ini-tiation fees for new members would be set at a minimum of \$25, plus \$1 per machine, for a period of 60 days. Statement by Managing Director Statement, by Managing Director Jay Bullock, reversed action taken at the SCAMOA meeting Monday (2) at the Alexandria Hotel here, when members voted to set initiation fee at \$150 plus the first month's dues. Bullock said that operators whose membership has lapsed may be reinstated by payment of back dues plus 10 per cent, or a flat \$150, which-ever amount is smaller. SCAMOA dues are \$1 per machine monthly, and there are no sticker fees.

At the meeting, other important business included discussion of the association's affiliation with new AFL

### **Coney Island Gets Foot Oscillators**

CONEY ISLAND, N. Y., June 7.-Isadore Rothman introduced 20 of his newly designed foot oscillating machines to the public last week from a spot on the Boardwalk. He says a Chicago coin machine manufacturer is planning production of the machines to operate on dimes.

The machines are patented and built by Rothman, who collects 10 cents each time a patron uses them. Standing about a foot high, the ma-chines are placed next to chairs so that the patron can be seated during the "restful treatment."



Union Local 1052, and of the truce between two factions of Music Opera-tors' Association of Southern California (MOASC).

#### Charter Obtained

Bullock advised the membership that a master charter had been ob-tained from the American Federation of Labor, and that Local 1052 of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers would be affiliated with it. In return for the affiliation, SCAMOA has guaranteed a closed shop. Union will handle only complaints regardwill handle only complaints regard-ing wages, hours and working conditions. Effective June 1, tie-up with Local

1052 afforded union affiliation which SCAMOA had been without since its break with Local B-11 IBEW more than two months ago. Bullock told the group that he had been unable to advise members of the

arrival of the new union charter until this time. "Now you have it," he de-clared. "This is the first time in 54 clared. "This is the first time in 54 years that a contract of this type has been given." It was reported unoffi-cially that the charter is an all-inclusive one in the amusement and music coin machine fields music coin machine fields.

#### Sherry Union Manager

Union, for which Hal Sherry will be business manager, will have its own offices at 1705 West Pico Bouleown offices at 1705 West Pico Boule-vard, near those of SCAMOA when it moves to 1709 West Pico. Sherry was unable to attend the SCAMOA meeting because of illness. Other union officials include Ernie Bryant, president; Ken Spaulding, vice-presi-dent; Johnny Huntsman, recording secretary; Bill Leuenhagen, treasurer. Sherry previously had stated that under the closed shop agreement all

under the closed shop agreement all members of SCAMOA would be members of Local 1052, but that all members of the local would not be members of the association.

Truce between the Jay Bullock and Truce between the Jay Bullock and Dick Gallagher organizations of MOASC was the other subject of dis-cussion. Bullock said that MOASC, meaning the parent organization of SCAMOA, not the Gallagher organi-zation—was still alive and that the charter and books were in his office. **Informal Meets** 

At a previous meeting of MOASC (Gallagher), it had been decided to close the association offices, but to hold informal dinner meetings for discussion of operators' problems. With its charter in dispute, the group had been advised several weeks be-fore by its attorney to file for an-other one. Feeling that sufficient in-terest in the association was not forthcoming, the 26 charter members decided to close the office. SCAMOA members at their meet-ing this week decided to draft a code of ethics and send it to all operators along with pertinent information At a previous meeting of MOASC

along with pertinent information about the organization. Jimmy Marshall, William Matthews and Bill Leuenhagen were named as a com-mittee to draft the code.

#### Oak Park, Ill., To Install Parking Meters for 6 Mos.

OAK PARK, Ill., June 7.—Over 350 parking meters will be installed in three of this village's commercial districts within 60 days, S. W. Coch-ran, president, said this week. Oak Park, famous as being the largest village in the world, will put the meters on trial for six months without immediate payment as meter revenue will be applied against their cost.

Officials believe a return of about \$75 per year will be realized from each meter. Rates will be five cents an hour, or one cent for 12 minutes. Village is said to have received bids of from \$61 to \$80 per unit, including installation.

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### New Ops Hike **Detroit Roster**

(Continued from page 107) tacularly, but most of them are show-ing steady increases.

#### Help Shortage

Worst problem facing any new op-erator here today, business reports erator here today, business reports from numerous, typical sources indi-cate, is that of securing qualified help. Aside from the high level of wages prevailing, not only in the coin machine industry but thruout the Detroit labor mart, there is a genuine scarcity of trained service and repair men. The training many of the newcomers received working of the newcomers received working on other routes has proved of real value, and this number of newcomers has experienced little difficulty as long as they keep their routes small. But once the route grows to a point where another service or repair man is needed, the newcomer, like the old established firm, has a real problem. This combination of high wages and shortage of qualified service and

repair men is likely to encourage a larger number of small operators. The combination likewise serves as one of the principal explanations for older operators disposing of some of their routes.

#### **Big Demand for Machines**

Demand for all types of new equip-ment here is proving strong, particu-larly the demand for games. But buying is more cautious than it was a few months back. What appears to be the most serious problem in restricting the normal turnover of machines is the uncertain levels of prices on used equipment, with op-erators reluctant to part with used machines at a price that allows the jobber to recondition and handle them at a reasonable profit.

mem at a reasonable profit. Machine grosses here are following the general pattern, with bulk vend-ing machine operators reporting a slight decline, traceable, they say, to a shortage of pennies on the part of school children which in turn re-flects a growing huvers' caution that flects a growing buyers' caution that is characteristic of present-day Detroit.

Holding up best of all, operators here say, are amusement games, par-ticularly the new bowling games, which are getting better-than-aver-age play in the city.

### Sales Tax in Conn. **Excludes Cigarettes**

HARTFORD, Conn., June 7.—In session at the State capitol here, both houses of the Legislature passed a 3 per cent gross sales and use tax. Effective July 1, the sales tax is ex-pected to raise an estimated \$26,000,000 annually. Passage of the measure assured an additional \$7,500,000 yearly toward State aid for education; abolition of

the \$3 old-age assistance tax, and elimination of the annual State tax

on towns aggregating \$1,250,000. Beginning July 1, the consumer public will pay prices amounting to 3 per cent higher on most commodi-ties and services except the follow-ing: cigarettes, rent, fuel, food, medi-cal services, children's clothing, precal services, children's clothing, pre-scribed medicines, gasoline, magazines and newspapers, and meals at educational institutions. Also ex-empted are sales to charitable and government agencies.

New tax will be included in sale prices and be collected from business concerns on gross business.

#### Launderette in Spartanburg

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 7.— New self-service laundry, the Laun-derette, has just begun operating here. Firm uses Bendix automatic here. Firm machines.

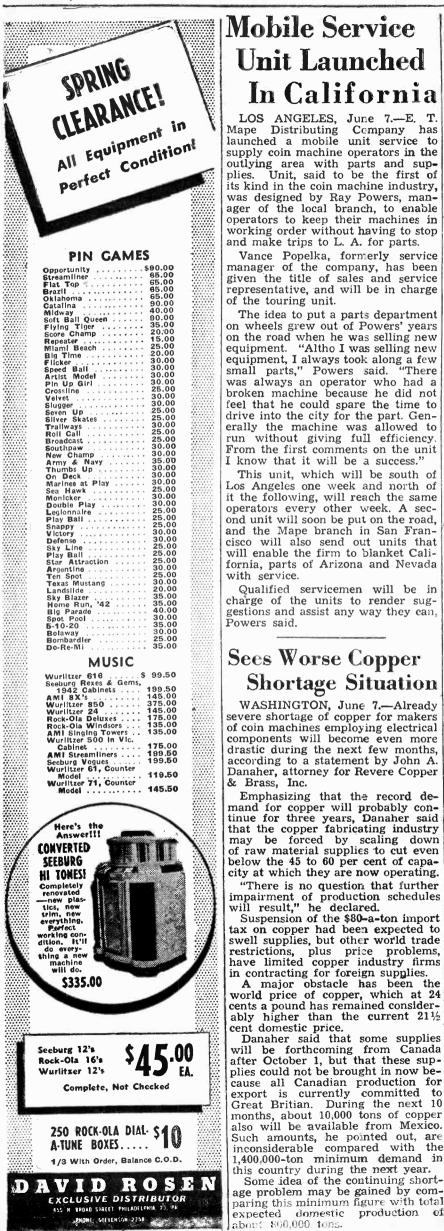
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"Altho I was selling new equipment, I always took along a few small parts," Powers said. "There was always an operator who had a broken machine because he did not \$199.50 BRAND NEW EQUIPMENT BARGAINS MUSIC GAMES---VENDORS---ETC. 100 New Solotone Wall Boxes Write GAMES---VENDORS---ETC. 10 New Solotone Loc. Amplifiers Write New Daval Free Play Frt. or Cig. Reels. 2 New Packard Mod. 400 Hideaways Write New Maner. Eagle, Non-Coin Oper. 65 New Packard Pla-Mor Wall Boxes \$ 27.50 New Amer. Eagle, 16 Token P.O. 5 1000' Rolls New 30 Wire Coded Cable 180.00 New Maner. Eagle, 17 Token P.O. New Mare. Eagle, 16 Token P.O. 9000 BRAND NEW RECORDS New Genco Whizz With Stands 3 New Daval Gushers, Token P.O. 4 10 Numbers. Write for complete Itemized list. Take your pick @ 40% and 10% off List 1 New Chl. Coin Goalee 26 New Ideal Card Vendors, 2-16 Slots . feel that he could spare the time to drive into the city for the part. Gen-erally the machine was allowed to run without giving full efficiency. 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We don't have brains enough to charge high prices! Danaher, attorney for Revere Copper & Brass, Inc. Emphasizing that the record de-5-BALL FREE PLAYS Write for our prices on 4 Emphasizing that the record de-mand for copper will probably con-tinue for three years, Danaher said that the copper fabricating industry may be forced by scaling down of raw material supplies to cut even below the 45 to 60 per cent of capa- D-DALL FKEE PLAI3 Cyclone \$304.50 Cross Fire 299.50 Rocket Write Kliroy 265.00 Double Barrel 150.00 Malsie 294.00 1daho Idaho 100.00 ABC Bowler 30.00 Stratoliner GII NEW MILLS and JENNINGS SLOTS MUSIC Wurlitzer 61 \$ 75.00 Wurlitzer 616 \$ 150.00 Rock-Ola RM 12 \$ 45.00 Wurlitzer Twin 12 \$ 125.00 city at which they are now operating. "There is no question that further impairment of production schedules will result," he declared. COIN MACHINE DISTRIBUTORS, INC. ROE Suspension of the \$80-a-ton import tax on copper had been expected to swell supplies, but other world trade 2323 CHESTER AVE. • SUperior 4600 • CLEVELAND 14, 0. restrictions, plus price problems, have limited copper industry firms in contracting for foreign supplies. A major obstacle has been the world price of copper, which at 24 cents a pound has remained consider-ably higher than the current 21½ cent domestic price. Danaher said that some supplies WANTED 200 USED LATE 5 BALL GAMES Danaher said that some supplies will be forthcoming from Canada after October 1, but that these sup-plies could not be brought in now be-cause all Canadian production for export is currently committed to Great Britian. During the next 10 months, about 10,000 tons of copper also will be available from Mexico. Such amounts he pointed out are WILL GIVE GOOD TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE ON NEW CAMES. SEND LIST AT ONCE. MID-STATE CO., 2369 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. 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MONICA LEWIS SINGS (Signature S-6) The label's songlady is packaged for the first time for a set of four records. And even if the spinning doesn't take as easy to the ear, the kodachrome face photo of the beaut chanteuse is a cinch to catch the eye on spotting the album jacket. Inside page, along with bio notes, carries another photo accenting la bell Lewis's physical charms. As for the chanting, Miss Monica sets forth eight old-time favorites, singing them with full voice and full lyrical ex-pression. While taking liberty with the slow ballad tempo and getting rich instrumental background from Ray Bloch's music makers, the gal pushes the lyric instead of getting under it, with the result that there isn't that relaxed and easy flow of her kodachrome face photo of the beaut isn't that relaxed and easy flow of her lyrical charm. Moreover, the spin-ning is without change of pace or contrast in her chants, save for *I'll* See You in My Dreams, which she sings at a bright and even tempo and sings at a bright and even tempo and sells her lyrical charm to best ad-vantage. Taking in the pops and show tunes, the other selections take in Speak to Me of Love, to which she adds the French lyrics with pontifi-cal punctuation; If I Loved You, Al-ways, But Not for Me, Someone To Watch Over Me, They Didn't Believe Me and I'll See You Again—a hodge-podge choice of songs. podge choice of songs.

#### SEBASTIAN BALLET SUITE-Dimitri Mitropoulos (Columbia MX-278)

Dimitri Mitropoulos, conducting the Robin Dell Orchestra of Philadelphia, composed largely of members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, gives a bril-liant reading of Gian-Carlo Menotti's lovely ballet suite, *Sebastian*, taken from the exotic story of 17th Century Venice. In the six scenes of the bal-let recorded in this set of two 12-inch let recorded in this set of two 12-inch records, the young composer provides a musical fantasy in a modern but melodic idiom to tell the story of a beautiful courtesan and the humble Moor who sacrifices himself to save her from the witchcraft practiced against her. Mitropoulos, in the playing of the orchestra, brings out all of the exotic melodic flavor of the musical fantasy, making it a most musical fantasy, making it a most striking addition to the wealth of striking addition to the weath of modern composition on wax. A scene of old Venice makes for an attractive front cover, with the inside page carrying a picture and biographical notes of the young Italian composer who came to these shores for his mu-pical education and is bimcelf togethe sical education and is himself teach-ing composition at the Curtis Insti-tute of Music, Philadelphia, where he originally studied under Rosario Scalero.

#### DELIUS' CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN-

Albert Sammons (Columbia MM-672) Albert Sammons displays both fine fiddle artistry and warmth of tone in performing the poetic music of Frederick Delius' Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, the composer's last work and one dedicated to the Engwork and one dedicated to the Eng-lish recitalist who first introduced it in 1919 with the London Philhar-monic. Entirely a violin monolog, richly romantic and with tonal poet-ry, the solo is set against a full or-chestral background played by the Liverpool Philharmonic conducted by Malcolm Sargent. Recorded in Eng-gand, the concerto covers three 12-inch records. English village scene makes for the frontispiece with phomakes for the frontispiece, with pho-to of the soloist and notes on the composer for the inside page.

#### MOONLIGHT SONATA-Vladimir Horowitz (Victor DM-1115)

Vladimir Horowitz is sure to command the highest popularity with his careful and detailed piano reading of the oft-recorded Moonlight Sonata

of Beethoven. Shows complete mastery of the piano and the piano piece, taking two 12-inch records for the performance. Front cover carries the titles in bold letters with notes on the music for the inside page.

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#### BEETHOVEN'S PATHETIQUE SONATA-Artur Rubinstein (Victor DM-1102)

Artur Rubinstein gives a well-balanced yet emotional performance in his piano artistry for Beethoven's his piano artistry for Beethoven's Sonata (Pathetique) No. 8 in C Minor, which the recitalist put to popular favor last year when he re-corded it for the sound track of the movie, I've Always Loved You. With broad sonority in his playing, Rubin-stein brings to the sonata a high de-gree of faccination and this set of gree of fascination, and this set of two 12-inch records is a worthwhile acquisition for the record library. Photo of the artist at the grand piano graces the front cover, with notes on the music for the inside page.

#### RICHARD JAMES

(Melodee MA-10-12-16-18)

"Pinocchio," "Snow White," "The Sleep-ing Beauty," "Cinderella."

Possessing a pleasant voice for the story telling and taking all the character parts to make for voice contrast, Richard James holds attention with his narration of these four "once upon a time" classic tales. Each individually packaged in a two-record album with the envelopes sealed to the covers—the front covers illustrat-ing the fairy tale. Stories adapted for the plattering by Arthur Helms, who retains all the story details. Clark D. Whipple at the organ provides original background music which sometimes overshadows the story telling. Nonetheless, the sim-plicity of the spinning and the nar-rator's clear diction, even in the voice changes, make it easy for the mop-pets to follow the story thread for each of the four familiar tales. Disks are non-breakable, which makes it all the more inviting for the mer-chandising. Stories, all standard fairy tales, hardly bear retelling here.

#### **DESI ARNEZ** (Victor 20.2279-80-81-82)

This set of four records spins out e familiar south-of-the-border fathe miliars in lively and colorful fashion, the music making of Desi Arnez rich in both rhythm and melody. The in both rhythm and melody. The maestro adds expressive singing for the slow bolero, *Tabu*, and the "Babalu rumba classic. Set to the lively samba rhythms are Brazil, featuring the flashy fingering of Rene Touzet at the Steinway, *Tico Tico*, both instrumentals, as are the other rumba sides *Green Fines* Schoney rumba sides, Green Eyes, Siboney, Peanut Vender and the tango La Cumparsita. All makes for fine dance incentive for the South American en-thusiasts. Set offered as singles rather than in platter package form. rather than in platter package form.

#### ALICE IN WONDERLAND"-

Grace Coppin (Melodee MA.22) The highlights of this familiar fa-ble are strung together by Arthur Helms and told in an intelligent manner by Grace Coppin. But withmanner by Grace Coppin. But with-out the whimsey and charm which this symbolic tale of *Alice in Won-derland* lends itself. Nonetheless, it's easy to follow Miss Coppin's narra-tion, her diction and voice changes for the characters making for sus-tained interest over the four sides. Clark D. Whipple at the organ pro-vides descriptive background music thruout. Figures of story characters grace the title page with the record envelopes sealed to the inside covers. Records are non-breakable, making Records are non-breakable, making for added merchandising appeal. A familiar fable, set is strictly for the moppets.

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#### STREET SCENE (Columbia MM-683)

Spinning over six 12-inch records, Columbia has cut the original cast for highlights of the *Street Scene* musical success. The spinning, blend-ing the action of the Elmer Rice play with Kurt Weill's music and Lang-top Hugher' luring it's an interaction with Kurt Weill's music and Lang-ston Hughes' lyrics, it's an integration of drama and music that marks the score as a folk opera rather than a musical opus. And even for those who haven't seen the show, it's the next best thing to two seats on the aisle, even if some of the bright song snots nerticularly the Lee Cragm Sca Abravanel conducting the pit or-chestra, tops in the twirling is the top tenoring of Brian Sullivan, the kid chorus ensemble and the comedy lullaby by nurse maids Ellen Carleen and Peggy Turnley. Also high on the score's vocal scale is the soprano piping of Anne Jeffreys and Polyna Stoska, with other members of the cast making the score excerpts count. Show stars, pictured against a Gotham street scene, make for an attrac-tive cover design with photo of com-poser Weill and his own notes on his music filling the inside page.

#### LATIN AMERICAN FOLK SONGS-Olga Coelho (Victor S-50)

Singing with deep conviction and expressive feeling, Olga Coelho, Bra-zilian canary, gracefully displays her smooth and clear soprano pipes for a set of six Latin American folk songs. And just as expressive as her singing are her own guitar strums in traditional folk style. Giving self-explan-

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review.

atory prefaces in English to start the spinning before she goes into her song, Miss Coelho has collected the native songs of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Cuba for this performance. Singing of romance, gaiety and even of sadness, she gives a captivating rendition for each selection, taking in My Little Lemon Tree, The Little Cottage, Coplas, The Little Mule; Ay, Ay, Ay and The Peanut Vender. Three records make an important addition to the wealth of Latin American folk music on wax. Records shipped without album jacket for

#### PANCHO-"Tangos," "Sambas" (Decca A.455 and 4.457)

Reissuing the Latin American mu-sic of Pancho and his orchestra, the label whips together two sets of in-strumental. One set packages five records of "tangos," with a companion records of "tangos," with a companion set of four records devoted to the "sambas." Figured designs make for appropriate title pages for both sets, with the inside pages printing de-scriptive notes of the dance forms and added paragraphs about the maestro. Selections for the most part familiars now, particularly among the tangos. However, the exposition of Latin-American music has gone a of Latin-American music has gone a or Latin-American music has gone a long way since Pancho first cut these sides. And while the rhythms are authentic and the melodic themes pronounced, the spinning lacks the color and lustre that Pancho might create for these compositions in this day. As a result, spinning falls far below the par plattered by the South American music melows to day South American music makers today, particularly pronounced in the samba sides which lack the spirit and verve dancers seek today for such stepping. And with so much fresh Latin music on wax in recent days, there's little reason for disk buyers to shell out for these faded sides.

#### ERNEST TUBB-

Souvenir Album (Decca A-529)

One of the foremost singers of the cowboy songs, particularly those of his own creation, Ernest Tubb, who sings in lusty outdoor fashion with a strong note of sincerity in his sage-brush baritone pipes, satisfies his followers with this set of eight new songs. All of the cowboy torch variety, all played at a bright ballad tempo with fiddles and guitars strumming out a grass-roots rhythm. All follow the same lyrical theme of the torch-burning cowboy with the matching music all in the same famatching music all in the same fa-miliar idiom. And while there may not be another Walking the Floor Over You, Tubb sells it strong with his sincerity in song for a lively An-swer To Walking the Floor Over You and the ballads You'll Want Me Back, Those Simple Things Are Worth a Million Now, I'm Free at Last, Though the Days Were Only Seven, Those Tears in Your Eyes and Can I Be Sure? The sequel to his Walking the Floor hit loons strong-est for music box attraction, altho the est for music box attraction, altho the popularity of the singer will count popularity of the singer will count for coins to any of the sides in the set. Photo of the outdoor troubadour graces the front cover, with bio notes filling the inside page.

#### BILLIE HOLIDAY (Commodore CR-2)

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The sensuous and sultry singing of Billie Holiday makes for an exciting spinning session in this set of eight sides, particularly with each of the familiar ballad songs tailor-made for her blue and soulful jazz phrasings. And in each case the accompanying jam crew of music makers are out of the same top drawer as the singer. Selections, all in her standard reper-toire, take in Yesterdays and I Gotta Right To Sing the Blues, small June 14, 1947

swing-star units supporting, with piano ace Eddie Heywood pacing the musical backdrops for the remaining six sides that take in I'll Get By, I'll Be Seeing You, Lover Come Back to Me, I Cover the Waterfront, She's Funny That Way, How am I to Know? First two sides were originally waxed in 1939 with the Heywood sessioning dating back to 1944. A striking candid color photo of the beige songbird makes for a striking cover design. For the jazz fans who missed these single sides, this set is manna from swing heaven.

## THE REVOLT OF THE ALPHABET-Ruth Chatterton (Tiffany T-A-1)

This new record label makes its bow in a most engaging and fascinating kiddie set of two records that of-fers screen and stage star Ruth Chatterton telling the unusual story of The Revolt of the Alphabet. The story written and produced by Jack Byrne, former program supervisor for the ABC network who heads the new waxery, is original and novel in content And Miss Chatterton, in spite of her heavy dramatic overtones, has an easy time of it in arresting the attention. It tells of four characters who rebel and drop out of the alpha-bet because "X" always "marks the spot." But Mr. X finally resolves all the confusion when he shows the other letters how unimportant he really is, all adding up to a telling moral of what a terrible thing envy can be. Byrne has given the set full-scale production, with radio maestro Vladimir Selinsky conducting a full orchestra, providing an attractive musical score. Pierre Lafitte added the four-color cover attraction, with photo of Miss Chatterton high-lighting the credit lines on the in-side page. Oldsters will enjoy this as much as the youngsters.

#### 'IOEY THE IEEP"-Gloria Swanson (Willida WR-2)

Screen and stage star Gloria Swan-son makes for a fetching story telling in narrating this whimsical tale of Joey the Jeep and his love for Suzy Joey the Jeep and his love for Suzy Convertible, which he wins back after she falls for a more classy chassis. Youngsters in the household aid in fostering this mechanical romance, and with a highly capable cast sup-porting Miss Swanson, the originality and charm of Julie Marvin's story is a real attention-getter for both adults and wungsters alike. Dave Beberg and youngsters alike. Dave Roberts at the organ provides the descriptive at the organ provides the descriptive music, and Irving E. Bizman's direc-tion maintains a swift pace over the four sides. Entire production under supervision of W. F. Martens. Two records are unbreakables, making the buying all the more inviting. Colorful cartoon along with photo of the nar-rator makes for an attractive cover design, with inside page setting forth story notes setting the stage for the story enacted on the spinning sides. story enacted on the spinning sides.

#### GISELLE BALLET"-

Constant Lambert (Columbia MX-277)

Constant Lambert (Columbia MX.277) The oldest and hardiest of the music in standard ballet repertoire, Constant Lambert, who conducts the orchestra of the Royal Opera House at Convent Garden in England, has arranged the familiar and tuneful melodies of Adolphe Adams' ballet suite to make for an attractive symphonic spin over two 12-inch records. The excerpts from the full score, played with spirit and without distortion of the classical form, make this importation from across the pond a welcome addition to the music shelf. Ballet figures in a woodland setting provide the cover design, with picture of the maestro and the mythical story of Giselle, the passant girl, who was of Giselle, the peasant girl, who was loved by a Rhineland nobleman and by the game keeper who swears ven-geance on both because she spurns his love, makes for an informative inside page. (Continued on page 140)

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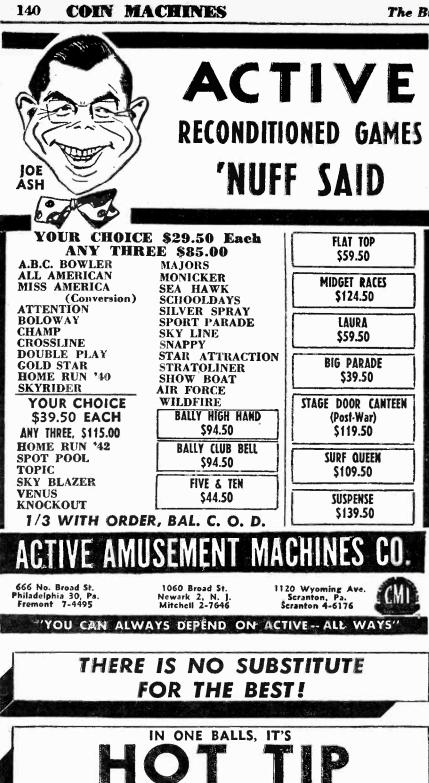
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#### "SONGS OF SAFETY"-Joey Nash (Melodee MA-14)

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Joey Nash needles the familiar Songs of Safety by Irving Caesar for this set of two non-breakable records. With Abbey Fraser's music providing the accompaniment and appropriate sound effects, Nash sings it effectively for this series of jingles designed to for this series of jingles designed to teach moppets to avoid traffic haz-ards. Nash medleys the songs, bridg-ing with his own announcement of the song title coming up. The kids still singing these songs in school all over the land, it's a pre-sold pack-age. Descriptive color cartoon makes for the cover design. Record envelopes are sealed to the cover backs.

#### BOB WILLS ROUNDUP

(Columbia C-128)

This is a round-up of eight previously issued sides by Western maestro Bob Wills, whose cowboy Western band of fiddle, trumpet, piano and guitars stampede with pert and toe-teasing rhythms in the Western hot idiom. With Wills projecting his idiom. With Wills projecting his personality on the platter, much in the happy manner of a Ted Lewis, and with Tommy Duncan's plaintive chanting packing the lyrical appeal, the spinning is ever bright for New San Antonio Rose, Trouble in Mind, Take Me Back to Tulsa, I Can't Go on This Way, Time Changes Every-thing and Roly-Poly. For the other two sides it's the best in the batch sides, it's the best in the batch Miss Molly, with the Leon Mctwo for Auliffe Trio singing the pert rhythm novelty, and a dated instrumental, Big Beaver, that has a full band with full saxes and trumpets on deck. Western motif makes for the cover design with picture of the cowboy maestro and bio notes on the inside page. Most of the sides are a cinch coin catching at the music machine locations.

#### BARTOK'S CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN AND ORCHESTRA

Yehudi Menuhin (Victor DM-1120) This is the first domestic recording of Bele Bartok's only violin con-certo, which has its musical roots in the folk music of the composer's native Hungary. Yehudi Menuhin, who introduced the concerts in Eng. native Hungary. Yehudi Menuhin, who introduced the concerto in England in 1945, in which year the composer died, gives an eloquent in-terpretation of the concerto, which is a blend of romantic themes and riotous rhythms in a setting of un-conventional but colorful harmonies. conventional but colorful harmonies. The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, un-der the direction of Antal Dorati, accompanies the violinist, playing with as much zest and vitality as the fiddler himself, all making for a high quality rendition of this modern violin classic. Takes five 12-inch records to cover the score. A sym-bolic fiddle and bow adds to the at-traction of the front cover title page, with notes on the composer and his with notes on the composer and his dissonant but richly colorful music printed on the inside page.

#### RACHMANINOFF CONCERTO No. 3 Cyril Smith (Columbia MM-671)

An importation from England, this set of five 12-inch records to cover the score of Rachmaninoff's piano concerto, No. 3 in D Minor, intro-duces on wax the artistry of Cyril A concerto rich in soaring Smith. Smith. A concerto rich in soaring melodies and harmonies, all simple and with lyrical charm, concert pianist Smith turns in a brilliant per-formance for the popular piece. The rich orchestral background, adding to the pleasure and heatty of the por the pleasure and beauty of the per-formance, is provided by the City of Birmingham Orchestra under the direction of George Weldon. A sym-bolic Russo figure makes for the front cover design, inside page carrying picture of the pianist with notes on the composer and his music.

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#### "MASOUERADE SUITE"-

Santa Monica Symphony (Asch 800) The romantic and richly melodious music of Aram Khatchaturian's Masquerade Suite, descriptive ballet music colorfully created from the folk songs of his native Armenia, makes it a most engaging start for the la-bel's new Classics Series identified by a blue label. The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra, directed by Jacques Rachmilovitch, brings out all of the melodic power and color of the five movements, covering as many 12-inch sides. The five moveas many 12-inch sides. The five move-ments, exploiting the ballroom glitter of an Imperial Russia include a Valse, Nocturne (violin solo), Mazurka, Ro-mance and Galop. Rounding out the set is Fete Populaire by another promising Soviet composer, Dimitri Kabalevsky, the orchestra capturing the spirit of the bright and lively waltz rhythms which sustain the holiday mood of the composition. Dancers at a masquerade ball are figured for an attractive front cover with a de-scriptive booklet on the composer and

#### his music included in the set.

Leonard Bernstein (Victor DM-1117) The label makes a real contribu-tion to recorded music in bringing forth Marc Blitzstein's highly crea-tive and exciting *The Airborne*, a modern symphony dealing with the history of human flight, blending the classical and popular forms of music, and integrated with narrative drama that tells of man's conquest of the air and its hopes for a future in Eighth Air Force, who commissioned Blitzstein to compose the work, the creative music integrates folk songs, spirituals, popular love songs, barbershop quartet and even a poem recited by the narrator without music background. Taking seven 12-inch rec-ords, the modern symphony is given a York Symphony under the direction of Leonard Berstein, who first intro-duced the masterful work, with Robert Shaw, who directs the RCA Vic-tor Chorale, also taking the part of the narrator which Orson Welles handled at its premiere performance. Soloists with the chorus are tenor Charles Holland and baritone Walter Scheff. The music and narration, provocative and dramatic, the set makes for a rare addition to the rec-ord library. Symbolic airplane figure graces the front cover. Six pages are added to the inside cover to carry notes on the performing artists, the composer and his music, along with reprints of the lyrics.

#### BACH'S BRANDENBURG CONCERTOS-

Serge Koussevitsky (Victor DM-1118) Serge Koussevitsky, conducting the Boston Symphony, provides a field day for the Bach music lovers in this set of four 12-inch records that takes in two of the six concertos the master dedicated to Christian Ludwig, the Margrave of Brandenburg. Using a complement of instruments approxi-mating the size of the orchestra used in Bach's time, three of the sides take in the Concerto No. 2 in F, famous for its use of the tiny D-flat trumpet, played by Roger Voisin, who pro-duces piercingly clear notes from the toy trumpet higher than the modera horn. The solo passages, including those for the Concerto No. 5 in D, which takes up the other five sides. are played eloquently by flute, piano, violin and oboe. Concertos were re-corded at the Boston Symphony's concert theater at Tanglewood, Len-ox, Mass., during the Berkshire Music Festival. Bust figure of Bach makes for an impressive cover design, with notes on the music for the inside page.



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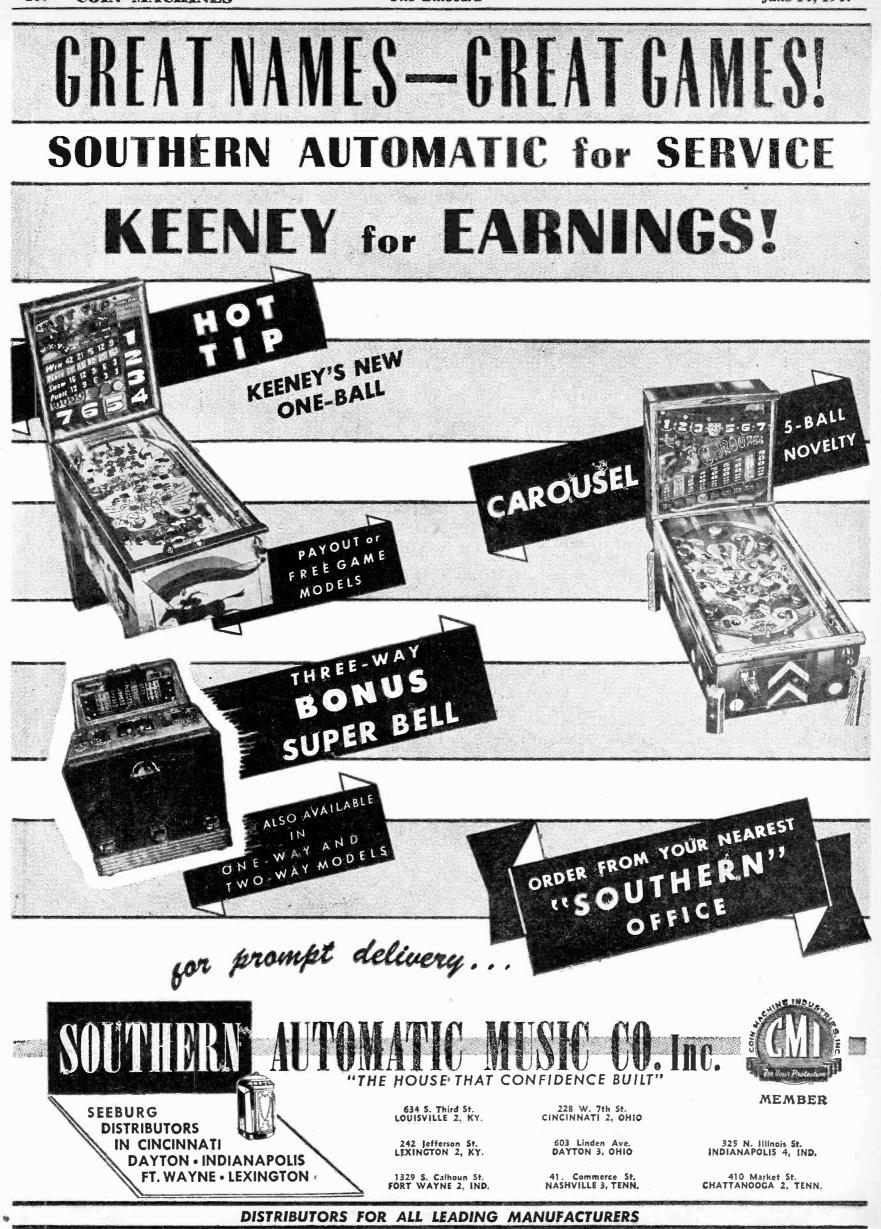
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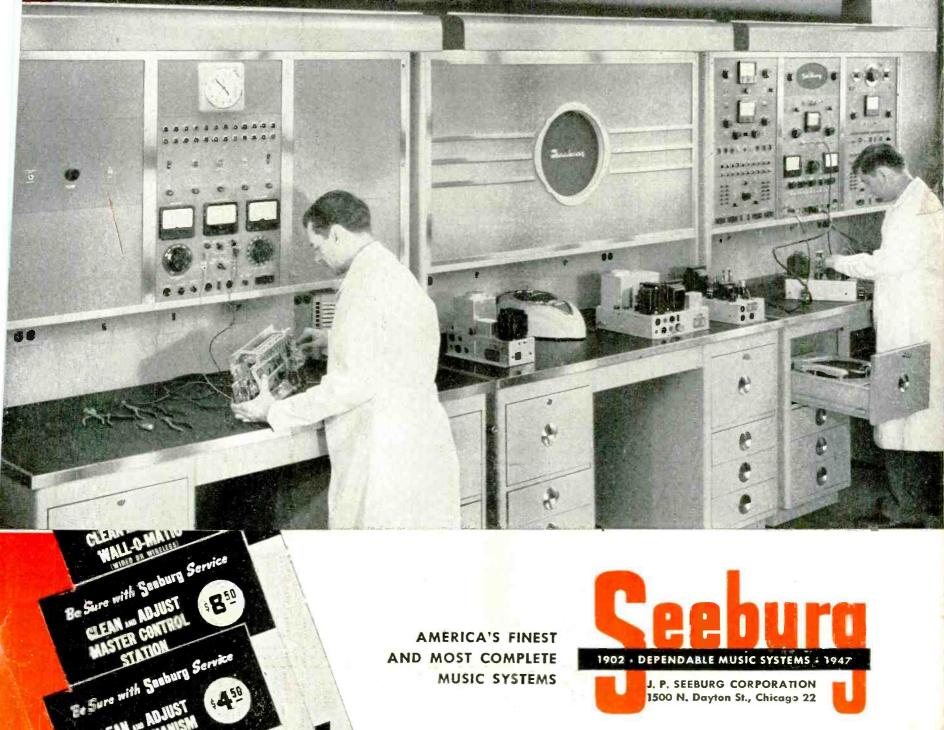
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