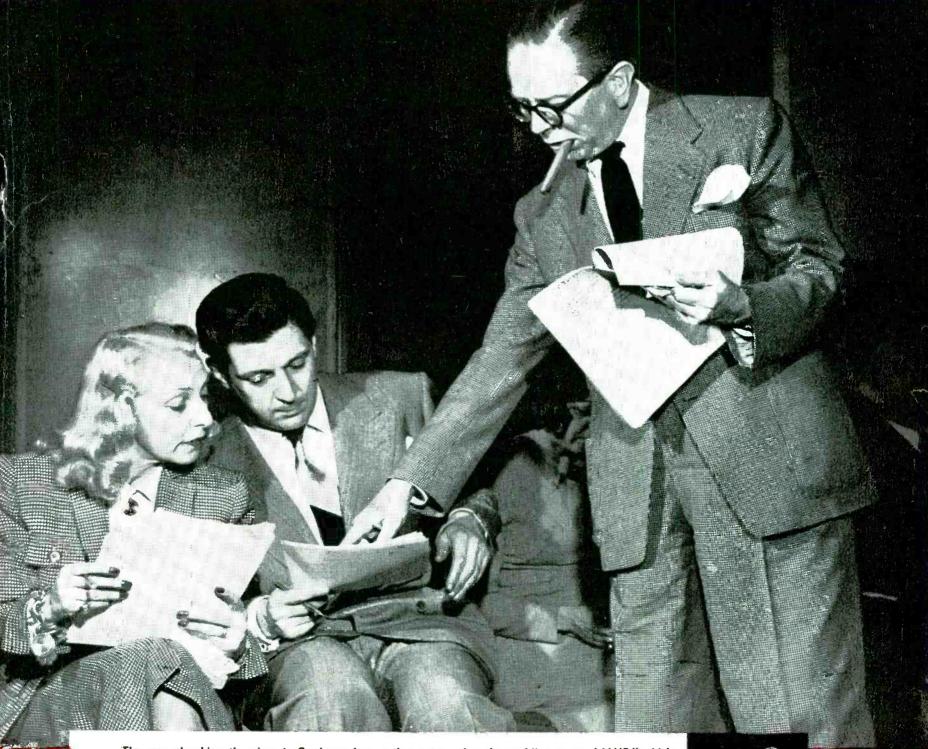
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The man clenching the cigar is Goodman Ace. author, actor and producer of "mr. ace and JANE," which John Crosby, Herald Trib and syndicated radio columnist calls "streamlined and very, very funny." It's on CBS every Saturday at 7 p.m. mr. ace plays a melancholy advertising man. The woman is Jane. Jane is Mrs. Ace on the show and also in real life, a heavy burden to carry. She is one of showbusiness' veteran "dumb dames" and strictly a top Mrs. Malaprop. The man in the middle is Paul, mr. ace's brother-in-law, who is steadily unemployed except for the job he does on m. ace's nerves. The Aces (formerly the Easy Aces) have been making America's listeners laugh for nearly 20 years. Other critics agree with Crosby that it's a very funny show, and still another effective example of CBS' program leadership. Tab for the show has been picked up by General Foods.

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AFM-DISKERY HUDDLE NEAR?

WNBC Buys WCTC Court Makes Plugs for "Salute"

NEW YORK, April 17 .- When the next of WNBC's promotional Salute to the Cities is dedicated to New Brunswick, N. J., Wednesday (21) it will be boosted to the populace thru a series of spot announcements purchased by WNBC over indie WCTC, New Brunswick. The spots will be aired for three days prior to the salute, and will plug WNBC's shows. Three will be transcribed, made by Tex and Jinx, Bob Smith and John M. McCaffery. In return, WCTC will plug WNBC's Salute as news over its facilities, will put up joint displays in a local department store and will carry three WNBC shows simultaneously with the New York station: Norman Brokenshire, McCaffery's Room 416, and The Kuhns.

Room 416, and The Kuhns. Another special tie-up made by WNBC for its New Brunswick salute was with FM Station WDHN, which was slated to debut next week but postponed its premiere in deference to WNBC. The station, owned by The New Brunswick Daily Home News, is handling contacts between the newspaper and WNBC, and Hugh Boyd, WHDN station manager, is serving as local publicity chief for the entire New Brunswick salute campaign. In addition, WNBC will use the WDHN studios for broadcasts before the FM outlet itself does, for a few of its locally originated salute shows.

Warners Join **Pix Race for Tele Outlets**

WASHINGTON, April 17.--As TV equencies dwindle and hearings WASHINGTON, April 17.—As TV frequencies dwindle and hearings pile up, one of the most interesting battles for video channels has shaped up with entry of a television bid this week by Warner Bros., the third major flicker producer to get into the swim. Warner Bros has asked the Federal Communications Com-mission (FCC) for Channel 13 in Chicago. This brings to five the number of applicants for Chi's three open frequencies. open frequencies.

If Warners is successful in its ap-plication, it will be in direct com-petition with WBKB, operated by Balaban & Katz, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures. The other flicker producer is 20th Century-Fox, vying with seven other bidders for a Boston channel Boston channel.

Boston channel. The 198 pending TV bids, together with the interest shown by three of the largest movie outfits, bear out the claim of FCC Chairman Wayne Coy that video is "out of the dream stage." TV compilation this week disclosed 22 stations on the air, 71 under construction and 102 panding. under construction and 198 pending.

According to Coy, there are now more than 181,000 video sets in the country, compared with 7,000 at the end of the war.



Decish Clears Up Nothing

NEW YORK, April 17.—The long-awaited court decision in the case of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's) against Matt Shelvey, former head of American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA), in-stead of settling anything, this week threw everything into more confu-sion than ever sion than ever.

sion than ever. Supreme Court Justice Null got the case February 10. Shelvey sought an injunction against the Four A's to stop them from running AGVA and using up union dough. The Four A's countered with a request for a similar injunction, which would order Shelvey to turn over all

(See Shelvey-4 A's on page 39)

NEW YORK, April 17.---WMCA, New York, has under-taken an exhaustive study of sex

Ganders Sex

education programs broadcast thruout the country. Aim is to analyze what's been said on the air and what hasn't and do an all-out series filling in the open events. spots.

CBS May Buy L. A. Times **Video Station**

NEW YORK, April 17.—A deal whereby Columbia Broadcasting Sys-tem (CBS) will buy into the tele-vision station owned by *The Los An-geles Times* is now being negotiated. getes Times is now being negotiated. The report was confirmed yesterday by Frank Stanton, CBS president. Both Norman Chandler, publisher of the paper, and his chief tele engineer, (See CBS After Times on page 15)

IMC Meets; **Murray Calls** Upon Union

Ban May Be Lifted Soon

By Joe Carlton

By Joe Carlton NEW YORK, April 17.—A meeting between Petrillo and the disk makers appears a-borning, possibly within a few weeks. With the disker members of the Industry Music Committee (IMC) due to huddle here privately Wednesday (21) in the offices of Decca Records' Executive Veepee Milton Rackmill, it has been reliably learned, meanwhile, that James W. Murray, veepee in charge of the RCA Victor record division and chairman of the IMC-disker group, has communicated Tecord division and chairman of the IMC-disker group, has communicated with Petrillo's office here, presumably to effect preliminary steps toward set-ting up a conference (or series) which may end the recording ban. Flatly questioned as whether a meeting with (See Waxer-AFM Meet on page 16)

WGYN, Palisades Park Ink Live Ork Series---FM Pioneer N. Y. Plans One

NEW YORK, April 17.—A deal was set this week between Palisades (N. J.) Park and FM station WGYN by which the name bands appearing at the park will be aired nightly over the station. This marks one of the first live band series to be set for FM since the recent relaxation of FM restrictions by the American Fed-eration of Musicians (AFM). The initial show kicks off tonight

eration of Musicians (AFM). The initial show kicks off tonight from 11:30 to 11:55 p.m. with Georgie Paxton's band featured. Until Deco-ration Day the remotes will be presented on Saturdays and Sundays only and nightly thereafter, with airing time from 9:30 to 9:55 except Saturdays, which will remain the same as on the premiere. The re-motes all will be sustainers to avoid any complications with AFM result-ing from commercial sale.

A further WGYN-Palisades series is in the offing, with no starting date set, for a disk jockey show to origi-nate at the park Casino, including interviews and other appearances of celebs at the Casino. Continuing will be last year's arrangement between the two organizations whereby a 27the two organizations, whereby a 27-speaker public-address system will carry WGYN's full schedule to visi-tors in all parts of the park.

tors in all parts of the park. New promotional tie-ups between the two include a moving electric sign erected outside the amusement park facing New York, noting the WGYN airers. Also special posters will be placed thruout the park noting that the music amplified thru the speakers comes from WGYN and urging purchase of FM sets to get the shows direct. All other Palisades promotions will mention the tie-ups.

NEW YORK, April 17.—All the theatrical unions may yet be housed in one building now going up on the site of the old Hippodrome, if plans inaugurated by the American Na-tional Theater and Academy (ANTA) succeed. Actors' Equity has already been approached by ANTA and ap-pointed a committee consisting of Paul Turner, Clarence Derwent and Jose Ferrer to investigate the prop-osition. osition.

Equity owns its present property on 47th Street, but the feeling has long existed within the org that the (See 1 HOUSE FOR ALL on page 45)

Varnum Flackery Boosts Monroe To Hubbub in Staid Old Hub

BOSTON, April 19 .- At least one, of the reasons for the sustained ability to make a buck evidenced by the Vaughn Monroe ork (despite the general band business slump) was amply eral band business slump) was amply demonstrated here in the past week. Today the band is skedded to play at Fenway Park, when the Boston Red Sox open their 1948 season, and just last Thursday (15) the moon racing maestro and his band played one of the most unusual for-free dates in ork history. in ork history.

In this town where the Cabots, the Lodges and God are traditionally reversational companions, and where books, plays, etc., which mention a boy and girl in the same breath have

long been banned, the Monroe band played from the speaker's stand in the staid Boston State House before a mixed audience made up of the members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and bobby-soxers who packed the gallery.

Politicos in Rhubarb

The occasion was celebration of Vaughn Monroe Day, officially desig-nated as such by the Boston law-makers. Not only did the stunt itself snare front-page and other stories and photos in practically all the Boston sheets, but events leading up to the day also served to snatch lineage. The State House concert was origi-

(See Varnum Boosts on page 16)

Tic "Monopoly" Case Up Soon

WASHINGTON, A pril 17. — A deadline of April 27 has been set for a group of trade associations and manufacturers to answer a complaint by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) charging them with operating as an unlawful combination to fix prices and eliminate competition in manufacture and sale of various manufacture and sale of various kinds of amusement tickets (*The Billboard*, April 10). The amusement tickets, according to FTC, include thekets, according to rite, include checks and coupons used by all types of amusement enterprises such as carnivals, fairs, races, bathhouses, horse and dog shows, swimning pools, games and theaters.

Named in the FTC complaint were six trade associations and 35 manufacturers.

Para's Theater Tele

No. 1 On the Honor Roll of Hits NOW IS THE HOUR

NOW IS THE HOUR

No. 1 Disk Via Dealer Sales

No. 1 Most Played on Disk Jockey Shows MANANA by Peggy Lee, Capitol 15022

No. 1 Sheet Music Seller

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NUMBER ONE ACROSS THE MUSIC-DISK BOARD

Hypo Ship Nitery Dispute E **D**ispute Ends

DETROIT, April 17.—An apparent settlement in the Ship nitery dispute was reached last night thru high-level intervention by the executive committee of the Michigan Table Top Congress and Al Renner, president of the Michigan Federation of Labor, who is also an official of the waiters' union. The agreement was hailed as union. The agreement was hailed as a complete labor victory by Billy Grubbs, representative of the Ameri-can Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA).

It calls for a complete union shop at the Ship, with the spot to resume AGVA shows early next week and to AGVA shows early next week and to withdraw the Circuit Court applica-tion for an injunction to stop the unions from picketing. The unions, accordingly, withdrew picket lines last night and Phil Graham's band and waitresses went back to work. Business continued wery poor Business continued very poor

Business continued very poor . The op said that while settlement was made thru Ted Gilbert, execu-tive director of Table Top, he did not know the terms and positively would not put back any shows whatever, AGVA or otherwise. but would have straight dancing policy.

Hotel and Nitery Planned for N.O.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.-NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—Plans for an ultra-modern hotel which would be the city's first on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain have been announced by South Lake Realty Cor-poration of Chicago. The \$3,000,000 structure would contain a night club, convention hall, theater and other recreational facilities. The Chicago firm has agreed to purchase more than 14 acres of land from the Or-leans Levee Board, owners of Pontleans Levee Board, owners of Pont-chartrain Beach, the city's largest amusement park. The hotel will be about two miles from the beach.

Howard Blum, president of the realty firm, said a 250-room unit might be ready by the 1949 carnival season. Ultimately, a 400-room hotel is planned.

a Theater Video on page 15)	Altho the KMPC case is expected to come up for mention in the Mayflower (See FCC Probe on page 9)	Billboard
n This Issue	Insure Your Vote Each year for the past four years voting on the part of the people of the theater for the Donaldson Awards has increased. Now as preparations for the Fifth Annual Donaldson Awards get under way,	The World's Foremost Amusement Weekly Founded 1894 by W. H. Donaldson Publishers Roger S. Littleford Jr. William D. Littleford
nes	the Awards committee wishes to do everything possible to see that everyone in the theater has an opportunity to vote. Early in May ballots and instructions are delivered by hand to the theaters to all the players appearing on Broadway at the time. In order to get ballots to players who will not be appearing on Broadway early in May, The Billboard, sponsor of the Donaldson Awards, would like to have the names and addresses of such players, so that a ballot may be properly mailed to them. Make certain of your vote for the Donaldson Awards, the thea- ter's own selections of its "bests." Fill out the coupon below and return it to The Billboard today.	E. W. Evans
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"Sneak" Bouts Go Over

Added Radio-

Pic Competish

YORK, April Theater's "sneak 17.—Para-NEW mount Theater's "sneak preview" Wednesday night (15) of full-screen-Wednesday night (15) of full-screen-size telecast of navy boxing bouts from the Sands Street YMCA in Brooklyn and announcement by the picture maker-exhibitor organization that it would install similar television equipment in theaters in four other cities (probably Los Angeles, Chi-cago, Boston and Dallas) this year was considered the strongest sign to date that theater television is about to get under way in earnest. to get under way in earnest.

to get under way in earnest. Coupled with the report that RCA, after several years of intensive ex-perimentation with Warner Bros. and 20th Century-Fox, is ready to make shipments of its direct full-size screen television equipment for thea-ters. the Para showing also points up the accelerated competition likely to ensue between broadcasting and film interests on the theater video front. front.

66-Second Lapse

66-Second Lapse Para's telecast was via microwave relays. The firm's own cameras shot the fights at Sands Street, trans-mitted images to a tower on the Daily News Building, thence to Paramount Theater building, where images were filmed right off a spe-cial cathode ray tube and transposed to a speed of 24 images per second from the original 30 images per second. The film was then thrown on the theater screen thru a stand-ard 35mm. projector. Time lapse be-tween moment of action in Sands Street and image's appearance on theater screen was said to be 66 seconds. RCA's equipment utilizes (See Para Theater Video on page 15)

MANANA by Peggy Lee. Capitol 15022 No. 1 Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes NOW IS THE HOUR by Bing Crosby, Decca 24279 No. 1 Folk Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes ANYTIME by Eddy Arnold and His Tennessee Plowboys, Victor 20-2700 No. 1 Race Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes KING SIZE PAPA by Julia Lee and Her Boy Friends, Capitol Americana 40082 No. 1 Sheet Music Seller in England A TREE IN THE MEADOW Leading albums, classical disks, English and Canadian sheet sellers and full score on all music-disk popularity in Music Popularity Charts, page 22 to 34 in Music Section.

FCC's KMPC Probe May Get Public Hearing; Cite N. Y. "Significance" FM Stand's

Commission Reaffirms Its "Fair Break" Position

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) investigation of KMPC and other broadcast stations contwo trolled by G. A. Richards is expected to culminate soon in a public hear-ing. This was indicated this week as FCC investigators were reported nearing a wind-up of their current phase of the commission's inquiry into charges leveled against Richards by ex-KMPC-ers alleging that Rich-ards had ordered slanting of news. One FCC spokesman said that "the next step will likely be a public hearif customary procedure is foling" lowed.

WASHINGTON, April 17. — The editorializing hearing which resumes ederal Communications Commission Monday (19), FCC Chairman Wayne Coy is reported inclined to keep the issues separate and to segregate the KMPC affair in a public hearing of KMPC affair in a public hearing of its own. Besides gathering data at KMPC in Los Angeles, commission investigators have been assembling information in Cleveland (WGAR) and Detroit (WJR) on Richards stations.

Considered significant in connection with the commission's inquiry into the Richards stations is the FCC's latest reaffirmation of commission authority in such cases, as ex-

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3 Outlets and 2 Dailies in Hub Melee Over Logs

BOSTON, April 17.—A first-class free-for-all developed here among two Boston dailies and three Boston area stations this week when The Boston Post started publishing the full program schedule of WLAW, 50,000-watter in nearby Lawrence, Mass. WLAW's transmitter, in Bur-lington, is 15 airline miles from Boslington, is 15 airline miles from Bos-

To make room for the WLAW log, The Post dropped WHDH's listing. Now WHDR and its owner, The Bos-ton Herald-Traveler, are doing a burn, both at The Post and the Lawrence station, even the *The Post* is running WHDH special events and sports shows in its highlight box.

In addition, WLAW is now soliciting In addition, wLAW is now soliciting Boston spot business, thereby inviting the wrath of all other Boston outlets, but especially WCOP. The reason for WCOP's burn is that both it and WLAW are affiliated with the Ameri-can Broadcasting Company (ABC).

Rochester Outlets Plan Join-AFRA Vote

FIANJOIN-AFRA VOLE ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 17.— American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) is engaged in heavy organ-izational activity here. WHAM, the Stromberg-Carlson 50,000 watter, de-cided Tuesday (13) by a vote of 11 to 1 to join the union. On the com-ing Tuesday (20) WARC will vote. WRNY is tentatively slated to vote April 27. WVET, another station here, allegedly has refused to con-sent to an election and has discharged an announcer, John Louther—this an announcer, John Louther—this action resulting in the union's filing unfair labor practice charges.

For a long while WHEC was the only Rochester station organized. Now the only Rochester outlet not involved with AFRA in some way is WSAY.

Jurgens May Bat For Spike Jones

NEW YORK, April 17 .- Dick Jurgens orchestra is being considered by Coca-Cola and the Music Corpora-tion of America (MCA) as a half-hour summer replacement program for the Spike Jones show over the Columbia Eroadcasting System.

D'Arcy Agency handles the account.

Block (and Sully) **On Amsterdam Show**

NEW YORK, April 17. - The Co-

NEW YORK, April 17. — The Co-lumbia Broadcasting System (CBS) package starring Morey Amsterdam will be auditioned next Saturday (24) and will include Benny Rubin and Jesse Block (formefly of Block and Sully) as comedy stooges. Irving Mansfield, producer on the show, also hopes to include Minerva Pious in the cast. Mansfield is trying to clear this with Fred Allen for whom he used to work. Also set for the audition are Shirley Mitchell. Jack Albertson, Paul Stewart and Hank Sylvern's ork. Mansfield is collaborating with Sid Zelinka and Louis Meltzer on the script.

TV"Album" Off; AFRA's Scale Nixed by NBC?

NEW YORK, April 17 --- Projected NEW YORK, April 17.—Projected televising of Bayer Aspirin's radio show, Album of Familiar Music, which was to have been dupli-cated on TV while it was on the Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) network, has fallen thru. The reason given is that NBC, reportedly, would not agree to pay the fees demanded by the American Federation of Radio Artists. Artists.

The union has been insisting that its members appearing on duplicated broadcasts be paid extra in an amount equaling the regular broadcast fee, but without rehearsal fee.

U. S. Tobacco Backs Full-Net MBS Show

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Mu-tual Broadcasting System (MBS) this week signed a hefty piece of business, with U. S. Tobacco buying its full 480-station network for a new Saturday afternoon half-hour show. The stanza, to be called *Take a Num*ber, will feature Bob Shepherd, and will air at 5 p.m. local time in the various zones. The show recently was tested as an evening feature and

drew a heavy response. U. S. Tobacco was one of radio's earliest bank rollers, having had Pick and Pat on network time for many years. The account is handled by the Kudnow Aganage Kudner Agency.

AFRA's Hartford Contract Renewed

HARTFORD, Conn., April 17.-Bill HARTFORD, Conn., April 17.—Bill Sheehan. staff announcer at WDRC and president of the Hartford Coun-cil, a branch of the Boston local of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), announced this week that contract negotiations for announcer working conditions and pay at WTIC in Hartford had been completed for another year. Negotia-tions were handled as usual by Bob Siegel, of AFRA's regional office in Boston.

Represented in the Hartford Coun-Cil of AFRA are announcers of WTIC, WDRC and WONS, all of Hartford, and WSPR, of Springfield, Mass.

Stern Considered for **Cantor Replacement**

NEW YORK, April 17.-Bill Stern. NEW YORK, April 17.—Bill Stern, National Broadcasting C o mp a n y sports director, is being considered as a summer replacement for Pabst's Eddie Cantor show by Warwick & Legler, agency on the account. The Stern program would be a sports quiz

sports quiz.

CBS in Pitch For J. Blondell

NEW YORK, April 17. — Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) is cur-rently negotiating with Joan Elondell. with a view to starving the film player in a 30-minute situation cornedy to be produced by the web. Package is the series CBS originally intended for Shirley Booth.

NAB on Ice NEW YORK, April 17. — Broadcasters attending the an-nual National Association of

nual National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Los Angeles next month are being tipped off to bring their own ice. It seems L. A. hotels have a ruling prohibiting serving of set-ups except in rooms es-pecially hired for parties.

It's reported some broadcasters are figuring on a temporary switch to the ice cube business.

AFRA Plans To Isolate Frisco If No Pact's Set NEW YORK, April 17-Unless the

question of contract renewal between major San Francisco stations and the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) isn't settled pronto, the union plans to "isolate" Frisco stations and take the question into arbitration. The Frisco negotiations are the only un-settled phase of AFRA's new contract, with New York, Chicago and Los Angeles deals already having been approved.

The issue involved in the S. च deadlock involves local rates. AFRA has asked that the same scale as is paid in Los Angeles be put into effect, with the stations offering a dollar or so less.

Shouse on U. C. Board

CINCINNATI, April 17.—James D. Shouse. president of Crosley Broad-casting Corporation, was appointed casting Corporation, was appointed Tuesday (13) to the board of directors of the University of Cincinnati by Mayor Albert D. Cash. City council will confirm the appointment next week. Shouse's term is to run for nine years as of last January 1. He replaces Robert L. Black, attorney, who resigned December 31 last. The educational field will not be strange educational field will not be strange to Shouse, who served as a high school teacher for two years before entering radio.

IBC STREAMLINES FOR AM, TV Sales, News, Stations in Same Depts.

Program Depts. Unchanged

NEW YORK. April 19.—The Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC) this week moved further to integrate this week moved further to integrate its television and sound broadcasting operations, when it combined the sales departments of the two media into one. This is the third—and probably the last—major depart-mental unification move the web has made. Previously, TV station rela-tions were moved into the AM set-up, while last week, effective April 15, NBC's television news and special event operations were placed under Bill Brooks, heretofore responsible Bill Brooks, heretofore responsible only for special events and news in sound broadcasting.

Thus, all major operational phases of NBC for both AM and TV, other than programing, have been fully integrated.

New Arrangement

Under the new arrangement, Harry Floyd, Robert Sarnoff and H. V. An-Floyd, Robert Sarnoff and H. V. An-derson will report to George H. Frey, director of network sales. Ren Kraft, who had been TV sales di-rector, has been made assistant to Frey, who will be responsible for tele network sales. Jim McConnell, web's spot sales director, assumes the same post for TV spot sales, with John M. Greene reporting to Mc-Connell as liaison between network and national spot sales. In turn, Frey and McConnell report to Harry Kopf. NBC's administrative vice-president. Thinking behind the NBC moves

Thinking behind the NBC moves is that the entire process of servicing Is that the entrie process of servicing accounts is made both more simple and efficient thru unilateral service. It will also streamline the organiza-tion, prevent duplication and ease the ultimate transfer of NBC em-phasis from sound to visual broad-costing casting.

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL February 29, 1948

University Women Listen To Radio and Don't Like It

(Advertisement)

Journal Special Correspondence Oconomowoc, Wis .--- The lo-cal chapter of the Ameri-can Association of Univer-are supposed to be funny." can Association of Univer-sity Women has tried radio and found it wanting.

Monday, but preliminary re-ports from 40 listening AAUW members find:

Soap operas—"Too depressing. Nerve wracking. Not charge of the survey, said the true to life."

Commercials — "Uninter-esting. Have no sales appeal." Comedians — "Poor. Jokes are routine. Each week Benny kee stations were monitored.

insults Allen and vice versa. Benny's violin is mentioned,

Phil Spitalny's program The chapter's two-week saved the day for radio. The radio survey ends officially listeners found it "relaxing," good music, entertaining." They decided the program's commercials were "dignified."

Mrs. Harold Hamley, in compiled results would be sent to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. Three Milwau-

FCC Resumes Its Hearings On the Mayflower 'Verboten'

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Possibility that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) might tone down its Mayflower ban on air editorializing was foreseen by broadcasters here as the commission prepared to resume its hearings today (Monday) with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) leading an attack against the ban. NAB's two spokesmen at next week's hearing—Prexy Justin Miller and Executive Veepee A. D. (Jess) Willard—will reiterate their denunciations of the ban as "a violation of the constitutional right of free speech." How the FCC can tone down its ban

tutional right of free speech." How the FCC can tone down its ban on broadcast editorializing without completely jettisoning the policy is something which eludes explanation at FCC. NAB leaders, of course, would like the ban scuttled without restriction, but FCC legalists are talk-ing off the record in terms of "some sort of modification of policy," pre-sumably to accommodate facsimile sumably to accommodate facsimile broadcasting. But that's as far as FCCers will go at this time.

Miller's Position

Miller's Position Miller, in attacking the policy to-day, will declare that it "discrimi-nates" against the broadcast industry which, Miller will say, is "condemned to editorial silence" contrary to dem-ocratic and constitutional principles which are "guaranteed to all Ameri-cans and all American institutions." Miller will point out that "the right

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Acc't Exec at BBDO

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Lucky Strike account will be administered at Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBD&O) Agency by Samuel A. Harned, veepee and director of the agency, in an appointment made by agency Prexy Ben Duffy this week. Len Carey will be brought in from BBD&O's Los Angeles office to han-dle radio aspects. No major radio changes are anticipated in the near future.

Again Next Fall

NEW YORK, April 17. — Richard Porter, of Roche, Williams & Cleary Ad Agency, stated this week that Tums has no intention of dropping its Date With Judy, now airing Tuesday nights on National Broadcasting Com-pany (NBC). Question of a summer replacement, if any, however, will be decided soon.

Only possibility for a *Judy* cancel-lation stems from the fact that if a properly priced show more in line with NBC's Tuesday night program structure becomes available, it may be bought be bought.

Met AER Maps Reorganization

NEW YORK, April 17 .- A commit-NEW YORK, April 17.—A commit-tee to draw plans for reorganization of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Association for Education by Radio (AER) was named at a meeting Wed-nesday (14) here. The confab in-cluded talks by Kenneth Bartlett, of Syracuse University, State AER chairman, who reported on AER ob-jectives, and Bob Bendick (Columbia) and Ed Sobol (National) on tele-vision's education phases. Bartlett said the chapter's aim was

to stimulate listener interest in radio, to provide a meeting for non-com-



KLZ's Farm Reporter

LOWELL WATTS Wherever better farming or live-stock raising is being talked or demonstrated, KLZ's Farm Reporter is part of the scene. He traveled more than 38,000 miles last year to broadcast farm news. KLZ, DENVER

Wilkes-Barre **Bus Line, WIZZ** Ink 5-Yr. Pact

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 17.-A contract for five years was signed this week between FM Station WIZZ and the Wilkes-Barre Transit Corporation, whereby broadcasts of WIZZ will be carried on all the transit firm's vehicles. Pacting followed the tabulation of a poll made by researchers of the transit corporation, showing that 98.5 per cent of those queried desired the test reception continue permanently.

WIZZ also has again obtained exclusive professional baseball broadcast rights for its region by pacting the Wilkes-Barre Barons. The contract, as in 1947, forbids any pro baseball broadcasts or relays into its area. Since last year at this time, WIZZ has spent \$13,000 for 206 exclusive play-by-play broadcasts of baseball and basketball games. The result has been the sale of 50,000 FM sets within a 50-mile radius of the station.



DETROIT, April 17.—A partial agreement was reached this week between the management of WXYZ, operated directly by American Broadoperated directly by American Broad-casting Company, and the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) over new terms for a contract to re-place the one which expired Thurs-day (15). Earlier, the announcing staff held a meeting after a general session of AFRA personnel and the station management and whet to but station management, and voted to put off the idea of a strike vote which had been scheduled as the chief pur-pose of the announcers' meet. The had been scheduled as the chief pur-pose of the announcers' meet. The actual conduct of negotiations was described as "amicable" on both sides by Boaz Siegel, executive secretary of AFRA, and the projected strike vote appeared to be the result of im-patience with usual delays on negotiations on the part of some of the staff.

Announcers Increase

The agreement reached calls for increases for staff announcers, as well as for actors and sound effects men working for the King-Trendle Broad-casting Corporation, which negotiated on a parallel basis with the station. The King-Trendle outfit produces the Lone Ranger and other shows. Announcers in this case come under the classifications of actors, working on a free-lance type of arrangement.

Other problems remain to be threshed out between station and management, including rates for ac-tors and singers, and the application of provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. These features are to be negotiated jointly with WWJ, according to Siegel.

The WWJ contract is still being negotiated, and an agreement was reached Tuesday to extend the existing working conditions beyond April 15, pending ultimate agreement on **a** new contract.

Cincy Simultaneous AM-TV Broadcast

CINCINNATI, April 19.—WLWT, the Crosley Broadcasting Corpora-tion's video outlet here, will join WLW, Crosley AM outlet, for the first simultaneous TV-AM tele broadcast in either station's history today. The program will be Ruth Lyon's Fifty Club, which will be televised Mon-day thru Friday, 12-12:30, in addi-tion to the regular WLW broadcast. Saturday (17) the Cincinnati Sym-

Saturday (17) the Cincinnati Sym-phony became the fourth such group in the United States to be televised when WLWT cameras picked up the program. Thor Johnson conducted, with Jose Iturbi as guest soloist.

Clears Seen To Be Winning

WNEW Would Cut Tootlers

Other assistants to Harned will be John Thomas, former Kool cigarette account exec, who will be responsible for printed ads, and Jack Denove, Duffy's former assistant, who will be account exec supervising mer-chandising activities.

future.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Manage-ment of WNEW, New York indie, is seeking to reduce its number of house musicians from 12 to six. The house aggregation is conducted by Ray Ross. It's understood that Local 802, Ameri-Can Federation of Musicians, has the matter under advisement.

Batter Up!

NEW YORK, April 17.-WHN, New York, and the American Red Cross, Brooklyn chapter, teamed up on a press stunt this week which got an extensive play from dailies and wire serv-ices. It was a gag first aid pamphlet on "emergency care" of Brooklyn Dodger baseball fans.

Even local radio stations used ne item—but without WHN's the call letters.

Fight Against Johnson Bill

breaking down clears as the Johnson Bill hearings moved today toward a wind-up.

A nose-counting of members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Commit-tee found a small minority willing to tee round a small minority willing to vote for the Johnson Bill on the issue of throwing open clear frequencies. As for the legislation to limit power to 50,000 watts, several members pointed out that a Senate resolution committing the upper chamber to a policy of power limitation still stands.

WASHINGTON, April 19. — The Clear Channel Broadcasting Service (CCBS) appeared to be winning its fight to avert a congressional mandate to lose out all around on its bid to to lose out all around on its bid to operate super-power stations on the frequencies.

Today's hearings, scheduled to be the finale, is to be used for rebuttal, with opponents and proponents of the Johnson Bill each limited to two and a half hours. The main issue is likely to be whether rural listening would be bettered thru super-stations or thru providing additional stations on clear frequencies.

Proponents of the measure had their This resolution, which easily passed innings this week, and some 40 reps innings this week, and some 40 reps of smaller stations took the stand. Chief tenor of the arguments was that present radio policy gives Clears an unfair economic advantage in the mission (FCC). Thus, while CCBS

Colgate Cancels Aussie 'Cavalcade'

SYDNEY, April 17.--Colgate-Palm-olive-Peet last week canceled sponsoring of its hour-long Colgate Caval-cade variety show, which it aired since September, 1945, over a wide network of Australian stations thru facilities of the 2-UE web. Reason given was the current world economic uncertainty and resultant limitation merchandising activity in Ausof tralia.

The show and cast will remain intact, however, and a new bankroller is expected to pick it up shortly.

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Bartlett said the chapter's aim was

the use of radio by such groups. Ly-man Bryson presided.



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'Unfair Labor' **Plaint Drafted** Against AFM

Kave Pushes Action

NEW YORK. April 17.—Plans for legal action against James C. Petrillo and his American Federation of Mu-sicians (AFM), based on charges of unfair labor practices, are crystalliz-ing. This became known this week when transcription companies re-ceived from Sydney M. Kaye, of the firm of Rosenman, Goldmark. Colin & Kaye, a letter enclosing a "sample form of charge against a labor or-ganization under the National Labor Relations Act, and a sample form of the type of memorandum which might accompany such charge." Kaye is counsel to the Industry Music Com-mittee (IMC) and vice-president of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI). The charges in the "sample form" are directed against the AFM and Local 47 of Los Angeles, which al-legedly "induced and encouraged the members of the aforementioned or-ganizations to engage in a strike and concerted refusal in the course of their employment to perform any services in connection with the production of electrical transcrip-tions. . ." <u>AFM "Unfair"</u> The sample charge points out that NEW YORK, April 17 .- Plans for

AFM "Unfair"

AFM "Unfair" The sample charge points out that this strike means stoppage of business with radio stations, and claims AFM is unfair under the National Labor Relations Act. In addition to the sample charge. Kaye also mailed out a sample form of memorandum for Robert Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). This points out, among other things that tran-scriptions are essential to the opera-tion of stations, are important to local programing — particularly on those stations which have no network afili-iations and also quotes Petrillo's letter to wax men informing them of the AFM's intention "to abandon this type of employment."

of employment." The memo also charges that the purpose of the AFM strike is "to deprive radio broadcasters of the clectrical transcription supply in order that the broadcasters will be compelled to hire musicians in place of the transcription." Some of Petrillo's testimony Janu-ary 21 before the Committee on Edu-cation and Labor of the House of Representatives is also given. This

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SALE OF WOOD. Grand Rapids, Mich., by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) to the Grandwood Broadcasting Company for \$850,000, was approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last week. Way for the sale to Grandwood was cleared recently when the Liberty Broadcasting Company dropped its bid to buy the station. Ap-proval was also granted for the transfer of KILO, Grand Forks, N. D., to the Grand Forks Herald from Dalton Lamasurier for \$180,000.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Broadcasters (NAB) has issued a booklet describing plans for an all-radio movie plugging the airwaves as an advertising medium. The prospective film will be the work of NAB, the Radio Manufacturers' Association (RMA), the FM Association (FMA), the Television Broadcasters' Association (TBA), record firms and station representatives resentatives.

MEDALS TO SIX radio newsmen for outstanding war coverage are authorized under bills introduced last week by Sen. Arthur Capper (R., Kan.) and Rep. Edith Rogers (R., Mass.). Those named in the bills are Charles Collingwood. Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS); W. W. Chaplin, Na-tional Broadcasting Company (NBC); Paul Manning, Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS): Herbert Clark American Broadcasting Company (ABC); Gerald Clark, Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC), and Thomas Cadett, British Broadcasting Company (BBC).

METHODIST CHURCH, denied a New York outlet in the recent FM decision, has applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for one of the four Class B channels left unassigned under the FCC's channel reservation policy which has now expired.

ALTHO PRESIDENT TRUMAN is reportedly readying to act on Clifford J. Durr's renomination to the FCC, Durr did not pull any punches in striking out once again this week (14) against the administration's "loyalty program." Following up a previous blast by little over a week, Durr told the National Citizens' Conference on Civil Liberties that "the evils" of the government's executive order on loyalty oaths "far outweigh any good that can come of it." Incidentally, Durr said he wanted to "make it entirely clear that I do not speak for the agency of which I am a member."

RADIO BROADCASTING in Mexico is due to get a favorable break from an outlay of \$6,400,000 to be allocated by the Mexican Ministry of Finance to modernize communications thruout the Latin nation. The allocation was announced this week by the Mexican government.

Radio Gets Same Old Jibes, Talks Back, at Peabody Awards

testimony, according to the memo-randum, shows the AFM action "is the application of economic pressure by a concerted refusal to work on an innocent employer in order to affect the labor relations of another em-ployer." Thus it comes within the express terms of that subsection which was described by Senator Taft as follows:

as follows: "This provision makes it unlawful "This provision makes it unlawful to resort to a secondary boycott to injure the business of a third person who is wholly unconcerned in the disagreement between an employer and his employee." In his accompanying letter to tran-scription companies, Kaye stated that when the full list of complainants would be known a preliminary con-ference would likely be held.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The critics of radio, who continually rap broad-casting for its crime shows and other isigns of catering to low public tastes, this week got an answer. Both the criticism and the answer were broad-cast Thursday over WJZ during the annual presentation of the Peabody Awards. made at the Radio Execu-tives' Club luncheon. The critic was Edward Weeks, edi-tor of Atlantic Monthly, who in pre-senting the citations, rapped radio's NBC Misses Out

NBC Misses Out

The only other sour note in this year's Peabody Awards was the omis-sion of any kudos for National Broad-casting Company (NBC), whose execs admitted off the record that they felt some of their shows merited recogni-tion. In addition to Davis, who won an award for outstanding news inter-protation repeating his 1939 win. an award for outstanding news inter-pretation, repeating his 1939 win, Peabody medals went to: "Report Uncensored," WBBM, Chibago. "As the Twig Is Bent," WCCO, Minneapolis. "Disaster Broadcast From Cotton Valley," KXAR, Hope, Ark. "CBS Views the Press," Columbia Broad-casting System. "Studio One," CBS. "Theater Guild on the Air." (U. S. Steel) American Broadcasting Company. Boston Symphony Orchestra. ABC. (BS Documentary Unit Series, CBS. "The Children's Hour," WQQW, Washington. "United Nations Today," a service of the United Nations Network for Peace.

Natl. Ad Group Gives Nod to New NAB Code

CHICAGO, April 17.—Practically general acceptance by national ad-vertisers of the National Association of Broadcasters' (NAB) code in its present altered form was indicated at the annual spring convention of the Association of National Adver-tisers at the Drake Hotel here this

tisers at the Draw and a week. The code, with its less stringent stipulations concerning length of commercials and the greater oppor-tunity of number of spot announce-ments stations will be able to carry if new code is put into effect, ap-parently was just what the national advertisers wanted. Best of the meeting produced little

advertisers wanted. Rest of the meeting produced little else that caused excitement or was new as far as radio advertising is concerned. Hugh Feltis made his typical plea for support of the Broadcast Measurement Bureau (BMB), which he heads, and urged the advertisers to work out use of the code and suggested changes thru the advertisers to work out use of the code and suggested changes thru their agencies. A. C. Nielsen and C. E. Hooper made speeches con-cerning their radio research opera-tions, with the two disagreeing with each other as usual.

Minn. Court Okays Verdict Vs. KROC

ST. PAUL, April 17.—A \$1,250 verdict against KROC, Rochester, Minn., for a breach of employment contract held by Lester A. Mair, former station general manager, was upheld this week by the Minnesota State Supreme Court. Previously Mair had won a verdict in Olmsted County District Court. The award represents a salary for two months. Mair contended that KBOC oper-

Mair contended that KROC. oper-ated by the Southern Minnesota Broadcasting Company, hired him on a five-year pact, August 1, 1945, at a fixed salary. About one year later, with the station's net income down, the board of directors named Maxine Jacobs as assistant general manager and instructed Mair no expenditures could be made without her okay. Mair claimed the order was "un-reansonable" and refused to con-tinue working under it. The board then fired him and the lawsuit fol-lowed. Mair contended that KROC, oper-

lowed.

Baker Finally Set For Philip Morris

NEW YORK, April 17.—Replace-ment for the Dinah Shore-Harry James show for Philip Morris Ciga-rettes was finally set yesterday. It's to be a new quiz show, as yet un-titled, with Phil Baker, and starts Friday (23) on Columbia. The Shore-James show has been shifted to the National Broadcasting Company. Biour Agency, which handles the

Biow Agency, which handles the account, had Baker on the air for years as emsec of Take It or Leave It.

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WASHINGTON, April 17.—Recog-nizing the gravity of the current prohibitionist move to outlaw radio plugs for alcholic drinks, wet forces have decided to make their first appearance at a congressional hearing on the issue since prohibition. The wets sent 11th-hour notice to the Senate Interstate and Foreign Com-merce Committee this week that spokesmen for at least five anti-dry spokesmen for at least five anti-dry outlits will be on hand to oppose the prohibitionist legislation at two-day hearing slated to get under way be-fore the committee Wednesday (21). Decision of the wets to make the

appearance marked a drastic last-minute shift in their strategy, which hitherto has been to work exclusively behind the scenes. The shift, it was learned, was recognized as an'ex-pedient to forestall a sleeper play by the drys, who had been figuring on a clear field for unopposed argument at the hearing, inasmuch as the wets had stayed away from previous hear-ings, including one last year on similar legislation.

The fight against bills limiting air The fight against bills limiting air and press liquor plugs will be headed by liquor, press and union witnesses. Lined up in opposition are the Dis-tilled Spirits Institute, Wine Institute, National Editors' Association, Maga-zine Advertising Bureau and the Brewery Workers' Union, an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organi-zations (CIO). On the other side of the fence are the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) Method Temperance Union (WCTU), Metho-dist Church Temperance Board and Southern Baptist Sunday Schools.

garded as a major step in a campaign for a return of prohibition, commit-tee members expect the hearing to develop into one of the most heated skirmishes on the issue in a decade.

Lend-Lease of **Skelton Nixed**

NEW YORK, April 17. - Brown & Williamson Tobacco has decided not to offer Red Skelton on a lend-lease deal, it was authoritatively reported here this week. The National Broad-casting Company, which airs the comic for the ciggie firm's Raleigh product, has been informed accord-

ingly. Russell M. Seeds Agency, which handled the Skelton program, had been offering him around to other ac-counts, as reported in *The Billboard* several months ago. Skelton has one more year to go for Raleighs.

Chotzinoff Heads All NBC Music Activity

NEW YORK, April 17. - Samuel Chotzinoff, manager of the music di-vision of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). has been placed in charge of all musical activities of the web, including television. This is the post formerly held by Frank Black, who took a year's leave of ab-sence from NBC to broadcast the Several cher dry groups are expected to be heard. With the drive for enactment of Chotzinoff will report to Thomas C. liquor ad restrictions generally re- McCray, national program manager.

Charge May Get Public Hearing

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pressed in a memorandum which accompanied the FCC's recent decision on five FM grants in New York-Newark metropolitan area (The Billboard, Radio legalists were re-April 17). studying the memorandum this week with particular interest centering in a section in which the commission declared in forthright language its authority under the Communications Act to judge the qualifications of any licensee on the basis of his willing-ness to give a "fair break" to indi-viduals or groups with views contrary to his own.

Whatever the outcome of the Richards case may be, the commission is regarded as having restated its legal right to investigate charges such as those raised in the KMPC case and to render a decision either favorable or adverse. Regarded as having par-ticular bearing on this issue was the commission's assertion that "the fairness with which a licensee deals with particular racial or religious groups in the community, in the exercise of his power to determine who can broadcast what over his facilities, is clearly a substantial aspect of his operation in the public interest." The commission pointed out in the memooperation in the public interest." The commission pointed out in the memo-randum that it was not interested in the licensee's "opinions and beliefs— social, economic, political or religious —" or "whether or not the applicant is a Democrat or Republican, is Protestant, Catholic or Jewish, is a conservative or radical, or has a personal preference or antipathy for any particular religious or racial group." "The commission has not in the past

sought to inquire into these matters in improvements.

and does not propose to do so," stated the memorandum. "The issue is, the memorandum. "The issue is, rather, whether the applicant, what-ever his own views, is likely to give a fair break to others who do not share them.'

DETROIT, April 17.-Investigation of station policies at the G. A. Rich-ards-owned WJR by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) got under way locally this week with the arrival of a pair of investigators, who promptly started interviewing all available radio personalities likely to have relevant information. The investigators concentrated on rounding up all former WJR staffers available.

Attention was given to executives, news staff. and office personnel alike, with questions centering on programing experience and methods of handling and filing news. It was indicated that as many as 150 people would be subpoenaed in the investigation. Interviews were being written down, but not taken as signed or sworn testimony.

Indicative of the scope of the investigation was the request-from indirect sources—to Boaz Siegel, ex-ecutive secretary of the local unit of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) to locate as many exthe WJR-ers as possible.

350G For Caracas Outlet

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 17.— Radiodifusora Nacional, the govern-ment station, plans to spend \$350,000

like splashing your ad on the front page

IMAGINE THE READERS and customers you'd hit if you could splash a big ad on the front page of a big city paper! Well that's the kind of "position" and attention your sales message gets when it goes on a WOR news strip. And you can buy one if you're fast. WOR's 12:30 PM news (open Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun.); it's the highest-rated local daytime news show* available now on WOR.

People in 631,387 homes listen to it in an average week. They can be your customers. They're waiting to hear about your product!

Does WOR news sell? Ask the President of a major ad agency who calls WOR "a one-station news network." His client, a candy manufacturer who sponsors some WOR news strips, just gave us a success story that has us popeyed.

A contest, announced only on WOR, pulled 82,896 entries from 47 states! Somehow, sometimes (as this contest proves) WOR touches base with almost every state in the 48. Talk about WOR reaching listeners! Talk about WOR news "pulling!" But why waste time talking about it? Rush over and sign up for a WOR news show now!

*according to the latest New York Hooper report.

- that power-full station at 1440 Broadway, in New York





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Bannister Limns TV Woes At CCNY's Radio Huddle

NEW YORK, April 17 .- Television | stole the play at the fourth annual agerial level. Radio and Business Conference sponsored by the City College of New York (CCNY) here this week, with most speaker-participants heralding the new medium as one which not only has vast potentials but which will effect vast changes in broadcasting, advertising and the nation's edu-cational and social life. The sole ominous note in re tele was sounded by Harry Bannister, general manager of Detroit's WWJ and WWJ-TV, who disagreed, by a long shot, with the majority opinion.

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majority opinion. Bannister stated that the future of both radio and TV is hazy and con-fusing, without evidence of clarifica-tion for years to come. Telecasters lack the assuredness of experience, he declared, and the TV operation produces daily crises "in a sea of un-certainty" thru which it is impossible to get guidance. AM and TV are eternal competitors, he said, yet a broadcaster must operate both until broadcaster must operate both until one or the other dominates, but which one or the other dominates, but which to favor was a baffing question. Ban-nister forecast that within six to 10 years TV would predominate in urban areas, with a few high powered AM's, plus FM stations, to service other areas.

Just what television operation en-tails financially was outlined to The Billboard by Harry Bannister, WWJ-TV, following his CCNY talk. The station so far involved a capital out-lay of \$400,000 including studio space. Monthly operating costs, with only 20 per cent film program and the remainder live and remote on an average week of 35 hours, runs as high as \$60,000. Income has yet to top \$25,000 monthly. Just what television operation en-

WWJ-TV now cannot meet its deficit, and so must look to WWJ, Ban-nister continued. Yet it appears inevitable that in so doing, WWJ is feeding the creature which will ulti-mately destroy it. He added that the two stations are operated without any

RDG Seeks Tele and Free Lance Meggers

NEW YORK, April 17.—The na-tional executive council of the Radio Directors' Guild (RDG) is blueprint-ing two drives are to see a coning two drives, one to secure a contract from agencies covering free-lance directors and the other to unionize video directors not yet in the fold. The council held sessions yes terday and today on these matters. The meggers want a substantial hike above current scales.

With respect to the organizational drive, first on the agenda probably will be the American Broadcasting Company, which is now becoming active in video.

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MULSON STUDIO BRIDGEPORT 8, CONN.

Earlier, the conference heard Noran Kersta, National Broadcasting Com-pany tele director; Craig Lawrence, WCOP, Boston; John Hayes, WINX, Washington, and George C. Dibert, of Walter Thompson, analyze the future of radio and tele. Kersta said an NBC study showed that there is a potential of \$1,200,000,000 more ad-vertising revenue which tele can tap and commented on the medium's rapid growth. The session was chaired by A. A. Schecter, Mutual Broadcasting System veepee.

The opening panel, Tuesday (13) evening, was chaired by Ted Cott, WNEW, New York, with Fred Allen, Harold Fellows, WEEI; Paul Mowrey, American Broadcasting Company; Kersta; Gordon Mills, Kudner Agency; Bob Schmid, Mutual vice-president; Jim Shouse, Crosley Broad-casting and Jerry Kaye, Bruno, Inc. casting and Jerry Kaye, Bruno, Inc. Problems dealing with various aspects of radio and tele were accented thru dramatizations.

J. Bundy Replaces WMAW's Ingraham

MILWAUKEE, April 17.-George E. Ingraham is out and Jack Bundy is in as vice-president and general manager of WMAW, Milwaukee's newest 5,000-watt indie, it was learned here this week.

Ingraham recently brought suit for \$500,000 against the Uihlein estate, Schlitz Brewery interests, charging that an agreement between Ingraham and the Uihleins (now deceased) to establishing a radio station was not carried out (The Billboard, April 3). It was understood that Ingraham's tenure at WMAW was definitely over pending outcome of litigation.

His successor, Bundy, is a defend-ant, along with the Midwest Broad-cast Company, WMAW ops, in another suit asking \$10,000 damages and brought by the Journal Company, WTMJ ops. This suit seeks to re-strain Bundy and WMAW from using ments.

St. Joe Air Poll **Gets Heave-Ho**

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Radio Acceptance Poll, conducted by St. Joseph's College, of Collegeville, Ind., which purported to show weekly rewhich purported to show weekly re-sponses of a nationwide sample of college students to "taste" of network programs, will be discontinued with the release of results of the poll for the week of May 2. Altho a college statement did not infer it, it was stated in the trade here that the rea-con the poll was being ended stemmed son the poll was being ended stemmed from objections from trade leaders who claimed it was inaccurate as an indication of public tastes, which it often was interpreted to be by newspapers thruout the country.

Program execs here, it is known, have gone thru channels to register complaints about the poll. One ex-ample of the statistical inaccuracy of the poll, according to trade sources, is that altho the Bob Hope show had been getting ratings indicating some of its material was consistently ob-jectionable, after Frank Leahy, Notre Dame University football coach, appeared as a guest star on the Hope show, its "taste" rating went up over five points. Research men here say that if the poll were sound, the appearance of one guest star would not have made such a drastic impression.

One complaint about the poll has been that it was not supervised by a recognized research org, and thus did not have weight in the industry. It was pointed out that the purpose of the poll was to influence net produc-ors and stars and that as long as the ers and stars and that as long as the validity of the poll was questioned it would be ignored by those at whom it was directed. Apparently in an ef-fort to get around this complaint, the college has announced that "a market research analyst" will interpret the findings of the poll for the broadcast-ing industry."

the name "Heinie" on Bundy's daily

noon-time airer. Meanwhile, WMAW has announced that it will replace WEMP as the Milwaukee outlet for the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) begin-ning August 16. Until then WMAW will pick up ABC daytime shows which WEMP will be unable to air because of brewer baseball commit-

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NBC Summer Sub Sked

NEW YORK, April 17.—A slew of summer replacements remain to be booked for top shows taking summer hiatuses on the National Broadcasting Company. NBC's summer sked, as of the end of this week, shaped up as follows:

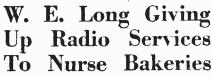
Regular Program	Replacement
Duffy's Tavern (Bristol-Meyers)	Tex-Jinx
Jimmy Durante (Rexall)	Pat O'Brien
Fred Allen (Ford Dealers)	None
Jack Benny (American Tobacco)	None**
Edgar Bergen (Standard Brands)	Shaw Chorale
Al Jolson (Kraft)	Nelson Eddy
Eddie Cantor (Pabst)	Variety Show
Burns-Allen (General Foods)	New Faces
Jack Carson (Sealtest)	Musical Show
Chesterfield Show	Sammy Kaye

The following programs are taking hiatuses as indicated: Du Pont Cavalcade, Dennis Day (Colgate), Life of Riley (Procter & Gamble, Truth or Consequences (Procter & Gamble), and Judy Canova (Colgate), each eight weeks; Aldrich Family (General Foods), Kay Kyser (Colgate) and Great Gildersleeve (Kraft), each 13 weeks 13 weeks.

In addition, Fibber McGee (Johnson's Wax), Amos 'n' Andy (Lever Bros.). Bob Hope (Pepsodent) and Red Skelton (Raleighs) are each taking 13 weeks, but replacements have not been set.

*Ford dealers earned only an eight-week interval, which means either the sponsor pays for the remaining five weeks of Allen's vacation time or fills

with another show for those five weeks. *Amusement Enterprises (AE) has submitted several replacement packages, but none has been set yet. AE is the package company in which Benny has an interest.



CHICAGO, April 17. - Program service and consulting information supplied by the W. E. Long Company to over 300 stations in the country will be discontinued by the end of April, it was learned here last week. The service, named 1996 because it cost stations \$19.96 a month, was started over three years ago as a di-vision of the Long company, which primarily is concerned with selling independent bakeries thruout the country engineering, management, released advertising services in sales and advertising services, including production of programs for local use.

Altho Harold Gingrich, radio director of the Long company, refused to elaborate on reasons for cancellation of the services, it was learned that the company had sent a letter to all its 1996 subscribers announcing termination of service.

The 1996 service, started by E. L. Sperry, former radio director of the Long org, has been considered one of the best program supply sources for small stations. Its low cost, plus it this reputation. At one time it was sending out over 225 different program packages containing transcribed shows, library scripts and ideas for the creation of new shows.

It is said that behind the move is the growing antagonism to radio on the part of W. E. Long, company's head. This opposition, reportedly, is also being reflected in Long's advis-ing its bakery clients to discontinue use of programs and to use only spot announcements for radio advertising.

Execs Ankle SD&B; Shake-Up in View

CHICAGO, April 17.-Reorganiza-tion and renaming of the Swaney, Drake & Bement Agency is expected to take place here this week as a re-sult of the recent resignation of two former officers and stockholders in the firm, George Drake and Austin Bement. Drake has joined the Leo Bement. Drake has joined the Leo Burnett Agency in a key creative po-sition, but Bement has not yet an-nounced his future plans. Bement's resignation is reported to take effect next month.

SD&B handles the Kaiser-Frazer account and had the Club Aluminum Products account, which sponsors *Club Time* on ABC, but Drake took this account with him when he went to Burnett. Drake was secretary and member of the board of directors. Bement was v.-p. and board member.

Drake was one of the founders with Morris F. Swaney of the Old Trade Development Corporation, which was renamed when Bement joined the firm about three years ago. Swaney has always had majority interest and control of the agency.



First Live Show For Detroit Tele

DETROIT, April 17. - The first live musical show on Detroit television will be the concluding program of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Music for Michigan series, going on WWJ-TV Tuesday night (20) for a half hour at 7:30. Temporary agree-ment was made with the Detroit Federation of Musicians on an experi-mental basis, and no provisions for any long-term agreement covering other musical shows has yet been worked out, according to William Walbridge, station manager.

The show will be picked up from The show will be picked up from the Music Hall, using a two-camera technique. The program is aired weekly by WWJ, but this will be the last concert until fall, so arrange-ments for the telecast were speeded up to give everyone concerned a chance to get one airing before it ended. The show is sponsored by the Detroit Edison Company, with the Campbell-Ewald Agency handling details. details.

Web For Detroit Possible in Oct.

DETROIT, April 17. — Network television will be feasible for Detroit by October, according to William E. Shane, general commercial manager of the local telephone company, thru the use of a radio relay hook-up from Toledo, where the Buffalo-Chicago coaxial system will be completed by that time. This will mean the pos-sibility of bringing University of Michigan home games at Ann Arbor, now handled by relay to Detroit, onto the Eastern networks.

Papers, Nationwide, Issue Tele Specials; Mags' Interest Grows

The Billboard

NEW YORK, April 17 .- Newspapers thruout the country are latching on to the video bandwagon via special supplements which are proving ex-tremely well-paying propositions. Publishers find it comparatively easy tremely well-paying propositions. Publishers find it comparatively easy to make up these supplements, inasmuch as merchants, manufacturers of video equipment and others have proved amenable to this type of ad-vertising. Editorial copy, of course, presents no problem either, the press departments of the webs and other tele interests being only too anxious to service such supplements with a mass of name stories on all phases of the medium of the medium. Here are some facts buttressing the

was obviously juicy from a financial

Supplements Issued

In addition to The New York Sun, newspapers which have carried sup-plements recently are The Chicago Tribune, The Schenectady (N. Y.)

Union-Star and The Cleveland Press,

A lot of this activity, of course, is

being sparked by the snow-balling promotion the National Broadcasting

Company has been able to give the video industry. The effects of this promotion are not only apparent in

newspapers, but also in magazines.

point.

among others.

tele story. American mag's current issue leads with a video story by David Saranoff, Radio Corporation of America topper. In addition, top class mags have recently done pieces on the new art, notably Life. Other mags, too, are changing their format or content to include video, for instance Radio Best, which has be-come Radio and Television Best. Here are some facts buttressing the make-dough-with-tele activities: Nu-merous newspapers will publish video supplements this month. Included are The Washington (D. C.) Post, The New York Herald Tribune, The New York World-Telegram, The Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, and The Buffalo Evening News. The Boston Post is also plan-ning one. Herald Trib's supplement, incidentally, is scheduled for April 18, with The World-Telegram's the 26th. In New York, The Sun has already carried a video supplement, which was obviously juicy from a financial

DETROIT, April 17.—First tele-vision edition of a community news-paper in this territory is being brought out this week by the De-troit Suburban Newspapers, who publish four community papers using similar contents but differing titles and mastheads in Northwestern De-troit troit. The television section includes an

eight-page supplement, with editorial material aimed to bring the significance of video into the average home. In each instance the material is being a neighborhood dealer rather than impersonally from the manufacturer. About 70 per cent of the space is paid advertising. The special edition was handled by Ralph Delene, display ad-

Fortune, for instance, will carry a big television story next month. Time and Look are both writing an over-all 20-page supplement put out by The

DuMontLaboratories Reports 564G Net, '47

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NEW YORK, April 17.—The 1947 annual report of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., issued to stock-holders this week showed that the operation had jumped over to the black side of the ledger, with a net income of \$563,677 to compare with the 1946 net loss of \$1472,270 Bill the 1946 net loss of \$1,472,270. Bill-ings of the DuMont network were reported on the rise, and, tho no annual totals were reported, the Jan-uary, 1948, billings were reported as \$48,945 against \$5,190 for June, 1947.

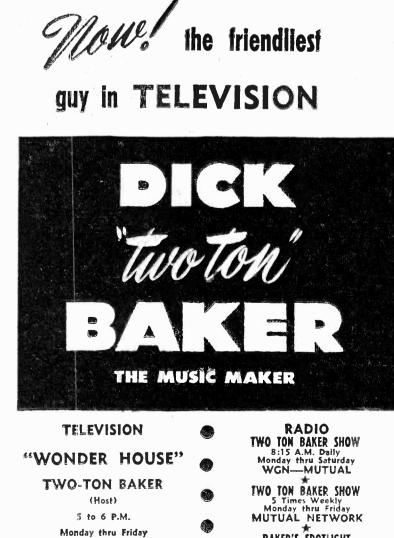
Net sales of manufactured products Net sales of manufactured products jumped 482 per cent over 1946, with a 1947 total of \$11,034,805 compared with \$2,287,167 the preceding year. Sales of tele receivers in the first eight weeks of 1948 were double the value of those for the same priod last year, bringing in \$1,642,000 as com-pared with \$807,000.

Detroit News, which owns WWJ-TV, only video station now on the air, and is considered an outstanding promo-tional job for a community newspa-per, particularly in view of the low number of sets—some 7,000—now in the city.

Versatile Phil

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.-Phil Sheridan, singing emsee for the ice shows at the Garden Terrace Room of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, has become lo-cal radio's handyman. When not cal radio's handyman. When not singing at the hotel nitery, Sheridan is the weatherman at WCAU, a dramatic actor on two WFIL shows, a soloist on two KYW musical shows and the singing star of WIP's Quaker City Serenade.

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MERCURY RECORDS

Special Agent

Reviewed April 7 Sustaining Via MBS

Wednesdays, 8-8:30 p.m.

Estimated Talent Cost: \$2,750; pro-ducer-director, Herbert Rice; writer, Finis Farr; music, Emerson Buckley's orchestra; announcer, Ted Brown. Cast: James Meighan (Alan Drake), Lionel Sudrow (Jim Lawler), Charlotte Law-rence (Margot King), Ralph Locke (Mr. Priestly), Jackey Grimes (Teddy King), Joe DeSanto (Rogan).

Current Hooperating of the program (started March 24).....None Current Hooperating of show following (Sustaining)None

CURRENT HOOPERATINGS OF SHOWS ON OPPOSITION NETWORKS

ABC: "Mayor of the Town"......10.5 CBS: "American Melody Hour"...... 8.3 NBC: Dennis Day......13.8

Mutual's new whodunit, Special Agent, features the derring-do of insurance dick Alan Drake, who isn't so tough but what he prefers milk to stronger fluids. Drake has talents other than his gumshoeing, too, for he was able to spot a fem slayer by noting that a Matisse print actually was not a print but an original; ergo, she had more bucks to toss around than a simple secretary should. Opus caught, concerning the robbery of an antique jewel box, had other bits of color which set it apart from the usual crime show. Scripter Finis Farr has made a good start in his characterization, and further development of this out-ofthe-way background could help build up a promising series.

Plotting was not extraordinary, but maintained interest, and the acting of James Meighan as the shamus who won't be bought was stundy and convincing. Music was unobtrusive, if not spectacular. Plugs on the sustainer were for Mutual shows which followed later that evening. Chalk this show up as one which may prove a sleeper.

Sam Chase.

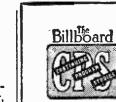
Words and Musing

Reviewed April 8

Sustaining over WGYN-FM, New York Mondays thru Fridays, 10-10:15 p.m. Producer, Lee Schulman; writer, Kenneth Paul; announcer, John MacDougall.

Used as a sign-off show by FM indie WGYN, Words and Musing seems a restful and relaxing way to end a day. It consists of platters featuring sweetly rendered versions of standard and pop numbers with soft vocals and expressive lyrics blended smoothly with top orchestrations. Introducing each record-ing is a special verse. written by Kenneth Paul and delivered by an-nouncer John MacDougall.

It is these verses that give the show its charm, for they are senti-mental without being sticky, and are keyed to the recording which follows. They range from the basic human emotions to the entire cos-mos and they have the distinctive mark of good verse in that they de-velop real imagery and feeling, and rhyme. In fact, more often than not, they don't rhyme, and that, too. is a boon. MacDougall's delivery is resonant and almost caressing. Purpose is to settle the blood chemistry of the station's listeners after the rugged battles of the day, and to put rugged battles of the day, and to put them in a mood for shuteye without setting them off during the show itself. It should be manifestly suc-cessful, and is a good example of economical programing on the FM dial. Sam Chase.



Radio and Television Program Reviews

Macbeth

Reviewed April 10 Sustaining over WFUV-FM (Fordham University), New York

Shakespeare's tragedy; directed by Wil-liam A. Coleman; Bob Henneberry (Macbeth); Katherine Heekin (Lady Macbeth); Nancy Walsh (Lady Mac-duff); Bob Andrus (Macduff); William Lyons (Malcolm); Willard Walsh (Ban-quo); John McCabe (Duncan); Billy Coleman, Florence O'Grady, Kay Britt, Bob Testa Bob Testa.

It is no easy chore to adapt It is no easy choice to adapt Shakespeare to radio and play it as written without benefit of inter-polated explanations to set the scenes and clarify the action. Tak-ing the obvious difficulties into con-sideration, the radio workshop student group of Fordham University turned out an over-all impressive job with *Macbeth*, the first of eight skedded full-length air productions of the Bard. While student per-formances ranged from excellent to run-of-the-mill, producer-director William Coleman managed to ear-

William Coleman managed to ear-visualize much of the sweep and power of the tragedy. Ear-wise, the production's faults stem primarily from overemphasis on certain scenes—notably the witches sequences which could have been considerably cut without loss of otworknew, and the natural loss of atmosphere—and the natural loss of pace where stage business and action is involved. Both the Banquo ghost scene and the finale battle sequences were hurdles which were too steep for Coleman's direction. They came across hurried and unconvincing.

Since there is an exceptionally top-drawer revival of the play now on Broadway, it could have been a magnet for the student air actors haps some of them took the oppor-haps some of them took the oppor-tunity to get a professional ear and eyeful, for some of them gave ex-cellent readings. Bob Andrus's Macduff and Willard Walsh's Dengue upon approximate gave and Banquo were amazingly good, and one of the best voices to come across one of the best voices to come across was that of the lad who played the doctor (name not listed in the credits). Bob Henneberry's title role was not quite so happy. However, Henneberry has a good voice and when he gets over his declamatory awe of the master's verse will do much better. Katherine Heekin's much better. Katherine Heekin's Lady Macbeth was uneven, ranging from earlier excellence to strident overplaying in the sleep-walking scene. Nancy Walsh made an ade-quate Lady Macduff, and William Lyons brought Malcolm sharply into late focus after a slow start. In sum, if not entirely satisfac-

tory, Coleman and his group got off on the right foot with experimental air-Shakespeare. Likely, experience will overcome producing problems as the series continues. Bob Francis.

ABC Calls Confab For N. Y. Staffers

NEW YORK, April 17. — A staff meeting for all New York employees of the American Broadcasting Com-pany (ABC) devoted entirely to television has been called for 5:15 p.m., Wednesday (21). Plans of the web will be detailed to those attending. Equipment, including cameras and receivers. will be set up and dem-onstrated. Among the speakers will be Charles Barry, Frank Marx, Lee Jahncke and Paul Mowrey.

The Nature of Things

Reviewed Thursday (15). Style — Talk. Sponsored by Galvin Manufactur-ing Corporation (Motorola Radios), thru Gourfain-Cobb, via NBC television net-Courfain-Cobb, via NBC television net-work, Thursday, 8:15-8:30 p.m. Pro-ducer, Dr. K. Marshall, director of Fels Plantiarium, Chicago. Director, Paul Nickell. Art work, sets, etc., William C. Smith. Narrator, Dr. Marshall.

Here is peak television. In this show we get an inkling of how a bone-dry topic can become fascinating when the visual element is considered and used advantageously. Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of Fels Planitarium, Chicago, is being aired from the Quaker City's WPTZ over National Broadcasting Company (NBC) in weekly discourses on subjects sci-entific. Dr. Marshall is eminently successful in holding the interest of viewers with his graphic demonstrations of intricate matter which would be most difficult to explain simply thru words alone. Treated on show caught was the working of a seismo-graph, hardly a glamorous subject. But the 15 minutes were so intriguing they seemed to skip right by.

Dr. Marshall used a simple, straightforward manner, with bits of wry humor to lighten it, as when he used a map to note that earthquakes in the Eastern United States had not, "But." he warned, "at any time there may be one." Apart from maps, he may be one." Apart from maps, he also used a large pad of paper, hung on the wall near him, and black crayon, with which he wrote and made markings on the pad. To add a bit of historical color, he noted that the ancient Chinese had their own form of seismograph working on the pendulum basis, and he illustrated its use with his own watch and chain. He then demonstrated models used in the last century, including the type which San Francisco had during its catastrophe. The current model, in use at Franklin Institute, wound up this part of the show.

From the instruments, Dr. Marshall went into an explanation of the markings made by seismographs and how they can be deciphered. Utilizing the pad on the wall, he showed the three different types of graph markings and what they mean in the estimation of speed and severity of shocks. When he finished this, every viewer must have felt competent to participate in a convention of meteorologists and seismographologists — if that's what they're called. The wind-up was an illustration, by means of a globe and maps, of the quake areas of the world.

The show is sponsored by Motorola, which itself did a good job on the live commercials. The opener pitched for a three-way portable radio model, stressing beauty and tone quality. On the latter topic, recorded music was brought in and out when the sets switch was turned on and off. Unfortunately, the synchronization was not quite perfect on this. Closing commercial, for the small table-model tele receiver, showed the announcer laboring behind a typewriter, strain-ing to turn out copy which would not come. He then demonstrated to the audience themes around which the audience themes around which commercials could be written, all on the humorous side. While a bit strained, they were unique in that they were video's adaptation of the plug-that-kids-the-plugs variety. Sam Chase.

Hollywood Opportunity With N.T.G.

Reviewed Thursday (15), 7-7:50 p.m. Style-Remote pickup from Florentine Gardens, introducing new talent. Directed by Bud Cole. Sustaining over KTLA (Paramount), Hollywood.

Veteran nitery emsee Niles Thor Granlund (N.T.G.) who did one of radio's first big shows almost two decades ago, proves he can take tele in easy stride by deftly piloting tal-ent hopefuls thru this 50-minute seg. Staged at the ornate Florentine Gar-dens, Hollywood Opportunity offers to serve the lofty purpose of show-casing new talent before the film-city's agents and scouts. After a particularly worthy aspirant has done particularly worthy aspirant has done his bit, Granlund comes on announcing that a certain talent scout or studio had called for an appoint-ment. For example, during this seg, producer Joseph Pasternak was supposed to have called granting a screen test to an eyesome blond thrush. Individuals are entered either by

agents or the various talent schools in the area who want to showcase their students, thereby gaining a plug for themselves. In addition to get-ting a chance at being "discovered,"

ting a chance at being "discovered," each contestant also gets a prize. These are furnished by various re-tailers seeking a free tele plug. Most noteworthy performer on to-day's scanner was Martha Davis, Decca's Steinway-riding blues singer. Her tele bow was motivated by the desire to be the first professional pop musician to appear on tele here since American Federation of Mu-sicians (AFM) lifted its video ban and established scale rates. Lensers moved in for an over-the-shoulder shot of Miss Davis, bringing the viewer into a close-up of the keyboard and the performer's hands.

To prove that filmdom's important people ogle this seg, cameras swing to Harry Rapf, Metro-Goldwyn-(See Hollyw'd Opportunity, page 15)

Tonight on Broadway

Reviewed Tuesday (6). Style—Dra-matic. Sponsored by American Tobacco Company (Lucky Strike Cigarettes), thru Foote, Cone & Belding, via CBS television network, WCBS-TV, New York, Tues-days, 7 p.m. Producer, Martin Gosch; director, Tony Miner. Technical super-visor, Henry Grossman. Announcer, Don Baker. Cast: Principals of Broadway production, "Mister Roberts," starring Henry Fonda, with William Harrigan, David Wayne, others.

If Broadway producers with hit shows had any fears that telecasting excerpts might prove harmful, the debut performance of this Lucky Strike show. Tonight on Broadway should dispel them. But if Lucky Strike thinks it has a program which sustains interest equally thruout, it had better take another look. On paper, the idea of going backstage to gander the workings of a legit show probably looks mighty exciting, but in execution—or, at least the execu-tion on this show—it generated far too little interest.

Basically, the reason for this sluggishness was that the first 15 min-utes, devoted to interviewing some utes, devoted to interviewing some of the players in the smash, Mr. Roberts, producer Leland Heyward, co-author Tom Heggen and designer Jo Mielziner, was predominantly a radio offering, accenting the talk, rather than a tele show, accenting the visual. The exception to this was Mielziner's bit, a brief gander at the set and the workings of the turntable stage stage.

Interviews Poor Interviews were done by Martin Gosch, producer of *Tonight* and a guy who should know, as an ex-news-paperman, that there's nothing guite so deadly as a banal interview, and the lack of banality is in direct ratio (*See Tonight on Broadway, page 15*)

The Billboard

BC PONDERS OWN TC RELA

NBC To Open 8G, New Video Studio

NEW YORK, April 17.—National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will open its new television studio (8G) probably Wednesday (21) or Thursday (22). This studio, which will have the newest engineering improvements, will give the web a second studio— 3H is the other one—and will, therefore, take a load off the mind of the sales department. With video business picking up, the sales staff has been fearful that it might have to turn away business in view of the fact that only one studio was available. It's believed that the Swift program (Lanny Ross) telecast Thursday nights over the web may be moved into the new layout.

Studio 3H has been in use since 1937.

As indicated in a previous issue of The Billboard, 8G will have newly developed cameras designed by NBC and RCA technicians, and a control room which is termed an artist's drean. The audio panel for mikes will enable engineers to synchronize sound with the movement of the cameras. Lighting will also be improved.

TC To Present Union Requests To Telecasters

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Television Committee (TC) of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's) began notifying telecasters in New York this week that the union's demands for television scales and working conditions will be presented to them April 29. George Heller, exec sec of the American Federation of Radio Artists, undertook the task of contacting the broadcasters. TC represents actors in radio, films, legit, vaude and music.

Broadcasters involved include National Broacasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, DuMont, American Broadcasting Company and WOR.

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Telepak Films To Distribute Indie Tele Pix

HOLLYWOOD, April 17.—Formation of a major telefilm releasing corporation, Telepak Films, was announced last week by Robert Longenecker, former head of Sam Jaffe Agency, and topper of new tele venture. Telepak will be patterned after United Artists Pictures releasing setup, and will distribute films produced independently for tele release.

Set to join Longenecker's releasing org on a partnership basis are William Cameron Menzies, noted Hollywood art director, and Ben Finney, indie film producer. Menzies is directing first three films produced for Telepak. with Finney in charge of production. Pix completed this week included a 24-minute short based on Edgar Allan Poe's classic Telltale Heart, with Richard Hart in lead role; and A Terribly Strange Bed, starring screen thesps Richard Greene and Roman Bohnen. Third film to be made next week will be video adaptation of Ashmead Scott's radio series, Your Witness, which will feature mystery-audience participa-

tion gimmick. Pix are budgeted at \$8.000 each, and will be leased to videc outlets on a rental basis. Longenecker will trek to New York early in May to present completed reels to Gotham ad fraternity and tele producers. Flickers are being shot at Hal Roach studios in Hollywood.

Negotiations to bring additional indie producers into Telepak were underway this week. Among showbiz personalities said to be interested are Xavier Cugat and the Andrews Sisters. Negotiations are also underway with noted film producer Walter Wanger.

Bordens To Enter TV Field for Summer

NEW YORK, April 17.—Bordens is going into television for the summer season. The deal, which is expected to be set by Kenyon & Eckhardt over the week-end, will call for a fiveminute sports show

the week-end, will call for a fiveminute sports show. The program will be telecast over the National Broadcasting Company video web just prior to the telecasting of the Giants baseball games.

ABC Stock Issue Near Floating Point

NEW YORK, April 17.—The longrumored issue of additional stock by American Broadcasting Company (ABC) appeared close at hand this week as the web cast about for additional funds to finance its extensive television plans. Edward J. Noble, chairman of the ABC board was reported polling the network's affiliates this week on the subject. Another report this week was that ABC might decide to float a loan

Another report this week was that ABC might decide to float a loan from a major financial institution. Prudential Insurance was prominently mentioned as already contacted.

Sorry

The list of television station permit holders and applicants, to have been published in this week's issue, is omitted because of the pressure of more urgent news.

Now FTC Puts Eagle Eye on TV Plugs, Too

WASHINGTON, April 17.—First official Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recognition of the booming status of television came this week as the FTC announced that TV plugs were now under the same scrutiny as standard broadcast advertising.

as the FTC announced that TV plugs were now under the same scrutiny as standard broadcast advertising. According to FTC, tele networks are sending in ad scripts weekly, while individual stations are supplying such material on a sampling basis. The individual station plan calls for submission of sample plugs four times yearly. Slides and films used in TV advertising, however, are not required unless specifically requested. To insure that scripts from all stations will be examined, the FTC is writing to all outlets having con-

is writing to all outlets having construction permits, asking for the approximate date of launching commercial operations.

NBC Meggers Eye New CBS Fees Enviously

NEW YORK, April 17.—Television directors at the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) were reported disturbed this week by the fact that they are not skedded to reap the new commercial fee system being put into effect for the meggers at the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). As a result of the contract signed recently between CBS and the Radio Directors' Guild (RDG), commercial shows brought into CBS by sponsors or advertising agencies which utilize a web staffer's services will have a director's service charge added to the bill as in radio operations. Shows under firm contracts signed before the RDG contract will not be affected, however.

The first show involving the commercial fee was set this week for its CBS debut April 26. It will be titled Sportsman's Quiz and will be bankrolled by Sports Afield magazine, with Warwick & Legler the agency. The show will air from 8 to 8:05 p.m., with Henry Legler Jr. slated to produce. CBS Director Charles Polacheck will be the first beneficiary of the new commercial fee policy.

CBS Options Cogan For Possible Airer NEW YORK, April 17.—Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) this week took an option on Shaye Cogan, night club singer. The web is understood to be considering her for a two or three-a-week strip. Deal was set thru General Artists Corporation (GAC).

May Bridge Nation With Microwaves

Dubious of AT&T Facilities

NEW YORK, April 17.—The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) may move to establish its own microwave relay system between New York and California in the event television networking facilities offered by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) lack the capacity NBC feels is necessary. NBC's concern is that the AT&T facilities, heralded as to be ready at the end of 1949, will not enable full-time multiple tele networking.

multiple tele networking. If the NBC fears—shared by other telecasters—should be borne out, NBC plans to apply for its own pointto-point microwave facilities in those sections of the country where necessary. NBC now has such facilities available in certain Eastern areas and will, as a matter of fact, be able to carry exclusive coverage from the Philadelphia political conventions without relying on the pooled coaxial cable feeds.

In the East, where AT&T has a coax between Washington and New York and a microwave set-up between New York and Boston, the limited facilities have required timesharing arrangements. This is reasonably satisfactory now, tele men say, but a year or so from now. at the present rate of TV expansion, would place terrific limitations on multiple commercial networking. If the same is true coast-to-coast, NBC declares, it will have no choice but to develop its own facilities. Phone company philosophy, it is said, is to make new coaxial and microwave facilities available first

Phone company philosophy, it is said, is to make new coaxial and microwave facilities available first to telephone service, on the ground that this is the company's primary obligation. NBC agrees that it may be the AT&T's primary obligation, but argues that it cannot be allowed to interfere with television's progress.

\$1,750,000 Links

WASHINGTON, April 17. — New TV carrier facilities of the AT&T linking Detroit, Toledo and Buffalo, (See NBC Ponders Relay on page 14)



Coming in May THE BILLBOARD'S 1st ANNUAL LOCAL PROGRAM COMPETITION

Pact Is Near; Coast Telecasters Okay AFM Scales Chi AFM Deal **Pay May Rise** After 90 Days

Revision Clause Expected

NEW YORK, April 17. — The American Federation of Musicians (AFM) and New York television op-erators late this week were in agreement on most points of a short-term pact covering use of musicians on video, with inking expected in a few days. It was learned that price scales for straight TV would be as high as 75 per cent of the AM broadcast scale. It was also confirmed, as indicated in the last two issues of *The Billboard*, that the pact would hold for 90 days, during which period both the AFM and TV managements would have time to observe actual problems con-nected with the employment of mutisians on the new medium. One de-tail still to be worked out, it was stated today, is the matter of scale on duplicated programs. AFM and webs have been at considerable variance on this point, original demand being \$10 per man extra. It was expected that when the pact was finally inked, this figure would be pruned considerably.

Present at the sessions were Joseph A. MacDonald for the American Broadcasting Company, Carleton Smith and Charles Denny for the National Broadcasting Company, How-ard Hausman for the Columbia Broadcasting System, Lawrence Phil-lips for DuMont, and Arthur Israel, an attorney for Paramount Pictures.

Scale to be Retroactive

As it became apparent that AFM As it became apparent that AFM and video interests were close to a deal, networks and sponsors began making arrangements to permit use of musicians on TV programs with the understanding that whatever scale was agreed upon it would be retroac-tive. The Swift program (Lanny Ross) on NBC has already been op-erating under this system, and late this week it was learned that Take It or Leave It and other NBC shows were also set for tele. Altho details are being handled by

Altho details are being handled by the national office of the AFM, the final set-up will be administered by the different locals having jurisdiction over programs originating in their

Aussie, NBC Pix Deal SYDNEY, April 17.—An agreement was signed last week between the Australian Department of Informa-tion and the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) by which the Amer-ican web will secure special film for television use. The film to be turned over to NBC includes 400 feet of coverage of the recent Australian Antarctic expedition.

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HOLLYWOOD, April 17. — Local telecasters generally approved tem-porary scales for use of live musi-cians which were announced this week by American Federation of Musicians (AFM). Rates were given tele trade by Phil Fisher, Local 47 biz rep, at the regular meeting of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATAS) Tuesday (13). Sciences (ATAS) Tuesday (13).

Breakdown of rates for local tele-casts only called for \$9.20 per side-man for a half-hour show, including half-hour rehearsal time and \$13.80 for leaders or soloists for same time period. Extra rehearsal time will cost \$2.30 per half hour 'for side-men and \$3.45 for leaders or solo players. Agreement will be in effect for a 90-day period only, Fisher said. Rates do not cover use of radio musicians, concert appearances or re-motes. Charges for such airers will be negotiated on an individual basis, Fisher added. AFM agreed to clear special events such as parades, conventions and tele shows of a public service nature.

"Tonight" Show Folds on CBS

NEW YORK, April 17 .--- Tonight NEW YORK, April 11.--10 mg/m on Broadway, the American Tobacco Company's (ATC) video show on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Tuesday nights, showing be-hind-the-scenes theatrical material from Broadway legit houses, folds after next Tuesday's (20) telecast of scenes from the musical High Button Shoes. The deal was originally sched-uled for three weeks with options.

uled for three weeks with options. Tonight, announced with some fanfare by Foote, Cone & Belding, prior to that agency's loss of the ATC billings, involved a special scale from Actors' Equity and a special agreement between the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Em-ployees (IATSE) and the Interna-tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers IBEW) whereby CBS cameraman, members of IBEW, were allowed to enter legit houses and work with IATSE men.



CHICAGO, April 17.—A deal for American Federation of Musician (AFM) members to work in tele-vision has been set between WGN-TV, local *Tribune* video station, and James C. Petrillo, AFM head. General terms C. Petrillo, AFM nead. General terms of agreement call for AFM mem-bers to receive two thirds of the network station AM rate and stipu-lates that no AFM members who are regularly employed at radio stations, iteria or theorem can be used for niteries or theaters can be used for television. The agreement is a temporary one

One of the more unusual terms of the agreement, and one which the union is using to carry out its expressed intention of having television present more work for more mem-bers, is the stipulation prohibiting use bers, is the stipulation prohibiting use of staff members. Under this agree-ment no member of the WGN AM staff can be used for television. Neither can staff members at any other station or any other regularly employed musicians be used. For ex-ample, WGN-TV wanted to use Herbie Fields's orchestra, now playing at the Sherman Hotel here for a oneat the Sherman Hotel here, for a onetime shot. Deal was not okayed, how-ever, with union saying that Fields's ork, unless it were passing thru the city, could not be used for television. The station has not been asked to hire any number of musicians, but will work out each deal separately with musicians involved as it comes

with musicians involved as it comes up. All deals are being figured out on a single engagement basis. At WBKB, other video station here, no musicians are being used yet. Execs of Paramount, which owns WBKB, are now negotiating with Pe-trillo in New York, and until they reach an agreement station will not use any musicians and in fact is not use any musicians and, in fact, is not even auditioning any more musicians because of the unsettled condition of possible outcome.

FM Wins 75% of AM's Scale Cooley Inks Scripts For Vid Adaptation

NEW YORK, April 17.—What may prove to be precedent-setting deals in establishing video rights to adapted material were set this week when Lee Cooley, television chief at McCann-Erickson Agency, contracted for two dramatic scripts, one adapted from a radio script, the other from a short story. They will be used in a series of short dramas which will consti-tute the final half of *The Swift Show*, aired Thursdays over the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). The network and publisher involved in previous use of the works were found to have no claim on the properties, and both deals were set direct with NEW YORK, April 17.-What may and both deals were set direct with the authors.

The initial short drama, which re-places the quiz contest gimmick on the program starting Thursday (22), will star legit stars Sam Wanamaker and Louisa Horton in Long Distance, a script formerly used on Molle Mystery Theater. The second show will be a version of Dorothy Parker's short story Well, Here We Are. Nego-tiations are continuing for other of Miss Parker's stories.

NBC PONDERS RELAY

(Continued from page 13) and connecting Chicago and Milwau-kee, will cost AT&T an estimated \$1,750,000, the Federal Communica-tions Commission (FCC) reported this week in issuing the permits.

Under the FCC authorization, AT&T will hook together Chicago-Milwaukee and Detroit-Toledo with microwave systems. Completion date for the two systems is June 15, 1949.

Supplemental facilities along the Supplemental facilities along the Cleveland-Buffalo coaxial cable were also granted AT&T. These provide for TV terminals at Buffalo, Toledo, South Bend, Ind., and Danville, Ill. The cable facilities are due for com-pletion some time this year. AT&T plans to carry Notre Dame and Illi-nois universities' football games when the terminals are completed. the terminals are completed.

Meanwhile, the FCC is readying to announce a decision on rival rates for commercial TV transmission pro-posed by AT&T and Western Union. AT&T rates would apply on coax lines, while WU's rates would apply on microwave.

took place Thursday (15) when a sus-tainer called Hollywood Screen Test aired over an Eastern hook-up that excluded New York. WABD also was skedded to carry the preem of the Henry Morgan video show, On the Corner, sponsored by Admiral Radio, when it bows Sunday (18) at 6:30 p.m. with a Philadelphia origination. Another ABC sustainer, Hayloft Hoe-down, has an April 24 opening date, and it is expected that New York will have no outlet. have no outlet.

have no outlet. Meanwhile, from Detroit came word that WXYZ-TV, ABC-owned outlet, will be on the air by October 1, sup-plying that city with its first network-affiliated station. WWJ-TV, altho its AM adjunct is a National Broadcast-ing Company (NBC) station, has made no network commitment, pend-ing a modification of terms. Con-struction now in progress is such that ing a modification of terms. Con-struction now in progress is such that WXYZ-TV may be able to pick up network shows from Chicago by the time it goes on the air, according to General Manager James G. Riddell. Paul Mowrey, ABC tele chief, will speak to the station's entire staff here Thursday (22) at the regular month-ly meeting. John Pival has been named in charge of all WXYZ-TV production, while Charles Kotchcr, WXYZ chief engineer, also will head the tele station's technical staff. Prescredit on shows piped into WABD. For these reasons, as well as for general network competitive reasons, ABC officials are believed anxious for a more attractive deal in New York until its own WJZ-TV pre-mieres in August. The best bet is for current talks with WATV, New-ark, to blossom into a full working general network competitive reasons, MBC officials are believed anxious for a more attractive deal in New York until its own WJZ-TV pre-mieres in August. The best bet is for current talks with WATV, New-ark, to blossom into a full working relationship when the Jersey outlet The initial ABC programing effort

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ABC Resumes Tele Net Plans

NEW YORK, April 17.two full-fledged affiliates involved, the American Broadcasting Company the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), nevertheless, resumed net-work video programing operations this week. But beneath the arrange-ment which permits ABC to use Du-Mont's WABD as the New York out-let on commercial shows, considerable disquiet is known to exist. The web's deal for WMAR-TV, Baltimore, a Co-lumbia Broadcasting System (CBS) affiliate, involves few of the problumbia Broadcasting System (CBS) affiliate, involves few of the prob-lems extant in New York, while WMAL-TV, Washington, and WIFL-TV, Philadelphia, are regularly af-filiated ABC stations. The Baltimore situation may be permanently settled about June, when WAAM takes the air. ABC is said to have the inside track in practing this outlet as an afair. ABC is said to have the house track in pacting this outlet as an affiliate.

The ABC-DuMont situation is an uneasy one for a number of reasons, not the least of which is reported to be money. In former years, when ABC money. In former years, when ABC programed over WABD, the arrange-

sum considerably above card rate for use of its facilities. This situation is believed in force in the current pact. Trade quarters believe DuMont to be getting as much as 50 per cent above card rate on time used by ABC. How-ever, ABC was hardly in a position to quibble if it wished to begin programing at this time, since it could not attempt a web operation without a New York outlet, and WABD was the only station available now. Another raw spot was DuMont's refusal, up to press time, to give ABC screen credit on shows piped into WABD.

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Short Scannings

First musician to appear live in St. Louis video was Russ David, maestro-pianist, who has conducted his *Teen Bar* tele show with records over KSD-TV. Last week he secured clearance from the American Federation of Musicians just 25 minutes before air time and worked the keyboard himself. . . . Representatives of over 1,000 retailing, distributing and merchandising firms attending the 14th annual clinic of Amos Parrish & Company in New York heard tele stressed as a potent advertising tool. . . Harold J. Bock, manager of Western tele operations for National Broadcasting Company (NBC), left Hollywood Friday (16) to spend a few months in New York studying the video operation.

the video operation. Guy LeBow has joined WPIX as announcer. Victor E. (Buck) Forker Jr., has been named to head program pronotion for WPIX. He comes from the National Advertising Art Center. . . Ernest Colling, for six years producer and director at NBC television, New York, is now director of training at Twin City Television Lab, St. Paul-Minneapolis. . . New series of video golf lessons kicks off in Detroit this week with golf pro Joe Devaney starting his Follow Thru show over WWJ-TV. Sportscaster Russ Hodges has

show over WWJ-TV. Sportscaster Russ Hodges has launched a new five-a-week series called Sports Page, airing over the DuMont network at 5:30 p.m. starting April 19.... Breyer Ice Cream Company in Philly has transformed its radio spot into a one-minute tele film. Spot features ringing of phone bell followed by a voice saying, "Hello, Breyer's calling." It will air over WCAU-TV on Tuesdays. Elgin Watch Company which has

Elgin Watch Company, which has aired video time signals over WPTZ, Philly; KTLA, Los Angeles, and WCBS-TV and WNBT, New York, has signed to two a week on WGN-TV, Chicago. . . Milwaukee now has 2,050 video receivers installed, 74 per cent in homes and 26 per cent in public places. . . New additions to staff of WGN-TV are producers Barbara Corning and Bruno VeSoto, announcer Jerry Kaufnerr and newsreel cameraman Charles Geckler. . . . Bill Zimmerman, former merchandise manager for Spiegel, Inc., mailorder and chain-store org, this week foined Television Advertising Pro-

dise manager for Spiegel, Inc., mailorder and chain-store org, this week joined Television Advertising Productions (TAP), local video film and package outfit, as sales director. Zimmerman has spent over 18 years in national sales and merchandising. TAP has made other personnel additions recently. Clayton Bergman, former stage and screen performer, has become director of talent, while Jimmy Dexter, legit theater actor and producer, has become a member of TAP's production department.

TONI WAVE NIXES TV

CHICAGO, April 17.—Altho top brass of Foote, Cone & Belding, (FC&B) agency's television department have made several trips here to convince Toni home permanent officials that now is the time to jump into video, the firm is understood to have made a negative decision, at least for the present. The reasons given were that tele network facilities still are too limited for the mushrooming company's needs, and that recent sinking of considerable cash into the AM Crime Photographer web show has cut deeply into the budget.



no intermediate steps, i.e., the image is telecast direct to theater screens. The Paramount spokesman told The Billboard that a group of theaters in a given area could easily carry the same telecast simultaneously if the Para equipment (made and handled thru the firm's wholly owned subsidiary, Television Productions, Inc.) were installed in such theaters. This same spokesman also said that Para plans to run telecasts similar to the Wednesday night show "from time to time" and that the firm is seeking special events on which it may be able to make theater TV deals. It is known that sporting events, for example, to which television broadcasters (NBC, CBS, DuMont, etc.) hold rights, are often tied up by such broadcasters for home TV transmission only, and that at least in some cases theater TV rights are wide open. Thence obviously stems one phase of the anticipated speed-up in competition between the radio and film interests. Paramount, it is rumored, is considering making a bid for theater TV rights to the upcoming Joe Louis-Joe Walcott heavyweight title go, and to other outstanding sporting events in the near future.

Audience Reacts

The audience at Para's preview reacted quite favorably to the telecast, which started after a short organ interlude following the last stageshow. Roughly a hundred payers started to exit after the Buddy Rich band played its finale, but Rich stepped up and invited 'em to stay around for a "surprise." Only a handfull of customers walked out after the Paramount newsreel had flashed the screen announcement that "motion picture-television history" was in the offing with fights to be shown immediately. Camera work on fights was excellent, tho the left side of the picture at times seemed out of focus, and the picture over-all did not have the clarity of standard motion picture film. Best indication of effectiveness of theater TV, however, was the manner in which the excitement of the knockout in the second (and last) bout broadcast reached and was reflected by the theater audience. Don Dunphy's commentary on the fights was a decided minus in the job, however, and he brought nothing to the "historic" character of the event. Showing was actually the first full screen-size theater showing in New York, and first telecast into a theater via microwave relay. *Joe Csida.*

HOLLYW'D OPPORTUNITY (Continued from page 12)

(Continued from page 12) Mayer exec producer and old-time starmaker. Idea of utilizing tele for showcasing talent is particularly well-suited to a town such as this, overrun with thousands of hopefuls waiting for their break. More than any other medium, tele can bring the deserving within eye-ear shot of Hollywood's toppers, automatically taking the unknown thru doors they never before could enter.

Entertainment - wise, Hollywood Opportunity is one of the most refreshing eye-holders on the local glass screens. Camera work and cutting from one lens box to another was up to KTLA's usual high standard. Momentary shots of the applauding audience are flashed on after each act, breaking the monotony of straight stage shooting as well as giving viewers the visual sense of an audience. *Lee Zhito.* Tele's New Baseball Coverage All Right But Lacks Interest

CHICAGO, April 17.—Except for the use of a Zoomar lens and the utilization of a new camera position which shot from a low angle level with players, this first use of a new type of baseball video coverage worked out by Phil Wrigley, owner of the Cubs, and execs of WBKB and WBKB-TV, has little improvement over last season's coverage. Baseball is still a tough video nut to crack and WBKB will have to do some more hard work to devise a system which keeps the game interesting at all times for the viewers.

Under the new system one camera was placed in front of the third base dugout, one in the stands down left field and one far down the stands along the left field line. The third camera was used for most coverage of play, and except during time Zoomar lens was used, attempt to get practically all the infield into the angle of camera coverage, resulted in pitcher, batter and other players appearing too small on video screen.

Harry Birch, veteran video and newsreel cameraman, used the Zoomar to good advantage most of the time, but at other times it was apparent that even the Zoomar is not the entire answer to video baseball coverage. At one time the lens was used in an attempt to follow the ball from the batter out to the field where it was played and then back to the infield after it had been thrown by the outfielder. This attempt failed; the play was just too fast for the Zoomar to follow. Another time the Zoomar was used on a double play, and this too was too fast to follow. Also the Zoomar is okay when used to increase size of players—when the lens "zooms" forward, in other words, but when it "zooms" backward so that size of players on screen is reduced, the effect was disappointing and made the viewer feel as if he had been taken away from activity.

Altho use of camera on field in front of third base dugout gives opportunity for line of sight with players' waists and thus makes them bigger on screen, its use at some times was harmful to following of play when players walked in front of play camera was trying to follow. The station used the far left field

The station used the far left field camera too often. A few times the left field camera nearer to home plate was used and gave better effect because players appeared to be larger and because more of infield was brought into camera coverage angle.

As a result of coverage of this game it can be said that all the problems of video coverage of baseball have not been solved. Football and other sports are still better for video cov-

erage. Wrigley et al. still have not got the

CBS AFTER TIMES (Continued from page 3)

Ray Monfort, are now in New York. Reports from the Coast are that CBS will get a 49 per cent interest in the *Times'* KTTV operation. The deal would solve Columbia's problem of a Hollywood station, since there are no other channels available for application, and the web could not apply before, since it was pressing its campaign for high frequency color TV. CBS now has a New York station, and is set for hearings on applications in Boston, Chicago and San Francisco.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Except for best form of television coverage. the use of a Zoomar lens and the Whether or not they do later on deutilization of a new camera position which shot from a low angle level into additional experimentation and with players, this first use of a new

> Reviewed Friday (16), 1:30-2:30 p.m. First four and a'half innings of city series game between Chicago Cubs and White Sox. Presented sustaining from Wrigley Field by WBKB, Chicago. Producer, Reinard Werrenrath Jr.; director of remote crew, Dick Shapiro; cameramen, Harry Birch, Art Kambs, Wade Parmalee and Gene Sabitt; announcer, Joe Wilson.

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TONIGHT ON BROADWAY

(Continued from page 12) to the interviewer's skill. In trying to interview a half dozen or so involved in Mr. Roberts, Gosch was unable to do any, or himself, justice; an interview, no matter how brief, should give a listener, reader or viewer some feeling as to the personality of the one interviewed. Nothing of the sort happened on Tonight.

The problem, it seems to this reviewer, depends on the tele camera's mobility. If it can be set up to wander around the stage, accompanied by an off-screen chatter between. Gosch and the producer, or an actor, or some personality involved in the show, the aim of the show is going to be far better achieved. As it is, *Tonight* lacks a true backstage air, which apparently was a basic peg in its conception and planning. And how about interviewing one of the stagehands, the prop man, or any member of the crew? Or is there a stage hands' union rule?

Excerpts' Treatment

The treatment of the excerpts from Mr. Roberts, on the other hand, was all that could be asked, as was a brief bit with William Harrigan, who plays the slave-driving master of the ship. The camera work on the excerpts was fluid and active, avoiding, except where absolutely essential, any static placement, and offering a number of well-framed angle shots. Beyond that, enough was offered to intrigue potential customers. Obviously, the opening half of the show needs trimming to permit more of this fare.

Those Lucky Strike video commercials, as before, are first-rate—certainly among the most effective in the field. This is especially so in the animation routine given the marching cigarettes; the warehouse scenes leading into the testimonial are far less compelling. Jerry Franken.



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Varnum Boosts Monroe Into **Boston Hubbub**

(Continued from page 3) nally proposed by Rep. Jack Brown, of Boston, and fiercely opposed by Sens. J. Elmer Callahan and Chester Dolan, Democratic floor leader.

"The General Court." said the Democrats, "is a lawmaking body and its members should not be called on to advertise an orchestra."

To which House Speaker Frederick Willis (R.), who overruled them, re-torted: "We always honor men who have made their mark and Vaughn Monroe has certainly made his mark in American music."

Monroe, of course, hails from Akron. O.

The stunt was cooked up and engi-neered by the Wayne Varnum flackery, and was topped off Thursday night with a mad orgy at the Mead-ows, dancery in near-by Framingham ows, dancery in near-by Framingham (owned by Monroe and partner Jack Marshard), where the orkster was presented with a gold disk (commem-orating pressing of the 1,500,000th platter of Monroe's *Ballerina*) by RCA Victor's artists and rep chief, Eli Oberstein, and where the payees were given hundreds of shellac disks to toss around, roll across the floor and generally demolish. There was no discernible reason for the platter-busting orgy, except possibly by that time Monroe and his mentors had blown their tops over the way their State House stunt had come off. As, State House stunt had come off. As, possibly, had also the Cabots and the Lodges.

3 Coast Indies **Unite on Probe Of Bogus Disks**

HOLLYWOOD, April 17. — Three Coast indie labels, Aladdin, Black & White and Specialty, last week pitched coins into a joint fund to fipitched coins into a joint fund to fi-nance an independent investigation into the operation of the counterfeit disk ring (*The Billboard*, April 10-17). The probe will be handled by B & W's prexy, Paul Reiner, in con-junction with Aladdin's Eddie Mess-ner and Specialty's Art Rupe. Reiner declared that the three disk-aries are forced to carry the bogus

eries are forced to carry the bogus disk probe on their own because other record companies have failed to co-operate. Reiner hit at these firms who are being victimized as much as his own firm, he said, but so far have limited their aid in the probe to mere lip service instead of cash and action. Reiner feels this is an industry-wide problem, but of all the record com-panies contacted by him, only Alad-din and Specialty have been willing to contribute to the investigation fund.

Explaining why the three Coast labels are carrying on the investiga-tion despite the lack of aid from other quarters, Reiner stated that the conquarters, Reiner stated that the con-stantly increasing operations of the counterfeit ring are dangerously cut-ting into indie disk sales and can possibly cripple the smaller com-panies. It has reached the stage, he feels, where some indie firms are withholding release on promising sel-lers, since these will only be copied by the counterfeiters and their sales value killed.

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Murray in Touch With Union As IMC Calls Private Talk To Air Petrillo "Approach"

WAXER-AFM MEET COMIN

Signs Point to Ban Resolution in Few Months?

By Joe Carlton

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Petrillo had been arranged or a date proposed to American Federation of Musicians' (AFM) officials, Murray's only reply was, "No comment." The disker talks here Wednesday, however, are expected to include discussion of a reported key plan for resolving the dilemma which goes: How to stay within the Taft-Hartley law and yet offer a proposition which may be reasonable for Petrillo as well as the budgets of the waxeries?

Ban Lift Near?

The timing of the meeting (second in three weeks) after the reported preliminary calls put in by Murray to the union, prompts informants here to predict that a resolution of the ban may be effected within a few months. It seems clear that the AFM will be receptive to talks, Petrillo himself having averred in his Washington hearings earlier this year that he was always meady to talk things over ready to talk things over.

The basis of any meet with Petrillo presumably would be the usual concession on the diskers' part that they would willingly pay royalties to the union (this expression has always been held out) provided such payments can fall within the Taft-Hartley law. Diskers must have assurance that such payments could be classed as legitimate business expenses for tax-deduction purposes, etc. At the same time, from Petrillo's standpoint the collection of such royalties must be so implemented as to be legal and keep when a classed at the same time. such collections out of any special taxable class.

Payment as Salary

Payment as Salary Speculation has it that any plan to be discussed with Petrillo probably will develop out of the simple offer to pay the equivalent of royalties col-lected pre-ban by the union direct to the musicians as salary rather than to the AFM proper. The latter, in turn, could levy a tax on the recording money paid to its members with the tax sizable enough to establish an equitable cash pool for the AFM. How this will sit with the Taft-Hartley law is a key problem. Does it constitute an evasion, or can such private settlement be validated by the device of having Petrillo dispense with his so-called unemployment fund and dump wax tax money into the general membership fund may largely be a question of mutual concurrence by the waxers, Jimmy P. and the government. That the diskers stand ready to pay union royalties out as salary is virtually a certainty, provided the government approves and probably with the stipulation that any agreement with AFM not be effective for at least a few months during which major companies can clean up backlogs. **Foreign Disks' Influx**

Foreign Disks' Influx

Foreign Disks' Influx More and more, trade observers point up that a Petrillo-disker peace is being neatly pressured by the force of events. The influx of disks from abroad and the mounting thrusts by domestic labels into foreign recording fields has become a worrisome point for Petrillo, as it has for non-importing companies here. An American pop record business centering about foreign musicians conceivably can jeopardize Petrillo's position that he is fighting for the welfare of AFM members. The latter gain nothing while a ban is on and, meanwhile, the American recording musicians, however small a part of the total AFM membership, may become rapidly discontented fellows when they find that precious exploitation (and name value) developed thru disks is being expended on foreign tootlers. At the same time, despite Pe-trillo's earlier insistence that the foreign musician's talents would never make an appreciable impression in the American home or commercially, the rate of local ferreting in the overseas master stockpiles indicates that the public is at variance with AFM. Should the major companies get behind a foreign talent push and maintain sales volume, the habit may become a menace to Petrillo's strength by virtue of its playdown of the American musician's importance. **Pre-Ban Royalties**

Pre-Ban Royalties

Another important point involves the payment of royalties on pre-ban masters. Petrillo in his Washington testimony first slipped and stated that royalties probably would cease after July 1, then corrected his statement a short while later to insist that royalties were payable for more than 10 years. But the legal batteries of the disk companies have other ideas. One major label at this point already has expressed its conviction that on August years. But the legal batteries of the disk companies have other ideas. One major label at this point already has expressed its conviction that on August 15 (the ordinary payment date for this label on union royalties covering the first six months of the year) it will not make a payment to the AFM. If other companies take the same stand (their payment dates vary according to contract) AFM will receive no more royalties after July 15 (Taft-Hartley deadline) and may be cut off for the first six months of this year. Under such contingencies, Petrillo may be expected to take the finance problem into important focus

into important focus. At the same time, with hope almost completely dissipated for Petrillo that Congress could serve as the channel to a status quo solution (the Copy-right Act has run into a welter of conflicting pressures from radio, record and music publisher groups), a private settlement with the diskers more vividly emerges as the only logical modus operandi to the end of the ban.

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Mooney's Dates **Dropped** 'Cause He's in Hospital

NEW YORK, April 17. -Mooney, whose ork now is riding high with his waxings of Four Leaf Clover and Baby Face, suffered a sudden at-tack of appendicitis in Cincinnati while playing at the Albee Theater there. He was removed to Cincy's Jewish Memorial Hospital Thursday

(15) for an emergency operation. The orkster is reported to be in "satisfac-tory condition." Associated Booking Corporation, which books Mooney's ork, canceled out two weeks of theater work sked-ed for the overstore of the BKO the ded for the orkster at the RKO the-aters in Dayton, O., and Cleveland. The agency believes that Mooney will be ready to resume activity within a couple of weeks. He has dates at Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook and is skedded to open the Cascades Roof of the Hotel Biltmore June 1.

AFM To Spend 1³/₄ Millions On Pubserv

NEW YORK, April 17.-The American Federation of Musicians (AFM) has allocated \$1,736,721.62 for the next nine months to provide free mu-sic in veterans' hospitals and other institutions, public parks and audi-toriums, juvenile delinquency programs and other public service proj-ects thruout the United States and Canada. The money to be expanded is drawn from the AFM's employment fund which was created from royalties

is drawn from the AFM's employment fund which was created from royalties paid to the union from records and transcriptions under terms of an agreement, made with diskers, which terminated last December 31. The AFM's locals receive money from the fund on a per capita basis, with the amount adjusted to prevent disproportionate d istribution of money to the three major tootler locals—New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The 1948 sked will allot each local \$9.40 per member for the first 5,000 members and \$1.78 per member thereafter. The money is spent to employ AFM members in free music programs, with the individual locals entitled to make their own plans for exact scheduling. AFM requires that where locals the money for mu-sic the events must be free to the public.

public. The 1948 allocation is some \$300,-The 1948 allocation is some good, 000 more than the money spent from the fund in 1947. The '47 expenditure was \$1,444.700 and was used to pro-vide 10,495 performances. In '47 a number of communities provided sup-plementing funds to the union alloca-tions to bring a continued music seations to bring a continued music sea-son for their municipalities, and it is believed that this type of programing will be expanded in 1948.

ELLA BOOKED OVERSEAS NEW YORK, April 17.—Ella Fitz-gerald this week was set for an overgerald this week was set for an over-seas jaunt in September for a four-week stint at the Palladium Theater in London. The chirp is skedded to open there September 27. She was booked for the date by the Foster's Agency in London for the William Morris Agency here, which in turn handled the deal for the Gale Agency, which holds the singer's management which holds the singer's management pact.

\$40,000 Apology

NEW YORK, April 17.—Lest the wrath of its foreign society brethren descend upon the American Society of Com-posers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), let it be said that *The Billboard* erred last week. An unhappy typographical nip-up resulted in our reporting the An unhappy typographical nip-up resulted in our reporting the Society's calendar-year collec-tions from some 137 symphony orchestras as being \$1,894. Ac-tually the correct figures should have read \$41,894.

European-Cut **Disks on Way** For Capitol?

Toppers Scouting Abroad

HOLLYWOOD. April 17.-Possibility that Capitol Records may import masters cut in Europe loomed last week when it was learned that diskcry's artist and repertoire head, James Conkling, and international division manager, Sandor Porges, were Eu-rope-bound to look over the situation there and scout for new talent. Conkling and Porges are skedded to em-bark aboard the Queen Mary this week for their talent hunt. Trade seers reasoned that Cap's possible signing of across-the-pond talent ropean masters at this time, since artists merely on paper are of little use to a diskery during the recording ban.

It was also reasoned that tunes cut overseas would be for U. S. ears, since Capitol had stated numerous times in the past it would not record ma-When Cap established its interna-tional division, statement was then tional division, statement was then made that the new department would not enter the foreign recording field, but only make its regular catalog available in other lands. Example of this is Cap's present policy in Latin-America, where no attempt has been made to record native material, but where its regular entelog her here but where its regular catalog has been placed on sale.

NLRB Defers Hartford AFM **Complaint Case**

HARTFORD, Conn., April 17.—The scheduled hearing by a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ex-aminer on the complaints by the State Theater of Hartford against the American Federation of Musi-cians (AFM) Local 400, Hartford, slated for April 19, has been post-poned to April 28. The hearing stems from a "feather.

The heating stems from a "feather-bedding" complaint the board lodged against Local 400 after the State Theater said the union attempted to force the theater to hire a stand-by orchestra while "name bands" were playing at the Hartford vaude-mo-tion picture house. It is maintained by the theater that the union is in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. The union maintains that the act doesn't apply to the situation, and that even if it did there would be no "featherbedding" involved. This week, Bernard Alpert, re-gional director of the NLRB, said that "this is the first 'featherbedding' *(See Complaint Deferred, page 35)* The hearing stems from a "feather-

King May Duel AFM Post-Ban

Summer Band Box

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SET FOR the Steel Pier in Atlantic City are THE THREE SUNS SET FOR the Steel Pier in Atlantic City are THE THREE SUNS and RAY McKINLEY'S ork for Decoration Day week-end with the SUNS skedded to finish out the week. Same spot has booked TOMMY DORSEY, GENE KRUPA, LOUIS PRIMA, ELLIOT LAWRENCE (week of August 22), TONY PASTOR (week of Sep-tember 6), VAUGHN MONROE (week of August 29)... Also booked for the Pier is PEGGY LEE and DAVE BARBOUR'S QUARTET during the week of August 1. . . . GENE KRUPA will play the Decoration Day week-end at the Convention Hall in Asbury Park, N. J.; definitely skedded for that spot this summer are GUY LOMBARDO, TEX BENEKE, VAUGHN MONROE (week of August 11), CARMEN CAVALLARO, TOMMY DORSEY. . . One-week jobs at the Eastwood Gardens in Detroit set for HAL McINTYRE (May 14 for two weeks), RAY McKINLEY (June 4), TONY PASTOR (June 11), JOHNNY LONG (July 16), TEX BENEKE (two weeks begin-ning July 23), STAN KENTON (August 9 for 10 days). VAUGHN MONROE (June 25), CHARLIE SPIVAK (August 13 for two weeks), CLAUDE THORNHILL (June 11). . . Centennial Terrace in Syl-vania, O. has corralled the following orks for one-weekers to date: LARRY CLINTON (June 25), SAM DONAHUE (July 16), SONNY DUNHAM (July 2). ELLIOT LAWRENCE (July 23), JOHNNY LONG (July 9), TOMMY REED (May 28) and MARSHALL YOUNG (June 4). . . Lakeside Park in Denver has FRANKIE CARLE in for two weeks beginning May 28, HAL MCINTYRE for two beginning June 11, CHARLIE SPIVAK for two beginning July 9, CLAUDE THORNHILL for one beginning June 25. and RAY McKINLEY'S ork for Decoration Day week-end with THORNHILL for one beginning June 25.

Rap Peat Sheet; Pluggers Fight for "Better" System

Publishers' (MPCE) Union officially has decided (MPCE) Union officially has decided to attack the Peatman performance sheet as a "detriment to the music business" and will try to devise an improved system of its own which would be staffed and operated by members of the union.

With the unemployment rate of songpluggers rising as music pubs sharpen retrenchment knives, MPCE at its meeting last week, appointed a committee to devise a sheet which "would better serve the interests of the publishing industry."

Surprise move came when Jack Robbins, stormy and stubby petrel of the publishing biz, was named chairman of the committee. Rob-bins, newly elected member of the board of directors of ASCAP and long a foe of the Peatman sheet, is also a member of MPCE. His attendance at the meeting, followed by his ac-ceptance of the role of chairman, won ceptance of the role of chairman, won him a loud cheer from the pluggers who are palpably concerned with alleged Peatman sheet deficiencies and see another logging system as perhaps improving employment pos-sibilities. Serving on the committee along with Robbins are Leo Diston (Chappell), Mack Clark (Bourne), Jack Ostfeld (Jewel) and Bob Mil-ler, prexy of MPCE.

"Better System Needed"

Speaking for the pluggers, Miller told The Billboard that the committee's only target now was to improve the Peatman system. A return to the Accurate sheet, the question of national coverage, remote-against-com-mercial plug evaluations, financing, etc., are points which will be investi-gated, Miller explained, but nothing has been decided except that "a better system is needed."

Expression of MPCE members claims that "Peatman was running the music business on a mathematical

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Music the sources of his logging information. ublishers' Contact Employees Several larger publishers are known MPCE) Union officially has decided attack the Peatman performance neet as a "detriment to the music result of snarls developing from such queries.

When and if the MPCE committee, sparked by Robbins, comes up with "the plan," Miller indicated, "we are ers' Protective Association and to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for support."

Basic problems which resulted in Peatman's supplanting of the Accu-rate log some years ago (including demands for more scientific coverage in terms of listening audience, and in terms of listening audience, and contentions that Peatman would re-duce the payola evil or properly set remotes in subordinated value to commercials) may have changed, some trade observers feel, and the MPCE move is seen as probably arousing much major publisher in-terest. Support, however, probably would not be extended to any all-plugs-equal formula which might help pluggers but become a publish-er's pain in the pocketbook.

ASCAP Probes Pubbers' Pay **On MBS Plugs** NEW YORK, April 17. -– It is un-

derstood here that the classification committee of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is multing the question of whether performance payments to pubs on the basis of Mutual Broadcasting System network plugs are out of line.

ASCAP-ers, it is learned, are ques-tioning the logging of Mutual per-formances . . based on estimates of number of stations carried by the the music business on a mathematical basis only known to himself and re-fused to give out information to sub-scribers when queried. The pluggers were obviously referring to known refusal by Peatman to exactly delin-eate his Hooper-count system for evaluating programs or to reveal all

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Firm In So-Far-Solo Fight

By Alan Fischler

By Alan Fischler HOLLYWOOD, April 17.—Opening round in Jerry King's fight to end the current Petrillo recording ban may swell into a permanent bout with the American Federation of Musicians (AFM). According to King, prexy of Standard Transcrip-tions (top indie library service), his firm within three weeks definitely will invade Mexico for the first of a continuing series of recording dates. continuing series of recording dates. King declared that he would henceforth record when and where quality diskings can be made and reported that initial Mexican dates were defi-nitely set, following the end of negotiations between Mexican waxers and

the Mexican musicians' union. First of Standard's south-of-the border sessions will cover 10 pop tunes. Ditties include A Little Imagitunes. Ditties include A Little Imagi-nation, and Daddy. Surprise Me from the score of Are You With It film; Shoemaker's Serenade and three tunes from legiter, Inside U. S. A. King will use 25 Mexican musicians, two American vocalists and an Amer-ican arranger-conductor. To prevent punitive action from AFM or other talent unions, names of artists trek-

talent unions, names of artists trek-king to Mexico are being kept quiet. To encourage Yankee diskers, Mex-ican musicians' org granted recorders free rehearsal time. Mex originally argued for higher scales on export diskings, but settled for 18 pesos an hour for regular sidemen and 20 pesos for key orksters. (Official ex-change rate of peso is currently ap-proximately 20 cents.) King expects to have pressings of the first sides ready for presentation (See King May Duel on page 35)

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Wrentham, Mass., Spot To Preem

BOSTON, April 17.—A new name-band location in the New England territory will open at Wrentham, Mass., in mid-May. Located in the middle of the triangle formed by Boston, Providence and Worcester, the spot, known as the King Philip, will debut May 18, with Tommy Dor-sey's ork kicking off with a one-week date and Dick Jurgens following May date and Dick Jurgens following May 25 for a week. Other orks set for the

25 for a week. Other orks set for the spot on one or two-week engagements are Ted Weems, Louis Prima and Buddy Moreno. The King Philip, a 70-year-old lo-cation which has been renovated to include indoor and outdoor dancing room, becomes the only New England regular name-band location spot. Closest rivals, the Totem Pole, Au-burndale, Mass., and the Meadows, Framingham, Mass., have been using Boston bands almost exclusively rc-cently. The ork deals were set by Dave Baumgarten, of the New York Music Corporation of America office.

MGM's Roberts to Zenith NEW YORK, April 17.—Charles Roberts, advertising and promotion director for MGM Records, leaves that post at the end of this month to take over as ad and promotion head for the Zenith Radio Corporation of New York.

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Waxing Holds Decca's Reservations Delay Cap Sales Up Majestic Purchase as Fox 25 Per Cent; Circulates Details of Bid Near 5 Mil NEW YORK, April 17 .--- Even as Harry Fox, mechanical collection agent for major music pubs here, circularized his clients with a letter this week advising them of details of the Decca offer to take over Majestic Records, the possibilities of a Decca deal seemed to have cooled off somewhat at press time. On Friday (16), Milton Rackmil, executive veepee of Decca Records, indicated that the company's attorney in Chicago had reported some new snags, resulting in Rackmil's cancelling an intended Chi visit. Racknil stressed that "no firm offer" had been made for the record branch of Majestic Radio & Television, cur-rently under Chapter 11 proceedings of the Chandler Act. He said the pro-person he had made with he pro-All-Time High; Decca Drops Sinatra Cuts "Nature Boy" NEW YORK, April 17 .- Capitol NEW YORK, April 17.-Ban-made NEW YORK, April 17.—Capitol Records' quarterly report for the first three months of 1948 shows approx-imately a 25 per cent increase in total sales and marks the best sales-and-earnings figure for any three-month period in the diskery's his-tory. **Maurice Catalog** posals he had made were loaded with tory.

The diskery's sales totaled approx-imately \$4,800,000, compared with \$3,900,000 in the first three months of 1947. It is expected that the in-come for the three months ended March 31, 1948, will show a profit equal to more than \$1 per share on the 430,000 common shares outstand-ing after convertible preferred divis the 430.000 common shares outstand-ing after convertible preferred divi-dends. Net income in the corre-sponding period of 1947 was \$207,107, or 44 cents per common share after convertible preferred dividends.

Recording Expenses Cut

Capitol Prexy Glenn E. Wallichs pointed out in his report, which was delivered at the diskery annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday (13), that a major factor in the increased take was reduced recording expenses, resulting from the release of master disks cut before the imposition of the Petrillo ban. Also a key factor in the diskery's raised take was its steady flow of hit wax topped by the Peggy Lee Golden Earrings and Manana, along with a string of sales support from the folk and race departments where Julia Lee, Nellie Lutcher, Tex Williams and Mank Williams and Hank Thompson scored as best sellers.

as best sellers. While Capitol's take was rising, Decca's quarterly report, also de-livered at a stockholders' meeting Tuesday (13), showed a sales drop of approximately \$2,300,000, or more than 20 per cent under sales for the same period in 1947. Decca's net for the first quarter was \$7,923,734, compared with the 1947 figure of \$10,220,780.

\$10,220,780. New Distrib Set-Up Decca Prexy Jack Kapp reported to the diskery's stockholders that the firm was instituting a new dis-trib set-up which would "effect econ-omies in filling the company's sizable backlog of orders." The new plan calls for the closing of a dozen of the diskery's self-owned and operated distrib branches, thus reducing its outlets from 42 to 30. To offset the shuttering of these branches, the diskery will enlarge eight of its re-maining outlets in to "super-branches." These outlets will service the areas left vacant by the closed branches and will carry the complete Decca catalog in stock, whereas most branches previously had stocked only branches previously had stocked only demand items.

It also was announced that the diskery has opened a new album assembly plant at Indianapolis, where records will be collated and placed in album covers. This is Decca's third such plant, the others being in New Haven and Los Angeles. Com-bined production capacity of the bined production capacity of the plants is estimated at 10,000,000 album sets a year.

Hemp Mill Terpery

IOWA FALLS, Ia., April 17.—A former hemp mill, located a mile south of Iowa Falls, will be con-verted into a modern ballroom, according to plans announced by Lloyd H. Clark and his son-in-law, Wal-lace Peters, both of Iowa Falls. Plans call for opening the spot around June 15.

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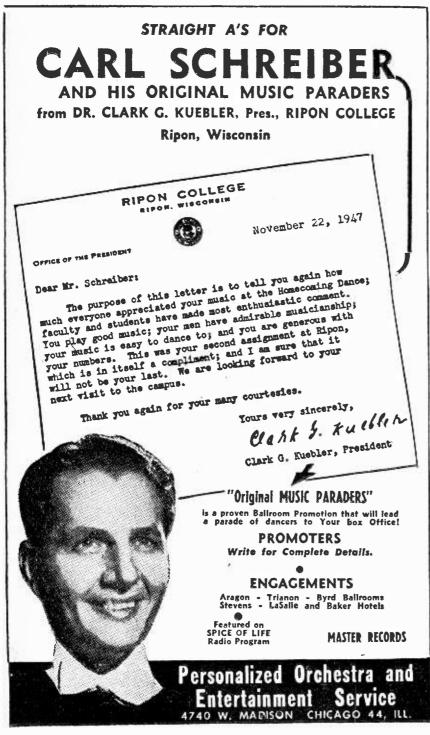
recordings and purchases of pre-ban made matrices continued at sprinter's pace this week. Decca Records held pace this week. Decca Records held a date here Thursday (15), with Dick Haymes and the Song Spinners, to run down Nature Boy and You Can't Be True, Dear. These sides will be paired and put on a special imme-diate release. Columbia also cut Na-ture Boy last Saturday eve (10), with Frank Sinatra, while it is reported that Universal Records in Chicago also cut an a capella version of the song. song.

Columbia did another date in New York early this week, cutting *Toolie Oolie Doolie* and *You Can't Be True*, *Dear* with the Marvin Sisters and a harmonica group. The Marvins did the tune before the ban on the Con-tingential disking of Taolie which tinental disking of *Toolie* which caused the original turmoil over the song. On that disking they received no label credit.

To Leeds, Duchess HOLLYWOOD, April 17.—Lou Levy this week inactivated Peter Maurice Music, and moved the cata-log into Leeds and Duchess, sister firms. Retrenchment was given as reason for move reason for move. In the reshuffle, PM's Coast rep,

In the reshuffle, PM's Coast rep, Allan Ross, and Ted Travis, Duchess plugger in Chicago were let out. Harry Weinstein, ex-Maurice profes-sional manager in New York moved to Duchess, as did Bob Sadorf. War-ren Drown shifted from Maurice to Leeds in Gotham. Norman Fink moved to Duchess in Chicago, while Goldie Goldmark remains with Duch-ess on the Coast. ess on the Coast.

Signature Records has a date sked-ded for next Wednesday (21) with (See Waxing Holds Pace, page 35) Girl in My Dreams, went to Leeds.



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stipulations and provisos that would require many further assurances by Majestic representatives. Decca's po-sition, Rackmil averred, was that of being interested in buying Majestic but only in such a way as not to in-volve the company with Majestic creditor or contract problems.

Text of the Fox letter to the pubs included the following statements:

Decca is willing to pay \$173,000 for certain assets of the record company (masters) and this is conditioned fur-ther upon certain artists with whom the record company now has contractual re-lationship . . . Eddy Howard and Rose Murpby . . . consenting to an assignment of their present contract with Majestic Records to Decca-—in this connection, as I understand, Decca is also willing to pay \$375,000 for the total plant, but it seems to be the opinion of Shapiro that they could do better by selling what Decca is willing to pay \$175,000 for and there re-mains, therefore:

Accounts receivable as of February 29, which, according to Shapiro, will bring \$125,000. Accounts receivable for the March business, all of which is con-sidered good . . \$150,000. The equip-ment-\$150,000.

These three items coupled with the \$175,000 that Decca is willing to pay for the assets discussed amount to \$600,000. Even if it doesn't bring 600G it was the considered opinion of those present at the April 8 meeting that it would bring more than the 375G outright sale to Decca. At any rate it was agreed that upon getting a firm offer from Decca, the mat-ter would then be submitted to the court and that obviously, upon submission to the court if there were any better offers, they could be submitted to the court at a later date.

From the sales of any of the assets, the proceeds would be deposited with the court and ultimately a dividend would be paid.

So far as the record company is con-cerned, it has obligations of \$800,000 to general creditors (this does not include, however, \$780,000 that it owes to its par-ent company, Majestic). However, Majestic in turn is the guarantor of all the obliga-tions of the record company. Therefore, if a substantial amount of money can be realized of the record company's assets, it materially helps the total over-all picture.

It seemed to be the consensus of those present at the meeting April 8 that a con-tinuation of operation on the part of the record company would only result in sub-stantial losses and that there is a further possibility that if the Petrilio ban is lifted the masters for which Decca is now will-ing to pay a substantial sum will have practically no value.

There is also another disturbing factor, in that there is an attempt on the part of some creditors, represented by an attor-ney, to transfer the present proceeding which is under Chapter 11 to Chapter 10 of the Chandler Act. This would abso-lutely "upset the applecart." Nothing can be gained by it except to make it a Roman holiday for attorneys. administrators, trustees, etc. The creditors under Chapter 10 will get whatever is left.

For your records, I am enclosing state-ments for the two quarters ending Septem-ber 30 and December 31, 1947. We are also to receive an additional report of sales that were made from the date of January I, 1948, until February 5, 1948. Therefore the amount of indebtedness is for the periods as mentioned above up to and in-cluding February 5.

We are now waiting for a statement for sales made, beginning with the date of February 6, when Majestic filed under Chapter 11 of the Chandler Act and that statement and payment should be forth-coming very shortly.

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NEW ENGLAND WHIRL ... Norman Prescott spinning out a new **NEW ENGLAND WHIRL** . . . Norman Prescott spinning out a new junior disk show over WHED, Portsmouth, N. H., across the bcard, tabbed *Ouelette's Junior Disk Jockey Show*. . . WCCC, Hartford, Conn., Program Manager Walter Nielson has set tie-ins with 10 schools in metropolitan Hartford for that station's *Junior Disk Jockey* program which offers students the chance to spin disks. . . At Bridgeport, Conn., the spinner team of Harry Osborne and Lou Weinman has broken up, with Weinman heading for California to go into biz with his father. . . At Hartford's State Theater last week Art Mooney ran a local "baby face" contest in tie-ins with disk jockeys Joe Girand, WCCC; Naughton, WDRC; Jack Downey, WONS (all Hartford); Toby Baker, WELI, New Haven; Bernie Moore, WKNB, New Britain, and Doug Bewick, WSPR, Springfield, Mass. Contest finals were held at the State April 9.

SWITCH...AND PLUG!...Bill Cook, who recently began a whirler series over WAAT, Newark, N. J., concluded a "mystery singer" disk contest with as neat and immodest a switch as has been executed in many a spin. Cook played a blues waxing of Rocks in My Bed every night for a couple of weeks, asking his listeners to guess the singer doing the song, with winners to draw various prizes. After replies listed almost every known Negro wax artist, Cook let the answer out of the bag last Monday eve (12). Warbler was tabbed Baron Bill, known better to his audience as Bill Cook, the disk jockey on WAAT. To top it off, Cook told his listeners that for verification they could go out and buy the disk next week when it is released. H'mm. when it is released. H'mm.

SPINNING WITH NAMES . . . Duke Ellington, recovering from a kidney operation, cut transcriptions for his spinner series from his bedside at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center last week. . . . Mel Allen, wax whirler and sports spieler, won a "day" of feting by his hometown, Birmingham, April 12, which included a luncheon thrown by the mayor and presentation of the key to the city. . . . Garry Stevens, former vocalist with the Tex Beneke and Charlie Spivak orks, last week began an across-the-board hour-and-a-quarter jock show over WROW, Albanv. Albany.

PHILLY FADDLE ... Bob Horn, free-lance disk jockey with a half dozen shows on WIP and WPEN here, severed a relationship with his sponsor that had stretched over a seven-year period. Horn dropped the disking for Adams Clothes' *Danceland* platter show on WIP each night from 11 to midnight. He bowed out of the show, one of the most popular waxing sessions in town, when the Brooks & London Advertising Agency handling PHILLY FADDLE. the clothing store account, notified Horn that the sponsor would henceforth select the spinning sides.

Over all the years, Horn has featured music with "a beat" on the waxing session and sponsor's decision to select the disks came without explanation. Horn, feeling that he couldn't do justice to a show where he had no voice in selecting the sides, dropped out Monday (12). He added that he couldn't see how an outside person, with limited or no background in music and recordings, could select the platters for him and then hold him responsible for the success of the show. Horn is w.k. in Philly, not only as a disk jockey but also for his connection with a few local night spots. . . Lincoln Drive-In Theater last week added a *Mystery Girl* spinner to play sides and chat between showings of pix; show is confined to the movie spot's sound system and is not broadcast.

HOLLYWOOD CUTTERS ... Disk Jockey Association of Greater Los Angeles, composed of area's spinners, is forming a baseball club to play pick-up teams composed of crooners and musicians. L. A. spinner group pick-up teams composed of crooners and musicians. L. A. spinner group intends to remain autonomous and not become a segment of the National Association of Disk Jockeys. It will, however, co-operate with the national org whenever such support is sought. Officers include Gene Norman, prexy; Peter Potter, veepee, and Bob McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer. Group so far has remained a social org. . . Bill Anson and his Hollywood Bandstand (KFWB, 1-4 p.m.) originated from the Santa Monica Junior College April 16, with that school's campus station, KCRW, playing host to the spinner. Gimmick is intended to cement collegiate following by giving school atten-tion, as well as by letting students be guest disk jockeys.

SPINNER SPATTER . . . MGM Records, MGM pix and the Mutual Broadcasting System are going to do a joint promotion on diskery's package of tunes from the flickery's *The Pirate*, with the network's Jim Backus show serving as backbone of the drive. . . . Hal Miller, spinner on KIOX, Bay City, Tex., wonders what became of V-disks. He recalls that many a disk hit was born on V-disks and feels that they rate a spin. . . . Todd Branson, program director of KENT, Shreveport, La.; returned to whirling disks with a 45-minute Monday-thru-Friday airer. He formerly was a spinner on WJW, Cleveland. . . . Ed Fisher moved to WHIZ, Zanesville, O., to handle jockey chores on *Melody Ranch* and the *Breakfast Party* from WMAN, Mansfield, O., and WIRE, Indianapolis. . . . Howard Malcolm returned to early a.m. wax whirling on WTIP, Charleston, W. Va., after serving a turn as a program director at WLEX, Lexington, Ky.

DEVICTOR DEVICE . . . Marty Devictor, spinner on WBNS, Co-lumbus, O., is developing a novelty idea for his new 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m. airer. Early in the evening and prior to his show he visits parties and dances— birthdays, anniversaries, fraternity and sorority shindigs—with a wire recorder and picks up chats with guests. Same evening on his program he plays back the wired pick-up between disk spins. Devictor claims this gimmick insures him at least some audience, besides providing his show with a personal touch. with a personal touch.



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Music—As Written

Sol Handwerger is the new MGM diskery flack chief. . . Harlem's Apollo Theater combined the latest fads, disk jockey theater shows and be-bop, for a one-week presentation which opened Friday (16) with spinner Symphony Sid conducting a be-bop all-star jazz show on boards. . . . Ray Eberle's ork booked to return to the Roseland Ballroom here for four weeks beginning September 16. He is currently winding up four weeks

Chirp Kay Starr set for four weeks with two four-week options at Cafe Society Downtown beginning May 4. . . Larry Clinton's ork set for three weeks at the Hotel Pennsylvania beginning May 3. . . Blue Barron ork and the Three Suns packaged to fill the final Hotel Astor Roof period for four weeks beginning August 9. . . Orkster Boyd Raeburn reorganizing after several months layoff: begins to work with three days at the Rajah Theater. Reading, Pa., next week-end and follows with several college dates and one-nighters. all set by General Artists Corporation for Willard Alexander.

Howard Sinnott, of General Artists Corporation, is for the third consecutive year exclusively booking the New York City parks department dances. Dances begin June 24 and finish September 10, with 54 one-nighters involved over-all. . . Fred Waring presented Pennsylvania Gov. and Mrs. James H. Duff with a gold disk of the first pressing of the orkster's waxing of the song *Pennsylvania*. . . The Raymond Scott Quintet and Francis Craig are being paired by the William Morris office for a series of Southern one-nighter recitals. . . Charlie Spivak's ork set for two weeks of the Aragon Ballroom Chicago heginning July 28 at the Aragon Ballroom, Chicago, beginning July 28.

Beale Street Boys (MGM disk quartet) hit the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts show April 26 and go into the Apollo Theater April 30 for one week. Group may get a summer network sustainer.

Crown Publishers will issue a 656-page Dictionary of Musical Themes, by Howard Barlow and Sam Morgenstern, April 28. Tome contains 10,000 musical themes of important instrumental works, from over 250 composers, covering a period of several hundred years. Book is indexed by titles of works, key of themes, etc.

Buddy Rich drew a return engagement for the week of June 4 at Harlem's Apollo Theater. . . Cowboy crooner Billy Williams last week was set to work with Frankie Carle's ork. Williams, who records for RCA Victor, will work in costume on the bandstand. . . Billy Eckstine and the Sabby Lewis ork packaged for a one-weeker at the Regal Theater, Chicago, beginning June 11. . . Sonny Dunham's personal manager, Shedd McWilliams, papa of a daughter, Sharon, born Saturday (10).

General Artists' Corporation this week signed George Towne and his ork to a three-year management deal. Towne formerly was booked thru the Mus-Art Agency without a contract. . . . Larry Clinton's ork set for an

eight-day stint at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City beginning May 29.... Associated Booking Corporation topper, Joe Glaser, is off to the Coast... Music Corporation of America flack, Sammy Roen, father of a son, Harry Lewis, born Thursday (15)... Sacasas and his Latin ork set for the President Hotel, Atlantic City, for the month of July. He will be followed by the newly formed Esy Morales group for the month of August.

MGM Records putting together an album composed of single sides cut by MGM Records putting together an album composed of single sides cut by regular diskery artists of the tunes featured in the MGM flickery's *Big City*. Artists included in the package will be Kate Smith. Art Lund. Hal McIntyre's ork and Betty Garrett. Latter is only one of the four who performed in the movie... Mueller & Selby. Inc., Omaha, is now the Capitol diskery distrib in the Nebraska-Western lowa and Southeastern South Dakota territory... Mercury Records is prepping to cut some kidisk sides without music. . . The Boyd Raeburn-Ginnie Powell masters, which have been proffered around by Willard Alexander for several months, finally were picked up by Herb Abramson's new Atlantic diskery, with the initial release soon due on the market.

Paramount Theater squabble over an ork for the June 2-9 period was resolved last week with the signing of the Ray Anthony band for the four-week minimum stint on a bill with the King Cole Trio. Originally Tony Pastor was to do the date but was shelved in favor of the Buddy Moreno ork which in turn was knocked out by the Anthony booking. . . . Harry (The Hipster) Gibson due into the Onyx Club April 29. . . . Tuesday night be-bop jam sessions at the Royal Roost proved successful enough for the spot to move the hipster shows into a three-day week-end slot on Fridays to move the hipster shows into a three-day week-end slot on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Columbia Records' Ben Selvin keeps spinning in and out of town on sales check-up trips. He's off to Canada for a two-week tour now. . . . Lou Levy back to the Coast over the week-end. . . . Harper's is the latest mag to be working up a treatise on the music biz.

Chicago:

Universal cut its first Petrillo ban disk Friday (16), with the Harmonicats doing Nature Boy, backed by It's the Sentimental Thing To Do, with Don Les, a member of the Cats, dubbing in a jug solo for bass background. . . . Midwest ballroom operators are purchasing decal stickers for use of members on their box-office windows and other glass in the ballroom. . . Henry Durst, McConkey one-night skedder, and Nev Wagner, WM one-night booker, both ill and out for several weeks. . . Bobby Beers, ex-Welk singer, doing two net and one local show over WSM, Nashville, in addition to his work as featured singer at the Plantation, local bistro.

Vitacoustic creditors will get their notice of a meeting to consult with the firm's heads within three weeks. Lloyd Garret, prexy of Vita, setting out soon on a nationwide trip to pick up an additional 30 distributors for the firm. . . . Vic Rickey, ex-Fredericks Bros., and territory band booker, has opened a band and cocktail unit office in Minneapolis.

Hollywood:

Allan Roberts and Lester Lee, Columbia Pictures' contract tune cleffers, have completed the title song and score for the pic, *Ladies of the Chorus*, to be produced by Harry Romm. . . Johnny White disbands his quartet and will be booked as a single. Vibeman White opens at the Palm House, Palm Springs, Calif., for his initial stint. . . . Scoring of the pic *Waterfront at Midnight*, Pine-Thomas film for Paramount, got under way last week, with music director Harry Lubin batoning his original score.

Sellout crowd greeted Guy Lombardo's opening at Cocoanut Grove, Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel's plush room. Lombardo played the Grove eight years ago, the last time he made a public appearance in this area. . . Batoneer Ray Nobel and voicer Buddy Clark have been inked by MGM for the fourth of Martin Bloch's *Musical Merry*-Go-Round shorts. . . D'Varga and ork opened the newly remodeled Cinegrill, Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel.

Joe Perry celebrates his 25th anniversary in record biz May 6. Perry started in 1934 with the old Brunswick firm and moved to Decca in July. started in 1934 with the old Brunswick firm and moved to Decca in July. 1934. Claims to be first or second employee hired by Jack Kapp when the plattery was formed. . . Guy Lombardo will attempt to break the world's speed record in his Tempo XI May 3 when he tries his luck on California's Salton Sea. . . Ben Yost's Vikings return for a local stint at Larry Potter's Supper Club. . . Modernaires will play University of Pittsburgh prom May 7, and Buffalo's Town Casino beginning June 14. . . . A tune, based on Barny's Beanery, local eatery, has been penned by Irving Hamilton and Palmer Vogel. Palmer Vogel.

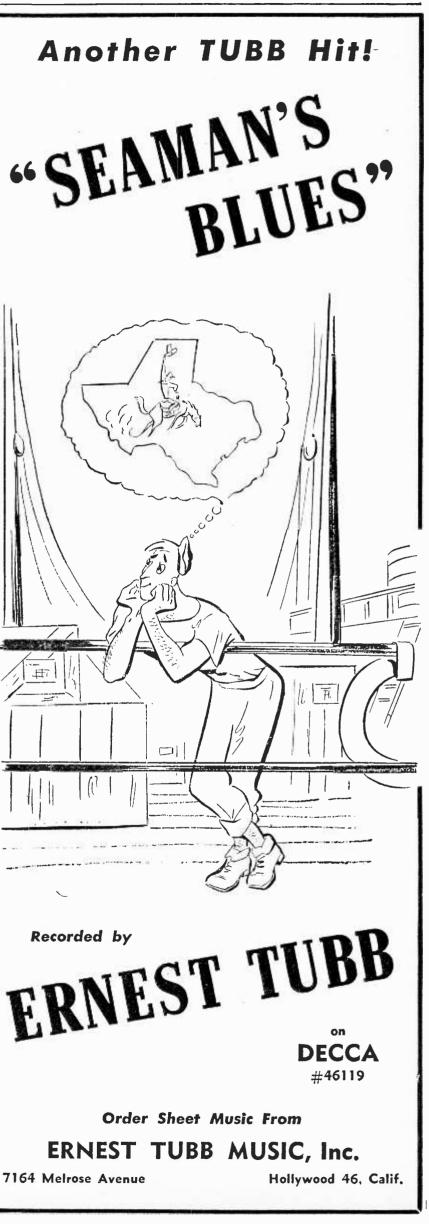
The David Street-Mark Warnow platter Nobody Else But Elsie, set for The David Street-Mark Warnow platter Nobody Else But Elsie, set for release by Coast Records. Warnow is currently on the mend following a heart attack. . . Frank Worth's Sax Concert will be recorded for London Gramaphone by the Kingsway Symphony. . . Thrush Lorry Raine, currently on Coast label, inked for a 16mm. featurette by Martin Murray Productions. . . . Baxter Record Distributors appointed a Denver outlet for Pan-American Records. . . Marjorie Anderson, ex-mag writer, joined the Pan-American flack staff. . . . Sanford Adler sold his interest in the Las Vegas Flamingo Hotel. Hotel.

Philadelphia:

Clarence Fuhrman set to return to the Willow Grove Park Danceland with the Al Russell Trio and Delores Brown. Dizzy Gillespie skedded for a re-bop recital in the Academy of Music Concert Hall May 11.

Cincinnati:

Cincinnati: When Art Mooney's band moved into the RKO Albee Theater here Thursday (15), Art Mooney himself moved into Jewish Hospital for an emergency appendectomy. Kerwin Summerville batons the crew during Mooney's absence. . . Ray Anthony, following his Sunday (11) click at Meyers Lake Park, Canton, O., contracted to take his band back there July 11. Anthony combo also set, with the King Cole Trio, for the Paramount, New York, week of June 2. . . Tex Beneke takes his band to University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 30-May 1, as the beginner of a solid string of one-nighters thru the South that will carry him thru May 26. . . . Wayne King ork and revue into the 2,500-seat Taft Theater for a one-nighter April 28, with ducats scaled from \$1.20 to \$3, tax included. April 28, with ducats scaled from \$1.20 to \$3, tax included.



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Geo. Barnes Quartet "WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO MAKE YOU LOVE ME" "THE DREAM PEDDLER" No. 5124 - 755



georgia Slitt and His Texas Roundup "AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS" "REACH UP AND GRAB IT" No. 6081 - 75¢



and His Orchestra "SOME WOMEN DO" "ALIMONY BLUES" No. 8076 - 754

SPECIAL RELEASE

and His Orchestra

'His famous theme song' ''DOODLE-DOO-DOO'' ''IF THAT PHONE EVER RINGS''

No. 5110 - 75¢





and His Orchestra "WHO PUT THAT DREAM IN YOUR EYES?" "DARDANELLA" No. 5125 — 75c



and His Cactus Cutups "I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY" "IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE NOW" No. 6098 - 756



Gene Gilbeaux's Orchestra

"IT'S A QUIET TOWN IN" CROSSBONE COUNTY" "AIN'T SHE MEAN" No. 8078 - 75¢

dinah washington

Cootie Williams Orchestra

"I WANT TO CRY"

"RESOLUTION BLUES"

No. 8082 - 75¢



BEST-SELLING SHEET MUSIC

Tunes listed are the national best sheet music sellers. List is based on reports (P) Indicates tune is in a film; (M) indireceived each week from all the nation's sheet music jobbers. Songs are listed tune is available on records.

P	OSITIC	N	
Weeks	Last	This	
to date	Week	Week	Publisher
14	1	1.	NOW IS THE HOUR (R)Leeds
12	3	2.	MANANA (R)Barbour-Lee
14	2	3.	I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR LEAF CLOVER (R) Remick
14	4	4.	BEG YOUR PARDON (R)Robbins
5	5	5.	THE DICKEY-BIRD SONG (F) (R)Robbins
23	6	6.	SERENADE OF THE BELLS (R)
10	7	6.	BUT BEAUTIFUL (F) (R)Burke-Van Heusen
	9	7.	TOOLIE OOLIE DOOLIE (R)Chas. K. Harris
2	12	8.	YOU CAN'T BE TRUE, DEAR (R)Biltmore
2 2 3 3 1 6		9.	HAUNTED HEART (M) (R)Williamson
- 5	14	10.	TELL ME A STORY (R)Laurel
3	11	11.	BABY FACE (R)
3	11		
_ <u>I</u>]		12.	SABRE DANCE (R) Leeds
6	10	13.	YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME (F) (R)Miller
6	8	14.	PIANISSIMO (R)Santly-Joy
1 1	- 1	15.	BIG BRASS BAND FROM BRAZIL (R)E. H. Morris

ENGLAND'S TOP TWENTY

	OSITI		
to date		Week	English American
16	1	1.	A TREE IN THE MEADOW. Campbell-Connelly Campbell-
			Connelly Nou
14	2	2.	NEAR YOUBradbury WoodSupreme
16	3	з.	I WONDER WHO'S KISS-
	~		ING HER NOW
9	5	4.	UNCE OPON A WINTER-
			TIME* SERENADE OF THE
10	6	4.	BELLS
		5.	GOLDEN EARRINGS Victoria Paramount
6	87	5. 6.	CIVILIZATION
8	4	7.	WHEN YOU WERE Shapiro-
8	4	4.	SWEET SIXTEEN Darewski Bernstein
		8.	SHOEMAKER'S J. J. Robbins &
12	4	0.	SERENADE
1		9.	TERESA Leeds Duchess
2	9	10.	I'M MY OWN GRANDPAW. Leeds
4	10	11.	TOO FAT POLKA
	10	11.	Bernstein
4	12	12.	TELL ME A STORY Irwin Dash Laurel
5	11	13.	THE OLD POSTMAN
3	11	10.	PASSES ME BY
1	_	14.	REFLECTIONS ON THE
	-	1 7.	WATER
2	13	15.	MY COUSIN LOUELLA Francis Day Shapiro-
	10	1.0.	Bernstein
25	14	16.	AN APPLE BLOSSOM Shapiro-
20			WEDDING
2	16	17.	SILVER WEDDING
-			WALTZ
27	15	18.	I'LL MAKE UP FOR
			EVERYTHING
23	17	19.	PEG O' MY HEART Ascherberg Robbins
			d

*Publisher not available as The Billboard goes to press.

CANADA'S TOP TUNES

Songs listed are sheet music best sellers in Canada. Listing is based on reports received from the seven largest retailers in the Dominion.

	POSIT		
Weeks	Last	This	
to date		Week	NAME TOUR
3	1	1.	NOW IS THE HOUR
3	2	2.	I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR LEAF CLOVER
3	2 2 3	3.	BEG YOUR PARDON
3		4.	SERENADE OF THE BELLS
3	4	5.	MANANA
3	5	6.	THE DICKEY-BIRD SONG
3	9	7.	WITH A HEY AND A HI AND A HO HO HO
1	-	8.	YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME
3	6	9.	GOLDEN EARRINGS
3 3 3 3 3 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 3 1 3	11	10.	I'M MY OWN GRANDPAW
3	12	10.	HOW SOON
3	13	11.	I'LL DANCE AT YOUR WEDDING
3	8	12.	BUT BEAUTIFUL
3	10	13.	
1	1	14.	SABRE DANCE
3	7	15.	THE STARS WILL REMEMBER
1	-	15.	NEAR YOU
3	11	16.	PIANISSIMO
1	1	17.	SLAP 'ER DOWN AGAIN PAW
2	15	18.	THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE
1		19.	TOOLIE OOLIE DOOLIE
2	13	19.	I'M A-COMIN' A-COURTIN', CORABELLE
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to date 13	Week 1	Week	MANANAPeggy Lee. All Dressed Up With a	Capitol	15022
13	2	2.	Broken Heart NOW IS THE HOURBing Crosby Silver Threads Among	Decca	24279
3	11		the Gold LITTLE WHITE LIESDick Hayme The Treasure of Sierra Madre		1
3	8		(D. Shore, Columbia 38114) YOU CAN'T BE TRUE, DEAR	Jerry Wayne	
14	3		I'M LOOKING OVER A		1
7	4	6.	BECAUSEPerry Como If You Had All the World and Its Gold (D. Durbin, Decca 25295; Dean Hudson		
4	5	7.	Mello-Strain 112) BABY FACEArt Mooney		
4	7		Encore, Cherie SABRE DANCE		1
13	10	9.	net NOW IS THE HOURGracie Field Come Back to Sorrento	sLondo	n 110
2	9		ST. LOUIS BLUES MARCH. Tex Beneke Cherokee Canyon		
4	6	11.	SABRE DANCE BOOGIEFreddy Mar After You've Gone	tinvictor 20	-2721
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Weeks to date 4 2 1 12 50	POSITI I.ast Week 1 3 - 2 -	This Weck 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Down Memory Lane Vaughn Montoe Busy Fingers Three Suns Rendezvous With Peggy Lee Peggy Lee Good News Album June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Joan M Patricia Marshall Al Jolson Album Al Jolson	Victor Capitol cCracken, MC	P-206 CC-72
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102	4	4.	Philharmonica Symphony of New York conductor	; Efrem Kurtz,	12498
133	4	5.	Boston Pops; Arthur Fiedler, conduct Clair De Lune Jose Iturbi		
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5	2	2.	Operatic Arias Album F. Tagliavini-RCA Victor Ork; A. Dor	ati, director	
62	-	3.	Tchaikowsky Nutcracker Suite Eugene Ormandy, conductor, Philadely	Victor MO-1191-	1
2	-	4.	Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 in D Mino Boston Symphony Ork-S. Kous F. Yeend, E. Alberts, D. Lloyd, J. Per Festival Chorus, R. Shaw, director	r, Op, 125 sevitzky, directo: ase. Berkshire Mus	r; ic
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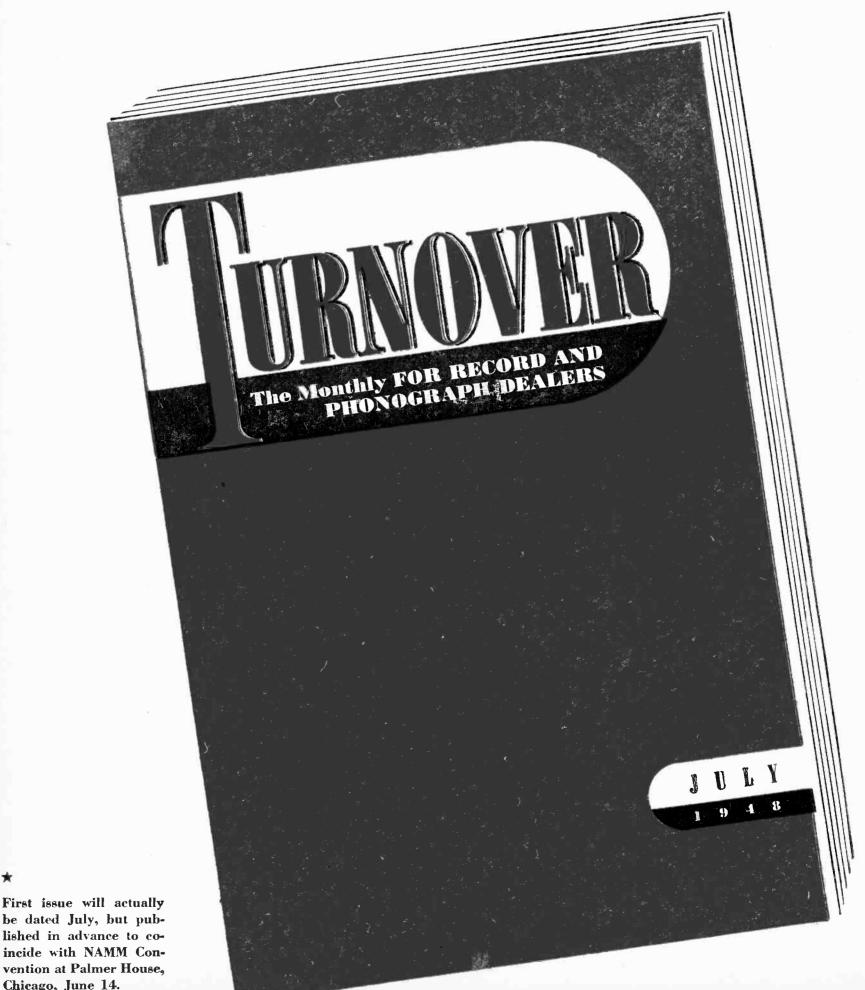
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Nellie Lutcher Capitol 40017 BABY FACE HEARTBREAKER Jack Smith Capitol 15078 THOUCHTLESS YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME Gordon MacRae Capitol 15027 TOOLIE OOLIE DOOLIE (The Yodel Polka) YOU CAN'T BE TRUE, DEAR The Sportsmen Capitol 15077 SEPIA FINE BROWN FRAME THE PIG-LATIN SONG Nellie Lutcher Capitol 15032 KINC SIZE PAPA WHEN YOU'RE SMILING (The Whole World Smiles With You) Julia Lee Capitol 40082 I COT A BREAK, BABY MEAN OLD WORLD T-Bone Walker Capitol 15033	COOFUS Substration

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	SABRE DANCE
2	LITTLE WHITE LIES DICK HAYMES The Treasure Of Sierra Modre No. 24280
3	TOOLIE OOLIE DOOLIE ANDREWS SISTERS I HATE TO LOSE YOU No. 24380
4	NOW IS THE HOURBING CROSBYSilver Threads Among The Gold
5	HAUNTED HEART BING CROSBY Moonlight On A White Picket Fence No. 24379
6	THE DICKEY BIRD SONGLARRY CLINTONOoh! Look-a There, Ain't She Pretty?No. 24301
7	REET, PETITE AND GONE LOUIS JORDAN INFLATION BLUES
8	S-H-I-N-E GUY LOMBARDO Corn Silk
9	BIG BRASS BAND FROM BRAZIL DANNY KAYE-ANDREWS SISTERS IT'S A QUIET TOWN
10	BUT BEAUTIFULBING CROSBYThe One I LoveNo. 24283

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1	BLUE-EYED ELAINE OUR BABY'S BOOK			ERNEST TUBB	
2	WHEN THE WORLD HAS TURNED YOU DOWN I'LL GET ALONG SOMEHOW .				
3	TIME AFTER TIME	1		ERNEST TUBB	
4	SEAMAN'S BLUES WAITING FOR A TRAIN.			ERNEST TUBB No. 46119	
5	COOL WATER SONS			THE PIONEERS No. 46027	
6	RAINBOW AT MIDNIGHT			ERNEST TUBB . No. 46018	
7	YOU WERE ONLY TEASING ME I'M BEGINNING TO FORGET YOU		·	No. 46013	
8	A WOMAN WRECKED MANY A GOOD MAN A LONELY HEART KNOWS.				
9	FILIPINO BABY DRIVIN' NAILS IN MY COFFIN			ERNEST TUBB No. 46019	
10	CAN'T YOU TAKE IT BACK AND CHANGE IT FOR A B				

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MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RECORDS

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

t, ra. POSITION Last This Week Week Weeks Last to date Week NOW IS THE HOUR Bing Crosby Decca 24279 MANANA Peggy Lee Capitol 15022 I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR LEAF CLOVER Art Mooney MGM 10119 BABY FACE Art Mooney MGM 10119 BEG YOUR PARDON Francis Craig Bullet 1012 YOU CAN'T BE TRUE, Ken Griffin-Jerry Wayne Rondo R-228 BEG YOUR PARDON Frankie Carle Columbia 38036 NOW IS THE HOUR Gracie Fields London 110 SHIBE Frankie Laine Mercury 5091 (E. Fitzgerald, Decca 24354; Slim Green, Decca 48074; G. Lombardo, Decca 25353; Punch Miller Ork, Century 4005; Mills Brothers, Decca 24382; Quintet of the Hot Club of France, Victor 20-2760 10 12 13 1. 2. 3. 13 4. 5. 6. 57 15 2 6 8 14 7. 8. 9; 12 11 6 20-2750) NOW IS THE HOUR.....Eddy Howard.......Majestic 1191 TOOLIE OOLIE DOOLIE...Andrews Sisters.....Decca 24380 BECAUSEVictor 20-2653 (D. Durbin, Decca 25295; Dean Hudson Ork (Sonny Stockton), Mello-Strain 112) CABBE DANICE BOOCIE Freddy Martin.....Victor 20-2721 9 2 4 10 12 11 10. 11. 12. 1 2 10 15 15.

MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX FOLK RECORDS

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

F	OSITI	ON	
Weeks to date	Last	This Week	
6	1	. L	ANYTIMEEddy Arnold and His Tennessee PlowboysVictor 20-2700
5	2	2.	WHAT A FOOL I WASEddy Arnold and His Tennessee PlowboysVictor 20-2700
36	3	3.	I'LL HOLD YOU IN MY Eddy Arnold and His Tennessee HEART Plowboys Victor 20-2332 Hank Thompson and His Brazos
13	8	4.	HUMPTY DUMPTY Valley Boys HEART Capitol Americana 40065
3	95	5.	DECK OF CARDS T. Texas Tyler 4 Star 1228
12	5		BUBBLES IN MY BEERBob Wills and His Texas Play- boysMGM 10116
7	4	7.	PEEPIN' THRU THE KEY- Cliffie Stone and His Barn Dance HOLE BandCapitol Americana 40083
9	10	7.	SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
11	5	7.	TELL A WOMANTex Williams
14	5	10.	SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
2	-	10.	SIGNED. SEALED AND Jimmy Wakely DELIVERED

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.

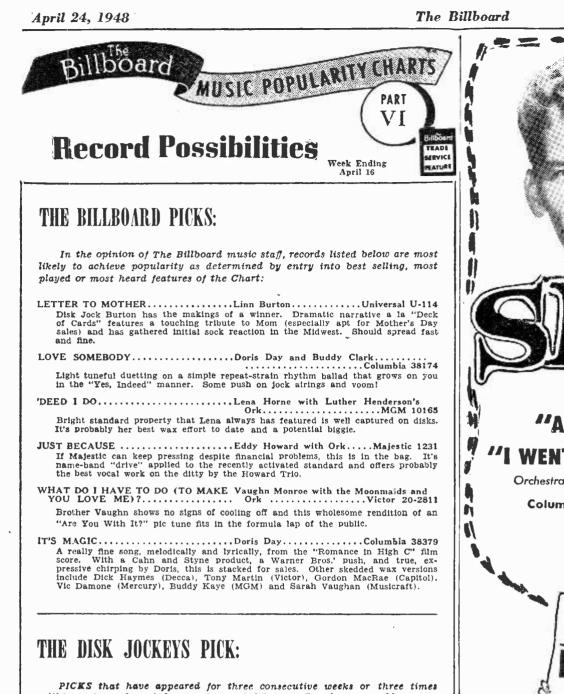
F	OSITI	ON	
Weeks		This	
to date	Weck	Week	
11	1	1.	KING SIZE PAPAJulia Lee and Her Boy Friends
	1.1.3		
67	2	2.	FINE BROWN FRAME Nellie Lutcher Capitol 15032
7	5	3.	ALL MY LOVE BELONGS
	-		TO YOU
8	6	3.	TOMORROW NIGHT Lonnie Johnson
19	3	5.	I LOVE YOU, YES I DO Bull Moose Jackson King 4181
19 2 3	6 3 8 6	6.	REET PETITE AND GONE. Louis Jordan Decca 24381
3	6	7.	I WANT A ROWLEGGED
			WOMAN
10	10	8.	WRITE ME A LETTER The RavensNational 9038
3		8.	EBONY RHAPSODY Rosetta Howard (Big Three Trio)
		1	Columbia 37573
12	4	10.	BARNYARD BOOGIE Louis Jordan Decca 24300
1	-	10.	SHINEDecca 24382

BEST-SELLING POPULAR RETAIL RECORDS

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4	15	12.	SHINE
	1		We'll Be Together Again (E. Fitzgerald, Decca 24354; Slim Green, Decca 48074; G. Lom-
	1	1	bardo, Decca 25353; Punch Miller Ork. Century 4005; Mills
			Brothers, Decca 24382; Quintet of the Hot Club of France, Victor 20-2760)
14	14	13.	
		-	I'm Looking for a Sweetheart
1	1-	14.	
	1		I Hate To Lose You
1	-	15.	TOOLIE OOLIE Andrews SistersDecca 24380 I Hate To Lose You NATURE BOY NATURE BOY Lost April

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PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among 1,200 of them, the disk jockeys think tomorrow's hits will be:

 1. I LOVE YOU, YES I DO
 Sammy Kaye.....Victor 20-2674

 2. AIRIZAY
 Ray McKinley....Victor 20-2736

 3. LITTLE WHITE LIES
 Dick Haymes....Decca 24280

 4. BABY, THAT AIN'T RIGHT
 Frankie Laine....Mercury 5114

 5. THE NEW LOOK
 Freddy Martin....Victor 20-2769

 6. LOST APRIL
 King Cole....Capitol 15054

 7. JUST BECAUSE
 Freddy Martin....Columbia 38072

 7. TELL ME A STORY
 Sammy Kaye....Victor 20-2761

THE RETAILERS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among 4,970 of them, the record retailers think tomorrow's hits will be:

1. TELL ME A STORY
2. HAUNTED HEART
3. DECK OF CARDS T. Texas Tyler
4. EBONY RHAPSODYRosetta Howard (Big Three Trio)
5. JUST BECAUSE
5. JUST BECAUSE
6. LAROO, LAROO, LILLI BOLERO Peggy Lee
7. LAROO, LAROO, LILLI BOLERO Perry Como Victor 20-2734

THE OPERATORS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among 3,558 of them, the juke box operators think tomorrow's hits will be:

 1. JUST BECAUSE.
 Frank Yankovic and His Yanks.

 2. LAROO, LAROO, LILLI BOLERO
 Peggy Lee

 3. WHAT A FOOL I WAS.
 Eddy Arnold and His Tennessee

 Plowboys
 Plowboys

 4. ANYTIME
 Eddy Arnold and His Tennessee

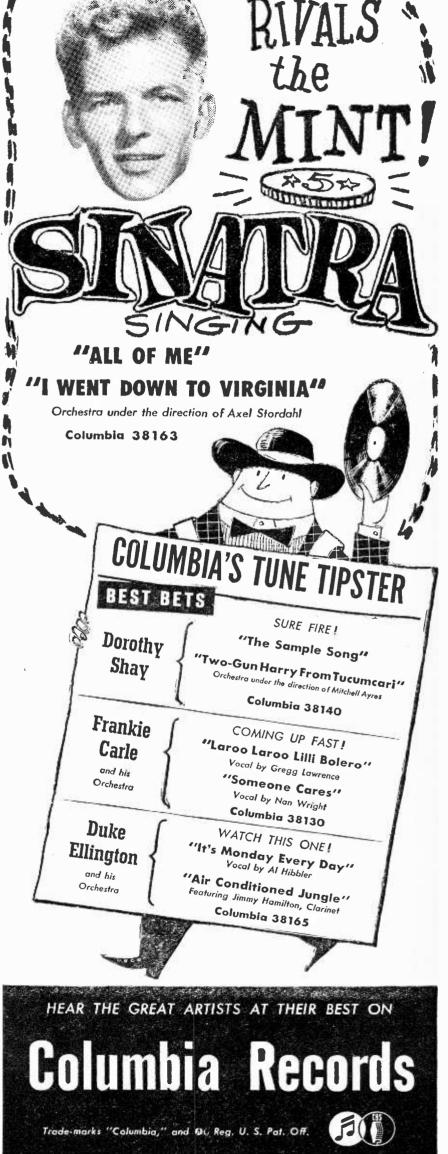
 Plowboys
 Victor 20-2700

 5. TELL ME A STORY.
 Sammy Kaye

 6. NATURE BOY
 Capitol 15054

 7. WORRY, WORRY, WORRY.
 Kay Kyser.

 7. HEARTBREAKER
 Andrews Sisters.



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King May Duel **AFM Post-Ban**

(Continued from page 17) to Standard subscribers who attend the National Association of Broadthe National Association of Broad-casters (NAB) convention in Los Angeles May 17-21. In addition, King is planning to present disks waxed in Vienna and Paris at the NAB confab. He thus hopes to assure Standard library buyers that the quality of foreign diskings will be up to present standards. In disclosing the foreign recording

In disclosing the foreign recording In disclosing the foreign recording move, King again re-emphasized that the project was a long-term deal, and not merely a fill-in during the AFM ban. King felt that with world markets to choose from, Standard could no longer afford to be ham-strung by AFM attitude. He be-lieved that current AFM recording scales were "outrageous" and would never have been agreed to had not never have been agreed to had not waxeries been forced to settle with Petrillo. As long as present AFM wage scales are in effect, he will at-tempt to record abroad where musicians demand less, King claimed. King's announcement brought to

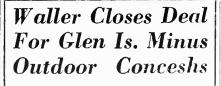
the fore trade speculation that major transcription companies may set up a joint European production unit. to handle all foreign diskings for plat-teries on an expense-sharing basis. Plan discussed calls for a roving team of recording and production experts to trek thruout Europe and pool disk-ings on a non-competitive basis. Standard, for one, would be interested in exploring such a set-up, King said. Other diskeries had not yet commented on the plan, Standard topper added.

Despite the Mexican venture, King said he would continue to fight Pe-trillo thru legal channels, altho miffed at lack of interest so far shown by fellow diskers. King admitted dis-appointment in indifferent attitude of other platteries in joining Standard's other platteries in joining Standard's squabble and presenting industry-wide front. He said Standard was ready to take fight to National La-bor Relations Board (NLRB) alone. According to King, World (Decca), Capitol Transcriptions, and NBC's Thesaurus have refused to stick their packs out in foreing showdown with necks out in forcing showdown with Petrillo. He promised action in Washington next week.

ASCAP Probes Pay **On MBS Plugs**

(Continued from page 17) stations in the Mutual network airing musical performances is sizably smaller than estimates submitted by Mutual. Point of discussion is that under the ASCAP system of paying off to its publisher members, publis collect 55 per cent of the society's publisher – pool for performances, evaluated according to a point sys-tem. This runs one-half a point for network sustainers; three-fourths of a point for daytime commercials and one full point for night commercials. Contention of some of the committee members is that alleged "faulty esti-mates" by Mutual may be improperly affecting the performance pay-offs. Some pubs locally have advanced the contention that the disparity between what Mutual pays to ASCAP and other networks pay (Mutual reputed-ly accounts for only about one-fifth of the revenue collected from all four major networks) should be reflected more closely in the performance point evaluation. (Continued from page 17) evaluation.

evaluation. Some pubbers advanced the theory that the point system should be al-tered, on the ground that music men were collecting more than they had coming for their efforts in landing plugs on the Mutual chain, and this was contributing to placing undue professional importance on Mutual "shots."



NEW YORK, April 17 .- The Glen Island Casino management picture finally was resolved yesterday when finally was resolved yesterday when lease holders Michael DeZutter and Howard Gill completed a deal with Joe Waller, owner of the Post Lodge, Larchmont, N. Y., whereby Waller will manage the name band nitery. As originally reported in *The Bill-board* several months ago, Waller, in managing the Casino, will hire the orks, maintain the kitchen and bar, etc., but will not participate in the adjoining outdoor concessions. He will work for the Casino Corporation, owned by DeZutter and Gill, at a salary plus commissions and will re-ceive a percentage of the profits from the Casino. Waller also will guaran-tee losses, if any are incurred, of the Westchester nitery. DeZutter and Gill will operate the outdoor conces-sions. sions.

Gene Krupa's ork will open the Casino's season May 27 and remain at the spot four weeks. No other orks have been hired as yet, but Waller has been in the market for follow-up attractions, with eyes on Pay Eberle's grow Ray Eberle's crew.

Waxing Holds Pace; **Firms Keep Busy**

(Continued from page 18) Alan Dale, voices and harmonicas set to cut four tunes, including Tea Leaves.

Leaves. Meanwhile, MGM Records is re-ported to have several English masters in its plant from which to cut test pressings. Among the tunes covered by these waxings are A Tree in the Meadow and Bella Bella Maria. in the Meadow and Bella Bella Maria. These were recorded with an ork led by Paul Fenoulhet, one of the top English maestri. If tests prove satis-factory to artist and rep topper, Harry Meyerson, the diskings will be issued. A similar foreign master situation is still being deliberated at Columbia Records, which also has a master on A Tree in the Meadow awaiting approval. Meyerson also has some English-made matrices on some light classical music, including things like the Corn-ish Rhapsody and Rubenstein's Ro-mance by an ork conducted by British

ish Rhapsody and Rubenstein's Ro-mance by an ork conducted by British show and radio conductor Phil Green. The same diskery this week ac-quired six Johnny Desmond masters from the singer's manager, Bob Moss. MGM will put these disks out to tie in with the singer's Teen Timers' airer. Atlantic Records, a local diskery organized just before the ban, bought a dozen masters featuring the Boyd Raeburn ork with chirp Ginnie Pow-ell on the vocals.

ell on the vocals.

COMPLAINT DEFERRED

(Continued from page 17) complaint ever issued by the board, I believe, and certainly it is the first in the entertainment field . . . the most important feature of the case is the assertion of federal jurisdiction over a motion picture theater. He added: "The National Labor Relations Board has never before asserted jurisdiction in the entertain-

Relations Board has never before asserted jurisdiction in the entertain-ment industry. Its action directed against 'featherbedding' in the Hart-ford theater means that many mo-tion picture theaters are now under its jurisdiction." The director said further that the theater, in filing an unfair labor practice complaint, claimed the union demanded that it hire an orchestra which duplicated the one on the stage. The regional (New England) NLRB investigated the charge and found it justified. Both the theater and the musicians' union will be permitted to call wit-nesses to the hearing.



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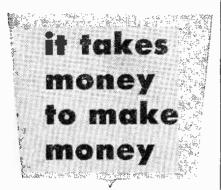
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ON THE STAND Reviews of Orchestras Playing Hotels, Night Clubs and

Ballroom Locations and One-Nighters

Buddy Moreno

(Reviewed at the Hotel Commo-dore, New York, April 8. Per-sonal management: Michaud-Greene. Booked thru Music Corporation of

Booked thru Music Corporation of America.) RHYTHM: Buddy Moreno (leader, guitar); Ray Browne, plano; Frank Hudec (drums, vocals); Al Russ (bass). REEDS: Don Mohr, Jasper Butera, Jim Put-nam (vocals), Louis Slota, Joe Aglora. BRASS: Don Boyd (tram, vocals), Erv Tris-ko, Norman Bell, Joe Sclitti, trumpets. VOCALISTS: Perry Mitchell, Buddy Moreno.

If video ever puts a fresh head on the stale band biz, this crew has the right bartender. As a singer, Moreno has qualifications that include youth and good looks, veteran experience with Griff Williams, Dick Jurgens, Harry James, etc., and an easy, re-laxed vocal style complete with a de-cent grade of showmanship. On light rhythmic stuff he makes a fine impression and that's the impression the ork carries off. A good, unassuming dance-band manner. More impordance-band manner. More impor-tantly, Moreno has the means for de-veloping a boy-and-girl-team iden-tification gimmick that would stand up before the tele lens and might lift the band out of the "just-another" category. The gal, Perry Mitchell, has fresh, soft-blond looks, has charm and bearing and can warble well in Moreno's own range—duetting on light, unswoony ballads is cute and personable.

Sax-Slanted Group

Sax-Slanted Group The band proper is a sax-slanted outfit with a clean-enough sound and a versatile library, but the selling of Moreno must be linked to his vocal endeavors. Here, a course of height-ening the boy-gal idea and a care-ful culling of material to keep within the limits of Morenole acer going the limits of Moreno's easy-going pipes (it would be wrong to go too heavy on those ballads requiring full throating at the top notes) should bring the pay-off.

As it stands, this band should gain a danceable reputation and be a good ballroom bet. Joe Carlton.

Desi Arnaz

(Reviewed at Frank Palumbo's Click, Philadelphia, April 12. Busi-ness manager, Luis Barreiro. Booked thru General Artists Corporation.) TRUMPETS: Bobby Jones and Tony Terran. TROMBONES: Jose Gutlerrez and Jack Pick-

TROMBONES: Jose Gutierrez and Jack Pick-ering. SAXES: Ralph Brady, Roger Haller, Joseph Milier and Jack Baker. STRINGS: Louis Horvath, Robert Zornig and Robert Del Monico. RHYTHM: Marco Rizo, piano; Ernie Mar-rero, drums; Luis Barreiro, bass, and Ralph Felices. maraccas. VOCALISTS: Dulcha and Gioria Foster. LEADER: Desi Arnaz, vocals. ARRANGER: Jack Pickering.

For his return trip to this name boite, Desi Arnaz unfolds virtually an entire new band. In keeping with an entire new band. In keeping with the maestro's gay and colorful tem-perament, it is devoted to the hip-swaying rhythms of the Latin lulla-bies. Yet, to widen the gulf of inter-est in the band's outpourings, Arnaz doesn't overlook the fact that not every dancer can make a box; there is a generous peppering of pops. Whether for listening or for trip-ping the light fantastic, the Arnaz blend falls easy on the ear and hoof. Emphasis is on a well-welded en-semble, bringing out the full har-mony richness of the melodies with tonal color created effectively in the woodwind bank of the reeds playing flutes, clary and bass clarinet to bal-

flutes, clary and bass clarinet to bal-ance both strings and brasses. As for the rhythms, they are sharply pronounced—whether it be a rumba, a samba, a sweet-music ballad or even a waltz. The Latin melodies all favor the melody side, which is the band's forte, while the pops are en-(See DESI ARNAZ on page 38)

Tommy Carlyn

(Reviewed at the Trianon, Chicago, April 8. Managed by the Frederick Bros.' Agency.)

SAXES: Maury Aptizsch, Billy Sagone, Lou Atti, Larry Faith and Gaston Dolfi. TRUMPETS: Lou Browni, Bob Wetzel and

TRUMPETS: Lou Browni, Bob Wetzel and Lou Chappo. TROMBONE: Dick Mack, Lou Schumacher. RHYTHM: Piano, Tom Fitchett; drums, John Bachman; bass, Ken Miller. SINGERS: Dell Saunders, Billy Sagone. ARRANGER: Larry Faith. LEADER: Tommy Carlyn.

It's a long jump from the Pittsburgh territory to the Trianon band-stand, but Tommy Carlyn's ork did it easily and now with its third re-turn stay here, the band ranks next to Lawrence Welk as the top local crowd-puller. Strictly a Sammy Kaye type band from its theme on in, the Carlyn crew, made up of all Pittsburgh local men who have been with him since the band started seven years years ago, is top-notch for music and presentation.

Carlyn watches dancers' habits, proof of which is the fact that he plays jumpers like Woodchoppers' Ball and One o'Clock Jump in this conservative dancery and gets quick requests for a repeat. Fronter has a library equal to any name ork and a group of sidemen who execute it in top shape.

The band's vocal corps needs refurbishing, with the big need a boy who can really sing out. While Car-lyn trots out a number of sidemen, none has the talent and voice that a band as good as this one deserves. Dell Saunders, the chirp, does just an average job. This band didn't make any platters previous to the ban, but with the build-up it is get-ting in the Karaz ballrooms it should be a cinch for a label boost after the work stoppage ends.

Johnny Sippel.

Ray Herbeck

(Reviewed at the Martinique, Chi-cago, April 15. Managed by Asso-ciated Booking Corporation.) SAXES: Geo. Alwese, Joe and James Baker

SAXES: Geo. Alwese, Joe and James Baker and Arnie Prager. TRUMPETS: Don Conn and James Armoue. TROMBONES: Jerry Tindle and Wally Jyha. RHYTHM: Plano, Al Lloyd; bass. William Monsinger; drums, Jim Snopley. VOCALISTS: Lorraine Benson, Jack Martin and Arnie Prager and the Romancers. ARRANGER: James Baker. LEADER AND TENOR SAX: Ray Herbeck. The present Herbeck crew, made up mostly of sidemen who have worked an average of four years with the blond, six-foot-two fronter, is a versatile aggregation. Herbeck is a hard-working batoneer, spend-ing his time either blowing with a fine sax section or working to the people. people.

people. Arranger-saxist Jim Baker, one of a pair of twins in the section, has worked out a well-rounded book that stresses various combinations of reeds, ranging from the alto clarinet to baritone sax and the various wood-winds against a background of smooth brass. Group stands out be-cause of the production work on the library with even the medley show-

smooth brass. Gloup stands out be-cause of the production work on the library, with even the medley show-ing off band on full ensemble. Baker has the racks well stocked with the newest tunes, trotting out each of the current top 10 if demanded. Of the vocal group, two of the three score okay. Vivacious Lorraine Benson (Herbeck's frau) runs the gamut from Manana to the roman-tic standards creditably, while sax-man Arnie Prager rates high among novelty singers, dispensing the lyrics in a corn-fed, original style. Jack Martin has a good voice but needs more work on projection before he rates with the other two. Herbeck is currently getting his first release on Bullet platters. Johnny Sippel.

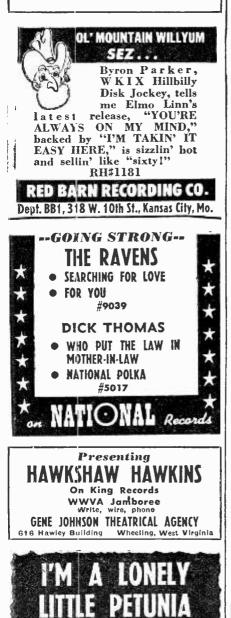




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ONION PATCH

HOLLYWOOD, April 17.—Contracts have been drawn and are awaiting inking that will bring the recently formed Barclay Allen ork and Alice Hall Trio into the Capitol Records fold. Allen, former Freddy Martin Steinwayer, is currently playing his first date as a fronter at Ciro's, Sunset Strip swankery. Alice Hall Trio, now playing the Red Feather here, was brought from Chicago to the Coast by Carlos Gastel. Altho Gastel reportedly has not signed the threesome to a personal management pact, he has taken an interest in the group, setting its initial Coast date at the Red Feather and negotiated deal with Capitol. Gastel's trio consists of Alice Hall, playing a bop-styled accordion, surrounded by Warren Pasek on bass and Cliff Johnson's drums.

While neither deal was confirmed by Capitol, it is understood that papers would bind the Allen ork and Hall trio to the diskery for one year, with options going into effect after end of the current recording ban. It is also understood that one of the factors temporarily holding up inking of Allen is Cap's desire to buy the Steinwayer's 18 masters originally cut for Van Ess, local indie diskery.

Cap Prepares

The Billboard

New N. Y. Office NEW YORK, April 17.—Capitol Records will reopen a New York City distrib branch here early in May. The diskery's original branch here was burned out in a fire last December.

The new sales office is being groomed for operation by H. H. Crowell Jr., who formerly headed the diskery's Pittsburgh branch. Crowell will head the office. He will be replaced in Pittsburgh by John Trifero, formerly a salesman in the Boston branch.

John Coveney, manager of the New York branch before the fire, has been assigned to new duties in the diskery's international division.

Capitol Picks 2 New Veepees

NEW YORK, April 17.—Jim Conkling, artist and repertoire exec for Capitol Records, was appointed a vice-prexy this week. Also upped to veepee was William Fowler, ex-treasurer.

E. P. Ludman, previously the assistant treasurer, now becomes treasurer.



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JONES QUITS COLUMBIA

HOLLYWOOD, April 17.-Dick Jones, Columbia Records Coast recording supervisor, left waxery this week because of enforced idleness brought about by Petrillo's recording ban. Jones replaced Bill Richards last November and supervised preban disking sessions held locally. Last date handled was rush cutting of Nature Boy which Sinatra waxed Saturday (10).

given assurance that job would be his again once ban is lifted.

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Coll, Freedman

NEW YORK, April 17.-Columbia

Records, Inc., has retained the radio

DESI ARNAZ

(Continued from page 36) tirely the all-time favorites, to make for delightful contrast.

As for the Latin color, it's largely the maestro's personal presence that makes for the motif. Save for the maracca-shaking and bonga-banging Ralph Felices in frilled dress shirt, lyric.

hips ever swaving who gives out with Latin lyrics with as much verve and enthusiasm as the maestro himself. Gloria Foster, who normally shares the chanting chores with Dulcina, was out sick when the band was caught. Maurie Orodenker.



SHELVEY-4A'S SITCH CHAOS

Cap To Alter **Ork Booking Policy in June**

Build Shows Around Pix

NEW YORK, April 17.—A change in the Capitol's band booking policy will go into effect about mid-June, tho its effects are already being felt. The house has decided that as soon as present contracts run out, it will stop buying ahead except where such bookings tie in with its flickers.

The theater has Tex Beneke at present, with Xavier Cugat and Woody Hermaniset to follow. After Herman, the house has Lena Horne, but beyond that it has nothing, and, in line with its new policy, will not buy anything unless it knows what the picture will be.

Sidney Piermont, Loew booker, scouted the suggestion that this forescouted the suggestion that this fore-cast a possible dropping of flesh. It was indicated, however, that buying big name bands and holding them for long periods of time (when the picture stayed on) was too expensive. Instead of big bands, the house plans to put vaude shows on stage using three, four or five acts, none of which need be big names, but will do a good iob. job.

The main office will notify Pier-mont what flickers are skedded, and, based on reports and screenings, the live bill will be framed to supplement the film.

Last year the Capitol gave this policy a tryout when it had a show with the DeMarcos and Charles Trenet. The idea is to have similar shows in the future. What bands will be used is still open to final de-cision but indications and that the cision, but indications are that the large name orks will not be bought unless the dough can be cut consider-

The belief in the booking office is that there are plenty of good acts gradually becoming available. And as the money is also gradually coming down, it will be such acts that will get the jobs rather than the bands.

Patio, B'klyn **Resumes Vaude Policy in Fall**

NEW YORK, April 17.-The Patio. NEW YORK, April 17.—The Patio, a Brooklyn nabe house, which tried with week-end vaude and dropped it after a few sessions, will go back to flesh in the fall, according to Joseph Springer, one of the heads of the chain operating the house.

"We lost money the few times we used it," he said, "but we also dis-covered that our customers want vaudeville. Next fall we'll bring it back."

A controversy began in the house A controversy began in the house last week over a misunderstanding of cash bonds and signing of mini-mum basic agreements. Dave Fox, New York head of the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA), and Springer both confirmed the dis-agreement. The house agreed to sign with AGVA and, pending any final decision to have flesh, would pay actors in advance. The house oper-ated with semi-name acts Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tax Extra

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 17.—A sign promising "We will pay the tax for you" over the cash registers in several restau-rants and niteries in the State were ordered removed last week by State Tax Commissioner Walter W. Walsh. The sales tax law, he explained, does not permit the absorption of the tax by the seller. The closest it comes to it is to permit ops to advertise that his price is "tax included."

RKO Boston's Benny - Harris **Deal Kayoed**

BOSTON, April 17.—The Jack Benny-Phil Harris package was or-iginally skedded to open at the RKO Boston, according to insiders, but the Boston, according to insiders, but the deal fell thru when Paramount entered the picture.

entered the picture. According to reliable sources, the RKO was planning to stay open this summer if the Benny-Harris pack-age played the house. The theater has a 20-week deal with the Amer-ican Federation of Musicians, which permits the house to play shows in any unit of four. If it opens for one week it must remain open for three more weeks. The house got a waiver from the union for the one show, but figured that even without the waiver, it would make enough on the waiver, it would make enough on the one week; so if it had to run three more weeks with other shows, it would still make a buck.

Would still make a buck. Meanwhile, the Paramount house, the Metropolitan, which hasn't played flesh for years, was approached while RKO was still mulling the deal. The Met decided to open the house and went to the union for a waiver. The musicians told them no deal unless they signed a 20 work a ware arrest musicians told them no deal unless package June 18, opening on a Fri-they signed a 20-week-a-year agree- day. Thereafter, Benny-Harris ex-ment. RKO, reluctant to go back pect to go to London.

Court Decision Indecisive: Matt May Get Treasury, But Even That's Not Sure

Both Sides Forbidden To Elect for Convention

(Continued from page 3) AGVA offices and records and stop holding himself up as head of AGVA.

What actually came out of the de-What actually came out of the de-cision is that both parties got some of their requests, with no ruling on other ones. Most important, both the Four A's and Shelvey were enjoined from holding any meetings to elect officers or delegates to any conven-tion. The court also ordered that the funds of AGVA be used only for "the normal and usual conduct of its af-fairs as a labor union." Both sides were also ordered to prepare for trial, with action to be placed on the calenwith action to be placed on the calendar April 21.

Matt Gets Treasury?

So far as Shelvey is concerned, the decision is somewhat of a victory. It gives Matt ammunition with which to go to the members. The sentence

because of possible repercussions, also dropped the deal. RKO offices in New York refused to comment.

Det. Date Set

The Fox, Detroit, however, will open the house for the Benny-Harris show on the week of June 3. The house, with 5,045 capacity, will pay Benny 50 per cent from the first buck up to \$60,000. Thereafter, he gets 65 per cent of the gross. The Para-mount house, Broadway-Capitol with 3 367 seate, use originally offered the 3,367 seats, was originally offered the same deal, but turned it down at that figure. The RKO Cleveland will get the

in Null's ruling which reads, in part, "there was restored to AGVA its full autonomy, including the power and discretion of the disbursement of its funds," apparently indicates that AGVA has full control of the union's treasury. But what the decision fails to explain is whether Shelvey runs AGVA or the Four A's are to run it. In fact, say lawyers, the decision is so vague and so full of contradictions, that nobody knows what it really means. Arthur Cowan, Shelvey's offices were first, the recently created offices of the Four A's would be ruled offices of the Four A's would be ruled out.

From the Four A's viewpoint, it means its convention, for which bal-lots for election of delegates are al-ready coming it, has been ruled out. Four A's lawyers plan to appear be-fore Null early this week and ask him to permit the counting of ballots and announcement of results.

Chaos Ahead

Chaos Ahead Of more immediate import is the possible chaos this decision may bring among cafe op's and dues-paying members. Ops have long objected to paying cash bonds. With no clear-cut decision, and with both Shelvey and the Four A's claiming victory, there's a danger the cafe op may tell both sides he won't put up any bonds. The big weapon the Four A's have lies in the fact that its "unfair" label tagged on such a cafe may de-prive it of acts. Performers working an "unfair" club are also placed on the "unfair" list, and that would hurt their chances of working in other spots which are on the Four A's okay list. list.

On the other hand, members who On the other nand, members who object to paying dues in any case may take this ruling as an excuse not to pay to either side. Again the "unfair" label can be used. But the chaos and confusion caused by it will not make the job any easier. not make the job any easier.

May Never Come to Trial

There is a possibility that the case will never come to trial. Lawyers say that in similar cases both sides usually have come to terms. It was indicated that the appointment of a court observer might give the green light to the convention.

If the case goes to trial it is ex-pected that it will take place the end of April or before the middle of May. The Four A's are hopeful the convention will be postponed only a few weeks.

Dry Sunday Bill Offered In Hariford City Council

HARTFORD, Conn., April 17. — Councilwoman Lucy C. West intro-duced a proposal to repeal the Sunday sale of liquor in Hartford at a city council meeting Monday night (12). She said she introduced the measure "by request." but wouldn't say who asked it. Liquor sales are now per-mitted here until 9 p.m. Sundays, only at tables. only at tables. It's understood Hartford restaurant

and hotel owners will oppose the proposal.

Alaska Round - Up Spots Look To Tourists for Needed Hypo

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 17.— Night club business here hasn't been good, but with the coming of spring and an expected influx of tourists, ops are hopeful. To a town devoid of acts, Damon Polk, of the South Seas, has just brought in Red Pepper and his band for a six-week stint. Pepper, who specializes on all sizes of trumpets and cornets, has been in Pepper, who specializes on all sizes of trumpets and cornets, has been in the business a long time and knows his trumpeting well. Drummer Mor-rie Singer handles vocals. Ermie Venuto is a good piano player and the group's sax is in the capable hands of Frankie Pendola.

hands of Frankie Pendola. Jimmy Sumpter, operator of Vil-lage Bar, favorite gathering place for soldiers, continues to pick up options on the Hollywood Cowgirls (three). The group came up last poctober 4 for 60 days. The gals have personality, looks and flashy costumes. The leader is guitarist Lee Johanssen, Tex Granger plays the fiddle and Lu Curto the bass. The gals do all kinds of songs but lean to Westerns and standards. They have half-hour Saturday night air shots from the Village, and Sumpter

just contracted with KFQD for another half-hour broadcast weekly.

Aleutian Gardens Aleutian Gardens, another down-town spot, has brothers Tex and Windy Williamson, trumpet and trombone, respectively, and Roy Briggs on drums, plus a Hammond organist. The outfit has played the spot for several months

Briggs on drums, plus a Hammond organist. The outfit has played the spot for several months. Palmer Johnson handles piano chores at the Out of Town Club. He's now doing two air shows weekly. Large-scale hiring by contractors at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf has failed to jell, accounting for poor biz. Some estimates on the number of tourists expected this year have reached the astronomical figure have reached the astronomical figure of 300,000, and while ops aren't expecting anything like that number, the tourists should stimulate nitery trade all over the territory. The housing shortage, however,

is severe. This is not intended to dis-courage people in showbiz from coming to Alaska, but to point out that finding a place to live here is difficult and will be for a long time to come. Tom Durant. 40 **NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE**

Hippodrome, Baltimore (Thursday, April 15)

Capacity, 2,200. Price policy, 40-70 cents. Number of shows, four daily. House Booker, Mickey Aldrich. Show played by band on bill.

For the first time in many weeks, there was a line for the opening show, and judging from the subse-quent response it's going to be a winning week. The reason was Gene Autry. With an Autry pic on the screen to warm them up, the recep-tion was all any performer could ask. The cowboy has his *Melody Ranch* cast into a neat and entertaining show, even to the complete ranch house backdrop. It was strictly a snap-bang affair. Corn was abundant and got howls.

Corn was abundant and got howls. Using all the tricks—audience plants, blank pistols, etc.—it brought yocks. Satisfying the music lovers were the Pinafores, a gingham-gowned trio, selling nicely.

Pat Buttram and Marvin provide the hokum which almost tore down the house. The gags were dusty with the house. age, but the pewsitters laughed all the more at the mugging and out-landish garb of Marvin.

But it was Autry they came to see, and he gave them their money's worth. Besides emseeing the works, he did several songs from recent pix, and a medley of his former hits, in-cluding *Tumbleweed* and *South* of *the Border* was worked in with *Now Is the Hour* ably backed by the whole ensemble for a terrific hand. The biggest clamor of all came from the small fry who wanted Champion. small fry who wanted Champion, Autry's horse, and he obliged by riding the hayburner onstage and putting it thru some high-caliber tricks to wind up a sock show.

Rufe Davis contributed his excellent imitations and chatter to nice results. laugh-getting

Pic: Strawberry Roan.

Jimmy Carter.

VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

State-Lake, Chicago (Friday, April 16)

Capacity: 3,200. Price: 95 cents straight. Five shows week-days, six week-ends. House booker, Nate Platt. Shows played by Henry Brandon's band.

Brandon's band. Tho house toppers are expecting the film, Ruthless, to do the job, the stage fare holds up better than av-erage. Star Jack Owens, a local favorite, went thru his regular brace of pops and standards, his Cruising Crooner and medley of his own penned hits, closing to sock mitt in a nice duet with Fran Allison, also on the Don McNeil Breakfast Club. Miss Alison, working her first major stage engagement, showed plenty of promise, coming out in a Gay '90's costume to do her animated standard radio impresh, Aunt Fanny,

Gay '90's costume to do her animated standard radio impresh, Aunt Fanny, a typical gossipy old rustic. Her material, however, was not for vaude audiences. While the slow anecdotes prove great on a radio audience, vaude audiences want it short and reaction with an executional longer snappy, with an occasional longer story thrown in for variety. Walked off to only a mild flutter of applause. Remaining two acts, Low, Hite and

Stanley and the Martin Brothers are standard locally. The former reaped terrific response for everything they did, from their slapstick opener to their closing record panto. The Martin Brothers, working their series of marionettes, would do well to build a bigger puppet next time they add a routine, for their current dolls cannot be seen past the middle of the second balcony.

Henry Brandon, new house fronter, henry Brandon, new house fronter, continues to improve, but at times proves redundant in his verbose in-troductions, which could stand scis-soring generally. Band opened with a mediocre Latin number, only high-light of which was Brandon's showy panietics *Lohnnu Sinnal* pianistics. Johnny Sippel.



Strand, New York (Friday, April 16)

Capacity, 2,700. Price policy, 75 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows daily, four; five Saturdays. House booker, Harry Mayer. Show played by Cab Calloway's ork.

The house has come up with a meaty bill that should have the customers coming out, once word-of-mouth gets around. The show has pace, variety and builds continually with an intelligent spotting of acts to leave the patrons with that satisfied feeling.

Show is built around Cab Calloway and his ork, but the management had the sense not to attempt to give the patrons too much of the band leader. Calloway's style is a bit dated and his vocal gymnastics leave plenty of patrons cold, but he works hard and at least in one number gives evidence of what he could be gives evidence of what he could be with sharper material. He opened to a fair hand in his old standby, Min-nie, the Moocher, and later followed up with a jazzed-up version of Sabre Dance that failed to come off because of the arrangement, which compli-cated the melodic nature of the tune. However, he scored with his Ma-nana, using patter and a Spanish cos-tume to win the audience's enthusi-asm. asm.

Versatile Chirp

Calloway's girl singer, Mary Louise, handled two numbers, The Gentle-man Is a Dope and But Beautiful, in a manner which revealed her ver-satility. The thrush is tall and shape-ly with good pipes, but she should stand straighter and make the best of her appearance.

Derby Wilson, the hoofing part of the bill, did a standard tap act, but his ingratiating personality plus a few gags, lightened up his routine. His impression of Bill Robinson walking down Broadway rated a good hand.

The Deep River Boys got the cus-tomers on all four numbers. The quartet is as slick a vocal group as there is operating today. The lads not only milk the tunes vocally, but their jumping and knuckle cracking load gift uplues to their client. The their jumping and knuckle cracking lend sight values to their stint. The boys opened with Necessity, followed with Swing Low, Sweet Clarinet, and closed with Get Up Those Stairs. The satisfied customers brought them back for What Did He Say?

Pearl Bailey, the last act, rated the biggest hand and worked to a beg-off. The gal rates with the top singers in the biz and her material is singers in the biz and her material is so strong that even on a second view-ing it doesn't lose anything. She did Row, Row; That's Good Enough for Me and St. Louis Woman, and fin-ished with Tired. She could forget her record plugging. It's in bad taste and she doesn't need that kind of selling. Pic, To the Victor.

Leon Morse.

Philly Ops Start Street Sprucing

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.--With an eye open to the political convention business next summer, operators of the musical bars which dominate South Camac Street in the center of town have started a crusade to make the street more presentable. Since the city is sprucing up for the con-vention, the innkeepers want more street lights, so that the out-of-town conventioners can spot their sidestreet row.

Eddie King, owner of Maxine's Bar, aided by Irv Perper, of the Tabu; Dick Nolan, of Venture Inn, and Jack Blum, of the Yachtmen's Club, are leading the drive.

Roxy, New York (Wednesday, April 14)

Capacity, 6,000. Price policy, 70 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows, five daily. House booker, Sammy Rauch. Show played by Paul Ash's band.

The management has gone all-out to give Ed Wynn a fine production backing for his first theater date since his job at the Carnival. Working to an audience that remembers Wynn only as a legendary name, the fellow won them with his first line, "I'm Keenan Wynn's father."

Wynn was brought on after a male quartet went thru a title medley of oldies associated with him ending with the fire chief siren. From then on the comic was in and out of the show, doing routines with three models wherein he did his dress draping, ending with his famous candle carrying "I'm-going-to-take-a-nap" bit. All in all it made a satisfying show, more so by Wynn's speech about his advocacy of cleanliness on stage and off stage and off.

Hollace Shaw, a blond looker with a hefty soprano, had a coughing spell, but got over it and surprised with an outstanding job. Her best was the piano riding bit with Wynn on the bicycle piano in which she did World Is Waiting for the Sunrise, winding up with the Tea for Two number.

Three Rockets

The Three Rockets The Three Rockets, looking smart in their colorful costumes, did a pleasant four minutes with their three-part precision hoofery. Davis Cunningham, a well-built, good-look-ing tenor was a standout working in ing tenor, was a standout, working in front of the choral group. The latter started off downstage instead of the customary stepped grouping behind the band. Later they went back to their old positions their old positions.

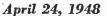
Dick and Dot Remy's act got the usual laugh responses. The fat gal taking exercise lessons from Wynn, and the boy partner's handstand roller skating bit ending up with a squash fall, got squeals from the audioned audience.

Production numbers by Gae Foster were tops. Particularly outstanding for precision, flash and excitement was the Hungarian dance number with a good bounce, in which the kids did sensationally.

Practically all the music was Victor Herbert stuff with the exception of the dance and the finale, Now Is the Hour, which preceded Wynn's trade-marked curtain speech.

Pic, Scudda-Hoo! Scudda-Hay. Bill Smith.





Harem, New York (Thursday, April 15)

Capacity, 675. Price policy, \$4-5 minimum. Shows at 8:30 and 12.30. Operator, Nat Har-ris. Exclusive booker, Val Irving; publicity, Carl Erbe. Estimated budget this show, \$9,000. Estimated budget last show, \$10,000.

This is far and away the best show seen here since the new management took over and, replete with action and punch, is probably the best nitery show in New York. In fact, it's so good it is difficult to give any single act the best of it.

Frankie Laine didn't have an easy time coming on when he did. His opener, *River Ste. Marie*, didn't reg-ister, and his mechanical stance had him reaching for a towel. He didn't really start rolling until he gave with What Did I Do? From the gave with what Did I Do? From then on he was in. Then came blues, pops and his own We'll Be Together Again, each one hitting the crowd like a sledge hammer. Laine isn't an easy singer. He lacks smoothness but makes up for it with a powerful drive and a phrasing, particularly in the blues idiom, that is irresistable. The heavily built chap may have started badly, but there was nothing wrong with his finish. He was terrific, and to be that good and sell that well to an opening night jury in a major Stem cafe, he had to have something besides a good press job. He showed he had it.

Beatrice Kay, working in the mid-dlc, was never better. Her mauve decade shout-warbling pulled some of the best hands seen in a long time. The gal is raucous and down to earth. She takes that quality and throws it at the audience in an unabashed manner, making it as commercial as a pre-war sawbuck. Her only fault was she stayed on too long. Her Take Me Out to the Ball Game, probably chosen because of the closeness of the season, was meaningless. It is her Gay '90's tear-jerkers that clicked.

The real surprise of the show was the dance team of Laurette and Cly-mas. The couple, when last caught, did an Apache knockabout. Some-where they've picked up a Gay '90's where they've picked up a Gay '90's panto routine, using a couple of props, and stopped the show cold. The pro-duction had to stop for the team to come back for bows. The gal, an at-tractive blonde, showed surprising acting ability, highlighted by little bits that were warming to watch. The lad straighted with aplomb and deftness. Together they were won-derful. derful.

derful. Alexis Rotov, pint-sized terper, got healthy yocks for his ballet take-offs and snake charming act. He's a funny guy and a good seller. The Four Moroccans fit the show like the proverbial glove. Their rocket-like tumbles got gasps and big hands. Marcia Leighton, ballerina, was ef-fective; John Elliot, holdover, did well in the production singing slots. Productions have been changed and

Productions have been changed and costumes freshened. Teddy Adolphus, with an assist by Marjorie Jackson, with girls chosen by Wally Wanger, put on numbers surcharged with zip. The kids (16), all lookers, dance as if they enjoy their work. A Jack Cole number called for real precision,

and the kids came thru. All in all it is a superb show, but what is more important, it has all the potentials of a good commercial pack-age. Bill Smith. age.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The State District Court of Appeals up-held Monday (12) the convictions of four night club employees involved in the 1946 Copacabana club "Mickey Finn" case.

The four. a bartender and three The four. a bartender and three waiters, were fined and sentenced to varying terms a year ago. They were convicted of serving drugged drinks to orkster Noel DeSelva and three members of his band. The employees are Rudolph Ruby, Henry Torres, Louis Coloretti and Mike Silvers.

Henry Torres Mike Silvers.

NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

Ha-Ha Club, New York (Tuesday, April 13)

Capacity, 150. Price policy, \$3-\$3.50 min-imum. Operators, Pete and Jim Morgan. Book-ing, non-exclusive; publicity, Seth Babits. Es-timated cost of show, \$700.

This show is strictly for the visiting firemen trade, with Joey Faye, dou-bling from *High Button Shoes*, easily walking away with what honors there were. Faye has been around a long time with his famous *Elongte* long time with his famous Floogle Street, which is still a top laugh puller. But for this date he's added a couple of new routines, working with Danny Dayton and Bobbie Martin. Both Dayton and Miss Martin unn in some good straighting readturn in some good straighting, read-ing their lines with better than average skill.

Dayton, a thin, dark, good looking youngster, is a pleasant and capable emsee when he sticks to straight emseeing. His ineffectiveness becomes apparent when he makes with corny jokes. Given better material and less punching, Dayton could develop well.

Band Too Loud

Miss Martin, in her own spot, can sell a song capably. Her rhythm stuff has the bounce, and her material is strictly for audience attention. The band, on night caught, however, blared so loudly they gave the impression of playing for somebody across the street. When the music toned down, the canary did a worthwhile job. The package of Faye, Martin and Dayton could be polished up to make a good cafe unit. On club dates it would kill them.

Lois Marsh, young blond hoofer, gave an impression of being an amateur on her first job. Her looks were okay, but she was apparently fright-ened. With more experience and an econoitien of colling course, the might acquisition of selling savvy, she might make the grade. Andy DiBaise (4) is a better cock-

tail combo than it is for the show. The pianist sang well, and the boys backed him up in okay fashion. Georgia St. Georgia, intermission pianist-vocalist, was adequate when

Bill Smith. she got attention.

Sert Room, Waldorf-Astoria **New York** (Thursday, April 15)

Capacity, 263. Price policy, \$2 cover after 10:30. Shows at 12:30. Operator, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Booking policy, Music Corpo-ration of America. Publicity, Ted Saucier. Estimated budget this show, \$1,500. Esti-mated budget last show, \$3,500.

After four years away from New York, Tito Guizar returned here to reveal his vocal magic when it comes to singing Latin melodies. Guizar, a tall, handsome lad, should prove an attraction to the females frequenting the Park Avenue room

attraction to the females frequenting the Park Avenue room. He opened with a new song, a flamenco type, Morena, for which he received only a fair hand. He fol-lowed with La Ultima Noche, and after Begin the Beguine he was in solid. The last, incidentally, was his best effort. Guizar has an unusually good tenor

best effort. Guizar has an unusually good tenor voice and gets the most out of it in the bel canto style singing. He also added to his presentation by better guitar work. While playing the in-strument, which he handles well, he strums away in a flashy manner, holding audience's interest for finger work alone work alone.

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After finishing his initial After finishing his initial set, Guizar went into customers' requests, with the standard Latin numbers asked for and sung getting enthusi-astic response. The warbler has a number, Life Should Be Like Music, which doesn't quite make the grade. The lyrics are there, but the melody isn't. The singer finished with Ran-cho Grande, and even had the staid customers participating vocally. set. customers participating vocally. Emil Coleman backed the Mexican troubadour capably.' Mischa Borr and his Latin rhythms spelled.

Leon Morse.

The Blue Room, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans (Wednesday, April 14)

Capacity, 450. Price policy, \$2 minimum, \$2.50 Saturday. Shows at 7:30 and 12:15. Operator, Roosevelt Hotel. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Al Bourgeois. Esti-mated budget this show, \$3,450. Estimated budget last show, \$6,500. Capacity, \$2.50 Satu Estimated

Back on hard ground again after a long run of ice shows, this town's best hotel spot opened a new show with some high spots but plenty of first-night roughness.

Miguelito Valdes's music, torrid when it turns to the Latin American style, is the first of its kind for the room in a long time. Its reception indicated that more south-of-theborder music might be welcomed in some of the city's better spots, which have not gone in much for it despite the international consciousness being fostered here. There were plenty of Spanish-speaking payees showing enthusiasm.

Valdes's Babalu was the high spot of the evening. His energy and en-thusiasm for it did not appear at all worn out. His other offerings in that style were considerably more sub-dued in delivery and reception.

Larry Storch

Larry Storch topped off the three independent acts and had them roll-ing in the crowded aisles with his funny face, restrained laugh antics, convincing imitations and, especially, a crying jag scene in a New York barroom. The crowd would have appreciated a little more of it but he begged off.

Working in fine with the Valdes Working in fine with the Valdes ork were gypsy dancers Roberto and Alicia. Their skill in the frenzied Latin numbers brought a heavy mitt, especially for a ritual fire dance in which they had fine backing from the band. For an en-core they did a rumba-iitterbug backing from the band. For an en-core they did a rumba-jitterbug which seemed in too sharp contrast to more primitive or at least foreign "gypsy" numbers. But it had some of the first-nighters shaking their the underge shoulders.

Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith, tall, low-voiced chanteuse, gave out with a number of songs, the best being The Man I Love, and altho everyone seemed ready to be charmed by her personality, mike trouble unfortunately make her difficult to hear.

Ork singer Rosette Shaw bolstered the show the show with such numbers as Rhumba Jubilee and Manana.. Linda Lopez, charming ork pianist, also added a lot to the evening and drew the comment from Larry Storch that "she must have 13 fingers." Her solo was too much in back of the band's brass, however. Dick Hartshorn.

New York (Thursday, April 15)

NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE

Capacity, 275. Price policy, cover \$1.50-\$2. Shows at 9:30 and 12:15. Owner-operators, Hilton Chain. Booking policy, Merriel Abbott, exclusive. Publicity, Dorothy King. Esti-mated budget this show, \$1,500. Estimated budget last show \$2,500 exclusive. Publicity, mated budget this show, budget last show, \$2,500.

Persian Room, Hotel Plaza,

The new package is less expensive than the previous show but packs a hefty entertainment sock in both hands—one for each act. Florence Desmond has improved considerably since her Blue Angel job. Her ma-terial is basically the same but added routines and bits, plus better selling sense, got results that must have been gratifying.

Following the dance team, Artini and Consuelo, the gal was in a tough spot, they were so good. But after she got thru her opening take-offs of flicker names based on a make-be-lieve Tallulah Bankhead party, she was ahead, and stayed there. Her best was her Hildegarde impression, best was her Hildegarde impression, particularly appropriate because the chantoosey had just finished here. The audience, being quite familiar with Hildegarde's act, was thoroly appreciative of Miss Desmond's sharp characterization. The take-off was complete, even to the roses. Miss Desmond removed some of the sting by giving thanks to Hildy and read-ing a note she got from her. Big reason for Miss Desmond's success is not her impressions—and they're amazingly life-like—it's the material that goes with it, for even if the that goes with it, for even if the material take-offs were only so-so, the ma-terial is smart enough and literate enough to stand on its own legs.

Florian Zabach

The show opened with Florian Za-bach, blond boy fronter, with a couple of fiddle solos from the floor. (See Persian Room on page 42)





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BOSTON, April 17.—Business at the RKO Boston, the Hub's only vaude house, has been tilting this way and that according to the strength or weakness of the attrac-tions

Last week (ended April 14) a variety bill, featuring Shirley Ross, Johnny Morgan, the Acromaniacs, the Hartnells and Kate Murtah did okay with \$28,000. Pic, Casbah.

Four weeks ago a disk jockey show,

featuring local radio platter spinners and songstress Kitty Kallen, drew a fair \$28,000. Pic was Love From a

John Calvert, with his magic and hypnotism show, played to less the following week (ended March 31),

the gross being \$26,000. Acts included

the Mayo Brothers, and the Three X-Treems. Pic, Panhandle.

Chicago Vaude

PERSIAN ROOM

(Continued from page 41) Zabach, new to this reviewer, is a handsome lad with a startling crop of yellow hair. His speaking voice and emseeing aren't too good, but his appearance is made to order for the fam trade the fem trade.

Artini and Consuelo haven't been Artimi and Consuelo haven't been caught here for a long time. The sharp improvement they show was almost unbelievable. Dressed in smart street costumes, the couple caught immediate attention and ad-ded to it by woll evenue ad appear ded to it by well executed dance routines that brought terrific hands. The idea of street costumes isn't new, but while the effect of fluid grace is easily attained in long flowing gowns, it takes really sharp dancing and top teamwork to get that effect in street clothes. The team finally finished with a cute walk-off winning rousing applaus**e.**

Florian Zabach's band played the Florian Zabach's band played the show right on the button. Mark Monte's ork, practically a fixture here, is still one of the pleasantest society bands around, with Monte's fronting a standout. Stuart Ross, who accompanied Miss Desmond, gave fine backing. Bill Smith.

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entation houses grosses took a dive last week when they showed \$354,-000 for the five theaters as against a \$502,000 take for the previous week. The drop wasn't entirely unexpected First, there were a couple of days' rain, and, second, the high grosses of the previous weeks were due to a combo of factors: Easter holidays and new bills

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; average \$115,000) saw \$115,000 for its fifth stanza with I Remember Mama, Andre, Andree and Bonnie, and Paul Haakon. The previous frame saw \$147,000. The show opened to \$142,-000, followed by \$143,000 and \$157,-000.

Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$89,000) wound up its five-weeker of Art wound up its nve-weeker of the Mooney (out during last week), Al Bernie and Sitting Pretty, with \$70,-000 against \$115,000 for the fourth week. The show opened to \$107,000 followed by \$99,000 and \$109,000. The new bill (reviewed this issue) here Ed Wym and Scudda Hoo. has Ed Wynn and Scudda Hoo.

Para Slips to 60G

Paramount (3,654 seats; average \$76,000) collected \$60,000 for its second week with the Buddy Rich ork, Mills Brothers and Saigon. It opened to \$76,000. Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$66,-

000) moved down to \$73,000 for the fifth week with Naked City, Tex Beneke's ork and the Slate Brothers; the latter replaced Martin and Lewis. The show's take for the fourth week was \$101,000. It opened to \$147,000, followed by \$121,000 and \$117,000.

Strand (2,700 seats; average \$40,-

For Pre-War 5%

a cabaret tax reduction petition being circulated by Marion Seabold, dancer, now at the Bowery here. Petition asks for cut from the present 20 per

cent to the pre-war 5 per cent. The move is being handled by the dancer with Alan Corelli, of Theater Authority, co-chairman of the drive, while Jay Seiler, emsee-comic, is na-tional director. Petitions are being circulated in night clubs and else-where, and the help of musicians, ac-tors and other unions in individual cities is being sought. Miss Seabold plans to go to Wash-

Miss Seabold plans to go to Wash-ington shortly to contact Rep. George McDonough (Calif.), who has intro-duced a tax reduction measure for the motion picture side of show business, and has indicated his support of the and has indicated his support of the cabaret reduction as well.

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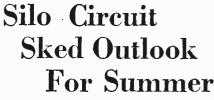
INEZ CLAIRE, a first-timer on the Hirst Circuit, is the daughter of Isadore Silverstein, former Polish circus performer, now retired in San Francisco. After seven years in the chorus at the Capitol, San Francisco, Lucz emerged as a principal under Inez emerged as a principal under Milt Schuster's personal management. . . . Dick Bernie, comic, left a Hirst unit in Boston last week to rehearse for Small Wonder, a musical.... The Delmars, balancing act, spot-booked in Hirst houses, return to vaude and niteries after a week at the Empire, niteries after a week at the Empire, Newark, N. J. . . . Harry Kane, vo-calist, returns for his 13th season to the Parkston Country Club, Living-ston Manor, N. Y., starting July 2. . . . Sheila Ryan has opened at the Gayety, Norfolk, in a featured spot for five weeks thru Eddie Kaplan. . . . Loor Fore a doubling between High Joey Faye is doubling between *High* Button Shoes and the Ha-Ha nitery in Manhattan. . . June St. Claire, who has been alternating between the who has been alternating between the two circuits this season, returned to the Midwest via the Palace, Buffalo, April 16. . . Bettie MacDonald is in her 17th week at the Famous Door, Manhattan. . . Tommy Reynolds, straight man, moved from the Grand, Youngroup O. to the Emprose De Youngstown, O., to the Empress, De-troit, replacing Jack (Duck Nose) Pershing, who left for a rest. . . Jimmy Medford, emsee-singer at the Club Terris, Milwaukee, crashed The Milwaukee Journal March 28 for a Milwalukee Journal March 28 for a full page of pictures. . . Paul Jerome, former burly straight, is still with the Ringling circus as circulation manager. . . Jack How-ard is rehearsing with Sleepy Hollow on the Amstandam (Marbattan)

IRMA LEE, Bobby Fay and George (Beetlepuss) Lewis opened last week at the Follies, Los Angeles. Held over are Betty Rowland, Nona Carver and Mary Miller. . . . New burly policy was launched April 6 at the Topsy Club, Los Angeles, with featured principals Madeleine Gard-ner, Sid Ousley and Rene Rowland. . . . Bobby Vail is still with *Red Mill* on tour. . . Gloria Glad shifted to the Faust Club, Peoria, Ill., April 13. . . Lee Murray, after 10 weeks on the Hirst Circuit, has opened in stock at the Empress, Milwaukee. . . Pinky (Mrs. Lee Murray) Patrick opened at the Empress, Milwaukee, April 16. . . Lee Voyer and Bonnie Lee are new at the Burbank, Los Angeles. . . Annette West, dancer, is back at the Club Milwaukeean, Mil-waukee, after seven months at home caring for baby daughter Loanne is back at the Club Milwaukeean, Mil-waukee, after seven months at home caring for baby daughter, Joanne, and hubby, Joe Norris. Co-princi-pals are Teresita, Dolly Malone, Ben (the Baron) Siegel, emsee, and Sammy Armato's ork... Eddie Kap-lan's Screwballs of 1948 being held over at the Swan Club, Philadelphia. ... Manny King, Charlie Crafts, Na-dine and Charlene are at the El Rancho, Los Angeles.

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NEW YORK, April 17.--Here is the second part of The Billboard's preliminary summer stock round-up. The first part ran last week and the third part will appear in the next issue.

NEW JERSEY

Chelsea Playhouse, Atlantic City, Producer, T. C. Upham. Theater is in the Hotel Chelsea. Opens June 30 for 10-week season. S Resident Equity company. Seats 1.200.

Cape Theater, Cape May. Pro-ducer, T. C. Upham. Seats 570. Ten-week season starting June 30. Resident Equity company.

Music Hall Theater, Clinton. Pro-ducer-owner, Eddie Rich, 959 South Broad Street, Trenton. Seats 300. Resident Equity company.

Papermill Playhouse, Millburn. Producer, Frank Carrington. Phone, Short Hills 7-3000. Does only oper-ettas, and operates practically all year. Resident Equity company.

The Beach Theater, Ocean City. Producer, T. C. Upham. Seats 825. Resident Equity company of 11.

McCarter Theater, Princeton. Pro ducers, Herbert Kenwith and Harold Kennedy. Seats 1,180. Resident Equity company.

Lakeside Summer Theater, Lake Hopatcong. Producer, Dean Goodman. This is his first season there. Seats 400. Resident Equity company.

Red Bank Playhouse, Red Bank. Producer, B. F. Kutcher, 1545 Broad-way, New York.

Chapel Theater, Ridgewood. Producer, William Spickers. Theater in high school auditorium.

Millstream Playhouse, Sea Girt. Producer, Warren Hughes, 109 Atlan-tic Avenue, Manisquan. Seats 200. tic Avenue, Manisquan. Seats 200. Opens June 23 for about 10 weeks. Non-Equity.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Jut-land. Producers, Helen Thompson and Margaret Barker. Seats 229. Resident Equity company.

NEW YORK

Greenbush Theater, Greenbush. Producer, Harry Rosen. Phone, Nyack 3563. Seats 300. Opens in June. Thirty apprentices. Resident Equity company.

company. Monticello Playhouse, Jnc. Lake Kiamesha. Owners and producers, Joseph Mell and Jules Getlin, 132 West 45th Street, New York. This is a new stock set-up. Theater, de-signed from an old boathouse, seats 480. Season, 10 weeks. Ten appren-tices. Will do Boy Meets Girl and Home of the Brave. Opens June 25.

Resident Equity company. Gotham Players, Highland Grange. James Busby, 125 West 77th Street, New York, producer. Opens end of

June. Non-Equity. Interplayers, Provincetown Play-house, New York. Producer, Irving Stiber. Non-Equity co-op group.

Hampton Playhouse, Bridgehamp-ton, L. I. Producer, Gail Hillson, 5 Prospect Place, New York. Seats 500. Opens June 25. Wants original scripts. Resident Equity company.

Bolton Landing Summer Playhouse. Bolton Landing. Producer-owner, Joe Crosby, 125 East 71st Street, New York. Seats 200. Looking for origi-nal scripts and may televise them.

Non-Equity. Reginald Goode Theater. Clinton Hollow. Producer, Reginald Goode. This is mostly for apprentices trained

by Goode. Non-Equity. Duke's Oak Theater, Otsego Lake Road, Cooperstown. Producer-direc-tor-manager, Randolph Somerville, 100 Washington Square, New York. Group also is known as the Washing-

Magic By Bill Sachs-

JOE THOMAS, formerly with Leon JOE THOMAS, formerly with Leon Mandrake, magician, is in Kansas City, Mo., prepping for an early premiere there of his new comedy-horror combo show called *Hysteria*, designed as a midnight feature for theaters. The show, which incorpo-rates the give-away idea with the comedy and horror hos had a pumber comedy and horror, has had a number comedy and horror, has had a number of break-in dates in the Kansas City area. After the official bow there, the unit is slated to head southward, Thomas says. In addition to the comedy-horror business, Thomas and his partner, Jo Anna, will present a mental turn and several tricks loaned them by Mandrake. . . Tony Marks is in his second week of a fortnight's stand at the Lookout House Covingstand at the Lookout House, Coving-ton, Ky. . . Lucille and Eddie Rob-erts wind up a two-weeker at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, next Wednesday (28) and the following day begin a like engagement at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta. . . . Will L. Lindhorst, operator of the Magic Den, St. Louis, operator of the Magic Den, St. Louis, is being forced to move after 20 years in the same location, and will shortly ply his wares in a new and larger ground-floor magic shop. . . . The Great Gravityo, now playing Pitts-burgh niteries after winter engage-ments in Miami and Havana, wires that he'll be associated with the Hodges Palace of Wonders at East-wood Park, Detroit, from April 16 thru Labor Day. . . The Amazing Mr. Taylor of Boston (Joe Taylor) is working nitery and theater dates in working nitery and theater dates in and around Denver.... The Veniekos are pitching horoscopes in St. Louis 5 and 10 stores and, according to Ray Amy, netting some solid counts. . . . Al Page, the magicker, and his talk-ing dove, Oscar, are in their fifth week at the Dutch Mill, Norwood, O., adjoining Cincinnati. . . . Magicians of Northern Connecticut held their Night of Magic at the West Middle School, Hartford, Conn., April 10. Ten magic acts were presented under sponsorship of Assembly No. 21, Society of American Magicians, with proceeds going to the Harry Houdini Hospital Fund for Destitute Magi-cians. . . Stan Kramien, after three months on the road for International Harvester, doing an hour's show with three assistants, is in the midst of a fortnight's stand at the Greek-American Club, Spokane, Wash. From there he hops to Lewiston, Idaho, for a week. . . . Marvelle the Magician (William Monk) has sold his interest in the Information Party (William Monk) has sold his interest in the Interstate Magic Shop, Fort Worth, and is on tour in West Texas with the Cinderella Revue, playing army bases, niteries and theaters. . . . L. E. (Roba Collins) joined the Mills Bros.' Circus at Circleville, O., last Saturday (17).

Kelly Cancels Vacation

NEW YORK, April 17.-Because of the difficulty in getting a replacement for his role, Paul Kelly, the star of *Command Decision* who was slated to go on vacation this summer, has rego on vacation this summer, has re-fused to take a hiatus. Kelly changed his mind when he found that if he left the show would have to be closed and the rest of the company would be unemployed. This way the play will run thruout the summer and into the fall continuing as long as biz holds up.

ton Square Players. Opens July 1. Non-Equity.

Stratton Theater, Middletown. Producers, Sam Zerinsky, Joseph King, 150 West 21st Street, New York., and William Harmon. Opens June 28. Seats 600. Resident Equity company. Lake Shore Playhouse, Derby Lewis T. Fisher, 9 Gren-way, Buffalo

producer. Opens June 15. Non-Equity.

John Drew Theater, East Hampton. (See SILO CIRCUIT on page 44)

Brewing To Go On Uncurbed, at Least Until June's Here

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WASHINGTON, April 17.—Agri-culture Department is resigned to the prospect of uncurbed production of beer for drinkeries and niteries at least until June 1, as the result of the fiasco this week experienced by the first voluntary grain-saving agree-ment under the Taft Anti-Inflation Law.

Brewers suspended the agreement this week on the ground that agreement tilling industry had previously set an example in refusing to accept a conservation program. Action of the conservation program. Action of the brewing industry came almost simul-taneously with an announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton An-derson that a voluntary grain conservation agreement for the baking in-dustry, formally approved by the attorney general in accordance with the Taft law, was being submitted to bakers for formal acceptance.

In tentatively rejecting the conser-In tentatively rejecting the conser-vation agreement, brewers pointed out that they had co-operated with the government "and expect to con-tinue to co-operate," adding that they had conscientiously adhered to an agreement entered into originally with the Citizens' Food Committee to save on grain use. "In view of the fact that we are at present the only industry which has worked out a voluntary agreement," stated the brewers' representatives, "we ask that its effective date be postponed until its effective date be postponed until you have had an opportunity to ascer-tain the intentions of the other grain-using industries."

D. C. Theaters Get Off Light **Under New Fireproof Rules**

WASHINGTON, April 17.-Local legit, vaude and movie houses will get off lightly under District of Columbia building code revisions, ac-cording to A. Julian Brylawski, of Warner Bros.

Brylawski, who represented thca-ters before a building code revision committee, reported last week that the committee had agreed that theaters would not be required to do more than fireproof all wood and surround their furnaces with fireproof material.

The committee had originally contemplated forcing extensive altera-tions to provide additional fire exits and other safeguards.

New Showbiz Charter

DOVER, Del., April 12. - New showbiz companies chartered at the corporation department of the Dela-ware secretary of state's office here include:

Henlopen Players, Inc.; purpose, deal in theaters; capital, \$10,000; principal office, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Radio Construction Company, Inc.; purpose, deal in radios; capital, 500 shares, no par value; principal office, the Corporation Trust Company, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington.

Boat Trades Association, Inc.; pur-pose, advertising business; capital, \$5.000; principal office, U. S. Corpo-ration Company, Dover.



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GEM THEATER CHICAGO, ILL.

ANTA To Set Legit Shows Into Virgin Hinterlands

emy (ANTA) in the fall is to set up a booking unit and, thru the United Booking Office, send shows into towns which are not now getting legit. The plan would be to pick a pilot area, then mobilize the people interested in theater in the town to get solidly behind the presentations to the extent of selling tix and building audiences. This method has been used very successfully by concert bureaus and in-sures the producer of at least a mini-mum guarantee for his show, thus lessening his financial risk.

ANTA would not produce the plays, but would approach Broadway man-agers and tell them what scripts they are interested in for their circuit and are interested in for their circuit and the kind of dough they could make there. In most cases, the plays pack-aged would use not top stars but moderate-priced players, with the ac-cent always on strong acting, not star personalities.

It would cost about 50G to try out the plan—which is just about what it costs to do a two-set show on the Stem. And if the plan is successful in the pilot area chosen, naturally, it will be a blueprint for different sec-tions of the country. The idea has another virtue for ANTA: When the

BROADWAY SHOWLOG

Performances Thru April 17, 1948

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(Henry Miller) Harvey	1,462
Heiress, The 9-29, 47	233
Joy to the World 3-18, '48	36
(Music Box) Macbeth 3-31, '48 (National)	21
(National) Man and Superman10- 8, '47 (Hudson)	221
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The; Happy Journey From Trenton to	
Camden, The 3-16, '8 (Cort)	39
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Brigadoon 3-13, '47 (Ziegfeld)	460
D'Oyly Carte Opera Company12-29, '47 (Century Theater)	128
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High Button Shoes 10- 9, '47 (Century)	220
Look, Ma, I'm Dancing 1-29, '48 (Broadhurst)	92
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OPENED	
Rats of Norway, The 4-15, '48 (Booth)	4
CLOSED You Never Can Tell 3-16, '48 (Martin Beck)	39
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COMING UF ek of April 19, 1948) of Trembling, The.. 4-20 (Music Box)

NEW YORK, April 17.—The next org starts its drive for funds it will big project to be tackled by the have already given people a taste of American National Theater and Acad- legit and done something for them. In other words, it will be no stranger asking for dough, but someone who wants the cabbage to plough back into entertainment which will make them healthy and happy.

Censor Threat Fought on Stem

NEW YORK, April 17.—The first step to combat an amusement cen-sorship bill introduced in the city council by Councilman Edward Cun-ningham Tuesday (13) was taken when the Stop Censorship Committee, headed by Edward Choate, called a meeting of the theater unions on the stage of the International Theater Tuesday (20) after the shows. The meeting will plan strategy for the fight on the proposed legislation, which states that the license com-missioner shall have the power to

which states that the license com-missioner shall have the power to censor advertising considered to be offensive to morality, decency and public welfare. Cunningham's bill is a result of his offense at the title of the legit show The Respectful Prostitute. However, as late as Friday (9) he told The Billboard that he would not intro-duce any statute because License Commissioner Fielding already felt he had sufficient power.

Whyte - Kantor Case Stirs Equity Action

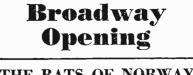
NEW YORK, April 17.—The recent Equity decision to suspend two stage managers on charges brought by chorus personnel, has sparked a con-sciousness within the union to scrutin-ize carefully the conduct of all groups

sciousness within the union to scruth-ize carefully the conduct of all groups dealing with members, whether they be producers, agents or stage man-agers. According to an Equity exec, any violators of the ordinary code of morals and manners are likely to be brought before the council. Allegro's general stage manager, Jerry Whyte, was suspended for 18 months, the suspension to be held in abeyance conditional upon his future conduct. His assistant, Her-man Kantor, drew a similar penalty for 12 months. However, Kantor can apply for revocation at the end of six months, provided there are no charges against him during that time. The aftermath of the blow-up had dancer Frances Rainer reinstated by the Theater Guild at the union's request. request.

Detroit Opera Take Up 5% This Year

DETROIT, April 17.—Despite gen-eral declining grosses in most branches of show business, the De-troit Civic Light Opera closed its annual 10-week season Sunday (11) with a take of \$434,900, about 5 per cent ahead of the 1947 figure of \$408,020. Attendance dropped some-what, from 295,000 last year to 247,500 this session—a factor reflected in the uneven attendance at some of the shows. While all pew-buyer figures are estimated, *Bittersweet*, for ex-ample, dropped to a low take of 30G with approximately 17,000 customers during Holy Week. Average cost per seat went up slightly, as less than DETROIT, April 17.-Despite genseat went up slightly, as less than capacity houses put considerable cheaper seats off the market at sev-eral shows.

The wind-up was a marked success, with Desert Song, starring Edward Roecker and Laurel Hurley, grossing an all-time high of \$60,000 for the helping to swell the total.



THE RATS OF NORWAY (Opened Thursday, April 15) **BOOTH THEATER**

come along stage-wise in many a year.

The lethargic proceedings have to do with the emotional goings-on among some eight rather naus-ous among some eight rather naus-ous teachers in a select boys' school. The headmaster's statuesque wife con-ducts a torrid I-will I-won't-run-away affair with a punchy, whisky-swilling assisting h.m. Also devel-opes a romance between a somewhat sickening young instructor and a young instructress. The headmaster is a Pollyanna in pants. The lovers all suffer like hell to a wind-up leav-ing the assistant h.m. dead in the headmistress's bed—via a combinaheadmistress's bed—via a combina-tion of whisky, a bad ticker and possibly too much adultery. The rest of the cast drink tea, group-sing at the piano and comment cynically on

of the cast drink tea, group-sing at the piano and comment cynically on the sexy didoes. It is hard to tell where bad direc-tion leaves off and bad acting begins. But since there are some extremely competent players mixed up in Rats, a reporter would like to put most of the blame on the staging. Granting a dull play to begin with, Elliott's classically unimaginative direction has made it mu " worse than it might be. It is 90 per cent talk and posture, with routine fill-in business to bridge the dullest spots. Natur-ally, it makes the actors look bad, and none of them rise above it with any distinction. Colin Keith-Johnston comes off best as the frusty, bustling headmaster. John Ireland is sneer-ingly intense as the lad who gives him horns. Jeanne Stuart is stati-cally tragic as the wife. William How-ell and Rett Kitson don't do much to make the anguished younger pair be-lievable, altho the latter has mo-ments which point to a hopeful future in better circumstances. All in all, the best thing about Rats is William De Forest's hand-some set of a faculty common room.

Perhaps Elliott can get a price on it. Somebody is always writing a play about a boarding school. Bob Francis.

G. and S. Rep Tour

NEW YORK, April 17.—S. M. Chertok is readying a Gilbert and Sullivan repertory troupe for the road this season. The producer will Suffixing repertory troupe for the road this season. The producer will also direct. The national tour will probably not book into cities now booked by the United Booking Office, since that org is routing the D'Oyly Carte Company.

Silo Circuit **Sked Outlook** For Summer

(Continued from page 43) Owned by Guild Hall, Inc., East Hampton. Last season's producer not returning. Seats 450. Good house. Van Wyck Playhouse, Fishkill. Producer, Charles Butler, 329 East 24th Street, New York. Seats 300. Equity.

Bard Theater, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Producer, Lew Danis, 101 Ascan Avenue, Forest Hills, L. I. New summer theater.

Ithaca College "Little Theater." Ithaca College "Little Theater." Ithaca. Producer, Ernest Mandeville, Suite 1307, 32 Broadway, New York. Director, Ray Hinkley. Seats 400. Not profitable last year. Opens July 1 for 10-week season. Resident Equity company.

Norton Memorial Hall, Chautauqua. Director, Frederic McConnell, of Cleveland Playhouse. Company composed of members of that group. Six-

posed of members of that group. Six-week season. Non-Equity. Tamarack Players, Lake Placid. Malcolm Atterbury, producer-owner-director. Resident Equity company. Malden Bridge Playhouse, Malden Bridge. Producer, Walter Wood, of Malden Bridge. Director, Eunice Os-borne. Seats 186. Top weekly gross possible \$1,558.50. Last year's total gross was \$12,874.80. Opens June 30. Non-Equity.

gross was \$12,874.80. Opens June 30. Non-Equity. Sea Cliff Theater, Sea Cliff, L. I. Producer probably William Hunt, 14 East 64th Street, New York, now rais-ing dough. Nothing set. Westchester Playhouse, Mount Kis-co. Gordon Minter and Barton Em-

co. Gordon Minter and Barton Em-met, producers. Seats 400. Cherry Lane Theater, New York. No producer set yet but will have a group from June to November. Seats 200. Usually Non-Equity.

group from June to November. Seats 200. Usually Non-Equity. Fordham University S u m m e r Drama Festival. Fordham University, New York. Albert McCleery, direc-tor. Works with students. Non-Family Equity. Starlight Theater, Pawling.

Producer-director-owner, Isobel Rose Jones of Pawling. Seats 300. Fif-teenth summer of operation. Resi-

dent Equity company. Spa Summer Theater, Saratoga Springs. Producer, John Huntington, 433 West 21st Street, New York. Seats 580. Did 35G biz last year. Initial investment recaptured. Resi-dent Fourity company.

dent Equity company. Skaneateles Theater, Skaneateles. Walter Davis, producer-director. Opens the end of June for 10-week season. Seats 250. Resident Equity company.

Company. Old Towne Theater, Smithtown Branch, L. I. Producer, Robert Byrne, c/o Hotel Webster, 40 East 40th Street, New York. Seats 300. Can do \$2,500 in a top week. Resi-

Can do \$2,500 in a top week. Resi-dent Equity company. Orange County Playhouse, West-town. Producers, Tom McMorrow and Joanne Lewis, 45 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn. Capacity weekly gross is \$2,200. Opens June 16 for a 10-week season. Seats 300. Resi-dent Equity company of eight. Camp Unity, Wingdale. Robert Steck, producer, 1 Union Square, c/o Camp Unity. Seats 600. Theater is for campers. Non-Equity. Woodstock Playhouse, Woodstock. Michael Linenthal, producer-owner. Seats 650. Opens June 20 for a 10-week season. Resident Equity com-pany.

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pany. Adelphi College Summer Theater, Garden City, L. I. John S. Thomp-son, of Adelphi, producer. For stu-dents. Non-Equity. Putnam County Playhouse, Lake Mahopac. Producer, Jill Miller, 16 West 10th Street, New York.

The Billboard

LEGITIMATE

Off-Broadway

THE SIX O'CLOCK THEATER'S STUDIO PRODUCTIONS

(Opened Sunday, April 11) MAXINE ELLIOTT THEATER

Three one-act plays. Produced by Fred Stewart and directed by Joseph Kramm, Joseph Anthony and John O'Shaughnessy. Production manager, John Effrat. General stage manager, Richard Beckhard. Presented by the Experimental Theater, Inc. HOPE IS THE THING WITH

FEATHERS

By Richard Harrity

 By Kichard Harrity

 Oscar
 Philip Robinson

 Doc
 E. G. Marshall

 Steve
 George Mathews

 Willer
 Robert Arvin

 Sweeney
 Will Geer

 Charlie
 Lou Gilbert

 Old Man Nelson
 Danlel A. Reed

 Joe
 Fredric Martin

 A Man
 Jabez Gray

 CELEBRATION

By Horton Foote

AFTERNOON STORM

By E. P. Conkle

Mary		farcy
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Wedding Guests ..., Philippa Bevans, Ellen Herbert, Fred Stewart, Joseph Kramm, Joseph Kapfer, Joseph Anthony Ann Norme Chambei

......Norma Chambers

With the sponsorship of three one-acters by the Six o'Clock Theater's professional workshop group, the Experimental Theater has come back to its proper function—real experiment. its proper function—real experiment. The three plays selected by the Six o'Clockers are by American authors and have been picked for the variety of character assignment they offer the actors for study. Presented sans scenery and with the barest of props, they offer an acting challenge which is the essence of true theater. The group responds to it with sharp effect.

Hope Is the Thing With Feathers, wry tragi-comic vignette about the efforts of eight bench-sleeping derelicts who snag a duck from the Cen-Itels who shag a duck from the Cen-tral Park Lake, is by far the most effective. Richard Harrity has writ-ten a humorously tragic O'Neilian piece about bums. The same sort of analytical approach is there, but without O'Neill's wordiness. Joseph Kramm's direction is admirable and Kramm's direction is admirable, and there are telling performances by there are telling performances by such excellent players as Will Geer, E. G. Marshall, George Mathews, Lou Gilbert and Daniel A. Reed. It proves what can be done with a good script and canny playing when imagination sparks the combination.

Since *Hope* comes off so well, it is more or less natural that its com-panion pieces should suffer by comparison. parison. Horton Foote's Celebration is one of those decadent, frustration items about some unnice, brawling, drunken white folks down Texas way and their strident claims to gentility. It's the sort of string that has been plucked many times before—and of-ten better. In this case the wind-up is obvious, and Joseph Anthony's staging does little to give it impact. However, Hilda Vaughn manages some moments of taut theater as a tippling neurotic determined to make

something of a weakling brother. With Afternoon Storm, E. P. Conkle has interested himself in a fantasy has interested minsen in a landay about the time when Abe Lincoln took a walk, when due at the altar with Mary Todd. Storm contains some passages of excellent writing, with Helen Marcy contributing a thoughtful portrait of the somewhat bossy Mary and John Morley doing bossy Mary, and John Morley doing equally well by the bemused Abe.



NEW YORK, April 17.-The Actors' Equity nominating committee unanimously selected a slate to run for five-year terms on the council consisting of Edith Atwater, Sidney Blackmer, Clay Clement, Edith Meiser, Eddie Nugent, Barbara Robbins, Erin O'Brien-Moore, Bill Ross, Loring Smith and Ann Thomas, Basil Rathbone was chosen to run for the one-year unexpired term of third vice-president replacing the late Dudley Digges.

The Chorus Equity ticket is also set and consists of Kathleen O'Brien, Rebecca Lee, George Bockman, Clara Cordery, Jeffrey Warren, Marie Har-riton and Mimi Kelly to serve on the executive committee for three-year terms. Paul Dullzell has been nomi-nated to act as chairman of the executive committee for one year, and Ora Leak as its recording secretary for the same time. Jeffrey Warren has been selected to serve on the council for five years and Brayton Lewis for three years. The ticket will be voted on in advance of the will be voted on in advance of the next Chorus Equity meeting and announced then.

Lowell Stock a Flopperoo

LOWELL, Mass., April 17. — An-other winter stock venture came a cropper when the Concord Theater Corporation, operating at the State Theater here, closed its doors last Sunday (11). The legit set-up had been operated by Jacob Tullen, the bank-roller, and Otto Simetti, direc-tor, since February 10. It had pre-sented such names as Neil Hamilton, Freddie Bartholomew and Sidney Freddie Bartholomew and Sidney Blackmer, but the natives wouldn't buy. It has been estimated that the project relieved the angel of about \$10,000. Business finally became so bad that the bill the next to the last week was the French flicker, *Carmen*, with Vivian Romance, and Ibsen's *Ghosts*, all for the same price.

New Barn Group at Arden

WILMINGTON, Del., April 17 .new theater organization, including five members of Katharine Cornell's Antony and Cleopatra company, will Arden, Del., this summer, opening an 11-week season June 22. The company plans five performances a week, Tuesday thru Saturday. Last season the group was at the Stratton Sumthe group was at the Stratton Sum-mer Playhouse, Middletown. Conn. Members include Pamela Simpson, Robert McBride, Cynthia Rogers, Al-len Shayne, and three from the Bea-con Players, Coral Gables, Fla., Laura McClure, James Maloney and Jack Knicely, scenic designer.

"On Approval" Revived

NEW YORK, April 17. — Gant Gaither is reviving Frederic Lons-dale's London success, On Approval, for the road this season. The four-character script, originally produced in 1927, will star Judith Evelyn, Brenda Forbes, Henry Daniell and Pichard Greene Richard Greene.

But its chief interest lies in the imaginative staging of John O'Shaughnessy, who manages to convey an invisible church, law office, cross roads and even a graveyard on a bare stage. It is a minor triumph in stage craft.

The over-all is vital theater, and the Experimental Theater and the Six o'Clockers are to be congratulated. Hope alone makes a trip to the Maxine Elliott worthwhile.

Bob Francis.



THE PLAY'S THE THING (Opened Monday, April 12) NATIONAL, WASHINGTON

comedy by Ferenc Molnar, adapted from the Hungarian by P. G. Wodehouse. Pre-sented and directed by Hilbert Miller in association with James Russo and Michael Ellis. Lighting by Ralph Alswang. Gowns by Castillo. Scenery designed by Oliver Mascel А by Cas Messel.

Messel. Sandor Turai.....Louis Calhern Mansky.....Earnest Cossart Albert Adam......Richard Hylton Johann Dwornitschek.....Francis Compton Ilona Szabo.....Faye Emerson Almady......Arthur Margetson Mell......Clau's Allister Lackeys.....Ted Tiller, Fred Wentler

Gilbert Miller's Broadway-bound chibert Miller's Broadway-bound revival of The Play's the Thing, which opened for a two-week run at the National Monday (12), could more aptly be called, The Play Was the Thing. The old Molnar comedy, which delighted avdiagence 29 week which delighted audiences 22 years ago, has lost its sparkle and vitality despite courageous efforts in its be-half by Gilbert Miller's cast, headed

by Louis Calhern. The latest version of *The Play's* the *Thing* leaves one with a feeling that Calhern's the play. Never designed to be much more than a frothy signed to be much more than a irotny and almost plotless piece, the produc-tion leans heavily on his polished acting for any success it hopes to enjoy. It has Calhern in the leading role of a bright playwright, Sandor Turai, who rescues the show from what might have been complete bore-down Even with him at his best what hight have been complete bore-dom. Even with him at his best, the dialog all too often falls into the category of one of the lines tren-chantly expressed by Playwright Turai in the opening scene: "This is an awful waste!"

Faye Emerson

The plot—what there is of it—spins around Playwright Turai's maneuver to prevent a romance from being dashed on the rocks. The romance Adam, played by Richard Hylton, and an actress, Ilona Szabo, acted by Faye Emerson. The cleavage in the romance threatens when Adams chances to overhear Miss Szabo in an amorous bedroom conversation with an elderly actor, Almady played by Arthur Margetson. Playwright Turai contrives a happy but dull ending by convincing young Adam that the bedroom scene was merely part of a rehearsal of a play.

Calhern plays Turai with such good humor that one cannot help wishing his talents could have been turned to a far worthier play. At times, his talents could nave been turned to a far worthier play. At times, even he becomes submerged in the sheer wordiness of the old Molnar farce, and a brilliant actor appears to be perfunctorily rehearsing like a professional boxer on an exhibition tour.

A Few Laughs

A Few Laughs The play's best moments (all too rare) are shared by Calhern and Francis Compton, who is in the role of a typically Wodehouse servant, Johann Dwornitschek. There are a few pleasingly funny minutes when Playwright Turai exchanges banter with the servant, who attempts to make the most of the laughs which the scene evokes, however, are soon the scene evokes, however, are soon the scene evokes, however, are soon stilled by the over-extended dialog. Ernest Cossart, as Playwright Turai's collaborator, does an accept-able job. And so does Margetson as Almady. Miss Emerson's role as the actress in love, calls for little acting ability, and perhaps that is just as well. Best performance by a minor character is turned in by Cloud minor character is turned in by Claud Allister as a nervous secretary who contributes some mirthful farce to a scene in which he is handling "props" —"properties," as he calls them with exaggerated accuracy—for the show's "play within a play." Ben Atlas

Ben Atlas.

1 House for All 4-A Orgs Plotted (Continued from page 3)

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building is not suited for space rebuilding is not suited for space re-quirements. Clarence Derwent, prexy of Equity, has repeatedly stated that he wished the actors' union to move. However, the barrier has been the dual problem of selling the building and obtaining the needed space. The ANTA scheme would give Equity time to sell the building and the room it needs for its offices. it needs for its offices.

Other Groups Invited

Other theatrical unions haven't been approached yet to see how they would view the idea, but it is known that several have been having space difficulties for many years. The stage-hands, for example, have gone to court with their landlord over dis-agreements. In addition to theatrical unions, other Associated Actors and Artistes of America (4 A's) groups, such as the American Federation of such as the American Federation of Radio Artists, would also be invited to move into the building. The building at the Hippodrome

The building at the Hippodrome site is expected to be a five-story garage, but there is enough land available to build up to 20 stories, and a change in plans can be made immediately. Not only are offices envisioned, but one or more theaters, including one for tele, are tentatively planned. ANTA would take over the lossing of the theaters the leasing of the theaters.

ETMay Reorg Policy; Invitational Series As Production Trial

NEW YORK, April 17 .- The Experimental Theater (ET) which has just about squeezed thru the season financially, may be in for drastic re-vision of policy next season. The ET will gross about 70G this season and will pay out about \$95,000 for its six productions; \$16,000 of the loss will be recouped by the profit from Skip-per Next to God, the script which went to Broadway. The probability is that the invita-tional series the ET is conducting will act as a sort of trout the script when

act as a sort of tryout theater, and the plays that succeed will be brought to a theater near Broadway. They may be done in the same manner, sans scenery, with the accent entirely on acting and directing. This will enable the ET to make a substantial sum and pay for itself, instead of draining the American National

Theater and Academy's funds. The first show on the invitational series is Arthur Goodman's Seeds in the Wind which opens April 23 at the Lenox Hill Playhouse.

ROUTES **Dramatic and Musical**

Anna Lucasta (Shubert) New Haven, Conn., 22-24. Annie Get Your Gun (KRNT Radio) Des Moines, Ia. Antony and Cleopatra, with Katherine Cornell (Shubert) Boston. Biossom Time (Hanna) Cleveland. Burlesque (Selwyn) Chicago. Carousel (Hershey Community) Hershey, Pa. Doll's House (Shubert Lafayette) Detroit. Dunham, Katherine (Majestic) Boston. First Mrs. Fraser, with Jane Cowl (Walnut St.) Philadelphia. Glass Menagerie (Royal Alexandra) Toronto. Harvey (Locust St.) Philadelphia. Harvey (Biltmore) Los Angeles. High Button Shoes (Boston O. H.) Boston. Hold It (Forrest) Philadelphia. Inside U. S. A. (Shubert) Philadelphia. John Loves Mary (Harris) Chicago. Lady Windermer's Fan (Nixon) Pittsburgh. Mary Had a Little (Studebaker) Chicago. Oklahoma (Curran) San Francisco. O Mistress Mine, with the Lunts (Geary) San Francisco.

Oklahoma (Curran) San Francisco. O Mistress Mine, with the Lunts (Geary) San Francisco. Play's the Thing (National) Washington. Private Lives, with Tallulah Bankhead (Ameri-can) St. Louis. Red Mill (Ford) Baltimore. Show Boat (Shubert) Chicago. Student Prince (Cass) Detroit.

Showman Locates Loophole In Tenn. School Show Ban

pretation by many Tennessee county school boards and showmen of a law which forbids any enterprise to op-erate in the schools of the State for private profit is resulting in the unnecessary elimination of many school shows, according to Everett Lawson, of Knoxville.

The legislative action (Public Acts 1947, Chapter 142, Page 553) has been the subject of much discussion pro and con among operators of school shows and also has been responsible for numerous county boards outlaw-

In a shows, for an admission charge shall be given by the shows for an admission charge shall be a show by the show the show for the show for an admission charge shall be given by the show for an admission charge shall be given by the show for a show fo be given in schools, Lawson points out. This he verified during a recent out. This he verified during a recent visit with the State district attorney in Nashville, whose advice was that there were only two legal ways a show could be presented in a public school: (1) On a salary basis with salaries paid from a school fund set aside for that purpose, and (2) to pass the hat after the show. Lawson reports he was definitely informed

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KNOXVILLE, April 17 .- Misinter- | that to do otherwise would be a violation of law. Upon his return here, however,

Lawson's attorney pointed out a para-graph in the law which states that the law is to be optionally enforced at the discretion of various county boards in whose hands rests the power to vote it in or out. "This, it seems, also applies to the operating of cafeterias by private parties for private profit, or any party or parties who would use the school building in any way whatsoever for commercial gain," says Lawson.

However, it is pointed out by Law-son that charging admission for a school show booked on a percentage basis is not classified in the category of "private profit," inasmuch as this is a profit-sharing plan and is a means by which schools can raise money. "Thus," says Lawson, "altho contrary to the general conception of a number of school show operators, it is still possible to book one's culture caper in Tennessee to good re-turns."

Lawson also believes that if more good magicians came south to play schools it would help keep territories open. "It is a far cry from the 'magicians are a dime a dozen' deal so often heard around the bright lights," he says. "We who have established ourselves here would welcome more of the better type shows," says Law-son, who points out that such attrac-tions are easier to follow.

Kinsey Players Bow in May 17

FOSTORIA, O., April 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graf (Madge Kinsey), of the Madge Kinsey Players, one of the oldest tent rep orgs in the Middle West, are at their home here reading plays and lining up a cast for their new season which gets under way May 17. Rehearsals start May 1. Manager Graf recently hopped to Chicago to purchase a new dramatic-end top to house the Kinsey troupe. Otto Imig will return as featured Toby, and the show will again play its established Ohio territory.

Conger & Santo In Ga. Sector

CUMMING, Ga., April 17.-Conger & Santo Players continue to roll along to okay bushness in Georgia territory, presenting talkies and vaude and short-cast playlets, show's usual pol-

icy. Starting May 20 the show will work its usual route thru Tennessee, Mis-souri and Arkansas.

G. H. Conger recently underwent an operation at Crawford Long Hos-pital, Atlanta, and is convalescing. K. H. Egger, Earl Rayfield and Al Santo carried on during his illness.

Rain Fails To Crab Jewell - Harris Biz

ROANOKE, Tex., April 17.--Jew-ell & Harris Tent Show opened to a fair crowd here Monday (12) in spite of rain. Last week's business in Fort Worth built up okay the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell and Mr. and Mrs. Harris were re-cipients here opening night of a

Rep Ripples

GEORGE D. DANIELS will have religious films around Little Rock religious films around Little Rock and continue with his novelty show. ... W. E. Pierce, Springfield, Mass., would like someone to send in roster of Rockwell's Sunny South Tent Show of early in the 1900's... Hovey and Carlisle have 16mm. pix operating in the New London, Conn., sector. . . . Ralph T. Robbins writes from Arlington, S. D., that he has been operating pix and vaude in that section the past five months. He provides a three-piece band for dancing and will add short-cast bills after June and play halls this summer. Robbins says he met Jay Bellot at Miller, S. D., where Bellot has 16mm. films and some late religious pictures.

LEON G. DEARBORN has been presenting 16mm. pix in the Hor-nell, N. Y., area. . . Fox's Novelty Show, operating in Northwest Okla-homa, moves into Kansas soon. Org has small animals, 16mm. films and magic. . . George A. Clancy has 16mm. pix in the Unadilla, N. Y., district. . . Franklin Mayo has been showing Golgotha, religious pic, in St. Lawrence County, New York for the past two months. . . Everett Players closed their season March 30 and will move to Pennsylvania after June 1, playing dates with four peo-June 1, playing dates with four peo-ple. . . Strickland Minstrels reple. . . Strickland Minstrels re-cently closed a five-month season under auspices and will play fair dates this summer. . . . Hunter's Show, in Eastern Oregon, has added short-cast bills to pix.

CHARLES E. TASKER, who has 16mm. pix around Binghamton, N. Y., will add short-cast bills for the summer... Art E. Gilman will locate near Harrisburg, Pa., for the summer with a flesh org and make a circuit... Wilfred H. Kent, Port-land, Ore., again will have films with flesh bills in Central Oregon, open-ing about June 1... Gitt's Show, with pix and short-cast bills, has been around Boulder, Colo., lately... LaMere and Hardy are negotiating for a summer spot near Portsmouth, N. a summer spot near Portsmouth, N. H., to present flesh bills with local cast. . . . Ted R. Roberts, Boring, Ore., who recently closed three months of Northwestern dates, sponmonths of Northwestern dates, spon-sored, with E. F. Hannan's Aunt Emmy Arrives, will play the same bill thru the summer. In the cast are Hal E. and Gloria Merrill and Eugenie Roberts. . . A. H. Conley, who recently finished four months of religious pix around Springfield, Mo., will move to Central Kansas and operate a circuit for the summer.

Jay Mason Convalescing **From Throat Operation**

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 17.—Jay C. (Toby) Mason, veteran tab, rep and burlesque comedian and pro-ducer, recently underwent a series of throat operations in Marine Hos-pital here to alleviate a strangulated comparing a condition believed to

pital here to alleviate a strangulated esophagus, a condition believed to have resulted from an injury sus-tained in World War 1. According to Mason the operation was a success in that his speech was partially restored, but he will be on a strictly liquid diet for the remain-der of his life. He is convalescing at his home here and expects to re-turn to his work as electrician here soon. soon.

performance for Mrs. Anna Harris performance for Mrs. Anna Harris, with many troupers coming over from Dallas and Fort Worth. Luncheon was served to 32 guests and Mrs. Harris received many gifts from the cast and friends.

Elizabeth Provine is joining to han-dle the box-office. Red Cogburn and wife bought a new car in Fort Worth. Show will stick to a week-stand pol-

||Brookses Prep For Tent Trek

SABULA, Ia., April 17.-Maude Brooks, of the Brooks Attrac-

Maude Brooks, of the Brooks Attrac-tions, tent show org, who returned to their home here Easter, after a three-month stay at the City Trailer Park in Sarasota, Fla., are busy readying their equipment, scanning plays and lining up people for their usual Decoration Day opening. At this writing, those already signed include Gene Bradley, Audrey Carver, Buford Dickson, Dorothy Willis, Gloomy and Bess Garnes, Al Unruh, Sam Boyd, Dick Logeman, Barbara Brooks, and the young daughter of Tom and Barbara Brooks. Rehearsals start May 4. During their stay in Florida the Brookses spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Orland (Beatrice Earle) Brookses spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Orland (Beatrice Earle) in Miami, where the Orlands recently purchased a home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graf, of the Madge Kinsey Players, were neighbors of the Brookses at the trailer park. Other repsters they visited or saw during their stay in Sarasota were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Percy, who have been residing in that city for several years; Vincent and Gertrude Dennis, of the Dennis players, who are at

of the Dennis players, who are at Largo, Fla.; George and Phoebe Roberson, of the Roberson Players, at St. Petersburg, and Art and Ruth Kavanaugh, who spent a week-end with them. with them.

with them. Upon arrival home the Brookses were visited by Neil and Carolyn Shaffner, and Sunday (11), Neal Helvey Mack and Jimmie Martin Mack stopped by en route from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Freeport, Ill.

Sampsons To Play Fairs

BRENHAM, Tex., April 17.-Colin and Frank Sampson, who have been showing religious films in this sector, will continue with the unit in halls and schools during the summer before making a number of fairs under canvas.

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BALDWIN-Fred D., 61, newspaperman and secretary and treasurer of the Queens-Nassau Agriculture Society, operators of the Mineola Fair, April 14 in Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. His widow and son survive.

BAUER—Mae, wife of Oscar Bauer, of the World of Pleasure Shows, April 11 in Detroit. She also leaves two children.

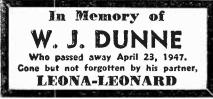
BOWMAN-Etta, 29, known in car rival circles as Mona McBride, March 30 in Columbus, O. Burial in Columbus April 9.

BRODIE—Buster, 62, vaude and film player, April 9 in Hollywood. He toured as one of the original Buster Browns before entering pictures 20 years ago.

CASHER--Izadore, 61, Yiddish tor, April 15 in Savannah, Ga., while en route to New York from Florida. Casher had been with the Yiddish Art Theater 27 years. His widow, son and daughter survive.

COLLINS—Richard, 55, assistant manager of the Capitol Theater, New York, April 9 in Jackson Heights, L. I. His widow and two sons survive.

York, April 9 in Jackson Heights, L. I. His widow and two sons survive. CUSHING—Palmer, 67, associated with Dancer, Fitzgerald & Sample, ad agency, April 12 in New York. He was formerly treasurer of United Artists in Paris. DAILEY—Eddie (Delay), 72, black-face comedian and trouper for over 50 years, March 26 in Kansas City, Mo., of a heart ailment. Survived by a brother, O. N. Dailey, Oklahoma City; a sister, Mrs. Metta Greenlaw, Los Angeles, and a step-son, Ray-mond Robb, Kansas City, Mo. Burial in Harrisonville, Mo. DOEPKER—Mrs. Mary T., mother of Robert R. Doepker, associate editor of *The Billboard*, April 13 at her home in Cincinnati. She also leaves her husband, William; two other sons, William H. and Franklyn J. and a daughter, Sister M. Ethel-dreda, all of Cincinnati. Burial in the old St. Joseph Cemetery, Cin-cinnati, April 16. cinnati, April 16.



DONOVAN—Joseph, 40, former ac-cordionist and band leader, April 7 in St. John, N. B. Surviving are his mother, brother and sister.

DOUGLAS-John J. (Jack),

DOUGLAS—John J. (Jack), 47, concessionaire and girl show operator for many years, of pneumonia in De Soto, Mo., recently while en route to join the American Beauty Shows. DROMGOLD—George, 54, pioneer movie writer-actor-director, April 9 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He had worked with such producers as Tay Garnett and Pete Smith. He was a native of Los Angeles. Survived by his widow. is widow. ELAM--Edgar J., 64, veteran showhis

ELAM--Edgar J., 64, veteran show-man and ride operator, April 5, in St. Louis. He was formerly affiliated with the C. R. Leggette, International, Royal Crown and Peppers shows. Survived by three daughters, Louise E. Elam, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Florence Reed, Belleville, Ill., and Mrs. Dorothy Absheer. St. Louis. and a son. Alfred. Absheer, St. Louis, and a son, Alfred, also of St. Louis. FLEISCHER—Arthur, 67, former

FLEISCHER—Arthur, 67, former leading baritone for European opera companies, April 11 in San Francisco. FRANKE—Otto Paul, 59, conces-sionaire, April 4 in Las Vegas, Nev., of a heart attack. Born December 24, 1889, in Chicago, he was with carnivals and circuses for years and was a member of the Pacific Coast was a member of the Pacific Coast Shownen's Association. He was a resident of San Diego, Calif., where he operated concessions. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Las Vegas,

April 9. FRIEDI.—John, former president and general manager of Minnesota Amusement Company, Minneapolis, in McAllen, Tex., April 12.

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THE FINAL CURTAIN

The Billboard

FULLER—Albert C., 44, former publicity director of Chicago's Drake Hotel, and author of the comedy, *Remote Control*, April 3 in Chicago. His widow, father and two brothers survive.

GODDARD-James H., 64, former opera and concert singer, April 6 in Chicago.

GORDON--John D. (Tony), 56, for 12 years a concessionaire on the James E. Strates Shows, April 6 in Washington. Burial in the National Showmen's plot, Ferncliffe Cemetery, Ardsley, N. Y. HOLDEN—Arthur C.,

72. stunt diver at Palisades Amusement Park, Englewood, N. J., April 9 in that city. His act was a 103-foot backward dive into a shallow tank. JOHNSON—Charles

В., old-time JOHNSON—Charles B., out-time showman, in Savannah, Ga., April 6. Johnson did a high-wire and jug-gling act with the Mighty Haag Shows years ago. Survivors include two daughters. Efforts are being two daughters. Efforts are made to locate his relatives.



LANG—Alexander Matheson, 68, Shakespearean actor, April 11 on Bar-bados Island, West Indies. He made his first stage appearance in 1897 and later played opposite Ellen Terry and Lily Langtry, touring the United States with Miss Langtry. One of his own productions, The Wandering Jew, was produced in New York in 1927. He also played in a number of his

own film productions. LEWIS—William P., 65, for 20 years chief electrician with the Hal Roach studios, in Los Angeles, April 7. Survived by his widow, three sisters and a half brother.



Who Passed on April 19, 1946 **ETHEL ROBINSON**

McCRARY—J. Reagan, father of J. Reagan (Tex) McCrary, radio and newspaperman, April 9 in Calvert,

Tex McGOVERN—Lawrence J., 45, president of the Schenectady Local 45, American Federation of Musicians, April 9 in Schenectady. His widow, J., 4. V Local

McGUINESS—Thomas, 67, prop-erty department employee at the Capitol Theater, New York, April 12

in that city. McKEAN—Billy E. (Sailor), 55, former Whip foreman on the Sheesley and Dodson shows and the past four years Scooter foreman at Ocean View Park, Norfolk, April 10 at DePaul Hospital, Norfolk. Survived by his widow, Dorothy, and daughter, Char-lotte. Burial in Guthrie, Okla. MURAVIEV-VOLKONSKY—Niko-

and dramatic broadcasting section of the Moscow Radio, April 11 in Moscow

cow. PELKE—Chester, showman, re-cently in West Point, Miss. Survived by his widow, Myrtle. Burial in Showmen's Rest, Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles. POOCK-Mrs. Katherine, widely

44. former | known in Cincinnati music circles and former soprano soloist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, April 12 at her home in Cincinnati She had also appeared as soloist with the Cincinnati May Festival and was vice-president of the Matinee Musicale Club.

PRINCE—Arthur, 66, ventriloquist, April 14 in London. For 43 years he toured the world with his dummy, Sailor Jim, the British equivalent of PRINCE-

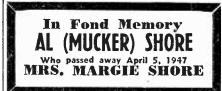
Charlie McCarthy. PURVIS—C. E. (Slick), 60, trom-bonist, suddenly in Stellarton, N. S., March 30. Survived by a sister.

March 30. Survived by a sister. REID—A. Gordon, 73, general man-ager of the Fabian Theater Corpora-tion, April 9 in Newark, N. J. He started his career as a stagehand and later became manager of the Paterson (N. J.) Opera House. His widow survives

RUNION-Hoy O., 65. formerly with Beckman & Gerety, E. B. Reed, Bill Hames and Clark shows, March 16 in Aransas Pass, Tex. Survived by his widow, Evelyn; a sister and two brothers.

two brothers. STANLEY—Minnie, 74, legit ac-tress, April 3 in New York. The plays in which she appeared were The Lottery Man, Mrs. Wiggs, Weak Sister, Little Teacher, Cafe De Dance and Subway Express. For several seasons she was a member of the Brocklup Stack Company War sister Brooklyn Stock Company. Her sister survives.

SINATRA—Frank, 64, grandfather of the singer, April 9 in Hoboken, N. J. Two sons and two daughters NJ survive.



SLACK—Robert, 84, leading con-cert impresario for 44 years, April 14 in Denver. He brought Nellie Melba, Scotti, Mary Garden, Isadora

14 in Denver. He brought Nellie Melba, Scotti, Mary Garden, Isadora Duncan, Enrico Caruso, Tetrazzini and Anna Pavlova to this country. SLOCOMB-H. W. (George), 66, former concessionaire with Hagen-beck-Wallace Circus and owner of the Westchester Shows, April 9 in Brooklyn. He was also owner of the M. E. Webber Bazaar Equipment Supply Company. Burial in Vin-cennes, Ind. SWAFFORD-James, 80, minstrel and circus man, April 2 in Boston. At 16 he joined the circus and at one time operated Uncle Jim's Minstrels. Swafford also produced melodramas on showboats. Survived by his widow and son, Hal Rodman, Boston make-up specialist. TIFFANY — Marie, Metropolitan Opera soprano from 1916 to 1929, April 12 in New York. She also gave concerts and recorded for Edison and Brunswick. Her sister and brother survive. VALENTINI--Vincent, 52, film and

survive. VALENTINI-Vincent, 52, film and

valde script writer, April 15 in Baltimore. In 1927 he wrote the music and the story for the Broad-way hit, *Parisianna*.



WADE—Richard F., 81, cornetist, April 7 at Moncton, N. B. He had been with Sousa's Band on tour, He had been with Sousa's Band on tour, headed his own dance orchestra out of New York for several years and directed an orchestra at the Academy of Music, Halifax, N. S. WILLIAMS—Arthur G. (Arty), past president of the New York local of is a song writer. tour.

the Exhibition Employees' Union. April 6 in Woodside, L. I. He was associated with many shows given at Grand Central Palace and Madison Square Garden. His widow survives.

WRIGHT — Margaret, 71, poetess and playwright, April 8 in Lewiston, N. Y. Her plays included The Ex-quisite Hour and Devil in the House, the latter written in collaboration with Murray Sheehan and produced recently in Washington.

Marriages

ALCAIDE-PELLUM — Chris Al-caide, legit actor, and Georgia Pellum, April 10 in Las Vegas, Nev.

APIE IO IN Las Vegas, Nev. APIEGEL-BAGGETT—Sam Apie-gel, producer, and Lynn Baggett, actress, April 10 in Las Vegas, Nev. HOTALING - CROSBY — Stanley Hotaling, drummer with Art De-vaney's orchestra, currently at the Park Lane Hotel, Buffalo, and Frances Elizabeth Crosby, April 12 in Palm Beach. Fla.

Beach, Fla. KARNS-HODAS — Martin Karns, formerly on the staff of the Bushnell Memorial Auditorium, Hartford, Conn., and Ruth Hodas, recently in

Conn., and Ruth Houas, recently in Springfield, Mass. KEAR - WALTERS — Jack Kear, staffer on WCAE, and Zelda Rhea Walters, April 3 in Pittsburgh. MARTINI - CHERRILL — Florian Martini, nonpro, to Virginia Cherrill, actress, in Santa Monica, Calif., April 12 April 12.

PAYNE-PRESCOTT-Jack Payne,

PAYNE-PRESCOTT—Jack Payne, radio-video producer and disk jockey, and Lois Prescott, April 10 in Chicago. SEERY-JERITZA—Irving F. Seery, lawyer, and Maria Jeritza, opera singer, April 9 in New York. THOMPSON-PASTOR—Charles D. Thompson, announcer for WABY, and Dorothea Pastor, performer on WROW, April 10 in Newtonville, N. Y.

N. Y. VITALE-ROMAN — Frank Vitale and Stella Roman, soprano, April 10 in Hollywood.

WHITEHEAD-BOLEN - Robert

WHITEHEAD-BOLEN — R o b er t Whitehead, legit producer, and Vir-ginia Bolen, production associate of her husband's firm, Whitehead & Rea. WYLER - O'DONNELL — Robert Wyler, screen writer and associate film producer, to Cathy O'Donnell, actress, in Las Vegas, Nev., April 11. YOUNG-MAY—Roland Young, le-git and film actor, and Dorothy Pa-tience May, April 9 in Jersey City, N. J.

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Births

A son to Mr. and Mrs. George Charland at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport, Conn., March 29. Father is a comedian[±]acrobat.

A daughter, Carmen, to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Greco April 6 in Phila-delphia. Father is head of the Buddy Greco and His Three Sharps combo. A daughter, Valerie Cynthia, to

Mr. and Mrs. John McCallister March 21 in Philadelphia. Mother is Valerie Parks, former featured burly performer.

A son, Bert Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevins April 3 in New York. Mother is the former Marion Cahn, Notifer is the former Marion Cani, publicist; father is president of Bert Nevins, Inc., publicity firm. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Morrissey April 11 in Miami. Father

is in the press department of Dailey Bros.' Circus. Parents formerly were with the Ringling circus, where father was a press representative and mother was a rider.

A son, Andrew Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Trusy March 18 in Brooklyn. Mother was formerly a member of the Carter Sisters, aerial act with

the Ringling circus. A daughter, Terry Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Terry E. Bardale March 8 in North Hollywood, Calif. Father, known professionally as Terry Tay-

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COLE BROS. IN CLICK DEBUT

Show Stacks Up as OK Bet For Big Year All of the Ringlings, headed by Mrs. Charles, looking regal in her ermine wrap, were on hand for the 1948 preem of the Big One Wednesday (7) in Madison Square Garden. Their presence was spotlighted by the at-tention accorded them by clown Em-met Kelly and other performers. For Big Year

Ruth Nelson injury crimps opener --- Cristiani family again has prominent role

By Albert F. Schneider LOUISVILLE, April. 17.—If money is to be gotten this year in the circus business, Owner Zack Terrell should get it with the 1948 edition of Cole Bros.' Circus which drew a better-than-two-third house at its Thursday (15) matinee debut on Kentucky State Fairgrounds here, winter quar-ters of the show ters of the show.

In the light of a minimum of billing in the city and surrounding ter-ritory, the turnout of payees was betther than expected, as performances at this stand have always been regarded more or less as "shakeout" shows in which the bugs are ironed out of the performance before the show takes to the read to the road.

This year Cole offers two shows daily here, Thursday thru Saturday, closing the stand Sunday with a mati-nee. It then hits the rails for a one-day stand in Owensboro, Ky., Monday (19) (19).

Running two hours and 10 minutes, about par for the course, the matinee came off smoothly enough for a pre-miere performance. This was espe-cially true in view of the fact that considerable last-minute shuffling of the program had to be effected be-cause of an unfortunate accident at cause of an unfortunate accident at cause of an unfortunate accident at the dress rehearsal Monday night when Ruth Nelson, who occupied eight spots in the program as featured equestrienne, aerialist and animal worker, sustained a broken ankle when she was thrown from a bucking horse. She will be out of the line-up for an indefinite period. To the average person in the grand-stand, however, the loss was not ap-parent. An excellent substitute in the person of Marion Knowlton was the link that supplied continuity to the performance, altho the over-all performance should take on added luster upon Miss Nelson's recovery. Best Yet, Says Terrell

Best Yet, Says Terrell Terrell claims this Cole edition is the best he has yet offered and there is basis for his contention, for he has assembled some crack acts. New at-tractions are the Wallabys, billed as importations from Australia, and the Aussies from England. Each are 10-girl acrobatic acts which flank the center-ring Ortans Troupe during the program.

Costuming again is colorful and at-tractive, from the opening spec, *Ponce De Leon and the Fountain of Youth*. to the finale. The spec took the usual tournament form with portions of it remaining at the conclusion to form a background for ballet girls while Ponce De Leon (Freddie Freeman) became rejuvenated by a drink from the fountain, with Florence Tennyson (See Cole Bros. in Click, on page 54)

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R-B Opening Notes

Formal attire was worn by most of the top-level personnel, with the ex-ception of Art Concello, general manager, whose over-all supervision kept him moving with the dexterity of Natal, the Monkey Man.

Roland Butler and his corps of tubthumpers, Bill Fields, Frank Braden, Gardner Wilson and Edward Johnson, had nearly as many camera men as there were performers in the arena.

Nat S. Green, manager of the R-B Chicago office, was on hand for the opening, as was Ida Cohen, Chi insurance peddler.

Walter Stebbins, Garden house manager, managed for once to sit thru most of the performance with his wife, Betty, who usually has to make it alone or with friends at Garden shows.

Herb Duval, legal adjuster, and Mrs. Duval were on hand. The judge loosed fine and ready for the lengthy, rigorous road show.

Alexis Thompson, president, and Dick Surphils, secretary of the newly formed Small Car Enterprises, which will present midget racing at the Polo Grounds, were first-nighters. It might have been their presence that resulted in the failure of Lou Jacobs to appear as scheduled with his min-iature automobile, which was a noteworthy hit last year.

Clown Felix Adler worked a new baby pig into his opening-night rou-tine. The porker will grow out of his role in about eight weeks and will have to be replaced.

CFA publicity director, Bill Mon-tague, was in from his Hartford, Conn., home. The performance won his approval, and CFA members thruout the country will be urged not to miss it.

Fred C. Murray, general manager, International Fireworks Company, Jersey City, N. J., and chaplain of the (See R-B Opening Notes on page 95)

Police Assure Philly Venders Equal Breaks

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.-James H. Malone, director of public safety, has issued an order designed to end the alleged deal which concessionaire John A. Quinn had with local authorities assuring him of exclusive vend-ing privileges in the immediate vicinity of all crowd-attracting events here, such as the appearance of the

here, such as the appearance of the Ringling circus. Malone's order, issued thru the office of Police Superintendent How-ard Sutton, was read at all police roll calls. Policemen were notified that licensed venders complying with regulations were not to be molested as they worked the streets. The city's \$1 license fee for venders permits the \$1 license fee for venders permits the license to sell his merchandise in the vicinity of all public gatherings. Veterans are given venders' licenses without charge. The order read: "Complaints have

The order read: "Complaints have been received from a number of individuals holding venders' permits that members of the bureau of police have, on many occasions, interfered with their sale and display of novel-ties on the highway in the neighbor-hood of athletic, recreational and other events where large numbers of neonle gather

hood of athletic, recreational and other events where large numbers of people gather. "So long as licensed venders are operating within the law and not violating regulations of the bureau of police, they are not to be interfered with. Neither shall the police indicate their preference of one vender as against another vender." Quinn's failure to contract real estate adjacent to the 11th Street and Erie Avenue circus grounds ahead of his business rival, Sam Harris, was reportedly instrumental in the delay in granting the Big Show a license to play that lot. Quinn, a former American League umpire, owns the novelty concession on a piece of property adjacent to the zoo, for which he pays the Pennsyl-vania Railroad Company \$42.50 a month thruout the year. The Philadelphia Transportation Company, which leases the Erie Ave-nue lot to the circus, has announced that it will not lease any of the property there to Quinn this year. Last year the circus, thru an agree-ment with the transportation com-pany, leased Quinn space.

U.S. Dates Planned For Cossack Troupe

CINCINNATI, April 17. — Jack Edelman, who arrived here recently from England, said here that he is working out plans to bring Les Cosaques Djiguites, Cossack troupe neaded by Captain Korolkoff, to the United States early in 1949. The 20-man entourage, which ap-peared in England and numerous European countries prior to the war, is being reorganized and Edelman

is being reorganized and Edelman expects to present them as a grandexpects to present them as a grand-stand feature at fairs in this country. For a number of years the Cossack troupe has been a feature at the In-ternational Horse Show in Olympia, London. Edelman was made troupe's representative in this country just prior to his journey to the States.



This is another in the series of articles on little-known facts about prominent people in outdoor show business.

WHEN the federal government last month issued its gloomy "Order 69" blocking the movement of circus trains on coal-burner railroads, the telephones in the busy office of Melvin Davis Hildreth in Washington, began buzzing with greater than usual urgency. To Hildreth's office came worried calls from stranded showfolk in all parts of America.

To each appeal for help, Hildreth gave deliberate attention as tho' the fate of the nation hung in the balance. His efforts resulted in a series of clarified instructions from the Office clarified instructions from the Office of Defense Transportation which re-stored movement, albeit limited, to show trains ranging from the small-est to the biggest of them all. Wher-ever a show could hitch its cars onto a freight train or onto an oil-burning or electric line, it had a "green light" to move

or electric line, it had a "green light" to move. For that achievement, Hildreth claims no credit. "The government— and not I—clarified 'Order 69'," ex-plains the mild-mannered lawyer who has been serving as a sort of Washington ambassador for showfolk the world over for more than two dec-ades—completely free of charge. Known personally to thousands of itinerant outdoor show workers, Hil-dreth has become an unsung hero of th

itinerant outdoor show workers, Hil-dreth has become an unsung hero of the American circus which he cherishes, in the language of the show world, as "the greatest institution on earth." On the glass door of Hildreth's law office in a downtown Washington building just a short walk from the White House are listed the names of several swanky corporations which Hildreth represents, but he confides with the air of a boy playing truant that his "real clients" are the show troupers from whom he has never taken a cent in pay.

Altho Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey once presented him with Altho Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey once presented him with a specially engraved lifetime pass and many another show has begged him year after year to accept free passes, Hildreth has always insisted on paying his own way. And he has never missed a performance of anything that has ever pitched a tent within a radius of 300 miles of the capital—from the lowliest midget-sized carnival to the big top of Ringling. He not only has been paying his own way but he has been buying tickets for scores of friends (See FOR LOVE (NO MONEY) on page 57)



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Editors Eye Outdoor Biz

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Many top national periodicals schedule yarns on industry and its leaders

By Jim McHugh

By Jim McHugh NEW YORK, April 17. — Outdoor showbiz, which each year has been gifted with more space in national periodicals, apparently is headed for a free press bonanza during the sea-son already under way. The popular appeal of circuses, carnivals, parks and fairs, as well as allied interests, has resulted in more and more in-terest on the part of editors of both pulp and slick publications and the frequent scheduling of Alfresco yarns. Especially noteworthy is the will-

Especially noteworthy is the will-ingness of most editors to accept in-dustry yarns accurately depicting the business as it is, rather than to fic-tionalize a story to high-light non-existing sensational angles. Smart buyers of the printed word have been slow in recognizing the fact that the nation's citizenry largely patronizes outdoor show business in at least one of its multiple forms and that the lure which attracts crowds in the hundreds of thousands can sometimes be cap-tured in print and photographs to add up to solid and interesting periodical fare.

Most of the features scheduled for (See ALFRESCO FLACK on page 56)

SPEEDWAY ROUND-UP

Palmer Triumphs

GARDENA, Calif .-- Kenny Palmer tooled his big car to his first main event victory at Carrell Speedway here Sunday (11) before 4,536 fans. Bud Rose and Frank McGurk were second and third, respectively. Walt James nabbed the 10-lap semi main, and McGurk set a new track record in the trophy dash.

Troy Ruttman Victor

CULVER CITY, Calif.—Troy Rutt-man was first in the first half of the two 25-lap main events and then won the 10-lap championship run-off in record time to dominate the hot-rod racing at the Speedway here Sunday before 3,543 spectators. Jav (11)Frank was second, and Manuel Ayulo, third. The second main event went

Wirth Contracts D. C. **Annual Thrill Show**

NEW YORK, April 17.—Roger Q. Mills, general chairman of the Night of Thrills staged annually at Griffith Stadium, Washington, this week con-tracted for attractions with Frank Wirth, local booker. The spectacle will be staged June 18. Wirth, who will also produce the

Wirth, who will also produce the show, said that the program will be enlarged this year. This is the third year the account has gone to the year the acco Wirth Agency.



to Don Freeman, with Yam Oka and Lou Figaro running two-three. Oka and Figaro also took second and third place in the run-off event. Freeland copped the trophy dash.

Yellow Jacket Bows May 3 PHILADELPHIA. — Yellow Jacket Speedway's 12th midget auto racing season will get under way May 3, Promoter Irv Fried announces. Races will be staged twice weekly, on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Rathman Wins at Saugus

Rathman Wins at Saugus SAUGUS, Calif. — Jim Rathman won the roadster racing laurels at Bonelli Stadium here Sunday (11), nabbing the trophy dash, a 25-lap qualifying race and the 10-lap main-event run-off. Colby Croggins and Pat Flaherty were second and third in the latter event. Flaherty took the second of the qualifying events.

Cherry Park Preem Sct HARTFORD, Conn. — Midget auto racing got under way at Cherry Park Speedway in suburban Avon, Sunday (18). Promoter Ed Otto announces that races will be held each Sunday afternoon until the last week in May, when the meets will be staged at night under lights.

Duke Nalon Wins CULVER CITY, Calif.—Duke Nalon walked off with the opening midget race card at the local oval Tuesday (13) by driving to victory in the 40-lap main event before a crowd of A216 form Johnny McDowell was 4,216 fans. Johnny McDowell was second and Manuel Ayulo third. Joe Garson nabbed the seni-main and the trophy dash went to McDowell. Heat winners were Jerry Piper, Billy Vu-kovich, Ed Haddad and Nalon.

N.Y. Business Group **Denounces** Jubilee **Celebration** Plans

NEW YORK, April 17 .--- Plans for NEW YORK, April 17.—Plans for this city's golden jubilee celebra-tion, as outlined by the official com-mittee headed by Grover Whalen, this week were termed "fantastic" by di-rectors of the Commerce and Industry Association.

Thomas Jefferson Miley, executive that the proposed parades, style shows, carnival, etc., "would seem to be most untimely, to say the least. when the city itself is so hard-pressed financially."

The committee expects to receive \$1,000,000 from admission fees to a proposed Grand Central Palace ex-hibit, and another estimated \$1,000.-000 from royalties for the use of the official jubilee emblem on commercial products.

products. Commenting on this, Miley said: "The anticipations of Mr. Whalen are all fine on paper, but the realizations generally fall far short of the goal. One need only recall the glowing prospects emanating from the same source for the city's World's Fair in 1939 and 1940 and contemplate the actual financial result." Approximately \$885,000 has been

Approximately \$885,000 has been appropriated to date for the celebration. The committee is canvassing business concerns for an additional \$500,000.

New Mad. Sq. **Garden Assured**

NEW YORK, April 17.—Governor Dewey, on Monday (12), at Albany, okayed the bill authorizing New York City's Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority to increase its outstanding bonds from \$310,000,000 to \$335,000,-000—the additional \$25,000,000 ear-marked for the construction of the projected super-Madison Square Gar-dent planned by the Authority in con-junction with the management of the junction with the management of the Garden, which will lease and operate the building.

The next step, already underway, is the drawing up of final plans for the building and the estimation of construction costs, which must be ap-proved by the city's board of estimate before construction can start.

Tentative plans call for a huge Tentative plans call for a huge structure covering most of two square blocks and straddling a section of West 59th Street, with the building fronting on Columbus Circle. The structure will contain a convention hall accommodating close to 25,000 persons and, as a sports arena, will take care of crowds up to that figure also, depending on floor space re-quired for the type of event. The ex-bibition halls and a garage with 2,000-car capacity are part of the project.

Canadian Sportsmen Draw Below '47 Mark

OTTAWA, April 17.—Attendance at the second annual Sportsmen's Show of Canada, sponsored by the Central Canada Exhibition Associa-tion, which closed its six-day run in the Coliseum here Saturday (10), fell short of the 1947 mark but was still a success, officials reported. Reason for the drop in attendance, officials said, was "too many other things going on at the same time in the vicinity."

vicinity."
Gordon Alexander was emsee, and Freddie Pritchard, local musician and booker, furnished a 10-piece band under direction of Al Saunders.
Acts included Mark Huling's seal.
Sharkey; the Skating Earls; Oldfield and Ware, acro comics; the Gibsons, knife throwing: Russel Dotson and Collegians, comedy diving; Slingshot Milligan; Ken Wilhelm, archer; Joe and Charles Stauber, log rolling; George de Long and Ervin Franham, canoe tilting, and Oin Benson's Re-trievers. trievers.

Ocean City Votes On Luxury Tax

OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 17. OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 17.— Battle lines were drawn this week for the April 20 referendum to decide whether this South Jersey shore re-sort shall enact a 3 per cent sales tax netting an estimated \$200,000 a year. chiefly at the expense of summer visitors. Hotel and amusement inter-ests generally opposed the measure. predicting it would divert vacationists to other resorts. But resort officials favor it, declaring it preferable to higher real estate taxes.

The tax to be voted upon would The tax to be voted upon would encompass movie and amusement ad-missions, tobacco products, room rents, rolling and beach chairs and cabanas. Such a tax was authorized by the State Legislature less than a year ago, but only near-by Atlantic City, among New Jersey's seashore resorts, has taken advantage of the taxing power.

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GENERAL OUTDOOR 51

Hamid Retains **Million \$Pier Show Policy**

ATLANTIC CITY, April Anusements will again be featured on Hamid's Million Dollar Pier, oper-ating in conjunction with the Inter-national Industrial Exposition, which national industrial Exposition, which runs from June 26 thru Labor Day, Owner George A. Hamid announces. Entertainment, as in the past, will include a circus at the end of the pier, net hauls, sportsmen's show, motion pictures, television show, dancing in the outdoor pavillion, bathing, the Funhouse and picnic facilities.

Principal group booked to date are the Venetian Glass Blowers, the same group that appeared at the 1934 Chi-cago World's Fair and at the Cali-fornia Pacific International Exposition the following year Hamid and his forma Pacinc International Exposition the following year. Hamid and his son, George Jr., will supervise all attractions. The latter is also assist-ing Dr. H. W. Walters, exposition director.

director. At least 12 foreign countries are expected to have exhibits on the pier. Signed domestic exhibitors include the Nestle Chocolate Company, Gen-eral Baking Company, Coca-Cola, and the U. S. Time Corporation. Considerable work has been done on the pier, readying it for the exposi-tion. Already installed are several exhibit booths, a group of which was purchased from the Coca-Cola Com-pany which spent several hundred pany which spent several hundred Business Men's Association had re-thousand dollars in their construction. quested such action.

74,000 See Six-Day Rodeo in Phoenix: Title to Linderman

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 17.—An at-tendance of 74,000 was reported for the six afternoon and evening performances of the annual World's Championship Rodeo staged here by the Phoenix Junior Chamber of Com-merce. Gross receipts were unoffi-cially estimated at over \$100,000.

Bill Linderman, Billings, Mont., won the title of champion all-around cowboy and the \$1,800 that went with it. Linderman, world's champion cowboy in 1945, also was named champion steer wrestler, took first and second day money in steer wrestling and third final money in bareback riding.

Most serious injury of the entire show came in the closing minutes when Howard Baker, Fort Worth, was gored by a Brahma bull. He received several fractured ribs and was hospitalized.

Contestants numbered 287. Total prize money was \$26,885.

Conway, Ark., Boosts License

CONWAY, Ark., April 17.—County Judge Roy W. Sims has ordered a \$100 daily license fee for carnivals or tent shows playing Faulkner County. Chamber of Commerce and Young

Mass, Free Effort To Level Tract for Amusement Center

147 earth-moving devices, 600 operators will join in twoday project to grade 160 acres for exposition gardens-550G raised thru donations, coupon sales

PEORIA, Ill., April 17.—Some 147 pieces of earth-moving equipment and approximately 600 union operators, who will work on six-hour shifts, are to participate in a gigantic ground-leveling operation, all for free, here Saturday and Sunday (24-25) to level and grade the 160-acre tract of the Saturday and Sunday (24-25) to level and grade the 160-acre tract of the planned exposition gardens, site of the proposed Heart of Illinois Exposition. The tremendous earth-moving job, said to be the largest 48-hour project ever attempted, would cost \$125,000, but not only is the equipment and labor being furnished free but the feeding and care of these operators, who will be drawn from a wide area, will be provided for by residents and ex-position backers.

Sacramento Preps For Rodeo May 8-9

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 17 .-Construction of the Sacramento County Horsemen's Association arena has begun in preparation for the annual spring horse show and rodeo to be held here May 8-9. A new grandstand and bucking chutes are being built for the rodeo events.

Pipe for an automatic sprinkling system also is being installed.

Fifteen events have been scheduled for each day of the show, including four rodeo events. Special shows four rodeo events. Special shows will be featured for juveniles.

Plan Year-Round Activity

Boomed into a huge civic-sponsored event, the two-day project is a re-flection of the interest inspired since the inception three years ago of the exposition gardens plan, which would provide this city with a fairgrounds equipped for year-round events, both indoor and outdoor.

Thus far, approximately \$550,000 has been raised toward actual con-struction. Of this sum, \$300,000 was derived from contributions. The remaining quarter-million was obtained thru an intensive sale of coupon books. Each of these, priced at \$10, is made up of coupons of various de-nominations, and these will be hon-(See Two-Day Project on page 65)

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Chi Fair Make-Ready Begins; 5,000 - Seat Stand To Go Up

Outside gate price set at 25 cents, grandstand spec at 50 cents - sponsoring railroads frame varied exhibits dining cars to be used as restaurants

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Chicago Railroad Fair is off the drafting boards, some of the construction contracts already have been awarded and the publicity campaign for the event scheduled for the lake front here July 20 thru Labor Day already is under way. Sponsors have their sights aimed at a 2,000,000 attendance, with the outside gate tariff set at 25 cents. Principal constructions will consist of 8,170 feet of railroad siding, upon which the sponsoring 16 major railroad lines and their subsidiaries, along with the U. S. Army, will show the latest in railroad equipment; a grandstand, with a 5,000 seating canacity, for the fair's

5,000 seating capacity, for the fair's spec which is to be offered for 50 cents on a five-to-six performance-a-day basis, and a seven-foot high, vision-blocking fence to skirt all of the area not bounded by the lake.

The script for the spec, which will trace the development of railroad transportation over the past century, is being finished by Ed Hungerford, who produced Wings of a Century who produced Wings of a Century for Chicago's highly-successful Cen-tury of Progress. A huge specially built stage, backed by a railroad spur for use by one of the earliest locomo-tives as one of the features of the spec, will be erected. The contract for the grandstand, which will front toward the 'lake, has been awarded, and construction is expected to start soon. soon

Only other paid attraction or device from 21st Street to 30th Street, will be a narrow-gauge railroad, with be a narrow-gauge railroad, with open cars, to be operated by the Burlington Railroad. This ride will carry a charge of 10 cents and will run the full length of the grounds.

Free Fireworks

Free fireworks will be offered nightly but the site for these has not been determined.

been determined. Participating raliroads, in addition to presenting a showing of their latest equipment, will come up with free attractions. What these will be has not been announced by some lines, as they are striving to withhold their lures from the competition. It is not unlikely, however, that some will use name attractions to lure the crowds. crowds.

Most roads will emphasize the atmost roads will emphasize the at-traction tourist-wise that lies in the areas they serve. The Santa Fe, for instance, has announced it will have an Indian village, in which six tribes will live and exhibit their handiwork, such as weaving, silversmithing, etc. Feed From Diners

Feed From Diners One of the novel features will find the latest in Pullman and railroad dining cars serving food on the spot for fair patrons. Several such cars, including the latest king-sized units which are 175 feet long and capable of feeding 75 people simultaneously, will be in operation and charging regular railroad prices. Paul Massmann, prominent in both Chicago's Century of Progress and the New York World's Fair, is super-vising facilities for eat, drink and novelty concessions. However, all concessions, with the exception of the meals served in the diners or from a club-type set-up which one road may use, will be operated by Consolidated Concessions, Inc., holders of the year-round lake front concession privi-leges. leges.

The fair's status in regards to concessions is to suggest possible concessions or items, retaining right of ap-(See 2 MILLION PULL on page 64)

United Fireworks To Columbia Firm; **Beachler Supervisor**

DAYTON, O., April 17.-Walter L. Beachler, president of United Fire-Beachler, president of United Fire-works Manufacturing Company, Inc., here, today announced the sale and removal of all of the firm's machin-ery, equipment and raw materials, aggregating over \$300,000, formerly located at the Dayton plant, to Co-lumbia Manufacturing Company, of Elkton, Md., where actual work on United orders has been resumed. The Columbia plant will continue to man-ufacture the same type of display and Columbia plant will continue to man-ufacture the same type of display and commercial fireworks as formerly manufactured in the Dayton plant. The Dayton plant, recently damaged by fire, will be maintained as a dis-tributing center. No details of the transaction were given other than that Beachler will be in supervision of production and sales under a five-year contract, di-viding his time between Dayton and

viding his time between Dayton and Elkton. Beachler entered the fire-works business in Dayton more than 26 years ago and has been head of the United Fireworks Manufacturing

Company since its beginning in 1931. It is also planned to set up three additional small plants for the puradditional small plants for the pur-pose of speeding up production on the more than \$750,000 worth of orders now on hand, Beachler says. Beachler also will retain his posi-tion as president of United Fireworks, while Bebert H Cuerry will continue

while Robert H. Guerry will continue as president of Columbia Manufac-turing Company, Inc. Plans are also

Weight Did It

TATUM, Tex., April 17. — Diamond Jim Speagle, whose circus bowed outdoors for the season here April 10, says the reason the show opened in Texas this year, instead of the Caro-linas, as planned, was added weight. "While working indoor cir-

"While working indoor cir-cuses thru Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi this winter," said Speagle, "it seemed that almost every week found me adding an animal or a piece of equipment animal or a piece of equipment. This caused me to wind up with more show property in Texas more show property in Texas than I had in my Carolina win-ter quarters, so, I just decided it would be easier to open in Texas than in Carolina." Show moves on eight pieces of rolling equipment carvies a side

rolling equipment, carries a side show, small menagerie, big top and concert.

The official staff: Diamond Jim Speagle, owner and equestrian director; Jack Moore, general manager; Kelley Swim, general agent; Minnie Lee Speagle, sec-retary-treasurer. Acts include a trained monkey act; David Spea-gle, riding; Minnie Lee's trained dogs; a Liberty act; David Spea-gle, wire walking; Prince, tiny trick horse, and clowns.

La Cross Promotes Annual in Vermont

ST. ALBANS, Vt., April 17.—Paul R. La Cross, owner of the shows bear-R. La Cross, owner of the shows bear-ing his name, promoted the Teen-Agers' County Fair at city hall here March 29-April 3. Governor Gibson, of Vermont, and Mayor MacDonald, of St. Albans, led the torchlight parade opening night and Governor Gibson officially opened the fair at city hall

Gibson officially opened the Tair at city hall. La Cross had the hall decorated in circus colors and games and special attractions were featured. Contests included the county derby, balloon barrage, teen-agers' contest and bingo. Acts plus a circus clown were presented nightly. They were contracted thru the Al Martin Agency. Agency.

being made, according to Beachler, to expand United's activities in sup-plying the trade with toy balloons, cap pistols and similar items.

KIDDIE RIDES

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The Billboard **GENERAL OUTDOOR** BEATTY DRAWS 150,000 IN L. A.

Brydon Faces Busiest Year; In at Little Rock, Memphis

CHICAGO, April 17.—Bronzed from a winter spent in Florida-terms the "longest vacation since I've been in the business" terms the Marsh Brydon, veteran side show operator, arrived in Chicago this week,

among fairs new to him, at which he will supply midway shows on an exclusive basis, are the Mid-South Fair at Memphis and the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show at Little Rock.

Back at CNE

Back at CNE Brydon again will have shows at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and this year also will have shows at the London, Ont., fair. Nego-tiations with J. W. (Patty) Conklin, of the Conklin Shows, which hold long-term exclusive midway con-tracts at both those events, were closed recently. closed recently.

Other fairs at which Brydon will have midway shows include the State Fair of Texas, Dallas; Kansas Fair, Hutchinson; Colorado State Fair, Pueblo; Frontier Days, Cheyenne, Wyo., and the Lubbeck (Tex.) Fair. One group of shows he has routed to open July 26 at the Frontier Days, Cheyenne, and run thru the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, closing there October 24.

Into Memphis Fair

Into Memphis Fair Illustrating the size of some of his contracted operations this year, Bry-don said his contract at the Mid-South Fair, Memphis, calls for him to supply a line-up of 1,400 feet of show midway. Last year the fair booked an organized carnival. This year, it will avail itself of the nark rides will avail itself of the park rides, some independently contracted rides and his shows. The midway will begin at the fairgrounds main enbegin at the fairgrounds main en-trance, where the permanent rides are situated, extending along Ten-nessee Avenue, the main highway paralleling the park, then turning up a street and branching off from the main theorefore they the grounds main thorofare thru the grounds.

At Hutchinson, Brydon said, the midway area will be expanded, with additional space provided thru the razing of five horse barns. The Hutchinson annual last year shifted from booking an organized show to contracting rides and shows independently.

Hale on Staff

Brydon revealed he has closed negotiations with Sam Howard (wa-ter show) and Terrell Jacobs (wild animal show) to present their units at four State fairs.

He also disclosed he has contracted for Richard Miller, armless-legless five-year-old; Lionella, billed as the lion-faced girl; Laurello, styled the man with the revolving head, and Royal Midgets, to appear in his side show units.

Brydon also announced that Leona Halligan again will serve as his audi-tor, and that Walter Hale will be associated with him.

Brydon left here Wednesday (14) for New York on business, but planned early return here, where he will remain through the summer, de-voting his attention chiefly to the Riverview Park operation, then shifting to the fairs in the fall.

-Rav

Mahi Shrine Rodeo In Good B.-O. Count MIAMI, April 17.—Altho presented following the close of two local race tracks for the season, which resulted in a smaller box office, the first an-nual Mahi Shrine Rodeo in the Orange Bowl here proved a winner. Rodeo, Tex Sherman said, was pro-duced by Claude Tindall and Emery Pickern, with Tindall providing the Pickern, with Tindall providing the stock.

Buddy Medford and Odis Cowart were judges, with Chip Morris han-dling the announcing duties. Henry C. Ebright, general chairman for the Mahi Shrine, reported the event a financial success. He's currently working up plans to make it an an-nual attraction here.

nual attraction here. Billy Keen and Fred Clancey clowned, and Jack Andrews and his Brahma bull, Henry, garnered front-page publicity for their efforts in the local show. Features also included Red Simpson and horse, Cherry; Mildred Murphy and horse, Red Fox; Mahi Shrine's 50-piece band, which played the Grand Entry, and Tex Dean's Cowboy Band, of Station WKAT, which played the remainder of the rodeo.

A parade of over 200 riders drew A parade of over 200 riders drew large crowds. Tex Sherman and Frank Biron were parade marshals. Nell Rogers was featured in bronk riding, and trick riding was handled by Fay Blackstone, Eva Hickson, Marie Simpson and Miss Rogers. Tex Sherman handled the publicity for the event. the event.

Rodeo, Inc., Faces 6 Suits for Unpaid Bills

BALTIMORE, April 17.—Six suits were filed against Rodeo, Inc., dur-ing its recent run here alleging un-paid bills for billboard and radio advertising and printing. A suit for \$2,031.59 filed by Ruben Miller, trad-ing as the Miller Press, also named Larry Sunbrock, rodeo promoter, as a defendant.

Other suits were filed by Hearst Radio, Inc., claiming \$925.84 for rodeo announcements, and J. Ran-dolph Bless, assignee for Baltimore Radio Show, Inc., which claimed \$524.53 \$524.53.

North Jersey Radio, Inc., Newark, has sued for \$434.34. The Morton Outdoor Advertising Company claims 5650 for billboard advertising company channs for billboard advertising and the International Ticket Company, also of Newark, has filed suit for \$680 allegedly due for the printing of tickets.

Jauregui Saugus Director

SAUGUS, Calif., April 17.—Andy Jauregui, former world's roping cham-pion and now a rancher here, has been named arena director for the championship rodeo April 24-25 at Bonelli Ranch during the Newhall-Saugus Fiesta.

New Game Uses **Racing Gold Fish**

NEW YORK, April 17.-Novelty amusement device skedded to hit the amusement device skedded to hit the market shortly is—no, we are not being facetious — a goldfish racing game, dubbed Sea-Horse, played in a large glass tank with live goldfish.

Device, a group game for 12 or more players, was conceived by Irving Levenstein, a Brooklyn manufac-turer whose hobby is the cultivation of tropical fish. Players manipulate ship's wheels which activate lures and chasers to speed their mount thru 25-foot long glass tubes in a water-filled glass tank. Neon lighting and color add flash to the game.

Historical Events To Top

Redwood Centennial Fete EUREKA, Calif., April 17.—Final plans for the staging of historical events during the Redwood Empire Celebration here in June have been made by the celebration committee. Re-enactment of the Josiah Gregg Expedition, which discovered Humboldt Bay in 1850, and a parade will be the two main events.

Director Blaine McGowan, and Larry Phillips, centennial chairman, said that in the Gregg Expedition enactment a party of men will tramp the Gregg trail from an old-time mining camp on the Trinity River to Humboldt Bay. In the parade, the history of the Northwest will be depicted.

12-Day Stand Sets Record

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Sellouts and turnaways rule on Saturdays, Sundays flack staff turns in big job

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Clyde Beatty closed here Sunday night (11) after one of the most successful dates ever played in Southern California ever played in Southern California by any circus. More than 150,000 persons attended 35 performances in 12 days, and it is estimated that prob-ably as many as 50,000 more would have attended had it not been for turnaways and the inconvenience of waiting several hours for extra per-formances formances.

Four shows were given each Satur-day during the show's stay here. Each Sunday brought three shows and turnaways for the fourth pros-pective show. This record has never (See BEATTY DRAWS on page 58)





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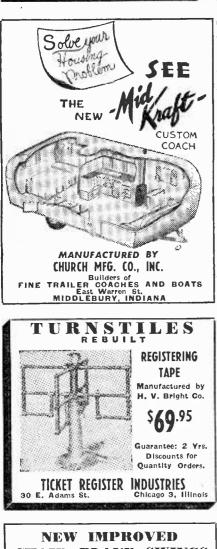
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Cole Bros. in Click Debut; Program a Crowd Pleaser

(Continued from page 48) offering excellent vocal support, as

she did at several points in the show. Terrell is using last year's big top, Terrell is using last year's big top, a 150 with three 50's, and attempted something new this year in water-proofing it while it was in the air. The top has seating capacity of 6,000. Altho Louisville had experienced heavy rains recently, the grounds were in good shape, a generous dous-ing of sawdust absorbing undue moising of sawdust absorbing undue mois-The steam calliope has again ture. been placed at the head of the midway to greet customers and to let townsfolk know that the show is

playing. From start to finish the show is good circus, and a special bow should go to Paul Nelson, program director; Harry J. McFarlan, equestrian direc-tor; Col. Harry Thomas, producer and official announcer, who handled both chores in excellent fashion, and Henry Kyes, new bandmaster, who succeeds Eddie Woeckener, retired. Kyes, a veteran circus band leader, has whipped up an excellent aggrega-tion of musicians who provided flawless tootling both for program num-bers and in a 20-minute pre-show concert in which Miss Tennyson also

offered a vocal selection. In addition to Kyes's leadership chores he handles cornet. Others in the band are Jimmy Hurtt, J. C. Herthe band are Jimmy Hurtt, J. C. Her-nandez, C. H. Swanger and J. J. Woeckner, cornet; Ralph Gibbs, Frank Tonar and N. Sarli, clarinet and sax; Happy Belisle and Jackson Kyes, drums; Bob Herndon and George Roxe, trombones; Joe Fiore, baritone; Larry Gantard, bass, and Tommy Comstock, calliope.

Tommy Comstock, calliope. Veteran circus-goers were unani-mous in pronouncing this year's clown numbers a vast improvement over those offered 'in 1947, special kudos going to several new offer-ings—notably the Kentucky Derby number and Wedding Bells—devised by Kenneth Waite and Otto Griebling, producing clowns. In addition to the by Kenneth Waite and Otto Griebend, producing clowns. In addition to the aforementioned, clown alley is made Roy Allan, Lefty Lacelle, aforementioned, clown alley is made up of Roy Allan, Lefty Lacelle, Robert Mason, Jack Nadare, Grover Nitchman, Horace Laird, Huffy Hoff-man, Freddie Freeman, Jack Ken-nedy; Bogonghi, midget; Jack Crip-pen, Lee Virtue, Thomas Ontko and Augie Pasquinucci.

Staff Intact

• The executive staff remains prac-tically unchanged, with Terrell as president and general manager; Noy-elles Burkhart, assistant general manager; James Gephart, general agent; Fred E. Schortemeier, general coun-Fred E. Schortemeier, general coun-sel; William J. Lester, traffic man-ager; Estrella Terrell, secretary; Rob-ert DeLochte, treasurer; Lorne M. Russell, auditor; Watson M. Koontz, tax counsel; Paul Nelson, program director; Joseph Haworth, legal ad-juster; Col. Harry Thomas, director of performer personnel; Orville F. Stewart, general superintendent and catety director: H. E. Leeman, timesafety director; H. E. Leeman, time-keeper; Ora O. Parks, general press representative: R. B. Dean, Florree Galt, C. Foster Bell and Frank J. Lee, Galt, C. Foster Bell and Frank J. Lee, press stories; Robert M. Burns, con-tracting press representative; William Wilson, public relations and radio; Richard Scatterday, national adver-tising; Al Hoffman and Karl Knud-son, 24-hour men; Fred H. Donovan, chief of police; George Davis, steward; Robert E. Merrill, superin-tendent of ushers; Josephine McFar-lan, wardrobe mistress; William Dwver, property superintendent; Dwyer, property superintendent; Charles Luckey, shop superintendent; B. L. Holman, superintendent of side show canvas; P. J. McLane, trainmas-ter; Arthur Hoffman, side show man-ager; Edward Hiler, local contractor; (See Cole Louisville Bow on page 58)

Frank Casey, superintendent of can-vas; Eugene Scott, menagerie super-intendent and elephant trainer; Winn Partello, concessions superintendent: Harold Smith, superintendent of front doors; Katie Luckey, assistant wardrobe mistress; John McGraw, ring stock superintendent; Walter Rice, electrical superintendent; Ace Donovan, truck superintendent; Doris Wagran, physician; Earl De Glopper, manager of Advertising Car No. 1; Manager of Advertising Car No. 1; Harry McFarlan, equestrian director; Frank Wise, big top ticket superin-tendent; Mrs. Diggerpugh, ballet mis-tress; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Tallieferro, program department and concession stand stock; H. C. Miller, baggage stock superintendent; George Churchill, paint shop superintendent, and William Spaulding, superintendent of train porters.

Show Draws Mittings

Show Draws Mittings The Louisville audience went for the program in a big way, practically every offering drawing generous ap-plause. Among the feature attrac-tions were the Kinkeroos (Display 2), two fem on the trampoline, with a moppet of about three, an added fea-ture, winning additional hands from the audience with a few flips on the tramp. tramp.

Comedy aerial bar chores (Display 3) were capably handled by the Voise and Harrold troupes, both the Voise and Harrold troupes, both acts drawing yocks and applause from spectators. They were fol-lowed by Barney Cole (No. 4), the waltzing pony, put thru its paces in fine style by Capt. John Smith, trainer, and Otto Griebling's clown band, featuring Horace Laird on trombone. The next offering featured Norma Adams riding Boman style in a 16-

Adams riding Roman style in a 16-horse hitch around the hippodrome track to heavy applause. She was followed by Otto Griebling in a new number, Wedding Bells, that drew squeals from the many kids present.

squeals from the many kids present. No. 7, the Great Davisos, a Cristiani high-perch act, was a thriller and a solid click from start to finish. Davisos uses an unusually high shoulder perch as his wife, Louisa, offers a routine including an up-side-down walk, handstand, trap routine and ankle drops. The clowns then came back for another routine of top antics.

came back for another routine of top antics. Paul Nelson, presenting Harry, the riding sea lion, took the center ring in the next display, with Mahlon Campbell and Captain Smith han-dling ponies in flanking rings. All worked smoothly and drew apprecia-tive applause

worked smoothly and drew apprecia-tive applause. Taking the No. 10 slot were Cor-caita, June and Ortans Cristiani in riding acts in three rings. The suc-ceeding display featured Easter Cloud and Easter Boy, boxing horses pre-sented by Captain Smith in the cen-ter. Both turns were presented in fine style and grabbed hefty rounds of applause.

fine style and grabbed hefty rounds of applause. Eugene Scott and his two assistants then came on to present the Cole herd of elephants in three rings, with Bobbie Donovan, Toni Martin and Patricia Scott fronting the bulls in facile style. The act closed with the ballet of elephants on the hippo-drome track a spectacular display.

Castle a Standout

Castle a Standout Hubert Castle, ace tight wire ar-tist, is again with the show, and he made his appearance in the No. 14 spot following a clown number, fea-turing Griebling. One of the best in the business, Castle won spontaneous hands with amazing comedy and legit stepping on the wire. His uni-cycle routine was excellent, topped only by his finale offering, a back-ward feet-to-feet somersault while passing thru a hoop.



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Alfresco Flack **Looms Up Big** (Continued from page 50) appearances during the summer months were nurtured by free-lance writers and in story conferences.

The Billboard

Much of the research, amounting fre-quently to weeks and months, had its beginning in *The Billboard's* several offices where it was hurried along by outdoor staffers.

"Coronet" Photos

The picture possibilities offered by The picture possibilities offered by outdoor showbiz to popular periodi-cals is virtually unlimited. Quick to take advantage of the circus as the harbinger of spring was *Coronet*, which already has run full-page pic-tures of Victoria Zacchini (Miss Vic-tory), a member of the famous Zac-chini family, and Emmett Kelly, Ringling Bros.' circus clown. Kelly annually accounts for reams of stuff for the Big Show.

Ringling Bros.' circus clown. Kelly annually accounts for reams of stuff for the Big Show. The New York Times Sunday Maga-zine has already published a double-truck on circus posters, past and pres-ent, timed to coincide with the Big Show's Madison Square Garden open-ing. Depicted are the still active Zacchinis; Lou Jacobs, perennial member of the Ringling clown alley; Clyde Beatty, who now heads his own rail show, and the circus menagerie king and queen, Gargantua and Toto. Circus publicity chief Roland But-ler and his staff will leave here vir-tually assured of text and pictures on the Big Show appearing in near-fu-ture issues of Look, Collier's, Ladies' Home Journal, Holiday, Parade, True Comics, Pathfinder and Parent's magazines. The Big Show is also a cinch to rate lengthy reports in all of the national news magazines, in-cluding Time and Newsweekly. cluding Time and Newsweekly.

Good Carnival Press

The carnival industry is virtually assured of the more national publicity than it has ever received and, even more important, there is every indica-tion that it will be good. The biggest break to date, and one that probably will not be surpassed, is the Warner Bros.' motion picture short, King of the Carnival, a technicolor two-reeler featuring Carl Sedlmayr, his family and their Royal American Shows. The flicker, which was released na-tionally Saturday (3), is the best piece of public relations that the in-dustry and an individual in it has ever been accorded. The commentary was

been accorded. The commentary was largely based on a piece authored by Don Gillette, erstwhile Billboard staffer, which appeared in the Elks magazine two seasons ago. Collier's, among the circulation leaders in the low-priced field, has scheduled a piece on SedImayr. The mag is also toying with presenting a day in the life of a carnival employee in one of its famed color-nicture-text in one of its famed color-picture-text layouts.

Bergen in "Holiday"

Frank Bergen, owner-manager of the World of Mirth Shows, is another industry leader due for spotlighting in a national magazine. *Holiday*, a Curtis Publishing Company slick monthly in the 50-cent bracket, has already completed an article on Ber-gen outlining his Horatio Alger career. Life magazine has a story on the Zacchinis checked and ready for pub-lication. The picture magazine and *Coronet* are both considering George A. Hamid, booking agent, park, fair and circus owner, as a likely subject. *Argosy* is definitely concentrating on Hamid, and most of the research has been completed. Pageant has an article in the writing stage on parks.

Happyland Denied Fee Cut VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17. -

Pacific Coast Amusement Company, operators of Happyland, have been denied a request for a license reduc-tion fee this year. The fee remains at \$425.



GENERAL OUTDOOR

For Love (No Money) of Circus, Fan Hildreth Swings Potent Bat

(Continued from page 48) who have come to him each season in quest of "passes" which they argue Hildreth gets free.

\$300 Yearly for Tickets \$300 Yearly for Lickets "Rather than disabuse my friends," Hildreth says smiling, "I'd rather buy them tickets—and anyway I get a de-light out of knowing they're having the fun of going to a circus."

For that vicarious thrill, Hildreth pays an estimated \$300 a year, which he considers is an absurdly cheap price.

Hildreth's devotion to the circus led him 22 years ago to help form one of the most unique organizations in the world, the Circus Fans Association of America. At the charter meeting in a Washington hotel, he was among 40 persons who dedicated themselves to "the end that the circus may exist and continue to exist among us as a social, educational and recreative factor necessary to a fully rounded and joyous existence."

Spreads Thruout World

Looking over the printed program of that charter meeting, Hildreth finds in it sad evidence of the way fate has been dealing with the circus. has been dealing with the circus. Of 16 circuses named in that pro-gram, all but one have folded their tents for all time. Even the speak-ers' list has become similarly sym-bolic to Hildreth. Every one of the six major speakers, including three prominent United States Senators who tested the circus fans at their who toasted the circus fans at their initial meeting, have since died. Only a handful of the original charter members are still alive.

Hildreth, however, hopes there is something symbolic in the growth of the Circus Fans Association, which he himself has already served as a president. The organization has spread into dozens of States and cities. National counterparts have grown up in Great Britain, Australia and France. "Maybe," says Hildreth, "we can in-fuse enough interest to help restore the American circus to its true glory once again."

Organized Circus in Youth Like most people, Hildreth fell in love with circus life when he was a child. Unlike most people, he man-aged to fulfill a boyhood dream of operating a circus of his own as a lad. operating a circus of his own as a lad. In Fargo, N. D., where Hildreth was born 57 years ago, he used to be the first resident on hand to watch the circuses and carnivals come to town and he was always the last to watch them depart. One day he and a playmate, Lynn Upshaw Stanbaugh, present head of the Import-Export Bank and former National Commander of the American Legion, decided to have a circus of their own.

They borrowed their middle names for their circus, "Davis & Upshaw's Big Shows." Soon their migrant show, fully equipped with an ornately painted wagon and real performers. was traveling to every part of North Dakota for overnight stops in the wake of boisterous handbills which promised "Two Hours of Death De-fying Tricks" for an admission fee fying Tricks" for an admission fee of 10 cents for adults and a nickel for children. Performers included "Prof. B. I. Kennel, steel wire ex-part"; "Bailey Bros. famous acro-bats"; "De La Carr Bros., Strongest People on Earth"; "Bill Bailey on Horizontal Bar"; "Hubs. Dubs & Chinee Rubs, the Famous Clowns." **Gives Politics Circus Tone**

"We made a profit every summer," recalls Hildreth, adding sadly, "I'm afraid that's more than a lot of shows can claim today."

The lads reluctantly disbanded of a Ringling circus wagon, complete

their circus when Hildreth was graduated from high school and went to college. But Hildreth never aban-doned his interest in circus life. After he got his law degree from Columbia University in 1916, he returned to Forgo where he went into private law practice which, he now recalls, was "sorely divided between office clients and migrant circus friends who were always popping in or writing me let-ters to lighten my day"

When Hildreth entered politics in North Dakota, he brought the spice of circus life to political affairs with practical results that soon sent him to practical results that soon sent him to a major role in the Democratic State leadership. He planned political meetings with an eye toward circus pageantry. Fellow-politicians mar-veled at the way spectators—Repub-licans and Democrats alike—flocked to the Democratic entertainment-packed rallies. Hildreth explained gnomishly: "A circus is a circus, and after all the circus knows no political after all the circus knows no political divisions." In Washington, President Woodrow Wilson gave official recognition to Hildreth's talents in a letter expressing Wilson's "genuine satisfac-tion" with the circus-lover's efforts at the peak of the 1916 national campaign.

Framed FDR's Inaugurals

When Hildreth later moved to Washington, another Democratic president gave similar recognition. Hildreth was singled out by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt plan the inaugural pageantry each of the three times Roosevelt was re-elected. Hildreth had charge of the inaugural parades down famed Pennsylvania Avenue in 1936 and 1940, and four years later when in the gloom of the international crisis the president decided against a parade. Hildreth planned the quiet but historic fourth-term ceremony at the White House.

Practical politicians have never lost sight of Hildreth's number one hobby. He has been called on to help stage every national Democratic convention since 1932. He is already mapping plans for the party's "big show" in Philadelphia in June which he will attend in his customary role as head of the District of Columbia's voteless delegation.

In World Wars I and II, Hildreth's interest in circus life brought results which many of his friends avowedly will never forget. One of his former World War I buddies relates that Hildreth, who rose from the ranks to an artillery lieutenant, was regarded by soldiers "as a kind of wizard who could improvise stunts at the drop of the hat just to break the tedium of army life overseas." In World War II. Hildreth turned his talents to cutvisas and liberation for literally scores of European circus and carnival folk who faced internment or death at the hands of the Nazis.

Life Crammed With Circus

Hildreth's everyday life is full of the circus. Pictures and posters that hang in crowded disarray on the walls of his Washington office offer pleasant relief from the solemnity of ceiling-high shelves of law books. There are gaudy circus posters that date back to the heyday of the art. There are family pictures, all of which have a circus reminder in them, including a large photo which many years ago appeared on a cover of The Billboard. The photo shows three of Hildreth's four children smilingly astride a miniature circus wagon which Hildreth had designed. On the mantle is an exact model with toy caged animals, drivers, horses and spangles. On a wall neardrivers, by is a large rare photo of the late John Ringling. That was Ringling's last picture. It was taken two months before he died 10 years ago.

Maintains Fan Status

Altho Hildreth is a busy Washington counsel for numerous corpora-tions and he is a high-ranking executive in several of them, he manages to find plenty of time for visiting showfolk. Troupers rarely miss stop-ping at his office or phoning him when their shows reach the Potomac area. While many show-owners have beseeched Hildreth to become their "paid counsel," Hildreth has gently but firmly insisted on serving them strictly as a circus fan. Limiting his official connection to a nominal title of "Washington representative" of Ringling Brothers. "That doesn't mean that I'm on

deck just for the 'biggest top,' " ex-plains Hildreth, "and fortunately showfolk everywhere know that. I'm thrilled when I hear from circus and carnival friends no matter what the size of their show and no matter how well or little known they may be. My office is their place of call."

Active in U. N. Efforts

This devotion has influenced prac-tically all of Hildreth's activities. It has deepened his belief in the idea that "there must be one world based peace,"

on harmony and co-operation," an idea that led Hildreth to take an ac-Association and to serve as an un-official delegate to the League of Na-tions in 1938. He has been a director of the American Association of United Nations and is president of the United Nations Association Nations Association.

"In our love for the circus," he points out, "we are part of an in-ternational fraternity maintaining a joyful tradition for young and old alike.

"There may be a variety of peoples with many languages spoken, but unwith many languages spoken, but un-der the big top all are one. We ap-plaud impartially the French juggler, the English wire walker, the German acrobat, the Chinese tumbler, the Italian rider, the Spanish gynnast, the American flier, and the clowns from every land on the hippodrome track. All to us are artists of the circus world. We greet their art; we admire them as a people.

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April 24, 1948

Stellar Acts Look Like \$\$ In the Bank

Two-thirds house greets matinee opener-program looks like a pleaser

(Continued from page 54) under the capable guidance of John Smith and Mahlon Campbell in Rings 1 and 3, with Paul Nelson tak-ing the center spot with a group of Palominos. Their excellent precision is a tribute to long and careful train-ing. ing.

ing. . Next on, a three-ring aerial ballet staged by Paul Nelson, with vocal by Florence Tennyson, featured La Louisa in the center. At the close of the ballet La Louisa took over on the high trapeze to present a spectacular and thrilling offering. She tripped off to a big hand. to a big hand.

to a big hand. Appearing next were the show's three and five-gaited horses pre-sented by Marion Knowlton, Norma Adams, Captain Smith, Bobby Dono-van and Mahlon Campbell. This was followed by Display 20, an ex-hibition of high-jumping horses, Scot-land Yard and Niagara.

Ortons Act Clicks

Iand Yard and Niagara. Ortons Act Clicks The teeterboard performance of the Ortans, another Cristiani turn, detracted nothing from the act's rep-utation of being one of the best in the business. Their work in the center ring was flawless. Miss Or-tans drew heavy applause with her four-high top mounting and two and a half somersault to a chair. Otto Griebling and Freddie Free-man appeared in the No. 22 spot with their "boxing" bout, followed by another concert blurb and the menage, taken part in by Ethel Free-man, Marion Knowlton, Bobby Dono-van, Cora May Martin, Alberta Voise, May Wright, Flo Leary, Nena Thomas, Norma Adams, Maggie Wise, Rita Taliaferro, Alice Privett, Flor-ence Menlo, Maybell Siebel, Cap-tain Smith, Josephine Monarch, Mary Lyons, Patricia Scott, Elizabeth Glick and Sis Martin. Then came the horse, Easter Cloud, in a jitter-bug routine directed by Smith. In the No. 26 display was the Cristiani family's familiar and ex-cellent riding act, featuring the comedy of Lucio and his horse-to-horse somersaults and a four-abreast

cellent riding act, featuring the comedy of Lucio and his horse-to-horse somersaults and a four-abreast simultaneous jump to a galloping

horse somersaults and a four-abreast simultaneous jump to a galloping horse. Following a walkaround by all clowns, the Flying Thrillers took to the trapeze with a routine that has lost none of its punch. Next on were hippodrome races featuring tiny ponies with novelty riders, a Liberty pony against a horse and rider, and Roman standing races. The finale three numbers were ap-pearances by English ladies of the ballet, Heather Pugh, Shelia Black, Anne Wide, Betty Richards, Jean Beddow-Arnth, Marjorie Y at e s, Alma Jones, Beryl Hughes, Shelia Pugh, Teresa Spring, Maran Cor-rell, Maureen Osmonde, June Uttley, Margaret Smith, Daphne Trew, Johnnie Pugh, Rose Bernard, Molly Bensaid, Rosina Dobbs, Pat Morhen, Barbara Beale, Fay Renwich, Doro-thy Baker and Anne Smith; "Indian slave maidens" from the spec, Margorie Lunt, Ethel Dowanger, Marguerite Delaney, Maybelle White, Alice Finley, Fay Nichols, Pat Mor-

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Slight Oversight

NEW YORK, April 17.—While the truth of the old saying, "An elephant never forgets," remains elephant never forgets," remains a moot question, this adage ap-parently does not apply to ele-phant trainers and circus per-sonnel, for there were several red faces at Madison Square Garden at Monday (12) night's performance of the Big Show when five elephants supposed to serve as hurdles in the Display 3 appearance of the Ugo troupe of leapers failed to appear beof leapers failed to appear be-cause somebody forgot to bring

cause somebody forgot to bring them on. Strange as this may seem it appears that everybody con-cerned, from head elephant man Hugo Schmidt down to the call boys, forgot that the five bulls were due in the arena. After a few leaps thru thin air the Ugos took a sheenic how and walked few leaps thru thin air the Ugos took a sheepish bow and walked out leaving the audience some-what nonplused as to what the program meant by its description of the display as: "Europe's Champion Somersaulting Leap-ers in Thrilling Trajectories From Ski-Jump Springboards Over Massed Elephants." Some bull, or no bulls-take your choice.

55,000 Witness **Polack Ind'polis** Run; Tops '47

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—Pol-ack Bros.' Western Unit closed a 10-day run here Wednesday night (14) before a full house. Over 55,000 witnessed the 23 performances at Murat Temple, representing an in-crease of 10 per cent over last year when the show ran 14 days. All performances were sold out in ad-vance. vance.

A special show was staged for the children at Riley Hospital. Turnaway the opening perform-ance, Sunday (4), set the pace for the unit's third annual appearance here, and business remained steady through the openator domits dome thruout the engagement despite damp weather during the middle part of the stay.

risey, Stella Ray, Anna Woodward, Delight Campbell and Thelma Wright, and a final appearance of clowns.

and a final appearance of clowns. Arthur Hoffman, side show man-ager, has his usual attractive dis-play of banners. His line-up of at-tractions includes Judy Allen, lion; Rose Gammon, mentalist; Aida May, snakes; Major Mite, midget; R. V. Lewis, band and minstrel; Joe Car-vallon and Pat Olevira, Hawaiian number; Manipo Harris, magician and punch; Joe Lee, Chinese top spinner; Jose, armless wonder, and Sandra and Tommy Thompson, knife and ax throwing. Tommy Privett manages the Wild

and ax throwing. Tommy Privett manages the Wild West concert and is featured attrac-tion. Also appearing are Jimmy Karro, Don Beall, Joe Chwirka, Clarence Canary, Arizona Jack Campbell and a masked wrestler. Among circus fans noted at the opening were Thomas Gregory, Cleveland, a past president, and Ralph Holt, Burlington, N. C. Wil-liam Carskey, president of Casey Concession Company, Chicago, also was a visitor.

was a visitor.

R-B Draws North Inks Pic 200,000 in First Week

Choice Pews Scarce

NEW YORK, April 17.—With no holiday to hypo attendance during the first week's performances of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the total estimated attendance for the first 21 performances, includ-ing today's sellouts, just hit the 200,000 mark.

The somewhat slow start is mis-leading, as the Big Show appears set to run up an all-time attendance record for a New York run, with all good seats for all week-ends of the run grabbed up prior to April 8 and hardly any good seats for any of the remaining performances of the Garden run available at the box-Garden run available at the box-office windows. Mail order sales have been terrific, with as high as 1,100 order-bearing letters coming in on a single day. Matinees, as usual, have been getting the big play, but from now on the night sessions will get equally heavy patronage

Pat Valdo and his staff have trimmed off the rough edges of the various acts and the show is swinging along smoothly and the running time along smoothly and the running time is down to approximately the normal 2½ hours. A really good job has been done in eliminating the few weak spots noted at the premiere and changing routines so as to focus at-tention on several good acts which were overshadowed at the opener. Acts, such as the Liberty horse numbers of the Mroczkowskis and Gautiers, which thru insufficient time for rehearsals in the Garden, were a bit off the first few performances, are now acclimated and running as

are now acclimated and running as smoothly as the rest of the show.

Bailey Circus Faces State Charges; Three Seek 95G for Hurts

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., April 17. —Three suits, totaling \$95,000, and misdemeanor charges filed by the district attorney's office have been entered here against the Bailey Bros.' Circus as the result of a bleacher collapse Tuesday (6) in which 64 persons were injured.

John Weeks, deputy district at-torney of San Mateo County, said the complaints charged violations of the State health and safety code. De-fendants are Robert Stevens, Henry Carlisle and Arthur Hockwall, owners calls and Arthur Hockwall, owners and operators of the circus. Spe-cifically they are charged with not having sufficient aisles in the grand-stand. Hearing has been set for Fri-day (23). Maximum penalty is \$200 fine and/or 180-day jail sentence for each each.

Mrs. Marjorie Givin, 30, of this city, has filed a claim against the circus for \$20,000, claiming she suf-fered lacerations, a wrenched back and neck, and mental and physical shock.

Dewey Zanow and his wife, Al-berta, the latter among the more seriously injured, have entered suit for \$75,000—Zanow for \$10,000 and his wife for \$65,000.

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Pact Via Selznick

NEW YORK, April 17.—John Ring-ling North, Ringling Bros.' circus president, this week signed a contract with David O. Selznick to act as tech-nical director of a planned technicolor production, The Greatest Show on Earth. The flicker, which is sched-uled for production early next year, will be filmed for the most part at the circus winter quarters in Sarasota, and at the Selznick studio, Culver City, Calif. Some sequences will be shot on the road under canvas and at Madison Square Garden. The contract is understood to call

The contract is understood to call The contract is understood to call for appearances by all of the circus personnel, with the featuring of head-line acts. Selznick said that a story outline is already available and work on the finished script can begin im-mediately. The budget will run be-tween \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

Beatty Draws 150,000 in L. A.

(Continued from page 53) been equaled, it is said by veteran showmen and circus fans, by any org to play this city, a notoriously hard town to sell.

South California Circus Hungry

South California Circus Hungry Southern California has proved it-self circus hungry this season. Bailey Bros., which preceded Beatty by sev-eral weeks, did turnaway business in many spots, and the Beatty show apparently exceeded the rival opera in most dates.

The success of Beatty can be credited to a number of factors: A circus-hungry populace; a fine break in the weather; a superb job of press and radio promotion ably handled by Weiter Elect radio and process reproand radio promotion ably handled by Walter Fleck, radio and press repre-sentative; C. W. Primrose, contracting press; Ray Smith, schools; Dave Mur-phy, press (back), and the outstand-ing performance of Shirley Carroll in her first season as a circus, radio and public relations director. Mrs. Carroll topped all previous radio flacks by garnering a total_of 104 air plugs with 45 major station pro-grams in which Beatty personnel was represented. represented.

Plenty of Promotions

Among promotions which resulted in added attendance was a Hollywood in added attendance was a Hollywood premiere-type opening with numer-ous movie stars in attendance. A press cocktail party, held a week before the show hit the local date, helped soften up the news scribes and thus resulted in a favorable attitude on the part of L. A. reporters who went all-out in giving the Beatty opera good coverage. Everything considered, the kudos for the success of the local date belong largely to those who beat the drums and let the residents know there was a cir-cus in town. cus in town.

The fact that it was a fine circus is beside the point. Angelinos have to be shown, as any circus man who has played this frigid territory can testify.

Leaving Los Angeles, the show kept up its reputation for straw houses and turnaways by record appearances in Santa Monica, Bellflower and Huntington Park. It is reported that North Hollywood played Thursday (15), the baliwick of movie and radio stars, was sold out, both matinee and evening, a full week before the org moved on the lot.

moving along smoothly.

under-canvas opening.

Ringling-Barnum

Our Garden opening, as always, was big and was well received by both press and public. The perform-ance is set and well timed and is

Everyone has a cold or is getting the Garden variety of sniffles. As-sistant General Manager Frank Mc-Closky returned to Sarasota after set-

ting the show in the Garden, to get the second section ready for our

Visitors have included J. R. Griffin, Bob Kincey, Birmingham newspaper

Bob Kincey, Birmingham newspaper man who came up on the show train; Joe Lynch, Boston Ryan, Dixie, Mrs. Eddie Decker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson, Willie Lish, Joey Amico, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Remiski, Tommy Coglin, Walter O'Hara, Katie Walkmir, Mr. and Mrs. Blank, Mrs. Hunt, Kitty Clark's grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Pallen-berg, Mrs. Margaret Erdlitz, Florence Gradis, Janice Moody, Mrs. Uebel, Mrs. Dippy Diers, Tosca and Mrs. Canestrelli, Eileen and Harold Voise, Roy King and Sophie Truzzi. Glen Ford, Joan Blondell, Henry

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Fonda, Jimmy Stewart, Jennifer Jones, David Selznick, Ann Ruther-ford and Nancy Walker were among

Our opening was marred by the deaths of Albertino, English clown, and Ethel Gadsden, maid with the show for many years. On the sick list: Toni Cole and Freddie Canes-

Back door scenes: Laugh of the

week was Jimmy Armstrong's trip atop the Empire State Building which

was all in vain. After reaching the observation level, he found the guard rail too high for him to see over. His comment on reaching the Garden was "I just went for the ride."

Big clown number Westward Whoa!

used in place of the Bargain Sale and

the firehouse gag, is going over big. Ernie Burch doing his Carmen gag garners plenty of laughs.

Art Cooksey is our mail man and does a good job. Bob Reynolds and

the prop department keep the show moving at a fast pace. The 100%

Club had its first meeting of the sea-

son and nominated new members. Emmett Kelly, doing his satire on the radio giveaway show, with Prince Paul as his assistant, is good for laughs.—DICK MILLER.

Clyde Beatty

A party sponsored by the Press Club of Los Angeles highlighted the conclusion of the show in the West

Movie stars galore were present

Showfolk on hand for one or more

showfolk on hand for one or more performances included John Agee, the De Waynes, Harry G. Thompkins, Everett Hart, Homer Hobson, Minnie Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. William La Mont, George Vovichoff, George Davis, Leo Davis, George McMaster, Bill Sneath Albort Octermaier Dick

Bill Spaeth, Albert Ostermaier, Dick Lewis, Alex De Barrie, Al Dahlgren,

Al Darrah, the Escalate family, Es-peranza Gutterez, Chief Sky Eagle, Dorothy Sky Eagle, Jimmy Reynolds, Irma Ward and Mabel Mix.—DICK

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Bailey Bros.' Circus

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DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

This traveling caravan made a oneday stand in Marion, Ind., Tuesday (13), marking up its 16th week. This stand was sponsored by Marion Elks Lodge 195 and the Grant County Cancer Fund and was staged in the city auditorium. It was a great day to be indoors, as old man Jupe Pluvius turned on all his faucets.

This date was a winner for all concerned. Matinee had about 4,500 school children and the night show drew 3,000.

J. Lyman Keyes was producer and director, assisted by Rep. L. Drumm. Frank L. Paul, of the Elks Lodge, gave full co-operation.

Chief excitement was caused by Chief excitement was caused by Brownie Gudath, producer and direc-tor of the clown gag, the atomic rocket. Brownie set out for Marion, from Wilmington, Ill., about four days ahead of the show. Not being sure which Marion the show was playing, he decided to visit them all. He made Marion, Mich.; Marion, III.; Marion, O., and finally Marion, Ind. Needless to say the professor arrived one hour before show time and he has a lot of nuts and bolts to assemble.

Marion was the farewell spot for the Cole personnel. Uncle Zack Ter-rell needed them in Louisville and they had to depart in a hurry. Until next fall, we say adios to Lucio, Oscar, Belmonte, Daviso, Mogodor, Pete, June, Ortans, Corcita, Louise, Marion, Ruth, Rio and Tina, all of the Cris-tianis; to Harry Thomas, Freddie Freeman and Otto Griebling. And one can't forget Senor Baghongi, one of the greatest little laugh getters in show business.

Famous last words: "Mr. Manager, we have done four shows today, when does our time and a half begin?"-DICK LEWIS.

Dailey Bros.

The jaunt from Gonzales, Tex., to aducab Kv., was made without Paducah, Ky., was made mishap.

Upon arriving in Paducah Friday (9), Blackie Martine unloaded the train in near-record time, and the wagons and stock followed on schedule.

The new blue top with its striped side walls went into the air Saturday morning, and rehearsals were under way that afternoon, with Leo Snyder handling the whistle. The inside color scheme has aluminum blended with orange and blue.

Milt Carl again is serving his good meals, with Mother Jackson back as and Tommy Tumkins as head chef. waiter.

Milt Robbins has added new acts to the side show, the feature of which is Johnnie Williams and His Min-strels.—HAZEL KING.

The show got off to a fast start in its winter-quarters home, Macon, Ga., April 10 by presenting a triple-header —a special kiddies' performance in the morning and the regular matinee and evening presentations. Matinee officially opened the sea-son for the show and Mayor Wilson of Macon blew the spec whistle. In-troduction of Charles Sparks com-pleted the opening ceremonies.

King Bros.

pleted the opening ceremonies. The equestrian acts, under direc-tion of Charles Poplin, presented a snappy program, and the band, re-sponding to the baton of bandmaster Jack Bell, produced lively and enter-taining music both before and during the program. Electrician Tommy Poplin had the

big top, midway, dressing rooms and back yard brilliantly illuminated, and

Arthur Stahlman presented a group of flashy but neat concessions. Chester Gregory dolled up the show with his banners and many eye-catching bally attractions.

Manager Floyd King and Doc Hall had their hands full with the cus-tomary opening day kinks but ironed them out with their usual dispatch. BILLIE BURKE

Polack Bros. Western

The Eastern and Western units met during the latter's stand at the Murat Auditorium in Indianapolis. It was an occasion for renewal of acquaintances and much good-natured ribbing concerning the merits of the respective shows.

Turnaways were not uncommon during this stand, the site of which was ideal. There was a faint semblance of vaudeville, what with the stage settings, three-a-day on several occasions, the lighting and the orchestra.

Visitors included Dick Talley Blondie LaBlonde; Mr. and Mrs. Her-man Wells, formerly of Wells Bros.' Trio, the Joeys; Leo Francis and Grover Nitchman, the latter just back from Hawaii; Roy and Mary Valen-tine, Mike Kocuik, Jeep Milan; Gabby, Kitten and Clayton Went; Mr. and Mrs. Jinx Hoagland; Dr. and Mrs. William Huebener, Mr. and Mrs. William Dammarell, and Glen and Mimi Tracy.

The week's activities included a surprise party in the ladies' dressing room for Betty Bell on her birthday. Roland Tiebor Jr. was bitten on the

hand by a Tiebor seal. Francis Hogan and Roland Sr's. (See Polack Bros.' Western, page 95)

Polack Bros. Eastern The spring breezes of Norfolk spurred the trailerites to action. Seen scrubbing and painting their trailers were Bobby Harrison and Irma and Rio. Conchita was the surprise in the

weekly unveiling of the G. A. T. Club's stool pigeon, and she had sev-eral members before Judge Emil Pallenberg in kangaroo court.

India, the baby elephant, caused (See Polack Bros.' Eastern, page 95)

streets June 7.

and many were on hand to see the show during the week, some of them taking part in the performance. Claude Jarmen Jr., Ken Murray and Keenan Wynn were among those who either rode elephants or donned make-up. Other cinema celebrities who wit-nessed the show included Eddie Bracken, Sonny Tufts, Elsa Maxwell, Zachary Scott, Bud Abbott, Sonja Henie, Ken Maynard and Constance Bennett. Burt Lancaster took the occasion to visit with his friend, Harold Norris, of the Rogers bar act UNDER

Charles Cuthbert is mail agent for the James M. Cole Circus.

cookhouse.

morial Hall, Columbus, O.

Billy Fortner visited the opening of Monroe Bros.' Circus at Buffalo, Mo., April 8.

to berthcars as "straight jackets."

Don Cavilla, 99-year-old clown, who completes a series of school dates thru Georgia and Mississippi

Mrs. Buck Lucas and Faith King visited the Gene Autry Show at Me-

Then there was the kinker who referred

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OCEAN VIEW GETS GREEN LIGHT NAAPPB Meet 100G Flood Headache in Cards Lorman Sees To Be Earlier For Ed Schott at Cincy Coney June Opening

1948 convention dates set for Nov. 28-Dec. 1-banquet scheduled Nov. 30

CHICAGO, April 17.—The 1948 convention of the National Associa-tion of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB), normally held the first week in December, will open

the first week in December, will open Sunday, November 28 this year in the Hotel Sherman, and close Decem-ber 1, Paul H. Huedepohl, NAAPPB executive secretary, has announced. Opening day will be for registra-tion and inspecting the trade show. The exhibit hall also will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29-30 and December 1. The org's annual banquet is set Tues-day, November 30. day, November 30.

day, November 30. Program sessions will get under way Monday, November 29, and con-tinue daily thru Wednesday, De-cember 1. Henry G. Bowen is chair-man of the program committee, as-sisted by Don Dazey, vice-chairman; Harold K. Barr and A. M. Brown. The Beach and pool round-table discussions will be headed by Chaun-cey A. Hyatt, assisted by Vernon D. Platt, Harry A. Ackley, C. A. Bryant, Henry A. Guenther and R. N. Perkins. Perkins.

The advertising campaign to sell space at the trade show will be in the mail soon, Huedepohl said. "Without a doubt, we will sell out again this year," he added.

White City Opens **For Week-End Play**

WORCESTER, Mass., April 17. -George A. Hamid's White City Park began week-end operation today. Full operation is scheduled for about the middle of May, depending upon the weather.

In operation today for the first time was a new set of Scooter Boats, re-sently received from the British Motor Boat Manufacturing Company, and a new Loop-o-Plane and new Rocket Ship cars. The former swimming pool is being used for the Scooter Boat ride. Boat ride.

Considerable renovating has been done under the direction of Arthur Johnson, superintendent. Both the Funhouse and dark ride have been modernized. Sam Hamid is resident manager and

Rita Cohen again has charge of the office. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hamid are operating the restaurant.

Ocean View Slices Admission in Bid For Family Play

NORFOLK, April 17.-Ocean View Park has lopped admissions for rides and shows 25 to 50 per cent this season in a bid for increased family pa-

son in a big for increased family pa-tronage. The Merry-Go-Round, which cost 20 cents last year, has been cut to 10 cents. Most of the other rides are down from 20 to 15 cents. Reduc-tions have also been made for kid-dielond attractions

dieland attractions. A new miniature train, consisting of an engine, six coaches and a ca-boose, will go into operation May 22.

paying a second visit since the park's close last fall, is hopefully optimistic that the damage bill from the latest call will not exceed \$100,000.

Principal worry of officials is the dance floor of Moonlight Gardens, which is now covered by a couple of feet of water with the river still rising. At this writing the river is around 64 feet and it is expected to crest at 65 feet if no more rain falls.

Officials at the park's local office said water came into the swim pool at 52 feet. However, ample flood warning was given and maintenance superintendent Shirley Watkins and his crew were able to remove motors to high ground.

to high ground. Overall flood damage in 1945 was \$100,000 and, while no accurate es-timate can be made until the water subsides, Schott believes the present damage bill will be no greater than that figure. He bases this belief on the fact that the dance floor, altho covered with water that year, came out of its muddy bath with a min-imum of damage because of special

McCullough Elected Coney Island, N. Y., C. of C. President

NEW YORK, April 17.-George C. McCullough, ride concessionaire, was elected president of the Coney Island Chamber of Commerce at the Cham-ber's annual "dinner held Thursday (15) night at the Half Moon Hotel.

McCullough, operator of a group of rides on Surf Avenue, announced a program of projected improvements for this summer, including elimina-tion of the Surf Avenue eyesore of the still rubble-filled site of burned-out Juna Park, which he pronoceout Luna Park, which he proposes to clean up and transform into a parking lot.

parking lot. . Other objectives in his program are improvements on the beach, speeding up erection of the long-promised Oceanarium (replacing New York's Aquarium), repairs to Steeple-chase pier, rezoning to permit erec-tion of spectacular advertising signs and widening of several street ap-proaches to Coney Island.

Rain Hits J. Cole At Mt. Carmel, Pa.

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., April 17.-Heavy rains hurt the draw of the James M. Cole Circus here Wednesday (14), both matinee and night shows getting only half-houses.

Rains failed to hurt at Shamokin, Pa., however, and the org played to capacity at both matinee and night shows Tuesday (13). Winn Lamb, formerly of Sparks Circus, now is front doorman with the James M. Cole org.

Larry Stone's Paragon Park, Nantasket Beach, Mass., will be the scene of the annual summer meeting of the New England Association of Amuse-ment Parks and Beaches. Date has not yet been set.

CINCINNATI, April 17.—Edward L. Schott, president and general man-ager of Coney Island here, at which flood waters from the Ohio River are paying a second visit since the park's close last fall, is hopefully optimistic that the damage hill from the later and piece with allow

of double thickness maple over con-crete slabs and piers which allow for expansion. The earlier flood this year did slight damage, said Rudy Benson, publicity director. A routine clean-up job from a minor flood involves expenditure of about \$25,000 in re-moving debris and silt, repainting and putting everything in first-class order, he said. Given a break in weather from now on, Benson said it is possible that the park can be put in shape for special dances which are sched-uled to start April 30.

Palisades Opens Golden Jubilee

NEW YORK, April 17.-Jack and Irving Rosenthal are staging a gala golden jubilee opening of their Palisades Park, on the New Jersey side of the Hudson, tonight. Park has been entirely rebuilt on flashy mod-ernistic lines since the disastrous fire of 1944, which leveled most of its rides and buildings.

Special attractions for the opening are the Four Vesses, aerial thrill act, and the bands of George Paxton and Russ Irvin. Acting as judges, tonight, Russ Irvin. Acting as judges, tonight, in the selection of a queen of jubilee, are the following radio, film and stage celebs: Maggie McNellis and Herb Sheldon, of WJZ; Joey Adams, night club comedian; Paul Brenner, of Newark's WAAT; Ed Begley, stage and screen actor, and Jack Eigen, Steve Ellis and Bill Berns, disk jockeys. Added attraction will be a jockeys. Added attraction will be a troupe of Wally Wanger cuties. Palisades Park is the first park in

the New York area to get into full swing. It will be open daily, begin-ning this afternoon, on regular summer schedule.

Carolina Beach Set For Earliest Start

FOF LATITEST STATT RALEIGH, N. C., April 17.—Caro-lina Beach will stage its formal open-ing May 1, a month ahead of any previous year. Spurred by last year's record-breaking attendance and pro-spects of another boom season, a \$250,000 building program, a new boardwalk and other improvements are being rushed toward completion for the opening. Two complete ride layouts, one on

Two complete ride layouts, one on the ocean front boardwalk and the other on the inner boardwalk, are being renovated and supplemented

for the coming season. Bowling alleys, a dance pavilion and an open-air theater also will be in full operation at the opening.

Charter Issued at Hickory

RALEIGH, N. C., April 17.—The secretary of state has issued a charter to the Lake Hickory Amusement Park, Inc., Hickory, N. C., to operate amusement parks. Authorized capi-tal stock is \$100,000 and subscribed stock \$300 by E. W. Hollar, W. E. Horne and T. F. Cummings, all of Hickory. Hickory.

Legal and building snarls ironed out-5 million \$

to go into completed spot

By Douglas N. Rhodes VENICE, Calif., April 17.—A \$5,000,000 ultra-modern amusement park and recreation center, to be known as the Ocean View Amuse-ment Park, is being built here. Firm promoting the enterprise is headed by John L. Lorman, well-known park and carnival man.

Lorman said the new funspot will open on a limited basis by the end of June when the Greater Los Angeles Beach improvement project is dedicated.

dedicated. The Ocean View park enterprise was begun more than a year ago but legal and building difficulties arose to make it impossible to open the park last summer, as originally planned. All organization snags have now been ironed out, according to Lorman, and grading of the tract will be started immediately, with construction to follow as soon as pre-liminary work is finished, he said.

Near Ocean Front

New funspot is located on an 80-acre tract less than 1,000 feet from the ocean front. According to the promoters, the property will be divided thusly: 20 acres for amusedivided thusly: 20 acres for amuse-ment devices and concessions includ-ing a Roller Coaster, permanent rides of all kinds, roller rink, music hall and dance floor 275 feet by 175 feet; 20 acres for parking up to 10,000 cars; a 20-acre salt water lake, the depth of which will be controlled by locks, will be used for boating and aquatic sports, and 20 acres for picnic grounds, ball parks, tennis courts and other sports. The latter will be under the supervision of the Los Angeles Recresupervision of the Los Angeles Recre-ation Commission.

Name dance bands will be featured at the dance pavilion.

Good Location

Located in the geographical center Located in the geographical center of the major \$75,000,000 beach im-provement project which stretches for many miles along the Southern Cal-ifornia ocean front, the spot is de-signed to draw from the more than 4,000,000 residents of Los Angeles County. Bus and interurban service is easily accessible and several six-lane highways are adjacent to the tract. Park will have a 2,000-foot frontage on Washington Street. Mid-way will be 500 feet long with palm

frontage on Washington Street. Mid-way will be 500 feet long with palm trees lining each side. Motif of the park, which will be heavily landscaped with palm trees, shrubbery and flowers, will be Span-ish, Lorman said. A kiddieland will be featured with ride tickets selling for not over 10 cents. Strip tickets will be sold, as well as single rides. Zoned for all amusements under

Zoned for all amusements under the Los Angeles master plan, the management is planning to make a heavy pitch for organization activities such as picnics, civic celebrations, etc., which can be staged in the 20-acre recreation portion of the park.

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Det. Eastwood **Gets License** As Fight Rages

April 17.-Eastwood DETROIT, April 17.—Eastwood Park has its license to operate this season, despite protests from various season, despite protests from various factions, but the battle still rages and things got so hot at a recent meeting of the city council of East Detroit Monday night (12) over the license granting that two of the four council members resigned members resigned. It all started Thursday night (8),

when a lame duck city council, which left office Monday night, in a sur-prise move approved the Eastwood license. At Monday's meeting, Mrs. Betty Hays, who voted "no" on the license question at Thursday's meet-ing meyed that minutes of the last ing, moved that minutes of the last meeting be corrected to eliminate the action which licensed Eastwood. Her motion, however, was ruled out

Her motion, however, was ruled out of order. Newly elected Councilman Charles W. Yost and Walter Sullivan, who were sworn in at Monday's session, took different roads on the Eastwood question. Sullivan said he would lead a move to purchase the park, while Yost announced he would do all he could to get rid of Eastwood Park. Park.

As of now, Eastwood has its license and has begun operation. Jefferson Beach, under the same ownership as Eastwood, will not open until Decoration Day.

Edgewater Park, boasting a new miniature railroad this year, opened this week-end. The spot again will have its free act policy, the Aerial Snyders being featured.

Record Attendance Seen For Conn. State Parks

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 17.— Donald C. Mathews, administrative director for the Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission, stated this week that patronage at the State's parks this summer is expected

State's parks this summer is expected to exceed last summer's approxi-mately 2,500,000 visitors. Parking fees last year amounted to \$50,000. Planned improvements include several hundred new picnic tables and a new swimming pool at Wharton Brook Park. All employees will be attired in uniforms of forest green and khaki. About 75 lifeguards will be employed.

OCEAN VIEW

(Continued from page 61) design will be spotted thruout the property.

Free acts will be featured on a regular schedule. Admission to the park will be free, Lorman said, with 25-cent fee for car parking. Ocean View Amusement Park will

be operated by a closed corporation, said Lorman, who reported that he is president and managing director of the firm. A complete staff list will be announced in the near future.

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Exhibitors Who Set Up Own Napa, Calif., Fair, Show Miss Bet---Ammon

ST. PAUL, April 17.—"The railroads of the nation probably will spend as much as \$1,000,000 this year on the Chicago Railroad Fair. I say they are missing a bet. I maintain these railroads could do a more effective job by exhibiting at the major fairs of the nation," Ralph Ammon declared here exhibiting at the major fairs of the nation," Ralph Ammon declared here Monday (5) at the Lowry Hotel in opening the short course on fair manage-ment sponsored by the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs. The veteran manager of the Wisconsin State Fair and manager of this year's Wisconsin Centennial Exposition, Milwaukee, cited the ready-made crowds available at the country's leading fairs for rail-roads and other possible exhibitors. He also pointed to the huge, costly show staged last year by a large farm implement manufacturing com-

show staged last year by a large farm implement manufacturing com-pany (International Harvester) in Chicago. The company spent large sums of money to bring in their dealers and distributors, Ammon re-

lated. "These distributors and dealers didn't have to be sold on the com-pany's products. But the folks back home did. Think what that money could have done at fairs for farmers," he urged.

Cites Impresario Urge

Potential exhibitors all want to be impresarios instead of availing them-selves of the opportunities offered by established fairs, Ammon contended.

Speaking on The Economic Impor-tance of State and County Fairs, he declared that fairs present the best opportunity for "seeing and feeling" merchandising. "It is much better to see a silo filler

fill a silo better and quicker than any other filler," he said. "Such demon-

other filler," he said. "Such demon-strations are common generally only at fairs where the benefit of com-parison is available. "Today the farm market is tre-mendous, and fairs enable merchan-disers to have important, personal contact with potential customers. It is because of this that old-line com-panies have tents, if nothing else, at which to greet their patrons."

Best for New Products Fairs are the greatest advertising medium for a new product, Ammon maintained, adding that he spoke not only as a fair man but as a publisher and as a former owner of a bill-posting company. Dwelling on other values of fairs, he called them "a valuable social

he called them "a valuable social force, which each year becomes more important." "A State fair is the greatest single co-operative effort in a State," Am-mon said. Culturally, they provide the greatest common meeting grounds for when and rural folks. It is for urban and rural folks. It is there that city and farm folk come together, think together, work to-gether and play together."

Make for Understanding

Make for Understanding "There was a time when the city man asked farmers for their support. That's changing. Now the per-centage of people living on farms is lower. Now it is important that the city man understand rural life. If fairs make no other contribution than serving as a common ground of un-derstanding, they have paid their costs many times over," he insisted. "Society as a whole benefits from lower prices as a result of fairs; lower prices have been made possi-ble thru the knowledge disseminated

ble thru the knowledge disseminated at fairs."

He maintained that fairs "have done more to spread information on the production of pure-bred cattle than any other force.

Lists Contributions

Lists Contributions Emphasizing the agricultural na-ture of most fairs, he said, "originally they were practically entirely de-voted to agriculture. And even to-day they are largely agricultural. Fairs were the first point of display-ing agricultural materials. The early fairs offered premiums for the best plow, cultivator, etc. As a matter of fact, the first State fair in Wis-consin paid more for farm machinery

For Calif. Site

Dean says 5 tracts considered for new location of annual—runs 11 days

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 17.— State Finance Director James S. Dean has announced that five tracts in this vicinity are being given "detailed consideration" and a sixth has been inspected in the search for a new California State Fair site. Dean said two or three months of tudy will be required before a de

study will be required before a de-cision can be reached. The survey factors include water supplies, traffic problems and accessibility. Future development possibilities also will be a large factor. Dean declined to give

a large factor. Dean declined to give the specific location of each piece of property under consideration. The Legislature has appropriated some \$5,000,000 for the acquistion of a new fair site and initial con-struction projects. Salvage value of the present plant at Stockton Boule-vard and Fifth Avenue is estimated at \$2,500,000.

Seek 600 to 800 Acres

Seek 600 to 800 Acres A tract comprising from 600 to 800 acres has been proposed to allow for expansion of the exposition on a scale impossible at the existing site. This year's 11-day annual event, scheduled for September, will be held on the old site, but many more dis-plays and millions of dollars' worth of additional exhibits will be fea-tured, it is said. Theme will be of the Gold Rush period, with the early California atmosphere being stressed and actual scenes being recreated in colorful

scenes being recreated in colorful settings.

Gold Panning Contest Set

Covered wagons, prairie schooners

Covered wagons, prairie schooners and other vehicles, which brought thousands to the West in search of gold, will be among the exhibits. Tenative plans include a gold pan-ning contest; a fire-fighting com-petition, using hand pumps, and a display of early California newspa-pers pers

Competitions will include selection of the persons with the closest like-ness to General Vallejo, Capt. John Sutter and other pioneers.

Pa. Farm Show Dates

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 17.— Pennsylvania's Farm Show, which an-nually attracts more than a half mil-lion persons in a five-day run, has been scheduled for January 10-14, 1949, the farm show commission announced this week.

than it did for livestock. That equipment then was made by farmers or by blacksmiths."

Improvements in grains and in fruits have been popularized at fairs,

fruits have been popularized at fairs, Ammon recounted. "It is axiomatic that only that which is vital lives. Farmers, like churches and schools, have made valuable contributions or they would not have lived. And, like churches and schools, fairs continue to serve in a growing world," he concluded.

Ôkays \$82,000 Building Plan

NAPA, Calif., April 17.—County supervisors have approved plans and specifications of a proposed \$82,000 exhibit building for the Calistoga fairgrounds and have authorized a call for bids on the project. The bid call is subject to the ap-proval of County Engineer E. P. Ball, with the date set for April 27

with the date set for April 27. Sam Kellett, Calistoga County Fair manager, stated that the building, 122x192 feet, will house exhibits previously shown under canvas. Project funds are furnished by the State. Kellett said the building will be ready for this year's event in July. He said the main shelter will be com-pleted by that time and interior de-tails can be completed after the fair. Also presented for approval of the supervisors was a preliminary pre-mium list calling for distribution of \$23,000.

Sked 48 Fairs For New York All but two plan night

grandstand shows-Owego has earliest' opening

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—Fifty societies will conduct 48 agricultural fairs in New York State this year, it was announced this week by the De-partment of Agriculture and Markets.

Opening July 25 with the Owego annual, the fair season will run until September 24, closing date for both the Dundee and Cobleskill fairs. New York City's fair will be staged in-doors at Madison Square Garden from December 6 to 12. All but two of the fairs will-in-

clude night shows in their programs, the exceptions being Kingston and Avon. Following the usual custom,

Avon. Following the usual custom, two fairs in each of two counties will be conducted jointly. The Rensselaer County Agricultural and Horticul-tural and Liberal Arts Society of Rensselaer County will combine in a fair at Schaghticoke early in Sep-tember while the Gouverneur fair will be operated jointly by the St. Lawrence County Agricultural So-ciety and the Gouverneur Agricul-tural and Mechanical Society in Au-gust. gust.

gust. Commissioner C. Chester DuMond commented favorably on the added emphasis of youth activities at vir-tually all fairs and the increasing tendency to create more consumer interest in the State's agricultural meduate products.



WACO, Tex., April 17.—Heart o' Texas Free Fair and Exposition will be held here October 25-31, according to an announcement this week by Tommy Stevens, secretary. Plans to again hold the fair, Stevens said, are an effort to keep the spark kindled towards the future great fair that is being planned for Waco.

being planned for Waco. A tent has been purchased to house exhibits and work to put the plant in shape is slated to start soon. Stress will be given this year toward school participation in exhibits, Stevens stated, and a number of entertain-ment features will be contracted. The American Knitting Institute plans to send to the exposition top

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proval or rejection of those handled

proval or rejection of those handled by the park concessionaires. A box-lunch set-up will be pro-vided for mass feeding. These lunches and soft drinks will be sold on the grounds, and picnic-type tables and benches will be installed. The big thing, apart from the spec, figures to be the exhibit of railroad equipment. All of the latest will be on display. In some instances, crack trains will be in for only two or three days, the limit they can be spared from service. In the main, however, the same units will be on the sidings thruout the fair's run. These units will range from com-plete trains to single cars, and will

plete trains to single cars, and will include glass-domed coaches, all-aluminum freight cars, refrigerator cars, postal cars, army hospital cars, and, if it can be completed in time, a new-style coach, with kitchen, from which bot meals are served in paper which hot meals are served in paper containers.

Equipment of another era, such as the first locomotive, also will be dis-played, pointing out the advances in railroading.

Apart from equipment on the sid-ings, each railroad—or in some cases a group of railroads—will have its own exhibits. It is at these that the railroads, many of whom are guarding their plans closely, are expected to break out with showmanship. One line serving the West is known to be flirting with the idea of having a boarding car, such as used by con-struction gangs, to serve family-style meals from the traditional long table. Another is thinking in terms of a chuck wagon to convey the dude ranch appeal of the area it serves. One is regarded as certain to present trick and fancy roping as a special trick and fancy roping as a special

Various States will put on their own exhibits, and indications are that these will be highly animated.

these will be highly animated. Veterans at fair management are in charge of arrangements. Lenox R. Lord, president of the Museum of Science and Industry here, who was general manager of the Century of Progress, is general manager. Mass-mann is in charge of exhibits, as well as overseeing concession arrange-ments, with C. B. (Chris) Watrous as his aid. Watrous also served as Mass-mann's assistant in the Century of Progress. Progress.

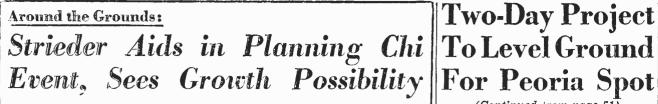
In the advance build-up, the fair's publicity department, headed by Fred E. Ashley, will rely on cuffo news-paper, radio and television plugs and the powerful advertising schedules

paper, radio and television plugs and the powerful advertising schedules expected to be flashed by participat-ing railroads. The fair may well prove a boon to the first Cook County Fair, which is slated to run concurrently the last 10 days. The county fair is to be held at Soldier Field and the area immedi-ately adjacent. Unlike the railroad fair, the county fair will have a mid-way, with the Johnny J. Jones Ex-position slated to play the date. While it may help the Cook County Fair, the railroad show may take some of the edge off the Wisconsin Centennial Exposition, scheduled to run 23 days, starting August 7, at Milwaukee, an hour and a half rail run from Chicago, and from some of the smaller annuals held not far from this city. this city.

craftsmen in the art of needlework who will conduct a free school during the fair.

FAIRS-EXPOSITIONS

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Veteran P. T. (Pa) Strieder, gen-eral manager of the Florida State Fair, Tampa, in Chicago for two Fair, Tampa, in Chicago for two weeks as a consultant on plans for the first Cook County Fair to be staged at Soldier Field this summer, waxed enthusiastic over the plans for the event as he neared the end of his two-week stay. Strieder de-voted himself to laying the plans for the agricultural and educational ev voted himself to laying the plans for the agricultural and educational ex-hibits of the fair. He expressed satisfaction over the interest and en-thusiasm shown by agricultural and allied groups of the county and said he believes the Chicago event has the possibilities of growing into a big annual event.

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participation show, will be aired from the Illinois State Fair, Springfield. The fair's old floriculture building is The fair's old floriculture building is being given a thoro going over in preparation. It will be set up to seat 1,800. In recent years radio shows at the Springfield Fair have been presented in the poultry build-ing, which was available because the poultry shows those years were canceled due to the Newcastle disease.

Rube Liebman, sales representative of Barnes-Carruthers Theatrical Enterprises, was a recent Chicago visitor. in from his headquarters in coming Des Moines.

John W. Leahy, general manager, and C. Irving Jervis, assistant man-ager, have a crew of men already at work on the Danbury (Conn.) fairgrounds in preparation for the annual's 75th diamond jubilee show-3. This year 60 free attractions, addition to the Sportsman's Show, ing. will be offered patrons. The fair will operate for nine days beginning October 2. No night shows are scheduled.

Supervisors of Placer County have awarded the contract for construction of the main exhibit building at the county fairgrounds in Roseville, Calif., to the Younger Construction Company, San Francisco, for \$87,987.

Jim Muldowney, manager of the Rhode Island State Fair, Kingston, was in New York recently making tentative arrangements for the biggest entertainment program in the history of the annual. Year-round activity is also planned.

Gaylord R. Lewis, one-time manager of Ohio State Fair, Columbus, who now serves as consultant to fairs, is recovering at his Findlay, O., home from a gall bladder operation. He writes that he will be back in circulation by the end of the month.

Jimmie Lynch Shows



Union Backs Project The campaign leading up to the actual construction of the plant has been intensive and has drawn wide-spread support, as evidenced by the interest in the earth-moving project. The equipment for this will come from three States. Some of the leading manufacturers of this equipment have huge plants

Two-Day Project

of this equipment have huge plants here and they are lending staunch support. Private operators and county agencies also will participate heavily with occurrent with equipment.

National Interest Created

National Interest Created Lieut, Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, chief of engineers, United States Army, a native Peorian, heads the committee in charge, and he will di-rect the gigantic operation. It is esti-mated that 250,000 cubic yards of dirt will be moved in two days. A huge battery of floodlights, also fur-nished free, will provide illumination for night operation. for night operation. In addition to saving the exposition

\$125,000, speeding up the actual earth-moving, and building local good will, the project is expected to focus at-tention upon Péoria and its co-opera-tive effort to create facilities for year-round amusements.

Advance reservations have been made by national magazines, wire services, newsreels, racio stations and by one television station, WBKB, Chicago, for coverage.





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Establish Central **Offices in Chicago** CHICAGO, April 17.—Central of-fices of the Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers have been transferred to 203 North Wabash here. The Jackson-ville, Fla., office will continue in op-eration, but all publicity and operational business will be handled from Chicago, Earl Newberry stated. The company also has a garage in Youngstown, O., where most of the mechanical work is done.

Jimmie Van Cise will continue to handle all operations of the snows, with Earl Newberry heading the publicity and booking activities. Leo Overland again is Midwest unit manager.

Newberry reports the heaviest Newberry reports the heaviest booking since the inception of the Lynch show. First date of the sea-son is set May 14 at Norfolk. Final date of the season, as in the past, will be at the Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport, October 30. Early still dates will include engagements in Richmond, Va.; Akron, Dayton, O., Cincinnati, Louisville, Detroit, Mil-waukee and Saginaw, Mich.

Both Jimmie Lynch Jr. and Sr. will Both Jimmie Lynch Jr. and Sr. will participate in this year's shows, head-ing the driving department. Percy Rademacher will top the clown de-partment. At some engagements Helen Howe, billed as the Dynamite Girl, and Capt. F. F. Frakes and Harry Pollak will offer special fea-tures tures.

CARNIVALS Communications to 155 No. Clark St., Chicago 1, Ill.

Rail Shows Keep Fingers Crossed as Ban Is Lifted

WASHINGTON, April 17.-Lifting of Order 69 by the Office of Defense WASHINGTON, April 17.—Lifting of Order 69 by the Office of Defense Transportation this week has provided outdoor showfolk with a suddenly brightened picture which still is lined, however, with a few clouds. A. G. Gass, chief of ODT's railroad division, told *The Billboard* that "fairs and circuses have a green light to proceed at normalcy on coal-burning railroads," but the ODT acknowledged that some time may be involved in restoring normal movement as the result of diminished coal stockpiles. ODT expects, tho, that the situation will improve vastly in time for the shows to make their normal summer runs. ODT's lifting of the ban on circus move-ments on coal-burner lines came this week (14) shortly after John L. Lewis.

ments on coal-burner lines came this week (14) shortly after John L. Lewis, head of United Mine Workers, issued his back-to-work instruction to miners. The Lewis order had come none too soon for it is known that the ODT, which had already cut back freight usages to 50 per cent of nor-malcy, had been contemplating a deeper cut that might have shrunk freight movement to 25 per cent of normalcy. normalcy.

ODT issued a reminder that Order 69 could be "restored fast and without prior notice" if Lewis's miners fail to return to work rapidly enough or if another walkout develops in the event of an adverse Lewis ruling in Federal Court here Monday.

The speed with which freight movement can return to normalcy for car-nivals and circuses will depend largely on how fast the miners get back to the pits and start replenishing the stockpiles. At the week-end, about two thirds of the miners had returned. thirds of the miners had returned. Virtually assured by the lifting of the ban is the normal scheduling for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey and other shows which had faced a serious problem of midsum-mer appearances at communities on coal-burner lines. Railroads are ex-pected to share with other large in-ductries a priority on existing coal dustries a priority on existing coal stockpiles, it was pointed out here.

Joyland Plays Det. Date for **Joey Moss Post**

DETROIT, April 17.—A new site was opened to carnivals here Friday (16) when the Roscoe T. Wade Joy-land Midway Attractions debuted their presentations under auspices of Joey Moss Michigan's Showmen's Post No. 442 at Petersboro and Cass avenues. This location, a few doors from the Michigan Showmen's Clubrooms, never before has been played by a carnival.

The Legion post will receive the first \$500 of the gross for a clear benefit, with a split on the remainder of the proceeds. Five rides will fea-ture the attraction.

The site is unusual in that it is located directly across from a school, contrary to a city ordinance prohibit-ing a show within 500 feet of an edu-cational institution. School authoricational institution. School authori-ties, however, granted full approval because of the work done by the Legion post during the past year in sponsoring child welfare activities thruout the neighborhood. Proceeds from the carnival will go to the child welfare and veterans' rehabilitation funds of the post.

Amer. Midway Gets **Charro Fiesta Pact**

WEATHERFORD, Tex., April 17, -Don Brashear, owner and general manager of the American Midway Shows, reports he has received the contract for the 1949 Charro Days Fiesta at Brownsville, Tex.

He also reported obtaining a five-year contract for the International Rapids, Ia.



Sothern Tops Midway

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Heavy patronage that kept four ticket sellers patronage that kept four ticket sellers busy on the main pay-gate and the two side gates of the James E. Strates Shows during their 10-day stand here, ended last Saturday (10), set a new attendance record that far surpassed the 1946-'47 figures. This was the show's first date of the season.

All show attractions grossed big money in keeping with the heavy attendance. The rides earned consid-erably more money than in former years. Georgia Sothern's *Night on Broadway*, featured unit, topped the midway. Nate Eagle's midgets scored, having built repeat business here in former appearances former appearances. George Murray's Lion Drome, fea-

turing Don Easdale, legless rider, registered heavily. The unit has been rebuilt to handle more patrons. Claude Bentley, side show operator, reported good business. Weather during the engagement in-

Weather during the engagement in-cluded rain, sunshine and near-freez-ing temperature. James Strepelis received a Lucas Boat Ride here. It topped all other units in his Kiddieland. The Hi-Ball did good business during the few days it operated. Show personal was grieved by the

Show personnel was grieved by the death Tuesday (6) of John (Tony) Gordon, for 12 years penny-pitch concessionaire. Services were held here and burial was in the National Show-men's Association plot in Ferncliffe Cemetery, N. Y.

Prell Garners Par Biz at Durham, N. C.

DURHAM, N. C., April 17.—Busi-ness here was up to par for Prell's Broadway Shows which ended a week's engagement Saturday (10). Aiding attendance greatly was the scheduling of special busses to the showgrounds by the Duke Power Company Company. The Motordrome operated by the

Barro Brothers, Jake Ottman's 10-in-1 and Bob White's Scandals gar-nered the top show grosses. Top nered the top show grosses. Top ride money was earned by Bill Syl-vester's Kiddieland, the new Hi-Ball, the Merry-Go-Round managed by Al Reisinger and the Tilt-a-Whirl, han-

dled by Morgan. Refurbishing is still continuing under the direction of Don Crown and Tony Caruso. Cash Miller has or-dered new animals for his Wild Life Show. Rachell Lillie and Pat Burd have taken over the mitt camp.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hasson, Frank Caravella, Benny Herman, Brownie Smith and Bill Page.

Fiesta at Eagle Pass, Tex., and a pact for the July 4th Celebration at Rock

Wilmington Cops Slough Sothern

WILMINGTON, Del., April 17.-Georgia Sothern, recruited from the ranks of burlesque strippers by James E. Strates, owner of the shows bear-I. Strates, owner of the shows bear-ing his name, for her first appearance under canvas, ran into a snag Wednesday (14), the second week of the season, when she was fined \$125 and costs by Judge Thomas Herlihy Jr., on a lewdness charge. The pinch was made Monday night (12) following the second show.

Attorney David B. Cox Jr., repre senting Georgia, argued that the per-formance was merely for amusement formance was merely for amusement and entertainment. Assistant City Solicitor Charles L. Paruszewski an-swered that the act incited desires. Judge Herlihy decided that Georgia should have checked with authorities before giving her show. She did not appeal the fine.

W.C.Kaus Opens **Big at New Bern**

NEW BERN, N. C., April 17.-NEW BERN, N. C., April 17.--The W. C. Kaus Shows, which winter here, opened the 1948 season here April 2-10, and when the final tabu-lation was in it showed all hands made money. Slim Barry, who has a ball game on the show and who is a ball game on the show and who is known for being conservative when it comes to telling about grosses, re-ported "a very big week." He was just one of many who reported get-ting plenty of folding money. He was

Last June a city ordinance was passed here "restricting" carnivals. General Manager Russ Owens, Graves Perry, general agent, and George Perry, general agent, and George Whitehead, business manager, served notice on the city council this winter that if the Kaus org couldn't ex-hibit in the town it would move its winter quarters elsewhere. The mayor, it was reported, called a spe-cial meeting of the council, which

cial meeting of the council, which also was attended by various local business men, to discuss the situa-tion. The outcome was that the Kaus org was granted the permit. Marie Kaus, owner-operator, and daughter, Cathy, were on hand for the opening. Mrs. Kaus presented her sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Russ Owens, with a bouquet of roses as a good luck token. Mrs. Kaus will not travel with the shows this year. this year.

At the opening here the shows had eight major rides, three kiddie rides and eight shows. The light plants and six light towers are all office-owned. The 42 concessions are inde-pendents.

(Dust Ball) Lewis and Walter (Dust Ball) Lewis and Lloyd Thomas purchased a new 32passenger bus to convey the personnel of their Swingland Minstrel Revue, which has a cast of 17 performers and 10 musicians.

Karl Alzara has 14 acts in the 160-foot side show. Sid Alcido's Sky Rockets are the free act.

Hilda Lamb Takes Own Life; Was Ex-Mrs. Harry Hennies

Was EX-MFS. Marry mennies AMBOY, Ind., April 17.—Hilda Lamb, 30, former wife of Harry Hen-nies, owner of Hennies Bros.' Shows, ended her life Wednesday (14) by shooting herself with a 22-caliber rifle while in her car at a Rochester, Ind., service station. Interment will be held today at the Amboy Odd Fellows' Cemetery here. Relatives said she had been in a

Fellows' Cemetery here. Relatives said she had been in a highly nervous condition for several days before she took her life. She was divorced from Hennies in 1947. She is survived by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Lamb, and a brother, Donald, all of whom reside here.

NSA Seeks 100G for **Own Home**

Decker Drive Chairman

NEW YORK, April 17.—A drive was launched this week by the Na-tional Showmen's Association and its sister organization, the Ladies' Auxsister organization, the Ladies' Aux-iliary, to raise \$100,000 for purchase of its own building in the Times Square area. Ralph Decker, co-own-er of the Joseph J. Kirkwood Shows and chairman of the ways and means committee, will head the drive, as-sisted by Lydia Nall, chairlady of the auxiliary ways and means committee auxiliary ways and means committee.

Bulk of the revenue is expected to be secured thru a ducat-selling campaign featuring large prizes. In ad-dition, it is expected that some of the money raised thru the annual jam-borees staged by nearly all member shows will be available for the building fund.

50G Jamboree Goal

George A. Hamid, president emeritus and chairman of the jamboree committee, presided at the regular meeting Wednesday (14). He said that the jamboree goal has been placed at \$50,000 for the season.

Elaborating, Hamid said that the 42 show-owner members of the asso-42 show-owner members of the asso-ciation might average \$1,000 contri-butions since the World of Mirth has contributed as much as \$5,000 in the past and the James E. Strates and the Cetlin & Wilson Shows also turn in hefty contributions hefty contributions.

Sam Rothstein, Jack McCormick and Max Hoffman, association counselors, were appointed to survey pos-sible sites. Hamid pointed out that buying a suitable building here, par-ticularly in the midtown section, would be costly undertaking, but that \$100,000 could swing the deal.

Walter K. Sibley, executive secre-Walter K. Sibley, executive secre-tary, was formulating tentative plans for a bond issue, designed to finance a club-owned building, until inter-rupted by illness. He was operated on Thursday (15) at Lenox Hill Hos-pital and, altho reports on his condi-tion are good, it will be several weeks before he can take an active part in the campaign the campaign.

Clawson Resigns Cavalcade Post

MOBILE, Ala., April 17.-Ralph MOBILE, Ala, April 11.—Italph Clawson has resigned as manager of Al Wagner's Cavalcade of Amuse-ments. The resignation was effec-tive Saturday (10) during the org's first stand of the season, Al Wagner said.

Clawson remained here following his resignation and did not comment on his future plans.

Johnny Jones Opens At Jacksonville, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 17.-The Johnny J. Jones Exposition bowed for the season here Saturday (10), drawing a satisfactory opening turnout. Kids' matinee had a fair turnout, and the night play was good. Given good weather thru the early days of the stand, org's business held up well.

Feature of the exploitation was several radio shows which carried interviews of Honey Lee Walker, talker on Follies of 1948. Shows' next stand is in Washington,

which looms as a big date.



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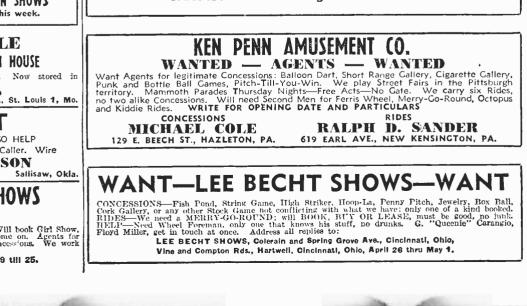
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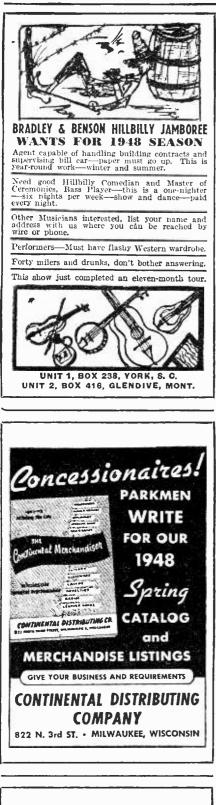
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At Columbus, Ga., Monday (12) the show did good business, getting a three-quarter matinee and a straw at night, this despite the fact the show had as opposition the opening game of the Columbus baseball season.

At Griffin, Ga., aided by ideal weather, the show had an overflow at night and a three-quarter matinee. It was the first circus to play Griffin in several years. Advance publicity was excellent,

Staff Named The complete staff of the show at opening Staff Named The complete staff of the show at opening was as follows: Floyd King, owner-manager; James M. Beach, general agent; M. C. Carter, treasurer; L. D. Hall, superintendent; Arthur Stahlman, superintendent of concessions; F. L. Anders and A. C. Bradley, legal adjusters; Walter Rogers, chief mechanic; Walter Nealand, gen-eral press representative; Fred Roberts, con-tracting press agent; Mal Fleming, advance press agent; Tom Watkins, press agent with show; Emmett Sims, national publicity direc-tor; Joe Sullivan, advertising managet; Charles Poplin, equestrian director; Enoch Brafford, superintendent of canvas; Jack Bell, bandmaster; Al J. Daigle, superintendent of transportation; Charles Poplin, superintendent of electrical department; Napolean Reed, su-perintendent of dining department; Steve Kuzmicz, manager advertising car No. 1; C. H. Shepard, 24-hour agent; Chester Gregory, side show manager; J. C. Rosenheim, pit show manager; James Conway, superintendent of front door; Fred Hayes, superintendent of front door; Fred Hayes, superintendent of front door; Fred Hayes, superintendent of front door; Lette seller Simith; Vicki Kernan, tax box; Eddie Aikens, boss property-man; B. S. Stermak, downtown ticket sale; Jack Dean, Franko Richards, Tom Henderson, Henry Johnson, ticket sellers; Jimmie Wynn, side show boss canvasman; Jack Neville, as-sistant big top boss canvasman; Frank Sotiro, sail-maker; C. H. Emerson, boss painter,

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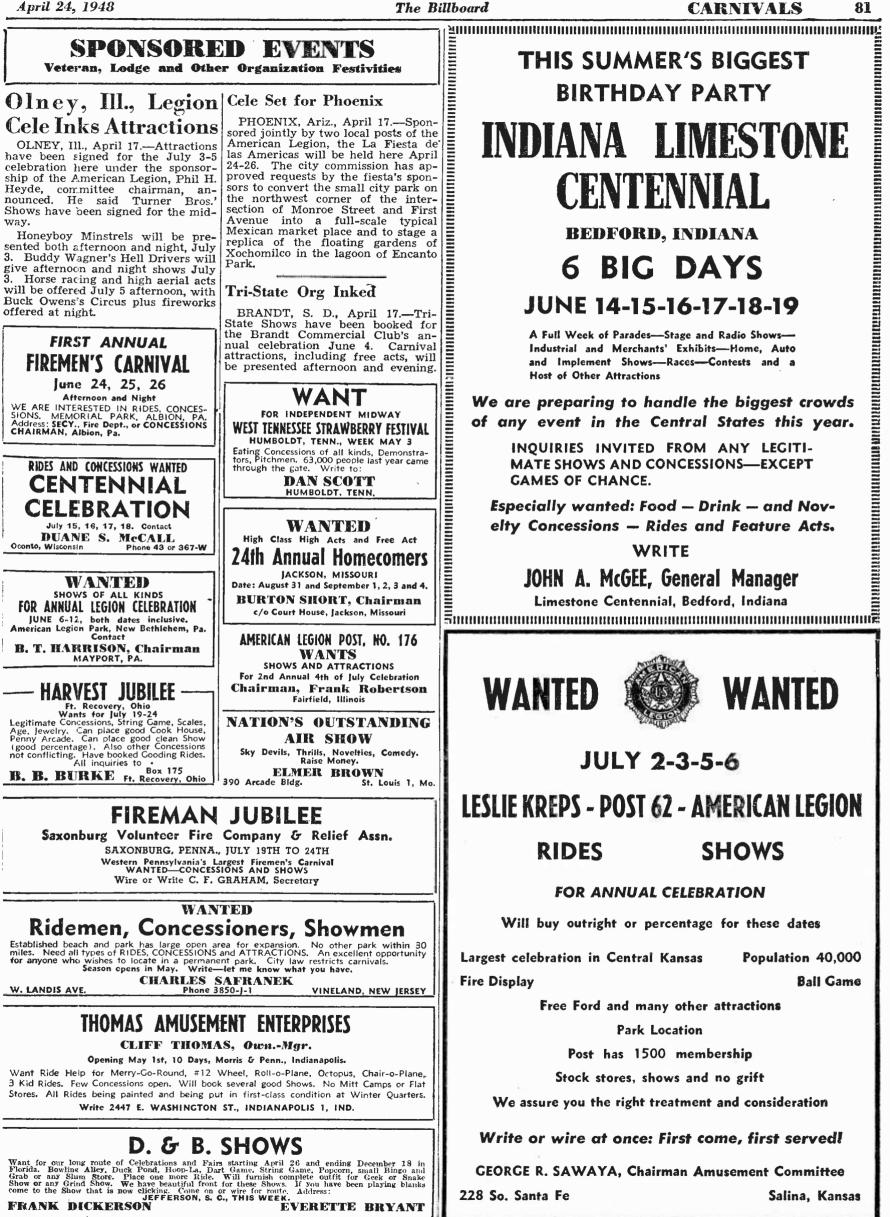


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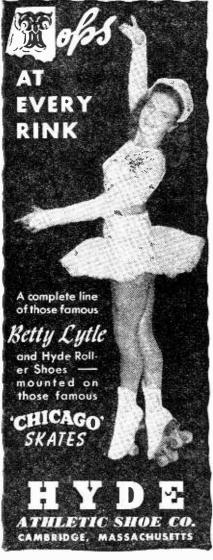
AOW Competition Sets New Records With Twin City's Club Nudging Mount Vernon

250 Skaters Compete; Charlotte Ludwig Wins 5 Medals

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 17.—In competition so close that the outcome could not be determined until the final event was held, Twin City Skating Club of this city nosed out the Mount Vernon (N. Y.) Skating Club by four-terthe action of a point in the aight provided the provided tenths of a point in the eighth annual America on Wheels Championship held March 31-April 3 in Twin City Arena here.

Arena here. Sanctioned by the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association and officiated by that body, the con-tests which resulted in the handi-capped Twin City club regaining pos-session from Mount Vernon of the coveted AOW challenge trophy, was by all standards the best yet held, said William Schmitz, AOW general manager. Twin City will hold the trophy for one year and should the club succeed in winning it in 1949 the trophy will become a permanent Twin City possession. Daily attendance of spectators was

Daily attendance of spectators was high and the approximate 250 skaters in competition set an AOW record. The contests drew competitors from



onne, Hackensack, Perth Amboy, Trenton, Asbury Park and Passaic, all AOW spots. In all, skaters from five States and Washington competed. Steady Growth

Since inauguration in 1941 when a few skaters met in skate-dance com-petition in an AOW rink during the course of one evening, the champion-ships have grown to proportions cor-responding to growth of the AOW organization which is scheduled to add two links in its chain this fall at Bladensburg, Md., and Alexandria, Va. This year's contests, AOW's first four-day competitions, covered every class and event of competitive ama-teur roller skating. Altho the Twin City and Mount Vernon clubs led the field by com-fortable margins, officials were en-thusiastic in lauding the efforts of other competing clubs. This was espe-cially true of the club from National Arena, which has been in existence but o short time. Since inauguration in 1941 when a

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The most outstanding feat in the contests, or any other AOW meet, officials said, was the remarkable skating of Charlotte Ludwig, of Twin skating of Charlotte Ludwig, of Twin City, who broke all precedent by winning five first places, and thus copping five gold medals, in ladies' pairs, fours, junior dance and senior ladies' singles. Judging was done by George Ap-dale, president of the USARSA; Ozzie Nelson, association secretary; Donald Decker, Al McCullagh, Barbara Kil-lip Gallagher and Joseph Gibson.

Decker, Al McCullagh, Barbara Kil-lip Gallagher and Joseph Gibson. Climax of the competitions, as in the past, was a large dinner-dance the night of April 3, following the contests, at the local Elks Club. The affair was given by AOW for con-testants and officials. A high spot of the affair was the awarding of tro-phies to winning contestants phies to winning contestants.

Contests

Results: Juvenile girls' figures, Constance Sahlin, Boulevard; Patricia Johnson, Twin City, and Marion Eck-werth, Mount Vernon. Juvenile boys' werth, Mount Vernon. Juvenile boys' figures, George Cummings, Twin City; Albert Eckwerth, Mount Vernon, and William Shepherd, Twin City: Juve-nile dance, George Cummings and Patricia Johnson, Twin City; Albert Eckwerth and Norma Gullen, Mount Vernon, and William Shepherd and Bernice Mulhearn, Twin City. Juve-nile mixed pairs, Albert Eckwerth and Norma Gullen, Mount Vernon, and George Cummings and Patricia Johnson, Twin City. Novice ladies' figures, Ann Dickerman, Twin City; Lorraine Erling, Mount Vernon, and Alma Garaffa, Perth Amboy. Novice men's figures, Phil Pinto, Passaic; John L. Frank, Twin City, Novice dance, Chambers, Twin City, and George Chambers, Twin City. Novice dance, Jimmie Autieri and Joan Mayer, Mount Vernon; Leo Weber and Anne Raso, Mount Vernon, and George (See AOW Competition, opp. page)





FRED H. FREEMAN, operator of Bal-A-Roue Rollerway, Medford, Mass., and an executive of Dance-Tone Record Company and the Roller Skating Rink Opera-tors' Association of the United States, is shown here with the seven-foot eight-inch sailfish he caught recently in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Miami Beach, Fla., where he has been vacationing. It took nearly an hour to bring the 51-pound fish into the boat.

Roller Happy Kids of Caracas A Fertile Field for Promotion

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 17.-Caracas, city of 500,000 people, is roller skating mad but is without a rink. The big splurge got under way while the Skating Earls, U. S. act, played here at Coney Island and Luna Park, owned by Samuel Baker-man man.

The Earls were a big hit, and at an outdoor show at the baseball park in which the only other attraction was

Redondo Dance Party a Click; Tests Get Hypo REDONDO, Wash., April 17.

REDONDO, Wash., April 17.-Drawing skaters from eight rinks, success of a recent skate dance party sponsored by Redondo Dance and Figure Club at Redondo Skating Arena brought much favorable com-ment from patrons who expressed hope that another would be held soon, reported W. J. Betts, Arena operator. Organized last November 30 to re-place Redondo Roller Club, the new organization got under way Decem-ber 7 with a schedule of instructions set up by C. W. R. (Pat) Pattison, Redondo pro. Three months later 14 skaters had passed 20 tests. Those

Redondo pro. Three months later 14 skaters had passed 20 tests. Those passing the bronze dance test were Vicky and Earl Peterson, Shirley Mullen, Gene Goodwin, Joan Mat-thews and Dick Leavenworth. Helen Berg has passed her second test fig-ures, and the Petersons and Leaven-worth have passed their first test figures. Junior bar figure tests have been passed by Margie Williams, the Petersons, Jack and Bill Churchil, James Dossett, Virginia Throop, Phyllis Ralston, Margie Mack and Leavenworth. Leavenworth.

Leavenworth. Interest in the proficiency tests of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association of the United States has increased since the skating of these tests, said Betts. Twenty-four skaters in the club now have passed 49 tests. Amateurs of Portland, Ore., judged the tests, including Will Whitcombe, chairman, Panel 75; Majorie Settle, Panel 75, Rollerdrome, and A. Steno-vec, Panel 43, Imperial Roller Rink.

Johnny Price, baseball comedian, at tracted 10,000 admissions.

So many kids are now roller skat ing that the city has roped off som streets in Los Caobos and other park: hoping to get them off the streets.

The last rink in Caracas was buil in 1941 by Cesar Ruiz, former U. S vaudeville actor, but he sold out afte a few weeks, and it folded a few weeks afterward, because C the heavy damage to the rink an equipment. But maybe seven year has made a difference in the temper ament of the people. ament of the people. At least thre persons are said to be looking fo spots to put in a rink.



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RINKS AND SKATERS



the destruction by fire early Tuesday (13) of the new Milford Roller Rink and restaurant on the highway to Lincoln south of here. Flames swept rapidly thru the frame structure, built last year, and firemen from five volunteer com-panies could save only an adjacent store and an apartment above, and a food freezer locker nearby.

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Cause of the blaze, discovered at 2:30, was undetermined. All prop-erties, including the rink and restaurant, the store and apartment, and the food locker, were owned by Charles Ingram, who lived in the apartment above the store. Some water damage was caused to furniture in the resi-dence and to the store, firemen said. The single-floor rink and restau-

rant, 100 feet long and 60 feet wide, was left a pile of blackened embers. Loss was partially covered by insurance.

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are going to get the biggest tip this R.B OPENING NOTES joint ever had. (Open the doors! Clear the floor! Shills to the front!) (Continued from page 48)

National Showmen's Association, was Get me a deck of cards and some noted in the lobby before and after His magic was about to bethe show. gin. It was about midnight by this

the show. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lichter, active NSA members (he is the sparkplug of the Veterans' Fund), stayed right thru the end of the lengthy three-hour and 20-minute show. Aerialist Al Powell, whose experi-Atomic Ball Point pens if he had had them with him. He blamed it all

Aerialist Al Powell, whose experi-ence parallels the recent history of the circus, spent most of his time watching the imported Mandos Sisters, when he reached his rigging and found it not to his liking. Melvin D. Hildreth, Washington attorney for the Big One and CFA member, caught the opening and did not appear worried about the con-tinuing coal strike which made it necessary for the show train to move here as freight. The show is not faced with another rail move until it closes here Sunday night, May 9. The circus program, again pub-

The circus program, again pub-lished by Harry S. Dube, has an attractive clown-head cover with a black background. The book appears to be the most successful ever, since it is loaded with ads, mostly in color. Paramount Pictures has scheduled the shooting of circus scenes in the Garden for one of its Pacemaker short subjects

climb them any more." 'So with tears in his eyes, he bids the knights of the tripes, the pitch keister and the audience a sad good-bye. He will go back where the hills are on the level, including the natives and him-self. That's the blow-off. Watch for his book; it's going to be a honey." Notables attending included Mike Todd and Joan Blondell, Peter Arno and Rube Goldberg.

HENRY SHAPIRO Louis Lobarsky and son, Joe, and Larry Simes are pitching balloons along Milwaukee's Wisconsin Avenue, and Harold (Buzz) Wagner is re-ported clicking it off with the new candy business he recently launched in the Cream City. **POLACK BROS. WESTERN**

(Continued from page 59) second act reported in from Orrin Davenport dates. Frieda Wiswell modeled the new wardrobe for the Wiswells' contemplated "bar" act. Gus Bell exhibited the building ap-paratus for the Ward-Bell new act which debuts in Sacramento. Parents of Betty Bell, Harry Dann, and Jo

of Betty Bell, Harry Dann, and Jo Madison visited during the engage-ment. Show received some uncx-pected publicity when the most widely read columnist in these parts fea-tured Dwight Moore and His Dogs by comparing dog training with child psychology. The story was prompted psychology. The story by Dwight's broadcast.

Don Dorsey and Josephine Bero-sini also made a night life column, not from their performances in the ring but from their torrid version of the rumba at a local nightery. A wire recording of the performance, with necessary dialog by Announcer Jack Klein was made. Mrs. Heinz-man joined her husband, Franzcisco, for the California trek. A new Pull-man-like trailer was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Majeyski. Wal-ter's mother-in-law, Vona Reed, is again taking candy floss on fairs this season. The dressing room card sharks were taken by "off again, on again" Chester Stanley, of the other unit. —HAROLD BARNES.

POLACK BROS. EASTERN

(Continued from page 59) excitement when she chose to make her own exit rather than use the narrow ramp provided. Several rows of patrons lost little time in leaving the scene of meanderings.

Marsha Lewis, who planed to San Francisco to attend the funeral of her aunt, has returned. Likewise, Mr. Randow, looking chipper following his critical illness. Nita Borza had her long tresses cut,

much to the surprise of everyone. Del-Ray, sway pole, joined the show in Norfolk. Ray Wilbert is back after an eye operation. Also returned

is the Great Barton. He took a plane trip to Sweden. Latest rumor has it that Nate Lewis

and Kinko are planning a sensational

and Kinko are planning a sensational double trapeze. Visitors in Norfolk included Doc Holland, circus fan who clowned one show; Ruby Larkin, balancer; Gilbert and Lillian Wilson, and the writer's mother and family.—BILLY BAR-TON.

around.

daughter Judy.

JOE SEDLER . JOE SEDLER . . . is still working the same corner, Third and Wisconsin Avenue, in Mil-

BEN AND MAY SCHWARTZ'S

sandwich shop is still a popular meet-ing place for pitchfolk and show peo-

ple in downtown Milwaukee, with most of Ben's conversation being

woven around his pride and joy,

waukee. HARVEY BRUSS . . . ex-pitchie, is now on the Milwaukee

police force.

GEORGE TRUCHAN JR.

who gave up pitching some time ago to take a job in the Milwaukee post office, has just been handed a pro-motion calling for more do-re-mi.

HENRY H. VARNER . . . inks from Akron that he recently bumped into Aungus Hanley, for-merly featured hoofer with *Hit the Deck* and now a big shot with the Pittsburgh Steel Company's foundry at Glassport, Pa. Varner opines that spring must be here. As the weather is warmer, he has discarded his benny, and he netted a pat on the back from the Chicago sales manager the other the Chicago sales manager the other day.



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SALESBOARD SIDELIGHTS

Reuben Berkowitz, Bee-Jay Products, Inc., Chicago, general manager, reports that the firm will shortly release a brand-new idea in salesboards. All four floors of Bee-Jay are perking busily on this and other board numbers. ... Gopher Distributing Company, St. Paul, will present its salesboards and novelties at the combined North and South Dakota and Wisconsin Music Operators' Association and Minnesota Amusement Games Association meet at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, April 26-27.

Harold Boex, Pioneer Manufac-turing Company (Chicago) vice-president, and William Wollpert, sales manager, were kept on their toes last week greeting visitors and signing the old dotted line at firm's exhibit at the NATD meet. Display, on the Palmer House eighth floor, presented a new line of girl boards, of the six tickets in a hole and three-in-a-hole type, among other types.

Harlich Manufacturing Company, Chicago, reports thru Sales Manager Sam Feldman an unusually heavy pick-up in orders the past week. Kenny Anderson, one of the firm's artists, after becoming a father last week, introduced the new addition to his home Friday afternoon (16), Sam says. . . . Consolidated Manufacturing Company (Chicago) officials put in a busy week at firm's display at the NATD meet in Chi's Palmer House last week. The 76 new boards introduced were well received, according to the Sax boys, Chester, Arnold and Irving, who were present at the showing.

Charles Leedy, Gardner & Com-pany (Chicago) sales manager, leaves the city on a two-week Western trip Monday (19). First stop, Denver, with Cheyenne, Wyo., second. He will cover California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Firm's assistant sales

manager, Maury Kaye, recently re-ceived a plaque from a large airline announcing his completion of 300,000 miles on their planes. John Rife, Gardner's popular assistant sales manager for the Mountain States, was in Chicago last week paying the home office a visit. Gardner's private bar justified its existence last week, Charles Leedy states. During the NATD meet here it proved to be a central meeting place for many visi-tors from the Midwest and more distant areas. Among those dropping in for a look-see at the plant were J. P. O'Brien, Dallas; brothers Frank and William Hagerty, New Orleans; John (Slim) Rose, Wichita, Kan.; Frank Petrie, Jackson, Miss.: Clyde Dowd, Norfolk; Miss Bessie Falk, Boise, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Jack New-man, Butte, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmer, San Francisco; I. Sha-piro, Denver; Henry A. Green, Miami; Fred Barger, Bridgeport, Conn.; Wil-liam A. Hunt, New York; M. Epstein, Barrie, Vt.; Tony Vitali, Springfield, liam A. Hunt, New York; M. Epstein, Barrie, Vt.; Tony Vitali, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmes, Port-land, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Don White-head, Salt Lake City, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Springer, Seattle. Mrs. Springer won the \$65 John Fredericks original hat award at the NATD women's luncheon Wednesday (14).

manager, Maury Kaye, recently re-





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UNDER THE MARQUEE

(Continued from page 59) "The show is protected thru rain surance."

L. T. (Pete) Christian, Richmond, Va., caught the Big Show at Madison Square Garden April 11 while in New York on a business trip.

Jack (Corrigan the Cop) Disch worked the Chamber of Commerce Home Show at Monroe, Wis., April 5-7

For some time we've had the freight rates of tomorrow—show trains may follow later.

T. Dwight Pepple, Polack Bros.' general agent, visited at the home of Harry and Marge Chipman, Yakima, Wash.

Charles (Jonesy) Jones, stagehand in Cleveland, will be boss prop man for Orrin Davenport in Washington this week.

A circus cook always has friends in the kitchen even if there are only a few of them at tables.

Eddie McFadden, Lowell, Mass., in the Canal Zone for the past eight years, writes that he recently visited the Grand American Circus.

Bill Green, press agent for Polack Bros.' Eastern Unit, has been joined by his mother for the three months tour of the circus in Texas.

A beginner is one who clings to the oldfashioned idea that he can hold his twoweek holdback as safe as an office can.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Douglas, West Chester, Pa., visited Eddie Jackson in New York recently. Jackson is serving his fourth consecutive season as steward of Ringling-Barnum.

Bobby Donovan, with Cole Bros., rated a two-column action picture recently, in *The Louisville Courier-Journal*, showing her riding her horse, Duke.

Workingmen who during the war abused their bosses are barred off some shows, which should teach them to not do it again until there is another man shortage.

Frank Austen, the past six seasons with Cole Bros.' Circus, will be on the advance of the Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros.' Circus this season, reports Bob Rever.

Both the Ringling and Clyde Beatty circuses will have branch clubs of the Sara-Circo Club this season. Mrs. Mary Jane Miller will head the Big Show group, while Mrs. Gladys Staley will head the Beatty club.

Yesteryear circusman was a rugged individualist in the day when no rugged individualist could be scared by a bad spring.

Bill Kinley, recently released from the hospital at Sandusky, O., visited the Chicago office of The Billboard Thursday (15). Formerly with the

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in- side show on Cole Bros., Kinley says in- he may be back with that org shortly.

Donald Marcks cards that his miniature circus walked off with top honors at the Fresno, Calif., Exchange Show, and that he saw Bailey Bros.' Circus in Redwood City and San Mateo, Calif.

One question never answered is whether a side show oddity, at the age of 60, likes to be depicted on a banner as a boy.

Earl Annon, who with his brother, Karl, have Annon Bros.' movie theater in the South, was recently in Reading, Pa., buying equipment for a No. 2 outfit. Ray Brison sold them 200 folding chairs.

Bill Bailey, clown, reports that he worked the Veterans of Foreign Wars indoor circus in Memphis April 1-3 along with Bill Bentley, producing clown, and his wife; Happy Maxwell, Jack Darling and Henry Mason.

Disorganizers who deliberately break rules of circuses should be shown what showmen do in such cases, alse deliberately.

Milt Herriott, horse and pony trainer formerly with the Cole, Mills Bros. and Kelly-Miller shows, has opened a circus stock training barn in St. Peter, Minn. His son, John, is associated with him.

Conrad H. Jespersen, former band leader, who recently underwent a major operation, is recuperating at his home, 300 Middle Street, Fremont, O., and would like to hear from friends.

Reason the early-day Wild West Show Indians had to be sent back to reservations was because some showmen threatened to give their shows back to them.

Henry W. Mason, after playing indoor dates and appearing in theaters and movie houses, is with Dales Bros.' Circus, which opened at Union, S. C., April 10. He is clowning and working the come-in.

George Hubler and Eddie Clark had a week of dates with Patterson Bros. in Ohio and Michigan, following which they caught the opening of the Grotto Circus in Columbus, O., and opened the outdoor season with Dales Bros. in Union, S. C.

The thought of owning his own circus some day is what enables an old-timer to still hang around a stake-an-chain wagon when he's 75 years old.

Capt. Louis Roth, who recently purchased a ranch outside Yakima, Wash., has made extensive improvements and his wild animal farm will open about the middle of April. Permanent cages have been built adjacent to the outdoor steel arena.

Arthur and Gunther Wallenda escaped injury when the semi-truck in which they were traveling from Denver to Sarasota, Fla., went into the ditch in South Georgia. The truck was smashed and their riggings only slightly damaged.

Teaching a cookhouse clown how to put on a good make-up is one thing, but educating him to take it off after the show is another.

Vernon L. McReavy, promotional director of the Hamid-Morton Circus, cards that the date for Harrisburg, Pa., week of April 12, has been changed to May 24-29. Org will show in the State Farm Show Arena there under auspices of Zembo Shrine Temple.

Thomas M. Gregory, Cleveland, past president of the Circus Fans'

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Association, accompanied by his wife and daughter, en route to catch the opening of Cole Bros.' Circus in Louisville April 15, stopped off in Cincinnati April 12 and visited The Billboard's new plant.

An epidemic of midnight moves indicates that the order, "Clean around your house trailer before leaving," wasn't read by the right people.

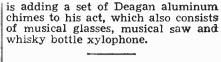
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphries, of Canada, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton during the Buffalo engagement of the Hamid-Morton Circus. Humphries is a former English circus advance agent. His son, Len, is manager of the Hamid-Morton unit.

Johnny Jones, columnist on The Columbus (O.) Dispatch and The Billboard correspondent in that city, joined clown alley for a night during the Shrine Circus there. Next day Jones devoted his entire column to his experiences. In addition, the paper ran a two-column picture showing Jones in his make-up.

Education in the school of hard knocks may not be all it's cracked up to be but you can't beat circus dormitories as places to live.

Robert D. Good, Allentown, Pa., writes that he recently learned that the one-half inch to one-foot scale model of the old Barnum & Bailey "Two Hemispheres" bandwagon that he made for the late Jacob A. Wagner, of Des Moines, about 10 years ago is now on permanent display in the Iowa State Historical Building in Des Moines.

Floyd Arnold, billed as the Musical Rube, reports that he is doing double duty on Rogers Bros. "Not only am I doing my musical act in the side show but also clowning in the big top," Arnold writes. He says that he



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After a brief argument with a boss canvasman, a big-top hand walked in the spec carrying a spear and smiling just as sweetly as tho a black eye didn't hurt.

Chet Brigham, Waterford, Conn., chief of police and show fan, recently acquired some old circus posters and is attempting to ascertain the year in which they were used. Included are bills announcing the fifth annual tour of the Great Inter-Ocean, Two-Ring Circus, containing 32 lithographed pictures, and a Bugle-Forepaugh Wild West Show herald.

Hartford, Conn., papers last week carried stories quoting Art Concello, general manager of the Big Show, as saying that the circus would play Hartford this year if a suitable lot could be found. Bill Montague, a local resident and publicity director of the Circus Fans Association, told the local press that a fan has offered the Big Show a lot between Plainfield and New Britain.

Marge and Harry Chipman, Yakima, Wash., staged a Western party March 23 in the Zebra Room of their Circus Inn in honor of Ray (Smokey) Whitley, Western star, who appeared over the week-end on the stage of the Capital Theater there with his troupe. Guests included Douglas and Feral Fellows, Janis and Kit Carson, Ben and Marion Roscoe, Olivia M. Noel, Herb Adams, Richard Morgan and William Callahan. Entertainment included songs by Alva Frey, Circus Inn singer, and numbers by the Whitley troupe, highlighted by songs and stories of the islands of the South Pacific by Whitley.

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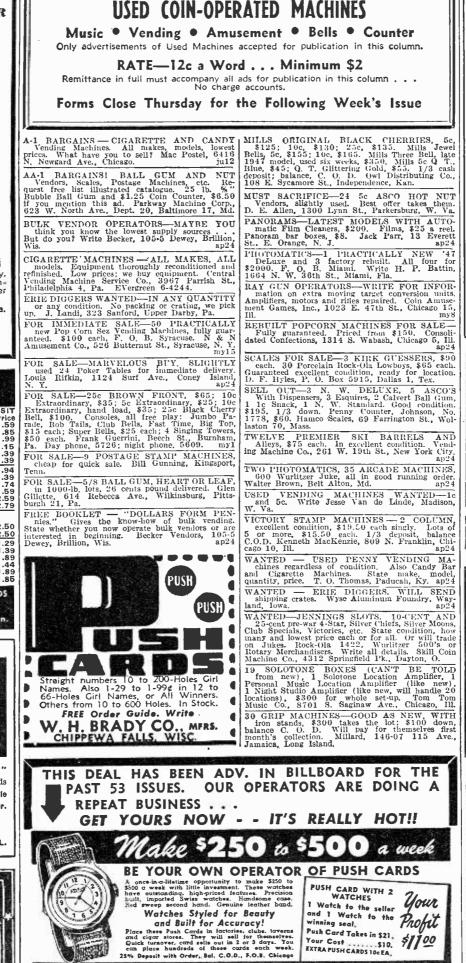


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AWAIT BOW OF 4-STATE MEET

Flow as Freight Cutbacks End

WASHINGTON, April 17. — Coin nachine manufacturers and distrib-itors who use rails for at least a por-icon of their shipments of new prod-icts breathed a sigh of relief this week when the Office of Defense Iransportation (ODT) suspended or-lers restricting coal-burning railroad nileage.

Effective at 4 p.m. Tuesday (13), DDT withdrew an order cutting nileage by 25 per cent and also re-scinded another order which would have further curtailed coal-burning callroad mileage by an additional 25 per cent beginning Thursday (15) midnight ODT spokesman who made midnight. OD'T spokesman who made he announcement reported that both orders were called back when it be-ame obvious that soft coal producion was already returning to normal. Frey added that the suspension order would permit re-imposition of the or-lers if coal production slows down igain.

Stight Cut Rail cutbacks, brought on by the inofficial walkout of soft coal miners in the various coal producing regions of the country, decreased again the n the various coal producing regions of the country, decreased coin ma-hine shipments an estimated 10 per cent, coinmen in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Detroit areas re-ported this week. Most of the ship-nents that would have traveled by cail were sent via motor truck. How-

Nashville Ops Attempt To **Stop Tax Fails**

Passes Second Reading

NASHVILLE, April 17.—Despite a plea made by local operators at an unofficial meeting with the city coun-cil here several weeks ago (*The Bill-*board, April 3), and following a plea by Mayor Thomas Cummings a few lays ago, the Nashville city council this week passed, on its second read-ing, added taxes on coin machines on location within the city limits. The bill places a \$2 inspection fee on all amusement and vending machines. While the operators in their recent

While the operators, in their recent unofficial get-together with the coun-cil had directed a plea to that body asking it not to follow the lead of Memphis in enacting legislation which Memphis in enacting legislation which would force a hardship on small op-erators, and very well might force many of them out of business, a mes-sage to the council from Mayor Cum-mings pointed out that the treasury was in need of funds, and urged pass-age of the \$2 inspection fee on coin machines. machines.

2d Passage

The proposed bill passed the sec-ond reading by a 17 to 2 margin, which came as a surprise to many observers who believed that one bloc (See Attempt To Stop on page 120)

men shippers agreed that the coal strike and its attendant rail curtail-ments were not in force long enough to cause any appreciable concern.

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due to the curtailment. Most coin-men shippers agreed that the coal strike and its attendant rail curtail-ments were not in force long enough to cause any appreciable concern. As a general rule coin machine (See Coin Shipments on page 120) MINNEAPOLIS, April 17. — With the disclosure this week that all booth space had been contracted for and also that several of the nation's leading coin machine tives on hand, the 14th annual North-

Philly Ops Claim Location Owned Machs. Hurting Trade

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.-Oper-PHILADELPHIA, April 17.--Oper-ators of music and pinball machines are much perturbed over the an-nouncement, made public by City Treasurer Ralph W. Pitman, in which he said he will institute legal proceedings against operators of bowling alleys and amusement places featur-ing juke boxes and pinball machines unless they pay their delinquent taxes. Under the law they are sub-ject to a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail. Industry leaders here have com-

plained that the free use of the word "operator" in the releases to the local newspapers gave the false impression that there were 8,000 coin machine operators in the city. What is meant primarily to be "location owners" was identified in the local press as "opera-tors," with the result that a false im-pression of the coin-machine inductry pression of the coin-machine industry has been given to the public.

The ordinance imposing the tax provides for the payment of \$20 yearprovides for the payment of \$20 year-ly on each bowling alley or coin-operated machine excepting those dispensing photographs, candy, ciga-rettes and other types of vending ma-chines dispensing similar forms of merchandise. A penalty of 6 per cent annually is imposed for non-payment of tayes in addition to fines and imof taxes in addition to fines and imprisonment.

Revenue Drops

Collection of revenue by the city from bowling alleys and the coin-operated amusement machines, as of March 31, totaled \$137,729, as against \$154,620 in the same period last year, a drop of approximately \$17,000. City Treasurer Pitman said he instructed his chief license clerk, Alfred Carson, to proceed with the preparation of the (See Location-Owned on page 118)

Calendar For Coinmen

April 21—National Automatic Merchandising Association April 21—National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA), Region V (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan), Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati. Hugh C. Howes, chairman. April 23-24—National Automatic Merchandising Association, Re-gion IV (North Carolina South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida), Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C. J. Herman Saxon, chairman. April 26-30—American Management Association (AMA), an-nual packaging conference and exposition, Cleveland Auditorium, Cleveland. April 26-27—South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wis-

April 26-27—South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wis-consin State operator associations, convention and exhibit, Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis. April 30-May 1—National Automatic Merchandising Association,

April 30-May 1—National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region IX (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas), St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans. May 7-8—National Automatic Merchandising Association, Region III and A (Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), Mayflower Hotel, Washington. Neill Mitchell, Chairman Region A, Aaron Goldman, Chairman Region III. May 23-27—Super Market Institute (SMI), Stevens Hotel, Chi-

cago.

June 13-19—National Dairy Council (NDC), convention, Edge-June 14-16-National Candy Wholesalers' Association, Inc.

(NCWA), convention and exposition, Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

June 14-17—Radio Manufacturers' Association (RMA), conven-tion and exposition, Stevens Hotel, Chicago. June 28-30—National Small Business Men's Association (NSBMA), convention, Palmer House, Chicago.

Coin Shipments Begin Normal Northwest Regional Expected To Draw Throngs of Ops For Minneapolis 2-Day Event

Varied Exhibits, Strong Entertainment Program Set

west Regional Convention was as-sured of being one of the strongest coin machine conclaves ever to be held in this area.

Two-day event will be held Mon-day and Tuesday (26, 27) in the Radisson Hotel here under the joint sponsorship of the Minnesota Amuse-ment Games Association, Wisconsin Phonograph Operators' Association, North Dakota Operators' Music As-sociation and South Dakota Phono-graph Operators' Association. Ken Ferguson, publicity chairman for the four-State show, stated this week that exhibitors may move into their allotted exhibit space in the mezzanine of the Radisson Hotel after 2 p.m. Sunday (25), which should give all firms ample time to set up their displays before the exhibi-tion opens Monday (26) at 10 a.m. **Reservations Heavy**

Reservations Heavy

Ferguson also disclosed that after checking with Minneapolis and St. Paul hotels this week that he was convinced the attendance would run at least 30 per cent above expecta-tions when the regional event was (See AWAIT BOW on page 118)

Bostonians Facing New Pinball Tax

Mayor Mulls \$30 Fee

BOSTON, April 17.—Mayor Curley has indicated he will approve a new city ordinance which will impose a \$30-a-year license fee on pinball ma-biner in Boston public places and a chines in Boston public places and a \$12 annual charge on other automatic \$12 annual charge on other automatic amusement devices beginning May 1. Former Democratic State Committee Chairman Charles H. McGlue has been designated by the mayor to supervise the issuance of pinball and automatic amusement devices licenses. The mayor estimated that the meas-ure will produce \$400,000, a year in

ure will produce \$400,000 a year in new revenue. McGlue was named as the \$4,000-a-year assistant chief of the licensing division.

of the licensing division. Under the terms of the ordinance drafted by the city law department, the pinball machines and amusement devices could be licensed by any authority designated by the mayor. Some quarters foresaw a possible con-flict with the Boston Licensing Board if permission were sought from the if permission were sought from the mayor's office for the installation of pinball machines in Hub cafes, tav-erns and other drinking places from

which they are now banned. Legal experts have pointed out that the licensing board members have (See Bostonians Face on page 120)

First 1948 Coin Export **Report Shows Necessity** For Diversified Markets

China, Japan, Saudi Arabia Among New Vender Buyers

WASHINGTON, April 17. — Re-flecting the wisdom of constantly de-veloping new foreign markets for coin machines is a report issued this week by the U. S. Department of Commerce governing exports for Jan-uary, 1948. Altho total sales to foreign coinmen amounted to but \$137,543 for 593 music, vending and amusement machines, four of the five leading buyers on the January export list have come along since 1946. Coin machine exports for the same month in 1947 totaled \$380,036 for 1,461 machines of all types. Juke boxes accounted for the bulk

Juke boxes accounted for the bulk of January, 1948, coin machines con-signed to foreign coinmen, totaling \$115,459 for 250 units compared with the 811 coin phonographs worth \$326,306 exported in a like period last

Begin Delivery On J. H. Keeney 1-Ball, Console

CHICAGO, April 17.-J. H. Keeney & Company is making deliveries on its newly produced one-ball, Favorite, as well as Wild Bell, a single coin, twin chute console.

twin chute console. Keeney's new one-ball has a play-field with pockets numbered from 1 thru 7. Odds start at 3, 6, 9 and 12 and climb as high as 42. Special awards included in Favorite are a super score award and an A-B-C-D bumper award. Additional awards may also be gained by spelling out the game's name as it appears on the game's backboard and by placing a ball in the X-Y-Z holes. New console embodies the use of

game's backboard and by placing a ball in the X-Y-Z holes. New console embodies the use of three conventional bell reels with each reel aligned with a vertical light-up column on the back glass which carries a complete set of symbols. After the player gets the reels spinning following the insertion a of a coin, "wild" bell-fruit symbols flash up and down and across the three vertical columns on the back glass. One wild symbol remains lighted on one of the three vertical back glass columns when the reels stop. If the wild symbol on the back glass be the same as the sym-bol on top of the corresponding reel it automatically substitutes for any symbol which may be needed to help complete a scoring combination. Keeney, besides producing Favorite and Wild Bell, is also in production on the previously announced Gold Nuggett and Bonus Super Bell. Former is a two-multiple, twin chute, while Bonus Super Bell is a twin chute, five-multiple console.

Mass. Distributor **Gets New Offices**

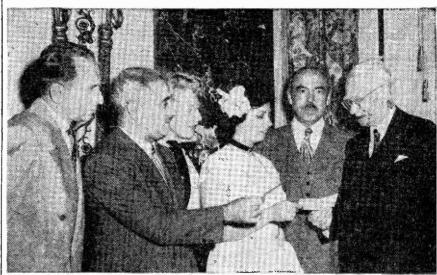
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 17.-Interstate Coin Machine Company, Inc., is now located in new head-quarters at 1883 Columbus Avenue here, Bill Kelley, firm president, has announced.

announced. Distributors of a wide variety of amusement, music and vending ma-chines, Interstate has enjoyed rapid growth since its formation in Decem-ber, 1946. Kelley's associate in the firm is Harold J. Knapton, both of whom are widely known in coin machine circles. Their staff includes 12 employees 12 employees.

year. In the same comparison, yendyear. In the same comparison, vend-ers actually showed a gain: 233 auto-matic merchandisers valued at \$12,-023 for last January as against 244 venders worth \$7,580 for January, 1947. Amusement game exports, however, were far below 1947 figures. Last year January game totals amounted to 406 units with a total Last year January game totals amounted to 406 units with a total valuation of \$46,150 while current report dwindled to 101 games worth \$10,061.

Cuba Leads Leading buyer of U. S. manufac-tured coin machines in January was Cuba with 67 units valued at \$26,553. Emphasizing the preference of for-eign coinmen for phonographs is the fact that of Cuba's dollar total 83 per cent of it was spent for juke boxes, while Venezuela, Colombia and Argentina, second, third and fourth respectively on the list devoted their entire purchases in the interest their entire purchases in the interest of juke boxes.

of juke boxes. One of the few encouraging signs in the first export report of the cur-rent year is the fact that the vending list is growing longer and reaching at least a few countries which have never been known to have automatie merchandisers on location before. Tho not mentioned on this report. Saudi Arabia, one of the world's leading suppliers of oil, only last week announced that it had ordered a quantity of candy venders from a U.S. manufacturer. Other countries that have shown a recent interest in automatic merchandisers include both Japan and China and British-tortrolled Jamaica. Altho Japan did appear on the November export list with a small purchase, the January renort shows that Leone hewight 13.



COIN MACHINE INDUSTRIES (CMI) presents \$25,000 and the Jennie Rubenstein Memorial Fund contributes an additional \$10,000 to the Chicago Tumor Institute. Left to right: Meyer Gensburg, of Genco Manufacturing and Sales Company, Chicago; Dave Gottlieb, CMI president and head of D. Gottlieb & Company, Chicago; Mrs. Nathan Leibowitz, founder of the Rubenstein fund; Mrs. Joseph Hyman, president of the Rubenstein fund; Dr. Louis Mann, of Sinai Temple, and Dr. Ludvig Hecktoen, president of the Chicago Tumor Institute, who accepted checks for tumor research. Contribution by CMI was made possible by donations of CMI members.

that have shown a recent interest in automatic merchandisers include both Japan and China and Britikh controlled Jamaica. Altho Japan did appear on the November export list with a small purchase, the January report shows that Japan bought 10 venders having a total valuation of \$1,952. During January, this year, China bought \$2,000 worth of venders. Since Japan also purchased 12 amusement games valued at \$2,552 in this latest report there is strong reason to be-and venders were intended for in-stallation on U. S. military bases dot-ting the Japanes home islands. Altho listed fifth on the list, the Philippine Republic showed the greatest all-round strength in the January export totals. For this island nation imported 156 coin machines, 69 auto-(*See Coin Export Report, page 122*) Smith, also of Chicago, covering a smith, also of Chicago, covering a card vending machine. The patent, No. 2,439,550, was approved this week by the U. S. Patent Office here, and covers five claims originally applied for September 14, 1943. Official description of the new unit is as follows: In a vending machine, the stud, a partition spaced from, and dis-member for supporting a stack of cards and having a cut-out portion stallation on U. S. military bases dot-ting the Japanes home islands. Altho listed fifth on the list, the prince coin machines, 69 auto-including 14 music machines, 69 auto-staller in opposite directions relative (*See Coin Export Report, page 122*) Some a state in one direction.

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ATD Interest in Venders Grows

New Vendall

Succeeds Bert Riel

CHICAGO, April 17.—A. Garrick Alex, president of Vendall Company here, announced this week the recent resignation of Bert Reil as firm's sales manager. Reil, who left to become manager of the Chicago office of the Yule Truck Lines, has been replaced by William E. Fuller.

Fuller, who has been with Vendall Midwestern sales representative ลร for the past year, has initiated a public relations and sales program designed to keep Vendall working at full capacity, according to Alex.

Vendors Setting New Machines

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Vendors, Inc., is in full production on its Model C Candyette candy machine, firm executives reported this week, and a pilot model of its King Target game, a new type ball gum vender, has been completed with deliveries to begin within 60 days. Meanwhile, the firm announced that production is soon to begin on the Mi Lady san-itary nankin machine and the Mighty itary napkin machine and the Mighty Midget almond vender.

Midget almond vender. With distributors already ap-pointed in nine cities, Vendors, Inc., has delegated C. Van Duyn and James C. Mack to act as liason men to develop nationwide sales, D. C. Gleeson, firm executive, stated. Ne-gotiations are now underway, with distributors in other cities to enlarge Vendors sales coverage, he added.

Dixie Cup President Says Venders Offer **New, Different Field**

WILMINGTON, Del., April 17.— Automatic coin-operated vending machines constitute "a new and quite different market" in the use of paper cups, according to Cecil F. Dawson, president of the Dixie Cup Company. At the company's appual meeting

At the company's annual meeting of stockholders here last week in the offices of the Corporation Trust Company, Dawson said that Dixie expects to share in this new business. "This project had passed the early experimental stage before the war but was delayed during the years of priorities. Today many soft drink manufacturers are planning to sell their products automatically, using paper cups. A considerable amount of money has been spent by respon-sible machine builders in develop-ment, tooling and production facili-ties to turn out vending machines on a quantity basis. "We have co-operated with these companies in the engineering aspects of the development," the Dixie offi-cial's report adds, "and own patents on devices incorporated in many of the vending machines." Dawson said that sales volume in the first quarter of 1947. Whole-salers had been maintaining low in-ventories but this trend has reversed in the past few weeks, he added. At the company's annual meeting

Metered Service Co.

DETROIT, April 17 .--- Carleton C. Sales Head Gardner, who has been active in the laundry equipment field here several years, has branched out on his own to establish the Metered Service Company. The new company operates washing machines, driers and similar pany. laundry equipment, specializes in apartment house and trailer camp loin cations.

Gardner, whose partner is his wife, Edith, was for several years with the Coin-Meter Detroit Company, a large old-line coin-operated washing ma-chine company here. His appren-ticeship with that organization proved sound preliminary training for the establishment of his own business.

Gardner is also doubling as manager of an apartment house, so he sees the problems of laundry equipment operation from both sides of the fence.

He is now building his own operation up to 200 machines with a steady expansion program.

An important part of his operating policy is a routine inspection visit to every machine once a month, regard-less of condition. By doing this con-sistently he has been able to reduce service calls to an absolute minimum. mum.

Name Fuller GardnerFormsNew Wholesalers in Agreement **On Four Operating Points**

Round-table clinic discussions reveal an increasingly popular trend toward incentive payments for service personnel-find coin changers up sales

CHICAGO, April 17.—The round-table clinic on "vending machine trends" Thursday (15) at the 16th annual National Association of To-bacco Distributors' (NATD) conven-tion at the Palmer House here con-divided between manufacturers' repcluded with the major point that, as vender operators, tobacco wholesalers are also definitely interested in other than cigarette and cardy machines. Brought out during the discussion was the fact that soft drink equipment cup type, and vitamin venders, among others, were also being operated by tobacco men.

H. D. Bracken Jr., of the Sterling Tobacco Company, Seattle, chairman of the round-table clinic, reported that he now has a large number of Ven-Dures, Inc., vitamin venders on location, dispensing Miles One-a-Day vitamins. These units are leased to operators, not sold outright.

While attendance at the vending

Stacy Renamed NATD Pres;

Rollings Board Chairman CHICAGO, April 17.—Re-election of W. P. Rollings, Mobile Cigar & Tobacco Co., Mobile, Ala., as chair-man of the board of directors; Stan-ley Stacy, Cavalla Tobacco Cc., Mil-waukee, as president, and Arthur F. Schultz, of the company bearing his name in Erie, Pa., as treasurer, high-lighted the election of officers and directors at the 16th annual conven-tion of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors at the Palmer House here this week. Other association officials re-

Nouse here this week. Other association officials re-elected by the convention included Henry Gunst, Cliff Weil Cigar Co., Richmond, Va., chairman of the ways and means committee; Richard C. Pinney, H. E. Shaw Co., Worcester, Mass., chairman, committee on rela-tions with manufacturers; Joseph Koldony, Jersey City Tobacco Co., Jersey City, secretary and managing director; Bert B. Cunningham, Henry Straus Co., Cincinnati, vice-president; Marcus Glaser, Glaser Bros., San Francisco, vice-president; Claude Harrison, Ouachita Cigar & Tobacco Co., Monroe, La., vice-president, and Clarence D. Hunter, Joseph P. Man-ning Co., Boston, vice-president. H. J. Lagonegro, of the Elmira To-bacco Co., Elmira, N. Y., was elected to serve as a vice-president of the association. Other association officials

association.

Re-elected as directors-at-large for Re-elected as directors-at-large for terms expiring April 30, 1949, were Sam N. Grossman, Chicago Tobacco Co.; Jonathon Vipond, Scranton To-bacco Co., Scranton, Pa., and J. Renz Edwards, F. S. Edwards Tobacco Co., Kansas City, Kan. Elected as di-rectors-at-large to serve with the re-elected directors thru. April 30, 1949

A. Walker, Klauber Walgelmein Co., of Los Angeles. The following directors were re-elected to serve terms ending April 30, 1950: H. J. Lagonegro, Elmira (also a vice-president of NATD), and Sylvan Mirsky, E. Mirsky & Son, San Francisco San Francisco.

San Francisco. Monroe Kildow, W. H. Kildow Co., Tiffin, O., was re-elected as a director, and will serve thru April 30, 1951.

Star Popcorn Vender Sets New Distributor CLEVELAND, April 17.-The new

Star 50-P popcorn vender will be distributed thruout Ohio, West Vir-ginia and Kentucky by the Cleveland Coin Machine Exchange, it was an-nounced this week by M. S. Gisser, sales manager sales manager.

The new popcorn machine incorporates the facilities of a full capacity machine, but is constructed with a smaller capacity for those locations which do not require a standard size unit.

rectors-at-large to serve with the re-elected directors thru April 30, 1949, was Allan C. Davis, F. A. Davis & Sons, Baltimore. The following directors were re-elected for terms expiring April 30, 1949: H. D. Bracken Jr., Sterling Tobacco Co., Seattle; Emil Harms, Peter Hauptmann Tobacco Co., St. Harry P. Frohman is president.

resentatives and wholesalers; among the latter group, all but one operated candy or cigarette venders or both types of machines. In spite of the high interest ac-

corded venders, there was no indica-tion of a mass movement of nonoperating tobacco jobbers toward op-erating roles. This was due to the erating roles. This was due to the fact that about 50 per cent of all to-bacco wholesalers are now operating some type of vender equipment, mostly cigarette and candy, and re-maining firms were either not in position to join in automatic merchandis-ing, or else flatly declined such op-erations. Also brought out during the round-table discussion was the thought that most tobacco jobbers now in the vending field were there because they were forced into it. This because they were forced into it. This evolved from a self-preservation measure to offset loss of over-the-counter retail store stops that might have had cigarette venders installed on their premises. To keep these outlets, the wholesaler therefore re-sorted to purchase and operation of venders

Round-table discussion resulted in Round-table discussion resulted in agreement by wholesalers on four vender operating points. They were: (1) Vending machine operations should be kept apart from jobbing (See WHOLESALERS on page 103)

Spacarb in Full **Production** on New Cup Vender

NEW YORK, April 17. — With quantity production of its new Fountainette now in full swing, Spacarb, Inc., this week announced details of the cup vender, which is available in attendant or coin-operated models. Altho early promotion is being aimed at direct sales of the attendantat direct sales of the attendant-operated model to locations such as at operated model to locations such as theaters, retail stores and public park concessions, Jack Pero, sales direc-tor, said the coin-operated model, suitable for protected locations, also was ready for delivery. Basically a counter-high console, topped by a hood containing the dis-pensing mechanism the three-flavor

basically a contrel-ingle console, topped by a hood containing the dis-pensing mechanism, the three-flavor Fountainette stores 15 gallons of sirup, enough for 1,700 drinks. Stand-ing 61 inches high, hood included, the vender is 20 inches wide and 20 inches deep. Provision is made for storing 200 seven-ounce cups, but this capacity can be increased by the addition of cup racks. Finished in green baked enamel and trimmed with stainless steel, the Fountainette uses three plastic push buttons for flavor selection. A drink is served up in five seconds. Sirup lines are of flexible plastic tubing, with water lines fabricated of copper. A sealed electric meter registers each

A sealed electric meter registers each drink sold.

102 **VENDING MACHINES**

The Billboard

Pitney-Bowes Report

Shows \$1,012,000 Net

CIGARETTE MACHINES Rowe President, 10 Cols., 475 Pack Cap.\$125.00 Rowe Royal, 10 Cols., 400 Pack Cap. 100.00 National 9-50, 350 Pack Cap. 100.00 National 6-30, 6 Cols., 180 Pack Cap. 32.50 K Land DuGrenier Champion, 9 Cols., 420 Pack Cap. 75.00 DuGrenier Model W, 9 Cols., 300 Pack. Cap. 55.00 DuGrenier, 4 Cols., 100 Pack Cap. 25.00 Lehigh PX, 10 Columns 140.00 **CANDY MACHINES** Stoner Candy, 8 Cols., 165 Cap.\$125.00 SPECIAL, \$65.00 National 9-30, 9 Col 270 Pack Cap. Cols., Loe CIGAR MACHINES pacity 175\$32.50 | Single Column, Capacity 50\$22.50 1¢ Stick or Tab Gum Machines, 500 Cap.\$19.85 TOP EQUIPMENT-UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED 7 Column, Capacity 175 ONE-THIRD DEPOSIT WITH ORDERS-BALANCE C. O. D. Parts and Mirrors available, including the 25¢ vending changeover parts for all makes and models. UNEEDA VENDING SERVICE "THE NATION'S LEADING DISTRIBUTOR OF VENDING MACHINES" 166 CLYMER STREET EVergreen 7-4568 BROOKLYN 11, NEW YORK **BULK VENDORS** AN ADVANCE MACHINE TO SUIT YOUR NEEDSI MERCHANDISE WRITE FOR PRICES Ball Bubble Gum - Candy - Pistachio - Peanuts - Cashew Almonds - Charms, etc. Coin Weighing Scales \$18.50 PARTS FOR ALL ADVANCE MACHINES STANDS BRACKETS PLATES GLOBES COUNTER GAMES New Challenger\$45.00 Mutual Card Vendor With 1000 Cards 27.50 50.00 ADVANCE MODEL D MACHINES, SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES 1645 BEDFORD AVE., SCHOENBACH BROOKLYN 25, N. Y. The "Little Giant" HOT POPCORN DISPENSER 8 gal. capacity. Size: 15" by 12" by 29". Portions controlled by size of bag or bowl. Bagging companies and vending operators will find servicemen can handle these dis-pensers in addition to present routes. It is more profitable to operate dispensers without a coin chute. Write for information. Manufactured by ABC POPCORN CO. W 221 Also Suppliers of Wholesale and Supplies Raw Corn @ Seasoning Boxes @ Bags 3441 W. North Ave., Chicago 47 Boxes DICkens 3375 Pre-Popped Corn EXPERIENCED VENDING MACHINE SALESMEN ONLY Sell vending machines with national reputation and trade mark. Our name alone sells the machine. If you can sell your deals clean, can finance yourself and can stand prosperity, then write and tell us about it. This is the newest, fastest selling deal on the market today. The price is right ______ the profit is right ______ the new are earning better than \$500 a week. We have a good Dun & Bradstreet rating. We furnish 100% co-operation because we ourselves have been in the field and know what you work the properties of the trade of the second sec If you can sell your deals clea about it. This is the newest, profit is right. Our regular mer rating. We furnish 100 % co-need. Start making money too WRITE BOX D-275, c/o BILLBOARD, CINCINNATI 22, OHIO.

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JOE LOUIS WII knock out "Jersey Joe." SALAMAGUNDI wIII win Kentucky Derby. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WIII win Na-tional League Pennant. CHICAGO BEARS wIII win champion-ship National Football League. "SILVER-KING vendors will be tha most popular and make more money for the operator. STAMFORD, Conn., April 17. — Peacetime records in sales and pro-duction, and all-time record levels in employment, wages and profits were reported in the 28th annual remost popular and make more money for the operator. Clip this 'ad' and mail to us with your name and address. If we're wrong, we will sond a FREE gift every Vending Machine operator can use. port issued this week by Pitney-Bowes, Inc., makers of postage meters Bowes, Inc., makers of postage meters and the Mail-o-Mat. The report, mailed to 5,420 stockholders and 2,360 employes, was for the nine months ended December 31, instead of the usual 12-month period, because of the ator can use, the NEW "Silver-King" 2 for 1c Ball-Vendor to meet and beat all competi-1c-5c VENDORS "HOT NUT"-VENDORS re-establishment of the calendar year as the fiscal year. Net profit for the nine-months was s1,012,000, or 9½ per cent earned on record net sales and rental income of \$10,628,000. These figures com-pared with \$1,015,000, or 10.2 per cent on an income of \$9,907,000 for the previous 12-month period. The earnings were equal to \$1.02 per share of common stock after pro-vision for preferred stock dividends. Vision for preferred stock dividental. Total assets on December 31, 1947, were \$12,750,733, as compared with \$10,095,983 on March 31, 1947. Cur-Were \$12,750,753, as compared with \$10,095,983 on March 31, 1947. Cur-rent assets were listed at \$5,570,461 compared with \$4,377,748. President Walter H. Wheeler Jr., in his statement, said the firm now had the highest employment record in its history, 2,360, which is 510 more than were employed during the wartime peak in 1944. The annual payroll is now \$8,547,000. X Am. Cocoa Research Institute Organized NEW YORK, April 17.—The two and one-half year old American Co-coa Research Committee, founded by the Chocolate Manufacturers' Associ-ation (CMA), New York Cocoa Ex-change, and the Cocoa Merchants' Association (CMA), was formally re-organized into a corporation recently. Group is now known as the American Group is now known as the American Cocoa Research Institute. Clive C. Day, Lamont, Corliss & Company president, was elected chairman. president, was elected chairman. Incorporators of the institute are H. Russell Burbank, president of Rockwood & Company, New York; James L. Clevenger Jr., Hershey Chocolate Corporation, and Day. Organization will consist of five directors who, in addition to the three incorporators, are T. J. Ma-honey, of J. Aron & Company, and George Schutte, vice-president of Scarburgh Company. Burbank was elected vice-chairman; Gordon P. Peyton, secretary - treasurer, and Schwarz as technical director. ROY HEW

Patton To Address NCWA Convention CHICAGO, April 17. — Arch A. Patton, vice-president of Wilbur-Suchard Chocolate Company, will speak on the subject of wholesalers

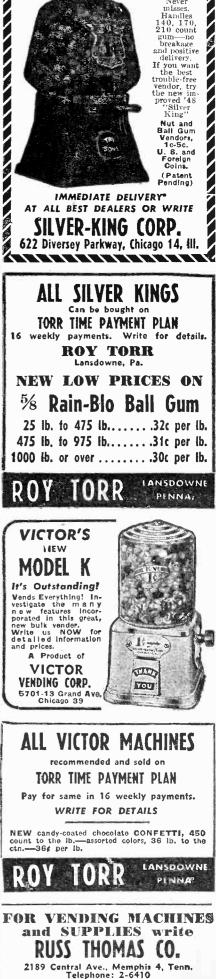
speak on the subject of wholesalers during an address at the annual con-vention of the National Candy Whole-salers' Association (NCWA) at the Hotel Sherman here June 13-16. Patton's talk, "Wholesalers Are the Key Link in Your Distribution Chain,"

will point up the value of such mul-tiple distribution outlets, taking as exceptions only those "high-priced items sold thru relatively few out-lets." lets.'

Patton has previously stated that manufacturers who have switched to direct selling during the past five or six years are "wondering now if they did the right thing."

New Bar Process At Clark

PITTSBURGH, April 17.-D. T₀ Clark Candy Company here is using a new process in the manufacture of its Honest Square bar and also employing a new wrapper design, Charles Clark, treasurer, announced recently recently.



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103 **VENDING MACHINES**

Statler Places Biscuit Machines In 102 Cities

NEW YORK, April 17.—Franchise operators have Statler biscuit ma-chines on location in 102 cities thru-out the country, Larry Reiss, head of Statler Distributors, Inc., disclosed this week in a report of his company's other firm activities. He also pointed to an in-creasing trend among operators of cup vending equipment to add biscuit machines to drink routes.

Revenue taken in by operators who have placed drink and biscuit venders in the same locations has increased markedly, Reiss claimed. "This is brought about by the fact that people purchasing various types of drinks usually purchase a package of bis-cuits with it. Therefore, we get a combined purchasing power of all trink machines," he said.

Irink machines," he said. Reiss also reported that 92 schools in New York now have Statler vend-irs operating on their premises. Among this number are colleges such is Fordham, Manhattan, City, Hunter, New York University, Polytechnic In-ititute, as well as numerous trade, heauty, business and aviation schools beauty, business and aviation schools



Wholesalers in Agreement **On Four Operating Points**

(Continued from page 101) business. While both could be, and most frequently were conducted under one roof, bookkeeping, personnel and other operating incidentals were maintained strictly separate, as an-

other firm. (2) The best method for a tobacco jobber to get in the vending business was agreed to be thru purchase of an existing operation. While this would involve paying for locations (good will, etc.), in addition to actual vender costs, wholesalers figured that the additional cost was well worth it. "location price" was \$25, depending upon type and traffic in individual locations, this charge ranged from a low of \$20 to a high of \$100. (Only one jobber admitted paying this fig-ure, others claiming it was too high.) (3) Where a location is in debt to the wheleselow it was found to be (3) where a location is in dest to the wholesaler, it was found to be good practice to put in cigarette venders to "write off" the debt. This worked out this way: The wholesaler would withhold location's percentage of the machine's earnings until such of the machine's earnings until such

or the machine's earnings until such time as its (location) debt was thus canceled. Thereafter, the location would receive normal commission. (4) Stores using cigarettes as "loss leaders" prove of no value as vender locations. Wholescley much snot me locations. Wholesaler must spot ma-chines in those locations doing a steady, if only small-profit business, in cigarettes. Mixed operating ex-periences in drug and grocery stores prove value of cautious pre-installa-tion survey of over-all cigarette sales and owners' attitude on "loss leader" tactics.

Incentive Pay

Walter Knack, operator-jobber from Dixon, Ill., bearing out the gen-eral trend toward incentive payment of routemen, told the clinic of his experiences with such an employee payment plan. He stated that before the war, when he had eight routemen under straight salary, he did not receive the co-operation and worker initiative now realized under the "bonus" or incentive plan. Knack now has five routemen who handle an average of 175 venders each week. Also stressed during the vender clinic was the benefit of relieving routemen (doing collecting and re-stocking work) from all machine re-

Empire Names Baker 'Corn Vender Head

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CHICAGO, April 17 .--- L. I. Baker has been appointed as sales manager of Empire Coin Machine Exchange's distribution of the Landis Aristocrat popcorn vending machine, Ralph Sheffield and Gilbert Kitt, Empire partners, have announced.

Baker has had long experience in the sales field, is now in the process of setting up a strong staff to thoroly cover Empire's Illinois territory of the popcorn machine.

Empire is now completely moved to its new quarters at 1012-14 Milwaukee Avenue here, which houses 28,000 square feet.

Chase To Introduce 4 New 5c Candy Bars

CHICAGO, April 17.-Chase Candy Company has introduced four new nickel candy pieces to the trade on a national scale, it was announced last week.

Items are a two-piece chocolatecoated whipped cream bar, a pepper-mint cream bar, a roll of malted milk flavored tablets, and a roll of sugar wafers.

pair chores. It was stated that maintenance of a small repair team of expert mechanics resulted in improved vender performance and left the routeman free to concentrate on his end of the business.

Close supervision of routemen (appearance and initiative checks), cou-pled with voicing of compliments on work well accomplished, was also discussed. J. Sydney Jones, of South-ern Vendors, Inc., Texas, and also vice-president of National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA), addressed the gathering on proved improvement in servicemen's work when closely supervised.

Changers Help

Coin changers were also brought into the discussion, with favorable comments on the built-in type for cigarette venders. John S. Mill, sales manager of Rowe Manufacturing Company, Inc., described the effect coin changers had on vender cigarette sales in seven key cities. He said that test showed that sales increased about 12 per cent when pa-trons were given the opportunity to use quarters for their purchases. Number of quarters in a venders coin box increased 55 per cent when a changer was provided. "This shows the public carries a large number of quarter coins in its pockets and purses," he said. Because the nickel purses," he said. Because the nickel is not an important coin in machine cigarette purchases, Mill held that the stand, or service-type coin changer was not the answer to ciga-rette operators. Built-in changers in cigarette machines must be able to return pennies as well as nickels, it was stated was stated.





Vender Exhibits Spotlighted At NATD Convention in Chi

The Billboard

CHICAGO, April 17. — Vending machine exhibits at the National As-sociation of Tobacco Distributors (NATD) 16th annual convention at the Palmer House here this week (April 12-16) were broader in scope and more indicative of the automatic merchandising industry as a whole and more indicative of the automatic merchandising industry as a whole than in previous years. In addition to cigarette and candy venders, which were displayed by eight firms, three additional manufacturers presented cigar and candy machines, with one company showing a nylon hosiery vender. vender.

Amity Manufacturing Corporation, Perth Amboy, N. J., displayed an improved cigar vender, featuring new plunger action for merchandise de-livery instead of the former rotating duct dispensing mechanism. Firm also had on display a new type of

NCA ExpositionCom. Expands Booth Space For June 20 Showing

CHICAGO, April 17.-David P. CHICAGO, April 17.—David P. O'Connor, chairman of the National Confectioners' Association (NCA) Exposition Committee, this week an-nounced that the 117 exposition booths occupying the entire first floor of Grand Central Palace, New York, have been sold out. The exposition will be held in connection with the 65th annual convention of the NCA June 20 to 25, and will be the largest exposition staged by the industry to

date. With the available exposition space sold, the committee has decided to open the second floor of the Grand open the second floor of the Grand Central Palace in order that those firms which have not as yet signed for space, but desire to do so, will have it available. A corner of the second floor space will be turned over to the NCA as a meeting place for the Pro-duction Forum session June 23. Plans had originally been made to hold this forum at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, headquarters for the convention, but due to the expected large attendance. due to the expected large attendance, it is being moved to Grand Central Palace.

Report British Firm To Mfr. News Vender LONDON, April 17 .- Auto Newsvendor, a newly developed newspaper

vendor, a newly developed newspaper vending machine, will soon be on the market, according to *The World's Fair*, British publication. Service vender can handle papers at the rate of 20 per minute, loads in 30 seconds. It contains a control knob for selecting one of five pre-determined prices. The new machine will be manufactured by a British concert concern.

Hershey Declares Dividend

HERSHEY, Pa,, April 24.-Hershey Chocolate Corporation recently de-clared a 37½-cent dividend on its common stock and a quarterly divi-dend on its preferred stock, officials announced. Both dividends are pay-able May 15 to stockholders of record April 24.

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single- column nickel candy machine. with bucket-type bar pockets, and a cigar vender with built-in coin changer. Attending the Amity ex-hibit were Joseph Zelenka, R. Arm-strong, Charles Strange and George Toomey.

Cigaromat Corporation of America, New York, showing its cigar vender, was represented by Harry Weiner, Martin Berger, John Morales and Leo Bendel. Eastern Electric Vend-ing Machine Corporation, New York, displayed the Electro electric ciga-rette vender.

J. H. Keeney & Company, Chicago,

J. H. Keeney & Company, Chicago, exhibiting an electric cigarette vender, was represented by J. Ryan, Roy McGinnis, John Conroe, Frank Murphy and Walter Harrison. Lehigh Foundries, Inc., Easton, Pa., had a multiple display consisting of eight and 10-column cigarette vend-ers, both manual and electrical, and a nylon hosiery vender. Firm per-sonnel present were Frank and Alvin Shumann, R. Crannell, Neill Mitchell, Julius Levy, Frank Hammond, Fred Stumm, Walter Strauss, F. Carter, M. Auerbach, P. Hamilton, B. Spira and D. Osborn. Malkin-Illion Company, Irvington,

And D. Osborn. Malkin-Illion Company, Irvington, N. J., showing cigar venders, was represented by S. M. and Harry Malkin, Arch Riddell, Ike Gordon, Frank Resnick, Jack Kelner and Robert Kline. National Vendors, Inc., St. Louis, exhibited electric and me-chanical cigarette venders, in addi-tion to a candy machine. Among firm's representatives at display firm's representatives at display were Ben Fry, H. Maddock, Marvin Pierson, E. C. McNiell and James Cherry.

Cherry. Rowe Manufacturing Company, New York, displayed the Diplomat and Console electric cigarette vend-ers. Presented by Robert Z. Green, Ralph Phipps, C. Brinkmann and John S. Mill, among others. Other vender manufacturers exhi-biting included Stoner Manufacturing Corporation, Aurora, Ill., and U-Need-a-Vendors, Newark, N. J.

Sees Price Squeeze **Continuing in Cocoa**

CHICAGO, April 17.—Cocoa sell-ing monopolies will most likely con-tinue "squeezing the price as long as confectionery manufacturers compete for supplies," Malcolm Forbes, of Marrill Lymph Birth Forbes, of for supplies," Malcolm Forbes, of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, New York investment brok-ers, stated before the recent Chicago Candy Sales Executives' Club, Chi-cago Candy Production Club and the Confectioners' Round Table here. Referring, apparently, to the lead-

ing cocca producing countries of England and Brazil, Forbes added that "until consumer demand shows signs of abating, we should expect a steady market price to prevail. Pro-ducing countries need our dollars, but we need their cocca."

Commenting on the positions of the chocolate manufacturer and the conchocolate manufacturer and the con-fectionery producer, with reference to use of the cocoa exchange, Forbes stated: "The position of the chocolate manufacturer is always far more fa-vorable . . . than the confectionery manufacturer. A large part of his purchases are in the form of raw ma-torials. He processes these materials terials. He processes these materials and markets them in a finished form April 24, 1948



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TEMC Gets Contract To Build 5,000 Auto-VendPopcornMachs.

DALLAS, April 17.---Texas En-gineering & Manufacturing Company (TEMC) here has received contracts totaling approximately \$1,000,000, which include the manufacture of totaling popcorn vending machines, it was an-

popcorn vending machines, it was an-nounced by company officials. H. L. Howard, executive vice-presi-dent of the firm, said two Dallas af-filiates of the Blair Holding Cor-poration, New York, had submitted contracts exceeding \$600,000, cover-ing the construction of 5,000 popcorn vending machines for Auto-Vend, Inc. Also included in the contracts was the construction of 800 snow cone machines, an ice-shaving device for Multiple Products Corporation, a sub-sidiary of Auto-Vend. Remainder of the contracts cover

Remainder of the contracts cover industrial and aircraft constructions. Texas Engineering, in the past two years, has turned out 20,000 of the Auto-Vend popcorn machines. De-livery of the new snow cone machines to Multiple Products Corporation will start in May, it was stated.

Curtail Mail Order Cigs to Tennessee

MEMPHIS, April 17. — Dan Car-ruthers, supervisor of the Memphis Division of the Tennessee Depart-ment of Finance and Taxation, last week stated that cigarettes purchased from out-of-State dealers and de-livered by mail are liable to Tennessee's 3-cent per pack tobacco tax. Carruthers advised persons ordering cigarettes thru the mails from out-of-State to purchase the 3-cent tax stamps.

stamps. Situation came to a head recently when a dealer in University City, Mo., offered residents of Memphis cartons of cigarettes at \$1.45 per carton. The average price in Mem-phis retail outlets is \$1.69. By living up to the letter of the law, those persons who order cigarettes from out-of-State at the \$1.45 per carton price, and who buy tax stamps to cover their purchases, actually would be paying \$1.75 per carton, or 6 cents more than the local fee. "Most people just don't know what the law is," said Carruthers. "Nine out of 10 want to do the right thing. A person buying untaxed cigarettes

A person buying untaxed cigarettes is as guilty as the seller." Tennessee law provides a \$25 fine for the pos-session of untaxed cigarettes.

S. C. Governor Asked **To Veto Dealer Discount**

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 17.—Thir-teen tobacco wholesalers have peti-tioned Governor Thurmond to veto a proposed reduction from 10 to 5 per cent of sale price the discount al-lowed dealers who use meters to stamp cigarettes tax-paid. Present State law gives these dealers, includ-ing cigarette vending machine operators who stamp their own packs, a 10 per cent discount whether meters used or whether the stamps are put on by hand.

State tax commissioners, support-State tax commissioners, support-ing the proposed change, said that the discount being given those us-ing meters was out of proportion, because metering costs are consider-ably lower than affixing the stamps by hand. The governor, for his part, said he "wanted to do what was fair."

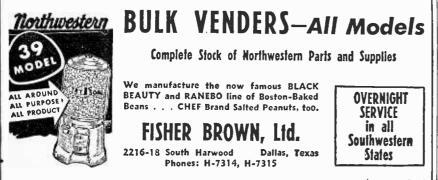
Bubble Gum Goes to Africa

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Mari-time Exchange disclosed last week that 500 cartons of bubble gum have been shipped to Durban in the Union of South Africa. It was the second shipment, a 100-carton trial offering. having been sent several weeks ago.



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LOS ANGELES, April 17.-After | Tray machines to 1-cent operations. Included in the kit are a 1-cent decal, a new 1-cent shuttle complete with trigger and ratchet assembly installed, a square pawl stud and nut, two steel ball bearings to replace the dowels, an extra coin pin, a hole drilling template and an extra dowel spring.

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The Shapiros entered the vending machine field in 1934 when they opened the Reliable Nut Company in opened the Reliable Nut Company in the downtown section of this city. Two years ago this firm was pur-chased by Universal Match Company, with the Shapiros starting up the A-F company. They constructed a two-story building in the West Jef-ferson area and moved into it, turn-ing over the original structure to Universal. The second building is up for sale but has not yet been sold, Monroe Shaprio said.

Industry Eyes Candy Price Juggling by Midwestern Stores NEW YORK, April 17.-Candy price

juggling at the retail level is causing a flurry of apprehension in varicus parts of the country, industry spokesmen declared last week. Chain stores were named as the chief purveyors of "at cost and below cost" goods.

In St. Cloud, Minn., a large mer-chandising store, celebrating the opening of a new outlet, advertised candy at "cost price" and local com-petitors replied with prices as much as seven cents below cost, it is re-ported. This action brought the Min-nesota Candy and Tobacco Jobbers Association (MCTJA) into the picture with an investigation of the situation.

In Chicago, the High-Low food marts have been selling three name bars (Old Nick, Powerhouse, Bit-o-Honey) at 79 cents per box of 24. Same chain also priced three other bars (Oh Henry, Mars and Hershey) at 89 cents per box. However, it was stated that nickel bars are continuing to sell at six and seven cents over New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other big cities' counters

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Canada May Drop Mix Tax OTTAWA, April 17.--National Dairy of Canada reported recently that the Dominion's Minister of Finance, during a review of taxes be-fore the presentation of the budget, will consider withdrawal of the sales levy on ice cream and ice cream mix. Recommendation to remove these taxes was made to the council by the Ontario Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers (OAICM).

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Name Chester **President** of **Cincy's APOA**

Re-Elect Other Officers

CINCINNATI, April 17.—The Auto-matic Phonograph Owners' Associa-tion (APOA), at its annual election of officers and trustees meeting Tuesday (13) at the Hotel Gibson here, voted all officials back into office, and named a four-man board of trustees for the coming year. Officers re-elected were Sam E. Chester, president; Harry Hes-ter, vice-president, and Charles Kan-ter, secretary and treasurer. Elected to serve during the coming year as members of the board of trustees vere John Nicholas, Phil Ostand, Bill Harris and Joe Schaffer. The election committee for the asso-ciation included William Fitzpatrick, Howard Males and John Nicholas. In attendance at the meeting were Chester, Kanter and Hester, the re-elected officials; Dave Tavel, Ed Wen-ninger, Al Lieberman, Al Chasson, Howard Males, Charles McKenney, Frank Michael, William Fitzpatrick, Lou Schoenlaub, Jerry Levy, Milton Cole, Max Moeckel, Sam Gerros and three of the new trustees, Nicholas, Schaffer and Harris. Following the elections, a luncheon was held at the hotel for the assem-bled members. Local Situation CINCINNATI, April 17 .--- The Auto-

Local Situation

Meanwhile, attempts here by some councilmen to pass a tax on all juke boxes in the city appeared to be stopped, with operators and distribu-tors receiving support in their fight against the proposal from other mem-bors of the council In view of the bers of the council. In view of the recent unsettled situation, which brought about the juke box tax pro-(See Chester Cincy Prexy, page 108)

Nickel Snatcher

AUSTIN, Tex., April 17.—A burglar in this city is due for a big shock when the Austin police catch up with him, ac-cording to Perry Jones, county attorney. It seems the thief has specialized in robbing the coin boxes in juke boxes, often passing up more lucrative spots such as cash registers and money drawers, in favor of the nickels. drawers, in favor of the nickels, drawers, in layor of the nickels, dimes and quarters in the music machines. Jones says the thief is probably under the impres-sion he can outwit the law by taking money only from the jukes. When he is caught, he'll not only be prosecuted for bur-glary, but also for unlawful entry. glary, entry.

Operators Eye Juke Income As Tele Coverage Increases

Not enough home sets in use yet to affect situation is the general feeling in the trade-many will try location promotions to increase play

CHICAGO, April 17.—With the 1948 baseball season for two major leagues and 53 minor leagues kicking off next week, operators in the East, Middle West and Far West are awaiting results of telecasts of the games in their areas to determine the exact effects of the comparatively new medium on their juke box incomes. According to official figures, attendance at games played by organized professional baseball teams in 1947 included 60,374,470 customers who paid \$75,000,000 at the box office. With television still in its infancy and covering baseball in only several areas, it was estimated that

Expand Outlets for Coin-Operated Tele in New York

tion of a largely untapped market for coin-operated television is being firm, the New York Television Com-pany, which, by-passing the usual tavern outlets, is encouraging operatavern outlets, is encouraging opera-tors to place sets in restaurants, diners and similar locations. The sets of-fered are adjusted to carry the tele-vision picture continuously during broadcast hours, with sound avail-able only thru coin-operated wall or counter speakers. counter speakers:

Resistance by location owners and customers to coin-operated television in such locations has been negligible, according to Morton Lipper and Al Pomilla, owners of the company. They say this is because free television has rarely been offered in restaurants, as it has in taverns.

However, it has been noted that resistance to coin-operated television

NEW YORK, April 17.—Exploita-on of a largely untapped market for bin-operated television is being ushed here by a recently organized in the tavern market has decreased decidedly of late, largely because of favorable location experiences with videograph and tele-juke combo sets. Two makes of television sets are supplied by New York Television, a 15-inch Emerson and a 10-inch Sight-

13-inch Emerson and a 10-inch Sight-master, with the latter fitted with a built-in picture clarifier. Personal music boxes are used and offer six minutes of sound for a nickel. In a normal package sale, five speakers are supplied, but more are available at an additional charge of \$25 each. Thru an arrangement with the Chase National Bank and the National City

Thru an arrangement with the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank, sets can be financed over a two-year period. When television programs are not being broadcast, the set-up can be used for FM programs. Sets are in-stalled by New York Television, which also guarantees necessary re-pairs for 90 days, according to Po-milla. milla.

y several areas, it was estimated that another 25,000,000 fans witnessed games via the television receivers in public locations last year. To accom-modate this patronage, location own-ers, in some areas, were forced by their competition to install receivers, while others did it voluntarily. The

their competition to install receivers, while others did it voluntarily. The effect on the juke box operator was considerable. With the start of the 1948 season a matter of days away, operators are awaiting reactions during the first few days of the season to see if (1) the novelty has worn off in those areas where telecasts of base-ball are being repeated this year, and (2) what the effect will be on opera-(2) what the effect will be on opera-tions in cities where television is making its debut this year.

American League

American League The 1948 flag race in the Ameri-can League gets under way Monday (19) with Philadelphia meeting the Boston Red Sox in a double-header in Boston and the world champion New York Yankees playing the Washington Senators in the nation's capital. The television situation in these cities shakes down as follows: Boston station WBZ-TV is now ex-perimenting and telecasts are ex-pected to start in May; in Philadel-phia WPTZ, WCAU-TV and WFIL-TV are now on the air, and at least one more station is in the works; New York stations covering baseball will one more station is in the works; New York stations covering baseball will include WPIX, WNBT, WCBS-TV and WABD, with WJZ-TV and WOR-TV in the offing; Washington tele-vision stations in clude WNBW, WMAL-TV and WTTG. On Tuesday (20) the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox start their season in Chicago, while the St. Louis Browns will be in Cleve-land to inaugurate the season by meeting the Indians. In these four cities the television stations are as follows: WWJ-TV is on the air in Detroit, while three (See Operators Eye on page 108)

Revenue Bureau Exempts Video In 20% Bar Tax

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The In-ternal Revenue Bureau this week, in a special action, reaffirmed its ruling exempting bars and taverns with television from the 20 per cent cabaret tax. Placing the television sets in the same category as juke boxes, the bureau stated the exemp-tion held good except where danc-ing, singing or other entertainment was permitted. Bureau officials stated that tele-vision had been put in the same class as radio or juke boxes, absolved from tax as "instrumental or me-chanical music alone." WASHINGTON, April 17.-The In-

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HOLLYWOOD, April 17. - With motion pictures here readying a num-ber of musical releases, featuring oldtime song hits, record dealers and juke box operators soon will be able to tie-in with the film releases to promote more music machine play and record sales.

and record sales. Among the pictures already an-nounced for early release are April Showers, with Ann Sothern and Jack Carson; One Sunday Afternoon, star-ring Dennis Morgan and Janis Paige; the biography of Marilyn Miller, titled Silver Lining; Fred Astaire and Judy Garland in Irving Berlin's Easter Parade; Summer Holiday; Betty Gra-ble in both Burlesque and The Lady in Ermine, and Wabash Avenue, based on the life of tunesmith Gus Kahn.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., April 17.-The Aireon Manufacturing Company trustee was granted additional time in which to submit a plan of reorgan-ization this week by Federal Judge Arthur J. Mellott. Under the ruling, the trustee now has until May 1 to when the submit submit his plan.

The original date for filing the plan was March 15, which was later extended until April 15. The change in date made this week does not affect a scheduled hearing on the plan of reorganization which is to be held Max 14 May 14.

Aireon filed a petition last Novem-ber in Federal Court here seeking

PLAY UP, REPORT O HIO **Aireon Trustee Optimism** at **Motion Pictures** Offer Juke Ops Gets Extension **OŠAPOA** Meet Song Promotions To Submit Plan

Association re-elects all State officers at annual get-together in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, April 17. — At the ninth annual convention of the Ohio State Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association (OSAPOA) held here Wednesday (14), operators struck a note of optimism, reported play had picked up over the January-thru-Easter slump. Some 600 operators and their guests, from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania filled the Grand Ballroom of the Hollenden Hotel for the annual banquet and saw Jack Cohen, president of OSAPOA present the American Cancer Society with a check for \$10,000.



Operators Eye Juke Income Latins Like Music, As Tele Coverage Increases

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(Continued from page 107) other stations are either applied for other stations are either applied for or are in the early construction phases; WBKB, which televised the Chicago games exclusively last year, is aug-mented by WGN-TV this season, with the latter set to introduce night base-ball telecasts to the city from Com-isky Park for the first time; KSD-TV is in operation in St. Louis, with several other stations applied for but not in construction as yet, and WEWS is expected to be on the air in Cleveland in time to give fans in that city their first taste of telecasts.

National League

Only one National League Only one National League game is scheduled for Monday (19), that be-tween the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cincinnati Reds at the latter's park. Always a hot baseball town, Cincinnati fans get their first look at the game via television this year thru the facilities of Station WLWT. Pittsburgh operators are not faced Pittsburgh operators are not faced with immediate television competi-tion, as the only station in that city now under construction, WDTV, is not expected to be completed for some time.

The senior circuit's race gets under way in earnest Tuesday (20) when Brooklyn meets the Giants at the Polo Grounds in New York, Boston and the Phillies clash in Philadelphia and the Chicago Cubs travel to Pittsburgh. Cincinnati meets the Cardinals in St. Louis.

The Brooklyn and New York games will be covered by the same stations as mentioned in connection with the Yankees.

Other Coverage

Other Coverage The American Association, one step below the major leagues in rating, started its 1948 season Thursday (15). Included in this league are teams representing Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Toledo, St. Paul, Indianapolis; Kan-sas City, Mo.; Columbus, O., and Louisville. Fan interest in this league is great and telecasts are expected is great, and telecasts are expected to cut into juke box operations

Buffalo Op Installs New Promotion Sign

BUFFALO, April 17.—Bernie Bla-cher, Buffalo coin machine operator, recently conceived a novel promo-tional tie-in between his juke boxes and their locations. Initial test was made recently when the Three Suns, BCA recording artists made a par-RCA recording artists, made a per-sonal appearance in the city.

Sonal appearance in the City. In order to personalize the promo-tional sign, Blacher had the signs run off on a silk screen procers, then pasted an 8 by 10 photo of the Suns on each poster, and finished off the signs by having the location name hand painted on each poster.

Many locations who maintain a strict policy against the use of any type of sign in their windows, dis-played Blacher's mainly because of the fact it included their name. Bla-cher reported: "This stunt proved to be an excellent booster of good will among my accounts. In general, it is a good ad for the juke box busi-ness as well."

NEW MOTION PICTURES

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the pictures, featuring time-tested music, was expected to hypo lagging box-office receipts all over the country. With the motion picture and radio promotion behind the old hits, juke box ops and record retailers, by featuring the tunes as the other profeaturing the tunes as the other pro-motion breaks, will be able to push their play to the maximum on these tunes

wherever tele is seen. This includes WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee, and KSTP-TV. St. Paul. However, stations have either been applied for or are already in the construction stage in each of the six other cities in the league.

the six other cities in the league. A similar situation exists in the In-ternational League, another AAA baseball circuit in the East, compris-ing teams in Newark, N. J.; Balti-more; Syracuse, Rochester, N. Y.; Jersey City and Buffalo in the U. S., and Toronto and Montreal in Canada. WMAR-TV and WBAL-TV are now on the air in Baltimore, a rabid base-ball community, while the other cities expect to have the visual cover-age within another year. age within another year.

Op Problems

While operators feel they will have a fairly good insight to the effects of television on their juke box locations within several weeks after the season starts, they are expressing the opinion here that it will be another year before the public location coverage ceases to offer stiff competition. There still are too few home sets around to put a serious dent in the number of location customers who want to see the games, say the ops, and the tremendous amount of pub-licity the telecasts are receiving also focus attention on the sets in public locations.

More industry promotion is felt to be one way on combating the tele-vision competition. Some ops in the Chicago area are setting up posters in their locations which read: "After the ball game relax yourself with the juke box." Others are planning the juke box." Others are planning promotion tie-ins with local disk jockeys and record distributors to focus attention on the juke box in off-tele hours. This type of promo-tion will include the pushing of a new song, Juke Box Jamboree, over the air as well as on location.

Early Chi Start

Tie-in with the heavy promotion given television here during the past few weeks was seen as the city's tele stations opened the season Friday (16) with pick-ups of the city series played between the Cubs and the White Sox.

Marking the first time that Chi-cago's viewers have had the oppor-tunity to see a complete city series via television (WGN-TV is picking up the games from the White Sox park for the first time), both WGN-TV and WBKP had around at TV and WBKB had crews on hand at Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, Fri-day for the kick-off. The former sta-tion was scheduled to pick up the game today from Comisky Park, and both stations again were set to televise the third game in the series from the North Side Sunday.

Operators here expressed the opin-ion that the first three days would find a greater interest in the tele-casts than those scheduled to fol-low because of the purely local na-ture of the contests and because of the fact that Chicago is a good base-hall town and both major loague the fact that Chicago is a good base-ball town, and both major league representatives have ardent sup-porters. A slack-off in public loca-tion interest in the games is antici-pated when the regular season starts and only one of the city's two teams is playing at home.

CHESTER CINCY PREXY

(Continued from page 107) I from the city safety director, posal posal from the city safety director, the APOA, now numbering most of the local operators among its mem-bership, has advised city officials that it would undertake a program to assure that no irregularities would enter into the music machine field here. At the present time it is be-lieved the city will allow the associa-tion to put its program into effect, and shelve the taxation proposal.

Reports Juke Box Dealer in Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela., April 17.— Julius B. Kanarek, local juke box dealer, has set up the first repair shop here for music machines, and has two full time servicemen operating the shop. Kanarek, who plans to leave for the United States shortly to pur-chase several dozen new machines, as well as scales and popcorn venders, reports the most difficult part of oper-ating a music route in Venezuela is in finding competent mechanics and

in finding competent mechanics and keeping the machines in order. At the present time, reports Kanarek, there is a considerable amount of operating difficulty which can be attributed to the country's "soft" money. After newly-minted coins have been in circulation a few hours they become bent or mutilated, and cause a considerable amount of trouble when inserted into a coin matrouble when inserted into a coin machine.

Kanarek has been conducting a campaign in Caracas to have opera-tors and locations "one down" the play after 9 p.m. Many of the operators, says Kanarek, have completely surrounded the juke boxes with iron surrounded the juke boxes with iron frames, to keep customers from tink-ering with the equipment. "There is just enough room for the player to insert his coin." he reported. Over-all, the territory is excellent for music machine operations, ac-cording to the dealer, for the average Latin likes music and will patronize

Latin likes music, and will patronize the music machines regularily.



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Operate on Comm. Basis

NEW YORK, April 17.—Closely following reports of public acceptance of television sets installed in hotel rooms at an added per-day rental fee (*The Billboard*, April 3), Bell Tele-vision, Inc., announced its entry into the expanding field here this week with an initial installation of 10 units in the Hotel Greystone. But, in a marked departure from the technique used by competitors, such as Hotel-vision and Guest, Bell's sets are en-tirely self-contained and, featuring built-in antennae, are not dependent on a central receiving apparatus.

Standard make television receivers are used by Bell, with antennae preadjusted for the best average recep-tion of the transmitting channels tion of the transmitting channels currently in use, according to Martin Sugar, president. Of table model size, they can be moved to the rooms of any patrons desiring the service with-out prior wiring. Sugar says that tests during the past three weeks at the Hotel St. George and the Dorset, have shown that preadjustment of patonnae makes for adequate recept antennae makes for adequate recep-tion, altho he admits that reception was not up to the standard achieved by the use of outside aerials.

Present plans of the operating firm call for a charge of \$2 per day for resident use of a 10-inch receiver. The hotel management adds this fee to the room bill and retains an undis-closed commission. All servicing is done by Bell Television mechanics.

Making Music Pay South of Border

CHICAGO, April 17.—O. O. Mal-legg, foreign representative of AMI, Inc., and widely known as an ex-porter of American made products, disclosed this week that coinmen south of the U. S. border are using stimulants to keep music machine play at a high paying level despite the fact that some of the nations are undergoing a minor slump in general business conditions. While away from his local office for seven weeks, Mal-legg visited Mexico, Costa Rica, legg visited Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Venezuela and other Cen-tral American countries.

Thruout all the nations visited, Mallegg observed that the music busi-ness itself was enjoying but a fair market, with too many of the natives dwelling on the fact that another world conflict may be on their doorstep.

In Central America, Mallegg ob-served that firms corresponding to our served that firms corresponding to our music operating firms, have set them-selves up as traveling units. They go from one city's "Market Day" to others in the vicinity on different days and carry their own portable dance huts as well as music machines. Patrons of the market drop into the dance hut with their partners and dance for a while. "Operators" of these traveling juke boxes and dance these traveling juke boxes and dance huts, have found this business to be extremely worthwhile. Mallegg also states that the tunes played are usually popular Spanish tunes. Another enterprising Central American firm has worked up an even better paying proposition with its music machines. This concern

Juke Innovations Modern Denies Television Meter Inducing Aireon **Distrib Switch**

YORK, April 17. that Nat Cohn, president of Modern Music Sales, had induced the transfer of the Aireon distributorship fran-chise from Manhattan Phonograph Company before their contract had run its course, were vigorously de-nied this week by Sidney Levine, Cohn's attorney. Suit was instituted last week by Manhattan to prevent further sales of Aireon music equip-ment by Modern and calling for ment by Modern and calling for damages to be paid Manhattan's owners, Rocco Marino and Leo Dixon (The Billboard, April 17).

Levine pointed out that all distribthe manufacturing company before Cohn undertook sales of Aireon equipment in this area. Aireon now distributes its products thru a net-work of sales agents, he added. "When Cohn was appointed sales agent for the New York area, he was advised by Aireon that their contract with Manhattan Phonograph Com-pany had been terminated," Levine stated stated.

geniously arranged the construction of a gate that passes across the dance floor in a movement that resembles a starting gate at a race track. As the gate passes over the individual couples the male partner gives his coin (which is worth approximately a nickel) to the attendant at the movable gate. The gate approaches each couple once during the playing of a tune. Thus, if there are 20 cou-ples dancing at one time the operat-

Allows Customers To Pay as They Go

> CHICAGO, April 17.—A new wrin-kle in coin-operated television has been introduced here by the Terman Television Sales Company, a firm operating three stores in Chicago and specializing in the home receiver field.

field. According to firm representatives, a coin meter, which can be installed on any model or make of home television receiver, is now used when sets are sold on what is termed a "pay-as-you-see" policy. The coin meter can be geared to either a half-hour or full-hour play for 25 cents, depending upon the patron's desire. By using the quarter chute whenever the set is in operation, the customer builds up his monthly payments while ac-tually using the instrument. Terms are worked out between Ter-man and the customer. Following a

man and the customer. Following a down-payment, monthly payments are established. Terman employs his are established. Terman employs his own servicemen, who make monthly calls on each customer, at which time they empty the coin box. If the monthly installment is \$14, and the collector finds \$15.50 in the coin box, the additional \$1.50 is applied to the following month's purposet. If the following month's payment. If the collector finds less than the \$14 payment, the customer is then required to make up the difference.

Terman spokesmen claimed the new selling method, which was only recently inaugurated here, has met with an excellent response. Part of the acceptance was traced to the fact that many persons are now used to insert-ing coins in vending, washing and music machines, and, by using the coin chute, can have their neighbors



Play Up, Ohio **Ops Report; Elect Officers**

Optitmism High at Cleveland

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than at any previous one the associa-tion has held, but representatives of

tion has held, but representatives of juke box manufacturing firms were conspicuous by their absence. The association offered local dis-tributors of automatic phonographs free space in the foyer outside the ballroom, but only two makes—AMI and Rock-Ola—were displayed. At their morning meeting, the asso-ciation re-elected all State officers for another term. In addition to Jack Cohen, Harold Copeland is vice-president, James R. Ross, secretary-treasurer, and Sanford Levine, assist-ant secretary-treasurer. Executive board members are James Burke, H. W. Hoffman, Robert Pinn and Robert Edward. Edward.

Edward. Following the closed meeting of the State board, at which officers were re-elected, approximately 50 opera-tors met for a luncheon and open meeting. William Rosenfeld, counsel for the operators' group, led the in-formal discussion which touched on a wide wariety of operating problems.

wide variety of operating problems. Harry Lief opened the discussion by confirming reports of increased play in the Cleveland area. But, Lief added, operators are still not netting the kind of profit to which their efforts and investment entitle them. As a possible solution to the con-As a possible solution to the con-tinuing problem of high operating costs, Lief suggested the operators lend their support to the drive for a $7\frac{1}{2}$ -cent coin.

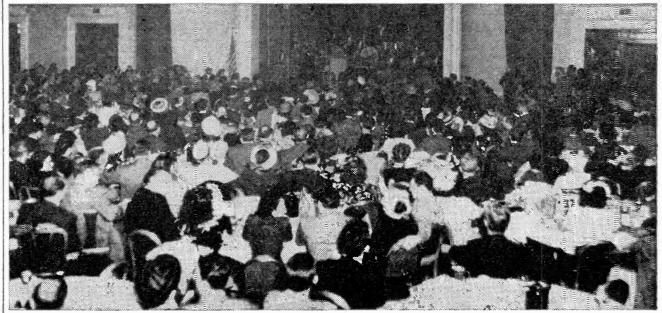
(Editor's Note: Ed Mehren, presi-dent of the Squirt Company, parent soft drink firm with headquarters in Los Angeles, first proposed the nation mint a 7½-cent coin. His proposal was made at a national meeting of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, and Mehren is still stump-ing the country in behalf of this project.)

Project.) Harold Copeland, vice-president of the State Association and president of the Youngstown chapter, said that regardless of the talk about problems confronting music operators, the oper-ators should think of only one thing— keeping their locations supplied with good music. Keep your locations sup-plied with good music, Copeland con-cluded, and both locations and opera-tors will do business. Record company representatives at the noonday meeting assured opera-tors that they would be supplied with plenty of good disks no matter how long the current ban on recordings lasts. At the annual banquet, which closed

At the annual banquet, which closed the convention, Jack Cohen presented the American Cancer Society with a check for \$10,000—the receipts from two previous nights' entertainment held in the Cleveland Music Hall, and from the banquet itself. Monday and Tuesday (12-13), Dorothy Shay, Car-men Cavallaro and Frank (Sugar Chile) Robinson—who were among the artists on the banquet program— appeared under sponsorship of the phonograph operators. On hand for the cancer society was Ira Cope, general chairman of the American Cancer Society's Cleveland campaign committee. Cope, acknowl-edging the association's activities, urged the association to consider mak-ing the cancer drive an annual project. At the annual banquet, which closed

ing the cancer drive an annual project. Entertainers at the floor show were Frankie Connors, Sonora Records art-ist; Vaughan Horton and Polka Debs, who record for Continental; Jan Mur-ray; Sugar Chile Robinson; Junior Martin, of Spike Jones' aggregation;

Ohio Juke Operators Gather



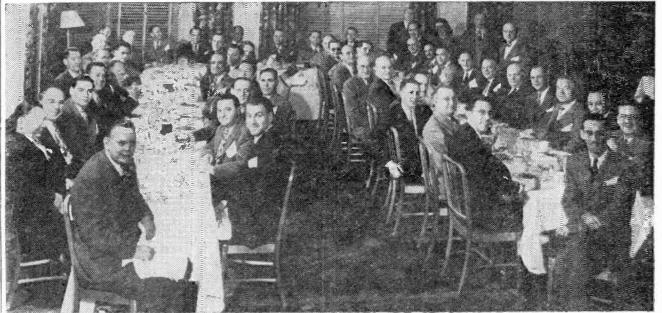
CLIMAXING ninth annual Ohio State Automatic Phonograph Operators' Association convention held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hollenden Hotel was the banquet which was attended by more than 600 guests pictured above. Entertainment was provided by Carmen Cavallaro and his orchestra, Dorothy Shay, Sugar Chile Robinson, Jan Murray, Vaughan Morton and the Polka Debs, Junior Martin, Artie Martin, and Howie Lund, WJMO disk jockey, who emseed the show.



JACK COHEN, president of the OSAPOA, turns over the association's check for \$10,000 to Ira Cope; chairman, cancer committee.



CARMEN CAVALLARO and his orchestra as they appeared at the ninth annual banquet of the OSAPOA convention



OPEN MEETING and luncheon was attended by 50 operators. William Rosenfeld, OSAPOA counsel, presided at the session.

Artie Martin, MGM artist; Carmen Cavallaro and his band, and Dorothy Shay. Howie Lund, disk jockey on WJMO, emseed the show,

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POPULA LEE MONTI'S TU TONES (Aristocrat 509) Chinatown, My China- town (Mario Lozer) Instrumental style's o. k. Switch over to Bugs Bun-	4R 53	60	40	60	FOLK SLIM BRYANT AND HIS WILDCATS (Majestic 6026) Thunder Storm Zippy squeeze-box and rhythm with choral work ample—material re-	77	79	75	78		A customer writes: "AMI Model A's, purchased in 1946 or 1947 are worth
by scatting unusual, or something. Dreamy Melody Relaxed accordion - gui- iar-bass treatment with a high appeal in the fhree Suns vein. Whis- ling badly balanced.	78	75	75	85	tentive. I Hate To See You Go (Ken Newton) Accordion - bass - guitar work behind neat Newton warble. Choral take-out too skimpy.	63	70	50	70		\$200 to \$500 more today than any other phonograph
LEW MARCUS (Jewel R-5005) Ida (Sweet As Apple Cider) 'Near You" bass winds bhru old-fashioned me-	79	82	75	80	ERNEST TUBB (Decca 46092) When the World Has Turned You Down Adenoidal but all the more appealing for the market — steel guitar	85	84	83	86		bought in those years:"
Lalic piano. Billing is accurate; there's a nos- talgic charm. Dardanella More nostalgic piano but choppy "Dardanella."	46	50	40	50	steals a bow. I'll Get Along Somehow Usual Tubb nasal on h. b. ballad in the standard idiom. MARGARET WHITING	73	75	75	70		127 NORTH DEARBORN. CHICAGO 2. ILL.
ANDREWS SISTERS (The Harmonica Gentlemen) (Decca 24427) Sabre Dance With lyrics and har- monicas—a noble try—		7 7 90	80 88	75 92	(Frank DeVol Ork) (Capitol 15058) Please Don't Kiss Me Usual crystal-clear Mag- gie on entreating pio ballad. April Showers			75	73 80		AMI 40 SELECTION PHONOGRAPH
but only a near-miss. <i>Heartbreaker</i> Should perk the ditty into hit class, har- monicas or no harmoni- cas.					(Paul Weston Ork) If you can forget Jolson, this is sweet and pleas- ant. THE MASSEY BROTHERS	80	00	80	00	St	ring Clearance
JOHN LAURENZ (Earle Hagen Ork) (Mercury 8115) Oh, How J Miss You Tonight Good ballad-good			75	75	Piney Woods Brisk square dance in- strumental - fiddle lead with string backing tight	73	77	70	75		LL REFINISHED AND SHOP TESTED
(Dick Maltby Ork) (Dick Maltby Ork) Laurenz has mellow, full voice on melodic, cute ditty.					and tidy. Lonesome Train More square dance ar- rangement of a folk classic should sell big.	88	90	86	88	MODEL 1422 COMMANDO . HYDEWAY	CK-OLAS WURLITZERS
DEAN MARTIN Apollo 1116 Hold Me Not bad, but why not turn this guy loose on twin-tempo stuff which		1	60	75	ERNEST TUBB (Decca 46093) Our Baby's Book Sincere Tubb original dedicated to infant son who passed away. Should sell big.	83	80	80	88	16 RECORD, 12 RECORD N 5 WIRE WA	MODEL 75.00 VICTORY MODEL 600 100.00 Image: Constraint of the state of
he does so well. Santa Lucia Inferior backing but Martin can sing. Ital- ian lyrics can catch "O'Marie" trade.	1	75	60	75	Blue-Eyed Elaine Another Tubb original with guitars — more cheerful but less impor- tant gal ballad. DICK THOMAS AND	72	70	65	80	8200 HI-TONE 8800 LO-TONE 9800 LO-TONE	SEEBURGS P-12 40.00 E, R.C. \$225.00 MILLS E, Repainted 225.00 CONSTELLATION, 1947\$450.00 E, Repainted 225.00 EMPRESS
DALE EVANS (Majestic 6029) We're Brandin' a Little Critter Good composition, good vocal feeling — but a trifle in the pop sphere	85	87	82	85	HIS NASHVILLE RAMBLERS (Decca 46127) When the Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again	62	62	62	62	COMMANDER, MAESTRO, E.S CONCERT GRAI	TER, E.S. 175.00 THRONE 95.00 95.00 E.S. 160.00 AMI 95.00 160.00 ND 115.00 40 RECORD HI BOY \$100.00 160.00
and out of the folk. Aha, San Antone Converted hillbilly chirp sounds right on rowdy r h y th m ic piece with catchy beat. Knobby fiddling.		86	5 84	82	Nothing out of the ordi- nary. Born to Lose Made to sell, the wall, the warble are stock but b-grade. Yodel end-not- ing helps.	81	80	80	82	12 RECORD 5	120.00 20 RECORD SINGING TOWERS
VIC DAMONE (Mercury 5121) My Fair Lady (Camarata Ork) Vic sings well thru a fine		80	78	78	RED FOLEY-THE CUM- BERLAND VALLEY						AIREONS \$275.00
cleffing of a new pop. Larco, Larco, Lilli Bolero (Gienn Osser Ork) Simple straightforward rendition of pop plug which should find its share of the sales.			igni	N D	Poley's status quo. Television This, and Zeke Manner's version, should make song a fast-selling nov- elty for a limited period. <i>Continued on</i>	85	85	70 82 6) b:	88	Mar	yflower Distributing Co. SITY AVENUE ST. PAUL 4, MINN.

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New York:

Harry Schneider is back in his avenue showroom of Seaboard New York Corporation's direct sales divi-sion after a trip to Hartford, Conn., to help out at Atlantic Connecticut Corporation's showing of Seeburg's new Select-o-Matic. . . Dave Lowy, of Dave Lowy & Company, is back after a Florida vacation.

Marvin Heisman, of the recentlyformed King Amusement Company, has added music equipment to his game line. But the big attention-getter at King these days is the ancient phonograph Heisman has placed in his show window. One of the early Edison models, playing cylindrical records, the museum piece was given to Marvin by a grateful hitch-hiker dur-ing a reecnt trip to the Catskills. And it plays, too. With little coaxing, Heisman will demonstrate it to any visiting op.

Reuben B. Gryzmish, of Alles-Fisher, Inc., Boston, and Joseph Ko-lodny, president of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, head the tobacco division of the United Jewish Appeal's current campaign to raise a minimum of \$250,000,000 to carry out its world-wide charity pro-gram. . . . Fred Beman, of Glovers-ville, N. Y., was a visitor to coin row last week last week.

Jack Pero, sales and advertising di-rector of Spacarb, Inc., reports that a new franchise operator for the firm's cup vender has just been appointed to service the Milwaukee area. . . . Mu-sic ops visiting Albena Sales during the past two weeks were sorry to learn (See NEW YORK on page 114)

Los Angeles:

B. D. Evangeloff and E. G. Schmitz, well-known Southern Cali-fornia operators, have formed the Ace Vending & Distributing Company to handle the Victor vending lines exclusively in this area... There is a cloud of gloom hanging over Oper-ators' Vending Machine Supply Com-pany offices since the announcement pany offices since the announcement pany offices since the announcement of Dorothy Johnson's wedding. Miss Johnson has been secretary to Sid Bloom, head of the firm for three years, and is well liked by local op-erators. She will retire after her marriage. . . Stan Rousso, local representative for the Stoner candy machines, busy calling on local ops.

Hal Smoot, Kwik-Kafe of California. distributors in California for the Kwik-Kafe coffee machine, is still on the sick list. It is reported that it will be at least six weeks before he will be well enough to return to his desk. Meanwhile, Bill Aldridge, president of the company is a second se the company, is carrying on in his place.... Recent visitor in San Diego place. . was Hill Happel, head of Badger Sales, who called on ops in that area. While there, he found time to play golf with many other coinmen.

Shine Distributing Company, ex-clusive distributor for the Douglass (See LOS ANGELES on page 115)

Des Moines:

Des Moines: Over 1,000 attended the five-day showing of Seeburg's Select-o-Matic held at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines by Atlas Music Company. Phil Moss, head of the Des Moines office for Atlas, was in charge, with Eddie and Morrie Ginsburg, Dave Bender and Joe Kline, all of the Chicago of-fice, and Reed Whitney, district man-ager for Seeburg, and Ed Feldman, sales manager, representing the com-pany. Five radio stations either carpany. Five radio stations either car-ried interviews or shows on the maried interviews or shows on the ma-chine while the local paper carried a feature story and picture with three columnists mentioning the ma-chine. . . Lloyd Davidson, of the service department for Atlas Music Company, has been appointed chief engineer of the Des Moines office.

Tony Ligouri, who shined shoes for a living over 20 years ago and finally (See DES MOINES on page 115)

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Detroit:

Edward P. Womack, of the United Novelty Company, has been confined to his home by a cold, but is now on the road to recovery. George De Palma, of the Greater Novelty Company, came over to run his business pany, came over to run his business during his absence. . . Herbert Weingarden and Ernie Stovack, of the Action Music Company, have de-veloped a new plastic top which they are placing on older Seeburg models, making the interior workings visible for the first time on these machines. designed it to liven up business on their own locations, and are now placing their product in regular pro-duction, after test-location operation in Detroit.

Ernest Gonzer is developing a new amusement-type sling-shot device, using a coin-controlled dispenser for ammunition, designed for arcade operation. ... Herman H. Zusman has taken over the only laundry installation in town operated by Telecoin, at 5604 Grand River Avenue, and is operating it under the new name of Automatic Launder-Self. He is operating two driers in addition to the washers, and has made it an all-coin-operated loca-tion, with a modern carbonated beverage dispenser and a peanut dispenser for patrons as well. Jack Barry, of the Campbell-McDonald Company, sales promotion organization, is planning to go into the cigarette and candy vend-ing field.

Indianapolis:

Mrs. Peter Stone, of the Indiana Automatic Sales Company, was seriously injured in an automobile accident while in Greencastle, Ind. She suffered three broken ribs and was badly bruised otherwise. Her husbadly bruised otherwise. Her hus-band, Peter Stone, who was driving the car was severely shaken up and suffered a nervous collapse. . . . Roy Bane, Oxford Amusement Company, Oxford, Ind., spent a day on coin row, looking over pinball games. . . . Frank Banister, Banister & Banister Distributing Company, visited Chi-cago, buying pin ball machines and other amusement games.

Dan Brennen, Indiana Music Cor-Dan Brennen, Indiana Music Cor-poration, Aireon distributors, spent Monday in St. Louis visiting Del Beach, of the P. V. Distributing Company.... (See INDIANAPOLIS on page 115)

Hartford, Conn.:

Big news in the trade here was the exhibit of the Seeburg Select-o-Matic "200," at the Hotel Bond, April 9-10, sponsored by the J. P. Seeburg Cor-poration of Chicago. A soft drink party was held April 10 for school youngsters. Justin P. (Buzz) See-burg, grandson of the corporation's president, served as emsee. Joe Gir-and, an announcer for WCCC, was the emsee for the dancing program. The emsee for the dancing program. The party was held in the Hotel Bond's ballroom from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. In addition to Seeburg, the industry was represented by officials of the Hart-ford area distributors, Atlantic-Con-necticut Corporation, which got some neat publicity breaks in the newspapers on the showing.

Connecticut plants helping to build Connecticut plants helping to build the Select-o-Matic "200" include elec-trical switches, by Arrow-Root & Hege-man Electric, Hartford: constant speed electric motor, Hayden Manu-facturing Company, Torrington: lock-ing connectors, Harvey Hubbell Coming connectors, Harvey Hubbell Com-pany, Bridgeport; counters, Veeder-Root, Inc., Hartford; screws, Bristol Company, Naugatuck; wire, General Electric, Bridgeport; brass, American Brass, Waterbury, and Bridgeport Brass Bridgeport Brass, Bridgeport.

Leon Dunn, who is chief industrial engineer of Veeder-Root, Inc., Hart-ford, makers of counting and com-puting devices for coin machines, spoke on "The Job Evaluation Sys-tem and How It Works" at a meeting of the Unstford Cherton Notional Ac of the Hartford Chapter, National As-sociation of Cost Accountants, April 20.

Buffalo:

There is strong belief here that Alfred Bergman, head of Alfred Sales, Inc., who has just taken over the Wurlitzer distributorship for this area, may buy the Redd Distributing Com-pany building. Redd's layout is one of the most luxurious hereabouts, and near Bergman's headquarters on coin row. Bergman is currently on a busi-ness trip to New York.

Music men are busily promoting their products using plenty angles and twing in the coin industry. Murray tying in the coin industry. Murray Siedman gave a party for 50 at the Statler Hotel for radio singer Jack (See BUFFALO on page 115)

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Chicago:

Max Wiczer, head of the Wico

Corporation, reports brisk trade in Wico flipper kits, which fit all game manufacturers' products. Headquar-ters now occupied by the firm needs a lot more floor space, according to Max. Two years ago when the firm moved to its Pulaski Road address, Max was sure that the place he built there would fit the firm's needs for α long time to come.

Jimmy Johnson, Globe Distribut-ing, took the first finished models of his Lightning changer to Bell-o-Matic this week, in preparation for the nationwide sales presentation of the equipment. Jimmy says 30-day delivery is promised. Globe's five-frame, nickel-play Bowl-a-Line game is catching the interest of a number of local manufacturers. number of local manufacturers. Jimmy intends to have the game manufactured for Globe by a firm able to supply quantity production.

Clarence Bayne, United States Vending Corporation, who was scheduled to return this week from a business jaunt thru the Southern States, notified the firm headquarters here that he would stay on the road. It seems the op-erators and distributors in that area are expressing a lot of interest in USVC's new air-conditioned candy vender.

Louis Gensburg, head of Genco, feels that his latest five-ball game, Trade Winds, now being delivered, should prove a hit with operators and players alike. New Genco game fea-tures six floating roll-over buttons, bonus sequence scoring and single, double and triple bonus build-up (See CHICAGO on page 114)

Cleveland:

Irving Ackerman, counsel for the Michigan Phonograph Owners' Asso-ciation, was the only casualty at the Ohio State Phonograph Owners' ninth annual convention here this week. Ackerman stepped out of a cab in front of acoustion backguarters and front of convention headquarters and was struck by a passer-by's umbrella. The impact shattered his glasses and he suffered cuts.

In town for the phonograph owners' meeting were C. S. Pierce, president, Wisconsin State Phonograph Owners' Association: James Amato and James Massi, of the Western Pennsylvania Phonograph Association, and Morris rnonograph Association, and Morris Goldman, president, Michigan State Phonograph Operators. Roy Clason, director of public relations for the Michigan group, was among the nine-member delegation which came in from that Signe from that State.

Immediately after the Ohio phono-graph convention ended, Sam Abrams, director of public relations for the Ohio operators' group, caught a train for Chicago to attend the closing ses-sions of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors.

Vancouver:

Frosts, Ltd., department store has opened one of the smartest record departments in the Northwest, fea-turing booth containing a built-in mechanism with glass doors. Gladys Caldwell, manager, contributes a weekly column to *The Hastings News* dealing with the latest wax releases. Bobbie Robertson until recently ... Robbie Robertson, until recently mechanic for Siegel Distributing Company, Ltd., Wurlitzer distributors, has joined the staff of Consolidated Music Company, juke box ops. Under the recent import laws, distributors cannot bring in instruments or parts, but ops are allowed to import all required new parts.

West Point Grey Teen Town Club has challenged the clubs of British Columbia to a monster Frankie Laine impersonation contest. It is hoped to have Frankie show up in person for the contest.... Lush and Jones, 97 Water Street, record distributors, are looking for a source of supply for Croatian and Yugoslav records.



LONE STAR COINMEN have a busy day. Fred Barber (center) and George Wrenn (seated) signing up as Bally distributors on the very day that they purchased the Walbox Sales Company, of Dallas, and formed a new organization known as Walbox Sales, Inc. Phil Weinberg (left) Bally Western sales manager, witnesses ceremony.

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parents of a son recently. . . . Reports filtering in from the West Coast say that Jack Leonard, of the Badger Sales Company, Los Angeles, is also a new father. A son was born to the couple earlier in the week.

Fred Mann, regional manager for Aireon in the Midwest, returned to Chicago after attending the firm's service school in Milwaukee Tuesday in town conferring with Ray Powers, manager of local branch. (13). Fred leaves for Cincinnati this week, then continues on to Columbus. He'll return to Chicago for a few days. then head for the Four-States meet in the Twin Cities April 26-27.

Atlas Music Company reports a beehive of activity at headquarters following the presentation of the Seeburg Industrial-Commercial Music System at the Stevens Hotel recently. Continued high visitor-rate at the Hymie Zorinsky, of H. Z. Vending Company, Omaha, and George Prock, General Distributing, Dallas, were among the many out-of-town callers in last week to see the new Williams special Seeburg room includes execu tives from leading local industrial firms, Harold Schwartz says. Atlas' sales representatives are currently out burning up the byways carrying personal word of the new music system to those who missed the preview Moore, Williams sales manager, re-ports. New five-ball, called Virginia, is new from top to bottom, including bere.

Altho the hit parade of coin machines will not be mailed out for April and May, Atlas Novelty Company officials report that this service feature will be resumed June 1. Last report was mailed first week in March and hit some 3.000 copies. In all probability, the June report will remain in the large business blotter form.

Clayton Nemeroff, Monarch Coin Clayton Nemeroff, Monarch Com Machine Company, relates that all is well in the bell division, which dec-laration is seconded by that division's head Carl Huppert. Resort buying is picking up these warmer days, with many types of amusement games in demand by the vacation-land opera-tors Clayton says tors, Clayton says.

Buffalo:

(Continued from page 113) Smith, who was in town on a special Capitol Records promotion trip, entertaining disk jockeys, coin men and record dealers. Smith also sang at Children's Hospital, Crippled Children's Guild, Hi-Teen radio show, and at Como, Buffalo nitery. Dick Link, Capitol's Eastern publicity chief, was in town for this go. in town for this go.

Florida.... Murray Siedman in New York last week-end on business.... Bickford Bros., Victor disk distribu-tors, gave a party at the Town Casino when Vaughn Monroe was in town for a concert recently, and had many

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Los Angeles:

(Continued from page 113) Automatic shoeshine machine, is clos-

ing its local offices, according to Earl

Everette, head of the firm. Everette states he will take a vacation and go

hunting and fishing in his home town

of Anchor, Wash. . . . Leonard Bask-field, sales manager for E. T. Mape,

Al Bettelman is holding down the fort at C. A. Robinson & Company

while Charlie Robinson is out of town.

. . . Recent visitors at Badger Sales Company were J. L. Orr, Gardena; Barney Smith, Long Beach; E. E. Peter-

son and Noble Craves, both of San Diego: Lee Walker, Gardena, Lang-ford Trieste, Pacoima, and E. S. Trim-

Manufacturing Company game, Fulton

new coin chute, new plunger and new out-hole tray. . . Deliveries are now starting on the new F. L. Jacobs bot-

Ben Becker, head of the Ben Becker Sales Corporation, New York, and Herman Paster, Mayflower Distributing,

St. Paul, were among the host of

coinmen making stops at Bally's plant

Grant Shay, vice-president of Bell-O-Matic Corp., can be well proud of his latest editorial job on Spinning Reels,

Joe Caldron and Lindy Force, of AMI, both spent a few days out of town last week. Caldron attended the big Ohio State Phonograph Owners' Association convention in Cleveland, while Force was in Grand Rapids, Mich. Monte West, AMI's sales engineer, says recent firm visitors included Max Marston, Marston Distributing, Detroit; George Pittman, Davenport, Ia., and Leonard Goldstein, of T & L Distributing, Cincinnati.

last week, Herb Jones reports.

ble, Huntington Park.

tle drink vender.

firm house organ.

Indianapolis:

(Continued from page 113) L. F. Sebastian, assistant sales manager, Rock-Ola Corporation, and Pete Stone, Indiana Automatic Sales Com-pany, met in Louisville and came to Indianapolis before Sebastian returned to Chicago. . . . Harry Heim, salesman for P. J. Distributing Company, Inc., called on operators in Southern Indiana the past week. . . Paul Jock, distributor for AMI coin-operated phonographs, reports an increasing demand for 40-selection wall boxes.

Frank Scherer, treasurer, Radio-Matic, Inc., coin-operated radios, has been confined at home by a serious off, and recent business conditions as reported in the daily papers here, show the juke box industry is at the foot of the list. Drop in employment and lack of tavern patronage are mentioned as reasons for the decline in the music machine trade.

Des Moines:

(Continued from page 113) entered the coin machine business, has gone back to his first love, shining shoes. Tony has been appointed Iowa distributor for Kwik Shine and has moved his offices to 611 10th Street. He also is continuing his musical business.

Dick Eaton, new Wurlitzer dis-tributor in Des Moines, is a native of Cedar Rapids, Ia., but has had a long career in the coin machine busi-ness. He formerly served as an op-erator in Philadelphia.



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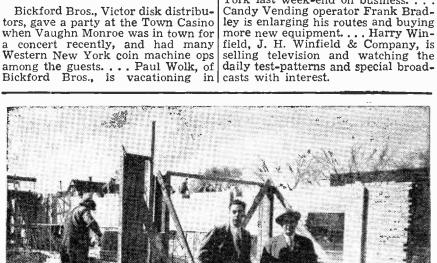


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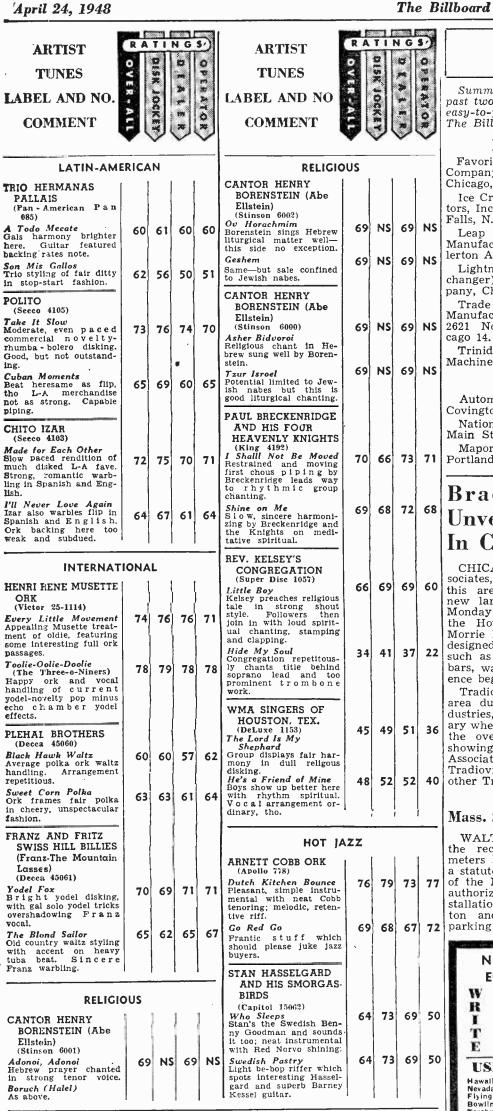


PREVIEW OF UNITED MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S new 70,000square-foot plant is given Dave Simon (right), of Simon Sales, New York, by Herb Oettinger. Simon, who visited the new plant site while in Chicago last week, is United's New York distributor.

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	Jimmie's back in the groove. I'm Only in the Way	80		80		Crazy World Julia masterfully decides that love is the cure-all:	87	87	85	89	Keeney Gold Nugget 650.00 Bally Wild Lemon (New)Write for Price
	The governor's got a right tearful attack but	19	80	78	80	tram duet by Vic Dick- enson and Benny Carter					Mills Three Bells\$150.00 Ea.
	it's legit h. b. and fairly rich.					wonderful. <i>That's What I Like</i> Consistency is the word					Mills Jumbo Parades 50.00 Ea. Mills Four Bells, 5-5-5-25 200.00 Ea.
	BABY FACE LEWIS (Savoy 5547)	50	52	- 0	C 2	for Julia when it comes to these light jump blues items—always top-grade.	84	83	82	87	EDWARDS MUSIC CO.
\$37.50 EACH	Grandma and Grandpa Blues idea is good but is lost in the evolvement.	20	53	50	63	EDDIE VINSON ORK (Mercury 8076)					Douglas, Wyoming
ORDER ONE TODAY	Dusty Road Ordinary backroom blues chant with ordinary per-	47	40	50	52	Some Women Do Cleanhead should pull	64	60	60	71	WANT TO DUV
USE IT FOR 10 DAYS	formance.					nickels with this one; he shouts and plays his alto with much verve.					BALLY TRIPLE BELLS
MONEY BACK	PAUL GAYTEN TRIO- ANNIE LAURIE					Alimony Blues Same as above.	64	60	60	71	" DRAW BELLS, Regular " DRAW BELLS, DeLuxe " VICTORY DERBYS
IF IT ISN'T THE BEST INVESTMENT YOU HAVE EVER MADE!	(De Luxe 1170) One Sweet Letter From	74	76	71	74	TRENIER TWINS (Gene Gilbegux Ork)					" VICTORY SPECIALS " ENTRYS
BAKER	You Annie Laurie does well in her sing-shout man-					(Mercury 8078) Ain't She Mean?	52	52	47	56	KEENEY BONUS SUPER "BONUS TWIN MILLS MINT VENDORS
NOVELTY COMPANY	ner with the w. k. race oldie. PAUL GAYTEN TRIO	65	67	62	69	Ordinary delivery of or- dinary novelty material. It's a Quiet Town in	60	59	58	63	Phone for Quick Action or Send List.
1200 WASHINGTON BLVD. CHICAGO 12, ILLINOIS	Hey, Little Girl Starts okay but loses its spark as the side wears		02	05	0,0	Crossbone County Very little happens de-					EMPIRE COIN MACH, EXCHANGE 1012 Milwaukee Ave. CHICACO, ILL. Phone: Everglade 2600
	on; too much repetition lyrically.					ETTA JONES (Luther					
	ROY MILTON SOLID SENDERS (Roy					Henderson Ork) (Victor 20-2782)	65	68	60	66	
"P. S." MEANS PROFIT SURPLUS	Milton) (Specialty SP-524)					This Is a Fine Time Novelty tells cute story but that's about all.		00	00		MAKE US AN OFFER
	Train Blues Not much lyrically but side exhudes rhythm	68	69	65	71	Misery Is a Thing Called Moe	40	39	38	42	ON
With "PRO See your local dis-	enough to pull juke coin. <i>I've Had My Moments</i> Not much of a song:	55	54	55	56	Lots of people went for Joe and his happiness- same folks will probably					FIVE PANORAMS
tributor or write us for details. Write O today.	neat tenor sax spot.					be miserable with Moe.	ERICA	N	1		FIVE BALLY RAPID FIRE
GEORGE PONSER CO.	HELEN HUMES (Buck Clayton Ork) (Mercury 8077)					ESY MORALES ORK (Gold Seal 3233) El Cumbanchero			_	_	Excellent Condition?
158 E. Grand Ave. CHICAGO 11, ILL. Phone: Superior 4427	Today I Sing the Blues Helen gets a chance to	70	71	69	70	Up-tempo guaracha de- livered with dramatic undertones, Esy's haunt-	71	72	70	71	BIRMINGHAM VENDING CO.
	sing and sings well a tastefully conceived blues. Jumpin' on Sugar Hill	20				ing-screech flute solo too short.					2117 North 3rd Ave. Birmingham 3, Ala.
	Leave us pause five sec- onds to mourn for this side.	38	37	35	42	Lament Showy, eerie Morales fluting featured through-	73	76	71	73	
WANTED ARCADE MACHINES	DEEK WATSON-					out with ork supplying primitive rumba beat.					WANT TO BUY
LATE MUTOSCOPE	BROWN DOTS (Majestic 1244) Pray for the Lights To					VENTURA ROMERO (Peeriess 2721) Mi Pobre Flor	58	54	61	59	EXHIBIT DIGGERS
VOICE-O-GRAPH—DRIVEMOBILE and PHOTOMATIC	Go Out Novelty that may draw a few coins in race boxes.	67	67	66	68	Romantic Romero war- bling, tho military styled triple-tongue t r u m p e t					(Streamliners & Merchantmen) BALLY DOUBLE UP
CHICAGO COIN GOALEE and BASKETBALL	I've Got the Situation Well in Hand Deek's no marine.	53	43	45	51	tootling livens disk. <i>La Burrita</i> Romero romps happily thru gay rangeers disk.	68	66	70	68	EVANS WINTERBOOK
UVALLE AND BAJARLIDALL And Any Other Late Model Machine Give All Details As To Price and Condition in First Letter.	DUKE GRONER TRIO					thru gay ranchera disk- ing, with whistles and patter added.					'46 GALLOPING DOMINOES COLUMBIA DELUXE CLUB BELLS
220 East 18th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.	(Aristocrat 1801) Dizzy the Be Bop Man (Duke Groner Trio)	36	38	30	41	PEDRO VARGAS (Victor 23-0794					Silent Sales System
	Hey-nothin'. Dragging My Heart					Mam'selle Bluesy L-A treatment of recent American hit.	73	74	75	70	635 D St., N. W. Washington, D. C. Phone: District 0500
	Around (Horace Palm) Much less.	16	12	17	20	Full sincere Vargas piping. Violin-led back- ing would have showed			2		
TURFO	VALAIDA SNOW (Buzz Adlam Ork)					better than 88 accom- paniment.					Stop! Look! Order Now!
TUBES	(Gold Seal 5657) The Lonesome Road	66	71	60	68	Sombras Vargas again exhibits strong romantic bary	70	69	72	69	50 Bally Deluxe Draw Bells Write for Price
6]5	Tasty treatment of the old fave but will need a push to mean anything.	64	66	60	F6	TRIO HERMANAS					10 Keeney Bonus Super Bells, 1-Way, 5¢ PlayWrite for Price 20 Bally Draw Bells, Regulars. Write for Price
5Y338 Tubes	If I Only Had You Again cleanly done; not quite up to topside.					PALLAIS (Pan - American Pan 084)					PIN GAMES
2051 45 00 70	THE BLUES BOYS (Super Disc 1053)	40	47	40	52	Ya Lo Viste Mujer Pallais gals display weak,	24	29	24	20	5 Chicago Coin Super Scores \$39.50 Each Write for Price on All New Games.
ENGLISH Sales Co.	In Love Blues Backroom blues shout duet that's just so-so.		47			Porque Te Quiero	42	45	40	42	We Can Same You Manage
620 Randolph Street Chicago 6, 111. Andover 6604	Worried Man Blues More beery stuff i with s, bit more gut.	52 	47	51 (()_]	1.222	better advantage, tho their harmony chanting lacks finesse.		5,20.			FRANK SWARIL SALES LV. 515-A Foarth Ave., S. Nashville 10, Tenn.



Florida Town Tries Meters

QUINCY, Fla., April 17. — The city commission here has voted to in-stall parking meters for a six-months' trial period. The installation was recommended by the newly organized city planning group. city planning group.

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satisfactory.

Trade Directory

Summary of trade activity for the past two weeks is condensed here in easy-to-file form as a trade service of The Billboard.

New Equipment

Favorite (one-ball), J. H. Kenney & Company, Inc., 2600 West 50th Street, Chicago, 32.

Ice Cream Vender, National Servi-tors, Inc., 19 East Main Street, Little Falls, N. J.

Leap Year (five-ball), Marvel Manufacturing Company, 2847 Ful-lerton Avenue, Chicago 47.

Lightning Changer (six-barrel coin changer), Globe Distributing Com-pany, Chicago.

Trade Winds (five-ball), Genco Manufacturing & Sales Company, 2621 North Asland Avenue, Chi-cago 14.

Trinidad (five-ball), Chicago Coin Machine Company, Chicago.

New Firms

Automatic Specialty Covington, Ky. Company, National Servitors, Inc., 19 East Main Street, Little Falls, N. J. Maport Distributing Company,

Portland, Ore.

Bradley Associates **Unveil Tradiovision** In Chicago Showing

CHICAGO, April 17.—Bradley As-sociates, distributor for Tradio in this area, held a showing of the new large screen Tradiovision set Monday (12) at the College Inn of the Hotel Sherman, according to Morrie Nozette. The television set, designed specially for public locations such as hotels theaters and larger such as hotels, theaters and larger bars, was shown to a selected audience beginning at 8 p.m.

ence beginning at 8 p.m. Tradiovision was first seen in this area during the Coin Machine In-dustries, Inc. (CMI), Show last Janu-ary when it was included as a part of the over-all Tradio exhibit. The showing last Monday by Bradley Associates was held exclusively for Tradiovision, and did not include other Tradio units.

Mass. Statute Okays Meters

WALTHAM, Mass., April 17.—With the recent installation of parking meters here, it was announced that a statute enacted by the last session of the Massachusetts General Court authorized cities to make meter in-stallations. Two other cities, Brock-ton and Medford, also will have parking meters shortly.



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Purchases.

Metropolitan Kwik Kafe purchased the Statler biscuit machine franchise for Hudson County.

Personal Notices

Col. R. E. L. Choate has resigned as executive secretary of the Alabama Music Operators' Association. Clive C. Day has been elected presi-

Clive C. Day has been elected presi-dent of Lamont Corliss & Company. Packard Manufacturing Corpora-tion has appointed L. B. McCormick as firm's regional manager for North and South Carolina and Virginia. Ralph D. Perin has been appointed branch manager of the Portland, Ore., area by Jack R. Moore Company, distributor for AMI. Benny Stevens has been accented

Benny Stevens has been accepted into membership of the Cincinnati Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association.

Lily Tulip Corporation has opened a new factory in Augusta, Ga.

Distributor Appointments

AMI, Inc., has appointed R. Warncke Company, 1217 Taft Ave-nue, Houston, distributor in the Houston area. Automatic Enterprises has been ap-

pointed distributor for the Kwik shoeshine machine in Southern Cali-

fornia and Arizona. Bell-o-Matic Corporation has been appointed national distributor for the newly developed six-barrel coin changer by Globe Distributing Company.

Cleveland Coin Machine Exchange Cleveland, is now distributor for the Keeney Deluxe cigarette vender in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

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Await Bow of 4-State Meet; **Big Crowds Expected at Event**

(Continued from page 99) planned several weeks ago. He also indicated that all coinmen who are definitely going to make the show should wire local hotels for reserva-tions immediately in order to avert disappointment about accommoda-tions at the last minute.

One of the unlooked-for sidelights at the convention will be the debut of a new television station which will be operating on a commercial basis for the first time here on dates coinfor the first time here on dates coin-ciding with the coin machine con-vention. New station is KSTP-TV. In addition to the strong enter-tainment program included in the Tuesday night (27) banquet as an-nounced last week (*The Billboard*, April 17), Ferguson revealed that additional talent has been added in the past few days. New list includes recording artists Babe Wagner and his orchestra, and Hal McIntyre.

Name Manufacturing Reps Several coin machine manufacturing firms have announced that they will send representatives to the conwill send representatives to the con-vention. Those mentioned thus far are John Haddock and Lyndon C. Force, AMI, Inc.; Fred Mann, Aire-on; Wiliam W. Rabin and Sam Druck-er, National Filben; D. A. Wallach, Marvel Manufacturing Company; Billy DeSclm, United Manufacturing Company, and Art Weinand, Rock-Ola Manufacturing Company. In addition to the avnoted heavy

In addition to the expected heavy turnout of coinmen from North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minne-South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minne-sota, there is every reason to believe that coinmen from various sections of the country will be on hand for the meet. Just this week when the Ohio State Automatic Phonograph Operators' Association held its an-nual convention in Cleveland with a virtual errors section of the industry virtual convention in Cleveland with a virtual cross section of the industry in attendance, Jack Cohen, president of the Ohio association, urged all in attendance to attend the Minneapolis event if at all possible. Other indievent if at all possible. Other indi-cations that the Northwest regional had taken on a national aspect is the fact that operators from as far west as California and as far south as New Orleans have contacted the con-vention's general chairman, Tom Crosby, and Ferguson, for informa-tion regarding hotel reservations. Besides showing the latest in games, venders and music machines, several

Besides showing the latest in games, venders and music machines, several firms will have booths devoted to supplies used in vending machines. These include six record distributing concerns, one commercial phono-graph needle manufacturing com-pany, a tone arm distributor and a music machine stand firm.

List Exhibitors

List Exhibitors Among the firm's that will hold booth showings at the Radisson are Automatic Games Supply, St. Paul, AMI distributors; Bush Distributing Co., Minneapolis, Aireon distribu-tors; Capitol Records, Minneapolis; F. C. Hayer Co., Minneapolis, Victor Records; Frederick Lee Co., Minne-apolis, record districutors; Gopher Distributing Co., St. Paul, noveltics and salesboards; Jabobs Novelty Co., Stevens Point, Wis., tone arms; Le-Beau Novelty Co., St. Paul, Rock-Ola distributors; Merchandise Vend-ing Co., Detroit, vending machines; Mercury Records Co., Minneapolis; Midwest Coin Machine Corp., St. Paul, distributors of Filben phono-Paul, distributors of Filben phono-graphs and Marvel manufacturing games; Peerless Novelty Co., Spoon-er, Wis., phonograph stands; Permo, Inc., Chicago, Permo needles.

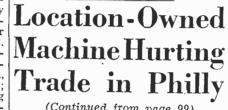
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Also Reinhard Bros' Co Minne apolis, MGM Records; Roxcraft Co., Minneapolis, Moximia Records, Roxerant Co., Minneapolis, Columbia Records; Twin Port Sales Co., St. Paul and Duluth, Minn., Packard phonographs; United Distributing Corp., Fond Du Lac, Wis., Douglas shoe shiners, and Weidman National Sales, Detroit, cigarette venders cigarette venders.

Full program for the convention is as follows:

Monday (26): Exhibit floor open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also from 5 to 10 p.m. During the hours be-tween 1 and 5 p.m. there will be an open meeting in the Gold Room of the Radisson.

The Radisson. Tuesday (27): Exhibit floor open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Convention banquet begins at 6 p.m. Feature ad-dress by Homer E. Capehart, fol-lowed by entertainment program by many of the nation's leading record-ing, radio and night club personali-ties.



(Continued from page 99) warrants, pointing out that the tax is due January 1 of each year, and that approximately 1,000 of the 8,000 "operators" have ignored their obligation to the city.

Local press stories have inferred that the coin machine operators were "delinquents" and all faced prosecution, whereas, for the most part, the delinquents are "location owners" who own their own music or pinball machines. It was pointed out that while there might be some delinquency among the coin machine op-erators, the fault is largely the location owners who have purchased their own equipment and fail to pay the city's amusement tax on such ma-chines. Regular machine operators absorb the city tax themselves in placing equipment at a back of the star placing equipment at a location. How-ever, it is pointed out, there are hundreds of locations where the location owner owns the equipment and for reasons best known to the location owner himself, the tax has been un-paid. As a result, the blanket indictment has hit all the regular coin machine operators unjustly.

Second Factor

City Treasurer Pitman, industry leaders further pointed out, also failed to take in consideration the fact that not all equipment on location last year is in use this year. The fact that the tax collections are fewer by a thousand locations over last year also indicates that some locations year also indicates that some locations have not placed machines this year. It was pointed out that some loca-tions have taken out the machines and installed television sets, which are not subject to the tax. As a re-sult, decrease in normal operations would result in a drop in tax receipts. Pittman however sold he had hear

Pittman, however, said he had been receiving aid from the police thru In-spector Craig Ellis. He claims Ellis's men have come across scores of un-licensed machines in the course of raids with the result that the "core raids, with the result that the "operators" have been compelled to pay the tors" have been compelled to pay the tax. Here again, industry leaders pointed out, such operations are the private and social clubs where the coin machine equipment is owned outright and seldom placed by a full-fledged operator. The city treasurer further stated that seals might be placed on all unlicensed machines found in operation, making it impos-sible to play them until the money 1 1941 Bulck Coupe; 16 1947 Jennings Chiefs, 5-10-25-50; 4 1947 Wurlitzer 1015, 1 1939 Rock-Ola, 1 950 Wurlitzer, 10 Late Marble Tables. Mechanic available who handler route. Foderal tracts. Officers' Club, NGO Club and one post exchange. Route grosses \$25,000. Sale price, \$20,000. Large spansion expected shortly on this route. Will also sell a town route established 16 years. BOX D-228, The Billboard, Cincinnal 22, Ohlo.

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Aireon Holds First Wis. Service School

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—Initial service school for operators of Aireon music machines to be held in the Midwest region took place Tuesday (13) at the headquarters of the Has-tings Distributing Company here. According to Fred Mann, Aireon re-gional manager, 61 servicemen from 47 firms thruout Wisconsin were in attendance at the afternoon and eve-ning sessions. ning sessions.

School was conducted by a factory representative, and the Hastings com-pany played host at a buffet supper.

Mann reported that other schools will be held in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis and Chicago at a future date.

Conrad Joins Nelson Co.

CHICAGO, April 17 .- Roy Conrad, who for many years conducted his own cabinet refinishing business here, servicing juke boxes for operators and distributors, has sold out his business and joined the Jack Nelson Distribut-ing Company as a sales representa-tive. He will handle the new Filben Maestro, for which Nelson is a dis-tributor. Announcement of Conrad's addition to the firm was made by Jack Nelson Sr.



The Billboard

ADVANCE RECORD RELEASES

POPULAR

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On the Village Green

C. Dennis (Jalousie) Capitol 15075

Pagan Love Song

T. Meyn (Merry Widow) Spiro S-9002
Poinciana
A. Dale (I Went) Signature 15184
Poporn Polka (Buttered All Over)
Bennett Sisters-E. Ballantine Ork

(Wishee Washee) Tower 1296

Put Em in a Box, Tie 'Em With a Ribbon

(and Throw 'Em in the Deep Blue Sea)
D. Day (It's Magic) Columbia 38188

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D. Day (It's Magic) Columbia 38188

Put 'Em in a Box, Tie 'Em With a Ribbon

(and Throw 'Em in the Deep Blue Sea)
B. McKinley (You Can't) Victor 20-2873

Raisins and Almonds

H. Kipling (Ol 'Poppa) Apollo 1120

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(3-10")

S. Rechtzeit . . Banner M-103

Anniversary Waltz . . Banner B-538
Forget Me Not . . Benner B-539
I Love You Much Too Much . . .

Banner B-537
Miserlou . . Banner B-539
Oh Promise Me . . Banner B-537

Ritual Fire Dance

Three Harpers (Mean to) Apollo 1109

Run, Run, Run

Andrews Sisters (Don't Blame) Decca 23827

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 Spring in December

 G. MacRaş (It's Magic) Capitol 15072

 Spring in December

 H. McIntyre (Bim Bam) MGM 10167

 Jo Stafford Sings American Folk Songs

 Album (3-10")

 J. Stafford . . Capitol CC-75

 Barbara Allen . . . Capitol 10121
 Black Is the Colour . . . Capitol 10122
 He's Gone Away . . . Capitol 10121
 Poor Wayfaring Stranger . . . Capitol 10123
 The Nightingale . . . Capitol 10123
 Stop Going Through the Motions

 U. Mae Carlisle (Where the) National

U. Mae 9044 Sunrise Boogie F. Carle (Moondust Rhapsody) Columbia

381/3 Tacos, Enchilados and Beans Buddy Rich Ork (A Man) MGM 10174 Takin' Miss Mary to the Ball J. Smith. (The Flower) Capitol 15073

Jakin' Miss Mary to the Ball
J. Smith (The Flower) Capitol 15073
Tell Me Why
A. Gerard Trio (Melody Time) National 7023
The Day I Read a Book
J. Durante (Chidabee-Ch-Ch) MGM 30084
The Flower Seller
J. Smith (Takin' Miss) Capitol 15073
The Green Cockatoo
E. Smith-The Bando Carioca . . . (Blame It) Decca 23828
The Hukilau Song
J. Owens (Fill Weave) Tower 1436
The Last Thing I Want Is Your Pity
The Dinning Sisters (Bride and) Capitol 15074

15074 The Mexican Shuffle (La Raspa) X. Cugat (Cugat's Nugats) Columbia 38185 These Foolish Things (Remind Me of You) The Accordionaires (Oh, Marie) Majestic 1240

iger Rag Phillie All Star String Band (Minnie the) Tiger Apollo 1117 Toolie Ooolie Doolie (The Yodel Polka) The Sportsmen (You Can't) Capitol

Sportsmen (You Can't) Capitol
 15077
 Toolie Oolie Doolie (The Yodel Polka)
 The Larkin Sisters (Jolly Peter) Spiro
 S-5505
 Troika
 V. Sorey Gamboleers (Two Guitars) Spiro
 S-8001
 Twelve o'Clock Flight
 P. Page (Confess) Mercury 5129
 Two Guitars
 R. Bloch Ork (Bala) Signature 15204
 Two Guitars
 V. Sorey Gamboleers (Troika) Spiro
 S-8001

- . Sorey Gamboleers (Troika) Spiro S-8001

V. Sorrey Gamboleers (1roka) Spiro S-8001
Where the River Meets the Sea U. Mae Carlisle Sextet (Stop Going) National 9044
Why Don't You Do Bight? B. Goodman-P. Lee (Somebody Else) Co-lumbia 38198
William Tell Overture Spike Jones (By the) Victor 20-2861
Wishee Washee (Laundly Man) Bennett Sisters-E. Ballantine Ork (Pop-Corn Polka) Tower 1296
Worry, Worry, Worry
H. Forrest (Cincinnati) MGM 10168
You Can't Be True, Dear
N. Emmett (Mike) Apollo 1121
You Can't Be True, Dear
The Sportsmen (Toolie Oolie) Capitol 15077 You; 3. Lost in a Fog . . . Decca 24071 1. The Moon Was Yellow; 2. The Isle of Capri; 3. The Continental . . . Decca 24069 1. The Object of My Affection; 2. Little Man You've Had a Busy Day; 3. The Beat o' My Heart . . . Decca 24069 1. Wagon Wheels; 2. Cocktails for Two; 3. Two Cigarettes in the Dark . . . Decca 24071 1. You Oughta Be in Pictures; 2. With My Eyes Wide Open I'm Dreaming; 3. Stay as Sweet as You Are . . . Decca 24068 1. You're the Top; 2. I Get a Kick Out of You; 3. Be Still My Heart1 . . . Decca 24070

- 15077
- 15077 You Can't Run Away From Love R. McKinley (Put 'Em) Victor 20-2873 You'll Be There L. Hayes (My Darling) Clover CL-705

FOLK

A Dollar Down (and a Dime a Day) The Georgia Crackers (Rats in) Victor 20-2854 *Ace in the Hole Shelton Brothers (Choo Choo) Decca 46095

(Every Time They Play the) Sabre Dance Andrews Sisters (Heartbreaker) Decca 24427

Andrews Sisters (Heartbreaker) Decca 24427 *Serenade in Biue G. Miller (Blue Evening) Victor 20-2889 Sidewalks of New York Album (4-10") G. Lombardo . . Decca A-655 After the Ball . . Decca 25342 Give Me the Moon Over Brooklyn . . Decca 23928 My Gal Sal . . Decca 25341 Seems Like Old Times . . Decca 23928 Sidewalks of New York . . Hildegarde . . Decca 23550 Sweet Rosie O'Grady . . Hildegarde . . Decca 23550 The Band Played On . . Decca 25341 Yip-1-Addy-1-Ay . . Decca 25342 Silver Threads Among the Gold L. Douglas-R. Bloch Ork (I Kiss) Signa-ture 15203 Somebody Else Is Taking My Place B. Goodman V.

ture 15203 Somebody Else Is Taking My Place B. Goodman-P. Lee (Why Don't) Colum-bia 38198

Someday Afterwhile F. Haywood (Don't Blame) Clover CL-702

F. Akywood (Don't Blame) Clover CL-102
Songs of Our Times (1934) Album (4-10")
B. Grant Ork . . Decca A-1934
1. I'll Follow My Secret Heart; 2. The Champagne Waltz . . Decca 24070
1. June in January; 2. Love Thy Neighbor; 3. Love in Bloom . . . Decca 24068
1. Scitude: 2. The Very Thought of

Decca 24068 1. Solitude: 2. The Very Thought of You; 3. Lost in a Fog . . Decca 24071

46095 A Million Memories J. Rivers (Night After) San Fernando 504 Answer to Drivin' Nails in My Coffin M. Estes and His Musical Millers (New Filipino) Decca 46128 Anytime

Filipino) Decca 46128 Anytime A. Haley and His Ozark Ramblers (I Wouldn't) Mercury 6099 Bananas Ain't Got No Bonies J. Canova (Go to) Majestic 1222 Beneath the Old Kentucky Moon J. Holden (Mama Quit) Red Barn 1151 Black Mountain Blues J. Holden-The Mountain Boys (Mama, Tm) Red Barn 1152 Born te Lose

I'm) Red Barn 1152
Born to Lose
R. Smith and His Pine Toppers (Hell's Fire) National 5019
Born to Lose
D. Thomas and His Nashville Ramblers (When the) Decca 46127
Broke, But Happy
S. Madden Ork (Die Dorfmusic) Chord 104
California Women

California Women H. Thompson and His Brazos Valley Boys (Mary Had) Capitol Americana 40112 *Cheo Cheo Physics

Deck of Cards

Tex Ritter (Rounded Up) Capitol Americana 40114
Die Dorfmusik
S. Madden Ork (Broke, But) Chord 104
Don't Make Me Go to Bed and I'll Be Good
Red Foley-The Cumberland Valley Boys

(I'm Waltzing) Decca 46126

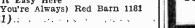
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J. Canova (Bananas Aln't) Majestic 1222

He Lived in Texas (and She Lived in Arkanas)

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- Kansas) R. Allen-B. Williams (Whoa, Sailor) Victor 20-2853

- Victor 20-2853 Hell's Fire R. Smith and His Pine Toppers (Born To) National 5019 Hold Your Hat C. Robison and His Pleasant Valley Boys (The Midnight) MGM 10173 I Love You Waltz J. Check Ork (Scare-Crow Polka) Chord 151





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New Pinball Tax

(Continued from page 99) broad powers in determining the proper conduct of the premises they license and probably can maintain their rule against pinball machines if they choose to do so.

Boys and girls under 21 will be barred from playing the pinball machines and police will be given great-er power in supervising and regulat-ing their use under the new ordinance. One provision prevents the issuance of a permit for a pinball machine or amusement device to any place located within 300 feet of a church or school until after a public hearing has been held on the application and notices sent to the clergy or school officials.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by the city council with-out debate. A similar one providing for a \$1,000 fee was vetoed by Mayor Curley as being excessive, a few weeks after the city law department had informed him in an opinion that such a charge would be declared excessive and invalid by the courts.

The proposal for setting a license refee on pinball games was first ad-vanced by Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan last fall, and at that time the former acting mayor, John B. Hynes, submitted an ordi-nance to the city council calling for a \$25 annual fee. The measure was held in committee until a few weeks ago when the amount was raised to \$1,000.

After May 1, under the provisions of the ordinance, no pinball machines or automatic amusement devices can be operated without a municipal license.

Operators in the city, who had been advocating opening up the city for licensed pinball at a "nominal fee," were pleased with the new ordinance. They had previously predicted that the \$1,000 fee would not go thru be-cause it was excessive.



(Continued from page 99) manufacturers ship their products to distributors via rails when there is a long haul involved. When shipments are made to firms within a few hundred miles of the plant they are sent by truck. Therefore, the Midwestern or Eastern coin machine manufacturer shipping products to the West Coast or Deep South would use rail routes. Same shipment made to a neigh-boring State would be more apt to travel win truck travel via truck.

Coin manufacturers ship an average of 35 per cent of their wares via rail, with the individual estimates varying from 25 to 55 per cent.



Bostonians Face Attempt To Stop Nashville Tax Fails

> (Continued from page 99) within the city council would fight its passage.

To become a law the bill must pass three readings, but the action this week by the council was believed to be tantamount to final passage. Only a small representation of the

city's larger coin machine operators appeared at the open council meeting to fight the bill. Some of those in attendance declared they did not intend to oppose its passage.

At the meeting several weeks ago when operators attempted to stop the bill, Wayne Queen, acting spokes-man for the operators, told the com-mittee (city council of seven studying the proposal before its second read-ing) that the ordinance would be viring) that the ordinance would be vir-tually as stringent as the Memphis regulations which supposedly have driven all but seven pinball operators out of business since the bill was passed.

Others who took part in that dis-cussion included Councilman Walter Morgan and William Ayers, and James A. Newman, attorney for the operators and a former State Senator. Morgan, at that time, stated that he did not believe the ordinance would create the same kind of situation in Nashville that allegedly existed in Memphis. Newman, taking the floor, stated that the proposed ordinance would amount to double taxation on coin machines (a view with which Mayor Cummings differed).

Altho it had been planned by the committee to hold another open meeting with Nashville councilmen prior to the second reading of the bill, this was not possible, and the bill went before the council this week as scheduled.

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Night After Night J. Rivers (A Million) San Fernando 504 Ruby Red Lips Red Foley-The Cumberland Valley Boys (Television) Decca 46124 Rats in My Closet The Georgia Crackers (A Dollar) Victor 20-2854 Scare, Craw Polka Just Thinking of You J. Davis (I'm Only) Decca 46100 J. Davis (I'm Only) Decca 46100 Keeper of My Heart B. Wills and His Texas Playboys (I'll Have) MGM 10175 Mama, I'm Sick J. Holden-The Mountain Blues (Black Mountain) Red Barn 1152 Mama, Quit Teasin' Me J. Holden (Beneath the) Red Barn 1152 Mary Had a Little Lamb H. Thompson and His Brazos Valley Boys (California Women) Capitol Americana 40112 New Filipino Baby M. Estes and His Musical Millers (Answer To) Decca 46128

20-2854 Scare-Crow Połka J. Check Ork (I Love) Chord 151 Sugar Pie C. Stone Barn Dance Band (Put Your) Capitol Americana 40/13 Television Red Foley-The Cumberland Valley Boys (Ruby Red) Decca 46124 Texarkana Baby E. Hazelwood (Indiana Waltz) Decca 46129

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46129 The Midnight Express C. Robison and His Pleasant Valley Boys (Hold Your) MGM 10173 When the Blue Moon Turns to Goid Again D. Thomas and His Nashville Ramblers (Born to) Decca 46127 Whoa, Sailor R. Allen-B. Williams (He Lived) Victor 20-2853 Who Put the Law in Mother-in-Law D. Thomas (National Polka) National 5017

M. Estes and His Musical Millers (Answer To) Decca 46128 No Tears Tomorrow Red Woodward and His Red Hawks (I'll Never) Signature 1025 Put Your Little Foot C. Stone Barn Dance Band (Sugar Pie) Capitol Americana 40113 Rounded Up in Glory Tex Ritter (Deck of) Capitol Americana 40114

5017

RACE

Baby, Don't Feel Lowdown F. Dunn (The Morning) Signature 1027 Brown Gal 4 Steps of Jive (Oshkosh-Bob-a-Losh) Chord 656 Clinging Vine M. Taylor (It's a) Mercury 8081 Confere

Confess

Four Tunes (Don't Know) Manor The 1 1131

The Four Tunes (Don't Know) Manor 1131 Dead Man's Blues Scat Man Crothers (The Thing) Capitol 15076 Don't Know The Four Tunes (Confess) Manor 1131 Dues in Blues G. Ammons Ork (Odd-en-Dow) Mercury 8080 Fool About That Woman Washboard Sam's Washboard Band (She's Just) Victor 20-2856 For You The Ravens (Searching for) National 9039

- The Ravens (Searching for) National 9039 Get Yourself Together Baron Bill (Run and) Manor 1130 I Want to Cry D. Washington (Resolution Blues) Mer-cury 8082 In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town H. Brooks Trio (The Best) Modern 158 It's a Sin To Tell a Lie M. Taylor (Clinging Vine) Mercury 8081 Money, Money, Money Slim Gaillard Trio (The Hogan) MGM 10164

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 Didn't It Rain

 Prof. J. E. Hines Goodwill Singers (Thunk You) Sacred 120

 Does Jesus Care?

 The Soul Comforters (Working on)

 DeLuxe 1157

 Good News

 The Pilgrim Travelers (He Will) Spe-claity SP310

 Ie Will Remember Me

 The Pilgrim Travelers (Good News) Spe-claity SP310

 I Am Going Back to Jesus Sister V. Copeland (I Know) Decca 48077

 I Don't Want to Walk Without Him Daniel Family Quartet (You Must) Co-lumbia 38167

 I Know It Was the Blood

- I Know It Was the Blood Sister V. Copeland (I Am) Decca 48077 Just A Closer Walk With Thee The St. Paul Church Choir of Los An-geles (I'll be) Capitol Americana 40110 Just a Little Talk With Jesus Deep South Boys (One-Morning) Colum-bia 38176
- Deep South Boys (One-Morning) Colum-bia 38176 (Look For Me In Heaven) I'll Be There The St. Paul Church Choir of Los An-geles (Just a) Capitol Americana 40110 One Morning Soon Deep South Boys (Just a) Columbia 38176 Thank You, Jesus Prof. J. E. Hines Goodwill Singers (Didn't It) Sacred 120

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Working on the Building The Soul Comforters (Does Jesus) De-Luxe 1157 *Re-issue.
You Must Come in at the Door Daniel Family Quartet (I Don't) Co-lumbia 38167

LATIN-AMERICAN

Casa Cuna Angelillo (Juan Palomo) Victor 38638 Concerto to the Moon O. Maderna Ti'pica Ork (Don Juan) Victor 25-0111 Don Juan O. Maderna Ti'pica Ork (Concerto to) Victor 25-0111

Juan Palomo Angelillo (Casa Cuna) Victor 38628

You're Always On My Mind E. Linn (I'm Takin') Red Barn 1181

Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman Delta Rhythm Boys (You're Mine) Victor 20-2855

Oshkush-Boh-a-Losh 4 Steps of Jive (Brown Gal) Chord 656 Resolution Blues

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Resolution Blues

D. Washington (I Want) Mercury 8082

Run and Get a Preacher

Baron Bill (Get Yourself) Manor 1130

Searching for Love

The Ravens (For You) National 9039

She's Just My Size

Washboard Sam's Washboard Band
(Fool About) Victor 20-2856

She's Really Sweet to Me

C. Butler (You Bring) Signature 1028

That's What Really Hurts

J. Turner Boogie-Woogie Boys (Whistle Stop) National 4017

The Best Things in Life Are Free

H. Brooks Trio (In a) Modern 158

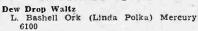
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INTERNATIONAL



Jeannine Polka "Whoopee" J. Wilfahrt Ork (Stand Pat) Decca 46065

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 Linda Polka
 L. Bashell Ork (Dew Drop) Mercury 6100
 Long Island Polka
 E. Gronet Ork (Trambulanka) Apollo 179
 Main Street Polka
 H. Rene Musette Ork (Piano Polka) Victor 25-1111
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 F. Zarewski Polka, Ork (Who Put) National Sol7
 Oj' Mari
 E. Di Mola (Quei Mazzolin) Spiro S-7301
 Piano Polka
 H. Rene Musette Ork (Main Street) Victor 25-1111
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 "Whoopee" J. Wilfahrt Ork (Jeannine Polka) Decca 46065
 Turnpike Polka (Sunday Pienie Polka)
 H. Rene Musette Ork (You Can't) Victor 25-1117
 Tutte 'E Ssere
 J. Masiello (Vogilo Turna) Spiro S-7006

- - The Sirens (Les Sirenes) . . . Victor 25-0107

25-0107 The Skaters (Les Patineurs) . . . Victor 25-0110 Violets . . Victor 25-0107 Yon Can't Be True, Dear W. Glahe Ork (Turnpike Polka) Victor 25-1117

New Quarters DETROIT, April 17 .-- Grand opening of the new display rooms and shops of the Angott Sales Company, local representative for Packard, was held Saturday (10), with a heavy attendance of local operators, music business leaders, radio and show people, and other guests. Hosts for the occasion were Carl and Leo Angott, and Charles Andrews, firm sales man-

Angott Opens

of the owners, and Mrs. Carl Angott officiated as hostesses. The new salesrooms are designed in dark natural finish woodwork with marquetry-type ceiling of alternating walnut and mahogany panels, and beech wall panels, with glass brick trim. The entire design was laid out and installed by Golden Brooks, who is also an operator of music machines here under the name of the Golden Music Company.

ager. Mrs. Madeline Gorman, a sister

A record department handling retail sales has been added to the Angott operations for the first time. Angolt operations for the first time. This is in the former front office space. Actual size of the headquar-ters has been doubled, including the erection of a new twin building to the east of the original structure on Puritan Avenue. Both buildings have full display window space.

Tony Hicklin, general sales man-ager of Packard, was on hand at the opening Saturday. Ruth Wallis, DeLuxe recording artist who is cura personal appearance. Another guest was Clare Linn, chief an-nouncer of WHRV, Ann Arbor, Mich. 2160 Patterson St. Cincinnati 22, Ohio

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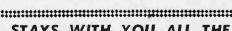
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Canadian Sales

The fact that Canada imported 19 juke boxes and 20 venders may come as a surprise to coinmen who make a practice of keeping up on coin ma-chine export tabulations. For the ban that the Canadian trade ministry imposed on non-essential imports, effective midnight November 17, imports, effective midnight November 17, 1947, is still very much in vogue. As explained by a spokesman for the U. S. Department of Commerce, Canadian imports listed on the Jan-uary report in all probability repre-sent official purchases made by the Canadian government in the interest Canadian government in the interest of replacing worn jukes and venders used by that nation's armed forces. This, the spokesman said, could be done by special trade permits issued by the Canadian Trade Ministry.

Altho the total coin machine ex-Altho the total coin machine exports during January were small in number, the average price per ma-chine paid by foreign coinmen com-pared favorably with machine prices during 1947. Jukes brought the highest average price, \$445, while venders averaged \$51 and games \$99. During December, 1947, music ma-chines were sold at an average of \$453 per machine, venders only \$20 and games \$103. In the current re-port the Union of South Africa paid the highest average price for jukes, the highest average price for jukes, \$834, while Canada paid the lowest average price, \$121. Reason for the apparent wide difference in price is that South African coinmen were in that South Arrican commen were in all probability buying late model ma-chines, while Canadian commen were concentrating their purchases on older jukes. China paid the top price per machine for automatic merchandisers, machine for automatic merchandisers, \$333, which was closely followed by Jamaica with \$299. The Philippine Republic and Mexico both paid the lowest average vender price, \$11. Most plausible explanation for this more than \$300 variation is that China and Jamaica were buying some type of electrically operated matype of electrically operated ma-chine, probably drink venders, while Mexico and the Philippines were in the market for penny-operated ma-chines such as candy, gum or nut venders

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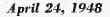




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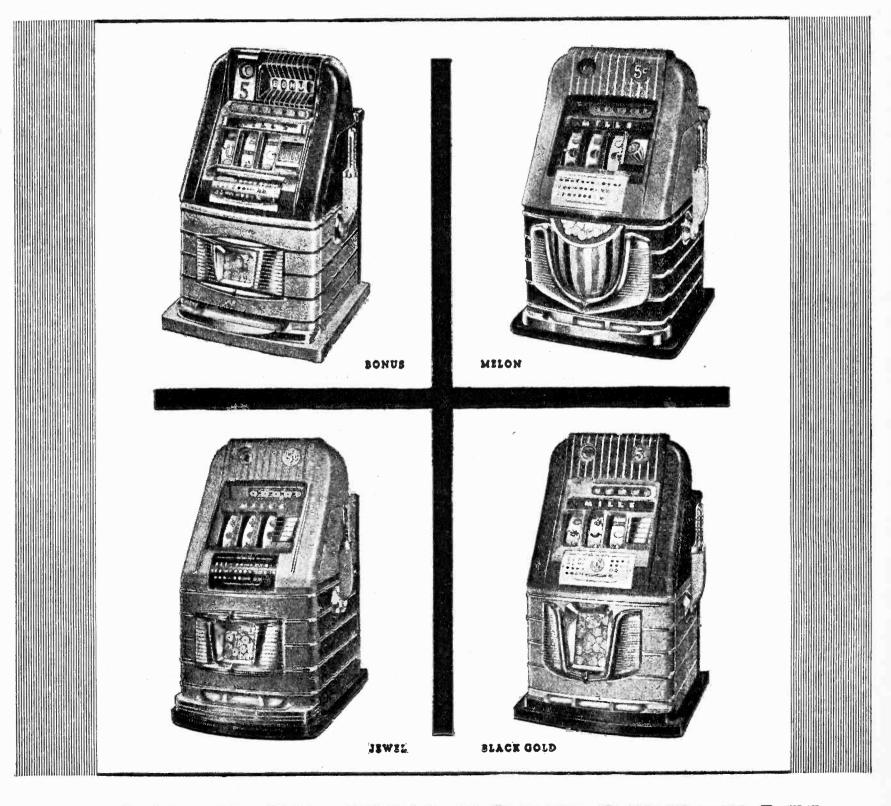


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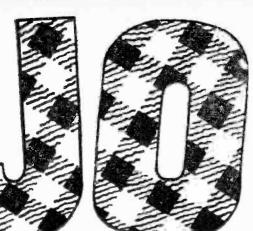
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