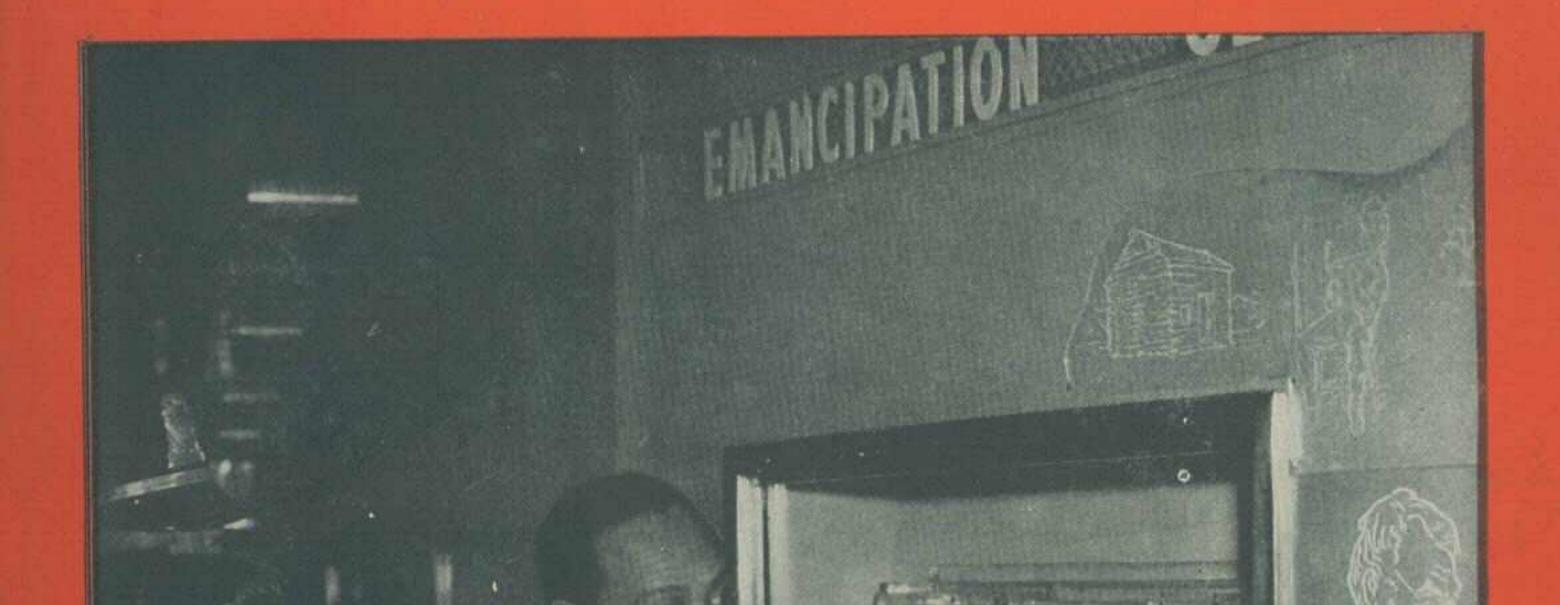


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Lionel Hampton and wife, Gladys, in Washington for the Truman inauguration, view the historic Emancipation Proclamation in the Freedom Train. Hamp was honored by being chosen to play the Pre-Inaugural Ball with his band. He also guested with Benny Goodman's band at the Inaugural Ball. Hamp's newest Decca disk is "Chicken-Shack Boogie," backed by "Benson's Boogie." His outstanding date on personal appearances in recent months was New Year's Eve in Detroit Auditorium. Working with his own organization plus a local band, he drew 10,000. The maestro is set for the Strand Theater, New York, for three weeks starting April 15. Gladys, incidentally, was chosen "Woman of the Year" by "The Pittsburgh Courier," leading Negro weekly.

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TOP SHOWNEN OF RADIO-TV

**U. S. Finds Job Plight Is Far Worse for Radio Talent Than** For Most Guys; L. A. Is Bottom

27% of Thesps and 15% of Warblers Idle Last April

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The cent of them outside of radio. rate of unemployment for radio actors and singers last spring was far higher than for the population as a whole, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported this week. Most announcers during the survey week. Unemployand sound effects men were regularly employed, however.

taken by BLS of members of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) in 15 major cities, the agency disclosed that during a typical week last April 27.3 per cent of the radio actors and 15.6 per cent of the singers were totally without work. Announcers, however, were 96 per cent employed, while 99 per cent of the sound effects men had jobs-7 per

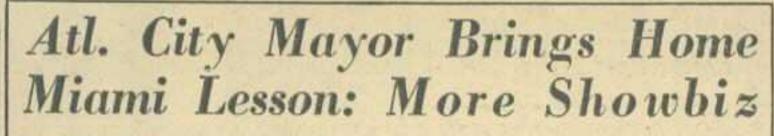
Capitol Readying Miami convinced, he said, that At-'Kiss Me Kate' Album

The poorest job picture was displayed in Los Angeles, where 32.7 per cent of the actors and 18.3 per cent of the singers were without jobs ment figures in New York were 29 per cent for actors and 15.4 per cent account, which now sponsors Fred On the basis of a mailed survey (See Rough Sledding on page 15) Allen in AM.

**Ford Dealers Mull** TV Show on CBS

NEW YORK, March 5 .- A television program aired years ago, during the time Columbia (CBS) was airing experimental video shows, is being considered by the Ford Dealers Association. The latter are scheduled to start a half-hour TV show over CBS next month.

and tells classic stories-Gulliver's Travels, for example-in dance form. J. Walter Thompson is agency for the



ATLANTIC CITY, March 5. mer and winter. While in the South- centers of population cannot miss-

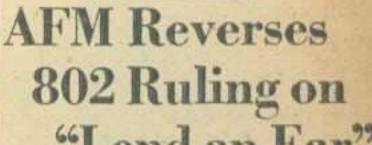
Declaring Atlantic City must offer Mayor Joseph Altman returned to entertainment at night "in the broadhis office this week after a visit to est sense," Mayor Altman continued: "I still say that Atlantic City with lantic City must offer more enter- its unsurpassed beach and Boardwalk tainment at night during both sum- and close proximity to the Eastern

## Competition **On Promotion** Is Hot Fight

#### **Eleventh Annual Contest**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Returns in Program is tagged Drama in Dance, the 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition conducted by The Billboard are all in, with the full list of winners published on page 5 in this issue. In keeping with the yearin, year-out tone of the competition, most of the categories featured redhot fights between the final lists.

> As in the past several years, winning entries were selected by a panel of top advertisers and agency execs, all of whom are listed elsewhere in (See Radio-TV's Top on page 7)



Records shortly will issue an album visitors this season are spending of tunes from the current Broadway money for hotels, food and gambling, Cole Porter smash musical, Kiss Me altho they may be cutting down some-Kate. The diskery is rushing an eight- what on merchandise. Merchants in races or jai alal. Not everybody is sided package which will feature Jo Miami are complaining, he said. Stafford, Gordon MacRae, a chorus and an ork under the direction of people are willing to spend if they Paul Weston.

about \$4 including taxes to com- high as \$45 a day on Miami Beach pete with the Columbia Records' where they complain about \$18 rates original cast package composed of in Atlantic City. But the hotels and six 12-inch platters which markets at cabarets are offering the best enter-\$7, plus taxes.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Capitol ern resort, he said, he observed the if we only offer the proper kinds of

"It all goes to show that the get something for their money," he The package will be marketed at said. "The people are spending as tainment."

ANTA Clinic X-Rays Legit's

entertainment at night. This is true in summer as well as winter. In Miami we find the people going to the dog satisfied to sit on the hotel porch or walk on the Boardwalk here.

"And in the winter, people who come here for conventions do not want to sit around at night and play gin rummy. I can't understand how the people with the most at stake in our resort cannot see these things. To me they become more evident after a trip to Miami."

#### Lend an

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The American Federation of Musicians (AFM) this week okayed an appeal by the producers of the legit musical, Lend an Ear, for the dismissal of four musicians from the pit band. This reversed a Local 802 ruling.

Difficulty arose from the show's transfer from the National Theater, a penalty house, to the Broadhurst, a contract house, February 21. Ork had 22 men at the National. In moving to the Broadhurst it found four house musicians were required to be added. The producers protested this hike of the ork from 22 to 26 men and sought to dismiss four of the original band. Local 802 ruled that a" 26 would have to be kept on, in accordance with the local bylaws calling for musicians to be kept for the run of the show after a minimum period. Producers brought their story to AFM Prexy James Petrillo's office which reversed the local and okayed the releasing of four tootlers. At the contract house rate of \$118 per man weekly, Petrillo's green light pares close to \$500 from the show's nut.

## **Kleenex Has Eye On TV Net Show**

CHICAGO, March 5 .- Strong possibility that the ranks of network television sponsors would be increased by another large company was seen this week in rumors that International Cellucotton Products Company. maker of Kleenex, is considering buying a TV show. Execs of Foote, Cone & Belding, agency on the account, refused to comment on the possibility.

Reports are that the agency has verbally ordered for Cellucotton a tionize TV, radio and recording prac- agency would be able to devise its half-hour, once-a-week segment on tices. Whether it will remains to be own schematic programing to fit the American Broadcasting Company's seen. At the Capitol, however, it needs, desires and preferences of its full TV net for a show to start this

Will Midget Mike Revolutionize TV, Vaude and Waxing? ABC Planning Agency - Night Labor To Help Mgt.WorkOut **Hypos for Biz** 

#### N. Y. Confab Fruitful

By Bob Francis NEW YORK, March 5.-What final benefits will accrue to the theater via size of a dime and the whole thing this week's three-day conference sponsored by the American National Theater and Academy (ANTA) at the Hotel Astor, Wednesday (2) thru its obvious advantage is visual. Beseen. However, if even a portion of the resolutions offered by some 125 representatives of the theatrical crafts noticeable. can be put into practice, there is no question that a tremendous constructive step toward curing the theater's ills will have been made. Friday's

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The Capitol Theater demonstrated a new mike this week with its first show (3), tho the customers weren't aware it was anything new. From out front it looked like a pencil atop a conventional mike stand.

The mike's component part is the is about as thick as six dimes piled on top of each other. Its inventor, the Altec Corporation, claims the mike can pick up the smallest whisper, tho Friday (4), naturally remains to be cause of its size it doesn't blanket performers' faces. If hung from a boom it would be practically un-



#### By Sam Chase

NEW YORK, March 5 .- A drastic switch in the customary network approach to time sales is in the works at the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) as that web's weapon in the heightening network struggle. The ABC move would turn each evening's complete schedule over to a different advertising agency for use of its clients. In this fashion, seven major agencies would supply the vast ma-It is claimed the device will revolu- jority of ABC's billings, while each (See Anta Clinic X-Rays on page 54) picked up everything within five feet. (ABC's Agency-Switch on page 17) summer.

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Showbiz Tax-Slash Hopes Soar "Ice Follies" Draws Record

## **GOP** in House **Gets Behind Move for Cuts**

#### But Truman Stands in Way

WASHINGTON, March 5.-Chances for a cut in show business and other excises are the brightest since the war, following this week's unanimous decision by the Republican House Policy Committee to make excise reductions its "major objective." The future of the GOP's objective is clouded with imponderables, but the party is seen likely to pick up a number of Democratic votes, not only from those Dems inclined to favor cuts but also as a result of bargaining on this and other issues that cut across party lines.

First step for the GOP is to get one of some 40 excise-reduction bills reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee. Minority Leader Joseph Martin (R., Mass.) predicted committee approval, adding: "I understand five Democrats on the committee favor it (Martin's tax-cut bill)."

#### "Anything Can Happen"

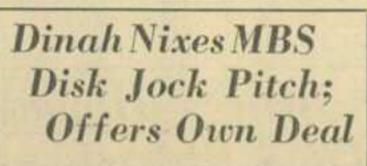
With GOP committee members voting as a bloc, only three Democratic votes are necessary to get a favorable report, since the group is composed of 15 Democrats and 10 Republicans. Once a bill to return excises to the prewar rate gets to (See GOP Backs Tax on page 56)

## NUMBER ONE ACROSS THE MUSIC-DISK BOARD

- No. 1 On the Honor Roll of Hits CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER. No. 1 Sheet Music Seller FAR AWAY PLACES No. I Most Played on Disk Jockey Shows CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER, Blue Barron Ork, MGM 10348 No. I Disk via Dealer Sales CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER, Blue Barron Ork, MGM 10348 No. 1 Disk in the Nation's Juke Boxes CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER, Blue Barron Ork, MGM 10346 No. 1 Most Played Juke Boz Folk Record I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS, J. Wakely and Cowboy Band, Capitol 15243 No. 1 Best Selling Retail Folk Record I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS, J. Wakely and Cowboy Band. Capitol 15243 No. 1 Most Played Juke Box Race Record HUCKLEBUCK, P. Williams, Savoy 683 No. 1 Best Selling Retail Race Record
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Leading albums, classical disks, English and Canadian sheet sellers and full score on all music-disk popularity in Music Popularity Charts, pages 30 to 46 in Music Section,



HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- Dinah Shore has turned down the proposal rule for several years-launched a that she join Mutual Broadcasting System's (MBS) proposed daytime disk jockey layout which would have featured her and Frank Sinatra in a five-a-week back-to-back series. Miss Shore nixed the MBS offer on the wood Thursday (3). Virtually all auto grounds that by joining the ranks of editors, he reported, are in favor of platter pilots she would be in direct such community shows by competition with the nation's disk jockeys and thereby risk offending the wax whirlers. This she refused to do inasmuch as she feels much of her success as a Columbia Records artist has been due to disk jockey co-operation and exploitation. To compete with platter lads would be "ungrateful" on her part, she holds.

## **Press Backs Demand** For Big Auto Shows

DETROIT, March 5 .- The move for revival of over-all industry automobile shows-in distinction to the type of postwar shows by a single manufacturer which have been the few weeks ago by H. M. Swartwood, advertising manager of Kaiser-Frazer, has found ready acceptance in the automotive columns of newspapers, according to a statement by Swart-

# 221,000 in Hub

BOSTON, March 5 .- The Ice Follies of 1949, which played a 13-day stay at Boston Garden, closing February 27, drew a record 221,000. Advance sale was \$400,000 according to Oscar Johnson, one of the three partners. The success was considered phenomenal in view of the recession.

Johnson said the Follies takes about \$5,000,000 annually after the government gets its tax cut. This is the 13th season for the icer, which grossed only \$150,000 in 1937, its first year out. The Follies operates 48 weeks annually; the other four weeks are vacations. Thirteen weeks are spent in San Francisco, where one of the costume shops is located (the other is in Los Angeles, where the show plays a month stand). Johnson said the icer has requests from more cities for dates, but can't squeeze them in.

The show uses a 16-car special train. During the last six or seven years, Johnson estimated, over 2,500,000 persons annually have seen it. Out of the \$5,000,000 gross business, Johnson figured the icer got about \$2,500,000 after splitting the gate with the arenas. The cut runs from 50 to 60 per cent of ticket sales. He figured yearly expenses, including the financing of next year's costumes, etc., at \$1,700,000 to \$1,800,000, leaving \$700,000 or \$800,000 net income. Johnson figured it cost about \$500,000 to put the show together, including props, costumes and musical scores. The Ice Follies is owned by Johnson, Eddie Shipstad and Shipstad's brother, Roy, a featured skater with the show.

Johnson believes the draw of the icer is based on the fact that it is a family show, like the circus in some respects, in that every member of the family can go and be entertained.

#### Would Limit Ticket Sale

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5 .- A bill prohibiting the sale of tickets in excess of seating capacity-except for a 5 per cent runover-has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by Reps. Russell E. Reese and J. Dean Polen. The proposal carries fines of \$200 to \$500 and/or jail sentences of one to three months.

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Miss Shore has made Mutual a counter proposal to build a daytime Mr. and Mrs. show starring her and hubby, George Montgomery, Stanza would be first West Coast network man-and-wife series to be aired and would feature a variety format including but not emphasizing records. MBS is currently mulling the proposal

Deal to ink Sinatra has also hit sources. The Voice and MBS have so far failed to see eye-to-eye either on terms of pact or duration of the Mutual contract. Web is understood to be holding out for a firm twoyear noncancelable deal, which Sinatra refused to ink.

## **Bock Fete March 9 To Help Red Cross**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Norman Bel Geddes is designing and staging the Spring Bock Festival which will be given next Wednesday (9) night for the benefit of the American Red Cross at the 165th Infantry Armory, Lexington Avenue and 25th Street, The set is expected to be the largest ever put up for a one-night stand, The Kaj Velden Studios is to do the construction.

Milton Berle will be chief barker of the show, which will begin at 6 o.m. and last until 4 a.m. Performers rom radio, opera, movies, the legitimate stage and television will appear. as well as quartets of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America and rival groups of folk dancers.

Robert Sylvester, The New York Cross.

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the industry.

Two such events have already been held in medium-sized towns, Syracuse and Meridian, Miss., and others are being planned in Philadelphia; Schenectady, N. Y.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Fort Worth and Atlantic City. About 15 per cent of important cities do not have an auditorium or structure suitable for a show of this caliber, it is reported, mostly the smaller towns but notably Atlanta and Columbus, O.

The extent of the move for community-level industry shows, with the widening of opportunity for several branches of both indoor and outdoor show business, is indicated by the demand of N. C. Rumple, automotive editor of The Midland Daily snags, according to Coast Mutual News, at Midland, Mich. (pop., 10,-000), for local shows, with the comment: "No Midlander is particularly interested in a show at the Waldorf-Astoria. A few of them William J. Sachs ..... Executive News Editor (Cincinnation) will drive 125 miles to Detroit. Most of them will wait until the new cars appear in Midland."

#### True Name Law Sticks

BOSTON, March 5 .- All paid entertainers, including outdoor and indoor branches of show business and sports figures working under assumed. names, will still have to file their real names with the State Department of Public Safety as a result of action taken by the House Wednesday (2) in refusing to repeal the true name law which has been in effect for one year. By a roll call vote of 121-90 the House refused to reconsider the action by which it rejected the repealer.

Daily News drama editor, heads the theater committee for the festival. General admission tickets at \$1 entitle holders to see the show, dance to name bands, and drink at four bars where the sponsoring brewers of New York and New Jersey will be serving the season's first bock beer. The entire gross will go to the Red

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#### Henie Ahead in Detroit

DETROIT, March 5 .- The Sonia Henie ice show closed here Thursday night (3) with average biz reported 10 per cent ahead of last year. Attend-

(See "Ice Follies" on page 56)

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JUDGES in The Billboard's 11th Annual Promotion Competition shown at luncheon at Le Perroquet suite of the Waldorf-Astoria March 1. Judging started early that morning and continued thru and after lunch.

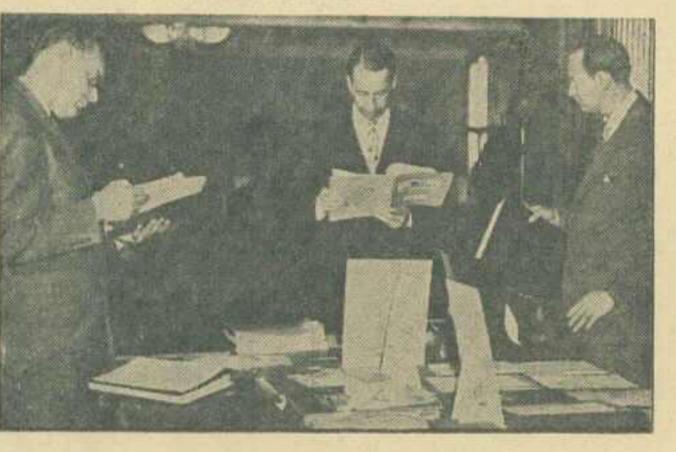


TWO AGENCY TV directors debating the top video promotion jobs. Left, Roger Pryor, Foote, Cone & Belding, with Dave Gudebrod, of N. W. Ayer.

WILLIAM D. LITTLEFORD, copublisher of The Billboard, watches as Tom Revere, of the Biow Agency II. to r. I. attacks a stack of Promotion Competition submissions.



CHET MacCRACKEN, of Doherty, Clifford & Shenfield; Dick Rettig, Whitehall Pharmacal, and Frank Kemp, Compton Advertising, Inc. (I. to r), pore over a batch of entries.

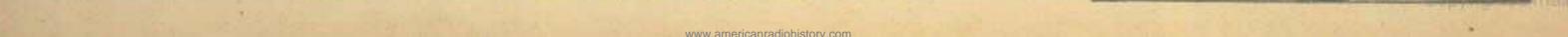




AL DEMPEWOLFF, of Celanese Corporation of America, and Tom Harrington, of Ted Bates, Inc. (I. to r.), relaxing after having finished voting. Judges worked on a subcommittee basis to insure sufficient time to the great number of entries. WICK CRIDER, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn; J. Ward Maurer, of the Wildroot Company, and Tom Slater, Ruthrauff & Ryan (I. to r.), ponder the problem of tabbing top entries.

J. WARD MAURER, of the Wildroot Company, and Walter Craig, AM-TV veepee of Benton & Bowles, concentrate on a finalist's Competition entry.





#### The Billboard

COMPETITION PROMOTION

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Do Nets Well in Purserv: **Lacking in Sales** 

RADIO-TV'S

NEW YORK, March 5.-Regional letworks showed up well in audience promotion and public service promotion, but indicated a marked deficiency in sales and audience-sales promotion in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Pr .motion Competition. The National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) Western web took the blue ribbon for its audience efforts, while the Pacific Northwest Broadcasters ("XL" network) won in the public service category. However, the judges' panel did not deem entries in sales and audience-sales promotion categories strong enough to merit awards.

NBC Western's audience promotional work, in addition to its monthly kits on all rograms which enable affiliates to do a continuing coordinated job, pulled its single biggest promotion in its presentation of the Hollywood Santa Claus Lane Christmas Parade, in conjunction with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Parade Gimmick**

The million-odd spectators who witnessed the 1947 edition of the parade Sales and Public Service, and WNEW, let's current advertising. saw 18 NBC shows represented with another local indie, won in Audience huge floats which carried the pro- Promotion. The other top winner ous use of traditional sales media, grams' stars, along with plugs for was WHDH, Boston, in the Audience- using trade paper ads, program schedthe shows and their sponsors. These Sales division. were brought to countless more people via stories in local papers and thru the wire services and photo syndicates to people all over the country. Movie and radio fan magazines, newsreels and two network shows also brought the promotion to the nation. The pubserv award, taken by the "XL" group of nine stations in the Pacific Northwest, stressed the beauty and commercial benefits of that geographic region. The promotion noted that the area, capable of supporting 50,000,000 people, now is inhabited by less than one-tenth that number. The web hits outlanders as well as visitors with an annual magazine, lavish with photos, in issues of 100,000 circulation. A collaborative radio series also plugs the same theme.

## Stations Winning Awards in 10th and 11th Annual Promotion Competitions

**10TH ANNUAL AWARD** 

STATION CITY Pacific N.W. Broadcasters Over-All, Reg. Net-1st WOR, New York

WLW, Cincinnati KSTP, Minneapolis KLZ, Denver

WFIL, Philadelphia WHYN, Holyoke, Mass. WMOM (WHN) New York WOV. New York

WNEW, New York KSFO, San Francisco WFOX, Milwaukee KIEV, Glendale, Galif. WNYO, New York

WLOW, Norfolk WIZZ, Wilkes-Barro, Pa. **CKOK**, Regina, Bask.

Over-All, Clear Channel-2d Over-All, Clear Channel-1st Pubserv, Clear Channel-3d Single Campaign: Clear Channel-1st

Over-All, Regional-3d Pubserv, Regional-1st Single Campaign: Regional-24 Pubserv, Local-2d Bingle, Over 5,000-1st Over-All, Over 5,000-24 Pubserv, Over 5,000-1st Over-All, Over 5,000-1st Over-All, Over 5,000-3d Over-All, Under 5.000-3d Pubserv, Under 5,000-1st Pubserv, Under 5,000-2d

Over-All, New-1st Over-All, FM-2d Single Campaign: Canadian, Local-1st Canadian-3D

**11TH ANNUAL AWARO** Pubserv, Reg. Net-1st Audience, Clear Channel-2d Audience-Sales, Cl. Chan,-1st Sales, Clear Channel-1et Pubserv, Cl. Channel-2d Sales, Clear Channel-2d Sales, Roy.-1st Pubserv, Reg.-3d Audience, Regional-24 Pubserv, Local-3d Audience, 50,000-1st Sales, S-20 Kw.-1st Pubserv, 5-20 Kw.-1st Audience, 5-20 Kw.-1st Bales, B-20 Kw.-2d Audience-Sales, 250 Kw.-3d Pubsery, 250-20 Kw.-1st Audience, 250-20 Kw.-3d Pubsery, 250-20 Kw.-2d Audience, 250-20 Kw.-1st FM-2d

## **Close Fight** In Promotion Competition

#### No National Web Entries

(Continued from page 3) the Radio Department this issue. Pointing up the importance of this competition is the fact that each of the judges spent virtually an entire day to make their choices. The judging system, in view of the great number of entries-a shade under 200-used groups of subcommittees assigned to various categories. This made it possible to give each entry thoro and complete attention,

#### Three Disappointments

For the record, the judges want three items pointed out to broadcasters generally. One was the disappointing number of TV entries. Another was the disappointing number of entries in FM. The third was the fact that no national network entered this year-the first time in the 11year history of the promotion competition that this has been so. The story behind this development is this: Both Mutual (MBS) and the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) wanted to submit entries, but would not unless Columbia (CBS) entered. (American Broadcasting Company (ABC) pleads poverty whenever the

## 5-Kw. Indies in Tough Race; **New York Stations Grab 3** Awards, WHDH (Boston) Fourth

Radio and Television Promotion Com- of alerting them to WOV.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Competi-| "Audited Audiences" copy in a series tion in three of four categories-Sales, of ads in trade papers. The idea Audience-Sales and Public Service- behind this theme is to take the was particularly spirited among in- guess out of buying for sponsors. The dependent stations of 5,000 watts and station's "Quizzes for Time Buyers" over in The Billboard's 11th Annual was another highly ingenious method The petition. WOV, New York, Indie, agency men were given prizes for walked off with awards in both answering questions about the out-

KSFO made constant and continuules, mailing pieces, sales presenta-WHDH, the Boston outlet, showed followed that idea thru successfully truly sensational results in hiking to win the Audience Promotion cate- its audience and sales. In two years gory. Its trick programing featured the station increased its share of lisunusual shows such as the You Can teners 325 per cent. The during that Lose Your Shirt giveaway, where time it took ads in the local papers contestants paid for missing questions; for 165,000 lines of space, its major Anything Goes, with listeners sending promotion concerned itself with the in the weirdest thing they could find, baseball broadcasts. Here the reand Summer Service, which delivered sults were that WHDH drew an overtips on traffic, weather, places to go, all share of audience 40 per cent good shows but they were rated good another station carrying the games.

"XL" stations also promote the magazine and radio series via many promotional devices. These include spots, window streamers and store display cards, as well as free distribution of the magazine thru retail outlets.

## CFRB, CKNW and **CKCK** Cop Honors In Own Gen. Class

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NEW YORK, March 5 .- To judge from the number of entries received from Canadian stations in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition it appears that Dominion stations have substantially improved their showmanship during 1948. Not only were entries more numercor but those received were of a higher quality and shower greater imagination in utilizing promotion. Some of the Canadian entries were really socko, as detailed later. First, tho, the winners.

CFRB. Toronto, capped first; CKNW, New Westminster, B. C., second, and CKCK, Regina, Sask., third in a special general promotion category which includes all divisions.

hands. It was forced to switch from audience.

WNEW goes on the theory that the tions and other stand-bys. best attack is a different attack and

etc. Not only were these programs higher than that drawn in 1946 by enough copy to get plenty of free space in the newspapers.

In Sales Promotion, WOV leads the parade, followed by KSFO, San Francisco. The New York indie featured

a channel where it already had built a considerable audience to one with fewer listeners. The promotion push began one week before the change, with the theme "Follow your favorites to 1010" constantly accentuated. Car cards, billboards, a movie trailer and gimmicks such as a door-knob hanger and a co-operative promotion with the American Airlines carried the main promotion burden. The result was an increase, not a decrease of listeners.

CKNW, the second-place winner, claims a number of firsts in Canadian promotion to its credit. They include using car cards on a yearly contractual basis, using daily and weekly paper advertising, distributing book covers to school kids publicizing the outlet and paying \$1 daily and \$5 weekly to the best news stories of the week submitted to the station. CKNW public service contributions have been outstanding. The top effort here was donating the facilities of the statior to the governn.ent during the Fraser River flood.

The Regina outlet, CKCK, which came up with a third, built its promotion around the Sweet Caporal show, Sweet Harmony, Radio plugs, newspapers, window displays and sports publications were intensively utilized. Rugby for Radio, a booklet, was also distributed to 3,000 listeners,

#### **KPOA** and KGER

The second and third-place winners in the Audience Sales division were KPOA, Honolulu, and KGER, Long Beach, Calif., respectively KPOA also latched on to sports with successful results. It caters to a multilingual population in the islands, but its baseball scoring contest, with two round-trip tickets to the mainland the prizes, received 50,000 entries and reached all types of listeners.

KGER, realizing the great number of Southwestern residents living on the Coast, went "Western" and re-Tiny Tim and received national publicity when he got stuck in a phone were doing the industry a distinct disbooth.

sock public service promotion in 1948. measure, just what the all-radio pres-Its American Family series, especially, entation does-it focuses advertiserwas the kind of radio that will be agency eyes on the sock promotion long remembered in New York. In- services, and the sock sales stories, cluded in the series were programs that radio renders and has to tell its touching on all facets of family life clients and listeners. The willingness -divorce, housing, infertility, hospi- of the judges in participating year tals, the public school system and after year is an indication of that fact brotherhood. Naturally the response and of the importance of the competiwas gratifying.

this category, furnished its listeners NBC nor Mutual could on account of with complete information to make its electoral choice. The Republican, Progressive and Democratic conventions in 1948 were aired at a great the National Association of Broadcastcost to the station. Three special correspondents were dispatched to Phila-CFRB really had a problem on its a good portion of the station's sports delphia and came up with some notable news beats.

competition comes up, and thus doesn't figure in this picture.) However, when CBS was asked as to its intentions, its promotion veepee, Victor Ratner, stated Columbia would not participate, for the reasons:

#### **CBS** Explanation

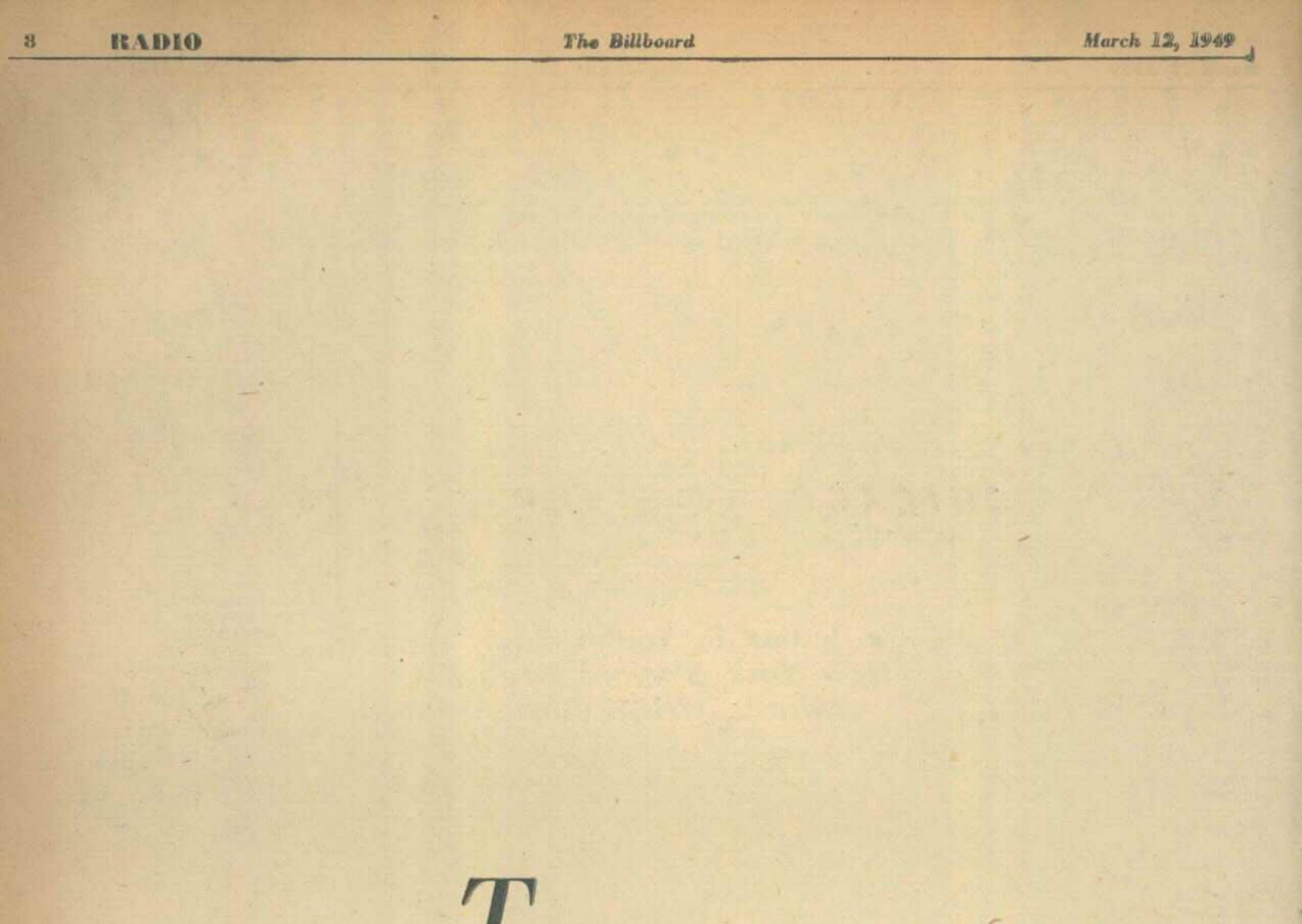
CBS is committed to a policy of not entering competitions; CBS could not spare the time, money or manpower to prepare an entry; CBS did not believe in "promoting promotion."

To which The Billboard replied (this was before capital gains) that it could not accept a "no money" plea from Columbia; that The Billboard is aware of the plethora of phony "awards" plaguing the industry, and that if CBS had any idea that The Billboard had a money-maker in its radio promotion competition we'd let him look at our records on last year's competition (total expenditures, slightly more than \$8,500; total advertising receipts from competition winners, \$4,400). At that, results were better than any year before.

#### Industry Service

And to which The Billboard further replied that, as a high priest of vamped its entire program schedule to radio promotion (Ratner is on leave fit that theme. The station got it- now from CBS to finish up the allself a 600-pound disk jockey named radio presentation being made under industry-wide auspices), he and CBS service in refusing to participate since WOV really won the laurels for its the competition does, in no small tion as a service to the industry. KFWB, the second-place winner in P.S.-CBS didn't enter, and neither CBS.

> As usual, winning entries will be exhibited at this year's convention of ers (NAB). The Billboard's exhibit room will be open at convention headquarters, the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, from April 10 thru April 13.



Lhe Affiliates of the National Broadcasting

Company hereby express unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the network's program policies, past, present and those proposed for the future. *Further*, they are in complete accord with NBC's plan

to afford opportunities to new American talent, and



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are confident that this field has unlimited potentialities. *To the end* that all NBC programs, present and future, shall have the widest opportunity, the affiliates declare their intention to accomplish the most aggressive promotion campaign in the history of the industry—so that NBC shall further strengthen its position as *the nation's number one network*.

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## PROMOTION COMPETITION The Billboard 10 **Regional Channel Affiliates Grab Their Share of Honors;** WOWO, WOW, KLZ Cop Two Each

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Network | cessful relations with advertisers and affiliates operating on a regional with first place in the sales promotion channel showed again, in The Bill- division of the competition. All the board's 11th Annual Radio and Tele- traditional promotional tools were vision Promotion Competition, as they did last year, that it isn't additional gimmicks as airplane adnecessarily the big city slickers vertising were tossed in for very who do the slickest promotional job. good measure. WISH, Indianapolis, A number of lesser communities are and WOW, Omaha, tied for second represented among those which p ace, the former with strong and concopped honors, carrying further the sistent use of regulation methods and strong and healthy dispersal of tubthumping savvy into every corner of the country. Three stations walked off with two awards apiece; WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind.; WOW. Omaha, and Yankton, S. D., took third honors for KLZ, Denver.

audience promotion proficiency, with heavyweight title fight. WHB, Kansas City, Mo., proving the front runner. That outlet showed its know-how in letting the audience and trade know about its changeover of frequency and simultaneous start first place in audience-sales promoof operations on a full-time basis. The station's promotion ran the gamut and in so doing impressed the board of judges, as well as those for whom the promotion originally was intended.

#### Second Place Tie

Second place in audience promotion found WSGN, Birmingham, and WFIL, Philadelphia, tying for the award. The former, in addition to its continuing campaigns, promoted three special-event promotions, two tied in with local originations of network airers and the third with the State fair. The Philadelphia outlet made the grade with appearances of bracing such projects as farm work, Only one other station won two 12,000 letters and 20,000 contest enits talent and local shows in 14 sur- fire prevention, education, teen-age rounding communities. Another tie and children's airers, community and was in evidence for third place, with civic organization promotion, safety the winners KDAL, Duluth, Minn., shows, coverage of fairs, promotion and WTMJ, Milwaukee. The Duluth of radio week and boosting of the station utilized a contest built around i's shows to stir up interest, while second for its tour of nine European WTMJ's tie-up with the State fair proved a boon for both, promotionwise. Plugging its clients "from the kilo- KLZ, Derver, achieved third place cycles to the cash register" paid off on the basis of a special series of for KLZ, Denver, with highly suc- programs concerning heart disease.

utilized with telling effect, and such the latter for its spectacular 25th anniversary promotion in which it opened individual \$1 savings accounts for over 1,000 advertisers. WNAX, its thoro campaign around the broad-Five stations shared the gravy for cast of the Joe Louis-Joe Walcott

#### **Gimmicks and Gadgets**

A "gimmick and gadget" campaign aided WDNC, Durham, N. C., to win tion. The station plugged its power increase and frequency change with a series of gimmick post cards with gadgets attached. A series of special events also were promoted, and to these the station bent a strong promotional arm. WOWO, Fort Wayne, got the second-place nod for an elaborate campaign on behalf of a department store client, which involve 'sponsorship of the local symphony, a moppet show to boost Christmas trade and a teen-age talent show.

In the public service division WOWO, Fort Wayne, paced the field with a collection of promotions em-Freedom Train. WOW, Omaha, ran countries by 25 "dirt farmers" from its coverage area, with broadcasts from abroad and full press coverage.



## **KLZ's Public Service Director**

KLZ continuously demonstrates its aggressive leadership in the sphere of social usefulness. Switzer directs and co-ordinates KLZ's many efforts to dissect and solve problems peculiar to the Denver area,

KLZ, DENVER

## **Multiple Wins** Go to Nine **Competitors**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Nine stations of all those entered in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition As tools, 24-sheets, newspaper diswere able to win more than one award. KLX, Oakland, Calif., was point of sale and merchandising aids the top laurel collector with three, and newspaper publicity were used. including two firsts and one second. The campaign was so successful that

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## **Small Indies Prove Prolific** In Promotion

NEW YORK, March 5.- A bumper crop of promotional ideas marked the entries of independent stations of less than 1,000 watts in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition. Undoubted leader among stations operating in this power frequency was KLX, Oakland, Calif., which took first place in the sales and audience-sales division and second in the audience division. WNYC, New York, also was a multiple choice, second in publicservice and third in the audience promotion category.

WLOW, Norfolk, winner of the last year's Billboard award for stations on the air one year or less, continues in the same promotional groove with its victory in the audience classification in 1948. For example, its Knotholer Club, conducted by sportscaster Mark Scott, led the fight against juvenile delinquency in the city. And as an example of racial equality in action, it had Negro and white youngsters participating in various social and sporting activities in the Southern city. Second and third awards in this category went to the KLX and WNYC respectively.

KLX led the sales division, followed by WPDX, Clarksburg, W. Va., and WDLB, Marshfield, Wis. The California outlet wanted to build its morning time period sales and in order to do this utilized two Glen King disk jockey stanzas for the job. play ads, promotional spots, contests, tries were received and Hooperatings Here are the multiple champs, with for the whole morning sked hiked 90 per cent.

For Profitable Selling-Investigate GAL WDEL LANCASTER WILMINGTON DELA. PENNA. READING HARRISBURG PENNA. PENNA. EASTON YORK PENNA. PENNA. STATIONS STEINMAN Clair R. McCollough, Managing Director Represented by ROBERT MEEKER ASSOCIATES Los Angeles New York San Francisco Chicago

first awards: WOV, New York. a run-down on where they won:

KLX, Oakland, non-network, 250-1000 watts-First, sales promotion; first, audience sales promotion; second, audience promotion.

WOV, New York, non-network, 250-1000 watts-First, sales promotion; first, public service promotion. WLW, Cincinnati, clear channel

network affiliate-First, sales promotion; second, public servic : promotion.

WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind., regional channel network affiliate-First, public service promotion; second, audience-sales promotion.

WOR, New York, clear channel net-(See MULTIPLE WINS on page 12) benefit to the community.

In the audience sales category KLX won the award. WMIN, St. Paul, was second and WFOX, Milwaukee, third.

In the public service divisions, KIEV, Glendale, Calif., for the second year in a row, was first; WNYC, second as mentioned, and WFTM, Maysville, Ky., third. Among the many public service features KIEV offered its listeners were an essay contest on Americanism, a benefit dance to raise money for city parks, a disk jockey show that increased army enlistments 72 per cent and other similar station activities of

## **New Stations Lick Problems; KIOA, WLTC, WALE Winners**

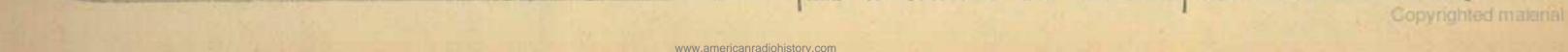
NEW YORK, March 5.-Promotional problems facing new stations taking to the air are frequently more complex than those of outlets with a continuing promotional effort. Since most of them also have the job to do on a small budget, those that make off with the honors in this classification in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition are fully deserving of the laurels they have won. The winners this year are KIOA, Des Moines; WLTC, Gastonia, N. C., and WALE, Fall River, Mass., in that order. The Iowa outlet used six different avenues

to get its preliminary message across to the public. Among the six were publicity, advertising, direct mail, a slogan contest, KIOA open house and push-button changes. The slogan contest-KIOA, the Heart of Iowa-was the winning entry, with 2,585 entries. After it went on the air in April. 1948, the campaign covered publicity. promotion, direct mail, display helps, sales aids, merchandising, special events, programing and surveys. Results count. A Hooper city index made in September places the station first in the community in two time classifications, thus revealing it has achieved its promotional objectives.

Not only did WLTC have to get itself listeners, but it found its competitor had created a spot announcement consciousness in the town and had to overcome that additional

handicap. Once again programing proved to be the answer and shows were produced that got sponsors. Station also created audiences by the use of remotes and used a Negro disk jockey to assure itself of that segment of a previously untapped audience.

WALE has only been on the air since May, 1948. To snag listeners it conducted multiple promotions at the same time with emphasis on attention-getting stunt publicity. For example, the station mounted a whale mascot on a truck and toured the area, the mayor threw the switch opening the station at city hall, airplanes dropped gift certificates on the crowd during these ceremonies and a "mystery voice" competition with lots of prizes created pienty of listener interest in the vicinity.



#### The Billboard

PROMOTION COMPETITION 11

# WPTZ and KTSL Tie for 2d

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Television promotion swung into high gear last year, as the medium began to pick up speed, commercially. This was reflected in the number of tele stations represented in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition and the slender degree of choice represented among them. The panel of judges, however, felt a modicum of disappointment in the stations' presentation, on the basis that a better representation of day-to-day video promotion came over their desks in the natural course of the past year than was shown between

the covers of the entries. Top honors went to Chicago's WENR-TV. owned and operated by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC).

The first-place champ's campaign started well before the station even hit the air, with its T-Day September 17, last year. All the station's manifold efforts were devoted to plugging its super-type opening, and the fact that it succeeded was evidenced when it pulled an audience including 82.8 per cent of TV homes interviewed by The Pulse on its first night.

#### **Tied for Second Place**

Winding up in a dead heat for second place were WPTT, Philadelphia, and KTSI, Hollywood. The former, a Philco-owned station, did an extravagant job of selling, not only its own facilities, but tele generally to advertisers and agencies. Its trade press advertising was anything but the usual institutional stuff, plugging instead those bankrollers who turned the medium to their commercial advantage in the course of buying time on WPTZ. The varied promotional tools all were utilized in some way, and their advantageous application is indicated in the potent fact that WPTZ has more advertisers on its facilities than any other station in the country.

## **Judges Do Thoro Job**

NEW YORK, March 5.-When a group of men representing some of the top brains in the sponsor and advertising agency field get together for an occasion outside and above the call of duty, you can bet that considerable shop talk will ensue. Particularly is this true if they are gathered, as they were last Tuesday (1), as judges for The Billboard's Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition, the 11th run by this publication. The occasion afforded the judges the opportunity to pore over the many entries, and their conscientiousness and interest made for awards on the highest and fairest level,

The judging took place at Le Perroquet Suite of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The judges, whose names are listed below, spent virtually the full working day inspecting the entries, debating their merits and marking their closed ballots.

The method of judging the entries was much the same as in last year's competition. As each entry was received, it was assigned to a Billboard radio-television staffer, who wrote a brief but complete report on its contents. At the Waldorf the judges received a volume in which all these reports were bound. This procedure was followed in order for the judges to begin their work with some idea about the contents of the reports, as it otherwise would have been manifestly impossible for them to digest thoroly the impressive and frequently massive collections representing the year's promotion work of each entrant.

#### Subcommittees on Categories

The board of judges was divided into subcommittees, which then were assigned to various categories. Thus, one group of judges was concerned with stations of one power grouping, while another batch worked on a different group of stations. Television, FM, new stations and Canadian stations called for further subdivision of the judges. In addition, the judges were requested, upon completion of the mandatory assignments, to vote on other groups after proper study. In this way, each category was acted upon by two or more judging units.

## TV Promotion Goes in High; WOR, WLW, WMAQ Pull Down Top Honors to WENR-TV; 2 Awards Each in Close Battle; **Net 0&0 in Clear Affil Category**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The heavy and close competition among clear channel network affiliates for The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition was highlighted by three stations drawing down two awards each. WOR, New York, and WLW, Cincinnati, each took one first place and one second, while WMAQ, Chicago, won a second and a third. These proved prodigious feats, as the judges had more than a little difficulty in settling on their choices. Network owned-and-operated stations were included in the clear channel net affiliate category. WNBC's first place

> was for its audience promotion. centered about its highly successful Salute to the Cities campaign. which has been widely copied. The WOR and WMAQ sound-up deadlocked for second place in this category, the former for its smart use of choice copy and intelligent application of same, and WMAQ for a campaign which saturated its area thru heavy use of comic books, station breaks and promotional broadcasts. WRVA, Richmond, Va., won a third award on the basis of strong promotional efforts in its coverage area thru devices such as billboards, car cards, a monthly program log, ads, transit posters and the use of WRVA's own facilities.

#### KSTP Also Adept

WLW evidenced its usual top-flight sales promotional job in winning first place in that category. The station's merchandising methods have become a by-word in the industry. Again this year they proved the plus ultra in the field thru maximum use of 20 full-time employees in a department devoted entirely to grocery. drug and special merchandising. KSTP, Minneapolis, also proved adept at this sort of promotion, with special analyses made of sponsors' sales problems in its area and a thoro plan for clearing them up. This won KSTP a second in the sales promotion grouping. Third award went to WMAQ, which exhibited considerable ingenuity and effort in applying its merchandising shoulder to clients' sales wheels. WOR walked off with the audiencesales promotion gonfalon, with its rare combination of humor, perspicacity and incisiveness, making its efforts a pleasure to behold, both for the audience and for the sponsor. Deft ad and merchandising copy and good exploitation of the station's market made the award deserved. KDKA. Pittsburgh, took second place with a job which merited high praise from its agencies and clients. KEX, Portland, Ore., was voted third honors for a campaign stressing its power boost.

The co-holder of second place, KTSL, exploited to the hilt its film coverage of the two major party presidential conventions. The public was well aware of its opportunity to view the proceedings over the station after the city had been deluged with material of every sort concerning the airings. Besides the standard methods, KTSL also used AM announcements and film trailers.

Third prize went to KSTP-TV, Minneapolis-St. Paul, which embarked upon a vigorous campaign to sell tele to the audience and to advertisers as well. The station, for example, turned out a top-notch presentation on television and its advertising advantages, which was used to make AM clients and agencies videoconscious. Other interesting methods used included sky-writing and a heavy schedule of talks by station execs before gatherings of local civic and business groups which had considerable influence.

#### Non-Web Award

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NEW YORK, March 5 .- Only one award was made in the nonnetwork 50,000-watt category: To WMGM, New York, for its audience promotion efforts concentrated about its change of name, from WHN, and its move to new studios. Biggest item in the package was the week-long series of special shows featuring one of the most extravagant collections of name showbiz talent in radio annals.

To cement its first place awards, the station promoted these shows and its call-letter switch thru a varied and wellconceived master plan. This involved use of film trailers in two big movie chains in New York and newsreel coverage for national impressions. Other media included laundry shirtband ads, transcribed musical jingles made by Hollywood stars and heavy schedules of ads.

The following is the list of judges:

J. M. Allen Bristol-Myers Company William A. Chalmers Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc.

Lee Cooley McCann-Erlekson, Ins.

Walter Cralg-Benton & Bowles, Inc.

Wickliffe Crider Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osbern. Ins.

Albert S. Dempewolff Celenese Corporation of America

John Gilman Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company

David Gudebrod N. W. Ayer & Son. Inc.

Tom Harrington Ted Bates, Inc.

Frank Kemp Compton Advertising, Inc.

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KVOO, Tulsa, Okla., broke into the champions' circle in the public service promotion division, via its efforts to stir farmers to build "greener pas-(See Three Stations Win on page 12)

clever promotion operation and this year was no exception. This station, the one that gave birth to FM transit broadcasts, uses much of its promotion to sell FM sets and thru that increase the available FM audiences. All this, naturally, to attract advertisers. However, instead of utilizing costly paid newspaper space, WIZZ decided that good programing alone would do the trick. With that in mind, it tied up the broadcasting rights to sports in the locality and broadened its listener base.

Both WGYN, New York, and WRBL-FM, Columbus, Ga., contributed interesting presentations, The New York station had four major objectives: To boost FM as a medium, plug the WGYN programs, boost the station's selling power to advertisers and agencies and to promote specific sponsored programs. The Georgia outlet's chief contribution was an FM clinic which tied in with retailers who exhibited their sets and participated in the idea to the extent they donated 13 sets to be given away to

## **Close Contest in FM Group;** WCFC First; WIZZ Again

closest of all the contests in The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition was that staged in the frequency modulation (FM) grouping. The numerous entries in this division proved so closely bunched in quality that the judges had a difficult time before they decided that the first prize goes to WCFC, Beckley, W. Va., with WIZZ, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., second, for the second year in a row, and WRBL-FM, Columbus, Ga., and WGYN, New York, tied for third place.

The WCFC entry was especially noteworthy in that it was the station's first year on the air. 'The fact that it was also the first FM sta- the local papers. tion in West Virginia made it much

NEW YORK, March 5.—One of the | easier to garner free newspaper space in the papers of that State. For example, WCFC secured the ears at the top of the first page of the local Beckley Post-Herald. Among the other audience drawing activities were broadcasting baseball games played by the Cincinnati Reds, setting up a "radio workshop" in which people from the area learned about broadcasting and created actual shows, intensified promotion of FM knowledge thru the local press, broadcasting the basketball games of West Virginia University and Marshall College and a sports quiz show pitting local orgs against each other which nabbed plenty of free space in

WIZZ always comes up with a the public.

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#### PROMOTION COMPETITION

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## Solid Promotional Job Done **By Low Watter Brigade Among** Local Channel Web Affiliates

wattage stations often are long on ingenuity in addition to doing a solid substantial promotional job. This is borne out by the entries in the network affiliate-local channel category of The Billboard's 11th Annual Radio and Television Promotion Competition. Not only have they mastered routine methods, but also are hep to stunts and are alert enough to latch on to situations which arise suddenly and possess inherent promotional possibilities.

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Winners in the audience and public service categories of the network affiliate-local channel division are, in audience, WBOW, Terre Haute, Ind.; WKBO, Harrisburg, Pa., and WFBR, Baltimore, in that order, and in public service, KTUC, Tucson, Ariz., first; WPOR, Portland, Me., second, and WHYN, Holyoke, Mass., third.

In the audience-sales division a single award was made to WCOP, Boston.

WBOW follows that promotion ball like a terrier. The six main features of its campaign last year were a house organ, newspaper advertising and publicity, radio advertising and publicity, downtown miniature billboards, motion picture trailers and bus cards. Its stunt promotion went all out publicizing Art Linkletter's 1948 appearance at the Vigo County Fair.

tinued with plugs and displays. WKBO does a solid kind of promo-March of Dimes and a drive for a after Nielson begins video ratings in As a result of WPOR's campaign tion job. Newspapers are used to plug call letters, to establish local to get out the vote in Maine's pri- camp fund for needy children. The New York in late spring, inasmuch as personalities and to tie in with net- maries and elections last year, many camp fund drive clicked so well that an estimated 20 per cent of television work personalities. In radio a total more people cast their ballot in 100 youngsters were sent to camp homes do not have telephones, the of 2,389 live spot announcements WPOR's section of the State. Most for the summer.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The low- flacking the station were delivered thruout the year. Fifty per cent of the station's outgoing mail carries stamps, stickers or stuffers with a promotional message to the public.

> Mass circulation newspapers are the main promotional arm of WFBR's campaign. The press advertising always makes a point of linking several different types of shows. Station also distributed 10,000 folders to such places as doctors' offices, barbershops and beauty parlors. All this activity has meant upped ratings.

WCOP makes intelligent use of promotion that takes advantage of local idiocyncracies. Boston, for example, has a large commuter population and the station caters to local papers read by these suburban residents. Extensive promotion is also directed toward Boston schools and libraries as well as those in outlying towns and villages. For its special stunt of the year, WCOP originated a Boston Tea Party from Rowe's wharf where the original tea party had been held.

#### Standout Pubserv Jobs

All turee stations in the public service division turned in stand-out efforts. KTUC, in particular, worked out a gimmick which made for identification between the call letters of the network it is affiliated with, CBS, and a new safety sign it originated, "caution before speed." The sign was installed in 100 key spots and the safety theme was con-

## Web Standing

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) came out on top in the "team" aspect of The Billboard's promotion competition. Thirteen NBC affiliates copped awards, with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) deucing with a total of 10. The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) came in with eight, the Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) six.

#### MULTIPLE WINS GO TO 9 COMPETITORS

(Continued from page 10) work affiliate-First, audience-sales promotion; second, audience promotion.

KLZ, Denver, regional channel network affiliate-First, sales promotion; third, public service promotion.

WOW, Omaha, regional channel network affiliate-Second, sales promotion; second, public service promotion.

WMAQ, Chicago, clear channel network affiliate-Second, audience promotion; third, sales promotion.

WNYC, New York, non-network, 250-1000 watts-Second, public service promotion; third, audience promotion.

of the campaign was conducted on the station's air time. Tag lines at the end of sponsor's commercials, singing jingles, plugs, etc., did most of the job.

WHYN delivered the goods public WKBO's Solid Job scrvice-wise with two campaigns: Penny Parade, a junior version of the It will further review its position

#### THREE STATIONS WIN TWO AWARDS

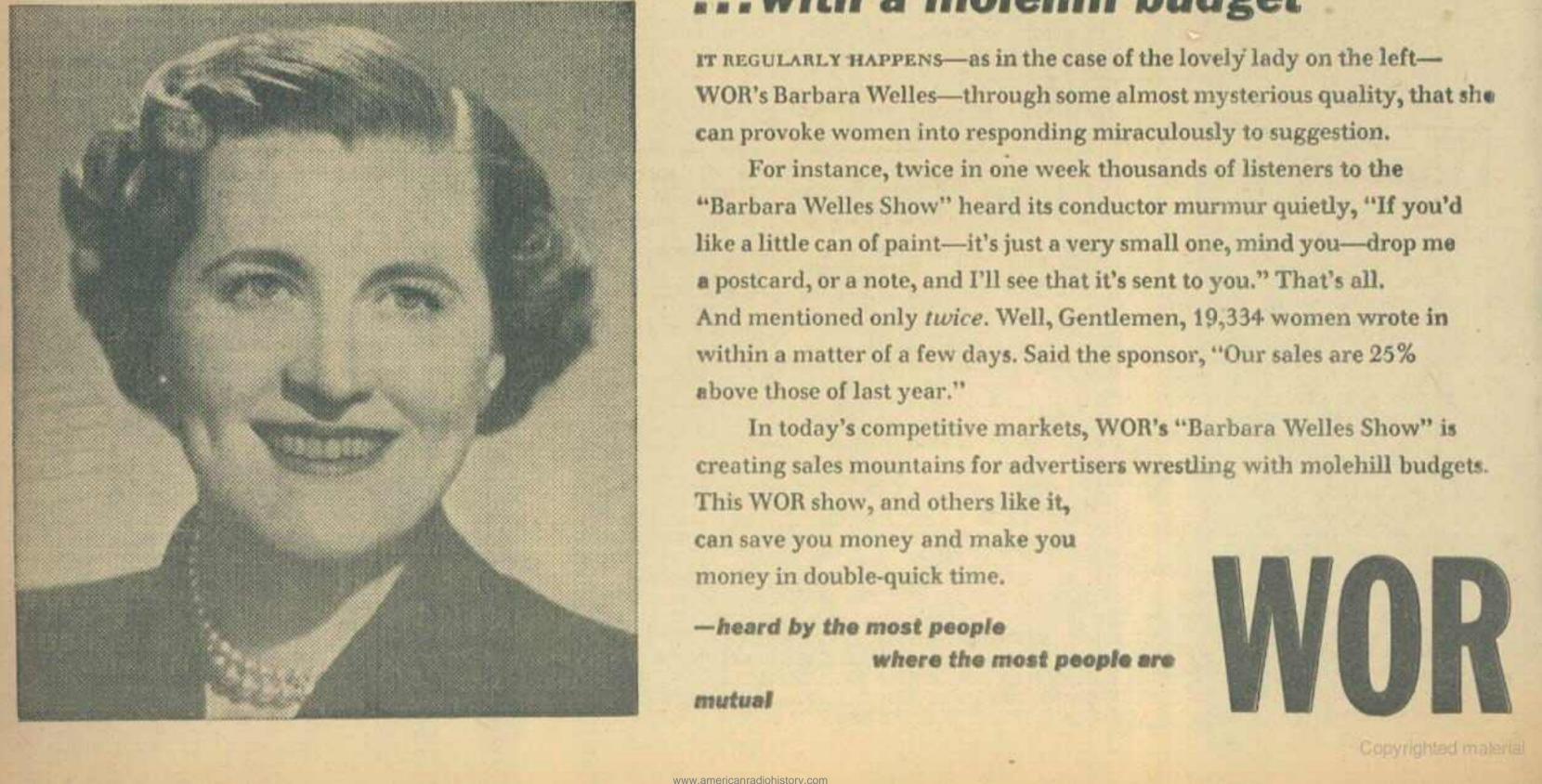
(Continued from page 11) tures," to sell the State's universities to its youth and to inform younger listeners about life abroad. Contests and promotions tied in with these programs spread the word and involved the listeners in greater numbers. WLW won second place for its pubserv work in giving 1,100 free broadcast hours to worthy causes. Potent publicity, advertising and promotion was given these shows, on a par with regular commercial broad-WLAW, Lawrence, Mass., casts. gained third place for a series of shows done in conjunction with a campaign to better the four communities comprising the station's home broadcast area.

## Foote, Cone, Belding **Cancel Hooper Basic**

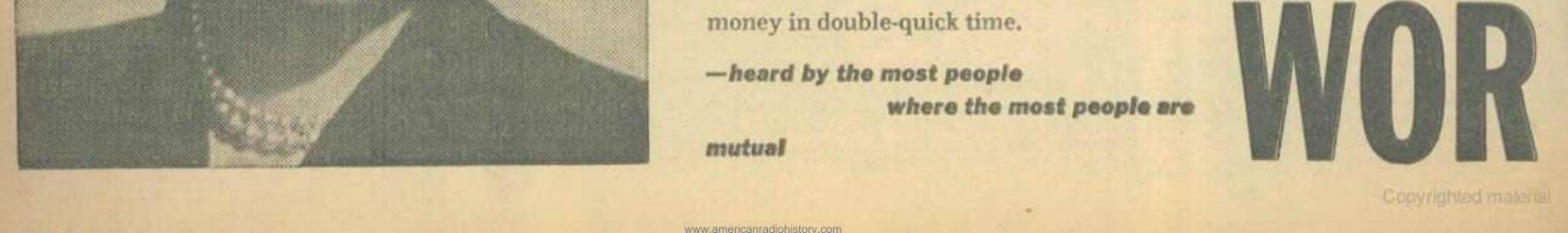
NEW YORK, March 5.-The Foote, Cone & Belding (FC&B) Agency has canceled its basic subscription to the C. E. Hooper rating service, it was learned this week. The agency, which was paying the maximum agency rate, dropped the service when Hooper and the A. C. Nielsen organizations more than doubled their rates at the start of this year. An official of the agency said that, faced with a choice between the two services following the subscription hike, it had decided to retain Nielsen. FC&B also holds a Pulse subscription.

The agency, however, renewed its Hooper contract for television ratings, city ratings and Pacific Coast ratings.

# to a man after a mountain



## ... with a molehill budget



## **NBC** Cards Put on Table, **Affiliates Back Network**

of the two-day National Broadcasting Company (NBC) station conference here this week it was certain that NBC had won one of the greatest victories of its history. At the first meeting it became clear the affiliates would not revolt, as was feared. The affiliates backed the network practically 100 per cent in its recent troubles, its present methods of combating inroads of the Columbia Broadcasting System and its future plans to remain "the nation's No. 1 network."

The network seemed to have won its battle with frank discussion on three major policy levels.

#### Reassures Affiliates

Many of the affiliates had been expressing concern with the network's policy on AM vs. TV. On this score NBC top level execs, headed by Niles Trammell, president, and Charles Denny, executive vice-president, assured affiliates that the network was in the AM business to stay and that it would not allow television activities to hurt radio operations. Many of the affiliates, had been accusing NBC's parent company, Radio Corporation of America (RCA), of forcing the net to accent TV in order to promote the medium in which RCA had a chance to profit heavily thru sale of transmitting and receiving equipment. To this charge NBC execs countered that the recent stockholders' report of RCA definitely said NBC's AM operation would not be slackened one bit.

#### Program Policy

On the program policy level, too, NBC scored with frank and open discussion of problems and plans. Directing his remarks to the charges that NBC had been given a fatal blow by the recent talent raids of CBS, Trammell summarized the network's position. "We have to face up to the challenge of giving even greater value to present advertisers," he said. "We've got to make broadcasting attractive to additional advertisers by bringing total radio costs down. And we must do all this without sacrificing our own economic position or yours during the years ahead." Continuing his comments on why NBC did not resist the capital gains raids of CBS, even tho it had the resources to do so, Trammell stated, "Besides being an advertising business, radio is show business. It cannot be satisfied indefinitely with the same material, the same performers and the same programs. It must not only expect programing changes, it must be alert and aggressive in bringing about the changes which are necessary to hold audiences and attract new listeners in competition with other forms of entertainment. If radio is to maintain its competitive edge, it must be constantly developing new personalities and new ideas." During the third major policy level discussions, Charles Denny carried the ball. He summarized a hardwork no-miracle policy by saying, "We think we have the answer and it's pretty simple, too. It doesn't call for pulling rabbits out of a hat or performing spectacular miracles. It calls for hard work and imagination, week by week, month by month, to develop new ideas and talent, to prevent our programing from going stale and to attract and hold audiences. It means promoting our shows up to the hilt. It means lining up a well-planned schedule where each program contributes to the popularity of the others. And it means doing all this with talent and programs that can be priced on a basis to attract new advertisers."

CHICAGO, March 5.-At the end | tee, headed by Martin Campbell, general manager of WFAA, Dallas, and chairman of the Stations Planning and Advisory Committee (SPAC), came in with a report wholly backing the network. This resolution was keynoted with a statement that the affiliates expressed "unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the network program policies past, present and those proposed for the future."

#### Weigh Results

They claimed that it is just what the network needed to make it look for new talent, to try to find new advertisers and to make it promote as it never has before. One affiliate put it this way: "Certainly we're be-hind NBC. To help ourselves we have to help the network. Since we're a part of the network, we'd be silly to give it greater injury now complacent. We, in turn, will be drop Hint Hunt from the 4-4:25 p.m. ing for a change."

ginning to get some real competition. (See NBC Puts Cards on page 16) (See "HINT HUNT" on page 16)

## "Hint Hunt" **Follows** Ameche In CBS Exit

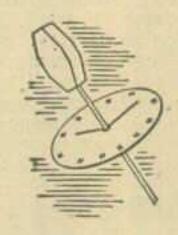
CHICAGO, March 5 .- The Columthat it appears to be suffering from a bia Broadcasting System (CBS) this broken leg. And frankly, what's week suffered another blow in its happened is a good thing. Now may- afternoon sked when Armour & be the network brass won't be so Company, meat packers, decided to helping both the network and our- slot across the board, effective May selves by getting behind it and push- 13. The cancellation follows that by American Tobacco of the preceding That the affiliates were going to 30 minutes, in which it had presented push was made clear by another the Don Ameche show. Hint Hunt, Some of the affiliates said, too, that portion of the vote-of-confidence a Radio Features packag originating it is a good thing that NBC is be- resolution. In it the affiliates de- in Chicago, is exiting because Ar-



#### RADIO

#### Quick Approval

Formal approval of the NBC policies came the first day of the conference. After a Monday afternoon closed session from which net execs were excluded, a resolutions commit-



Although "time on the air" is the main product sold by WLW, it is seldom the first thing discussed when a manufac-

turer or his agency brings a selling problem to The Nation's Station. Rather, the talk is apt to be about distribution, product, package, display, selling appeal ... and then, advertising.

For at WLW it is accepted that advertising can be truly effective only when other factors are right. And with service facilities found at no other radio station, plus manpower and know-how to do the job, WLW is often in a position to help in many, many ways.

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WLW-land is not north nor southnot east nor middle west. It is made up of parts of all these varied sections, just as America is made up of the sections as a whole, WLW-land is neither industrial nor agricultural. It is both. WLW-land is neither rich nor poor. It is a combination. The folks who live here typify the people of the entire land. It is an ideal proving ground. When you know what will work here, you can be pretty sure it will work elsewhere in America.

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#### **Comedy Playhouse Reviewed February 2** Sustaining Via MBS

Wednesdays, 9 to 9:30 p.m. (CST)

Producer-writer-director, Jack La Frandre, Announcer, Marshall Kent, Orchestra under the direction of Robert Trendler, Cast: Muriel Monsell, Hope Summers, Sondra Gair, George Kluge, Geraldine Kay, Don Gallagher, Karl Kronke, John Barclay, Maurice Copeland, Everett Clarke.

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"BS: "Beat the Clock"		4.9

This new MBS series, originated by WGN, local Mutual 50,000 watter, is nothing to make the radio industry



sit up and take notice. It's just another dramatic series, adapting for radio various well known plays and stories. And, in fact, it's not a top example of productions in this

category.

The show reviewed was worth listening to, with a fair amount of entertainment value. But so far the series has not proved itself worthy competition for Bing Crosby and Big Story, top shows on competing networks. And it's not going to make any sponsors hurry to take the rubber band off the bankroll.

Show reviewed, Phillip Barry's Philadelphia Story, was typical of the productions presented on the series to date, acting and writing acceptable, but far from tops. Typical also in that it was an adaptation of a wellknown comedy stage play.

La Frandre's adaptation was weak in spots. Some of Barry's best lines were thrown away. The first part of the program developed too slowly, and the end came with a rush which skipped lightly over some of the best situations in the play.



#### The Lambs Gambol

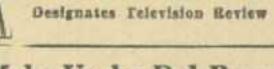
Reviewed Sunday (February 27). 8:30-9 p.m. Style-Variety, Sponsored by Maxwell House Coffee, thru Benton & Bowles, via NBC-TV, New York. Director, Tom McDermott; producer, Herb Leder, Cast: Bobby Clark, Bert Lytell, Gene Tunney, Otto Kruger, Harold Hoffman, Walter Greaza, Jay Jostyn, Jack Tyler, William Gaxton, Hobart Cavanaugh, Guy Kibbee, Horace Braham, Bob Hawk, Mac Perrin, Jack Wilson, Leo Bernache, Johnny McManus orchestra, male chorus.

It's customary to review premiere performances and that makes it tough on General Food's new entry, The

Lambs Gambol. Apparently the club wanted to honor some of its better known members, with the result that the first part of the show found a

parade of Lambs being introduced by Bert Lytell, on roller skates between this show and his emsee stint on the Philco TV program. Irrespective of the reasoning behind this procession, it gave the show an inordinately dull start, from which, despite herculean efforts by Bobby Clark, it never recovered.

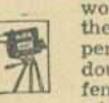
Beyond that, if, to impress viewers with its roster of theatrical greats, it was vital to cue in these chosen members, then it certainly could have been done in a more imaginative. sprightly, visual way-i.e., a Lambs' "meeting" under way; a shot of the dining room-any device would have done. As it was, the clumsiest way imaginable was employed, with Lytell expressing continued "surprise" at seeing each member approach the scene, which used a set designed as the front of the clubhouse.



#### Make-Up by Del Russo

Reviewed Wednesday (February 23), 3:15-3:30 p.m. Style - Miscellaneous, Sustaining via WNBT, New York, Director, Alan Neuman, Cast: Del Russo and guest models.

With a few minor changes this show should really get itself an audience. Any program that gives advice to



women on how to beautify themselves, advice that when personalized really costs dough, is a cinch to get the female televiewers. And

when the word gets around the gals are likely to make it their business to tune in.

Del Russo, the creator of the "Botticelli mouth" and one of the top make-up artists in this country, instructs women on the highlights of his art. He tells them, for example, what style mouth to paint on; how many shades of lipstick are needed by the fashion-wise, including choosing the right colors in lipstick, the kinds of powder bases there are and how to use them and other information similar.

The fault of the program is that a plethora of information is offered in too little time. In addition, the information should have a unity and relationship that would make it easy to remember and note. Jumping and skipping from one subject to another, even if a resume of the material is offered, means that the listener will find it hard to absorb.

#### **Coffee With the Carters**

Reviewed Friday (February 25), 6:45-7 p.m. (EST). Style-Married couple situation comedy. Sponsored by Reines-Freeman, Capehart distributors in area, thru Nolan & Twitchell Advertising Agency, Albany, N. Y., weekly via WRGB, Schenectady, N. Y., Producerdirector, Ted Baughn; cameramen, Ray Flynn, Ken Comstock, Gay Fiorentino: sound, Vic Handy; lights, Pat Kidder. Cast: Eileen Hanrahan, Arnold Wilkes.

Situation comedy with a young husband-wife team is as old as the modium itself, but the Hanrahan-



Wilkes duo manajes to turn out a consistently high level of entertainment week after week. The show is one of the local favorites, having been sustaining for quite a stretch.

Major cues and punch lines are mapped out ahead by the team, but the entire show hinges on fast ad lib. Hanrahan is the spark plug, with Wilkes being a perfect foil with his harassed-husband attitude. Both ecsily handle the chores and keep the pace at a zippy level.

Intro to show caught (second of the commercial series) was by two slides, each naming a Capehart dealer in area. Title slide followed. Camera opened on living room, aimed at Capehart console. Sounds offcamera gave indication Carters were arriving via front door.

#### Slow Start

The first few minutes dragged. The patter was concerned with the wife's being upset because hubby smiled at the waitress. Things picked up soon when it developed Mr. C was developing a hypnotic smile so people would look at his face instead of his clothes. He says the clothes are getting old, and how can he give his sales talk in front of a slick Capehart? (He's a Capehart salesman in the script.) So a demonstration takes place, thus leading into the commercial with practically no pain. How-Del Russo, while a top expert in his ever, the commercial was rushed and viewer. This "commercial consciousness" will wear off in a few more tries. The last few minutes of show built as the Mr. discovered his wife had spent on records some insurancepayment money that she "found." The pace was furious and the show closed on a high key.

Acting on the program held to the general tone of mediocrity. Muriel Monsell, who played the lead role of Tracy Lord, at many times was not as hard and brittle as some of the other actresses who made the part famous by playing it according to Barry's creative conception. At other times she seemed to be making an effort to emulate the vocal mannerisms of Katharine Hepburn, one of the best known portrayers of the key figure in the story. Other actors and actresses in the main did far from top jobs, and, in fact, a couple of times fluffed lines. With a relatively small part, that of Uncle Willie, Karl Kronke, did the outstanding job of Cy Wagner. character portrayal.

#### **Broadway Is My Beat** Reviewed Sunday, February 27 Sustaining Via CBS

Sunday, 5:30-6 p.m.

Producer-director, John Dietz; writer, Peter Lyon; music is under the direction of Robert Stringer, Cast: Anthony Ross, lean Carson, Joan Lorring, Paul Luther, John Forsythe, Maurice Gasfield, Les Damon, Louis Van Rooten,

Current Hooperating for the program (Started February 27) ...... None Average Hooperating of shows of that type 

(Family Hour of Stars) ..... 0.9 CURRENT HOOPERATING OF SHOWS ON **OPPOSITION NETWORKS** 

ABC: Sustaining ...... None MBS: Quick as a Flash ..... 7.5 NBC: Robert Merrill .... 4.7

In an effort to capitalize further on that phony quality, glamour, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)



has fashioned a half-hour program about Broadway which has detective Danny Clover. its chief character, covering that section of town.

This dick is a swell egg. No snap judgment for him. He considers all the angles. Take the case of the (See Broadway Is on page 20)

#### No Continuity

There was neither continuity nor transition following this bit, altho effort is being made to achieve some sort of feeling via a club trio. Mac Perrin, Leo Bernache and Jack Wilson made up in drag by cuing (See LAMBS GAMBOL on page 20)

#### **ABC Barn Dance**

Reviewed Tuesday (22), 7:30-8 p.m. (CST): Aired sustaining by the American Broadcasting Company, Originated by WENR-TV, ABC Chicago station, Director, Jack Gibney; assistant director, Frank Koerner; stage director, John Fitzpatrick; set designer, John Boyt, Talent: Emsee, Jack Stilwell; Lulu Belle and Scotty, Sage Riders, Holly Swanson, De-Zurick Sisters, John Dolce, square dancers. Cameramen: E. A. Tester and R. P. Davis.

This show, using talent made famous by the WLS National Barn Dance, is a television programing

natural which includes all the showmanship factors the me-E dium requires. The program has great visual qualities, comedy, top music and talent. It should become a successful

commercial package.

Altho it has been contended that folk entertainment goes over with rural populations only, this video series, seen by metropolitan audiences only, should prove that good folk or Western talent has universal appeal.

In view of its success as television programing, it is surprising that this show requires so little special production. The acts went thru routines they have done for years on AM shows, and on stage of the Chi Eighth Street Theater where every Saturday night large crowds clamor to buy tickets. There were no special video tricks, and yet the results were good.

Lulu Belle and Scotty and Dolph (See ABC Barn Dance on page 20)

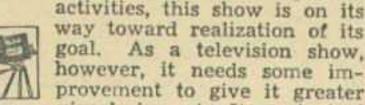
business, does not seem to have the sales points left little impression on ability to emsee the show. He seems ill at ease and hurries his delivery where a slicker teacher-announcer could aid the listeners.

The program had the benefit of topflight direction and camera work. Mark this down to stay around. Leon Morse.

#### **RFD** America

Reviewed Friday (18), 8-8:30 p.m. Presented sustaining by WNBQ, Chicago, Louis G. Cowan package, with John Lewellen handling for Cowan, Director, Don Meier; assistant director, Bob Banner; guiz master, Bob Murphy; announcer, Norman Barry; writer, Barbara Kennedy, of Cowan org; cameramen, John Cassagrande, Homer Hollibaugh, Robert Haley, Participants: W. G. Beard, Anna Davies, John Niedermeyer, Gail Compton,

Pegged as a TV program to dignify the American farmer and to educate metropolitan viewers concering rural



way toward realization of its goal. As a television show, however, it needs some improvement to give it greater visual impact. Its principal

fault is that in basic production concept it has too much similiarity to the AM version which NBC airs on a sustaining basis from here each week.

Producers of the program are trying to get more visual material into the series, and eventually can be expected to build a better television package. With the savvy of Cowan, organization owning the package, it can be expected that after more trial programing the series will have an entertainment quality commensurate with the reputation of other Cowan programs.

Program reviewed was top heavy with oral question and answer periods featuring Emsee Bob Murphy and a top or just a good program. This guest participants. Some should have been eliminated and more visual stunts should have been used.

Show, nevertheless, did have some gimmicks which made for good tele-

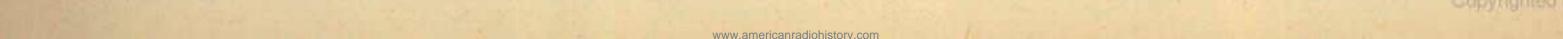
Direction, lights, cameras were fine. Sound was spotty. Household sounds, such as china rattling and pages of magazines being flipped, came thru with annoying intensity.

Paul Jackson.

vision entertainment and education. Among these were a demonstration of different cuts of beef and shots of a ewe and her four lambs. For the demonstration the program had a butcher cutting beef, and this gave the video audience a chance to see the advantages of buying various cuts. The sheep demonstration had both informational and entertainment value, with the action of the lambs providing the entertainment.

Setting of the program has participants sitting in a row several feet from Murphy and Barry. A valuable aura of informality would be added if the producers could group them together and still work out camera angle problems. Incidentally, the camera work was bad. Often good shots were missed or the cameramen were slow in shifting focal planes to conform with requests of the director.

As a sustaining program this show does not have a large budget. Therefore, certain things which would add to visual content could not be done. However, TV programs today have to stand on their own feet and meet competition. Such things as movie clips, which would add to this show, should be used if they are going to mean the difference between show could use some budgetary blood. And it has to to be added before the program can stand up under competition of big-time television. Cy Wagner.



RADIO 15

## **Rough Sledding** For AM Singers **And Performers**

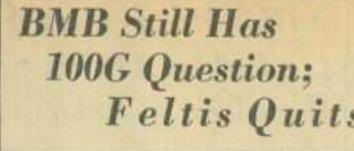
(Continued from page 3) for singers. In Chicago 21.1 per cent of the actors and 14.3 per cent of the singers were without work. For the other dozen cities included in the survey, actor unemployment was 10.3 per cent, while singer unemployment was 9.4 per cent.

The higher jobless rate in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago was attributed by the BLS to two conditions-the fact that these three cities are the focal point toward which the greatest number of artists converge and that the demand for artistic talent in these free-lance centers fluctuates with types of programs.

#### **Contrasts** in Figures

In this week's report, the first of three to be issued, the BLS pointed up the jobless rate in radio by stating hat for the population as a whole, only 3.6 per cent were unemployed during the survey week. Announcer unemployment, said the BLS, was not significantly higher than this figure, "but the rate of unemployment four or five times as high among singers and eight or nine times as high among actors is among all working people in the country."

Reporting on 1947 radio employment, the BLS said that the picture was about the same-announcers and sound effects men usually have steady employment, while singers and actors have a much greater problem of unemployment. About one out of every five actors and one out of every 10 swan song. A new industry-supsingers were actively looking for work-in radio or otherwise during at least half the weeks of 1947. On the other hand, only one out of every 50 announcers was jobless half the year. Sound effects men, said the BLS, were even better off.



NEW YORK, March 5 .- The resignation this week of Hugh Feltis as president of Broadcast Measurement Bureau (BMB) to assume the managership of KING, Seattle, leaves the industry organization on highly tenuous footing, in the opinion of most industry observers, with an estimated \$100,000 still needed to complete the projected study, skedded to be issued next fall. Where the funds will come from is far from settled at this point. Feltis, whose duties will be assumed by Cort Langley, his assistant, and Dr. Kenneth H. Baker, research director, will not leave BMB until April 15, and it is considered likely that he will take another swing around the country before that date in a last effort to add to BMB's current 830 subscribers.

Some time before Feltis leaves, the BMB executive board is slated to meet and decide whether to replace him with a new president. If a replacement is named, he is apt to be handed the sales duties formerly undertaken by Feltis, and shipped out on another sales jaunt. A high-pressure mail solicitation campaign for subscribers also is a strong possibility.

#### Probable Swan Song

It is now being taken for granted that even if BMB succeeds in turning out its second report this fall, it likely would be the organization's ported organization to supplant it seems a strong possibility. If no other method is devised to raise the funds needed to bring out the 1949 report, BMB undoubtedly will appeal to its three member groups: American Association of Advertising Agencies (4-A's), Association of National Advertisers (ANA) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). Since it was with funds advanced by the same three organizations that BMB first started in January, 1945. tradesters regard it as fitting that if BMB's career is ended it should be with funds again received from the same group.

## **Hoover Commission Finds** 100G Question; Feltis Quits Weaknesses in FCC Set-Up; Sees Overload of Work

Commission (FCC) for "its lack of a comprehensive regulatory program" and declared that FCC's staff should be "organized on a functional basis" in order to counteract "serious weaknesses" in FCC's operations.

The commission, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, chided FCC for being primarily concerned" with broadcast applications, with "secondary attention" being given to telephone-telegraph matters and a "minimum of commission guidance" going to special and safety radio services. "Even in the broadcast field," the Hoover report stated, "there has been a deficiency of needed planning and policy making."

The report continued: "From time to time, the commission has formulated policies intended to govern the grant or denial of applications for broadcast licenses. In the actual processing of these applications, however, the commission has repeatedly departed from these stated policies. without any definite revision of them, altho revisions were clearly called for."

Much of FCC's troubles, reported the Hoover Commission, can be traced to "the commission's inability to find the time to determine its regulatory objectives and to formulate the policies necessary for the handling of its day-to-day business." Lack of sufficient time was caused by the "unprecedented work load" as well as by the fact that too much of the

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The those problems should be handled." Hoover Commission in a report to The report emphasized that this pro-President Truman today sharply gram would be "a temporary excriticized Federal Communications pedient to break the log jam which now confronts the commission."

No change in the commission's status as an independent agency or in the number of commissioners is necessary, according to the report to Congress. However, the staff should be organized on a functional basis. "In place of the present professional units," said the Hoover Commission, "there should be a series of bureaus corresponding to the major areas of responsibility of the commission." This, the report added, "should faeilitate staff assistance and initiative in the planning and programing of activities."

The Hoover group failed to go overboard on the frequent suggestion to divide FCC into panels. The risk is, it was stated, that particular points of view might be developed among the commissioners on different panels. The report added, however, that if panels were able to dispose of a large amount of work without recourse to the full FCC, it would aid in disposing of the backlog. "The use of panels," said the report, "should be left to the commission's discretion."

## **CBS** Fails To Lure **EversharpFromNBC**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The latest sponsor to resist the blandishments of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) is Eversharp, which this week

#### Part-Time Work Scarce

Not only was unemployment among actors and singers high, but also many of those reporting no weeks of (See Rough Sledding on page 22)

## **Kobak Gains Split Victory; Carlin Quits**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The oftreported, oft-denied resignation of Phillips Carlin as programing vicepresident of the Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) was announced this week-end. Carlin, who has been on the griddle for some time in the Mutual picture, due largely to criticism from the Don Lee interests, is a radio veteran and was brought into the network by Edgar Kobak, MBS president, with whom he has been associated for years. Jack Paige, recently shifted from special events to serve as Carlin's assistant, will head the program operation temporarily.

Carlin's resignation indicates that Kobak emerged from this week's meeting of the Mutual directors with a split victory. He himself continues as head of the network, despite opposition from key MBS stockholders. One of these is the Don Lee network, which has spearheaded the pressure against Kobak. Another reportedly lined up against the Kobak operation is WOR, New York.

#### Don Lee-WOR Victory

terpreted as a win by the Don Lee-WOR faction, which has indicated plore the question of TV set obcontinued displeasure with the Mu- solescence and its relation to the tual programing operation. It is FCC's upcoming lifting of the TV doubly significant that WOR now is processing freeze and the status of not only on an intensive pitch to line future allocations in both very-highup new daytime shows but is nego- frequencies (VHF) and ultra-hightlating the return of Julius Seebach, frequencies (UHF). Concerned with members are not so convinced. On its one-time program vice-president, speeding up TV as fast as possible, the stratovision, the committee wants to to that spot. It is also reported that, committee is ready to call the com- make sure that its use will not lead notwithstanding Kobak's retention, missioners to open hearings later in to any concentration of control in the pressure against him is continuing.

commissioners' time is being spent in commission meetings, the report asserted.

The Hoover group recommended that FCC immediately undertake an emergency short-range planning program, This program, declared the report, "should be directed to defining the immediate problems in communications regulation of greatest import and the manner in which

decided to keep Take It or Leave It on its current 10 p.m. Sunday slot on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). The sponsor and the Biow Agency, after considerable debate, ruled in favor of stringing along with NBC, thus joining such other firms which made similar decisions recently as Rexall (Phil Harris), Johnson's Wax (Fibber McGee) and Lever Brothers (Bob Hope).

The NBC Sunday line-up is still uncertain for the fall, pending U.S. Steel's decision on Theater Guild on the Air.



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Senate FCC Probers To Dig Into TV Allocations, AM Nets; **Committee Would Speed Tele** 

Senate Interstate Commerce Committee is expected to train its guns on the double-barreled issues of TV allocations and radio networks as the result of a week's study of a 17-page report sent to the committee by Chairman Wayne Coy, of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Considerable significance is being attached by the committee to a separate supplementary report by FCC Commissioner Robert Jones accompanying the Coy report. While Coy, in expressing the opinion of the majority of the FCC, voiced belief that upstairs color is not yet ready, Jones voiced belief that color TV should be provided now. No consideration, he said, should be given to "special interests" of licensees and manufac-Carlin's departure is being in- turers geared to black-white video.

The Johnson committee will exthe session to get complete informa- hands of a few licensees.

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Ready- | tion on FCC's plans for UHF with ing for its communications probe, the regard to black-white as well as color.

#### Web Activity Explored

In exploring network activity, committee members are expressing interest in FCC's report that the commission has long felt that a new network probe is necessary. FCC remarked that not only should network AM activities be re-examined but that attention should be given to net tie-ins with talent bureaus and recording companies.

Committee members are likely to want to probe networks themselves, especially since FCC said that commission power over webs is "rather limited." FCC pointed out that it can neither license nor regulate networks except as actual owners of stations.

Other matters the committee is interested in include the development of stratovision and the possible need for legislation to force TV set manufacturers to warn buyers that their sets may be made obsolete by TV progress into UHF. FCC said it thinks that nothing should be done on such legislation, but all committee

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## Local Angle Is Stressed **At Okla. Radio Conference**

was all talk of survival Friday (4) advertiser, to use radio in all its forms at the second day of the University as its basic medium." of Oklahoma's annual radio confer- At the Thursday night session on ence on station problems on the cam- news, the local angle got a tremendous pus at Norman. Over 300 persons in bounce from a man who knows the paign in the history of the industry the radio industry from 15 States score. Bruce Palmer, news director were regil ared. It was generally of Oklahoma City's WKY, started agreed at Friday's discussions that his talk with the proof of the pudding. radio stations can solve their problems of survival if more emphasis is put ( ) development of the local angle in newscast devoted to covering the programing, something very lacking news of the day in Oklahoma. The when local advertising dollars are show is confined almost exclusively getting scarcer.

John Daly, of KDMO, Carthage, Mo., said there would be no real problem if stations got busy on four angles: First, the development of new programs on a local basis; second, the development of sports programs, a hot item in these parts; third, becoming a real public service to their communities; fourth, the development of co-operative programs with other stations in their areas.

R. B. McAlister, KICA, Clovis, New Mexico, said a radio station would have an easy time surviving if it developed the common touch, real industry and hard work and became a community leader. From M. H. Bonebrake, KOCY and KOCY-FM, Oklahoma City, came the suggestion that the stations develop regional networks thru the use of FM relay.

Another speaker, Maurice Mitchell, of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), told the discussion groups that "radio has resulted in the growth and development of a whole new generation in the country which is interested in listening for information, entertainment and education. This is the generation that will make it vital for the retail

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 5 .- It advertiser, as well as the national

"For three years I have been conducting over WKY an early evening to Oklahoma events, with the exception of a very brief and selective summary of national and international news. As a matter of fact, this summary is often omitted simply because I feel that the State report is heavy enough and worthwhile enough to warrant it. To support that, we have had not been set Thursday (3), but had listener comment to the effect that the newscast should be confined solely to the news of the State, with no other elements." Palmer reminded the group that this is the so-called hinterlands of America, where radio delivers a peculiarly valuable service to the farmers producing the nation's and the world's eatables.

#### Public Service

"We are the only pcople who can give him some of the facts he needs to know immediately," he said "Newspapers are still plagued by production and distribution problems and thus cannot hope to relay to their readers some pieces of vital information which are instantly presented by radio. . . . Any way you look at it and regardless of the commercial aspects of sponsored newscasts, news is one of the keystones of a station's popularity, and more important, of its public service. I'm not blind enough to say that one type of programing can win blanket acceptance for a radio station, but of all the other factors, news can do about as basic a job of drawing listeners. And when you make State and regional news one of your major foundation pieces, the keystone is pretty firmly cemented in place." Palmer ended his talk with a crack at giveaways. "Have you ever stopped to think," he asked, "that no one ever gives away \$50,000 worth of junk in a contest on a radio news program?"

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clared their intention "to accomplish the most aggressive promotion camso that NBC shall further strengthen its position as the nation's No. 1 network."

#### **Special Committee**

To work out details of this promotion campaign a special affiliates' committee was appointed. The chairman is Martin Campbell. Members are Harry Bannister, of WWJ; John Gillin, WOW: Steve Conley, of Westinghouse stations; George Thomas, KVOL: P. G. Sugg, WKY, and Gene Kelly, KCRA.

Details of the promotion campaign it appeared likely that it would be of a co-operative nature, with both the network and stations contributing portions of its costs. Charles Hammond, net vice-president and assistant to the president, will work with the committee in outlining details.

Hammond told The Billboard that it would not be co-operative in the usually accepted definition of a 50-50 split. He stated the network would supply leadership and would accent its promotion on a national basis. The network would be responsible for a constant flow of creative ideas, he said, and indicated that the regular Parade of Stars forhat would be continued, but in an enlarged, intensified manner. He also said that the network would supply new promotion shows and said there was a definite possibility that special network promotion programs would be created. He also indicated

## NBC Puts Cards "Ladies" Going OnTable; Affiliates Backing Network By Ousker Toni By Quaker, Toni

CHICAGO, March 5. -Ladies Be Seated, American Broadcasting Company (ABC) audience participation program that has originated here for years, will be taken off the air March 25, when its sponsors, Quaker Oats and Toni Home Permanent, drop the show.

Toni, which has been sponsoring the second 15 minutes of the program Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, i dropping the program because of a cutback in the company's advertising expenditures and a recent purchase of network television time. The program is on the air Monday thru Friday from 3 to 3:30 p.m. (CST).

#### Quaker Oats New Show

Quaker Oats has been sponsoring the first 15 minutes of the program Monday thru Friday. Quaker is passing up Ladies in favor of a new Peter Donald program which will originate in New York for ABC, starting March 28. The cereal company will bankroll program (Monday thru Friday from 3 to 3:30 p.m., CST) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. ABC is trying to sell the Tuesday and Thursday airings and the net's central division says it has a couple of good nibbles.

Dropping of the Ladies program is viewed with surprise in the trade here in view of its growing ratings. Current Hooper gives the show a 5.2 rating, an increase of 1.2 over its former rating. Nielsen's current rating on the program is 6.7, also an increase over former ratings by this research org.

**Maxwell House Nixes** 

## **KMPC** Hearing **Again Delayed**

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) late yesterday announced another postponement of the preliminary hearing into complaints that G. A. Richards had ordered news slanting at Station KMPC in Los Angeles, FCC announced that the hearing, scheduled for March 16, will be postponed to March 23, avowedly to allow more time for counsel of FCC and the Richards stations to prepare for the proceedings. Richards is board chairman and majority stockholder of Stations KMPC, Los Angeles; WGAR, Cleveland, and WJR, Detroit.

The FCC, in announcing the latest postponement of the preliminary hearing, said that the proceeding will take place in Los Angeles, sticking to its Monday (28) rejection of Richards' petition for cancellation of the hearing in favor of a personal appearance before FCC in Washington (The Billboard, March 5). In denying that petition, FCC said the express purpose of the upcoming hearing is to give Richards a chance to be informed of all charges against him and to give him a chance to reply. Commissioner Rosel Hyde dissented from that ruling, stating that he thinks Richards should be permitted to appear before the full commission. The Los Angeles hearing is slated to be presided over by Commissioner Edward Webster, representing the full commission.

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that the network could be counted upon to increase its national promotion, while affiliates, with their own money, would be counted on for increased local promotional efforts.

#### "HINT HUNT"

(Continued from page 13) mour is said to have slashed its advertising budget by 41 per cent. Foote, Cone & Belding is the agency on the show.

CBS has not yet decided whether to retain the show as a sustainer. The cancellation leaves CBS with open time from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.

## Burns & Allen Show

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.-Maxwell House Coffee this week-end announced cancellation of Burns and Allen, effective at the end of the current season. Surprise axing of one of radio's top Hooperated comedy stanzas came as result of what the bankroller's agency, Benton & Bowles, termed "realignment of fall advertising plans for the General Foods product." Comedy duo were sponsored for four years by Maxwell House and are currently in 17th place Hooperwise with a 15.9 rating.

With an estimated talent nut of at proximately \$15,000 per stanza, the P and A show has rated as one of the top budgeted comedy shows on the air. Bankrolier recently went into network tele with launching of The Lambs Gambol over NBC's Eastern teleskein, which may account for the axing of the expensive radio package. Sponsor will retain Thursday night time slot on NBC and is shopping for an "impressive" new show to replace Burns and Allen. Wendy Warren and the News, daytime airer over Columbia broadcasting System, will continue under General Foods banner.

The cancellation is said to be in line with a move toward reducing radio talent expenditures, especially in view of the firm's heavy TV bill.

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web. Dear Listener, a show which will give listeners with gripes a chance to be heard, is another 15-minute seg being readied. In answer to some of the audience's complaints, CBS execs will appear as guests on the

The fifth show, as already mentioned in The Billboard, February 5, will be the half-hour documentary, The Mirror, which goes or this month replacing Tell It Again Sundays 1:30 to 2. The script is about the companel of experts will be used for the monplace psychological problems of

## **Corwin's First in 2 Years Heads 5 CBS Pubserv Shows**

first script in two years will spearhead five additional public service shows being prepared by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) to maintain the web's dominant position in that phase of broadcasting, according to J. Davidson Taylor, veepee and director of public affairs for CBS. Corwin's hour-long show in June, for the CBS documentary unit, will be about a 20th century humanitarian who fights to improve humanity's well-being as an aid to world peace.

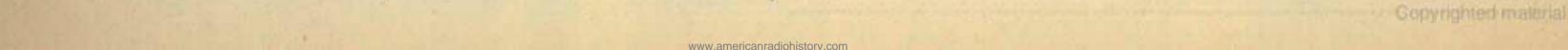
Among the others, the most striking is The Kremlin Tells the Russians. a 15-minute once-a-week show, with Larry Leseuer and Richard C. Hotellet as co-commentators. Both correspondents formerly covered Russia for CBS. The material for the program is to be canvassed from the Soviet press, magazines and radio. The purpose is to let the American public know what the Russian people are being told by their officials about world affairs. An audition is to be cut shortly.

A program on the use of the English language called Take My Word is another near the audition stage. A half-hour show, which will combine adults.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Corwin's the formula of Information Please with that of an old British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) favorite, Brain Trust. Education plus entertainment is the aim here.

> For book fans, the web is prepping CBS Views the Books, a 15-minute program with commentar by A. C. Spectorsky, former literary critic of The Chicago Sun. The opinion and education division of the web will prepare the material for him. The late Russell Maloney had one of the last programs of book criticism on the

> program. Already booked are Hubbell Robinson, Bob Shayon, Bill Ackerman, Marge Morrow and Bill Cullen.



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**ABC'S AGENCY-NIGHT SWITCH** 

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**Plans To Sell Films for TV Use Full Eve Sked** As Package

#### **Different Agency Each Night**

(Continued from page 3) clients, placed in whatever time period is considered ideal.

The plan, it was learned this week, already is under serious consideration by some of the top agencies in the business, after being presented to them by ABC's veepee in charge of television, Charles C. (Bud) Barry, who originated the concept. The network plan encompasses co-operative development by web and agencies of new programs to fit sponsors' needs, and includes an equally fresh approach to the optioning of time. In essence, it acknowledges the present dominant position of the advertising agency in buying time, planning campaigns and producing programs, and the role of the network as facilitics sales agent.

An agency which purchased 90 minutes of time on one evening would receive long-term protection on the remainder of the evening. An agency contracting for 60 minutes would get similar protection on the following 60 minutes, according to the plan Barry presented to the agencies. The

NEW YORK, March 5.—The Co- winds up March 13. BBDO made a Iumbia Broadcasting System (CBS) quick switch on that show by signing this week hit the jackpot with three another client, B. F. Goodrich, to sales of 60-minute television programs. A quick save on the Ed Sulli- ican Broadcasting Company (ABC), van Talk of the Town variety show starting April 3. was made when, following Emerson's cancellation last week, the Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford Motors tors, via the Kudner Agency. The signed to pick up the tab with no time lapse. Sullivan's last show for Emerson will be March 13 and he Texaco and Admiral revues. Buick will work under the Ford banner the following week. The program will be shifted, however, from the 9 p.m. slot Sundays to the preceding hour, with Kenyon & Eckhardt the agency on the new sale.

Into the old Sullivan period starting April 17 will go the new General Electric (GE) appliance and lamps division show, featuring Fred Waring in an elaborate musical program. This show, produced by Roland Gillett, of Young & Rubicam (Y&R), will utilize much the same talent as against WJZ-TV because of the difon Waring's radio airer. The AM ficulty in reaching agreement on a show, incidentally, is produced for GE by Batten, Barton, Durstine & Os- Negotiations have been continuing for born (BBDO) Agency. In signing months with very little progress Waring, GE dropped its video quiz made. The RTDG members at the show, Riddle Me This, which aired station have been growing impatient. Sundays from 8:30 to 9 on CBS, and The chief difference seems to be over

Chi Dimont as TV **Origination Center** CHICAGO, March 5 .- Chances of Chi becoming a TV network originalessened last week when American free-lance radio pilots, Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) announced that effective May 1 the eastbound coaxial cable would no longer be available for television programs on weekdays. Im-Company's (NBC) locally originated program, These Are My Children. AT&T will eliminate the eastbound weekday cable at the same time it makes available a third westbound coax from New York. Eastbound cable from here will be available at night and during the day on weekends. Decision to take Children off the air was not made solely because of the new AT&T policy. New York execs of NBC had found fault with the program. Also behind the move was the determination of NBC video brass, as expressed at the net's affiliates meeting here this week, to originate as many shows as possible in New York and to pass up Chi and the West Coast. The fact that the budget on Children was too high for a local airing also contributed to its exit. As a result of the AT&T decision Chi will not be able to originate any weekday, daytime network TV shows until 1950 at the earliest.

sponsor it at the same hour on Amer-

Ford, Buick in Hour TV Buys Hayes Gets Old

As CBS Sales Hit Spurt

The third full-hour CBS sale was to the Buick division of General Moshow will be an hour-long variety program. Kudner handles the hasn't been active in radio for some time.

## **Dir. Strike Looms** At WJZ-TV Over Jurisdiction, Pay

NEW YORK, March 5.-The Radio and Television Directors' Guild (RTDG) is on the point of striking contract for directors at the station. the WJZ-TV definition of exactly which employees come within the union jurisdiction and the amount of money they will get.

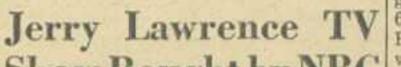
However, satisfactory progress is being made by the RTDG in its contract discussions on two other frontswith WPIX, covering meggers there, tion center in the near future were and with the advertising agencies for At WPIX, except for wages and the Guild shop, most of the major pact conditions have been agreed upon. It has been settled, for example, that video directors will work a 40-hour mediate result was a cancellation this five-day week. Salaries are always a week of the National Broadcasting knotty problem and it is expected there will be difficulties before agreement is reached in this phase of the pact. Indications are, nevertheless, that the WPIX meggers will get slightly less than those at WCBS-TV, where directors make \$130 and associates \$95 each week. In free-lance pact confabs, several months of dickering back and forth has resulted in getting down to basic conditions under which an agreement can be reached. These are not being revealed. Negotiators meet again Thursday (10).

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- Telepic producer Sam Hayes this week disclosed acquisition of ov r 800 reels of silent film which will be streamlined and adapted to television. Included are famed old-time comedies such as the Christie series, Westerns and serials.

Hayes, co-partner of Parnell-Hayes Productions, will release the first of the series under title of TV Komics. Group will be pared to 10-minute episodes, with narration and music dubbed in and stop-action breaks inserted for sponsor plugs. Over 130 five-a-week Komics episodes are currently being prepared and series will include a total of 390 separate shows when completed.

Marking what is believed to be the first time silent films have been converted to tele, the series will be offered on a low-cost basis to national advertisers. Price per episode is pegged at \$50 per program for each market, with a minimum number of 30 markets required. One repeat showing of each film during the first year is also obligatory under contract terms.

In addition to 10-minute series, additional programs varying in length from 20 to 30 minutes each are currently being prepared from the library of old-time film fare.





**Trial Balloon Video** Shot by Sachs, Chi

CHICAGO, March 5 .- Likelihood that one of Chicago's oldest and largest users of radio would be sponsoring a TV series soon was seen this week when it became known that the Morris B. Sachs clothing store chain is going to buy a one-time shot on WENR-TV with the idea of using the program as a test to determine future TV spending.

For years Sachs has sponsored a full hour amateur radio program simultaneously broadcast on WENR and WCFL each Sunday afternoon. March 13 the company will also telecast the program on WENR-TV from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and then follow with a special half-hour fashion TV show.

WENR-TV execs say that if Sachs is satisfied with the TV version of his amateur hour he will buy a regular series of simultaneous telecasts on the station.

## Show Bought by NBC web would assist the agency in build-ing shows for its clients in the pro-

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.-Can You Picture This, audience-participation tele show packaged by local disk jockey Jerry Lawrence, was purchased by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) this week. Show kicks off over KNBH, NBC Hollywood outlet, March 10 with plans to make stanza available to entire web via kinescope recordings.

Picture This has been airing on KFI-TV for several months and is built around drawing-charade format in which Hollywood celebs have been featured.

## **Singer Sewing Mach.** A Prospect for TV

NEW YORK, March 5 .-- Young & Rubicam is interested in a half-hour film version of the old Woody and Virginia Klose radio show for Singer sewing machines, a TV client never in radio. The program was on Mutual until last November 15 and is a Mr. and Mrs. built around farm life.

If the film looks good, the sponsor is interested in a Sunday afternoon time. Pyrman Smith is the technical adviser on the show and Mary Harris in charge of talent. Klose is with the Frank Cooper radio and TV packaging agency.

## WAGA-TV Debuts; **On Seven-Day Bais**

ATLANTA, March 5.-WAGA-TV here begins commercial television operations Tuesday (8). Station is an affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and the DuMont network and operates on Channel 5.

Regular programing will be on a seven-day week schedule for a total of 21 hours weekly. George B. Storer Jr. is the TV station manager. WAGA-TV is owned by the Fort Industry Company, which has WSPD-TV, Toledo, and WJBK-TV, Detroit, in operation.

tected time, and would run them as sustainers until they reached fruition.

One agency exec to whom the plan was broached noted that any agency which had the same opportunity to secure radio time would leap at the opportunity, what with the constant jockeying for time periods, and constantly voiced gripes about other agencies' shows which precede and follow their own. The same situation undoubtedly will prevail in video in another year, and perhaps less. Active consideration of the ABC plan is stimulated by the idea of each agency gaining an opportunity to please itself and its clients on choice of time, contrast and pace of shows. The blueprint is believed to leave agencies free to swap or "lend-lease" time periods or entire evenings. Another provision understood to be considered by ABC execs, calls for an agency, should a time period in its evening open up, to pay a reduced rate for non-commercial use and development.

#### Web Aid to Agencies

Under this revolutionary concept, which would bring the influence of the advertising agency to its highest peak in broadcast programing, the network would aid the agencies in conceiving and developing shows, pass on material used and provide the use of its facilities. While its approval would be needed before an agency could place any program or sponsor into a time period, this would be virtually automatic, provided the usual requirements are met.

Should AEC succeed in selling out every night via this method, it would place the network in a potent strategic and commercial position. Instead of having to deal with a multitude of sponsors, with new threats of cancellation every time a show's contract ran out, it would have only seven real contracts to worry about. A successful application of the plan might well have a reverberating influence on radio time sales in the future.

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## ABC Deal for Chi Coliseum Video's Potential **Would Put Net in Promotion Biz, Make Arena TV Center**

#### **Consummation To Give Network Crack at All Events**

whereby the American Broadcasting Company would become a co-owner hurts his promotions. In fact, he now of the Chicago Coliseum, get into has a blanket rule against the telethe promotion of all types of entertainment events and at the same cause of effects he claims past TV time make the Coliseum a television airings have had upon fight revenue. and broadcast center is in the wind here. Leo Seltzer, principal owner of the Coliseum, a huge arena south of Chi's downtown district, has approached ABC execs here and has offered to practically turn over the building, lock stock and barrel. ABC New York execs will be here next week to see if the Coliseum could be rebuilt for TV usage and whether the network should continue negotiations.

After initial talks, the negotiations seems to be breaking down into two main possibilities. One is that ABC will work out an exclusive TV rights deal for all events promoted by Seltzer and his associates. Under this plan ABC could become co-promoter of all events.

The second possibility is that ABC would buy into the corporation owning the Coliseum and would move all its AM and TV office space and studios into the building. Latter possibility would call for ABC breaking its office and studio space leases in the Civic Opera Building and Merchandise Mart and would involve a remodeling investment of about \$2,000,000. If the net were to take this deal it would have to cancel its long-term lease on the ABC Civic Studio (formerly the Civic Theater) which it acquired last year. John Norton Jr., ABC's Central Division vice-president, emphasized that neither plan had been approved and that there would be many more talks before final decisions were reached. The plan, under either possibility, has many interesting points. If it were to go thru ABC could find itself in the promotion business a la CBS's arrangement with the Tournament of Champions. Everthing put on at the Coliseum-be it a fight, roller derby, circus, home show or garden exhibit-would be available to ABC as TV material which the net could sell to potential sponsors. The plan proposed by Seltzer goes as far as suggesting that ABC should charge admission to many of the AM and TV shows it now presents free to the public. A \$1 admission charge has been discussed as possible for TV presentations. Norton admitted that the idea had many ramifications and that the net was not treating it lightly. Plenty of potential revenue, promotion and program material make the net's top execs believe that the proposal should be explored thoroly. Seltzer has been interested in TV for a long time. He once proposed a similar idea, but on a much smaller scale, to WBKB. He also has been worried about TV's effect upon his

CHICAGO, March 5 .- A deal gate and has been one of the staunchest exponents of the theory that TV casting of his boxing promotions be-

## **Goodwin Set in NBC Kine Variety Show**

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- National Broadcasting Comapny (NBC) will make a kinescope audition of a new half-hour video variety show March 11, which will star radio-film topper Bill Goodwin. Show will feature top Hollywood talent, with a plan to syndicate the show via NBC's kinescope recording set-up.

Originating at the web's Coast outlet, KNBH, stanza will be the most expensive show in net's current talent stable. Goodwin will get \$750 weekly for his emseeing stint, with talent to be paid commensurate with box-office ability. A 14-piece ork will be featured and scripting will be by Grant Garrett. Web is understood to have a Coast bankroller set to foot a portion of the bill, with remainder to be garnered from kine rights. Show will be NBC-owned and controlled.

Kick-off date will depend on ex- Station is reportedly set to increase pansion of KNBH's operating sked to from its present five-a-week set-up a full seven-day-a-week operation. on or about April 1.

Eyes in L. A. Area

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.-Penetration of television into the Los Angeles metropolitan market (and its effect on radio listening habits) will be felt by the end of 1950, according to a study released this week by the Don Lee Broadcasting System (DLBS). Survey, prepared under supervision of Don Lee sales and advertising exec Ward Ingram, disclosed that an estimated 230,000 tele sets will be in operation by the end of next year, comprising 16 per cent of the 1,405,000 radio families in this area.

Comprehensive study, one of the first such surveys to be attempted by Don Lee, predicted that by the beginning of 1951, tele will have reached 7:5 per cent of total radio families in A's to evolve a master tele union. California, Washington and Oregon. An estimated 330,000 tele receivers will be in use thruout the Pacific Coast area by that time, sharing coverage with 4,350,000 radio families.

Despite tele's rapid strides, the report said, it will take several years before video can equal radio's mass coverage opportunities on the Coast. In the interim, bankrollers were urged to charge off tele costs to experimental budgets and continue using advertising media. If television is ignored completely, however, sponsors may risk serious crippling of current advertising effectiveness in established media. If, however, bankrollers cannot afford special tele budgets, the study recommends that video replace other media only after television has shown the ability to produce more sales per dollar.

## **TV Film Huddle** Sought by SAG

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- Screen Actors' Guild (SAG) board of directors last week ordered the Guild to immediately open negotiations with tele film producers. Move came after Four A's were still unable to agree on a plan covering talent in the video field.

SAG toppers claimed it had devoted considerable time and effort in working with the other entertainment unions in the hope of creating a new labor org that would administer jurisdiction in tele. With the increase in tele film production, Guild feels it can no longer wait for the Four

SAG laid full blame on Actors' Equity for the failure of the talent unions to reach an agreement on tele. Equity Council had rejected Four A's merger plan. However, SAG informed Four A's that it will still be willing to co-operate and enter into an agreement with other unions on the tele questions once they have reached a solution of the tele jurisdictional problem. In the meantime, SAG feels it must negotiate with film producers on its own to protect its members. Heretofore, Guild has avoided such action awaiting results of the talent union talks.

## **Philco May Retain** 'Playhouse' on NBC

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The arrival from South America next week of James Carmine, advertising chief of Philco, probably will settle the uncertain status of that firm's radio and tele time. Philco had planned to cancel its full hour Television Playhouse on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), Sundays at 9, but the surprise move by its competitor, Emerson, in dropping the Ed Sullivan show which was bucking Playhouse has made its move uncertain. NBC execs last week made a strong bid to retain the Philco business, with Carmine's decision awaited. Meanwhile Philco's radio status also is in doubt. Carmine is expected to rule shortly about retention of the 10 p.m. Wednesday time on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) in which Bing Crosby is being presented. When Crosby leaves the Philco pay roll after this spring, the radio firm must decide whether or with what to replace him.

#### DOUBLE TROUBLE ...

With stacks more fan mail when you mail out your face and fortune on glamour-glossy photo repros by Moss, but who'd kick about that!



## **KFI-TV's Daytime Kick-Off Has Bugs But Garners A for Effort**

Lookers who watched the kick-off of primary interest to the housewife. of KFI-TV's daytime programing sked Tuesday (1) couldn't help giving the station a king-sized A for effort, From all angles, KFI-TV has shouldered a tremendous programing task which on the surface seemed almost impossible. That it came off as well as it did is evidence of outlet's determination in abandoning all night time telecasting in favor of new sked.

From a purely technical, production, or critical standpoint, shows unveiled on its opening day were by no means top tele fare. There was no single airer in the six-hour sked (12 noon to 6 p.m.) which had either the polish, production, or entertainment values which video perfectionists demand. There were flaws in lighting, camera work, technical handling and staging. Talent ranged from good to mediocre, with plenty of room for improvement.

Viewed objectively, however, it was an acceptable job. With all shows aired without camera rehearsal, with lighting hurriedly set up and with talent hastily recruited in some instances, it was surprising-and amazing-that results were as promising as they proved to be.

Bulk of station's shows were live studio programs, including musicalvariety airers, audience participation stanza, home economics shows, drama, news and kiddle programs. For sports fans, Tom Harmon's Sports News was interesting. Such diversified single shows as gardening hints, cooking stanzas, the do's and don't of etiquette, a farm show, and varied film shorts rounded out the log.

Working on the theory that fem lookers are attracted by program content rather than by flashy production, the station is beaming airers which are both simple to produce and producer, Ronald Oxford.

Even with a restricted audience of women only, the station feels it can build up a listening pattern which bankrollers will be eager to buy. Before hurdling further barriers, however, a thoro pruning job is required. In fairness to the talent who ventured into tele unrehearsed, no specific airers should be singled out for lambasting. Suffice to say, the sked included shows which were either too rough for tele debut or poor tele material in the first instance, Too often, station merely turned a camera on a radio stanza hoping for the best-and not clicking. Most promising airers were a fashion show featuring expert Caroline Leonetti, an audience participation stanza with KFI radio staffer Ted Myers as emsee, and the Harmon sports seg. Kid shows were lacking in talent and imagination. News programs featured still photos with commentators reading from news ticker copy-certainly nothing new or startling.

Commercial-wise, spot bankrollers were spread thinly over the 6-hour period, but station sales execs reported at week's end that biz spurted upward, with promise of more to come.

Trade-wise, KFI-TV's operations are being watched closely. Set manufacturers hope additional daylight shows will spur local set sales. Rival telecasters have a stake in KFI-TV's operations also, inasmuch as successful accomplishment of the daytime switch will set the pattern for competing stations. As for KFI-TV, this is an all-out fight to make tele pay off-this year. The outcome is eagerly awaited. Alan Fischler.

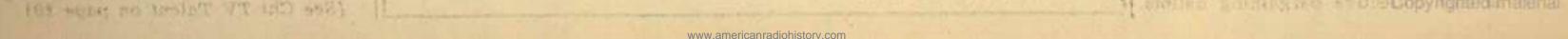
Reviewed Tuesday (March I), 12 noon to 6 p.m. Style-Over-all programing survey, KFI-TV, Hollywood, Executive tele

## Canada Dry Buying Super Circus on ABC

NEW YORK, March 5. - Canada Dry this week was virtually set to bankroll Super Circus, Sunday video show, 5:30-6 p.m., on American Broadcasting Company (ABC). The pact, to be inked thru the Maxon Agency, will have the Chicago-originated show go commercial about March 20.

The sponsor is reported buying the full ABC tele network.





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## **Rockwell and Chertok Form Production Co.; Latter Prexy**

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- Partner- | them via WB's KLAC-TV and then | ship deal was set between Tom Rock well, prexy of General Artists Cor poration (GAC), and motion picture producer Jack Chertok for the formation of a television film producing company. Firm will be known as Jack Chertok Television, Inc., with Rockwell and Chertok each owning 50 per cent of the stock and the latter heading the corporation as prexy Chertok will continue his theatrical and non-theatrical film enterprises as head of Apex Films. Deal calls for GAC to act as selling agent for the Chertok tele firm's product. In addition, GAC will benefit from the venture since its talent stable will be used in the films and thereby enjoy video exploitation as well as a boost in stature in the new medium. Chertok told The Billboard that the film company will not be bound to use GAC talent exclusively, but that the agency's personalities will naturally get the preferred nod. Chertok and Rockwell have been long-time friends and business associates, with GAC still handling the producer in the theatrical film field.

This marks the first time that a major talent agency has moved into the video field so extensively. William Morris handles the Hal Roach Telepix product only as a sales rep. Music Corporation of America (MCA), which has been peddling its est in taking a more active part in packages in Class A time. tele by negotiating with Warner Bros. and KLAC-TV's Don Fedderson on a possible kinescoped package deal. MCA would build video shows, air

record them on film for sale to other tele outlets and sponsors. At press time. MCA-WB deal still hung in mid-air.

Chertok was unable to name a date when his tele firm will go into operation. He said he is still studying the demands of the new medium and does not intend rushing into production until he is more certain of the road ahead. Chertok has been producing non-theatrical (advertising pix) for some time and has continued to turn down client requests that he make video until he feels he can do justice to the new medium.

## **Shockers Strip** Set by NBC for \$5,000 a Shock

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will unveil a five-a-week mystery show strip before summer to be built from whodunits now being auditioned. The American Broadcasting Company thrillers will be slotted at 10:30-11 EST across the board, beginning on a five-times-weekly basis and expanding to a full seven nights. Shows diately was picked up by Old Gold will be "popular price" airers, not talent wares to TV along with the exceeding \$5,000 per stanza, aiming the last 15 minutes of the show. other agencies, recently showed inter- at bankrollers who seek low-budget Among airers in the programing mill, the following are set for early audition as probable tenants of the strip: Dick Powell's Rogue's Gallery, Dragnet to star Jack Webb; Miss Joan Davis Skedded Rachael, with Verna Felton playing an amateur female private eye; Thirteenth Juror, by Arnold Marguis, and a still untitled epic with Elliott Lewis in the lead. All will be packaged and produced by NBC. Kick-off date will depend on the speed with which scripts can be backlogged and airers made ready for debut. Web will herald its mystery splurge with promotional campaigns. The new series is another indication of NBC's plan to drop its present curfew.

LONDON, March 5 .- One of the most serious blows in recent months to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television service has been struck by the Racecourse Owners' Association in refusing to grant permission for further televising of their race meetings.

British RaceTracks

Ban Telecasting

Television already is banned from league football, professional fights and greyhound racing. The future of sports on televisio must now await the outcome of negotiations between the BBC and the Society for the Protection of Sports Copyrights (SPSC).

The main obstacle in the path of televising sports is the fee asked by sporting promotors. The BBC has been asked to pay \$4,000 for the rights to air a single sporting event. The BBC budget for television does not allow such an expenditure.

## Smith Bros. Cough Out on "Stop Music"

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Smith Brothers Cough Drops this week canceled its period on Stop the Music, (ABC) giveaway show. Eighty-five quarter hours, the 8 to 8:15 segment of the full-hour Sunday airer, imme-Cigarettes, which already bankrolls

**More Actors** Working But **Rates Too Low** 

#### **AFRA Members Dominate**

CHICAGO, March 5 .- With television programing on the upgrade here, at extensive survey of the local video taient picture by The Billboard this week revealed four principal developments: (1) More live talent, most of it from the membership of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), is being used. (2) Talent, in general, is screaming about low rates being paid and clamoring for settlement of the Four A's internal difficulties so industry-wide contract negotiations can begin. (3) Top local radio names are beginnin to be used ir, the medium and are making special deals with producers and stations, enabling known stars to get above minimum earnings, but still nothing comparable to what they get in radio. (4) A general condition of video rates chaos is noticeable in talent ranks because no one knows what he can expect for various type: o' shows.

#### Tele Employment Facts

Basis for facts used in this report is a typical week of television employment here.

This week WGN-TV employed 31

## **AFRA Exec Mediates** WMIN-Staffer Fight

CHICAGO, March 5 .- Long-standing wage and working condition controversy between the announcing staff and management of WMIN, Minneapolis independent station, was settled this week. Ray Jones, executive secretary of the Chicago office of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), stepped into the situation and helped the parties involved reach an agreement. The controversy was developing into a possible strike when Jones entered the picture.

Under terms of the agreement, announcers received basic increases ranging from 12 to 17 per cent. Lowest paid announcers at the station formerly received about \$50 per week. Now they will receive about \$60 per week. New contrac will be retroactive to January 1. The retroactivity demand of the announcers was one which the station had opposed strongly.

#### AFRA Concession

AFRA made a concession in the settlement by agreeing that traveling announcers would be paid only for time actually working while out of town if the station provided first-class train transportation. The announcers had demanded payment for all time spent out of town.

In his capacity as director of AFRA's central region, Jones also is entering this week a labor situation involving announcers at WHBF, Rock Island, Ill. At this station a labor board hearing is being conducted to determine those eligible to vote to determine whether AFRA will be named sole collective bargaining org. The board hearings will determine whether certain supervisory personnel of the station will be permitted to cast collective bargaining ballots.

The Smith Brothers cancellation is effective after the March 25 show, with the end of the "winter cold" season.

## For Return to CBS

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Joan Davis will be back on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) this spring, The comedienne wound up a co-operatively sponsored series for the web last July.

It is not exactly known on what date she will begin her half-hour series of programs, but the chances are the network would like her to bolster its daytime line-up.

Hooper, Pulse TV Ratings

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The 10 top TV programs in New York City, as reported by C. E. Hooper, Inc., and The Pulse, Inc., are shown below. Considerable differences characterize the list: There are three programs which Pulse includes in its top 10 which are not on the Hooper list; there are four programs tabbed in the top 10 by Hooper but not by Pulse. They are Break the Bank (sixth, 34.7), Your Show Time (seventh, 32.5), We, the People (eighth, 32.2) and Colgate Theater (lenth, 30.2).

In discussing the differences, Pulse traced them to the fact that its surveys use non-phone and telephone homes, while Hooper uses only phone homes, as well as differences in sampling procedures. Hooper uses a random phone sample; Pulse a refined area sample controlled by the research director and not by the interviewer.

Here are the leading Pulse and Hooper shows:

Pulse	mona	Hooper	Hooper
Rank	Feb.	Rating	Rank
1-Texaco Star Theater (WNBT, Tues.)	67.3	76.6	1
2-Godfrey's Talent Scouts			
(WCBS-TV, Mon.)	57.3	56.1	2
3-Toast of the Town (WCBS-TV, Sun.)	46.0	48.0	4
4-Godfrey and His Friends			
(WCBS-TV, Wed.)	44.7	46.6	5
5-Admiral Broadway Revue			
(WABD, WNBT, Fri.)	41.3	41.3	3
6-The Goldbergs (WCBS-TV, Mon.)	38,7		
7-Kraft TV Theater (WNBR, Wed.)	38.0	50.6	
8-Boxing (WNBT, Fri.)	34.7		
9-Phil Silvers (WNBT, Thurs.)	34.0	32.1	9
10-Original Amateur Hour (WABD, Sun.)	) 33.3		
* Not in Hooper top 10.			

AFRA members; WENR-TV, 37; WNBQ, 18, and WBKB, 19, Altho no figures are available as to how many AFRA members were employed at each of the stations a few months ago, it is known that these figures represent increased video employment for AFRA members. It has been estimated that the employment of AFRA talent in video here has increased 500 per cent in the past six months. According to a recent study made by an authoritative source here, AFRA talent is being used in the vast majority by video stations, with AGVA and amateur talent being used to a lesser degree. When the local AFRA office was told the results of this survey, it agreed that its facts were substantially correct.

#### Fees Vary

Fees for AFRA members vary at each station for different talent. AGVA members are working under a blanket rule which states that they must get a minimum of \$50 per program, but in many cases this minimum has not been met.

The picture of fees for AFRA members is as follows:

At WENR-TV the average wage for minor AFRA talent is about \$25 per half-hour program, with rehearsal time usually included in this figure. Lead names have received \$75 per half-hour show as - result of personal negotiations between the station and talent. This higher figure is the exception instead of the rule. Usually there is no advance agreement that the rate will be changed if the show goes commercial.

#### Rate Examples

Example of the rates being paid by this station is a girl singer who receives \$75 for a local program, even tho she is being represented by Music Corporation of America and has to pay the usual MCA agent's fee out of this sum. For an hour ABC network program another girl singer is paid \$50, while a male singer is getting the same amount for a half-hour net show on the same web. At ABC a name vocal quartet received \$100 for a halfhour network program.

At WNBQ, National Broadcasting (See Chi TV Talent on page 20)

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## **Hypoed Coast Originations Pinch** Networks for Space; Scrambling for Relief Spots

#### **Condition To Worsen Before It Shows Improvement**

number of Hollywood-originated air shows now at an all-time high, networks are faced with an acute shortage of studio space. What is more, all four webs fear the situation will be worse next fall, judging from the number of new show ideas currently in the hopper. A survey of all four webs discloses that 88 studio audience shows (plus numerous non-audience airers) are currently emanating from here. Many of these shows are three or five-a-week series, tying up studio facilities and operating personnel. By contrast, only 74 shows were Coastborn last year at this time.

To ease the situation nets have been turning to outside sources and farming out shows wherever possible, even tho taking stanzas away from home grounds means extra rental and operating costs. Because many of the top airers are expensive production jobs requiring considerable rehearsal, coveted available space is sought after on a priority basis by top ad accounts. Intricate skedding and juggling of available time has been required to keep all talenters and bankrollers happy-and still produce results.

#### NBC's 33 Coast Shots

National Broadcasting Company (NBC) currently surpasses other nets with 33 Coast originations, as compared to 26 last year. With five main studios available, NBC has been able to house all but the Bob Hope show in its main building. Hope airs from Vine Street Playhouse, which is leased to Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). With NBC now building a raft of new shows for summer and fall debut, there is no telling how studio space will shape up come next season. Hardest hit at present is CBS with its 29 local originations, compared to 24 last year. While the web dropped 16 shows, 21 new airers were added, seven of which are five-aweek series. CBS has only three large studios available and therefore has been foraging around Hollywood for stand-by origination spots. Net is farming out two shows to 6000 Sunset Radio Center, while Meet the Missus originates at Earl Carroll's Theater-Restaurant. Our Miss Brooks and the Jack Smith musical series stem from Mutual Broadcasting System's (MBS) newly completed Don Lee Studios. Lux Radio Theater occupies its own Vine Street playhouse. CBS's studios are also used on a catch-as-catch-can basis by Columbia Records for its Hollywood disking sessions.

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .- With the net may be forced to farm out all three shows. Moving shows present a troublesome public relations problem, nets explain, inasmuch as ticket holders inevitably show up at the main studios despite a clearly stated broadcast location printed on ducats.

> American Broadcasting Company (ABC) now airs 17 shows weekly as compared with 14 last year. Not having a home of its own, web rents space from NBC and uses farm-outs to take care of overflow shows. Complicated scheduling problems between the two webs has so far been workable, but fall demands may force ABC to surrender some of its NBC studio space. ABC's local O.-and-O. outlet, KECA, with its own studio set-up, can accommodate five shows at present. Web's top audience participation stanzas, such as Breakfast in Hollywood and House Party, are farmed out to Tom Brenneman's restaurant, while Bride and Groom stems from the Chapman Par Hotel.

#### MBS Set-Up

Least pressured at the moment is MBS, headquartered in the lavish, new \$3,000,000 Hollywood Don Lee broadcasting system headquarters. With four large studios available, Mutual has been able to assemble all its airers under one roof. Last year, web's audience participation stanzas were spread out over several outside locations. Only nine MBS shows are currently originating here, which include three five-a-week series. Last of rehearsal and still came off year 10 Mutual stanzas were beamed from the Coast. Net execs see no easing off of studio viewer got the impression that the pressure in sight. ABC will be hamstrung until its own studio building is erected. CBS and NBC both have more new shows cooking, while Mutual plans to shift airers from New York to Hollywood, which will take up its current space slack,

## **Friendly Rival**

NEW YORK, March 5. -Sponsors buying time on WNEW, local indie, this week were flabbergasted to receive a sales letter from a competing indie, WWRL, Woodside, Long Island, praising them for their acumen in their choice of outlets. The letters, from Selvin Donneson of the WWRL sales department, urged the bankrollers to continue to use WNEW "for conventional coverage."

The letters wound up with a recommendation to add WWRL for foreign-language coverage, calling the use of the two stations "an unbeatable team for" total coverage."

#### News, Pubserv Kick For WMOR's FM Bow CHICAGO, March 5 .- WMOR, new 10,000-watt FM station here, will begin programing a 17-hour-a-day schedule March 20. Operated by a group of war veterans who have radio and news work backgrounds, the station will emphasize public service, news and musical shows, a new type of FM programing here.

Station goes on the air with three sponsors, two more practically signed and prospects of breaking even by fall. Initial investment for the station was \$100,000.

#### ABC BARN DANCE

(Continued from page 14) Hewitt and Red Blanchard, of the Sage Riders, did the best jobs. Ted Morse, in the roles of Otto and Little Genevieve, also offered top enter-

## **Chi TV Talent Pic Confused**

(Continued from page 19) Company station, rates are about the highest in town. On a half-hour commercial network show a name emsee is receiving about \$100 per program. Two other name AFRA members at this station are receiving about \$100 and \$50, respectively, for a half-hour sustaining local program. On a dramatic serial on NBC, name AFRA talent is receiving about \$35 each per show, for a five-a-week 15-minute series. In most cases NBC contracts stipulate that if shows go commercial rates will be increased about 50 per cent. Unlimited rehearsal policy is also in effect at WNBQ.

#### WGN-TV Pay

WGN-TV rates for actors, announcers and soloists range from \$10 per 15-minute program, either sustaining or commercial (1 hour rehearsal included), to \$20 per onehour show, three hours rehearsal included. Additional rehearsal at WGN-TV is paid for \$2 per hour for pre-camera rehearsal and \$3 per hour for camera rehearsal.

Rates at WBKB are about the same as those at WGN-TV for sustaining programs, but commercial program pay is about the same as local radio commercial rates. For a one-hour sustaining dramatic show WBKB in the past paid \$100 for leads and \$50 for supporting actors. Rehearsals ran as high as 12 hours per program. without additional compensation.

#### Execs Satisfied

A check of station and production company execs also revealed that they are pleased with present rates and have no intention of increasing them at the present time. They point to inred operation of video today and say more can not be paid. In the few cases where production execs intimated increases might be given, they stressed they would not make the first move. It was generally agreed that present rates, and attendant lack of uniformity, would not be changed until AFRA, or whatever union finally gets jurisdiction over TV, makes overtures for higher fees.

#### **CBS** Expansion Pains

Having recently added Jack Benny and Amos 'n' Andy to its roster, CBS faces more headaches in finding room for Red Skelton, Ozzie and Harriet, Edgar Bergen and Bing Crosby, all of whom are moving in on or before next fall. Skelton, Ozzie and Bergen are going into CBS's Sunday night comedy powerhouse, which means the York operation.

## Sillerman Ankles **Keystone ET Berth**

NEW YORK, March 5. - Mike Sillerman, president of Keystone Broadcasting System (KBS), transcription network outfit, resigned this week. He declared his new plans were still in the works.

Sillerman, who started KBS, stated that differences concerning policies, as viewed by himself and other directors, brought about his lam. Two sets of brothers, Sid and Arthur Wolf, and Joseph and William Bayer, all of Chicago, own the operation, with Sillerman, despite his departure, retaining his stock interest.

Naylor Rogers has been made exec veepce, headquartering in Chicago, with Noel Rhys heading up the New

tainment.

Proving that the talent needed practically no extra video production handling was the fact that the entire show had only one and a half hours smoothly. The talent seemed to be working as it did for years. The performers were television veterans, tho most of them had never appeared on television before. This merely proved that acts which have worked before live audiences for years have, in most cases, visual showmanship making it suited for television.

It can be said, too, that this is one radio program that is improved by video presentation.

guard against, it is the possibility that the Barn Dance talent might run out of routines. It is apparent that the are used to fluid, fast-moving and cast can't use the same type of material week after week as it can in radio.

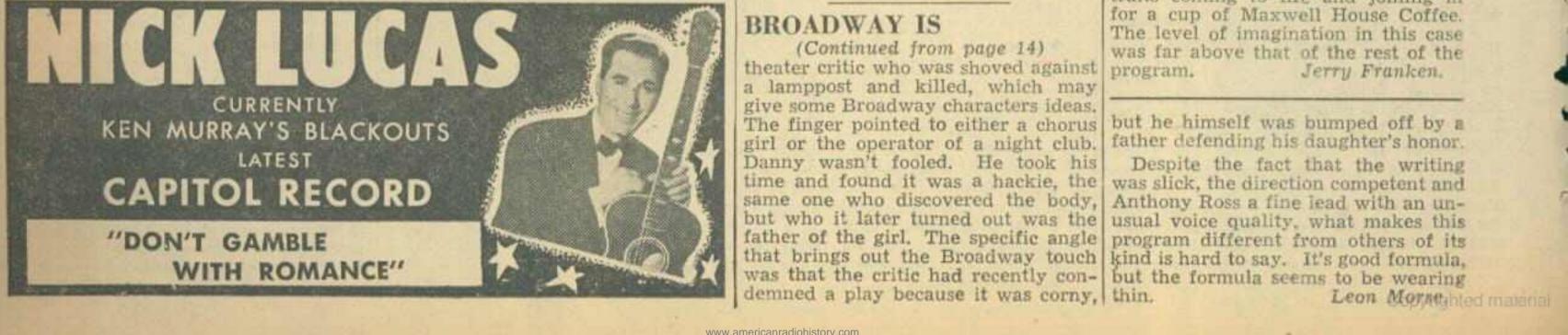
As is true of practically all TV premieres, some criticism can be made about this airing. A critical finger can be pointed at the use of only two cameras and its overabundance of square dancing. Use of only two cameras and consequent predominance of straight-on-shots-either long range or close-up-gave an impression of monotony at times. Square dancing was used not only to open and close the show but also for change of pace during the program. Square dancing at the beginning, to help set the scene, would have been sufficient. Cy Wagner.

theater critic who was shoved against The finger pointed to either a chorus

#### LAMBS GAMBOL

(Continued from page 14) in numbers via special lyrics to Gilbert and Sullivan music. The gim, of course, is the Lambs' strict allmale policy-which is being broken on the video show by use of fem stars as guests. The point, tho, is that even this sort of treatment, with the trio, If this show has any danger to certainly won't stand up in the light of competition-notably the Milton Berle and Sid Caesar shows. Viewers integrated variety shows, and the production staffers on Gambol will have to frish themselves to keep the pace.

The rest of the show was Clark, in his first television appearance, and doing the manicurist scene from As the Girls Go-reportedly for a \$750 fee. It is an hilarious bit, so masterfully handled by one of the greatest comics of all times. It is also quite blue for television, which at this stage of the game seems a long way from maintaining radio's thoroly scrubbed punctilio. Two other amusing bits were turned in by Jack Tyler, in a drunk routine, and Horace Braham. The commercials were well done and effective. Main pitch was thru "portraits" of famous Lambs, the portraits coming to life and joining in



Communications to 1584 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

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## Victor Distribs Tee Off Drive Band Biz Ripe for Comeback

NEW YORK, March 5 .- RCA Victor distributors thruout the country have teed off their 45-r.p.m. disk sales push, offering dealers a 100 per cent exchange privilege on an initial \$385 catalog stock order. Unsold platters may be exchanged for other disks sometime in August.

The list of disks in the package deal covers the entire catalog of available 45-r.p.m. disks, which is broken down as follows: Red Seal, 60 albums and 120 singles; popular, 49 albums and 47 singles; children's, 22 albums and 3 singles; folk, hillbilly and Western, 8 albums and 23 singles; blues and rhythm, 5 singles; international, 5 singles; pop classics, 6 albums and 13 singles.

Altho many dealers taking the deal do not ordinarily carry some of these | companies and talent bureaus came categories Phil Silverman, sales manager of Bruno, Nev York metropolitan area distribber, pointed out that the plan enables the dealer "to experiment on the factory's money."

It is understood that some regional RCA distribs are offering a free demonstration player with each \$385 deal.



NEW YORK, March 5.-Bibletone Records, manufacturer of religious albums, has teed off its drive into the single disk field with the signing of several Southern and Western radio than 50 sides with these artists dur-

On 45 Disks Agents, Diskers 331/3 LP System May Be Included **In Senate Probe** 

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee is seriously considering widening the scope of an upcoming investigation of communications to probe "relationships" between talen' bureaus, recording companies and radio networks. 'The Senate committee's interest in this problem has become regular 78 r.p.m. sales. spurred by a report submitted to the committee last week by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) indicating that such a survey might be "necessary."

FCC's comment on the recording in the form of one of several answers to a series of questions which had been submitted to FCC chairman wayne Coy by Chairman Ed Johnson (D., Colo.), of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. The FCC stated that since no comprehensive network probe has been held since 1941, not only should network practices in the AM field be investigated but also it is time "to re-examine some of the problems concerning the relationship of the networks to talent bureaus and recording companies."

Among Senate Interstate Commerce Committee members evincing unusual interest in such a probe is ranking GOP minority member Charles Tobey (R., N. H.), who ran a one-man investigation of policies of Radio Corporation of America (RCA) last sesartists. The diskery plans to cut more sion. Another solon likely to be in- ries of hearings on disk company polterested is William Langer (R., N. D.). icies some two years ago.

Hypos Longhair

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NEW YORK, March 5.-The latest royalty statement issued to the Budapest Quartet by Columbia Records indicates that the diskery's 33 1/3 LP system has proven a sharp hypo to chamber music sales. Report is that for the period ending December 31, LP royalties alone totaled \$20,000 for the group, a figure nearly double any of this top unit's previous checks for

LP protagonists in the trade feel that the long-playing disks have made new record buyers from longhair connoisseurs who were lukewarm to shorter-length shellac platters.

## **Burden** Casino **Keopens Mar. 12**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The Burden Lake Casino, up-State New York restaurant ballroom, opens its ninth season on a name-band policy Saturday (12). Bands will play Saturdays and Sundays this year. Last of Rights. With the opening of colyear spot had music Fridays and Saturdays.

Opener will feature the Al Donahue ork, with Glen Gray tentative for the Easter week-end. Casino operated by Allen and Nate Leafer, has an admission policy of \$1 plus tax, with table service to accommodate all comers.

Altho not a member of the interstate | Further details on this story are commerce group, Langer held a se- in the Radio Department of this issue.

## **5** Arguments **Offered** for Optimism

#### Agents, Orksters Encouraged

#### By Hal Webman

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Tho band business still is in a weak state, trade seers, for the first time in several years, actually are predicting that the ork field will begin a comeback during the coming summer and fall. Agents, orksters and managers point to the following encouraging factors:

1. A growing interest in music and musicians on college campuses, traditionally the backbone of the band business. This, it is believed, probably will develop to an even greater degree following the coming June graduations. Reasoning behind this belief is based on the expected departure of about 80 per cent of the G.I.'s now schooling under the Bill lege positions for normal-age high school graduates, the age level of the campus crowd would return closer to the prewar 18 to 22 averages, at which level and time the band business enjoyed its greatest favor.

#### Growth of Bop

2. The growth and spread of bop and progressive jazz music as a boxoffice attraction. Developing in much the same way that swing mushroomed in the late '30s, bop has aroused the curiosity of the younger set thruout the country. Orksters coming off the road report that they are being forced to put bop into their books, whether they like the stuff or not, to satisfy the demands of the younger set. Agents point out that the bop and jazz nitery, styled along lines of the theater-restaurant format developed by the Royal Roost here, is cropping up in almost every major city in the country. And they report that these jazz attractions apparently are doing the only consistently good business in the music field at the moment. The agents report that bop bistros at (See Band Biz Ripe on page 28)

ing March.

Two gospel groups inked were the Homeland Harmony Quartet, of WAGA, Atlanta, and the Red Teague Fla., was also signed. Other recent Bibletone additions are the La Fevre Trio, gospel group on WGST, Atlanta, and Cowboy Phil and the Golden West Girls, of WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va.

According to a diskery spokesman, Bob Rolantz, a wide search for additional talent is under vay, with territorial radio talent deemed most desirable. The company recently offered stations an album-script series, Bibletone Hymns for the Day (The Billboard, February 5). In the past month the list of subscribers to the series has jumped from 10 to 75.

is the selection of record repertoire ing. by the artists' radio listeners, with each artist asking fans to write in their preferences.

## **DeccaWinsPoint** In Vim Action

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Decca Records gained ground in its sult against the Vim Radio & Sporting Goods firm (The Billboard, February 26) this week when State Supreme Court Justice Carroll G. Walter dismissed Vim's counterclaim suit for \$250,000 against the diskery.

At the same time, Justice Samuel Hofstadter denied Vim's motion for Bonds are to yield 6 per cent interest, a jury trial, declaring the matter to be an equity action. "Insofar as the counterclaim is also a defense," Judge tryable by jury as of right."

\$100,000 and an injunction, alleges rises to 50 per cent of the net profit two holders of unsecured debenture eight-male and eight-female vocal that the Vim stores sold Decca plat- after the first \$10,000. Unsecured bonds on the board of directors while group, the Unitones. Camarata plans ters below prices fixed by standard creditors will also receive a bonus of such bonds are outstanding, with the to return to England and Switzerland contract under the Fair Trade Practices Act.

## Trio, who broadcast over WTOB, Winston-Salem, N. C. Vep Ellis, folk Musicraft Records Sets Up **Complete Refinancing Plan**

payment of creditors, arranged for a convert their debentures to common acceptance of the plan, and set up a 60 days, they can get one share of refinancing plan.

operations under Chapter 11 of the for \$2.50 in debentures. The Marine Chandler Act, pressing on a contract Midland Bank, acting as trustee for basis at three plants, and shipping the first lien bondholders, will be regularly, Four new releases, including disks by Sarah Vaughan, Mel sion option at the one to one-and-a-A special diskery gimmick planned Torme and Phil Brito, are forthcon:-

#### Four Sets of Creditors

Plan provides for payment of four sets of creditors:

(1) Federal, State and city tax creditors. All taxes due to be paid in full, probably on whatever installment bases that can be worked out.

(2) Wage claimants. Employees falling under the priority of wage claimants provisions of the Federal Bankruptcy Act will be paid cash in full upon confirmation of the plan.

(3) Unsecured creditors. These comprise the large majority of creditors, including artists under contract, first lien bondholders, etc. They are to be paid in debenture bonds on the basis of 30 cents on the dollar. and mature April 1, 1956. They probenture holders. After retirement of stockholders. Decca's suit, asking damages of secured debentures (see below), take of the new common stock issued on in all.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Musicraft | refinancing. This group of creditors Records has prepared a plan for will also be given the opportunity to loan of \$75,000 in fresh capital upon stock. If they take this option within stock for each \$1.50 of value. After Meanwhile, the waxery continues 60 days, the offer becomes one share given a year to exercise the converhalf ratio, after which it falls to one to two-and-a-half. Reason for the extra grace period is that this creditor group has a negative pledge on Musicraft's master records, which it will release on confirmation.

> (4) Secured creditors. This is the group providing the \$75,000 of new financing. It will receive debentures secured by a chattel mortgage on all master records owned by Musicraft. Debentures will pay off at the same rate as the unsecured ones, and will mature at the same time. This creditor group will also receive 100,000 shares of the new common stock.

#### New Common Stock

Refinance plan proposes to eliminate all the common stock now outstanding (roughly 600,000 shares) and to issue 500,000 shares of new common stock at no par value. Stockholders would receive one share of vide for annual payments of 25 per new for 10 of old stock. This refinanccent of the net profits after the first ing plan will require approval by a Hofstadter ruled, "it is of course not \$10,000 to be prorated among de- 2/3 dollar-volume majority of the tracts, and the signing of the Tito

## **Camarata** Closes **Foreign Deals**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Tutti Camarata, London Records a .- and -r. topper, has returned here after a sevenweek trip to England, France and Switzerland. In addition to a general business and reportory confab with E. R. (Ted) Lewis, head of English Decca, London's parent firm, Camarata supervised a raft of waxing sessions for London and set up a repertory schedule with Harry Sarton, English Decca a.-and-r. head.

Camarata announced that thru arrangements with Morris Rosengarten. of Decca in Switzerland, London now has exclusive American rights to sides by such Continental artists as Billy Toffel, Will Glahe and others. Sides will be released on the London international label.

Camarata also announced the resigning of ork leaders Bob Farnon and Stanley Black to five-year con-Burns bop sextet, vocal duo Johnny A further provision would place Johnston and Alan Dean, and an common stock-some 10 per cent board not to exceed seven members in June to wax much of his own material.

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## **RMA To Test Three - Speed Plastic Disk**

#### May Solve 45 Problem

CHICAGO, March 5.- A laminated plastic disk has about been decided upon as the best method of handling the wider Victor 45 r.p.m. center-hole problem. The Radio Manufacturers' Association subcommittee on record changers met here last week, deciding to test the laminated insert. Chances are that the disk will be utilized as standard equipment by all recordchanger manufacturers, observers said. The insert carries a series of outcroppings which can be turned over, thus cutting size of the hole to standard and making it possible to play the Victor and Capitol 45 r.p.m. disks on the same spindle which carries 33 and 78-r.p.m. platters.

The standardization meeting was attended by reps of VM Industries, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Webster-Chicago: General Instrument, Elizabeth, N. J.; Milwaukee Stamping, and Philco. This group represents manufacturers of approximately 75 per cent of the record playing equipment now being marketed.

## **GAC Signs Deal** With M.P.M. on **British Bookings**

## How They're Selling Them

(As advertised in the nation's press.)

Billboard staffers glean newspapers for radio-tele-phono advertisements from coast-to-coast to spot ways of selling more radio, tele, phono sets and records. No results of sales as yet reported. Successful advertisements together with actual story of results by advertisers will appear in the next issue of Turnover.

- RECORDS BY MAIL-THIS IS YOUR order blank with invitation to check records wanted, write name and address, and enclose entire ad. No price cuts, order sent C.O.D. or prepaid, but packing charges 25 conts extra. Copy also features special offer sapphire needle regularly sold for \$3.50 but priced at 26 cents if customer buys six or more records .- Paramount Record Shop, Philadelphia.
- MAIL ORDER PURCHASES ALSO ENcouraged to push new midget RCA Victor super het at regular price of #19.95. No money down required; #1 per week .- Summerfields, Boston.
- SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE, SAVE UP to \$27.50 on floor models and demonstrators. List specifies brand names on transmitters as well as receivers, record players, recorders, amplifiers, test equipment and tools.-Radio Shack, Boston.
- NEW PHILCO 1150 WITH A CHOICE OF indoor or outdoor aerial included at no extra cost - Artophone Corporation, Phileo distributors, St. Louis, Also Strong, Carlisle & Hammond Company, Philco distributors, Cleveland, and W. Burkman, Philco distributors, Buffalo.
- UP TO \$25.60 WORTH OF LP RECORDS free to purchaser of 1949 Philco consoles and "latest globe of the world" included without charge on 1949 Philco table model radios .- Biedermans, St. Louis.

- A \$79.95 RCA RADIOLA PLUS 63 VICtor records worth \$50, plus a combination table and storage rack (value (\$149.95) all for \$79.95, H. S. Braun, Albany, N Y.
- TELEVISION CLEARANCE, BRAND names mentioned in headline but not according to specific models and prices. Also mentions television demonstration every evening. -- Hudson-Ross, Chicago.
- \$174.95 1949 MODEL WILCOX-GAY home recorder plus one dozen recording disks at no extra cost for \$119.95.-Wieboldt's, Chicago.
- U. S. TELEVISION (MODEL T-10823) AT list price but free installation including aerial .- Marks Isaacs Co., New Orleans.
- VISIT ANY BUFFALO WESTINGHOUSE dealer (dealers listed), full in a card, and you will be invited to appear on the Westinghouse "Meet the People" TV show. Advertisement features instructions on "how you can appear on 'TV." Also plays up latest Westinghouse Models 207 and 196 at full price .-- Westinghouse Distributors, Buffalo.
- MAGNAVOX AMERICAN AT \$298.50 OFfering optional television at \$595 is featured as the answer to the headline question, "TV or not TV."-Music House, Buffalo.
- VARSITY RECORDS LISTED FOR ORders by mail in full page New York Daily News ads .- Macy's, New York.

## **TV Brass Confer** With ASCAP on Rates, Rights

NEW YORK, March 5 .- A meeting of video brass from all sections of the country is set here for Monday (7) to discuss the problem of music rates and rights for television use. On Tuesday (8) video reps are scheduled to meet with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) video committee to continue discussions.

ASCAP'ers and tele men held meetings here on four consecutive days this week, the negotiations characterized by one of the principals as still "exploratory." Kernel of the situation continues to be the fact that rates can't very well be established until both sides agree on the rights to be cleared. Television wants a broader contract than the one now offered; ASCAP is wary of committing itself to securing heavier rights from its members.

## **More Meetings By Pluggers and Radio Artists**

NEW YORK, March 5. - The practice of regularly scheduled meetings between radio performers and song pluggers to give the latter fair and equal opportunity to exhibit their wares is growing, with singers Kay Armen and Jack Birch the latest to hold such conferences.

They join performers like Arthur Godfrey, Fred Waring and Bob Smith, who have been holding regular NEW YORK, March 5.-General ing artist and Western film star, and hold similar competitions in other plugger meetings for some time. Another who fell in with the system some time back is Robert Q. Lewis, for whose show Howard Smith and Lester Gottlieb interview song pluggers every Monday morning at the Columbia Broadcasting System. Miss Armen holds her meetings every other Tuesday afternoon at the American Broadcasting Company. Birch meets with the pluggers Wednesdays at noon at the National Broadcasting Company.

## **Sked Folk Tune Jamborees To Build Cap Talent Roster**

talent for Capitol Records has been are worthy of Cap pacts. lotte, N. C., distribution point. The diskery jamboree, skedded for the Charlotte City Auditorium March 27, will pit finalists from the Charlotte vicinity in a quest for Capitol recording contracts. Local folk talent contests are currently being run off by approximately 50 radio stations within the Charlotte area, with finalists set for the March 27 round-up. Ritter will emsee the Charlotte event, which will be open to the public. Lee Gillette, Capitol's folk music a. and r. chief, will attend and re-

CHICAGO, March 5. - First of cord the jamboree on tape. The next what may be a series of regional folk day Gillette will run off the tape music jamborees to select outstanding and select those acts which he feels

set up by Tex Ritter, Capitol record- Plans are already under way to large Southern cities and in the Southwest. Gillette said that a competition may even be set up in the Midwest area.

Artists Corporation (GAC) execs this Spencer Rackley, chief of Cap's Charweek revealed that the agency had completed arrangements for the M.P.M. Entertainments Corporation, Ltd., of London, to handle booking of GAC talent in the British Isles. The M.P.M. firm is operated by Charles Munyard and Fred Marlow.

GAC previously had a British booking deal with Leslie MacDonald, of the Harry Foster Agency in London, but the American firm decided to abrogate that agreement because the Foster agency also represents the interests of the William Morris Agency in England.

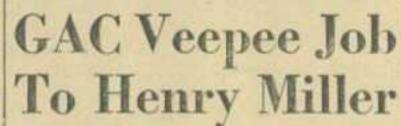
M.P.M. already has submitted several propositions to GAC. Greatest demand to date has been for the King Cole Trio, Nellie Lutcher, Cab Calloway and a number of others on the GAC talent list. No deals have been completed yet for booking of these artists overseas.

## **Combo** Distrib **Plan Expanded**

CHICAGO, March 5.-Experiment on the part of three indie race labels. Miracle, of Chicago, and Specialty and Aladdin, of Los Angeles, to operate jointly owned company-operated distrib points has proved successful in Detroit and will be expanded, according to Lee Egalnick, Miracle prexy.

Egalnick, who just returned from the Coast conferences with Art Rupe. of Specialty, and the Mesner brothers, of Aladdin, said that the Los Angeles three-way, company-owned branch has been opened at 1221 Venice Boulevard, while the Chicago branch will open next week at the Miracle home office, 500 East 63d Street. Egalnick leaves for St. Louis Monday (7) to confer with Harry Ojile, who has signified that he will sell his HO Record Distributing Company to the three firms.

The original Detroit outlet, Central Sales of Michigan, opened January 15.



HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .-- Henry Miller, for seven years cocktail actband booker for General Artists' Corporation (GAC) here, was named veepee in charge of the agency's band department on the Coast. Appointment was made by Tom Rockwell, GAC prexy, prior to his return eastward.

Acquisition of almost the entire William Morris band stable gives the GAC office here a boost in personnel. Miller's department includes Lyle Thayer and Bill Weems, son of GAC's New York exec, Art Weems. Latter has been here on a vacation trek and returns with Rockwell to Gotham today.

## Goodman Acquires Cole Library Sales

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Harry S. Goodman, package producer, has New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San taken over exclusive selling rights to Francisco, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, the Cole Transcription Library. Library, which has a list of 185 subscribers, includes 1.890 selections and is particularly strong in hillbilly, Western and semi-religious selections. Goodman will give the library a

releases every month.

## **Rough Sledding** For AM Singers And Performers

(Continued from page 15) total unemployment in 1947 found only occasional work each week. One out of every 10 of these artists earned less than \$2,000 from all sources during the year. Among radio actors totally or partly employed during the year, the proportion earning less than \$2,000 was one-third. On the other hand, one-half of the actors made more than \$3,400, with onefourth of all actors reporting earnings in excess of \$10,000 during 1947.

Comments written in on the BLS questionnaires by actors and singers pointed to the insecurity of their profession. One remarked: "Every job feels like it's the last. Insecurity is in the bloodstream of most actors, no matter how impressive the annual gross may be,"

A woman singer wrote: "The last six months I have had only three days' work. Steer newcomers away from this heartbreaking work."

"The pay is good but the work unsteady," commented an actor who made \$10,000 in 1944 and 1945 but only \$2,100 in 1946 and \$1,600 in 1947.

The mailed survey, conducted by the BLS with the co-operation of AFRA, covered 3,742 AFRA announcers, singers, actors and sound effects men in the following cities: Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Washington, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Portland, Ore.

The remaining reports to be issued soon will present figures on artists' earnings from radio and from other sales push. Plan is to add 20 new fields, work experience, education and training.

## **Red Ingle Gets Radio Windfall**

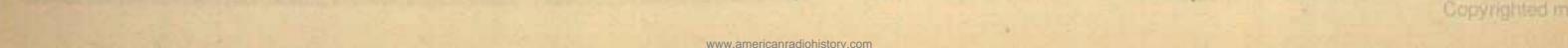
NEW YORK, March 5.-Red Ingle's zany small band ran into a windfall of ether luck this week. The group, which previously had only a group of remote shots from the Village Barn nitery here, landed three radio shows in one week. One is a morning across-the-board half-hour National Broadcasting Company (NBC) 9-9:30 a.m. airer. Another is an NBC evening 15-minute across - the - board show as the featured ork on the new Henry Morgan show. And the third show will be a Sunday 8:30-9 p.m. NBC program which has not yet been completed talent-wise save for the Ingle crew.

Incidentally, the group returns to the Village Barn for another engagement beginning April 16.

## Herd-Cole Trek Clicks Off 77G

HOLLYWOOD, March 5. - The Woody Herman-King Cole Trio joint concert tour of 14 one-nighters netted the twin attractions \$76,900.

Tour started February 14, with the Cole-Herman package playing University of Illinois, University of Iowa: Rockford, Ill.; Saginaw, Mich.; Toronto and Hamilton, Ont.; New York's Carnegie Hall: Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Lancaster and Philadelphia. Pa.; Brooklyn, Boston and Washington.



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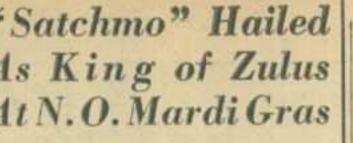
#### **Batomer May Do Others**

HOLLYWOOD. March 5. - Batoner-balladist Vaughn Monroe will try his hand at film acting when he takes the feature role in a Western flicker. Pic, still unnamed, will be lensed on the Republic Pictures lot and will be distributed by that studio. It will be produced by an independent company formed by Abe Lyman and Harry Arthur. Cameras will start rolling in June or July. Willard Alexander, Monroe's booker, hopped to the Coast to close the deal. Alexander sees a bright future for Monroe in the oater film field, pointing to the baritone's wax success with Cool Waters. a Western ballad.

Monroe's film venture will not interfere with his band's activities, Alexander said. It is not known whether or not the band will take part in the pic, but in either event Monroe will not disband to go all out for thesping. Band will do radio work while Monroe faces the cameras, Alexander said. This will be the first time the batoner gets feature screen billing. If the flicker proves successful, the batoner will do others. Alexancer does not own a piece of the Arthur-Lyman producing company.

## Schiff Named Distrib For Black and White

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Black and White diskery, after closing its local distributing office on short notice last week, has named Milton Schiff distribber for its eight affiliated lines in the metropolitan area. The deal was set by Larry Newton, local B. and W. office topper, who stated that the diskery will continue to arrange pressing, distributing and promotion for the affiliates. These presently include Comet (owned by B. and W.), Fine Arts, Cub, Arlington, Menagerie, Solo, Prize and Manhattan. up its own office in New York,



NEW ORLEANS, March 5 .- The conquering hero returned home when Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong came back to New Orleans to reign as King of the Zulus in the giant Mardi Gras celebration. Even without the golden trumpet that put him on top of the jazz heap, Satchmo provided plenty of thrills for those who hailed his coming.

Thousands of people were out on the city's streets to scream, shout and whistle their tribute to the mighty mite.

After reigning all day, the King wound up the affair by laying aside his silver scepter and picking up his golden trumpet at the Coliseum arena for a big dance.

As the King-in New Orleans some remember him as Dippermouthpursed his scarred lips and commenced to bounce high, piercing notes off the walls, the jivers heard him use the same words he had used earlier in the day, "Man . . . this is terrific."

In the Zulu parade over which he ruled. Armstrong was dressed in a royal garb which included white paint circling his eyes, a big cigar in his mouth, a red tunic trimmed with gold sequins, a wide gold waist band, black tights and high gold shoes that reached halfway to his knees.

The parade ended happily when Armstrong met his grandmother, whom he hadn't seen in many years.

King Adds Artists **For Pop Field Entry** 

## Monroe Inked "Satchmo" Hailed As King of Zulus At N.O. Mardi Gras Dealers Slashing Prices on Victor, Columbia Labe Victor, Columbia Labels

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Anxiety of advertised at 19 cents or six for \$1. dealers to unload wax stock has resulted in a rash of price cutting on RCA Victor and Columbia labels. The situation is apparent in many sections of the country, where distributors and dealers are taking the matter in hand to solve the problem according to local conditions. Altho the necessity to unload is considered the prime factor behind the situation, there's a strong competitive angle to the picture, with Columbia claiming its distribs and dealers are meeting the competitive situation wherever it may crop up.

"What do you expect us to do?" a Columbia exec asked after pointing out that price cutting on Victor labels has been rampant in such key cities a. St. Louis, Chicago and Washington.

A Victor spokesman, queried on the matter of reported distrib-dealer co-op advertising plugging slashed prices in Philadelphia, Providence, R. I., and other cities, pointed out that Victor a few weeks ago had authorized cut prices on certain types of merchandise, including non-four star platters and non-current releases. In order to move such stock, distribs have been granted full permission to work arrangements with dealers, he stated.

#### Shaky Price Structure

In any event, the price structure on certain lines is shaky for the time being. For instance, in Providence this week an ad in dailies stated that \$50,000 worth of stock (of one of the two major labels) would be sold for \$19,000. Classical albums were ad- Michigan peninsula. Stan Meyers, vertised at 50 per cent off. Popular local BMI chief, was slated to go to albums normally selling at \$3.95 were New Orleans this week to set up a advertised at \$1.98, and singles were Southern BMI.

The price-cutting is not confined to small dealers, but is practiced by oldline, conservative houses such as Lyon & Healy, Chicago, and Denton, Cottier & Daniels, Buffalo. In the latter city one dealer bought out another's stock, advertised this stock at two-for-one on singles, and cut album prices by one half. The major company distrib asked "What's up?" but then admitted it couldn't be helped.

One dealer stated, "It's all a mess, let's face it." Another said, "The situation stinks." Some regard the price-cutting as necessary in view of the promotional push being organized on Victor's 45 r.p.m. and the drive behind Columbia's 331/3. Others stated the situation boils down to one major point: The market is strong for only demand items-or name artists-primarily. Meanwhile, Capitol and Decca are apparently not faced with the same problem. Milton Rackmil, Decca exec, stated that anybody who slashes prices and mentions Decca in such ads will have "the book thrown at them."

#### **BMI Widens Scope Of License Offices**

CHICAGO, March 5.-Broadcast Music, Inc., is extending the scope of its regional music license administrating offices, it was learned this week. Frank Collins, Minneapolis attorney, will head BMI's Northwest office, which will patrol the Dakotas, Minnesota, part of Wisconsin and the

NEW YORK, March 5 .- King Records, preparing to make its bid in the pop field, this week rounded up several new artists for its new project. The diskery inked the Freddie 'Schnikelfritz" Fisher novelty crew, singer Al Cernek and the Jubilaires vocal group.

The diskery's initial pop recording date takes place Sunday (6) with Supreme Records withdrew from artists and rep chief Dewey Bergman the B. and W. fold last week to set slicing a session with the Satisfiers' vocal group,

## **B.** G. Sets Deal With ABC; **European Tour Is Planned**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Settling Grand Prix celebration, Goodman several weeks of trade speculation, vill also participate in two charity Benny Goodman, who several weeks | concerts for the United Nations chilago severed a management contract dren's appeal in Paris. with the Music Corporation of America (MCA), this week completed a verbal booking agreement with Joe Glaser's Associated Booking Corporalearned that the orkster is preparing for a European tour in the summer,

Goodman, who currently is playing at the Palladium Ballroom in Hollywood, has asked Glaser to fill six weeks of theater and one-night bookings into his itinerary following the current location stint. This will carry the orkster into the month of June, during which period Goodman figures to embark on his English and Continental junket.

#### Deal Incomplete

that the Goodman deal is not yet quite band will play several English dates complete. He said that he was await- in addition to the work on the Coning confirmation of the agreement tinent. from his Hollywood representatives.

by the city of Paris to be the main also is the opening date for the giant entertainment of the city' week of Glenn McCarthy Shamrock Hotel in the Grand Prix, which is equivalent Houston. At that time the ABC boss to the New Orleans Mardi Gras. This will decide whether or not to open a event takes place around June 17. Texas office. He has been mulling He has been invited to fly over with such a branch for either Houston or his entire ork. In addition to the Dallas for several weeks,

Following the Grand Prix events, Goodman and his ork would embark on a concert tour of France, Belgium, Holland and the Scandinavian countion (ABC). At the same time, it was tries which would run about a month in length.

#### Other Dates Possible

It is understood that if Goodman's European trip materializes, the maestro will plane to England a week before the remainder of his crew takes off to play a longhair concert as guest artist with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra June 10 in London's Albert Hall. If Glaser, who will book the maestro's European tour, is able to negotiate successfully with the British Musicians' Union, there may Meanwhile Glaser here explained be a possibility that the Goodman

Meanwhile, Glaser is skedded to Goodman has been invited officially take a trip to Texas March 17, which

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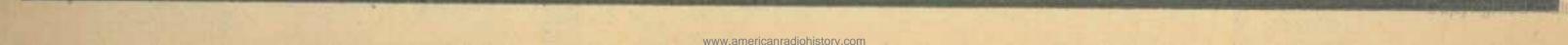
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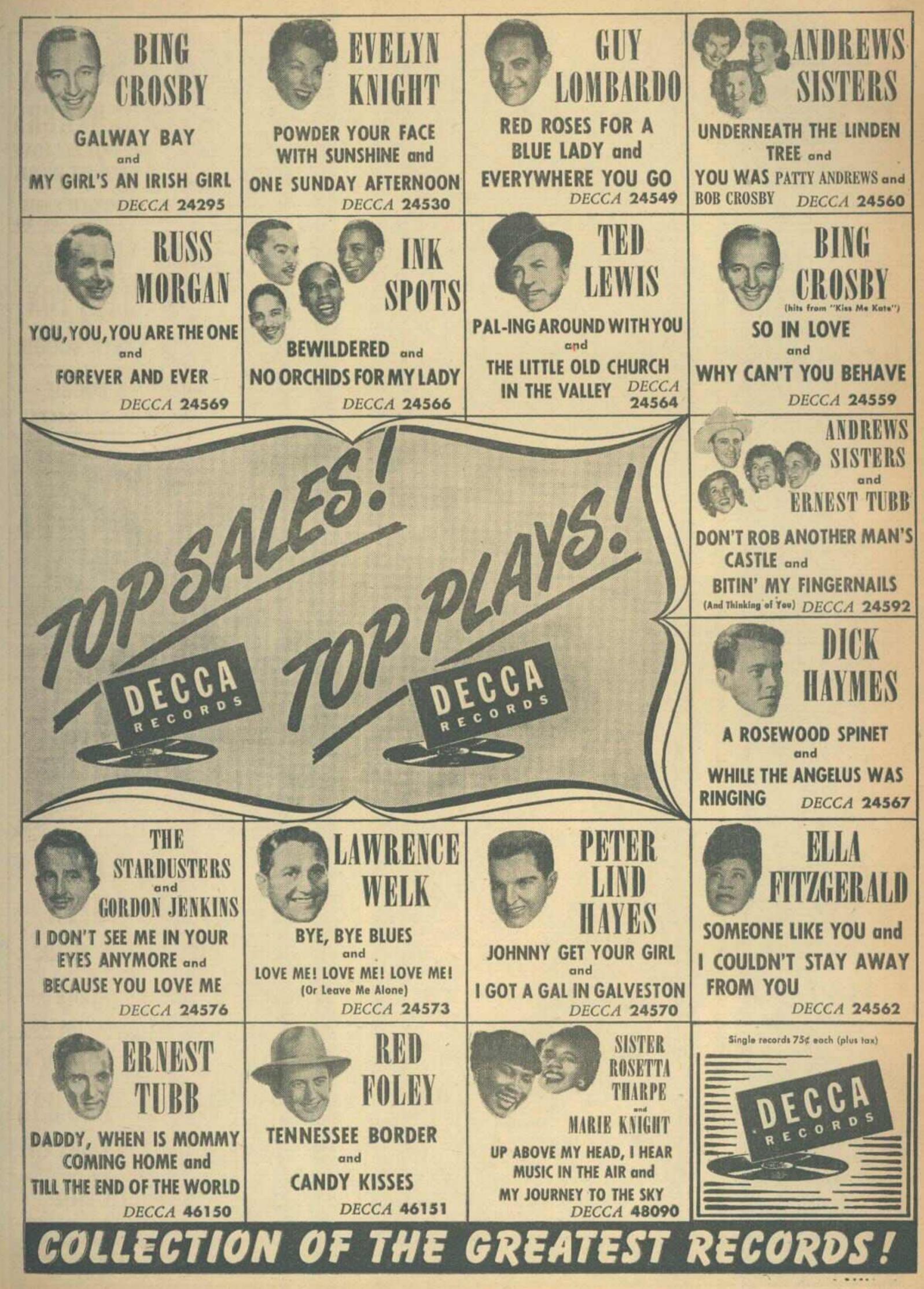
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## Ballroom Blues | Detroit Symphony | Band's Busses **Top Bad Tour** For Dunham

NEW YORK, March 5 .-- Sonny Dunham, maestro who came in from a road trek to open Thursday (3) at Roseland Ballroom, threatens to break up his band and quit the business, Dunham is disgusted with bad business conditions on the road, and he had another disappointment in connection with his date at Roseland.

The maestro, who played Roseland prior to his road tour, understood that he was coming back for a four-week stay, with a two-week option. He explains that in order to make the deal more attractive to the management, he reorganized his crew into a solid Local 802 outfit, thereby doing away with the 10 per cent traveling tax levy and lowering the nut for Roseland by \$305 weekly. Reorganizing the crew involved shipping four men back to Texas and two to Utahwhich cost Dunham over \$700. He also claims he spent considerable for rehearsal hall charges in order to whip the band into shape. To top it offand before the band opened - he found that his Roseland date would last three weeks and that Music Corporation of America (MCA) already had booked Charley Fiske into the spot beginning March 24, Dunham claims a rider on the Roseland contract says a band can be given three week's notice within the first week, if the band isn't satisfactory. But Dunham got the notice even before he opened.

that Roseland's action was not out of to call it a day.

Given Its Notice; May Routine Be

DETROIT, March 5. - Another chapter in the virtual comedy of errors that has marked the recent public history of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra was written this week when notices of dismissal were sent to all 90 members of the organization. Situation could be purely routine, and was so interpretated by Jack Ferentz, president of the Detroit Federation of Musicians.

The symphony management took the view that, since Henry Reichhold, president and patron of the organization, had been too occupied with his own business interests to negotiate a new contract for 1949-50 before the automatic renewal date of March 1, the routine step of placing the men on notice had been taken. and that there would actually be very few changes in the organization.

#### **Regular Decca Dividend**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Directors of Decca Records, Inc., at a meeting this week, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 121/2 cents per share on capital stock. This is payable March 29, 1949, to stockholders of record March 15.

line. The ballroom, while Dunham was on tour, had changed its policy to one of short-term enegagements. A check-up, however, indicated Dunham, tho, is all fed up and ready



## **Must Be Driven By Union Man**

DETROIT, March 5. - Intensive move to see that all drivers of busses and trucks moving equipment or personnel for bands are carrying teamsters' union cards oppears to be under way in this territory. Name bands, in particular, have been the target, while drivers for both Elliot Lawrence and Gene Krupa stopped recently in this area. Lawrence's driver was reminded of the union requirement while the band was in Detroit, contacted again when the band was in Portsmouth, O.

Position of the musicians' union is that the teamsters have the full right to organize the drivers of busses and trucks, tho this does not apply to private passenger cars. If a musician does double duty, also serving as a driver of a commercial vehicle, he is in effect depriving a union member of a job and should carry a teamsters' card as well, and be paid for both jobs, according to the view of the musicians' union.

While the present move appears to hit primarily at name bands, because of the opportunities offered by their moves around the country. usually fairly well-publicized, it would apparently apply to any branch of show business using commercial cars.

## **Goodman Brings European** Tunes

NEW YORK, March 5. - Harry Goodman, topper of the Regent publast week with a pocketful of new he made was one for an unpublished tune, A Wedding in the Park, which will serve as Regent's next plug song. In England Goodman completed a deal with the Irwin Dash pubbery for the St. Bernard waltz and with the Asherbury pubbery for a couple of Latin-American items, Madrugado and Red Sombrero. He made several other unrevealed agreements as well. with all working on a non-cash, equal swap of copyright basis.

## **Translator** Wanted

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5. -Dr. Richard Stoehr, professor of music at St. Michael's College at Burlington, Vt., had some of his music featured at a recent Tokyo concert.

He waited some time to hear what Japanese critics thought of his music.

He's finally received the reviews, but still doesn't know what the Japanese think about Stochr tunes. The reviews are written in Japanese and the music professor's been looking for a translator in Vermont.

## **Two Issues Delay Pact Covering** Musicians on **T**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Late this week, brass of television networks and spokesmen for the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) reported two factors were holding up conclusion of negotiations for a pact covering musicians on TV. These two points are: (1) Duration of the pact, and (2) the price scale for single engagements.

Spokesman for the webs stated that the telecasters would like to conclude a long-term deal, but doubt existed whether this could be done. As reported in The Billboard recently, James C. Petrillo, AFM chief, recently offered to extend the pact to September on condition that he got a hike in scale, notably on single engagements (The Billboard, March 5).

The current negotiations, it was bery, returned from a European trip stated, are proceeding on an informal basis and are designed to set up tunes for his firm. Among the deals scales covering musicians on TV webs. When these negotiations are concluded, AFM, it is understood, will then negotiate pacts with package producers. It is believed that this latter pact will include scales covering use of musicians on film designed for TV use. Thus far, no scale exists for such a use.

Chas. K. Harris ( Music Publishing Company, Inc. ) presents "Mhile Angelus was Ringing (Les Trois Cloches) Lyric by Dick Manning Music by Jean Villard Recorded by Johnny Desmond......MGM Tommy Dorsey ......Victor Dick Haymes ..... Decca Frank Sinafra ..... Columbia Eddy Howard ..... Mercury Margaret Whiting .... Capitol Sole Selling Agent Southern Music Publishing Co., Inc. 1619 BROADWAY NEW YORK 19, N. Y. JERRY JOHNSON, Genl. Prof. Mgr. 

## \$4,500,000 So Far **On AFM Free Music**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- American Federation of Musicians' (AFM) appropriation for free music programs in 1949 thruout the United States and Canada totals \$1,400,212.42, according to an announcement by AFM | biz. Prexy James C. Petrillo. Figure brings the three-year total of expenditures for this purpose to \$4,-500,000.

The 1949 appropriation is the third and final annual allocation from the feated Monday (7) by an overwhelm-AFM's recording and transcription ing vote. The present statute sets a fund. This money must be spent before January 31, 1950, Collections by the AFM for this use were forbidden proposal. under Taft-Hartley Act. Later, however, the Music Performance Trust Fund was established to be administered by a trustee, Samuel R. Rosenbaum, appointed by the record and e.t. industry.

## Libby Holman Set for Records distributor, providing dealers Washington Mar. 16

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Libby Holman is being brought to Wash-Clendenen Hall.

Miss Holman and accompanist October.

## **NBOA** Scores **Against Bill**

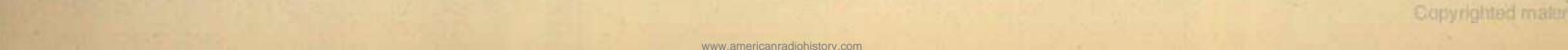
CHICAGO, March 5.-Benefits of a State chapter of the National Ballroom Operators' Association were evident last week when a committee from the Nebraska Ballroom Operators' Association succeeded in stymying a bill in the Nebraska Legislature which would have hurt terpery

The bill, which would have upped the maximum fee which a county board could set for a cabaret, roadhouse, dancehall or ballroom license (The Billboard, March 5) was de-\$5 maximum. This would have been raised to \$200 under provisions of the

## **Disk Distrib Allows** 1% Breakage Credit

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.-Raymond Rosen & Company, local Victor with a 1 per cent relief, is changing its policy with respect to broken and defective records. Instead of the dealer spending time and money segregating the broken and defective ington for a second engagement platters, the distributor advised the March 16, Productions Incorporated dealers to merely discard the waxes announced this week. The recital and still enjoy a 1 per cent credit will be held in American University's from the total amount of shellac records billed on each invoice.

Distributor stated that records in-Gerald Cook were given excellent dicate that returns on broken and reviews on their first- show last defective disks average approximately 1 per cent of purchases.



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- More than 600,000 families have already bought players for LP records.
- These families have bought more than 2 million LP records—the equivalent of more than 10 million conventional shellac records. And LP sales are rising every day.
- 7. Columbia Records has offered the use of the Microgroove system to all other record manufacturers. Mercury Records has already taken advantage of this and Mercury Long Playing Records will soon be available.
- 3. Nearly as many musical works in LP form are being sold to the 600,000 owners of LP players, as were sold in Columbia albums a year ago to the entire 12 to 15 million owners of conventional equipment. Obviously, "LP families" are much heavier record buyers than "shellac families."
- 4. All leading manufacturers—with one outstanding exception—have already produced radio-phonograph equipment to play LP records, along with conventional records on the same turntable, or have announced their intention of doing so. Among them are Admiral, Capehart, Crosley, General Electric, Magnavox, Philco, Stewart-Warner, 'Stromberg-Carlson, V-M, Webster-Chicago, Westinghouse and Zenith—from A to Z1
- Scores of radio stations have installed equipment for playing LP records over the air.
- 6. The Federal Government has already invited Columbia Records to submit bids for the production of LP records for government use.

## Make the LP trend make more money for you!

Here are 3 things you can do to get your share of this business right now:

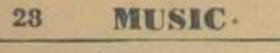
- FIRST: Make sure that your salespeople know the LP story thoroughly and can explain it simply to customers.
- SECOND: Push the sale of LP playing equipment. Every such sale you make is a source of increased, continuing record business for you.
- **THIRD**: Make up a mailing list of LP equipped families in your area and send them monthly announcements of new LP releases. Remember, LP families are the best record buyers in the country today.

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## 45 R.P.M. Prices Are Announced **By RCA Victor**

NEW YORK, March 12 .- Formal announcement of prices for RCA Victor's 45 r.p.m. disks was made this week, the price schedule emphasizing that savings on the new disks amount to as much as 50 per cent when compared with prices of conventional 78 r.p.m. platters.

Single 45 r.p.m. red seal classical disks sell at 95 cents with singles in other categories selling at 65 cents. This compares with \$1.25 for the regulation 12-inch conventional, Popular priced record is priced at 75 cents. Prices above are exclusive of

Price of the 45 r.p.m. red scal album will be \$2.20 for the two-record job and \$4.30 for the four-record album. In pop, children's and other categories, three-record albums are priced at \$2.30 and four-record al-

According to J. B. Elliott, vicepresident in charge of Victor consumer products, a catalog of almost 200 individual selections in all categories will be available when Victor introduces its 45 r.p.m. system to the public March 31.

Latin Talent Set by Victor

NEW YORK, March 5 .- RCA Victor's Latin-American department has inked five new artists, according to department head Herman Diaz. Groups and soloists signed include the Trio Perin Vazquez and vocalist Gilberto Rodriguez, of Puerto Rico; Pepe Reves, Cuban vocalist; the Orquesta Hermanos Belisario, of Venezuela, and the Latin piano duo, Carta and Cabiati, who are now working in the U.S. The latter team will cut its first Victor wax in the New York studios this week. The signings resulted from Diaz' recent scouting expedition to the Caribbean countries.

## **McConkey Moola**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Mc-Conkey Music Corporation (MMC) last week was not listed on the band agency \$\$\$ chart which accompanied a band business story in The Billboard. The agency, with headquarters in Chicago, boasts Ray Pearl (income over \$100,000) and Buddy Devito, Joe Sanders, Wayne Karr, Jack Everette, Don Ragon and Bob Leighton (all under \$100,000 income).

The story stated that MMC was retrenching into a Midwestern territory firm, but the agency claims that it has added new offices in Dallas, Detroit and Cleveland, besides branches in Chi, New York, Hollywood and Kansas City, Mo. Most of the firm's activity, however, is concentrated in Midwestern onenight sales.

## **Band Biz Ripe For Comeback**

(Continued from page 21) present are either operating or preparing to go into biz in No. York, Hollywood, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

3. Lower admission prices and the return to equity in band prices. Reports from the road indicate that many dance promoters are finally coming around to lowering box-office prices for one-night name band stands. To aid the op in lowering his admission, band prices now are down to an equitable level.

Some bands are willing to go into spc': on first money deals, a practice usually resorted to in cases where orks are having a tough time drawing complete itineraries. First money dates are worked out with the orkster splitting with the promoter on 60 per cent for the maestro, 40 per cent for the op from the first dollar against scale and transportation for the date. Another expanded op practice is the advance sale gimmick with the operator selling tickets in advance at a lowered rate. 4. The revamping and redecoration of ballrooms. Orksters report that a number of spots have made efforts to redecorate. And in these spots NEW YORK, March 5 .- Wayne the owners have managed to reestablish prewar regular crowds. 5. The development of the teatime and teen-age afternoon dance session in sections of the country. These have been flourishing in the past months in portions of New England and in sections of the Midwest. his own public relations office in Tradesters point out that proper association with Marvin Drager. The handling and encouragement of these kid dances can well build the solid dance spot and music customer of the future. Developing the teen-age business also ties in with the development of the musically minded collegian of the future. These are the five major arguments raised by tradesters pointing to potential business revival. But they warn the trade must take advantage of all these items. They feel that a business crisis is forthcoming and that the trade must institute plans for promoting orks, dancing and dance business.

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## Wayne Varnum Dies In Naval Hospital

Varnum, top-flight music and record biz public relations man, died last Tuesday (1) at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., after an extended illness. He was 36.

Prior to entering the hospital several months ago, Varnum operated firm handled the Vaughn Monroe, Dick Jurgens and Larry Green orks, singer Beryl Davis, the Hotel Commodore, the Artkraft-Strauss Company and others. Previously Varnum spent eight years with the Columbia Record firm, first as an advertising exec and then as the organizer and head of its publicity department. His work with the diskery was interrupted for a three-year period while Varnum served in the navy.

Varnum is survived by a 10-yearold daughter, Elizabeth Cox Varnum, Mr. and Mrs. George Varnum, his parents, a brother, George, and sister, Virginia.

Burial services were held yesterday (4) in Butler, Pa., the city of Varnum's birth.

Criterion Gets "Manana"

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.-Criterion Music this week acquired full right to Manana, with Capitol pub turn- has appeared on Th. Billboard's list of ing back 50 per cent interest in the best selling retail folk records for Barbour-Lee firm. Capitol had owned 44 weeks. Victor spokesmen could half of the Dave Barbour-Peggy Lee pubbery. Manana was added to the ficial confirmation. Criterion catalog with Lee and Barmusic firm.

## Arnold's 'Roses' Disk Near Million Mark

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Eddy Arnold's RCA Victor platter of Bouquet of Roses is reportedly due to hit the 1,000,000 mark this week. The disk not be reached at press time for of-

Arnold's pact with the diskery was bour getting full control of their recently renewed for a seven-year period.



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## **Music-As Written**

#### New York:

A package consisting of The Ravens, Dinah Washington, and Cootie Williams ork headed on a 30-day tour of one-nighters, beginning in Philadelphia March 5 and working south along the Eastern Seaboard. Ben Bard's Universal Attractions is booking. This column last week reported erroneously that Continental Artists, agency that merged with Associated Booking Corporation (ABC), was booking. . . . Latin pianist orkster Ralph Font opened last week at the Sunny Isles Casino, Miami Beach. . . . Algonquin Music, one of Bobby Mellin's Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) pubberies, has obtained the publishing rights to "Red Head," tune written by former Hal MacIntyre vocalist Johnny Bond, and recorded by that artist for MGM.

The Lecuona Cuban Boys open the season at the Riviera April 28. ... Nicky Roberts, blind pianist with the Three Bars, will be one of the featured artists at "Lights On," benefit show to be given March 27 at the Century Theater for the National Council to Combat Blindness. Earl Wilson will emsee. ... Latin orkster Jose Curbelo's engagement at the China Doll has been extended to June 29. In July he opens at the West Ind Casino in Deal, N. J. ... Ray Anthony and orchestra are booked into he Vogue Terrace, McKeesport, Pa., for the week of May 16, following his 'aramount Theater engagement here.

Larry Clinton and ork leave March 13 for a three-week tour of oneniters. ... Violinist Zino Francescatti, a Columbia disk artist, has been made a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. ... Composer-arranger Stan Baum has written "Introduction to Dissonance," a group of original elementary piano pieces designed to accustom students' ears to modern musical sounds. ... Vox Records prexy George H. Mendelssohn has left on a four-week cross-country trip to contact distributors. ... The Barton Brothers. Yiddish comedy team who record for Apollo, opened Tuesday night (1) at Palumbo's in Philly. Next week they go to Miami for a return engagement at Kitty Davis's club. ... Buddy Brees, former Art Mooney vocalist, is cutting sides for Spotlite Records.

Blues singer Cousin Joe. Decca artist, goes into his 45th consecutive week at New Orleans' Famous Door. He's booked there until July. ... Giuseppe Cantelli, Italian conductor who came here three months ago to conduct several NBC Symphony broadcasts, will cut several recordings with that orchestra for RCA Victor. .. Mitchell Miller. Mercury recording director, left for Chicago Thursday (3) to supervise recording dates there. ...Bill Motta, former pianist-arranger with the Ted Straeter ork, has been named artists and repertoire director for Manor Records. He'll also handle musical arranging and jockey promotion for the diskery. Manor has signed Gwenn Bell, former Boyd Raeburn and Sam Donahue chirp, to a three-year recording pact.

Chubby Jackson's new 13-piece bop crew, being booked by the Shaw Artists Corporation, opened its first engagement at the Royal Roost yesterday (4) in a hurried booking. Jackson also is due for an April 1 date at the Apollo Theater. . . Connie Haines, who signed a waxing pact with the Decca firm a couple of weeks ago, will have her wax issued on the Coral label. . . . Columbia Records has made a deal to do the original cast recording of the forthcoming Rodgers and Hammerstein show, "South Pacific," which will star Columbia artists Ezio Pinza and Mary Martin.

Julie Stern, professional manager of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), on a trip to the Coast. ... Dardanelle Trio did a special shot last week on the Breakfast Club, over the DuMont TV network. ... Stan Lee Broza, father and personal manager of the Elliot Lawrence band, has hired Sam Arnold as advance man for the maestro. Lawrence was formerly with the Delbridge & Gorrell Agency in Detroit.

#### Chicago:

Jimmy Featherstone and his ork have been inked to a Tower recording pact.... The Skyline Club, Fort Worth, shuttered suddenly last week, with ops failing to pay off the incumbent band, Wayne Karr.... Henry Durst, McConkey Music Corporation band chief, broke the MCA string at Elmer Bartola's new Terraplaza Club, Springfield, Ill., setting Don Ragon currently, with Joe Sanders opening March 11.

Jack Lau, Hogan Agency lounge booker, and Carl Sands. Oriental Theater orkster, both expectant fathers. . . . Barclay Allen cut his first full band sides for Capitol here last week. Previous sides were made with a rhythm section. . . . Board of directors of the National Ballroom Operators' Association meeting here Tuesday (8)

The Five Scamps, Kansas City, Mo., Negro harmony and instrumental combo, who are handled by Johnny Tumino, p.m. for Jay McShann, Julia Lee and others, were inked by Columbia and cut their first session last week.... Howard Christiansen reportedly has worked out a management deal with Art Kassel, which will find him taking temporary leave of absence from his Chi post at GAC to handle Kassel's affairs.

#### Philadelphia:

Advance bookings for next season at the Academy of Music, where be-bop shares the podium with Bach stuff, are as heavy as they were for this season. . . . Harry Murdock, former drama and nitery editor of The Chicago Sun and a one-time correspondent for The Billboard, won the post of publicity director for the summer concert season of the Robin Hood Dell symphony here. . . . Jimmy Dorsey takes over the bandstand at Frank Palumbo's Click, with Woody Herman and Ted Lewis to follow.

#### Detroit:

Don Pablo, who fronts the largest band currently working steadily in this territory, has moved back into the Palm Beach Cafe, where he formerly played some eight years, after a short stay opening the newly christened Club Copa here. Pablo, formerly disking for Latin-American Records, is now recording for Rondo.

#### London:

Harry Roy and his band opened an indefinite stay at the Cafe Anglais recently at a salary of \$2,200 a week. ... Anne Shelton has flown to Hamburg for a series on shows for the men operating the Berlin airlift. ... Cyril Stapleton has signed Jean Campbell as vocalist with his band to replace Pearl Carr.

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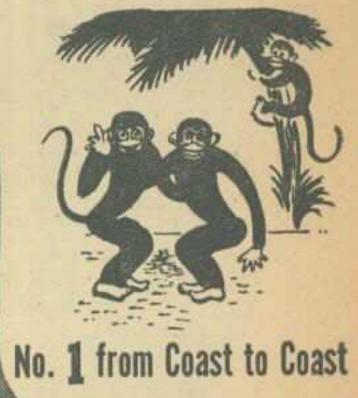
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By Beadell and Tollerion **1. CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER** Published by Henry Spitzer (ASCAP) Records available: B. Barron Ork, MGM 10346, Jack Smith-The Clark Sisters,

Capitol 15372: Frankie Carle, Columbia 38411; H. Carroll, Mercury 5249; R. Morgan, Decca 24568; The Three Suns, Victor 20-3349; N. Alexander, Monogram 111; Primo Scala, London 256; Ames Brothers, Coral 60035; The Riddiers-The Hi-Tonians, Hi-Tone 104.

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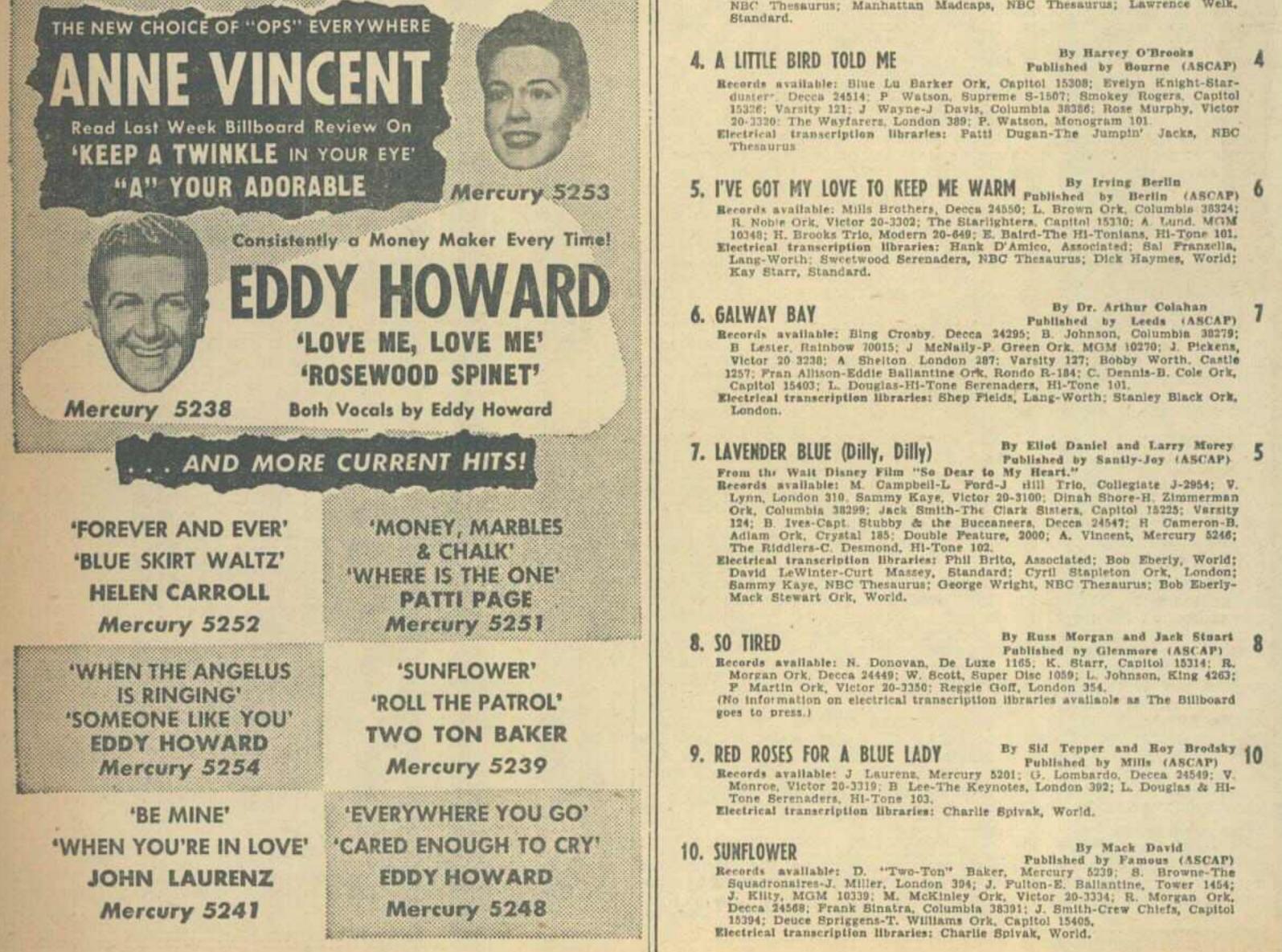
Becord available: Bing Crosby, Decca 24532; Margaret Whiting-The Grew Chiefs, Capitol 15278; Vic Damone, Mercury 5198; Dinah Shore, Columbia 38356; Varsity 127; Perry Como-H Rens Ork; Victor 20-3316; Ames Brothers, Coral 60016; O. Tucker, Double Feature 2002; Smith-J. Miller, MGM 10356; E. Baird, Hi-Tone 106.

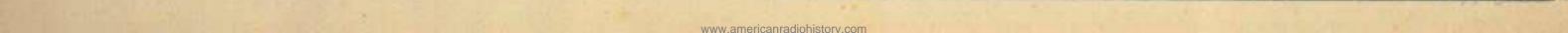
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By Lombardo and Rochinski 3. POWDER YOUR FACE WITH SUNSHINE Published by Lombardo (ASCAP) Records available: D. Bryon-T Black Ork Dana 2031; E Knight-'she Stardusters, Decca 24530; Primo Scala Banjo & Accordion Ork-The Keynotes, London 367; B Barron, MGM 10346; D. Martin-P Weston Ork, Capitol 15351; Doris Day-Buddy Clark, Columbia 38394; Sammy Eaye, Victor 20-3321; Double Feature, 2000; A. Vincent-J. Laurenz, Mercury 5247; Phyllis Marshall-Norm Alexander Quartet, Monogram 104; E. Baird-The Hi-Tonians, Hi-Tone 103.

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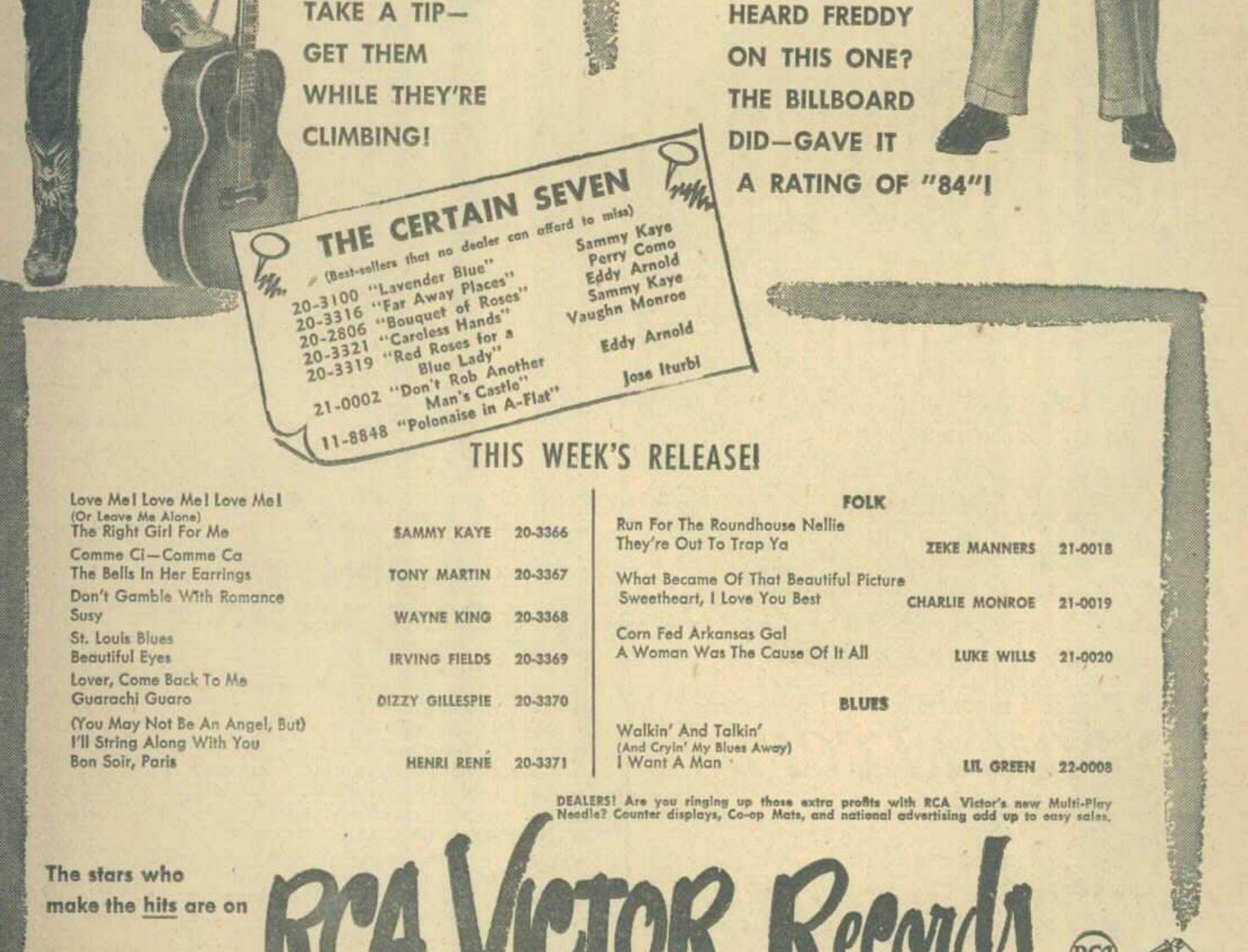
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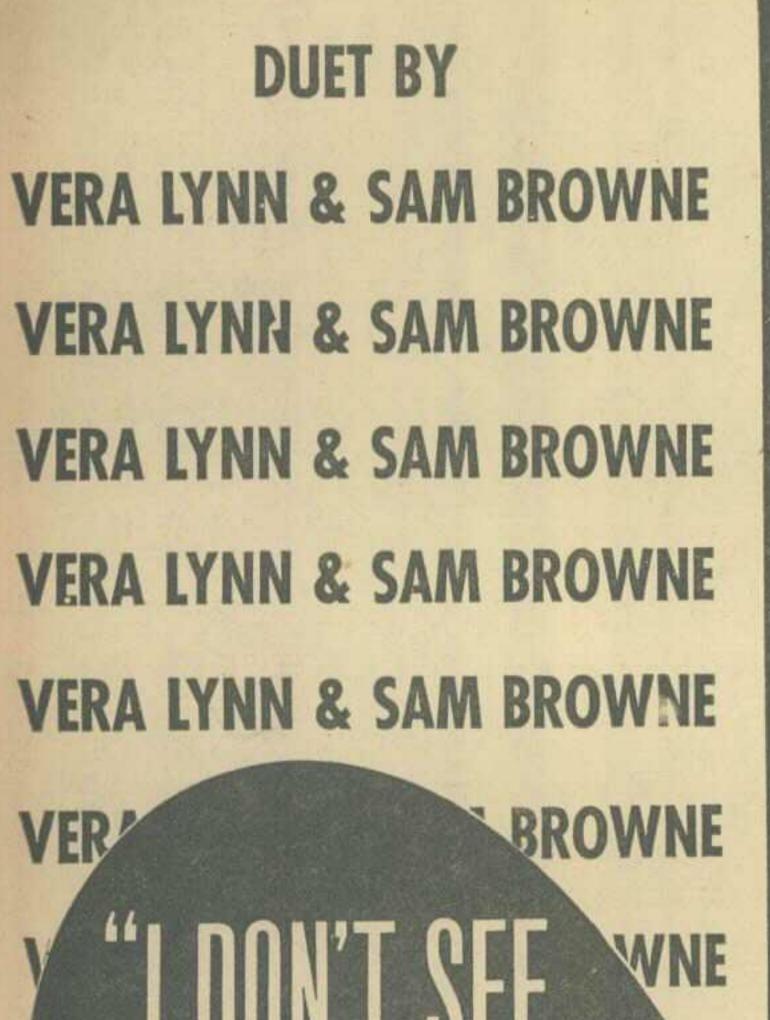
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## BEST-SELLING SHEET

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

#### POSITION Weeks | Last | This todate | Week | Week Publisher 1. FAR AWAY PLACES (R).....Laurel 12 5 POWDER YOUR FACE WITH SUNSHINE (R) ..... Lombardo 9 2 3. 4. GALWAY BAY (R) ..... Leeds 13 -4 5. LAVENDER BLUE (Dilly, Dilly) (F) (R) ..... Santly-Joy 14 5 6. SUNFLOWER (R) ..... Famous 7. SO IN LOVE (M) (R) ..... T. B. Harms 3 19 7. RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY (R) ..... Mills 12 6 9. I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM (R) ..... Berlin 7 8 15 -8 11. BUTTONS AND BOWS (F) (R).....Famous 24 12. FOREVER AND EVER (R).....Robbins SO TIRED (R)......Glenmore 13. 14. DOWN BY THE STATION (R) ..... American Academy A BLUEBIRD SINGING IN MY HEART (R) ..... Advanced 15.



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	3	9	5.	FAR AWAY PLACES Leeds Laurel Music
	12	4	5.	CUCKOO WALTZ
	6	8	7.	MAHARAJAH OF MAGADOR
	26	6	7.	MY HAPPINESS Chappell Blasco
	12	8	9.	CUANTO LE GUSTA Southern Peer
	2	20	10.	ON THE FIVE FORTY FIVE. Strauss Miller *
	43	9	11.	DREAM OF OLWEN Lawrence Wright Mills
	3	14	12.	IT'S MAGIC Campbell-Connelly Witmark
	8	12	13.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME Noel Gay Bourne
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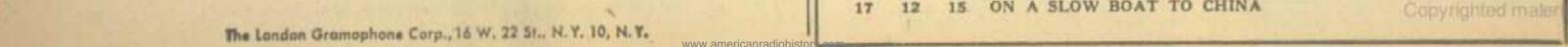
## CANADA'S TOP TUNES

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

POSITION Weeks| Last | This todate| Week | Week

4	8	1.	CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER
10	1	1.	FAR AWAY PLACES
16	2	3.	GALWAY BAY
13	4	4,	LAVENDER BLUE (Dilly, Dilly)
8	2	5.	POWDER YOUR FACE WITH SUNSHINE
20	6	6,	BUTTONS AND BOWS
12	5	7.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME
1		8.	CLANCY LOWERED THE BOOM
3	9	9.	TARRA TA-LARR TA-LAR
3	6	10.	RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY
3	13	11.	I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM
7	10	12.	SO TIRED
1	-	13.	DOWN BY THE STATION
9	11	13.	BRUSH THOSE TEARS FROM YOUR EYES
14		15.	YOU WERE ONLY FOOLIN'
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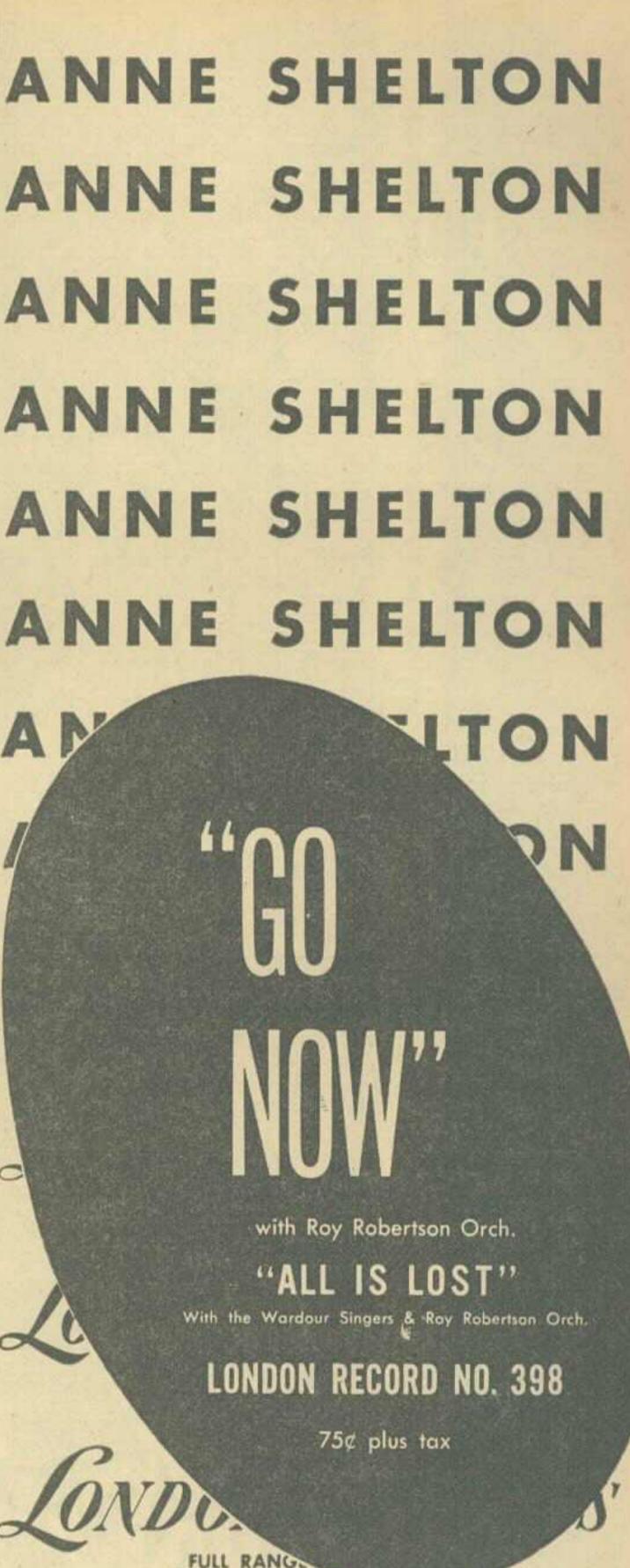
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## SONGS WITH MOST VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PLUGS IN KEY AREAS (RH SYSTEM)

Tunes listed received the greatest number of key radio plugs according to information supplied by the Richard Himber (RH) logging system. Numerical points total are computed as follows: 1 point per sustaining instrumental; 2 points per sustaining vocal; 3 points for commercial instrumental; 4 points per commercial vocal. Thus, commercial vocal carried in New York, Chicago and California would receive 12 points. etc.



#### Week of February 25-March 3

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A Bluebird Singing in My Heart	Advanced	8	10	0	2	2	4	2	4	8		0	2		
A Little Bird Told Me	Bourne	0	2	0	7	0	7	1	8	1	4	0	6		114
A Rosewood Spinet	Shapiro- Bornsteir	3	15	0	5	8	13	0	7	9	19	0	4		193
Always True to You in My Fashion (Kizs Me, Kate)	T. B Harms	3	8	0	3	4	1	0	8	1	1	0	8		62
As You Desire Me	Words & Musio	4	6	0	3	1	1	1	8	7	3	0	2		87
Brush Those Tears From Your Eyes	Leeds	3	4	2	7	1	1	3	7	z	1	2	8	10	138
Cruising Down the River	Spitzer	0	7	0	6	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	8	2	86
<b>Qown By the Station</b>	American Academy	0	8	0	8	0	3	0	•	0	8	0	0	2	110

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## SONGS WITH GREATEST RADIO AUDIENCES (ACD

(Beginning Friday, February 25, 8 a.m., and ending Friday, March 4, 8 a.m.)

Tunes listed have the greatest audiences on programs heard on network stations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles List is based upon John G. Peatman's Audience Coverage index The index is projected upon radio logs made available to Peatman's ACI by the Accurate Reporting Service in New York, Radio Checing Service in Chicago, Radio Checking Service in Los Angeles. Listed are the top 30 (more in the case of ties) tunes alphabetically The music checked is preponderantly (over 60 per cent) alive.

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#### The Top 30 Junes (plus ties)

A Bluebird Singing in My Heart (R) Advanced-ASCAP
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A Little Bird Told Ms (F) (R)
A Rosewood Spinet (R) ASCAP
Always True to Ver to Mr. F. Line (M) (D)
Always True to You in My Fashion (M) (R)T. B. Harms-ASCAP
Brush Those Tears From Your Eyes (R) Peter Maurice-ASCAP
Candy Kisses (R)Leeds-ASCAP
Conditioner Design the Discover (D)
Cruising Down the River (R)
Down by the Station (R) American Academy-ASCAP
Far Away Places (R)Laurel-ASCAP
Calway Bay (D)
Galway Bay (R)
Here I'll Stay (M) (R) Chappell-ASCAP
1 Got Lucky in the Rain (M) (R)
I Love You So Much It Hurts (R)
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It's a Big Wide Wonderful World (R) BMI-BMI
I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm (R) Berlin-ASCAP
Lavender Blue (Dilly, Dilly) (F) (R) Santly-Joy-ASCAP
The start of the s
Look Up (R)
My Darling, My Darling (M) (R)E. H. Morris-ASCAP
On a Slow Boat to China (R) Melrose-ASCAP
Once in Love With Amer (M) (D)
Once In Love With Amy (M) (R) E. H. Morris-ASCAP
Powder Your Face With Sunshine (R) Lombardo-ASCAP





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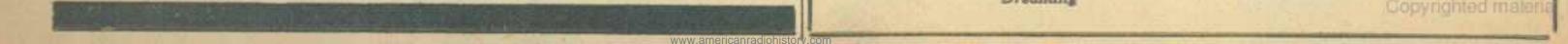
## BEST-SELLING POPULAR RETAIL RECORDS

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POSITION Weeks Last | This todate | Week | Week

T	2	1.	CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER
10	8	3.	FAR AWAY PLACES B. Crosby-K. Darby Choir Tarra Ta-Larra Ta-Lar
8	8	3.	GALWAY BAY
8	6	4.	CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER
T	1	8.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME. E. Knight-The Stardusters Brush Those Tears FromDecca 24514-ASCAP
11	4	6.	Your Eyes POWDER YOUR FACE WITH SUNSHINE E. Knight-The Stardusters
15	12	7.	One Sunday Alternoon SO TIREDR. MorganDecca 24521-ASCAP J Hear Music
	*	8.	RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY
8	11	9.	Melancholy MinstrelVictor 20-3319-ASCAP I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTSMills BrosDeccs 24550-BMI
			Pre Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (J. Wakely & Cowboy Band, Capitol 15243; The Frontiersmen, Victor 20-3188; R. Golf, London 312; F. Tillman, Columbia 20430; Smokey Smith & Gold Coast Boys, Crystal 197; B. Clark- E. Hagen, Columbia 38406; V. Damone-G. Osser Ork, Mercury 5261)
11	7	10.	I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARML. Brown Ork I'm A-Tellin' YouColumbia 38324-ASCAP
7	18	11.	DOWN BY THE STATION T. Dorsey-D. Dennis

MGM 10309; The Starlighters-P. Weston Ork, Capitol 15389) In utilizing these charts for buying purposes readers are WARNING! urged to pay particular attention to information listed which shows the length of time a record has been on the chart, and whether a record's popularity has increased or decreased. This information is shown in the left-hand columns under the headings: "Weeks to Date," "Last Week" and "This Week." If a record has Thanks to all the had an unusually long run, or if its current position "this week" versus "last week" shows a sharp drop, readers should buy with caution. 18 12. I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO 4 KEEP ME WARM ...... Mills Bros. .. Decca 24550-ASCAP I Love You So Much It Disk Jocks for making Hurtz 13. FAR AWAY PLACES ..... P. Como-H. Rene Ork ..... 10 16 Powder Your Face With .....Victor 20-3321-ASCAP Sunshine (Bob & Jean, Decca 24563; J. Desmond, MGM 10349; J. Laurens-A. Vincent, Mercury \$245; Shorty Long & Santa Fe Rangers, Victor 21-0007; M. Torme-S. Burke Ork. Capitol 15379; E. Dean, Mercury 6170; L. McAuliffe and His Western Swing Band, Columbia 20546; A. Smith & His Cracker Jacks, MGM 10380) 14 **BAY NOBLE'S** Palmz 16. FAR AWAY PLACES...... M. Whiting and the Crew Chiefs 11 14 My Own True Love .....Capitol 15278-ASCAP 17. CRUISING DOWN THE 24 Coca Roca Vol Ork. . Capitel 15372-ASCAP 19. SWEET GEORGIA BROWN .. Brother Bones and His Shadows 14 15 Margie \*\*\*\*\*\*\*Tempo 652-ASCAP (C. Jones & His Kentucky Corn Crackers, Rondo R-152; W. Gray-V. Musso, Modern 30-611; R. Murphy, Majestic 1271; B. Strong Ork, Tower 1255; J. Liggins Honeydrippers, Exclusive 271, Whistling Mr. Jones, National 9063) DOWN BY THE STATION ... G. Lombardo ..... 20. 20 Sweet Sue LAVENDER BLUE ...... D. Shore-H. Zimmerman Ork.... 12 21 20. So Dear to My Heart ...... Columbia 38299-ASCAP 22 20. Victor 20-3352; J. Harvey-H. Winterhalter, MGM 10359; G. Lom-bardo Ork, Decca 24572; T. Dorsey Ork, Victor 20-3321; D. Shore-H Zimmerman Ork, Columbia 38399; Patti Page, Mercury 5330) RCAVICTOR RECORDS (20-3302 POWDER YOUR FACE 24. Careless Hands 25. RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY .....G. Lombardo. Decca 24549-ASCAP Everywhere You Go YOU, YOU, YOU ARE THE 25. ONE ..... Coral 60015-BMI More Beerl An overnight hit! (J Eager & Eager Beavers with E. Musette Ork, Grand G-25010; H. Rene Musette Ork, Standard T-143) Cruising Down the River SUNFLOWER .....J. Fulton-E. Ballantine ..... Tell Ma CRUISING DOWN THE 27. Dream



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## BILLY ESKSTINE

## singing CARAVAN **A** Senorita's Bouquet

M-G-M 10368



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

POSITION Weeks, Last i This todatel Week (Week

39	3	35	LITTLE TOOT (One Record)
39	i.	2.	Don Wilson-The Starlighters
	1	-	Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol DBS-84
6	-4	3.	SO DEAR TO MY HEART ALBUM (Four Records)
22	-		Walt Disney-B. May, Director, Capitol BD-124-Capitol DD-109
24	1	4.	BOZO UNDER THE SEA (Two Records)
39	10	5.	Vance "Pinto" Colvig-Billy May Ork Capitol DBX-99
30	10	-01	BUGS BUNNY (Three Records) Mel BlancCapitol CC-64
31	11	6.	BOZO SINGS (Two Records)
		1000	Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol DBS-84
28	5	6.	BUGS BUNNY AND THE TORTOISE (Two Records)
			Mel Blanc-Billy May Canitol DBX-83
18	5	6.	Mel Blanc-Billy May. LITTLE ORLEY-UNCLE LUMPY ALBUM (Two Records)
-	3.5		Fred Waring and Pennsylvanians
28	7	9.	NURSERY RHYMES (Two Records)
1.4	9		Frank Luther
5		9,	
19	11	11.	F. Luther
			S. Temple-Chorus, P. Smith, director
23	11	12.	GENIE, THE MAGIC RECORD (One Record)
		1 Cart	Peter Lind Hayes Decca CU-102
1	-	12.	THE LITTLE RED HEN (One Record)
3			Frank Luther
1	-	14.	SUNGS FOR THE CHILDREN
			Tex Ritter-(Four Records) Capitol BD-14
			lex Ritter-(1wo Records)
30	<u> </u>	15.	Tex Ritter-(Two Records)
			Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol BBX-65
12	14	15.	LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD (Two Records)
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## **BEST-SELLING RECORDS BY CLASSI**

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

BETTY GARRETT singing THE HUMPHREY BOGART RHUMBA	dealer survey. Records are listed according to greatest sales. POSITION Weeks Last   This todate Week   Week 168 1 1. Chopin's Polonaise Jose Iturbi
(Voice of Humphrey Bogart IS Humphrey Bogart) Johnny Get Your Girl	BEST-SELLING RECORD ALBUMS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS Albums listed are those classical and semi-classical albums selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers), according to The Billboard's weekly record dealer survey Albums are listed according to greatest sales.
M-G-M 10367 ART LUND singing YOU WAS!	Weeks       Last This         13       4       1. I Can Hear It Now Album (Five Records) Edward R. Murrow, Narrator
Get A Little Summer In Your Kisses M-G-M 10365	Albums dated are those selling best in the nation's retail record stores (dealers). List is based on The Billboard's weekly survey among 6,970 dealers in all sections of the country. Albums are listed numerically according to greatest sales. POSITION Weeks Last (This todate! Week <b>8</b> 1 1. WORDS AND MUSIC (Four Records) L. Horne-B. Garrett-M. Rooney-J. Allyson-J. Garland-A. Sothern-L. Hayton Ork
M-G-M RECORDS THE GREATEST NAME IN ENTERTAINMENT	2       6       7. SEQUENCE IN JAZZ (Three Records) W. Herman.       Columbia C-177         15       7       8. DUSTY MANUSCRIPTS ALBUM (Four Records) S. Kaye-D. Cornell-L. Leslie-Three Kaydets-Kaye Choir Victor P-228         10       8       9. I CAN HEAR IT NOW ALBUM (Five Records) Edward R. Murrow.       Victor P-228         10       8       9. I CAN HEAR IT NOW ALBUM (Five Records) Edward R. Murrow.       Columbia MM-800         113       10       10. GLENN MILLER (Four Records) Glenn Miller.       Victor P-148         1       —       10. SUPPER CLUB FAVORITES (Three Records) P. Como-R. Case Ork-The Satisfiers-L. Shaffer Ork. Victor P-237

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#### M-G-M 10368

MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS PART IV **Retail Record Sales** TRADE SERVICE

Based on reports received tast three days of Week Ending March 4

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

POSITION Weeks, Last | This todatel Week Week

. Barrey	1. H		
39	3	1.	LITTLE TOOT (One Record)
			Don Wilson-The Starlighters
39	1	2.	BOZO AT THE CIRCUS (Two Records)
			Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol DBS-84
6	- 4	3.	SO DEAR TO MY HEART ALBUM (Four Records)
			Walt Disney-B. May, Director Capitol BD-124-Capitol DD-109
24	1	4.	BOZO UNDER THE SEA (Two Records)
		1000	Vance "Pinto" Colvig-Billy May Ork Capitol DBX-99
39	10	5.	BUGS BUNNY (Three Records)
197		211	Mel BlancCapitol CC-64
31	11	6.	BOZO SINGS (Two Records)
-			Billy May with Oak Vanas "Dista" Calula Calula Calul
28	5	6.	Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol DBS-84
		.0.	BUGS BUNNY AND THE TORTOISE (Two Records)
18	5	6.	Mel Blanc-Billy May. LITTLE ORLEY-UNCLE LUMPY ALBUM (Two Records)
10		0.	LITTLE ORLET-UNCLE LUMPY ALBUM (Two Records)
28	7		Fred Waring and Pennsylvanians
40		9.	NURSERY RHYMES (Two Records)
1.1.1.2.2		-	Frank Luther
5	9	9,	MOTHER GOOSE (One Record)
	-	100	F. LutherDecca CU-100
19	11	11.	BAMBI ALBUM (Three Records)
100	100	100	S. Temple-Chorus, P. Smith, director Victor Y-395
23	11	12,	GENIE, THE MAGIC RECORD (One Record)
-		1000	Peter Lind Hayes
1		12,	THE LITTLE RED HEN (One Record)
		Acres	Frank Luther
1		14.	SONGS FOR THE CHILDREN
			Tex Ritter-(Four Records)
			Lex Killer-(Iwo Records)
	× 1		Tex Ritter-(Two Records)
30		15.	BULU AND HIS RUCKET SHIP (Two Records)
			Billy May with Ork-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Capitol BBX-65
12	14	15.	LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD (Two Records)
			Paul Wing
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## BEST-SELLING RECORDS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS

## GARRETT singing THE HUMPHREY BOGART (Voice of Humphrey Bogart IS Humphrey Bogart)

BETTY

## **Johnny Get Your Girl**

M-G-M 10367



## **Get A Little Summer In Your Kisses**

M-G-M 10365



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Weeka	I Last Week	This	
168	1	1.	Chopin's Polonaise Jose Iturbi
175	3	2.	Clair de Lune
11	-	3.	Jose Iturbi. Lizst: Second Hungarian Rhapsody
133	2	з.	First Piano Quartet
119	-	8.	Boston Pops Ork; Arthur Fiedler, conductorVictor 12160 Warsaw Concerto Boston Pops; Arthur Fiedler, conductor-Leo Litwin pianist

#### BEST-SELLING RECORD ALBUMS BY CLASSICAL ARTISTS

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

## POSITION Weeks)= Lest | This todate | Week | Week

13	- 4	1.	I Can Hear It Now Album (Five Records) Edward R. Murrow, Narrator
86	1	2.	
2	1	3,	Chopin: Mazurkas Album (Three Records) M. Jonas, Piano
18	-	3.	Chopin's Favorites (Three Records) First Piano Quartet
4	-	3.	
3	-	3.	Ravel: Bolero (Two Records) Koussevitzky-Boston Symphony OrkVictor DM-352

## **BEST-SELLING POPULAR RECORD ALBUMS**

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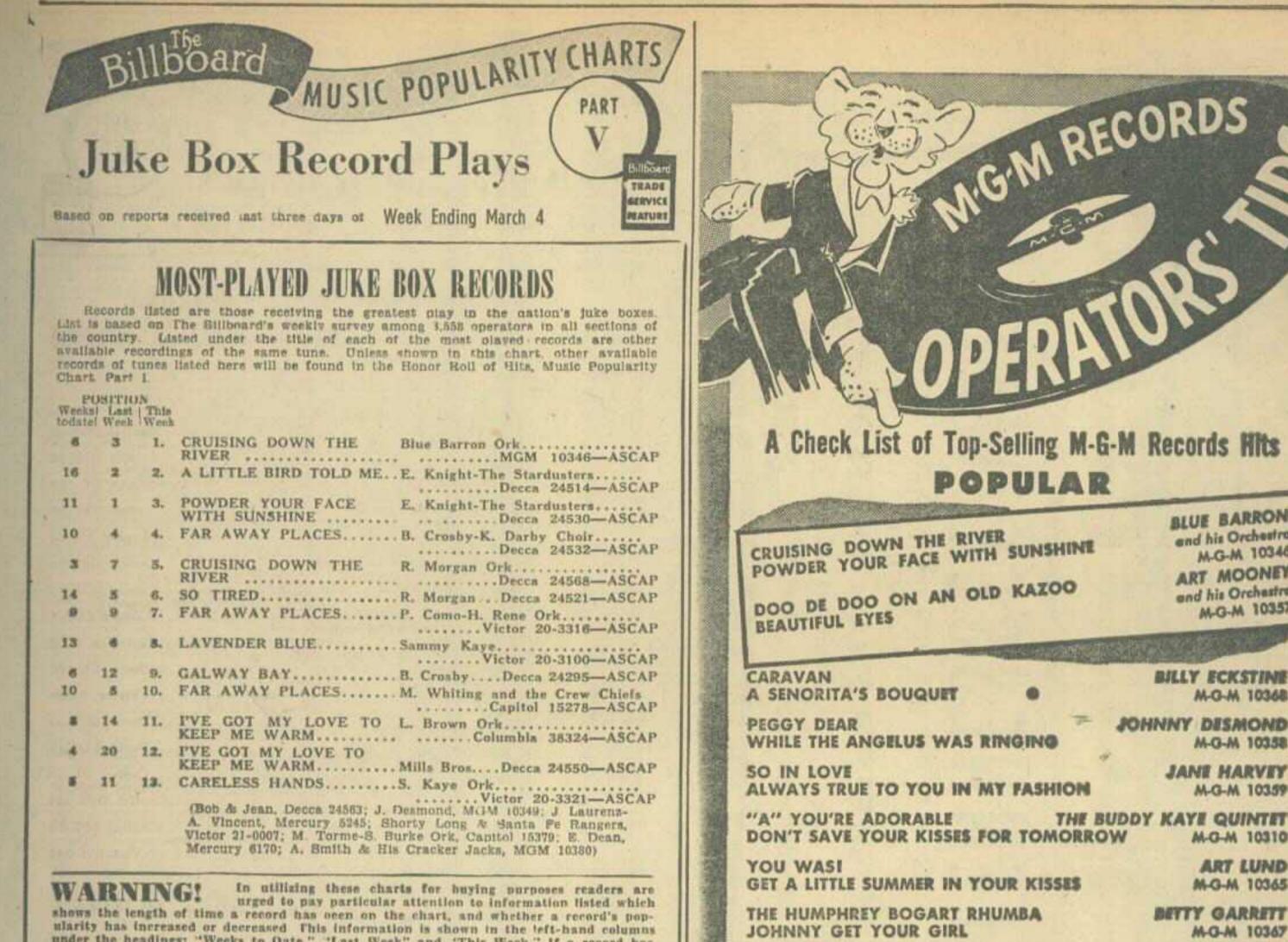
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-			MICHAE LAND ANTIONO (P. D. L.)
- <b>B</b> / I	1	1.	WORDS AND MUSIC (Four Records)
			L. Horne-B. Garrett-M. Rooney-J. Allyson-J. Garland-A.
			Sothern-L. Hayton OrkMGM 37
3	5	2.	KISS ME KATE ALBUM (Six Records)
100	1.2.2		A. Drake-P. Morison-L. Kirk-H. Lang-A. Hill-H. Clark-
			J. DiamondColumbia C-200
- 4	Z	3.	STAN KENTON ENCORES ALBUM (Three Records)
			S. Kenton Ork-J. Christy Capitol CC-113
100	-	1.1	VAUGHN MONROE SINGS ALBUM (Four Records)
	3		
			V. Monroe OrkVictor P-234
1		5.	ST. PATRICK DAY
100			Bing Crosby Decca A-495
1.10	1.1		
16	- 4	-0,	ROSES IN RHYTHM (Four Records)
			F. CarleColumbia C-174
2	6	7.	SEQUENCE IN JAZZ (Three Records)
			W. HermanColumbia C-177
			W. Herman
15	7	B.	DUSTY MANUSCRIPTS ALBUM (Four Records)
			S. Kaye-D. Cornell-L. Leslie-Three Kaydets-Kaye Choir
10			I CAN HEAR IT NOW ALBUM (Five Records)
10		10+	
			Edward R. MurrowColumbia MM-800
13	10	10.	GLENN MILLER (Four Records)
			Glenn Miller

10. SUPPER CLUB FAVORITES (Three Records) P. Como-R. Case Ork-The Satisfiers-L. Shaffer Ork. Victor P-237

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BETTY GARRETT

BLUE BARRON

and his Orchestra

ART MOONEY

and his Orchastra

BILLY ECKSTINE

M-G-M 10346

M-G-M 10357

M-G-M 10368

M-G-M 10358

M-G-M 10359

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JANE HARVEY

6	16	14.	POWDER YOUR FACE S. Kaye Ork
•	10	15,	RED ROSES FOR A BLUE V. Monroe Ork
	13	16,	SWEET GEORGIA BROWNBrother Bones and His Shadows
3	17	17.	I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS
3	19	18.	BEAUTIFUL EYES A. Mooney Ork. MGM 10357-BM1 (B. Hayes, De Luxe 1185; The Rangers, Regent 136)
1	-	19.	FAR AWAY PLACES D. Shore Columbia 38356-ASCAP
2	-	19.	LADY OF SPAIN
3	29	21.	SUNFLOWERR. Morgan. Decca 24568-ASCAP
12	-	21.	DOO DE DOO ON AN OLD KAZOO
	20	23.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME. Blue Lu Barker Ork
2	22	24,	CRUISING DOWN THE J. Smith-The Clark Sisters-F. De- RIVER
5	24	24.	BRUSH THOSE TEARS E. Knight-The StardustersDecca 24514-ASCAP (B Giark-The Modernaires-The Skylarks, Columbia 38364; R. Deauville, Mercury 5203; A. Foster Regent 134, I. Martin, DeLuxe 1182, F. Willing, Capitol 15290, B. Green, Rainbow 1009; J. Kitty MGM 10339; I. Carpenter Victor 20-3325; A. Trace & His Flame Throwers-B. Vincent, Damon O-11215)
5	14	26.	RED ROSES FOR A BLUE G. Lombardo Ork
2	-	27.	GALWAY BAY A. Shelton London 287-ASCAP
10	-	28,	POWDER YOUR FACE D. Day and B. Clark
2	25	29.	POWDER YOUR FACE B. Barron Ork
6	26	30.	LAVENDER BLUED. Shore-H. Zimmerman Ork Columbia 38299-ASCAP
z	27	30.	BLUE MOON
Б	18	30.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME P. Watson

Red Roses for a Blue Lady (R)
So In Love (M) (R)
Someone Like You (R)ASCAP
Sunflower (R)
Tarra Ta-Larra Ta-Lar (R)
These Will Be the Best Years of Our Lives (R)
Underneath the Linden Tree (R)La Salle-ASCAP
While the Angelus Was Ringing (R) Chas, K. Harris-ASCAP
You Was (R)Crystal-ASCAP
You Were Only Foolin' (R)
You, You, You Are the One (R) BMI

BEWILDERED NO ORCHIDS FOR MY LADY

JUST ONCE MORE HOW MANY TEARS MUST FALL

I DON'T SEE ME IN YOUR EYES ANYMORE WHY IS IT

AS YOU DESIRE ME I'LL REMEMBER APRIL

BILLY ECKSTINE M-G-M 10340

**PRANKIE MASTERS** and his Orchestra M-G-M 10371 **MELEN FORREST** M-G-M 10373

**DIRRY FALLIGANT** M-G-M 10308

IT'S A BIG WIDE WONDERFUL WORLD! JUST REMINISCING

YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING MISSISSIPPI FLYER

SUNFLOWER BRUSH THOSE TEARS FROM YOUR FYEE

SOMEONE LIKE YOU I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM

ART LUND M-G-M 10348

**JACK KILTY** 

M-G-M 10339

**JACK FINA** 

and his Orchestra M-G-M 10372

BLUE BARRON

and his Orchestra M-G-M 10369

JOHNNY DESMOND CARELESS HANDS THESE WILL BE THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES M-G-M 10349

A ROSEWOOD SPINET FAR AWAY PLACES

KATE SMITH M-G-M 10356

**BOB WILLS** 

#### FOLK and WESTERN

LOVESICK BLUES NEVER AGAIN

MANK WILLIAMS M-G-M 10352

PLAYBOY CHIMES DOG HOUSE BLUES

M-G-M 10370

FOOLISH QUESTIONS RAIN DROPS AND TEAR DROPS

ARTHUR (Oultar Boogle) SMITH M-G-M 10333

## EBONY SERIES

DOWN BY THE STATION A GHOST OF A CHANCE SLIM GAILLARD M-G-M 10309

**KEEP YOUR BIG MOUTH SHUT** MISS LUCY

BYE BYE, BYE BYE COME IN MR. BLUES

**BULLMOOSE JACKSON** M-G-M 10318

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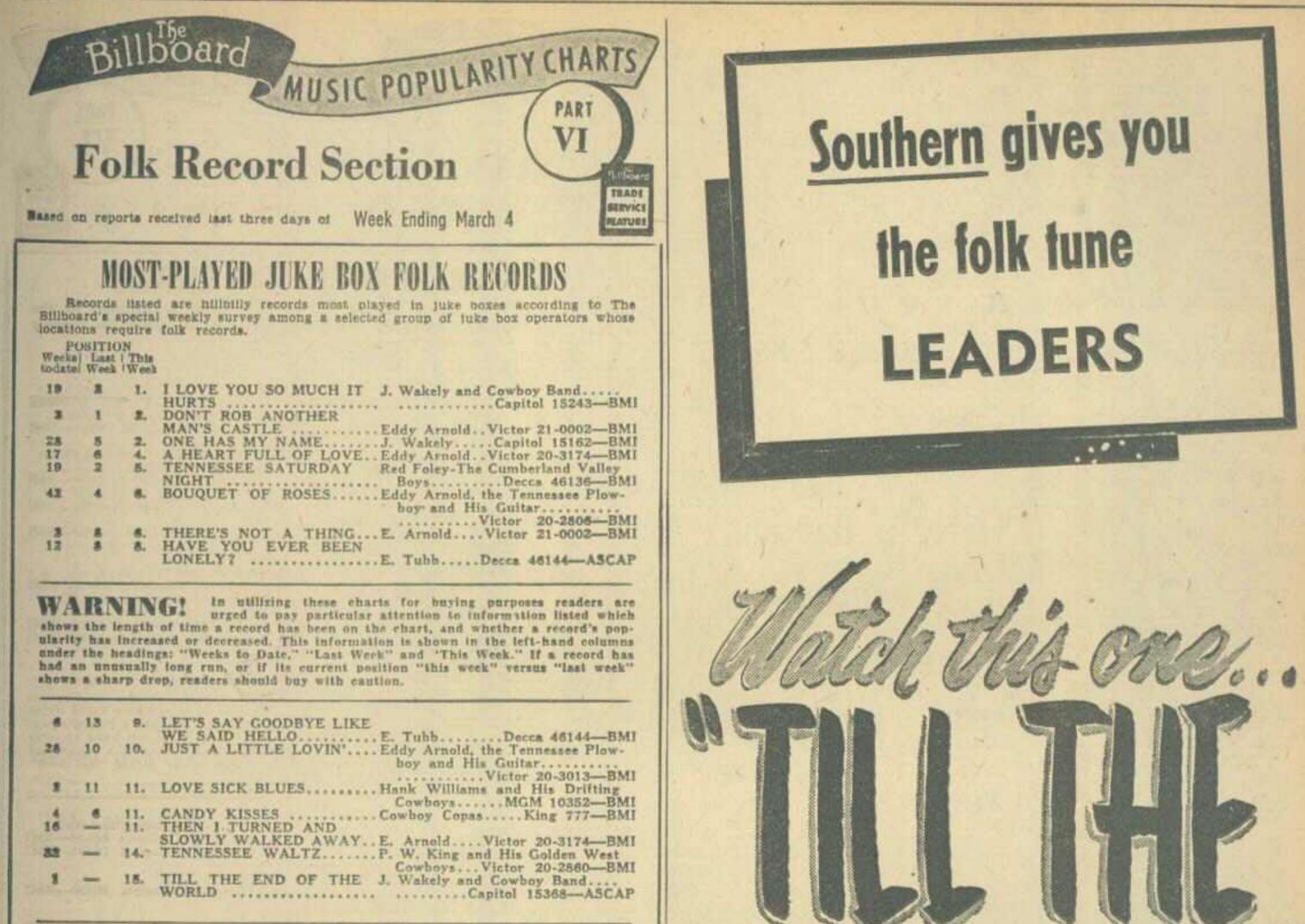


		10	10	Save the Next Walts f		
	16	.12	10,	I LOVE YOU SO MUCH	F. Tillman., Columbia 20430-BMI	
				Fll Take What I Can	Get	
	14		11.	11. LET'S SAY GOODBYE LIKE		
	WE SAID HELLO E. TubbDecca 46144-BMI Have You Ever Been					
	Lonely?					
	-			Forever		
	27 15 13. JUST A LITTLE LOVIN'E. Arnold, the Tennessee Plowboy My Daddy Is Only a Picture and His Guitar					
	10	-	13.	GREEN LIGHT	H. Thompson and His Brazos	
	38		18.	You Remembered Me LIFE GETS TEE-JUS,	Valley Boys Capitol 15187-BMI	
	100			DON'T IT?	C. Robinson MGM 10224-ASCAP	
1				Wind in the Mountain		
			-	NULLOD COLIZ DI		
			A	IVANUE FULK RI	ECORD RELEASES	
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## FOLK TALENT AND TUNES

#### By Johnny Sippel

Marge Engler, who airs over WTOL, Toledo, has gone into the fur business. ... Fred the Fiddler, working on WBUD, Morrisville, N. J., has opened a new Saturday night spot, Buck's County Barn Dance at the Bertolet Trailer Building, South Langhorne, Pa. Tom Stewart, former "Grand Ole Opry" announcer and now WSM, Nashville, producer, has taken over publicity duties for that station.

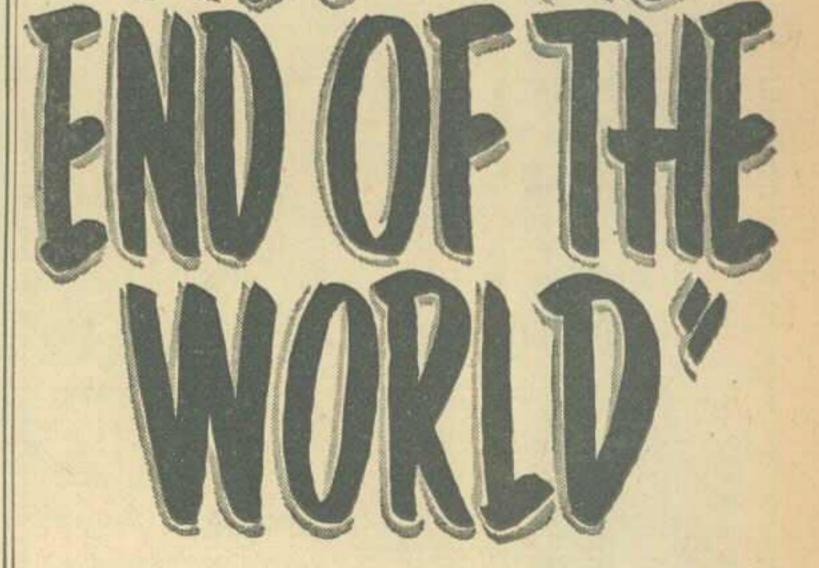
Uncle Harve and the Ragtime Wranglers are doing their barn dance show six nights a week over WWPB, Miami. Harve is doing a one-hour platter pilot shot each morning, in addition to holding live barn dances Wednesday and Saturdays at the Biscayne Palace. Harve recently started a Sunday night moonlight dance cruise on a yacht. ... Personnel of Captain Stubby's Buccaneers, Decca artists on WLS, Chicago, includes: Dwight (Tiny) Stokes, bass and vocals; Jerry Richards, clary; Tony Walberg, accordion; Sonny Fleming, guitar, and Captain Stubby, novelty instruments and comedy vocals.

Murray Nash, Mercury's folk music chief, has inked Jerry Byrd and the String Dusters, WLW, Cincinnati, to a waxing pact. Byrd, former steel man for Red Foley, will get his first Mercury release, "Steelin' the Blues" and "Drowsy Waters."... Georgia Crackers (Victor) have worked their Saturday night barn-dance crowds up past the 1,000 attendance mark. Boys air on WHKC, Columbus, O. They recently added Curley Herdman, formerly at WFIL, Philadelphia.... Texas Wranglers, who air daily from KCLW, Hamilton, Tex., have inked with Texstar label and cut "Steel Guitar Rag" and "Ridin' to the Rancho" as their first release.

Blondie Force and His Montana Cowboys have opened a dance stay at the Beardsley Ballroom, Bakersfield, Calif. Blondie is set for a p.-a. tour thru the South and East, starting May 15 and ending August 1....Bud Messner and the Skyline Boys, WCHA, Chambersburg, Pa., who record for Banner platters, are setting up a series of promotions in five Eastern States, featuring top folk music names. Personnel includes Bill Bailey, mandolin; Slim Roberts, fiddle; Dude Webb and Roy Parks, guitar, and the leader's bass.

Eddy Arnold starts a two-weeker at El Rancho Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., May 11, with Roy Wiggins and Gabe Tucker. The Arnold entourage, together with members of Connie B. Gay's Radio Ranch troupe, including Grandpa Jones (King), will play a benefit matinee and night show at Constitution Hall, Washington, March 27, with the Arnold gang moving then to Norfolk, Va., 28-29, and Richmond, Va., 31.

Marge Engler, of WTOL, Toledo, has inked a staff writer's pact with Kennedy Music. ... Spade Cooley (Victor) is taking his new video show out on a tour of regional high school auditoriums where teen-age talent competitions will be held in conjunction with the shows. ... Happy Wilson and His Golden River Boys, of WAPI, Birmingham, cut their first four sides for Decca, including "Down to the Graveyard" and "Comes a Time." Group consists of Billy Tucker, fiddle; Ted Crabtree, guitar; Sammy Pruitt, guitar; Jim O'Day, bass, and the leader's guitar.



#### (Words and Music by VAUGHN HORTON)

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-	12.	UP ABOVE MY HEADS. R. Tharme-M. Knight-S. Pelce			
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Nightmare J. Swift (Alligator Meat) Exclusive 55X Pluckin' That Thing S. Price (Big Joe) Decca 48097 That Ain't the Way To Love M. Scott (Give Me) Exclusive \$3X That's the Way My Baby Closes Her Eyes E. Andrews-E. Beal Ork (Don't Ask) Deccn 48096 The Jumpin' Blues J. McShann Ork (Get Me) Coral 60034 There's a Dead Cat on the Line E. Beck & His Religion in Rhythm (Didn't It) G. 603 Timsy's Whimsy Memphis Slim & The House Rockers (Frisco Bay) Miracle M-132 Tossin' and Turnin' Sonny Parker (Gamblin' Woman) Columbia 30154 Travelin' Shoes Chicago Davis-H. Singer Ork (I Feel) Savoy 5560 Walking and Drinking Roosevelt Sykes & His Original Honeydrippers (He's Just) Victor 22-0011 Watch Where You Walk E. Bostic Ork (Blip Boogle) King 4277 Would You Hurt Me Now S. Churchill & The Four Tunes (All of) Manor 1168 You Go to My Head Coleman Hawkins Quintette (I Mean) Rondo R 1555 You May Be Down Some Day



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#### WATCH FOR COMING NATIONAL HIT RELEASES!



DENNY DENNIS (Stanley Black Ork) (London 397) 69--71--69--67 In It Too Late? Dennis' good singing is supported superbly by Black and his ork on an ordinary sort of ballad. 77--79--77--75 A Kiss In the Night (Paul Fenoulhet Ork) An adaptation from a Latin tune is pretty and is sung with feeling by Dennis, who receives able support from Fenoulhet. SAM BROWNE-THE SQUADRONAIRES (London 395) One Has My Name 68--68--68--68 Late release of a country hit ballad now doing biz as a pop is a satisfactory rendition. 67--66--68--67 Words (Stanley Black Ork) Browns does okay by a ballad which bears no special significance. ART LUND (MGM 10365) Get a Little Summer In Your Kisses 67--67--67--67 Lund tries to make something of a paper-weight ballad. 73--75--70--75 You Was! Lund's relaxed and sings well with fine Johnny Thompson ork support. 'Tune's the rhythm novelty which has picked up some little interest in duct diskings. BILLY ECKSTINE (MGM 10368) 84--87--85--80 Caravan The growing Eckstine legions will love this etching of the Ellington classic. Billy again benefits from superb Hugo Winterhalter backgrounds. A Senorita's Bouquet 77--80--75--77 Billy sings the stuffings out of this plug ditty with superb Winterhalter ork ald. JACK FINA ORK (MGM 10372) Just Reminiscing 65--65--63--67 Pretty new ballad subjected to a prosaic, uninspired rendering here. It's a Big, Wide, Wonderful World! 63--63--62--65 Pedestrian, indifferent ork and vocal treatment of the fine waits tune.

Production cleffing of the tune which Ben Bernie made his own which is quite effective. Nice Hayes vocal is backed by clean orking. BETTY GARRETT (MGM 10367) The Humphrey Bogart 83--85--83--81 Rhumba Silly little novelty opus which spins off pretty near every Hollywood name en route to the coda which is delivered by Humphrey himself; silly enough to make some bucks. Johnny Get Your Girl 75--77--72--77 Excellent arrangement, good tempo and good Garrett are all lavished on this plug rhythm tune. DICK HAYMES (Victor Young Ork) (Decca 24567) A Rosewood Spinet 86--87--86--85 Haymes delivers a topnotch rendition of a current plug pop with Young's orking in fine taste. While the Angelus Was Ringing 86--87--86--85 Another current pop plug is handsomely performed by singer, ork and chorus. If both these songs catch on, then this could become a tremendous two-faced buy. VAUGHN MONROE ORK (Victor 20-3343) A Senorita's Bouquet 80--80--80--80 Monroe tackles a song which is right up his alley but which just misses fire for some reason. But his fans will like the record. Don't Lie To Me 84--85--84--83 Vaughn and the Moon Maids handle a simple ballad in tasteful and soothing fashion. GALLAGHER AND SHEAN (Cornl 60033) Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean, Pt. I & II 55--56--54--54 Age-old comedy routine shows its years in every gag. There's not much here to bring about a renaissance. (Continued on page 42)

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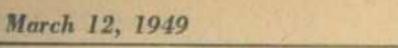
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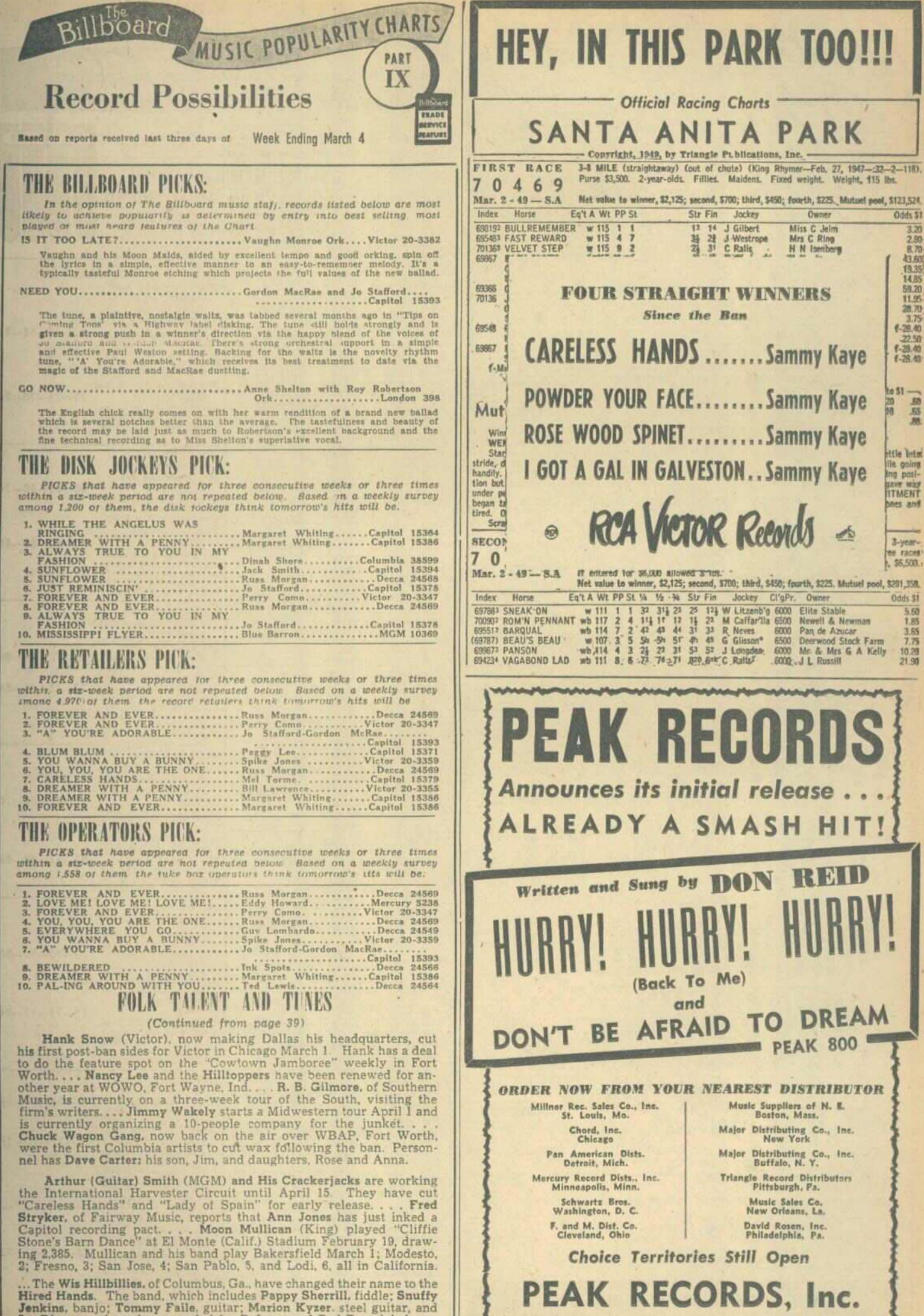


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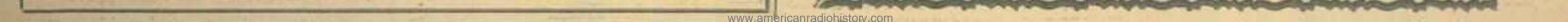
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# **KING** and **DELUXE** BEST IN RECORDED ENTERTAINMENT

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ROY BROWN LONG ABOUT MIDNIGHT Backed By WHOSE HAT IS THAT DELUXE 3154 SEPIA

AN OIL MAN EROM TEXAS Backed By TOO MANY MEN IN MY LIFE DE LUXE 1091 POPULAR

MIGHTY, MIGHTY MAN Bocked By MISS FANNY BROWN DE LUXE 3128 SEPIA

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WAYNE RANEY\_\_\_\_\_LONESOME WIND BLUES Backed By JACK AND JILL BODGIE KING 732 FOLK

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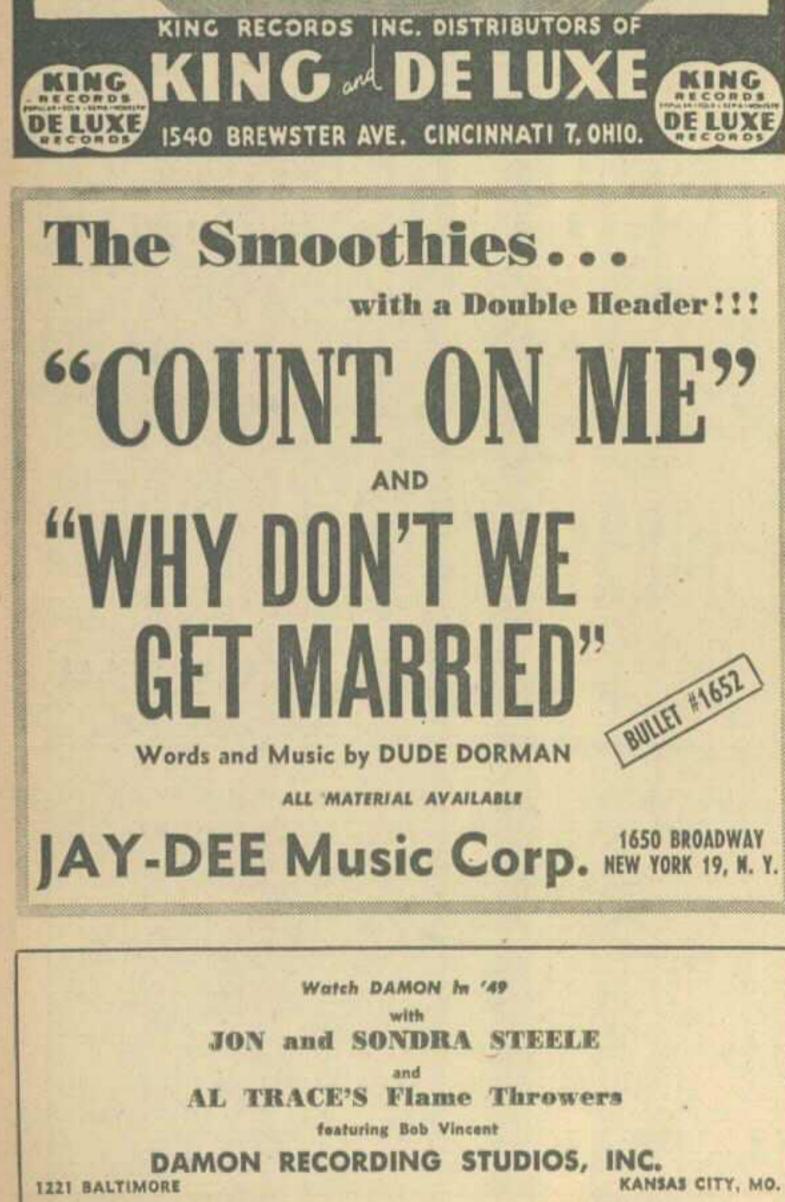
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# ADVANCE RECORD RELEASES

Records listed are generally approximately two weeks in advance of actual release date. List is based on information supplied in advance by record companies. Only records of those manufacturers voluntarily supplying information are listed.

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"A"-You're a Dorable Hollywood Bowl P. Como-Fontane Sister-M. Ayres Ork R. Clary (I'll Slip) Tempo 688 (When Is) Victor 20:3381 I Don't See Me in Your Eyes Anymore After You've Gone K. Kallen-M. Miller Ork (Kiss Me) Mer-M. Raye-P. Moore Ork (Ooh, Doctor) Discovery 503 cury 5265 I Gotta Gal in Galveston Alabamy Bound J. Kilty (The Streets) MGM 10376 I Had My Heart Set on You E. Cantor (Yes Sir) Decca 24597 Alone in the World Walts A. Trace Ork (I'm Through) Columbia R. Polocar Ork (Arise My) Mercury 2080 38431 An Old Plano Plays the Blues I Thought I Was Dreaming F. Craig Ork (Tennessee Tango) MGM H. Carmichael (Laughing Boy) Decca 24591 10378 Arise My Darling Polks. If You Stub Your Toe on the Moon T. Martin (Once and) Victor 20-3383 R. Polocar Ork (Alone in) Mercury 2080 Bagpipe Boogie I'll Do the Same for You R. Peters-D. Brooks-The Four Tones G. Williams Ork (Just Goofin') Mercury (You Told) Kangaroo K 1301 5258 Ballin' the Jack I'll Slip Around and De It The Three Sons (Hurry! Hurry!) Victor R. Clary (Hollywood Bowl) Tempo 688 20-3399 I'm Beginning to Miss You Barber Shop Harmony Album-The Sports-G. Jenkins Ork (My Dream) Decca 24593 men Quartet (3-10") I'm Bitin' My Fingernails and Thinking of Capitol CC-137 You E. Tubb-The Andrews Sisters-Texas Down By the Old Mill Stream . . . Capitol 10194 Troubadours (Don't Rob) Decca 24592 Down in Jungle Town . . . Capitol I'm Through Calling Everybody Darling 10193 A. Trace (I Had) Columbia 38431 In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree Is It Late . . Capitol 10192 V. Monros Ork (Busy Doing) Victor Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland . . . 20-3382 Capitol 10193 It's a Big Wide Wonderful World Red Ross Rag . . . Capitol 10193 The Unitones (While We're) London When You Wore a Tulip . . . Capitol L. 413 It's a Cruel, Cruel World 10194 Be Mine G. Towne Ork (Shuffle Boogle) Regent D. Falligant-H. Winterhalter (Wind in) 148 MGM 10375 I've Been Hit Begin the Beguine J. Mercer-The Pied Pipers-P. Weston J. Stafford & the Starlighters-P. Weston Ork (The Glow) Capitol 15412 Ork (On the) Capitol 15410 I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm E. Baird-The Hi-Tonians (Galway Bay) Bop Went the Strings P. Weston Ork (Swedish Rhapsody) Hi-Tone 101 Capitol 15411 Just a Wearyin' for You Busy Dbing Nothing J. Hartman (Tormented) Regent 142 V. Monroe Ork (Is It) Victor 20-3382 Just Goofin' G. Williams Ork (I'll Do) Mercury 5258 Charlie the Boxer M. Ceppos Ork (Come Wet) 20th Century Just in Case TC 20-82 S. Oliver Ork (Gran'ma Plays) Decca Cielito Lindo (I Love You I Do) 24594 D. Dawn (Summertime) Regent 143 Kemo Kimo J. Berch-C. Magnante Trio (The Letter) Coca-Roca R. Gilbert (Pin Striped) Columbia 38420 Regent 144 Come Wet Your Mustache With Me Kiss Mc Sweet Bottoms Up Quartet (Charlie the) 20th K. Kallen-M. Miller's Ork (I Don't) Mer-Century TC 20-82 cury 5285 Comme Ci, Comme Ca Laughing Boy V. Damone (The Little) Mercury 5263 H. Carmichael (An Old) Decca 24691 Comme Ci, Comme Ca Lavender Blue J. Desmond-T. Mottola (My Dream) The Hiddlers-C. Desmond (My Darling) MGM 10377 Hi-Tone 102 Love Me! Love Me! Love Me! Cory's Bop G. Shearing (So Rare) Savoy 689 J. Fina Ork (When Is) MGM 10379 Ma Belle Marguerite Crazy, Crazy (Cause I Love You) M. Russell-J. Carroll Ork (Pal-ing B. Goodman Ork (Under-Current Blues) Around) Mercury 5268 Capitol 15409 My Darling, My Darling L. Douglas-The Hi-Tone Serenaders (Lav-Cruising Down the River The Riddlers-The Hi-Tonians (Far Away) Hi-Tone 104 ender Blue) Hi-Tone 102 Don't Rob Another Man's Castle My Dream Is Yours E. Tubb-The Andrews Sisters - Texas J. Desmond-T. Mottols (Comme Ci) Troubadours (I'm Bitin) Decca 24592 MGM 10377 Gus Edwards Songs Album-J. Lazar-R. My Dream Is Yours Charles-L. Duddy Swing Choir-A. G. Jenkins Ork (I'm Beginning) Decca Stang-B. Garde-A. Bleyer Ork (4-10") 24593 **MGM 41** My Little Girl By the Light of the Silvery Moon . . . T. Weems Ork (Singing With) Mercury MGM 30191 5255 He's Me Pal . . . MGM 30190 If a Girl Like You Loved a Boy Like On the Alamo J. Stafford & the Starlighters-P. Weston Me . . . MGM 30192 Ork (Begin the) Capitol 15410 If I Was a Millionaire . . . MGM Once and For Always A. Mooney Ork (When You're) MGM 30189 In My Merry Oldsmobils . . . MGM 10381 30190 Once and For Always Jimmy Valentine . . . MGM 30189 T. Martin-E. Hagen Ork (If You) Victor School Days . . . MGM 30192 20-3383 Sunbonnet Sue . . . MGM 30191 Once Upon a Time Far Away Places F. Meadows (When Your) Regent 147 E. Baird (Cruising Down) Hi-Tone 104 One Sweet Letter From You Fireman Songs Album-The Jesters (4-10") B. Crosby-J. S. Trotter Ork (Save Your) Decca · A-638 Deccsi 24595 1. A Fireman's Job for Me; 2. Fire Ooh, Doctor Kinsey Down Below . . . Decca 24370 M. Raye-P. Moore Ork (After You've) Fireman, Save My Child . . . Decca Discovery 503 Pal-ing Around With You M. Russell-J. Carroll Ork (Crazy, Crazy) 24369 I. My Ragtime Fireman; 2. I'm a Fireman's Love . . . Decca 24368 Mercury 5268 1. Our Firemen Should Not Be Forgot; **Fin Striped Pants** R. Gilbert (Coca-Roca) Columbia 38420 2. Our Gallant Firemen . . . Decca 24367 **Powder Your Face With Sunshine** 1. She Lived Next Door to a Firehouse; E. Baird-The HI-Tonians (Red Roses) 2. The Fire of Forty-Nine . . Hi-Tone 103 Deccs 24368 Pullame. 1. Stretch In; 2. The Man Who Fights B. Johnson Ork (Someone So) Decca the Fire . . Decca 24367 1. The Man With the Ladder and the 24598 Red Roses for a Blue Lady Hose; 2. A Fire Laddie . . . Decca L. Douglas-Hi-Tone Serenaders (Powder Your) Hi-Tons 103 24370 1. The Village Fire Brigade; 2. My Save Your Sorrow Johnnie in the Fire Brigade . . . B. Crosby-E. Heywood Ork (One Sweet) Decca 24369 Decca 24595 1400 Dream Street Shuffle Boogle. F. Martin Ork (The Little) Victor 20-3384 G. Towne Ork (It's a) Regent 148 Galway Bay Singing With a Band L. Douglas-Hi-Tone Serenaders (I've Got) T. Weems Ork (My Little) Mercury 5255 HI-Tons 101 (There'll Nover Bo) Someons So Sweet as Gran'ma Plays the Numbers





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lagging job. The 11 disks are packaged in one album, covered attractively. A pamphlet enclosure contains the libretto both in the Italian and with English translation printed in parallel columns. This vackage is indeed a fine addition to operatio wax listings and should easily replace the older Victor and Columbia full-opera recordings as the leader on the particular work and should prove one of the better full-length opers puckage sellers.

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gram fare,

EASTER PARADE ALBUM-72JUDY GARLAND-FRED ASTAIRE-PETER LAWFORD-ANN MILLER-JOHNNY **GREEN ORK (4-10")** MGM 40

A Couple of Swells; Shaking the Blues Away; Easter Parade; It Only Happens When I Dance With You; A Feila With an Umbrella; Better Luck Next Time; Steppin' Out With My Baby; I Love a Piano; Snooky Ookums; When the Midnight Choo Choo Leaves for Alabam.

From the soundtrack of the recent "Easter Parade" flick, MGM offers here another original-cast album. No subtle delineations here-no subtle singers, either-but forthright lyric bawling in the approved musical comedy tradition. The score is fair ranging from great old ones like "Easter Parade" and "Choo Choo" to the passable recent plug additions like "It Only Hap-pens" and "Steppin' Out." Album dorsn't figure to be a world-beater, but should have a fair sale to movie fans, Berlin followers and admirers of Fred Astaire and the other non-singing singers represented here.

JUKES Not box material. Best tunes are available by better singers, Album needed only by filmusic spinners.

FRANZ LEHAR MEMORIAL 75 ALBUM-Al Goodman Ork-Elleen Farrell-Charles Fredericks (3-10") Victor P-236

The Merry Widow Waltz; Villa; Love Is a Pligrim; Say Not Love Is a Dream; Are You Going to Dance the White Dove.

Tastefully orchestrated, and sung and played with grace and spare simplicity, these aix Lehar gems make a delightful album-and a fine memorial to the late composer. The fine voices of Eileen Farrell and Charles Fredericks deliver the songs with classical austerity, yet with affection and sympathy. Most important, the treatment shows no succharine lushness-the pitfall of many an operetta presentation. Goodman provides the singers with a superlative ork backing thruout. Not for quick hit status, but a solid catalog item that should enjoy a long and steady sales life. JOCKS

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its place on the shelves as a standard item. Cleffing features a fairly light string section without much variation. The tunes, of course, have always been sure-fire with the home folks. Pleasingly colored cover is in character with the contents.

JUKES JOCKS Not suitable. Since this is fairly typical radio fare, the package should be useful.

MOZART: SONATA No. 12, in F. K. 332-VLADIMIR HOROWITZ Victor DM 1284

The combination of Herowitz and Mozart is an unusual one, especially on way. The reason may be discerned here, where Horowitz's dynamism and brilliance are less required than fragile feeling and lyric quietism. However, the legion of Horowits fans will doubtless like this album for novelty's sake, for the rare opportunity of hearing the master take a whack at Mozari. Sonata takes three sides, with Bach's Chorale Prelude, Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland, rounding out the fourth. Horowitz plays the Busoni plano transscription with austere grace and deep rapport

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	Horowitz library.

GEORGE GERSHWIN ALBUM 83 BING CROSBY SINGS SONGS BY Decca A-702

Embraceable You; They Can't Take That Away From Me; Love Walked In; Summer Time; It Ain't Necessarily So; I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'; Somebody Loves Me; Maybe. Crosby singing Gerahwin figures to be a winning parlay any time-and this album sounds like a winner, sure enough. Sides were made during various recent years, and it's nice to be able to report that Croz was in form on each. Every tune here is a 20-carat imperishable, and plenty of earnest affection is lavished on each by Bing and the orks of Trotter, Malneck and Victor Young.

JUKES JOCKS Ditto.

#### WELSH FOLK SONGS ALBUM-63 DAVID LLOYD-PIANO: MEIRION WILLIAMS (2-12") London LA 70

Sure.

Yr Hen Gerddor; Arafa Don; Elen Fwyn; Sol Y Blodan.

These could be more accurately described as "Art Songs," but they are nevertheless an honest, forceful, and melodious selection, charged with the character of their land of origin. Lloyd is an accomplished tenor, with pure quality and dramatic projection, who should please lieder collectors. The sound of the full-range recording is tops. Cover is rich and eye-catching, and the notes, summarizing the content of each lyric, are helpful.

JOCKS Not suitable. Interesting, if esoterie fare for vocal sessions.

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# The Honor Roll of **Popular Songwriters**

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XII

# NO. 12-REGINALD DE KOVEN

#### By Jack Burton

MUSIC POPULARITY

The rank and file of songwriters | many of the most popular comic opnever put the welcome mat out in eras of the 1890's, he wrote the music Tin Pan Alley for Henry Louis Reginald de Koven. He just didn't belong to that nondescript crew of tunesmiths who thumped pianos with untutored fingers, plugged their own songs in the New York tenderloin district, and sometimes pirated a melody with all the nonchalance of Captain Kidd to raise ready cash.

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He was "Reggie" to these bourgeois composers from the rough and rugged East Side, who regarded him as a blood brother of "The Hall Room Boys," Percy and Algy, who vied with the Yellow Kid and Buster Brown for comic strip popularity early in the century. They ridiculed his courtly manners, his Oxford accent (legitimately acquired), and his top hat, sable-lined overcoat and goldheaded cane. The story even got around that he scored his light operas with the aid of a lorgnette.

Reginald de Koven was the grand seigneur of music, who had studied in Europe under Genee, Delibes and Von Suppe and enjoyed a nodding acquaintance with the John Jacob Astors, the Bradley Martins and other members of Ward McAllister's fabled Four Hundred.

for two grand operas that had their world premiere at the Met, The Canterbury Pilgrims in 1917 and Rip Van Winkle in 1920. He also conducted the Washington Symphony Orchestra for three seasons (1902-'04).

There was a touch of the dramatic in everything Reginald de Koven did. He was born at Middletown, Conn., April 3, 1861, a week before the opening shot of the Civil War was fired, and died on January 16, 1920, the day the Volstead Act went into effect.

His wife shared his sense of the dramatic and dedicated the De Koven mansion at 1025 Park Avenue, New York, as a memorial to her husband, leaving his music room and sleeping chamber just as they were on the day of his death. All his belongings were left in place as the valet laid them out daily-the silk hat, the doeskin gloves, the gold-headed cane-and they were never disturbed until three years ago when the stately brownstone residence was razed to make room for an apartment house.

this light opera composer is the most and held down the drama desk on when asked why he didn't strengthen popular of all his many songs, Oh, The Chicago Tribune, Smith collab- a weak third act with a new idea, Promise Me, from the score of Robin orated not only with De Koven but replied: Hood. This ballad, which has been with Victor Herbert, Gustav Kerker, His talent, however, was beyond the song of marital bondage for more Irving Berlin and other top com- waste it on this production! I'd build

Brief biographies of the great writers of popular music, complete with . . .

- CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THEIR GREATEST SONGS
- PUBLISHERS (Where no publisher listed, song is in Public Domain)
- BACKGROUND DATA ON SELECTED SONGS
- . MAJOR LABEL RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ON SONGS

This anthology of American popular music, which covers mainly a 60year period from 1890 to the present day, is based on 20 years of research by the author, a former newspape: magazine and advertising copy writer who has made the study of popular music his hobby.

This anthology does not attempt to list the complete output of these writers. Instead the song listing is restricted to those titles that have gained either top ranking or appreciable popularity.

In the musical comedy and film musical fields, however, the complete scores will be listed in order to provide something new and vitally needed in an anthology of this kind: A comprehensive record of stage and motion picture songs

Songs are listed according to the date of their original copyright, the stage musical songs according to the year such musicals were produced, and the film songs according to the year of their public release.

All songs that have attained a sheet music sale of a million or more copies, according to the most authentic and urbiased records available are marked with an asteriak (\*).

In the publisher listing, the name of the present publisher and not the original publisher is given, and songs now in the public domain (titles first copyrighted in 1892 or before) have no publisher credit.

In the listing of song recordings, no so-called collector's items are given, and while such a list is representative, it makes no pretensions of being complete.

long as wedding bells chime.

#### Harry B. Smith's Debut

De Koven's first comic opera, The Begum, served to introduce Harry Bache Smith to American theater audiences as a librettist who established a production line in his field of endeavor; during the next 30 years this prolific writer produced the books and lyrics for more than 300 musicals -an all-time world's record. A former newspaperman, who served The But a far more lasting memorial to Chicago Daily News as a music critic

sound the knell of bachelorhood as | for the early editions of the Ziegfeld Follies, and at the height of his career had no fewer than 10 of his shows running on Broadway during a single season.

> Like Jerome Kern, Smith collected rare books and first editions and being schooled in both German and French, he also adapted the works of foreign composers and writers for the American stage when he ran short of native talent. As versatile as he was industrious, Smith had the knack of building successful shows on the most tenuous of plots, and on one occasion,

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ridicule, for in addition to composing than a half century, probably will posers; wrote the sketches and lyrics a brand new show around it!"

"If I had a new idea I wouldn't

#### \*\*\* REGINALD DE KOVEN'S GREATEST SONGS AND RECORDINGS AVAILABLE \*\*\*

#### **Musical Comedies** 1887-THE BEGUM

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. Col. John A. MaCaull, a Confederate Army veteran and prominent theatrical producer, agreed to stage this comic opera before reading the book or hearing the score after being regally entertained at the De Koven home. "The Begum" had its premiere at the Chestnut Street Opera House in Philadelphia with a cast headed by DeWolf Hopper, Digby Bell, Jefferson de Angelis, Harry MacDonough, Mathilde Cottrelly and Hubert Wilke.

#### 1889-DON QUIXOTE

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. While written as a co-starring vehicle for DeWolf Hopper and Digby Bell, these comedians were unable to play in it because of previous commitments and the Bostonians were engaged to present It,

#### HEART OF MY HEART

#### 1890-ROBIN HOOD

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. This comic opera, which was destined to make theatrical history, was staged at a total production cost of only \$109.50, the cast appearing in costumes used in "Il Trovatore," "Martha" and "The Bohemian Girl." The Chicago Opera House was the scene of the premiere June 9, 1890, with members of the famous Bostonians in the following roles; Edwin Hoff as Robin Hood, H. C. Barnabee as the Sheriff of Nottingham, W. H. MacDonald as Little John, Eugene Cowles as Will Scarlet, George B. Frothingham as Friar Tuck, Peter Lang as Guy of Gisborne, Jessie Bartlett Davis as Allan-a-Dale, Josephine Bartlett as Dame Durden, Grace Reals as Annabel and Marie Stone as Maid Marian. THEN HEY FOR THE MERRY

GREENWOOD SIR CAVALIER, YOU'RE WELCOME HERE BROWN OCTOBER ALE SWEETHEART, MY OWN SWEETHEART ARMORER'S SONG TINKER'S SONG THE LEGEND OF THE CHIMES FAREWELL TO OLD SHERWOOD TIS THE MORNING OF THE FAIR AS AN HONEST AUCTIONEER COME THE BOWMAN IN LINCOLN GREEN

THOUGH .T WAS WITHIN THIS HOUR

#### CHEERILY SOUND THE HUNTER'S HORN THE TAILOR AND THE CROW OH, SEE THE LAMBKINS PLAY A TROUBADOUR SANG TO HIS LOVE THERE WILL COME A TIME **COH. PROMISE ME**

Words by Clement Scott.

When the final curtain dropped on the opening performance of "Robin Hood," Jessie Bartlett Davis flew into a rage. She declared there was no song in the score that suited her contraito range, and threatened to leave the company unless De Koven supplied her with at least one solo that did justice to her voice. The composer was stumped momentarily and then recalling an unpublished melody he had written three years before, he stamped into the orchestra pit, sat down at the piano and played and sang the song from memory. Miss Davis was delighted. It was just what she wanted and "Reggie was a dear!" The next night she sang "Oh, Promise Me" for the first time. The rest is history.

(Available on the following records: Decca No. 24190, Conrad Thibault with erchestra; Columbia No. 36926 in Set C-27, Evelyn and her magic violin with Phil Splialny's orchestra; RCA Victor No. C 4370 in Album C-37, Nelson Eddy with orchestra; RCA Victor No. P 27417 in Album P-65, Dick Leibert, organist, and Lucille Lawrence, harp soloist.)

1892-THE KNICKERBOCKERS Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. Presented by The Bostonians as a successor to "Robin Hood." A PURITAN DAMSEL UPON OUR LITTLE FARM HANS RAP IF YOU AND I SHOULD MEET IF THERE IS A LAD SING YOUR MERRIEST LAYS A MAIDEN VEXED (The Spinning Song) I HAVE A SWAIN IN THE ARMY HASTEN, TIME AN OVERWORKED TRUMPETER SONG OF THE FLINT AND STEEL I HAVE A PIPE ONLY IN DREAMS WAR TO THE KNIFE DO YOU SIGH FOR LOVE OR GLORY? SLEEP, YOU PRETTY CREATURES TWELVE HOURS A DAY HERE'S A SONG TO THE FLAG THE SONG OF THE CUCKOO CLOCK 1893-THE ALGERIAN

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and presented by a cast headed by Adele Richle, Marie Tempest, Julius Steger

THE WEATHER VANE TARTARIN, THE TERRIBLE WHEN BAYA'S RAVEN TRESSES ALGERIN SERENADE OH, RASH MUEZZIN! OLD VILLANELLE LIGHTLY, LIGHTLY THE SHIFTING SHADOWS TAMBOURINE SONG SITTING THE LUTE A-STRIKING NUBIAN DANCE MARCH OF THE WATCH REVEILLE CASTLES IN SPAIN AND NOW, THE COLONEL THE FENCING MASTER Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and co-starring Laura Shirmer Maple-son and Hubert Wilke. G. Schirmer, Inc. THE LIFE OF A ROVER I PLAY ALL GAMES OF CHANCE AH YES, I LOVE THEE WE ARE VERY POOR MUSICIANS WILD BIRD THAT SINGETH EVERY KNIGHT MUST HAVE A STAR THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE WILL-O'-THE-WISHP 1894-ROB ROY Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and presented by a cast headed by Lizzie MacNichol, Juliet Cordon, William Prustte, Richard Carroll and Joseph Herbert. G. Schirmer, Inc. WHO'S FOR THE CHASE, MY BONNIE HEARTS? THEN I SHALL LIVE LOVE FOR THEE DING, DONG WE COME TO THE SOUND OF THE DRUM THE WHITE AND THE RED, HUZZAH! MY HOME IS WHERE THE HEATHER BLOOMS MY HEART IS IN THE HIGHLANDS THE MERRY MILLER THE LAY OF THE CAVALIER SONG OF THE BALLADMONGERS COME, LADS OF THE HIGHLANDS MY TRUE LOVE IS A SHEPHED DESS DEAREST HEART OF MY HEART **RISING WHEN THE SUN IS GRAY** WHO CAN TELL WHERE SHE DWELLS SONG OF THE TURNKEY SERENADE **RUSTIC SONG** 

#### 1896—THE MANDARIN

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and first produced by the De Koven-Smith Opera Company at the Herald Square Theater, New York, with a cast headed

#### TELL ME, LOVERS, I PRAY

1897-THE HIGHWAYMAN Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. When first produced with Jerome Sykes in the leading comic role of Foxy Quiller, this comic opera was a disap-pointment; but when it was revived 20 years later, Jefferson DeAngelis played Quiller and John Charles Thomas was cast as Dick, an Irish soldier of for-tune, and "The Highwayman" was a notable success. Harms, Inc. BREAD, CHEESE AND KISSES MARCHING AWAY THE HIGHWAYMAN VIVE LA BAGATELLE **GRETNA GREEN** KITTY O'BRIEN THE FARMER AND THE SCARECROW MOONLIGHT SONG DO YOU REMEMBER, LOVE? **GYPSY SONG** WHILE THE FOUR WINDS BLOW ON THE TRACK FAREWELL TO THE KING'S HIGHWAY 1899-THE THREE DRAGOONS Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith and starring Jerome Sykes. The John Church Co. WITH A CACHUCA, FANDANGO AND BOLERO FILL UP AGAIN, WARRIORS WHO WOULDN'T BE A SOLDIER'S BRIDE? OFFICERS OF THE CAVALRY WHEN CUPID COMES TAPPING AT THE DOOR I'M A SELF-MADE NOBLEMAN TWAS OVER WINDING MOUNTAIN ROADS SAY THAT YOU CANNOT FORGET CARNIVAL IS KING TONIGHT THE NAUGHTY LITTLE CLOCK WE'RE A PARTY OF GAY SERENADERS THE BOLD DRAGOON IN LISBON CAY HAIL, OUR KING THE SMART SET SOLDIERS OF ALL NATIONS HE IS A BLUFF ONE HEART TO THEE THE LEGEND OF THE DONKEY PHILOSOPHY IN BATTLE OR UPON PARADE PAPA'S WIFE

Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. This was an early Florenz Ziegfeld production in which he starred his future wife, Anna Held, in a cast that included Henry Bergman, George Marion, Henry Woodruff, Eva Davenport, Dan Collyer and Charles A. Bigelow, in this mu-



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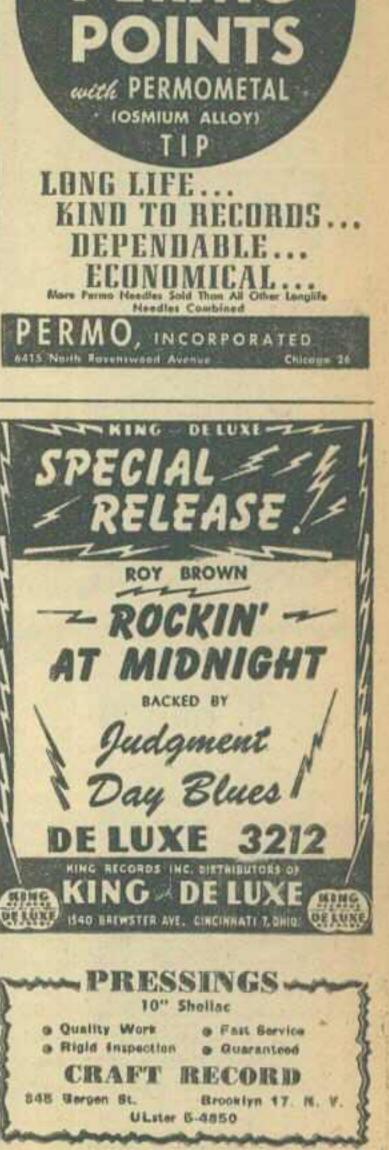
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senting 16 of the most beautiful chorus girls ever to grace a Broadway stage. WEDDING ANTHEM IN THE CONVENT, THEY DIDN'T TEACH ME THAT A PRIVATE AFFAIR CUT HICH, CUT LOW AUTOMOBILE SONG I'D LIKE TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THAT THE DISSOLUTE MOSQUITO THIS WINE'S ALL RICHT PROFESSOR, WON'T YOU TEACH ME ALL YOU KNOW? OH, THAT'S THE WORST OF CIRLS! FROM LA FEMME A PAPA 1900-FOXY QUILLER Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and presented by a cast headed by Jerome Sykes, Julius Steger, Harry Mac-Donough and Georgia Caine, A-HOY1 A-HOY! THE SWEARING SKIPPER WINDING, WINDING QUILLER HAS THE BRAIN THE VENDETTA THE LEGEND OF THE TARANTELLA SONG OF THE CHEATING PEDDLER POLLY WANT A CRACKER? YOUTH IS THE COLDEN ACE SONG OF THE SWORD THE WATCHMAN'S RATTLE POOR SHEPHERDS. WE **1901—THE LITTLE DUCHESS** Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. A Florenz Ziegfeld production that starred Anna Held in a cast that included Charles A. Bigelow, Joseph Her-bert, George Marion, Sydney Bar-raclough, Joe Welch, Eva Davenport. Bessie Wynn and a boy soprano named Willie's musical comedy debut was high-ly successful until the show played Washington where his voice changed one night in the middle of his song. After that he was a baritone-and "at liberty.' Edward Schuberth & Co. TAKE ME OUT AND FLOAT ME WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES SAYING? IN SOCIETY THE ONLY CIRL BATHING SONG FLIRTATION SONG THEY TELL ME OF YOU MENAGERIE SONG CHLOE, I'M WAITING MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR LOVE THOSE GREAT BIG EYES SADIE MUSIC by Leo Le Brunn. EVERY MORN I BRING THEE VIOLETS By Ellen Wright and Silvio Hein. 1902-MAID MARIAN Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith. This was written as a sequel to "Robin Hood" and the cast was headed by Henry Clay Barnabee, W. H. MacDon-

SONGWRITERS **COMING UP!** March 19 Issue FRED FISHER In issues subsequent to March 19 The Billboard will present **GUSTAV KERKER GUS EDWARDS** HARRY VON TILZER ALBERT VON TILZER **GEORGE M. COHAN** JEAN SCHWARTZ ERNEST BALL J. ROSAMUND JOHNSON **IRVING BERLIN** CHRIS SMITH AL PIANTADOSI **GUSTAV LUDERS** THEODORE MORSE EGBERT VAN ALSTYNE ... And others aid, Frank Rushmore, George B. Frothingham, Josephine Bartlett and Grace Van Studdiford. Edward Schuberth & Company. ANNABEL WAS THE FAIREST THE CELLARER'S TOAST SONG OF THE FALCON SHERIFF'S SONG FORESTER'S-SONG MADRIGAL NEVER IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD THE MONK AND THE MACPIE SONG OF "HE OUTLAW SERENADE THE MAN AT ARMS TELL ME AGAIN, SWEETHEART SNAKE CHARMER'S SONG IF YOU WERE I AND I WERE YOU TRUE LOVE IS NOT FOR A DAY SONG OF THE CRUSADER UNDER THE MISTLETOE BOUCH THE COBBLER AND THE FLIES 1903-THE JERSEY LILY Book and lyrics by George B. Hobart. This was Blanche Ring's first starring vehicle, and the cast included Maude Raymond, Gertrude Hoffman, Billy B. Van, Louis Harrison, Billie Taylor and William Cameron. WELCOME, THE BRIDE THE GINGERBREAD BOY PATSY BOLIVAR THE NEW COOK SOME BEAUTIFUL DAY THE UMP-PUM MAN OLD CLORY THE LILY'S PROMENADE SWEETHEART MINE MY DEAR OLD NEW JERSEY HOME DREAMING AURORA ROSIE LEE There were four interpolated numbers in the show, as follows: LOOEY By George V. Hobart and Max Witt. ON A CHINESE HONEYMOON By Max Hoffman NEATH THY WINDOW, SENORITA By Max Hoffman, BEDELIA By William Jerome and Jean Schwartz, which was the show-stopper. THE RED FEATHER Book by Charles Klein, lyrics by Charles Emerson Cook, and presented by a cast headed by Grace Van Studdiford, Mile. Elize De Bere, Olive Celeste and Thomas Q. Beabrooke, Edward B. Marks Music Corporation. THE CONSPIRATORS THE LITTLE MILLINER SONG OF THE CUARD **RED FEATHER** TO CALL THEE MINE A LESSON IN VERSE OUR CABINET THE HUMOROUS CHOST THE MERRY CAVALIER THE TAIL OF THE HIGHBORN ROOSTER THE ROSE AND THE BREEZE **GARDEN OF DREAMS** A PRINCE OF GOOD FELLOWS 1905 HAPPYLAND Book and lyrics by Frederic Ranken. and co-starring Marguerite Clark and DeWolf Hopper, Edward B. Marks Music Corporation. BEHOLD, THE KING ENTRANCE OF THE TROUBADOURS SO THEN, AWAY SERENADE FORTUNATUS PRETTY MAIDEN TWAS THE ROSE MADRICAL SLUMBER ON CHORUS OF SHEPHERDS **ROBIN REDBREAST** JUST EIGHTEEN YEARS ACO MINETTE, MY HUMAN MERMAID GIVE ME THY HEART, LOVE RING OUT, SWEET BELLS 1906-THE STUDENT KING Hook by Frederic Ranken, lyrics by at auction.

Stanislaus Stange, and presented by a p cast headed by Lina Abarbanell, Ray-A KEY NOTE on the mond Hitchcock. Evs Fallon and Flavis Arcaro. Edward B. Marks Music Corporation. PARADE of HITS OPPOSITES ARE WE THE STUDENT KING MY PRETTY TYROLESE GIVE ME THY HEART, LOVE I TOOK THEM ALL MY OLD BASSOON HARLEQUIN AND COLUMBINE HOW TO WOO THE GAY LIEUTENANT THE SAME OLD GAME A REAL SO WE DRINK THE JOLLY MILLER NUDEL, NUDEL, NUP-NUP MONEY MAKER ORDER 1907-THE GIRLS OF HOLLAND Book and lyrics by Stanislaus Stange, FROM YOUR and with a cast headed by Vera Michelena, Mary Nash and Harry Mac-DISTRIBUTOR Donough. This production ran for only 15 performances on Broadway but was revived later as "The Snow Man" with the following numbers: FASCINATION ARIELLA I WANT YOU FOR MY ALL TIME GIRL **TREES'** IN PARADISE LOVE ON A SUMMER'S DAY PRAY, GO GENTLY '''(()) THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS featuring MY LADY FAIR SERENADE D'AMOUR AL HIBBLER SEVEN REASONS WHY THE SPANISH GRANDEE No. M-501 **1908—THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLY** Book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith, and with a cast headed by Grace VanStuddiford, Charles Purcell, Louis B. Harrison, Walter Percival and Gladys Cole-man. Remick Music Corporation, HEROES MIRACLE 500 E. 63rd St. Chicago 37, III. MEMORY'S GARDEN THE WANDERING MINSTREL'S SONG HEART OF MINE ON THE BOULEVARD THE RECOGNIZED MAN OF THE HOUR ORIGINALITY THE COLDEN BUTTERFLY IN MOSCOW the same low price THE HAUNTED CASK BELLE OF THE RING THE ELF KING 1909-THE BEAUTY SPOT Book and lyrics by Joseph W. Herbert, since 1938 and with a cast headed by Marguerite Clark, Jefferson DeAngelis, George Mac-Farland and Grace Walton. Edward B. Marks Music Corporation. TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE DANCE OF THE ABORICINES CREOLE DAYS GOO-GOO CHICK, CHICK, CHICK COO-EE ROUND ELLIPTICAL HAMMOCK LOVE SONG A PRINCE OF BORNEO PERN BOYS WILL BE BOYS THE CINEMATOGRAPH PRETTY PUNCHINELLO 1911-THE WEDDING TRIP POINTS Book by Fred DeGressac, lyrics by Harry B. Smith and starring Christine Niel-son. Remick Music Corporation. SOLDIER'S SONG with PERMOMETAL THE LOVE WALTZ FLIRTATION (OSMIUM ALLOY) MARIE THE MIRACULOUS CURE FOND LOVE THE SEASHELL TELEPHONE LONG LIFE LE BEAU SABREUR THE GENTLEMANLY BRICAND KIND TO BECOBUS MODERN BANDITTI **1913—HER LITTLE HIGHNESS** Book and lyrics by Channing Pollack and Bennold Wolf, and with a cast ECONOMICAL... headed by Milal Hajos, Wallace Mc-More Permo Needles Sold Than All Other Longlife Cutcheon and Mae Murray. Remick Needles Combined Munic Corporation. ERMO, INCORPORATED PRACTICAL PATRIOTS WHEN YOU'RE SWEET SIXTEEN 6415 North Revenues Avenue A SELF-MADE MAN Chicous 26 MY FAIRY PRINCE MARY ANN C. O. D. COME ALONG THING DELUXE TELL ME ONE LITTLE GIRL WHEN THE LANDLORD COMES KNOCKING AT THE DOOR ETIQUETTE TO THE LADIES DRINK AND BE MERRY **Tone Poem** 1889-LITTLE BOY BLUE ROY BROWN Words by Eugene Pield. **2** Philly Stores **Close Out Disks** BACKED BY PHILADELPHIA, March 5 .- Much concern is expressed in disk distributor circles here over the fact that some of the top dealers in town are either closing down their record departments or relegating it to a nook in the store. Past week found KING RECORDS INC. DISTRIBUTORS OF two of the town's top dealers bowing KING DE out. Dubrow's, one of the biggest dealers in the South Street shop-CTELOT ISAO BALWSTER AVE. CINCINNATI 7. OHIO: ping section, announced that the store was quitting the record business to PRESSINGS provide space for its enlarged fur-10" Shellac niture department. Another heavy load of waxes went a Quality Work @ Fast Service on the selling block this week when a Rigid inspection @ Quaranteed the Music Box, in suburban Jenkin-CRAFT RECORD town, and again one of the more 848 Gergen St. Brooklyn 17. H. V properous record operations, sold out





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"Everybody Knows But Me" (31 lines) People are polite to me, As sorry as can be, Somethin's gain' sour, boys,

And everybody knows but me! "The Middle of a Dream" (36 lines) But you killed a thing of beauty Like I'd never heard or seen. Your brutal world stopped me In the middle of a dream!

"Jungle Thing" (30 lines) There's just a few with your I. Q. Your head's got that hollow ring. Don't know an ace from second base,

But, oh, you jungle thing! "You Spoiled It, Baby" (28 lines) What'd you do with the nursery plans For the ranch type bungalow How come you had to ruin it, Baby, How come you had to spoll it so!

"I Dream of Norma Jean" (24 lines) I find again that hushed, unreal scene And dream another dream of Norma Jean' "Gonna Bet the Bundle on You" (32 lines) Got that dough from under the rug 'Cause I'm sure that you'll come through Gonna hazard, gonna risk, Gonna bet the bundle on you! "Percy is His Name" (44 lines)

He's the best in Texas; He'd put the champ to shame. We call aim the one-man gang. And Percy is his name!

"Hello, Mr. Man" (28 lines) And if he makes the opening He'd better have a plan, 'Cause I'm walkin' up to him and say, Why, Hello! Hello, Mr. Mani Contact:

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## Wash. Dealers' Assn. Elects Mack Prexy; **Taking Up Problems**

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- The Washington Retail Record Dealers' Association (WRRDA) has elected John Mack, of Meltone Music Shop, as president of the newly formed organization (The Billboard, February 26). The meeting was the first since the group organized February 16. By-laws are being prepared and the WRRDA will file incorporation papers in the District of Columbia. It was explained that purposes of the organization include seeking mutual co-operation to work out dealers' problems, and there is some likelihood that a dealers' pool will be formed so as to find a solution to the problem of disposing of "dead" records. It was pointed out that a study may be made of manufacturers' methods of exporting records no longer considered popular.

Distributors in the area may be invited to associate membership in WRRDA, according to current plans. Spokesmen for record departments in department stores have indicated that they will consider joining the organization after the charter is incorporated. Officers elected besides Mack are: Max Silverman, Quality Mu 's Shop, vice-president, and Osa E. Jay, Uptown Music Shop, secre-Members of the tary-treasurer. board of directors are Littman Danziger, Disk Shop; Glenn Cox, Glenn Radio Shop; Lillian Vasilas, Alexandria (Va.) Radio Hospital, and Helen Landsman, Helen & Herb Music Shop.

**MCA Builds Novelty Band for Kabibble** 

# Valdez New Jock

NEW YORK, March 5. -Bandleader Miguelito Valdez this week signed to do a Spanish-language hour-long jockey stint six days weekly over WLIB, local indie. Pact marked a furtherance of the Thackrey station's recent move into foreign language shows. Valdez will occupy the 3 to 4 p.m. slot, Mondays thru Saturdays.

Valdez, who has frequent theater dates, will do the show remote from his dressing-room if a conflict occurs. A projected road tour, six months hence, will have Valdez waxing his comments to keep the show on the air.

# **Apex To Distribute New Lyric Kidisks**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Howard (Al) Jacobs's Apex Industries has been appointed national distributor for Jack Caiden's new Lyric kidisks. Jacobs formerly directed the Tone Products kidiskery, which sold out to Caravan last year. Lyric, according to Caiden, will expand its catalog steadily with fresh waxings of standard children's material, supplementing disks recently purchased from Classic and Carousel (The Billboard, March 5).

Caiden's Empire Record pressery has also concluded an exclusive pressing deal with Fred Herbert-Oettgen, of Radio-Rundfunk, American reppresentative of the German diskery, Kristall-Schall-Platten Company, a subsidiary of Carl Lindstrom, Ltd., of England. This company produces the Kristall and Imperial labels.





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HOLLYWOOD March 5 .- Merwyn Bogue, the Ish Kabibble of the old Kay Kyser band, is rehearsing a seven-man comedy-dance ork. Built for the zany tooter by Music Corporation of America (MCA), the group will lean more to the Spike Jones by Kyser. However, the band will use orthodox instruments. Ork will favor novelties in its dance product, putting on a show while producing the terp tempi.

## Local 802 Seeking **New Headquarters**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, is looking for new quarters, with its lease on the second and part of the cities. third floor of the building at 1265 Sixth Avenue expiring September 1. Yearly rental has been \$25,000.

Local is weighing possibility of erecting its own building.

# Men Here Blow **Fine Underwood**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Video took a tough rap Friday night (4) at eight when a motley assortment of music critics perpetrated a free-wheeling rendition of Exactly Like You, subtitled Five Grandmothers, on Bill Williams' Adventures in Jazz show over CBS-TV.

The line-up included The Billboard's own wild Bill Simon on clarinet, Look's mad Mike Levine on piano, Modern Screen's leapin' Leonard Feather on celeste, This Week's Les (Cornbread) Lieber on alto, and Metronome's gorgeous George Simon on traps.

Sitting in the jury box on the session was a stern-browed group of for-real musickers-Bobby Sherwood, Will Bradley, Joe Thomas and others. When asked for a verdict, they coughed discreetly.

## Milton, Milburn Ink Pacts for Alexander

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 .-- Willard Alexander has further expanded his side of the fence than the style used talent roster with the inking of Roy Milton and Amos Milburn. The attractions, however, will continue to be handled on the Coast by their present agents, Federal Artists for Milburn, and Ben Waller for Milton. Alexander will secure Eastern bookings for the Negro groups.

> Acquisition comes on the heels of Alexander's inking of thrush Ginnie Powell and the Claude Thornhill ork. Alexander said his agency will soon open offices in Hollywood and Chicago, but refused to disclose details until reps are named for the two

# Leonard Joy Back With Decca Records

NEW YORK, March 5.-Leonard Joy this week rejoined the Decca Records' organization here. He will work out of the firm's local office. Joy formerly was West Coast recording director for the firm, but left over a year ago. It is understood that he will resume as a general recording man, possibly doing double duty as a musical director.

He has performed in both types of work for Decca and previously for the Victor company.

# Hansen on Coast **To Hypo BMI Sales**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Bill Hansen, director of sales for Broadcast Music, Inc., left this week for a business trip to the Coast.

Hansen, who has taken new folios along with him, will be gone for six weeks. He'll stop off at Chicago and all music centers on a sales hypo tour.



## Cetra - Soria's First Italian LP Release Is 'Forza Del Destino'

NEW YORK, March 5. - Cetra-Soria, American label releasing Italian Cetra recordings here is readying its "rst LP 331/3 r.p.m. issue. Initial release will feature an abridged version of the Verdi opera. La Forza Del Destino, with Maria Caniglia, Ebe Stignani, Masini, Pasero, and Tagliabue. The diskery released the complete opera on 18 12-inch 78 r.p.m. disks last month. The abridged LP version will cover two 12-inch disks.

An album of operatic duets sung by tenor Ferruccio Tagliavini and soprano Pia Tassinari (Mrs. Tagliavini), both currently starring at the Metropolitan Opera, will be released on imported Cetra disks March 15. The recording, were made last year in Italy. Tagliavini now records for RCA Victor via an arrangement with Cetra-Soria, but the deal permits the Italian firm to cut ensemble sides with the tenor.

According to Cetra-Soria topper. Dario Soria, the Italian factory, which previously pressed slight'y undersized disks, is now making full-size 12-inch platters for American record changers.

# **ApolloCanadaRights**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Monogram Records, Toronto diskery headed by Chuck Darwyn, has obtained the Canadian rights to Apollo masters. The Apollo waxings, according to sales manager Irving Katz, will be pressed and distributed by Monogram on Monogram label, with a credit to Apollo. Lonogram has similar deals with a number of other U.S. indies, and presses the low-priced Spotlite disks in Canada (The Billboard, February 5).

A National Accounting of Disk Jockey Activities

CHICAGO CHATTER . . . Jim Hamilton, WIND, doing a series of week-end vaude dates in Illinois and Indiana theaters with regional platter names. . . . Mannie Mauldin, Negro jockey who worked previously on KFDA, Amarillo, Tex., and WJOB, Joliet, Ill., has a sponsored show weekly on WCFL, Chicago. . . . Carl (Regular Joe) Oxman, WMIN, Minneapolis, plays records backward, awarding a prize to the first correct wired answer. . . . Sev Webman, the Minneapolis platter pilot who has left two local stations after such unusual controversies with the management as his air altercation with a movie guestar and eating popcorn during his air show has decided to run a contest over WDGY, his latest Minneapolis employer, with a prize to be awarded to the person who guesses correctly how long he'll remain with the station. . . . Paul (Shorty) Schroder, the folk music jock on WIMS, Michigan City, Ind., has had membership cards printed for his Chisholm Trail Club. ... Sam Evans, WAAF, played host to Brother Bones recently.

TUNE TOUTING . . . Jack the Bellboy, WJBK, Detroit, reports "Willard Robeson's album of 'Deep River' music on Capitol and particularly the 'Deep Summer Music' is one of the most beautiful things in many a moon." . . . Bettelou Purvis, WPGH, Pittsburgh, says that Tommy Edwards's "A Long Time" on National is sensational for "trick recording technique and entertaining wax work." ... Jack Kenny, WDLB, Marshfield, Wis., reports that "Montana Moon," by Glen Davis on Skating Rhythms "Is a winner in this territory.". . . . Ed Peiss, KVOC, Casper, Wyo., communicates: "Woody Herman's 'Summer Sequence' and Charley Ventura's 'Birdland' are getting terrific play in my bailiwick." . . . Ted Fairburn, subbing for Bill Meyer, out with a broken leg from WLDS, Jacksonville, III., is getting strong requests for Texas Tyler's "Memories of France" and the Ames Brothers' "You, You, You Are the One." . . . Gordon R. Phillips, WROV, Roanoke, Va., says that George Olsen's Mercury cutting of "Secrets" "has been Roanoke's biggest in recent weeks."

TorontoDiskeryGets JAZZ JOX . . . Jay Giles, WCNT, Centralia, Ill., is featuring strictly the jam and jive stuff on his "Jazz Club" seg. He reports strong response for a couple of old Wolverine disks on Brunswick he recently unearthed. ... Russ Reardon, WTOB, Winston-Salem, N. C., is conducting classes at his home on bop. "Augments my broadcasting data designed to make more people more music conscious," he writes. . . . Joe Daniels, WCSS, Amsterdam, N Y., reports that he and Jack Griswold, same station, are pushing jazz and bop. Other bop-minded jocks in the area, Joe reports, are Vern Cook, WGY; Les Duell, WOKO, and Marty Ross, WPTR. . . . Bob Nelson, WBBQ, Augusta, Ga., features Woody Herman, Ventura and Good-man on his "Swing Clinic," "Believing that the good commercial name appeal of these artists will do much toward spreading the bop gospel."



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# Allegro Records Gets "Schmoo" Exclusive

NEW YORK, March 5.-Exclusive rights to record the Schmoo on 10inch disks have been granted to Allegro Records by cartoonist Al Capp. Six songs about the Schmoo, animal created by Capp in his L'il Abner strip, will be issued on a single unbreakable kidisk, The Schmoo Sings, this week, according to Paul Puner, Allegro president. The container sleeve will feature original artwork by Capp.

The tunes, written by Gerald Marks, were released previously on seveninch disks by the Music-You-Enjoy kidiskery. Vocalist Earl Rogers cut the material for Allegro.

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# **Brother Bones On Personal Tour**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Brother Bones, whose whistling and minstrel bones clapping made an overnight sleeper smash of the Tempo waxing of Sweet Georgia Brown, in on a personal appearance tour in the East. The Brother, it turns out, is a gent named Freeman Davis, until his hit on wax a carpenter in Long Beach, Calif., where he lives with his wife and two children. Currently he's sharing the bill with Woody Herman at the Adams Theater in Newark until Wednesday (9). On Friday (11) he begins a week at the Apollo.

Davis will make some public appearances outside of New York after the Apollo date, and will return here to receive The Pittsburgh Courier's Talent Find of the Year Award at Carnegie Hall April 9.

# **New 59-Cent Label Enters Kidisk Field**

NEW YORK, March 5.- A new 59cent 10-inch unbreakable kidisk, Kiddie-Land, is scheduled for release in mid-March. The new diskery will be operated by Irving E. Bizman, Julie Marvin and W. F. Martens, all currently associated with Willida, also a kidisk label. The new set-up will operate independently, however,

Artists and repertoire plans call for a catalog of standards, with the following talent already signed: Musical conductor Al Rickey, vocalists Jeanne Roy, Paul Anderson, Joseph Boley and the Bell-Aires, Full orchestras will be used on all dates, with name radio and stage talent to be inked for individual dates.

Kiddie-Land is the fifth kidisk label to enter the 59-cent field, following the Indies Peter Pan, Music-You-Enjoy Junior and Lyric.

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# AGVA May Delay Convention 1st All-Jewish To Save Cash for Strikes

Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) is preparing for strikes in at least one major city-New York-and in order to conserve its cash for such an eventuality has asked its national board for permission to postpone its convention due in June.

This talk of postponement, however, has aroused a hornets' nest among the rank and file, who point to what they claim are infractions of the constitution. According to the AGVA constitution, an annual convention must be held. Dewey Barto argues that keeping within the spirit of the constitution may be a luxury that members may not be able to afford.

"If you're going to lay off, you don't blow your roll," Barto said. "We may be faced with a couple of strikes and we'll have to support our members. A convention will set us back about \$20,000. I suggest we save the dough."

Those opposed to Barto's policies say they have no objection to a postponement. What they object to is their claim that Barto's action is unconstitutional. According to them, any postponement must be determined by a membership referendum for a constitutional change. Polling the national board, they say, is not enough; even presenting such a change at branch membership meetings, they say, is illegal.

#### **Board Meets March 7**

The national board is due to start Its meeting in New York March 7 and is expected to handle a number of stormy issues. Among these is the status of TV and a feeling among the tank and file that the differences among the unions in the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (Four A's) in jurisdiction has degenerated into a word battle between Dewey Barto, AGVA topper, and George Heller, American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) head, while the rank and file are idly standing by. Other matters troubling members is the inability, they claim, to "get things done" by AGVA. According to AGVA's constitution, there shall be three national board meetings annually and executive board meetings monthly. Up to date the executive board, the ruling body in AGVA, has

NEW YORK, March 5 .- American been ineffective because at none of its meetings were quorums present. Without a quorum, action was stalemated. An effort will be made to change the by-laws to permit of more rapid action on matters various branches may decide are urgent.

#### Non-Attendance Cited

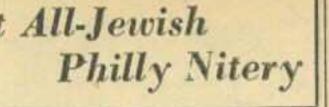
Barto's reply was that some members of the executive board were working and were not available for meetings. Rank and file's reply was that executive board members don't attend because their expenses are not paid. And while such payment may not be mandatory under the constitution, it is charged that Barto's interpretation of the constitution is onesided.

A few members of the New York executive board flatly charged Barto of disregarding the constitution they say he wrote. "There is no membership participation since Barto took over," they claim. "Everything is done by mail. Resolutions are mailed to board members. The national board is the final authority, but, since it doesn't function, Barto becomes the final authority."

# The War's Over In Monte Carlo

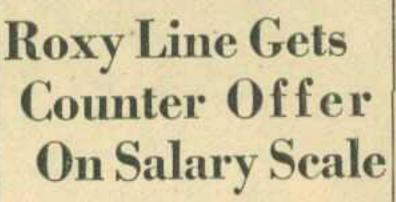
NEW YORK, March 5 .- The first American line since the war will open at the Monte Carlo Casino, Monaco, France, late in June for a five-week stand.

The eight-girl line, hired from Wally Wanger and booked thru the Morris office, will be paid in francs, equivalent to their salary in New York. The kids will get transportation and first-class hotels. Cost of the line is approximately \$1,500.



PHILADELPHIA, March 5. -Philly's first all-Jewish night club gets going March 12 with Jennie Goldstein, old-time fave of the Yiddish stage, headlining. Situated in North Philadelphia in the heart of the Jewish restaurant and catering belt, the nitery will be known as the Golden Slipper.

In another corner of the town, the Zanzibar, Harlem cafe dedicated to the hot jazz attractions, has been sold by the Watts brothers (Bob and Dick) for a reported \$25,000. The new owner is Ed Mueller, who operated the near-by Cafe Society for a short time.



NEW YORK, March 5 .- The Roxy management has made its line a counter-offer thru the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) after first stating that it couldn't increase salaries.

At present the theater's salary scale for its line (boys and girls) is \$45 to start, \$55 after six months, \$60 after one year and \$65 after two years. AGVA, thru Vic Connors, negotiating for the kids, has asked for a \$55 starting salary, \$65 after six months, \$70 after a year and \$75 after 18 months.

Roxy's counter-offer is a starting salary of \$50; after six months, \$57.50; after one year, \$62.50, and after two years, \$67.50. Management has also offered one week off every five. At present the house lines get one week off every six weeks. If AGVA comes to terms with the Roxy (another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8) it will start dickering with Radio City Music Hall. Latter house scale, according to AGVA, is now \$55 to start, \$60 after one year, \$65 after two years and \$75 after four years.



#### More Names for Summer

NEW YORK, March 5. - A number of offices are taking advantage of the revival of flesh, first forecast here in August, 1947, by forming units headed by names to do personal appearances.

Both General Artists Corporation (GAC) and the William Morris office expect that more names will be available next summer for the first time since the war boom petered out. In most cases these names have radio shows that will go off during the summer. But where in the past these names just laid off during the hot weather, they are now showing interest in coming out.

#### Peggy Lee Package

GAC is already submitting Peggy Lee, a band and two acts in a package deal for \$12,500. In the past Miss Lee did personals but was booked as a single. The package consists of the Ray Anthony band, the Dave Barbour Quintet and two acts. The office is also submitting a Jo Stafford package for \$12,500. This will carry Ray McKinley's band and acts. Both bands, however, may be changed, depending on other conditions.

The Morris office is readying straight vaude packages headed by Eddie Cantor, Burns and Allen, Red Skelton and Joan Davis. In some cases dates have already been lined up for some of these performers, but most of them are for single week shows, no routes. At least one indie, Hal Sands, is also trying to form units to work the various houses opening up all over the country. He's got a plan to put lines together in varying price ranges which can go into different houses. The theater, however, will put a name on top. There would be extra acts. The plan is similar to the Fanchon & Marco units popular years ago.

## Pittsburgh's AGVA Squabbling at End

PITTSBURGH, March 5.—A happy note of harmony was struck at the general membership meeting of the Pittsburgh branch of the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) at the Hotel Henry Wednesday (2), when a unanimous vote of confidence was given to Nat Nazarro Jr., national rep and head of the local group. The largest crowd ever to attend a membership meeting here was on hand. The dissident group (The Billboard, February 19), who were sharpening the ax for Nazarro's neck, seemed to have completely forgotten their grievances.

Henry Dunn, national treasurer of AGVA, appearing in Pittsburgh at the Carousel, attended the meeting and spoke briefly on the aims of AGVA in Pittsburgh. He said that a hension. complete insurance program was in the offing and that Pittsburgh would soon have the same strong set of rules that have made the New York branch such a cohesive body.

Jack Irving, Midwest regional director of AGVA, who came in to attend the meeting, made a strong pitch in Nazarro's behalf. So everybody minor who obtains an identification went home and now nobody's mad at card fraudulently is guilty of a mis- Murk, of Minneapolis, president of the circuit agent. Adler handles many

## Phila. Casino Bows To Switch to Wed

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The Latin Casino, Philly, will change its opening nights from Mondays to Wednesdays starting March 23.

begin with the Myron Cohen and Gracie Barrie bill, is attributed to various factors. Legit shows usually have Monday night preems in the town, and Monday is also a fight night. These plus the fact that Monday nights are tough business nights, even without competition, has brought the change about.

#### The switch in preem nights, due to S. F. Curfew Crackdown

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5. -Night clubs were again warned this week to stop liquor sales at 2 a.m., which is the legal hour for liquor to go off sale. It has been reported that some spots have taken advantage of the leeway permitted for dancing and floorshows, to continue serving.

#### Full Weeks for Richmond

Sands is also putting full-week shows back into the National, Richmond, Va., starting March 18. The first show will have Billy Gilbert on top. Another performer in Gilbert's class is being sought to split top billing. With these there will be four other acts. National's second show will be headlined by Pat Rooney and the Bricklayers. In the weeks where no attractions are available, Sands will use girl productions and five acts.

The Palace, Albany, N. Y., a Fabian house, will also reopen May 4 with Vaughn Monroe for a spot show in a full-weeker. Sands, who put the show in, said he hoped to keep the house open after Monroe finished.

# Ya Wanna Drink in Minnesota? **Git Out That Family Bible!**

ST. PAUL, March 5 .- A bill to pro- \$100 fine or 90-day workhouse term. tect night club or tavern operators from criminal or civil suits when they sell liquor or beer to minors in good faith was introduced in the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives Thursday (3).

The proposal calls for a system of licensing businesses which issue identification cards. The firms would be licensed under supervision of the State Bureau of Criminal Appre-

A fingerprint company in Minneapolis now issues identification cards to adults only, but if the identification card is obtained under false pretenses the owner of a night club, tavern or package liquor store is held thumbs. liable for selling to minors.

The proposed law provides that any

Applicants engaging in the identification card business would pay a \$25 license fee to the State. The licensee would be required to maintain a classified file of the complete fingerprints of all persons identified, set up according to standards of the State Crime Bureau. The licensee would be bonded for \$5,000.

The identification cards issued by the licensee would state the holder's name, sex, address, occupation, date and place of birth, height, weight, color of eyes and hair, and compexion. The information would be notarized on the card, which also would contain a photograph and the fingerprint of either of the holder's

The Senate author is Sen. Emmett L. Duemke, of Minneapolis. The chief author in the House is Rep. George

# Stem May Get **Big-Time Vaude**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Nat Dunn and Harry Adler will go into partnership, starting March 21, and will have their joint offices at Adler's headquarters.

As part of their joint ventures, the two lads are working on a plan to open a Stem house with big-time vaude. The idea is to hire a name as a semi-permanent fixture and six or seven additional acts to be changed every two weeks or so. The team's first promotion is the one-night vaude show at Carnegie Hall March 19, in which they've joined with Ken Robey. Dunn is probably the biggest borsht



#### The Billbourd

# Milwaukee Hopeful Of Income Tax in Lieu of Gate Levy

MILWAUKEE, March 5 .- A city ordinance levying a general admissions tax of about 5 per cent, now awaiting Common Council action, would not be necessary if the State ban on municipal income taxes were lifted, a special subcommittee of the council's judiciary committee reported Wednesday (2).

The economic survey committee estimated an admissions tax would give Milwaukee from \$770,000 to \$861 000 a year in additional revenue, but favored a municipal income tax instead. Both are aimed at taxing suburban dwellers who use city facilities. Wisconsin has no State amusement tax.

The proposed ordinance would levy these taxes:

One cent on each 20 cents or fraction thereof of the price of a ticket to any place in the city. The tax wouldn't apply to the first 20 cents on tickets to kids under 12.

Five pe cent on each season ticket or reserved box for any type of entertainment, levied on the basis of the price of identical seats or sections for each single performance.

Five per cent on all ticket agent commissions.

Five per cent on all cabarets, roof gardens, night clubs, etc., levied on admissions, food, service or merchandise.

Five per cent on all initiation fees of social, athletic and sporting clubs and 5 per cent on dues.

#### Detroit Censors' Easy Mth.; **Only Six Cabaret Deletions**

by the Detroit censor in show routines were down to six for February, according to Lieut, Howard Stewart, in charge of the censorship squad for the police department. All changes were made in cabarets, with no theaters involved. However, changes were ordered in the advertising on two theater fronts. The reason for the low number of cuts, according to Stewart, is the scarcity of flesh in town. Only one spot within the city limits, the Copa Club, is running full-scale shows, while the Club Manhattan, Eagles Club and Geisz Inn run a few nights a week, and a number of other spots have a singer or single act requiring attention by the censor.

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Capacity, 4,637. Prices, 80 cents-\$1.50. Five shows dally. Chain booker, Sidney Piermont. Show played by name band on bill.

New show is well paced, plays excellently and gets audience response practically all the way. Sammy Kaye's outfit (15), including the Kaydets and the Kaye choir, plus singers Don Cornell and Laura Leslie, boy and girl, respectively, turn in jobs for solid eye and ear values.

The band, as always, leans to pop sidemen doing bits behind soloists to give the show a feeling of action. Ork's biggest numbers were Powder Your Face With Sunshine and Down Among the Sheltering Palms, both listenable and both getting fine hands. The band-leading gimmick, a standard Kaye stunt, was well, even enthusiastically, received, winding up to big hands as the pit went down.

Harvey Stone grows in stature each time caught. This time around he has r couple of songs (one a parody on Buttons and Bows) that got yocks Beguine that stopped the show. Helen time and again. His army routine, Ramsey, new chirp with the ork, does now a Stone classic, has been sharpened, cut to the bone and sold with surprising results. Stone was on for about 12 minutes but, judging from for the lulls between their snickerthe howls and the hands, could have stayed on for twice that.

gob act. Kids worked fast, showed more continuity and gimmicks. their now accepted ability and wound up way ahead.

#### **Cornell Excellent**

Don Cornell, band male singer, worked in the Sheltering Palms number and did an excellent Here I'll harmonica work. Stay in his own spot. He gave the DETROIT, March 5.-Cuts required first number plenty of heft and did the second one in a polished fashion. Laura Leslie, with a becoming an opening ballad and just adequate rendition on a novelty, Pappy Gave the Gun Away. Newest experiment of the Capitol is a new mike, a condenser type, with the activating portion the size of a dime and about six dimes thick. Here it was placed on a stand and from out front it seemed as thin as a pencil. Obvious advantage is that performers can work in and around it without the mike hiding their faces. It is said to have 200 per cent less feedbacks and a volume carry greater than any mike now available.

#### Chicago, Chicago (Friday, March 4)

Capacity, 4,300. Price policy, 50 to 98 cents Four shows weekdays, five shows week-ends. House booker, Harry Levine. Shows played by Lawrence Welk's band.

The B&K flagship house dropped its straight act policy for Lawrence Welk's ork, and the change should help the box office, judging by firstday reaction. Welk crew (four saxes, four brass and four rhythm, including Hammond organ and piano) puts out a commercial blend of music, with Welk's accordion and Jerry tunes with catchy melodies, with the Berg's Hammonding contributing to an original style. Welk is an excellent emsee whose enthusiastic batoneering helps sell the band. He does a swell job of tune-picking, selecting such red-hots, as So Tired and Powder Your Face, together with novelties and standards.

Band has improved on the showmanship and humor side, with bassist Tex Cromer and trumpeter Dick Hill teaming as a smart singing comedy duo. Pair contributed an Ink Spots impresh and a hillbilly Begin the well with ballads and Irish ditties. Lloyd and Susan Wills need a paring job on their comedy tap routines, grabbers are frequent. Pair have the rudiments of an excellent number Olson and Joy opened with their in the ballerina bit in which the gal standard French doll and American parodies the toe-dancers, but needs

> The Harmonica Rascals, with Johnny Puleo standing out, nabbed heavy laughs. They could use a straight musical number midway to space the comedy and show their

Pic: John Loves Mary.

Johnny Sippel.

# **Dorothy Lewis Ends Run in Minneapolis**

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MINNEAPOLIS, March 5.-After a nine-month run, Dorothy Lewis closed her icer at the Hotel Nicollet here Thursday night (3), but will be back in the Minnesota Terrace room in June for another indefinite stay.

Meanwhile, Neil R. Messick, hostelry prexy, has inked Art Kassel and ork for a four-weeker, to be followed by two name bands for the 12-week period when Miss Lewis is away. Kassel reputedly costs \$2,500 weekly. He opened Friday (4).

Messick still is working on a plan for the room reputed to be "something entirely different" in the entertainment field. Hostelry help are mum on the idea. It originally was skedded for a January intro, but plans didn't materialize by then and may take some months to come thru.

Return of a name band to the Minnesota Terrace is the first time in four or five years that anything but local orks have filled that room's bandstand.



CARLOS VACCARO Ace Drum "Rhythmist" "Truly an outstanding team" -New Orleans Picayune Currently: GRANADA LOUNGE Meadville, Penn. Management: Wally Gluck Agency

Pic, Three Godfathers. Bill Smith.

#### & PAULETTE TRIO **Cafe Society Sold By Barney Josephson**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- After several false starts, Barney Josephson finally sold his Cafe Society, which he ran for more than 10 years.

New owners are Louis Lewis and Max Mansch. Lewis is in the provision business in New Jersey. Mansch is a retired hotel man.

While price was not disclosed, the asking figure was \$75,000. Intimates of Josephson say the final figure was about \$60,000, of which a portion was in cash and the rest in notes.

It is understood that Tony Colucci, identified with Don Julio's, another Village cafe, is not a partner, but will supervise the talent policy.

#### **IATSE 24 Names Sullivan**

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5. -24, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), Fall River, Mass., has been re-elected. Other officers re-elected include Raymond Gagnon, secretary; James Cobyrn, treasurer, and Joseph Salvo, business agent.

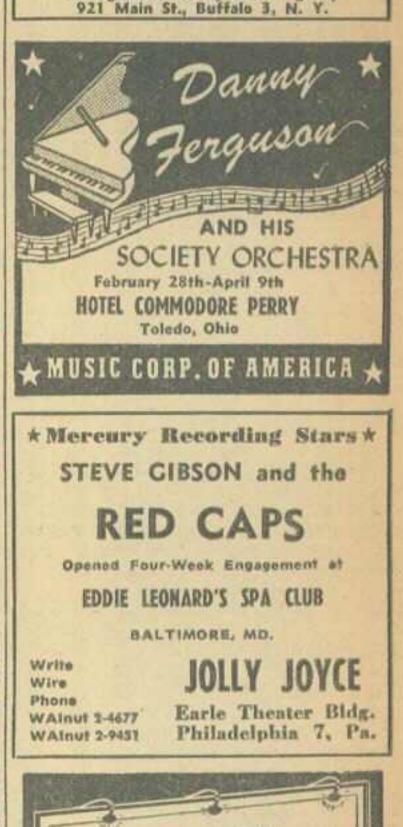
# Laura Leslie, with a becoming Florida tan, did a pleasing job with British Troops Gripe About Poor Shows

LONDON, March 5 .- The gripe of British servicemen that American troops in Germany get better shows than the British, has been brought to the front again by The London Daily Herald.

"British servicemen in Germany are discontented over the quality of stage entertainments being sent to them," the paper says. "The men are complaining that many of the shows being sent out to them are fourth-rate entertainment. Some of the performers are well known, but a variety bill is often filled with poor entertainers who rely on vulgarity."

The complaint of the servicemen is not limited to the types of entertainment or the vulgarity which is shoved at them. Entertainment after the summer of 1946 was taken over by the forces' own organization, Combined Services' Entertainment (CSE), and is not free to the troops. Tickets are sold for around \$1 to officers, 50 cents for an n.c.o., 25 cents for other ranks. British troops complain that they must pay for their shows, but while they are guests at shows in American camps they are offered much better entertainment for nothing.

The Berlin air lift show provided at Christmas, and which featured top American artists, had British troops frothing at the thought that nothing of a similar nature was ever provided for them. The main obstacle to first-class shows for British troops seems to be the apparent disinterest by army authorities to cut red tape. This fact has been revealed by many George Sullivan, president of Local entertainers and has been recently amplified by Wee Georgie Wood, who wrote that his attempt to take football star Stanley Matthews on a tour was not made possible. George Brightwell, CSE controller, is anxious to take stars on tour but he says the future looks dim.





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NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDEVILLE 52

Vine Gardens, Chicago

(Thursday, March 3)

Capacity, 200. Price policy, \$2.50 minimum with 50-cent cover charge. Shows at 8:30, 11:30 and 1:30. Exclusive booker, Paul Marr. Publicity, Helen Weiss, Estimated budget last show, \$2,600. Hudget this show, \$2,900.

Jimmy Pappas has come up with a replacement for Joey Bishop in Phil Foster. The Brooklynese comic has been seen locally twice before, but his standard material missed then. In this intimate room, Foster has found himself. While his standard material got fair returns, his ad libbing put him across. After doing 20 minutes of his routines, he began clowning with ringsiders about a traditional tiny birthday cake giveaway in this bistro. Foster built the gimmick into 15 minutes of fun. He would do well to switch from his East Coast material completely.

Tapstress Ginger Kinney, a cute redhead, is just an okay dancer, but displays good showmanship and acrobatic and ballet ability to spruce up her turn.

Martin Barnett, panto-conjurer, has a deft pair of mitts that put across good card, cigarette and razor blade manipulations. Barnett has worked standard manipulations into a turn that holds interest thruout. He could use a smash trick for a closer.

Judy Manners, subbing for ailing Jesse Rosella, drew attention, flashing showmanship with a pair of arresting eyes and a powerful voice. She mixed her numbers well, saving a Boy of Mine rendition for her closer.

Both Mel Cole's show band (four) and Ramon's rumba band (four) sound as if the boys could use some rehearsing. Show and dance sets were full of clinkers.

Johnny Sippel.

#### Silver Frolies, Chicago (Thursday, March 3)

Capacity, 325. Price policy, \$1.50 minimum. Bhows at 10, 12 and 2. Operators; Ben Orlott and Irv Singer. Booking policy, exclusive thru Bid Harris, Mutual Entertainment Agency Estimated budget last show, \$3,500. Estimated budget this show, \$2,800.

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#### March 12, 1949

#### Hotel Last Frontier, Las Vegas, Nev. (Friday, February 25)

Capacity, 300. Price policy, no cover or minimum. Shows at 8:30 and 11; extra Saturday show at 12:45. Owner, Hotel Last Frontier, Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Jimmy Dugan. Estimated budget this show, \$5,000. Estimated budget last show, \$5,000.

Jimmy Savo was a hit and gave a fine start to the hotel's opening of a six-month program to be known as Danny O'Neil's Varieties, with the Irish tenor as singing host and producer. However, altho applause was generous, a more sophisticated Eastern audience probably would have appreciated Savo's soul-portraying facial contortions and heart-rending falsetto songs more.

Side splitting in make-up alone, Savo clicked in every number of his versatile comic routines, including straight panto, mock magic, burlesques of popular songs, mirthful monologues, and a couple of audience participations. The pantomimist kept his show clean and earned the several callbacks during both shows thru sheer artistry.

#### **O'Neil Goes Over**

O'Neil gave the crowd a treat with his sweet clear tenor versions of Because and Galway Bay. It was his first try as combo emsee-performer. His hosting was satisfactory and seemed to please the crowd, stressing audience participation. The show opened with a song, Howdy, Pardner, taken from Las Vegas' advertising welcome to tourists, and written by Ted Klages and Dick Knight in which names of many of the audience were rung in. His work was straight adlibbing and undoubtedly will take on more polish with time.

Uncle Willie, 17-year-old Negro comic, used his satchel-mouth, working ardently between taffy-colored pigtails, to score heavily with an outstanding record mimic of Il Bacio done by a soprano. He has appeared here before and is popular in Las Vegas. However, cutting of a couple of his own vocals would not have harmed the show. The Varieties ran overtime and cutting is indicated. The girls, identical in face, form and voice, were good as a novelty but one or two numbers were enough. The Kathryn Duffy Dancers line had a good gypsy routine, but added little else. Eddy Rogers ork made some nice incidental music and shone in the rumba de-Byron L. Troyer. partment.

# NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

The Clique, New York

(Thursday, February 24)

Capacity, 275. Price policy, 90 cents ad-

mission, \$2 minimum at tables. Continous

entertainment from 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Owners, Al Martin, Bammy Kaye and Irving

Alexander. Booker, non-exclusive. Estimated

budget this show, \$3,750. Estimated budget

The Clique last week unfastened

its most exciting package to date in

the new and revitalized Charlie

Barnet band, with its hybrid mixture

of swing and bop, and the Lennie

Tristano Quintet serving up sets of

fantastic excursions for the purist

boppers. The new bill also spots

singer-dancer Bunny Briggs, whose

energetic and dynamic personality

just about steals the continuously

Barnet, trying his hand for the

first time at one of the jazz theater-

restaurant jobs, offers what probably

stacks up as the most notable band

in his 10-year career. Copping much

of the limelight with his own so-

prano, tenor and alto sax gyrations,

Barnet also spots the brilliant trump-

eting of Doc Severenson, hitherto

an unknown, who displays brilliant

tone and technique. The band's sock

ensemble, its fine soloists and its ever-

swinging attack, make it a sure-fire

pleaser for this type of location. The

ork, alongside of Woody Herman's

Herd and Dizzy Gillespie's boppers,

ranks as one of the top jazz crews

**Bunny Briggs** 

is the facile and talented Bunny

fracture the Clique's audience and

Working with Barnet on this job

singer, Ray Stapleton.

in the country.

last show, \$2,750.

#### Town Casino, Buffalo (Tuesday, March 1)

Capacity, 900. Price policy, \$1.50 minimum; 90 cents cover Saturdays only. Shows at 8, 11 and 1:30. Owner-operators, Harry Altman and Harry Wallens; manager, Joe Swidler, Booking policy, non-exclusive, Estimated hudget this show, \$15,200, Estimated budget last show, \$10,000.

Rating now as one of the biggest spenders for nitery talent, Harry Altman has come up with a particularly heavy nut this week, most of the dough going for the three Ritz Brothers in their first local p.a. stand. Consequently this show is equally heavy on zany comedy antics, with a few good novelties thrown in for relief. All in all it makes for a pleasing and commercial 90-minute package and moving entertainment, and new young perhaps a smart change from the usual big-time musical attractions this spot has been featuring. It remains to be seen.

The Ritz boys are practically the whole show; they come on in third slot and just stay around for a marathon pandemonium, working with two out of the four added acts and reducing them to stooges for the better part. For one thing their intro of gibberish was too drawn out, and the same criticism holds true generally; they didn't know when to quit a situation and milked the laughs too strenuously at times. On the whole, however, their screwball pantomime, slapstick and sound stuff, and a goodly sprinkling of blue (mostly old) material, aided by props, held the audience and got spontaneous yocks. Their French number seemed best bit.

Together with Maxellos, a teetertotter thrill act, two fellows and two Briggs, whose singing was enough to girls, they got in plenty of nonsense, also getting a fem from audience to who, in addition, is a brilliant tap participate. As a novelty the Maxel- dancer. los are okay, but were subordinated

This smart bistro should do business that builds weekly for three months-the period for which Comic Jimmy Ames has been pacted. Ames, a towering fullback type, is the best new face any spot in town has come up with in two years. His material is clean and 99 per cent original, but it's his zany ad-lib delivery that puts him across. Ames seems to get a kick out of working, and his enthusiasm sends the patrons. He's a top tumult comic and keeps the room in an uproar. He did only two routines, a Lost Weekend bit and a chronology of top singers, but each is interwoven with asides that netted attention. Mitts called him back three times.

Sylvia Froos, former radio chirp, leans too heavily on standards and risque novelties. Gal forgot to include a pop and did not mix the standards and novelties, doing two aldies to open, with four bits of special material to follow. Her specialties were excellent, but they lost zest in being overdone. She could be fine nitery material if she paced her program.

Frances White is a terrific tap technician, but she never runs down The peak she maintains makes for poor pacing. She needs a novelty number to spice her stint.

Ops have added a four-gal line, the Frolics Lovelies, and while their presence adds a little prestige, their Their novelties are good. The Cromentertainment value is almost nil. well Trio filled the lulls on stage. Johnny Sippel.

purposely.

#### Evelyn Brooks

Evelyn Brooks, shapely brunette songstress, in a midway spot, displays husky pipes and selling savvy if she'd only tone down on the shouting. Best offering was cute specialty, I'll Dance at Your Wedding. For the Ritz zanies she provided a perfect target.

The Piero Brothers, first act on, are a clean-cut pair of Argentine jugglers whose routine with rings, clubs and hats is enough to hold steady attention. They worked with dash and nonchalance and were rewarded with a good hand. Frank Ross, billed as a "One-Man, Juke Box," had a strong comedy-novelty in the closing spot. His vocal imitations of orks were solid and entertaining. He did Henry Busse, Clyde McCoy, singing Senator Pappy O'Daniel, St. Louis Blues (trumpet) and a Hawaiian chant. He registered strongly. Gal partner Anita La Pierre. a tall blonde, worked as straight and was okay.

The 10-girl line (the Casino Adorables) filled the bill adequately with looks and ability and were on display for the show's opening only with a boogie, Emsee Lenny Paige, a fixture here, was personable enough. Gino Bono's 10-piece ork did the best possi- his Capitol disk standards, after which ble with a very difficult show-cutting job, inasmuch as Ritz Brothers added much ad lib and impromptu bits. The Jack Gordon Trio (bass, guitar, accordion) entertained at dinner and on top of special adjoining show bar. Eva Warner.



The Tristano group, featuring the leader's fertile imagination and fine piano and the alto sax of Lce Konitz, is one of the most extreme of the pure modernistic school and is offering something musicians and the pure The hipsters will thoroly relish. fivesome makes an extremely tasteful thing of selling its highly inventive and fresh modernism.

All told, Barnet and Tristano make a fine jazz bill-certainly one of the most satisfying since the hot spots bopped into prominence.

Hal Webman.

#### Mayfair Room, Blackstone Hotel, Chicago (Wednesday, March 2)

Capacity, 325. Price policy, \$1 cover, \$2 minimum, Shows at 9:15 and 11:45, Booking policy, non-exclusive. Publicity, Evelyn Nelson. Estimated budget last show, \$2,800. Estimated budget this show, \$3,750.

Andy and Della Russell have one of the cutest and most refreshing turns to work a local bistro in some time. Both score easily with the sincerity and enthusiasm they put into their work. Andy came on solo to do a series of tunes ranging from Slow Boat to China to a medley of Della came on, interrupting him in the middle of an intro for a tune. Duo worker three numbers together, with Is It Yes or Is It No? the peak of their stint. Tune is just right for them and Andy worked a series of parody impreshes on toppers like Frankie Laine and Tony Martin, getting some nifty chuckles not only from the voice aping, but also for his mimicry of their physical mannerisms. Della did only one number solo, a special material bit about being married to a crooner. She did a wonderful sales job.

Pair need some realigning of their material to get top response, for their only pop was Slow Boat, which is descending in popularity. They could also use one more really meaty piece of special material to do together, for its their combined work that reaped the best hand. Johnny Sippel.

#### Cotillion Room, Hotel Pierre, New York

(Tuesday, March 1)

Capacity, 365. Price policy, \$3-\$4 minimum. Shows at 9:15 and 12:15. Owners, Hotel Pierre, Booking policy, non-exclusive, with Stanley Melba buying, Publicity, Madeline Riordan. Estimated budget of current show, \$900.

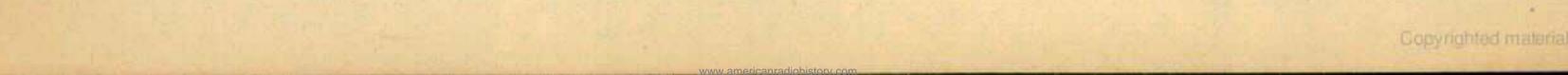
This is a pleasant enough show, but it lacks distinction. The two acts, Cardini and Florence and Frederic are competent, work hard and do well. The over-all effect, however, is lackadaisical.

Cardini is an excellent magician. He is still one of the few manipulators around who can do card tricks with gloved hands. His ball handling is equally deft, as are the standard cigarette and take-a-card-any-card tricks. He showed a new one, using a small bird which was supposed to pick various cards. The bird was temperamental, so while the idea was good, the results were not.

Florence and Frederic do lifts and spins with consummate ease. They look swell and work well. But outside of their deftness they showed little more than other dance teams. A spin combining a head and neck hold and a one-arm straight lift caught the most attention.

The Stanley Melba band did its customary fine job in the show-backing chores as well as for audience dancing, Ralph Lane's rumbas helped fill the floor for the intermissions.

Bill Smith.



The Billboard

#### NIGHT CLUBS-VAUDE GROSSES

#### Billy Gray's Band Box, Hollywood

#### (Saturday, February 26)

Capacity, 225. Price policy, \$3-\$2.59 min mum. Shows at 9:15 and 12:30. Operators, Billy Gray and Max Gold. Booking policy, nonesclusive. Publicity, Carl Post. Estimated budget this show, \$2,500. Estimated budget last show, \$3,500.

clubgoers, Billy Gray's continues to do near-capacity biz. Giving ringsiders a top show which runs atmost two hours, the intimate spot is a good entertainment buy.

show is well paced and balanced. In the closing slot, Gray held the floor for ove. 45 minutes with a new set

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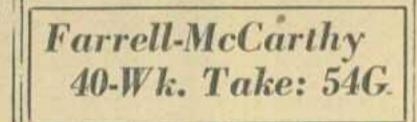
of parodies, localized gags and trademarked yarns. While slightly bluish, the material is funny and inoffensive. As always, Gray's work sparkles with originality. His parodies are cleverly conceived and delivered; stories told in a variety of accent, are just what the payes want and timing and salesmanship are first rate, earning a heavy-handed beg-off.

Sharing the comedy slot is Dave Despite the general apathy of local Barry, a favorite here. Barry is an adept story-teller and mimic, and scores solidly with a rib-tickling takeoff on Arthur Godfrey and carbon copies of film and stage celebs. His travesty on horror films and bur-With Gray headlining, the new lesque of radio detectives click. Barry has weeded out much of his old material and tightened the routines.

> Vocal honors are shared by two newcomers, Dotti Paul and Robert Monnet. Miss Paul sells well, showing plenty of voice and originality. Her impersonation of Frankie Laine is above average. Monnet proves promising, both as a vocalist and personality-wise. The handsome baritone shows plenty of voice and stage s.vvy and registers well.

Holdover from the previous show is harmonica virtuoso Leo Diamond. For top musicianship, showmanship and appeal, Diamond is hard to beat. His versatility is clearly shown by his treatment of the classics and novelty ditties. His original Spike Jones take-off, in which he employs a variety of gadgets, is hilarious.

Alan Fischler.



comedy team of Tommy Farrell and Gene McCarthy grossed \$54,800 during past 40 weeks as one of the most successful new acts to hit the niterytheater circuit since the Kay Thompson and Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis layouts first clicked. Organized in August, 1947, the act broke in at the Chez Ami, Buffalo, at a flat \$400 per frame. Within three months the price owns 10 per cent of the act, in return was up to \$1,000 per week. wood's Ciro's, which the act played from time to time. Comedy bits in June, 1948, brought them \$1,500 tailored to the team's demands are not per week and first national atten- given outright, but are leased to Mction, From Hollywood they trekked Carthy and Farrell for a five-year back to New York, winding up at period, with ownership reverting to the Waldorf in November, Top dough Shulman after that date. The reason to date will be forthcoming Easter for the leasing arrangement is to preweek at New York's Roxy Theater, vent theft of routines by rival comics.



DIAMOND HORSESHOE, NEW YORK: The 14-month-old show is still doing business, even if the fine edge has worn off. To give it occasional hypoes, the room puts new acts in the headline spot, and so far it has paid off. The latest addition is Benny Rubin in the top spot, with Lucienne and Ashour as featured performers.

Benny Rubin's material makes considerable use of his ability to use various dialects. Some of it is a little dated, but the convention and tour crowds to which the place caters find it quite enjoyable. Rubin is probably one of the best story-tellers around. His poise and assurance, gained from many years in the business, are quite evident. While a routine based entirely on situations rather than the two-liners seems anachronistic in this day of fast comics, the fact remains that Rubin is a master performer. He knows how to build for consummate effects, many of his yarns getting yocks. His payoff was his hoofing bit, making a fine exit and an excellent walk-off hand. Last but hardly least, Benny Rubin's name means business; this was evident opening night (25). There were about three celeb-filled tables here for Rubin's opening.

Lucienne and Ashour, apache act, give the middle of the show a good lift. First he kicks her around, then she beats hell out of him, a situation which brings cheers from both sides of the house. The two do their act with precision. Their acros are right HOLLYWOOD, March 5. - The on the button. The crowd loved them, Bill Smith.

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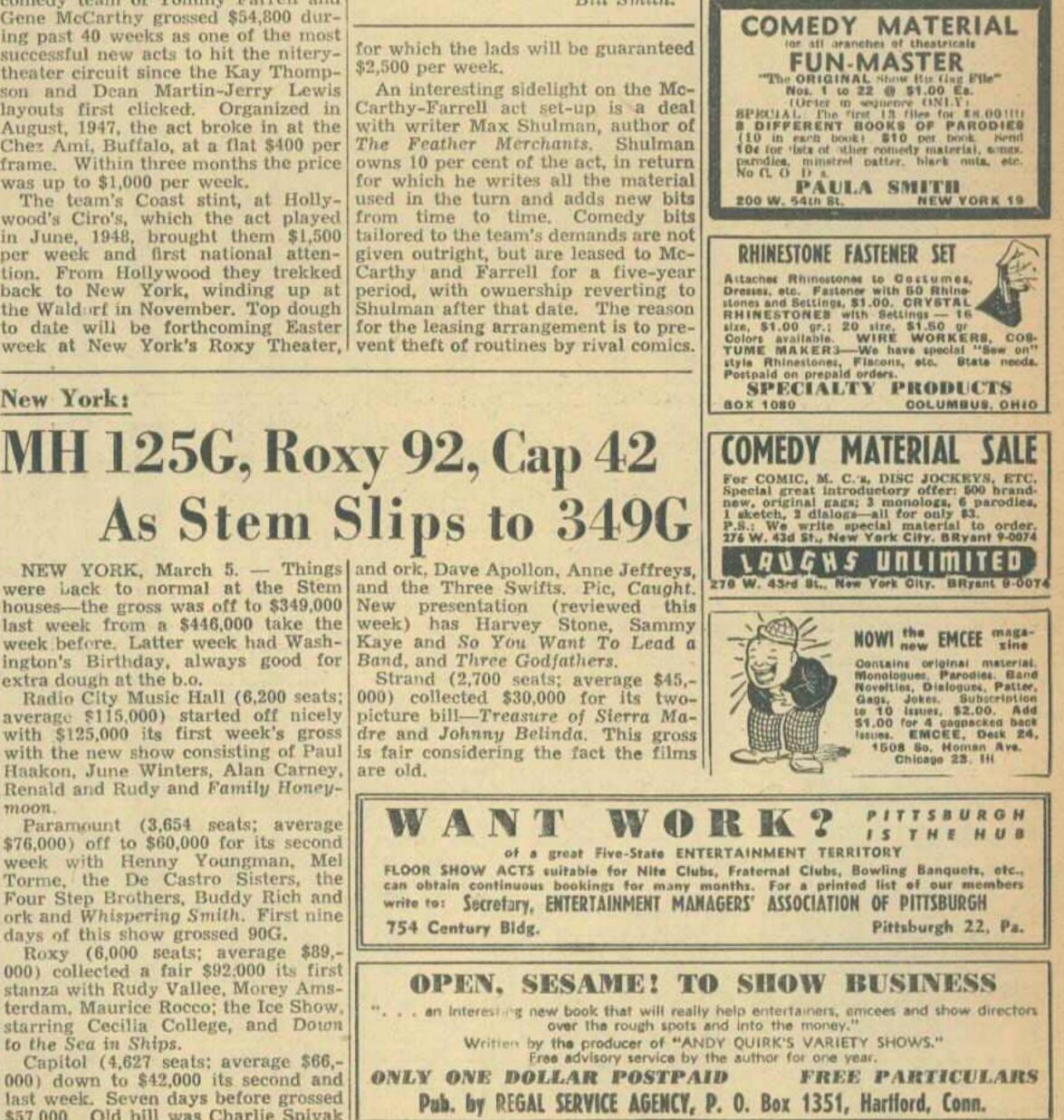
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# New York: MH 125G, Roxy 92, Cap 42 As Stem Slips to 349G

ington's Birthday, always good for Band, and Three Godfathers, extra dough at the b.o.

Haakon, June Winters, Alan Carney, Renald and Rudy and Family Honeymoon.

Paramount (3,654 seats; average \$76,000) off to \$60,000 for its second week with Henny Youngman, Mel Torme, the De Castro Sisters, the Four Step Brothers, Buddy Rich and ork and Whispering Smith. First nine days of this show grossed 90G.

Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$89,-000) collected a fair \$92,000 its first stanza with Rudy Vallee, Morey Amsterdam, Maurice Rocco; the Ice Show, starring Cecilia College, and Down to the Sea in Ships.

Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$66,-000) down to \$42,000 its second and last week. Seven days before grossed \$57,000. Old bill was Charlie Spivak

NEW YORK, March 5. - Things and ork, Dave Apollon, Anne Jeffreys, were back to normal at the Stem and the Three Swifts, Pic, Caught, houses-the gross was off to \$349,000 New presentation (reviewed this last week from a \$446,000 take the week) has Harvey Stone, Sammy week before. Latter week had Wash- Kaye and So You Want To Lead a

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats: 000) collected \$30,000 for its twoaverage \$115,000) started off nicely picture bill-Treasure of Sierra Mawith the new show consisting of Paul is fair considering the fact the films

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#### N. Y. Confab Fruitful

(Continued from page 3) adjournment left these matters up to a committee to consist of one representative of each of the theatrical trades and each of the other segments of the theater. This committee will then assign special personnel to carry on the implementation of the various resolutions adopted by the conference.

Naturally, this will take time, alls for diplomacy and co-operative si crifices, since each theatrical group is always inclined to view reform from its own slant. But amazingly little fur flew during the sessions and the proceedings were over-all dominated by a spirit of healthy co-operation.

Roughly the major panaceas for the theater's ills suggested by the conference can be divided into two categories-local and national. On the local side, one of the most important was the urging of each union to set up a committee empowered to deviate from a strict application of its rules which would otherwise force a weak play to close. The Stage Managers Club offered a plan for the establishment of a central warehouse to store and rent on a non-profit basis sets and props from closed productions and thus save obvious current "aste. Actors' Equity asked the setting up of a new category for paid employees in off-Broadway productions in schools and auditoriums. Also it suggested that Stem theaters be made available to other playing groups in addition to their current occupancevia luncheon and high-school mats and early evening performances, building for new audiences and more theater playing hours. In line with this was suggesting the appointment of a committee to consult with the mayor with a view to changes in the building code to allow inclusion of theaters in office building construction as a means of stimulating additions to playhouse list. And also to stimulate pew-buying was a bid for the establishment of consolidated ticket offices on both the east and west sides of town.

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# London B. O.'s Hit Toboggan

show business is now feeling the spending strike of the British public. Receipts at some box offices are down as much as 50 per cent. Spending by a House Administration Subcommitthe public has been on the decline for some time but has reached a new low.

The slump in show business is a seasonal one but is much more severe than in previous normal years. The drop is not approaching the crisis stage as in the film industry, but it is causing much concern.

#### Danger Signals

Many shows which have played to packed houses each night are now reaching the danger mark. One successful musical is down from \$16,000 to \$8,000 a week. Some of the longrunning musical shows are weathering the slump at the moment by previous advance bookings. But mat business at some of these has fallen off badly and at many of them it is not necessary to book weeks in advance for evening performances.

One of the most successful West End shows as yet unaffected is the British version of Harvey. It has not had a single unsold seat at any performance since it opened at the Prince of Wales Theater January 5.

Two American shows have now set long run records in London. On February 24 Oklahoma hit its 852d performance at the Drury Lane Theater, to top the 851-performance record of Rose Marie. Annie Get Your Gun broke the London Coliseum record of 685 performances long ago and recently passed the 800 mark after completing 20 months in London.

WASHINGTON, March 5.-The bill of Rep. Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.) calling for financing of a show-world convention here to discuss formation of a national theater (The Billboard, February 5) may soon have a Democratic co-sponsor, according to Capitol LONDON, March 5 .- West End Hill sources. The idea is for a Democratic co-sponsor with sufficient prestige to stir committee action on the Javits resolution now slumbering in tee on Libraries. Also seen possible as a step to get Congressional action on the resolution is transferrence of the Javits resolution from the House Administration Committee to the House Education and Labor Committee where, it is felt, the measure would have a better chance for favorable discharge.

Introduced in the House by Javits and in the Senate by Sen. Irving M. Ives (R., N. Y.), the measure is attracting heavy mail from around the nation. Among letters received by Javits is one from the National Music Council (NMC), which claims 600,-000 members and which wants to be kept informed on all developments. NMC is affiliated with 43 national groups, including such jumbo organizations as the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) and several songwriter and publisher groups.

Javits reports that the majority of the entertainment world is backing the legislation, which would call upon the President to convene a meeting of entertainment leaders to discuss the establishment of a national theater, opera and ballet. The Congressman points out that the bill is only the first step in setting up such a movement, with later legislation being necessary to establish and finance the theater. Apathy over the bill evidenced in the House Administration Committee is attributed largely to the fact that the group is not particularly active and meets only sporadically. Its chairman, however, is Rep. Mary R. Norton (D., N. J.), who was one of the congressional backers of the old Federal Theater Project of the '30s. Despite this fact, the bill's sponsors feel chances would be brighter in the Education Committee, which is extremely active. The Javits-Ives measure was introduced after consultation with Clarence Derwent, head of Actors' Equity; Lawrence Tibbett, president of the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA), and Vinton Freedley and Lawton Campbell, of the American National Theater and Academy (ANTA). All indorsed the measure.

#### Federal Theater?

Ideas on the method for establishing of a subsidized country-wide theater were more varied. Some elements appeared to favor federal aid, others support via State or municipal grants. One most pertinent suggestion was the obtaining of a rider to a \$300,000,000 education bill now before Congress, adding \$1,000,000 to be allocated and matched by States. Those States which so wished could then allocate it to the theater.

of a resolution for a theater backed directed toward the establishment of by trade unions-along lines preva- a national theater, opera and ballet. lent in pre-Hitler Europe. This would | In substance Javits stated that it was be a low-price proposition with the most important for theater people to unions local back-logs via member- get their problems in proper focus. ship subscription, with perhaps 30 He is convinced that there is a broad per cent of the seats available to the support over the country for popular buying public. This plan would call subscription and that the government for a test stock company set-up in would not have to subsidize with some industrial city outside New York | large sums. Self-help and co-operawith local labor org support and a tion must come from the bottom and touring company with approval of the he feels that he has done his job and American Federation of Labor (AFL) it is now up to show business to preand Congress of Industrial Organiza- sent a tangible, working plan. tions (CIO) planned ahead for booked Nobody expects magic to come out down together with an evident wish subscriptions. Whatever means are of this week's conference. Doubtless finally pressed thru to a finish will be a considerable part of its deliberations in the hands of a committee to ad- will be found impractical. What is concrete suggestions have been acvance the best interests of the com- important is that, for the first time mittee by legislative means. Also in a good many years, representatives an opportunity for them to work them

concerted action in abolishing or reducing admission taxes and for revision of actors' income tax rulings to give them a break on unemployed periods.

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#### **Javits** Speaks

The conference adjourned after hearing Rep. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.), cosponsor of a bill to provide Another approach was the adoption | funds for a symposium in Washington,

adopted were resolutions calling for of the theater as a whole have sat out together.

#### Cautious Public

The public is now spending with care and is selecting top productions for their money. It is the average good shows which are feeling the brunt.

One of the few pantomime shows in England playing to full houses today is Cinderella at the London Palladium. Many pantos have folded after short runs. The Palladium twice extended the run of Cinderella and is only taking it off March 19 to make way for vaudeville.

# **Move To Lease Out D. C. Belasco Wanes**

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The House is showing little interest in a bill introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) this week, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to renovate the Belasco Theater here and lease it out.

Previous negotiations for lease of the Belasco had fallen thru when prospective lessees balked at terms of the lease, which laid renovation charges to the lessee and contained an escape clause permitting the government to repossess the theater on one year's notice.

Besides being considered of minor importance by members of the House Public Building Committee, the bill requires legislative gymnastics to make it effective. The measure puts it up to the Treasury to start rental proceedings, but the Belasco is under the jurisdiction of the Public Buildings Administration (PBA), which is letting the Treasury use the theater to store old files.

to compromise points of view for the good of the whole. Their combined cepted in principle-and now there is

#### ROUTES Dramatic and Musical Allegro (Biltmore) Los Augeles. Annie, Get Your Gun (Victory) Dayton, O. Bergner, Elizabeth (Eric) Schenectady, N. T., 11-12. Biackstone (English) Indianapolis, 8-10; (Coliseum) Evansville 11-12. Born Yesterday (Geary) San Prancisco. Brigadoon (Hartman) Columbus, O. Carousel (Majestic) New York Desert Song (Blackstone) Chicago. Drunkard, The (Studebaker) Chicago. Emerald Staircase (Plymouth) Boston. Evans, Maurice (Biltmore) Los Angeles. Finian's Rainbow (Shubert) Chicago. Francis, Kay (Majestic) Dallas, Tex., 10; (Paramount) Austin 11; (Music Hall) Saw Antonia 12. Harvey (Shubert Lafayette) Detroit. Harvey (Walnut St.) Philadelphia, Heiress, The (Ford) Baltimore. High Button Shoes (Taft) Cincinnati. Inside U. S. A. (Shubert) Boston. Ivy Green (Royal Alexandra) Toronto. Lunt & Fontanne (Davidson) Milwaukee. Make Mine Manhattan (Great Northern) Chicago. Medea (Nixon) Pittsburgh Mr. Roberts (Erlanger) Chicago. Okiahoma (Colonial) Boston. Oklahoma (Tower) Atlanta 10-12. O Mistress Mine (Shea) Ashtabula, O., 16; (Shea) Erie, Pa., 11; (Shea) Bradford 12. Raze the Roof (American) St. Louis. Red Shoes (Selwyn) Chicago. Show Boat (National) Greensboro, N. C., 10: (Carolina) Durham 11-12,



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#### THE BROWNING VERSION AND A HARLEQUINADE

PLAYBILL THEATER, LONDON

I wo new one-act plays by Terence Rattigan. Staged by Peter Glenville. Sets by Paul Sheriff Stage manager, Rosemary Freeland Press representative, David Fairweather Presented by Stephen Mitchell for London Theatrical Productions, Ltd

The Browning Version

Hector Ross Frank Hunter 

#### A Harlequinade

Arthur Gosport	Eric Portman
Sdna Selby	Mary Ellis
Dame Maud Gosport	
lack Wakefield	
George Chudielgts	
Pirat Halberdier	
Second Halberdier	
Miss Platiock	
fred Ingram	
lonny	
Muriel Palmer	
om Paimer	
Mr. Burton	
loyce Langiand	
Policeman	

Author Terence Rattigan has a new hit in London's West End Version it is in much of its writing, sounding is a serious playlet, one of the best and resounding the note of self-pity pieces of contemporary writing to date in the English theater. It is not concerned with ideas, but is a pact of sincerity-a screaming, slashthrobbing, emotional experience, alive ing indictment by youth of an elder all the way thru.

Briefly the story concerns the sive to madly brutal leadership. moral re-birth of a man-a retiring school teacher, a brilliant scholar in his younger days-who has no back- Certainly his viewpoint is existensialbone, no will power and is therefore istic, one difficult to accept seriously the butt of students' jokes, a hen- by anyone on the other side of the pecked husband, stepped on by the fence-that there is no truth or beauty principal of the school and his col- left in the world, that God "must a rather fabulous reporter for the leagues.

At first he seems to deserve the dislike of his students as well as the mate end of all things is the muddy Seeds and Standards." They have scorn and ridicule of his wife. Gradu- bottom of the Elbe. But warped or been systematically destroying their ally his stature grows as it becomes evident he has lost all in life he has tried desperately to win, thru no great blunder or failure on his part other than just not knowing how to go about it. He knows and understands Aeschylus thoroly, but not the human heart. For years he has tried to win the boys' confidence and affection, but he has succeeded only in being a strict disiplinarian, hated and feared by each succeeding class.



**OUTSIDE THE DOOR** 

(Opened Tuesday March 1)

DRAMATIC WORKSHOP OF THE

NEW SCHOOL

A phantasy by Wolfgang Berchert, translated

by Erwin Placator and Zoe Lund-Schiller.

Staged by Erwin Piscator. Setting by H. A. Condell. Stage manager Irwin Weill, Pre-sented by the Dramatic Workshop of the

A Girl ..... Elsa Rolland

Her Husband ..... Myron Rubin

His Wife ..... Elaine Eldridge

Her Husband ..... Bernard Rothman

The Old Man ..... Michael Vincente Gazzo

The Undertaker..... Steven Gravers 

Its author, the late Wolfgang Borchert, described Outside the Door as "a play no theater wants to produce

and no audience wants to see." In a

commercial sense he was right-any

manager would know that its pre-

sentation would be likely to spell box-

office disaster. But experimentally and for a selected audience, Door is

something else again. Immature tho

which is typical of Germany in de-

feat, it still carries a smashing im-

generation which has continued pas-

become a German Jean-Paul Sartre.

Had Borchert lived he might have

New School of Social Research

#### TWO BLIND MICE

(Opened Wednesday, March 2)

#### CORT THEATER

A comedy by Samuel Spewack. Directed by the author. Set by Albert Johnson. Costumes by Natalie Barth Walker. General manager, Nick Holde. Stage manager. Frank Coletti. Press representative, Harry Davies, Pre-sented by Archer King and Harrison Woodhull.

Mrs. Letitia Turnoull ..... Laura Pierpont Simon ..... Alonzo Bosan Karen Norwood ..................................Jan Sterling Wilbur F. Threadwaite, Dept. of State ... ... Geoffrey Lumb Major John Gron, U. 5. A., Raymond Bramley Lt. Col. Robbins, U. S. A. P. .... Walter Brooke Com. Thomas Jellico, U. S. N. .... Robert Pike Dr Henry McOll......Richard Kendrick 

Samuel Spewack's latest stagewise shennanigans are barbed for an allout kidding of Washington bureaucrats. In fact, military brass, the State Department and the whole government heirarchy all get a harpooning via the Spewack typewriter. Two Blind Mice is no Boy Meets Girl. Its plot is ridiculously thin for a robust farce and in its later sequences the author is forced to juggle like mad with its contrived situations to keep the whole structure from coming a cropper. However, Mice's premise is very funny and if its development doesn't run to riotous belly laughs, there are ample chuckle lines and situations to fill out a pleasant three acts.

Mice's didoes concern a gigantic hoax put over on the government by either change his suit, or be locked benefit of two old ladies who refuse in a dark closet" and that the ulti- to be abolished as the "Office of not, his cry comes from the heart. salary checks for some four years and maintaining their office by renting out parts thereof to tenants ranging from a tailor to a rumba teacher. When discovery is finally imminent, the reporter convinces the army, navy, air corps and State Department that the bureau has been re-established as the "Office of Herbalogical Warfare," with himself as civilian administrator and the two old gals as chemists. There follow a hectic two days, with the gals getting invited to tea at the White House and decorated by the French government. When the inevitable blow-up arrives, however, the reporter's chicanery has enabled him to blackmail a bulldozing senator into returning the old gals' bureau to its original status and at the same time maneuver his divorced wife into a reconciliation. The last, of course, has been his prime objective thruout.

## **Out-of-Town** Opening

#### I KNOW MY LOVE

(Reviewed Tuesday, March 1)

#### LYCEUM THEATER, MINNEAPOLIS

A play by S. N. Behrman, based on "Aupres de Ma Blonde," by Marcel Achard. Directed by Alfred Lunt, Settings, lighting and costumes by Stewart Chaney. Company Man-ager, Lawrence Farrell, Press Representative, Carlton Miles. Stage Manager, Charva Chester, Presented by the Theater Guild and John C. Wilson.

LucyEsther Mitchell
William William Le Massena
Reilly Bowden
Frederic Chanler
Nicola Ballard
Claire Hallard
Nicholas Ballard
Blanche Chanler
Eugene Chanler Martin
Louise
Katie
Thomas Chanler,
Emily ChanlerLynn Fontanne
First Photographer Roy Johnson
Second Photographer J. P. Wilson
Eleanor Peabody Anne Eargent
Daniel Taiboi
Richard Chanler
Jerome Talbot
Agnes
FullerJ. P. Wilson

Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne have undertaken an unusual vehicle with Love, but with assistance from a good cast they carry it thru successfully-despite a certain pressure on the pewsitter who tries to keep in step with the proceedings, Behrman has come up with a scripting formula which literally goes backward without even the formality of flashback pattern. Turned about, it would be frothy, but in its current form it presents a challenge of shifting characterization, make-up and vocal calesthenics, which all concerned meet extremely well.

Behrman's play opens with a golden wedding anniversary (circa 1939) and thereafter backtracks the couple, together with assorted relatives, retrogressively to the turbulent '20s, World War I, the turn-of-the-century and finally to pre-marital elegance of the late '80s. All of which gives Miss Fontanne and Alfred Lunt an opportunity to play a half-century love story in which both progress from crotchety age to apple-cheeked youth, with the former finally defying a tyrannous father over her love for a young newspaper man, jobless because her papa resents his radicalism in advocating a 13-hour day for textile workers. In general, its theme is the old one of up-and-coming younger generations handing a beating to the oldsters. There is tragedy in it and melodrama, pathos and comedy - a 50-year saga of an American family. Geoffrey Kerr does extremely well by a scheming son. Betty Caulfield as a rebellious granddaughter gives a fine flair to her moments on stage and Esther Mitchell contributes a fine portrait of the family maid. Anne Sargent revives the spirit of the roaring '20s as a flapper era poetess and Noel Leslie makes the tyrant father ogrishly true.

#### Marital Fiasco

His marriage has been an equal Where he hoped for love liasco. and companionship he succeeded only in alienating his wife. Their values and needs were at opposite poles and financially he was never able to provide adequately for her. He forgives even her infidelity of which he has always been aware, feeling the fault is his own.

Finally, in the pit of despair, instead of the expected suicidal out, there is a sudden renewal of courage, enough for him to stand up for his rights In sincerity and drive Baum is worthy vis-a-vis the principal, enough to tackle a new job, sick as he is, with or without his wife.

The powerful character development and human impact of this modern classic make it all the more effective when played by Mary Ellis and Eric Portman. Miss Ellis gives a strikingly rounded characterization tributions from Gene Saks, Paul Ranof the utterly detestable wife with no saving grace whatsoever. Portman wins sympathy for his pathetic figure by his superb underacting, climaxed when he breaks into bitter sobs as his last student gives him a parting gift, the Browning version of Agamemnon.

the play against the homey background of Paul Sheriff's set. The spite of admirable strutting by Eric that. It is a pity that Spewack hasn't Browning Version would be excellent Portman as Romeo and equally adfare for Broadway.

quinade. It is a tiresome satire on hour too long, even if the audience mond Bramley, Robert Pike, Richtwo middle-aged actors rehearsing does seem to delight at times in its Romeo and Juliet in a small hick very, very vaudesque British humor. town. It gives the audience a glimpse of back-stage life, or rather what pitch. It simply isn't worthy of Tor- is not all it should be, since he frethe audience thinks it is. Rattigan ence Rattigan. But Version makes quently permits slow-downs-parprobably tried to focus on the manner it a full evening.

Beckmann, the returned German soldier of his phantasy, is himself. The doors on which he knocks and finds closed are his own personal frustrations. A great many people won't like Door, primarily for the ugly things it says, but not one will come out of the little Dramatic Workshop of the New School without feeling its compulsion.

#### **Top Production**

Erwin Piscator and his associates have come up with another splendid experimental production. The direction, while laggard in spots, is overall extremely effective for a tricky phantasy of this sort. The prolog use of German war news reels is excellent for setting the mood and projected scenic effects background the simple platforms and props for fullbodied theater.

Since the play's pattern focuses directly on the returned soldier, Beckmann is literally a tour-de-force for a young actor named Martin Baum. of his author. It is a most difficult role to sustain and he meets its challenge completely, a young man to be watched by manager when he gets out of the New School classrooms. Elsa Rolland is more briefly effective as a girl who fishes him out of the river, and there are good supporting consom and Steven Graves.

The Dramatic Workshop is to be warmly congratulated on this latest effort in showcasing. Bob Francis.

in which some actors live, a life en-Peter Glenville has ably directed tirely of their imaginations divorced completely from reality. Yet, in mirable fluttering about by Mary Ellis There are also thoroly capable con-

Not so the second play, A Harle- a, his lady love, it still goes on one tributions from Geoffrey Lumb, Ray-

A Harlequinade is diffuse and lacks Jean White.

#### Douglas on the Beam

After a 14-year Stem absence, Melvyn Douglas proves that he has lost none of his knack for comedy timing. He is ingenuously likable as the harebrained newshound. Virtually in the same category is Mabel Page, altho she has not been away from the Broadway scene quite so long. Miss Page gives Mice its top laugh assist with a portrait of naive gentility which finds nothing odd in mixing clothes-pressing, rumba and even an odd case of childbirth with herbs and seeds.

Excellent support in the laugh bracket comes from Laura Pierpont, altho her assignment is far less showy. Since a certain shrewish petulence is the keynote of the ingenue role, Jan Sterling gives it just written the part with more shadings. ard Kendrick, Frank Tweddell and Elliott Reid.

Spewack's staging of his own piece ticularly in the last act-where a

Stewart Chaney's drawing-room set is vastly effective. Same set is used thruout with changes of decor made to indicate the particular period. Likewise his costumes look authentic, to the last button and bow.

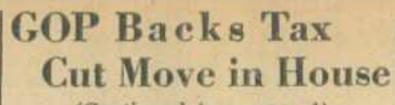
Love preemed here to advance sellout business. Since it does not sked a Stem bow-in until next October, Behrman will have ample opportunity for final pruning. Jack Weinberg.

steady build-up of pace is obviously called for. However, Mice is overall frivoluously amusing enough for a full evening. Bob Francis.





WALTER GIBSON, an authority sociate of the late Ted Annemann, pen," as one Republican put it. returns to the "Conjurors'" mag fold with the March edition, initiating a new department under the banner of "Gabbatha," with plenty of jinxiana distributed thruout, according to Publisher Edward W. Dart. One of magic's most prolific writers, Gibson has authored numerous books on the subject. . . . Jay Palmer and Doreen, who returned floor, where administration control is Alva, ballroom dancing duo, comto New York after a 30-week tour of veterans' hospitals for Camp Shows. Inc., are set on a string of vaude Democrats can give the GOP the dates around the big metropolis. They played the Crotona Theater, February 28 and March 1, and then went into the Jamaica Theater, Jamaica, L. I., for four days beginning March 2. A number of other spots have been contracted for. . . . Duke Montague and Company are still playing Utah and Idaho spots altho beset by plenty of snow and ice. The Montagues narrowly escaped serious injury while traveling the highway just outside of Soda Springs, Idaho, February 22, when a large oil truck sideswiped their car. Montague is continuing his tour in what is left of his station wagon until a replacement can be made. When the Idaho jaunt ends March 9, Montague will jump into Iowa for another block of dates. . . , Floyd Wadman, formerly with Loftus Magic Company, is now located in Ogden, Utah, where he's offering some of his prize mental effects. . . . Billy Bishop, hocus pocus expert, rambled into Denver recently en route east after a successful run in the Pacific Northwest for Jack Blue and Johnny Gunier. Billy says that there's plenty of activity going on in Denver in conjunction with this summer's SAM confab. . . . Stan Kremien, Famous O'Conner and Robert Emrico are magickers out with International Harvester units booked thru Nina Nova. Trixter Desmond has been set with another Harvester Unit by Norman Anderson.



(Continued from page 4) on magic and former close as- the House floor, "anything can hap-Assuming a bill co.. l' get past House floor, Republicans have excellent prospects in the Senate, where the finance committee is headed by concervative Democrat Walter George (D., Ga.). Finance committee apso tenuous that a switch from the pleted three weeks of Hirst houses party line by a handful of dissident upper hand.

> Even passage by both houses, however, would not insure enactment President of excise reductions. Truman, on the basis of previously announced policy, is believed certain to hand down a veto. Then the Republicans would have the dubious tar" of collecting the necessary twothirds majority necessary to override in both houses.

> Despite the long road ahead, however, the move of the Republican Policy Committee represents the first time that either party has come out on Capitol Hill in favor of excise reductions.

> The Republicans are expected to concentrate their efforts on the bill introduced several weeks ago by Martin. This would return all warinflated excises back to the old rates, with the exception of the liquor excise which would be left untouched

> Under the bill, the admissions levy y ould drop from the present 20 per cent to 10 per cent. The levy on cabarets and roof gardens would be cut from 20 per cent to 5 per cent; the travel tax would go to 6 per cent from the present 15 per cent, and a host of other excises would also be reduced. Disk taxes and the levy on phonos, radios and parts would not be affected, these excises not being considered to be among those increased by the war.



MANDY KAY, comic, participated Hellinger, New York, and the other troduced in the State Legislature. when he relieved Red Marshall, suffering from hoarseness, in a Hirst would set annual fees for bingo perunit at the Hudson, Union City, N. J. mits at \$500 in Philadelphia, Pitts-. . . Fred Sears, ex-burly and legit burgh and Scranton; \$400 in the 47 proval would be almost certain to show manager, is in Hot Springs to third-class cities of the State, \$300 in be result in approval on the Senate build up his health. . . . Day and first-class townships, \$200 in boros as extra attraction. . . . Dave Cohn's illegal in Pennsylvania, tho in some recent bookings include Jessica Rogers and Janeen, Samoa, New York; Kay Jolan, 606 Club, Chicago; Sally Lane, Crawford House, Boston, and Fei Club, Providence, R. I.; Andrea, 2 o'Clock Club, Baltimore; Tommy Raft, Colonial Inn, Miami; Strut Flash, Lamplighter Club, Fall River, Mass.; Kiki Arnold, Cinderella Club, and Francine, Haha Club, Manhattan. . . . June Marsh made her last featured strip at the Hudson, Union City, February 26. She's retiring to her Chicago home. . . George Pronath is doubling as producer and dancer in the ballets at the Burbank, Los Angeles.

> THE CARNEYS, Bob and Jean, are in their eighth month at Irving Ross and Murray Rosenfeld's Colony Club, Los Angeles. Other principals are Billie Bird, Harry Rose, Ginger Briston, Russ Clark, Shirley Stanley and Alicia Dupree. . . . Jesse Becker replaced Sam Nudelman as concession manager at the Gayety, Baltimore. . . . Dottie Dean, ex-chorine of the Empress, Milwaukee, who recently wedded a Minneapolis merchant, is vacationing in Miami Beach.

. . . Margie Coate is operator and producer of a vaude show plus a line of girls at the Gay '90s nitery, Bloomfield, N. J. . . . George Rose, George (Beetlepuss) Lewis, Jack Mann, Jeannie Rose and Alma Denny have just finished several movie shorts on the Coast. . . . Phyllis Manning, formerly with V. George, Manhattan beautician, and also formerly in Broadway musicals, is taking up voice culture. . . . Audrey Allen is the new line producer at the Empress, Milwaukee. Pat Collier is the line captain and Jerry Evans the house singer, having recently replaced Paul Williams. George Hamilton is candy concessionaire. His assistant is Lou Molnar, and handling the lobby stand is Rose Mc-Nab. . . . Joe Lyons, straight man, is ill in a Freeport, L. I., hospital. . . . Shela Starr, a burly first-timer on the Hirst wheel, is a former hat checker, dressmaker and exotic dancer in niteries in Philadelphia, Central America and the West Indies. . . . Dave Geller and Jules Citron, formerly of the Three Martins, acro act, are the new skippers of the Show Bar, in the New York 40's, where Jules Roth is chief drink doctor. MARLANE (Reynolds) is recover-ing from a serious operation in Millard Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo, an aftermath of a fall on the ice. . . . Joe Astor, English comedy juggler, assisted by Rene, is appearing as extra attraction in Hirst houses. He was last here 30 years ago with the Jersey Lillies on the Columbia wheel. The act opens soon at the Laurel Club, East Lowell, Mass. . . . Bee Beverly, who's new moniker is Sherry Shannon, is strip-talker on the Hirst unit featuring her husband, Herbie Barris. . . Beverly Carr, producer of burly ensembles, has just finished a show at Zucca's Opera House, Culver City, Calif., and has taken another to the Tivoli, Mexico City, where she will remain indefinitely. . . . Lester Mack is back at Wivel Restaurant, Manhattan, for four weeks.... Donna Davis and Moe Costello are dickering to place a Girl Show at the Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, recently taken over by a combine headed by George J. Costello.

# Move To Legalize Bingo in Penna.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5 .- A in two reinforcements last week bill to legalize bingo in Pennsylvania -one when he supplied a blackout so that it can be played thru the scene for Bert Wheeler and Milt sponsorship of vets' organizations and administration opposition on the Frome in "All for Love" at the Mark charitable institutions has been in-

The proposal, House Bill No. 684, and 100 in second-class townships.

Bingo now is generally ruled to be counties the district attorneys are lenient.

## **Stage Mgrs. To Offer** 'Showcase' on Apr. 12

NEW YORK, March 5.-On April 12 the Stage Managers Club will present Talent Showcase, sponsored by the American National Theater and Academy (ANTA), at a theater to be announced.

Talent Showcase is a successor to Talent '48, presented last year by ANTA at the Maxine Elliott Theater, featuring comparatively unknown actors, dancers, singers, composers and directors on a drama-musical variety bill.

Moe Hack, Billy Hammerstein and John Fearnley are holding down the production assignment. David Pardoll is casting director and John Effrat is general manager. Production headquarters are at the Malin Studio, 245 West 52d Street, and candidates may apply for an audition from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Ely, Nev., Nitery Reopens

LAS VEGAS, March 5 .- The Top o' the Hill nitery, Ely, was reopened last week as Bruce's, under management of Bruce (Happy) Stanfield, operator of the Airport Lodge. It will be operated as a cafe, bar and lounge after folding last July as a full-fledged club.

ADE DUVAL, suave sleight-of-hand trixter, opened a week's run at the Gayety Theater, Montreal, March 1. . . Larry Weeks advises from New York that he's currently in his 21st week of a 30-week jaunt for Veterans' Hospital Camp Shows with a group dubbed Unit 66, Broadway Hillbillies. The group went into rehearsal in New York late in September and jumped all the way to Pasadena, Calif., for its opener in October. Current tour will wind up in Phoenix, Ariz., and Weeks will head for Denver for the Society of American Magicians' 1949 national convention. . . . Doc Weiss, escapologist, was a guester on New York's Station WOR's "Experience Speaks"



stanza March 4, . . . Chanda the Great and Princess Zeella, televisionologist, are still touring Florida playing theaters. They expect to wind up the current jaunt late in April when they will return north for their summer season. They have a number of spots lined up for the return trip. . . . Following an eightweek vacation in the Rio Grande Valley, Mystic Leon and LaQuita put in a busy two weeks in the Corpus Christi, Tex., area. They have 10 weeks coming up in and around Baton Rouge and points north. . Willard S. Smith, national chaplain of the Society of American Magicians, writes from his Holden, Mass., headquarters that one of the most enthusiastic magic clubs in the country is the Blackstone Magic Club at Veterans' Hospital, Rutland Heights, Mass. Smith bases his contention on the swell show they put on recently for the remainder of the patients, the club's third annual production. Smith says that while few of the original members remain because of discharges, interest remains at a high level. Club, says Smith, boasts a growing library of magic books and much apparatus, some purchased, some donated. . . Landrus, while in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, spent some time visiting Leon Jacob's magic shop. Following the New Orleans doings, Landrus jumped into Gulfport, Miss. where he started a string of dates.

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#### "ICE FOLLIES"

(Continued from page 4) ance was up almost 50 per cent because there were 22 performances, five more than last year.

#### 42G for Roller Vanities

DES MOINES, March 5.-The Roller Skating Vanities of 1949 grossed \$41,855 including tax during a six-day stand (22-27) at the KRNT Radio Theater in Des Moines. There were six night performances with mats Saturday and Sunday. The huge KRNT stage was enlarged from 130 to 160 feet to hold the performances, which heretofore had been held at the Coliseum.





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# **Terrell Votes** 1918-'30 Best **Repster Years**

ROSELAND, La., March 5.-Billy Terrell, of Billy Terrell's Comedians, this week cast his vote for the years 1918 thru 1930 as the big ones for stock and rep companies under canvas. Terrell said he trouped with Crawford's Comedians during the season of 1919 out of Nevada, with a cast that included Carl and Mary Grandi, Harry and Golde Cole, Charley Barnett, Jack and Leda Kohler and Bonnie Terrell. Billy says the org was extremely modern and boasted a big band and orchestra. Push Crawford and Dave Stump were the managers, with Dave conducting the 10-piece orchestra and Rush the 8-piece band.

"Practically every town we played claimed the Crawfords as originating from its city," Terrell recalls, "and (See TERRELL VOTES on page 90)

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topic is on tap I feel an urge to contribute my bit on the subject.

In 1895 I was juvenile man with Charles (Josh) Henderson's Repertoire Company, starring his wife, Juno Barrett. Our repertoire included some of the popular plays of that day and Uncle Tom's Cabin was featured for Friday night. Josh was noted for his portrayal of "Marks the Lawyer," and Mellie Barrett (Juno's mother) was noted for her characterization of "Ophelia." We gave a creditable performance of the old play-in spite of the fact that I had to double three parts. We played many towns thru Texas. Josh, in his announcement every night, would give Tom a big build-up and it was a common occurrence for some of us to be stopped on the street by some towner and admonished with:

"Say, yo'll better not play that there Uncle Tom's Cabin play heah!" And then tell us about how the last show that played it was rotten-egged and run out of town.

# **Rep Ripples**

DELISLE PLAYERS have been working the Watertown, N. Y., area recently to better-than-average business. . . . Sid Franklin pens from Tampa, where he has been vacationing for a month, that he has purchased A. J. Seymour's tent outfit. Seymour had shows with carnivals and at celebrations the past three years. Franklin plans to ship the outfit to Fort Worth where he will blossom out with a tent flesh show about May 1. Unit will be a combination drama-vaude show and will play three-day stands. . . . It is reported that Winsted Minstrels will hit the road this summer and that Bell's Show may troupe again under canvas a month ago. out of Valdosta, Ga.... Danile Players are doing okay in the Little Rock area. . . . Northampton Players are in their 18th week in New England where they have been doing okay business. . . . Horace Collins has been showing religious pix in Southern Vermont for the past three months. . . . F. G. Blaine writes from New York that he launched his vaude-pic show February 28 to tour Ontario spots. Blaine has been showing feature pix in that sector for the past year and business has been good when weather is good, he reports. . . . F. M. Blair is in Gal-(See REP RIPPLES on page 90)

W/HILE the Uncle Tom's Cabin | Consequently, we were more or less in a state of anxiety, for Uncle Tom's Cabin was still regarded with aversion by many in the South.

#### Safety First

Many of the opera houses were upstairs during those days and frequently had no rear entrance or exit. In that case we would place a ladder up to a back window as a precautionary measure for convenient exit in case of emergency. One night while the curtain was down between acts, we were startled by hearing loud talking and a commotion out front. Somebody said, "Here they come!" and we made a concerted dash for the back window. But to our relief, it proved to be a false (See Retrospect of Rep on page 90)

## **Price Barn Dance Clicks in Lebanon**

LEBANON, Mo., March 5.-Helen and Walter (Toby) Price, former rep and tent show performers, have been successfully producing Station KLWT's Barn Dance here since early in December. The Prices and station were lauded in a recent editorial carried by The Lebanon Daily Record over the "good, clean fun" which the show affords Laclede County fo'k and the smooth direction of the attraction by the Prices.

Talent line-up includes James Thomas, Clem Stretch, Missouri Mountaineers, Big Ralph Wrinkle and His Troubadours, Sunny Stiles, Ken Corbett, the Pratt brothers, Ozark Rambles and Helen and Toby.

Price said that a number of their rep friends are located in this sector. They recently enjoyed visits with



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#### Jenkins Augments List Of Roaring '20s Mgrs.

TIFTON, Ga., March 5. - Lucius Jenkins, who with his wife, Marie, trouped with the better-known rep shows years ago as musicians, and currently operates a tourist court here, recalls some more of the old rep managers of the roaring '20s who drove big cars, wore big diamonds and paid off regularly. He says he agrees with Billy Terrell that those were the days when everyone had plenty of money.

Jenkins says that among the successful rep managers of his trouping d ys (1910 to 1933) were Bob Demeret, Doug and Hila Morgan, Paul English, W. I. Swain, Ed C. Nutt, C. W. Parks, Milt Talbert, the Pullens brothers and Boyd Holloway.

#### Winchester Drive-In Set

WINCHESTER, Va., March 5.-Ray J. Becker, owner of the Winchester Drive-In Theater, has returned from a visit in the South where he spent considerable time studying yearround drive-in operations. Improvements at the local spot include in-car speakers and a new screen facing.

Steve and Florence Burton, of the Darr-Gray Show, and Price says that L. Verne and Ora Slout, of the Slout Players, visited the barn dance about

The Prices plan to visit Norman Gray on their next trip to Springfield, Mo., where Gray is manager of a hotel. They added that Hal and Mae Fontinelle are in business at Rockaway Beach, Mo., and that Beverly Sutherland is in a commercial line in Helena, Mont.

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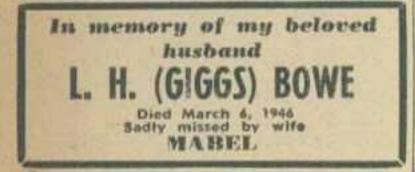
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AMSTERDAM-Mrs. Jenny, 65, mother o Morey Amsterdam, stage and radio comedian, February 25 in Hollywood. Her husband, Max, a violinist, and two other sons, Theodore and Mannie, also survive.

BACHTELL-Gordon (Slim), vet- 3. eran novelty worker, February 19 in Cleveland. Survived by his widow and two children.

BARNES-Frank H., 61, formerly with circuses and at one time operator of the Little Theater, Columbus, O. recently in White Cross Hospital, Columbus. Burial that city.

BEISTLE-Mrs. Aldarilla Shipley 53, author of several children's books. February 26 in Cleveland. She was also the author of the Fairy Tale Theater program over WGAR.



CHAMBERLAIN-Lawrence J., 74, pioneer motion picture exhibitor, in Shamokin, Pa., February 15. He was president of Amusements, Inc., with theaters in Allentown and Williamsport, Pa., and general manager of Victoria Amusement Enterprises, Inc., the stage temporarily to teach drama operating a circuit of theaters in and voice." His daughter and brother Shamokin, Mount Carmel, Mahanoy survive. City and Tamaqua, all in Eastern Pennsylvania,

CHAMBERS-Mrs. Hester R., radio pioneer, at the Masonic Home. Elizabethtown, Pa., February 14. She was the first woman in the United States to receive a commercial wireless operator's license and was the first woman licensed to conduct radio classes and perform radio experimental duties. With her late husband, Frank, she conducted the Chambers School of Wireless Telegraphy in Philadelphia during the first World War, and until two years ago operated a radio store in Philadelphia. A brother survives. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, February 16. CLEO-Roy, 72, former clown with the Barnum & Bailey Circus, Bill Evans's Freak Animal Show and Rubin & Cherry Exposition, of a heart attack February 17 at his home in Chicago. Survived by his widow, Ruth, and a son, Herman. EASTWOOD-Hoyt W., operator of the Hollywood Theater, Gowanda, N. Y., for many years, February 16 in that city. Survived by his widow, Florence, and daughter, Marion. Burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Gowanda, February 20. ECKER-John J., 86, former stage carpenter who had toured with various road shows and circuses. March 1 in Christ Hospital, Cincinnati of complications resulting from a broken hip. In Cincinnati Ecker had worked at the Zoo Opera, the old Pike Opera House and at the Emery Auditorium. He had been a member of the Cincinnati Stage Employees Union, Local No. 5, for over 50 years Burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

#### FINAL CURTAIN THE

Joseph Cemetery, Cincinnati, March

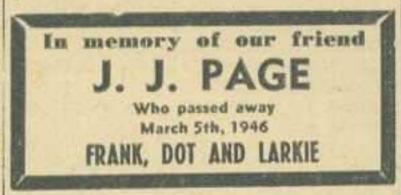
GIBB-John R., 65, father of the "Siamese" twins, Mary R. and Margaret S. Gibb, March 1 in Holyoke, Mass. At the age of 15 the twins joined the Keith vaude circuit and later traveled with the Cole Bros .-Clyde Beatty Circus and the Ringling circus. His widow, another daughter, a brother and two sisters survive.

HEEBNER-Flora, 31, wife of Walter S. Heebner, West Coast recording director for RCA Victor March 2 in Hollywood. She also leaves a daughter, Dorothy Services in Philadelphia March 8.

HENDRICKS-John B., 76, former actor and singer who had been on the stage over 40 years before his retirement in 1945, February 26 in Elizabeth, N. J. He appeared on Broadway and in road shows, musical comedies, revues and plays, often in association with De Wolf Hopper, George M. Cohan, Ernest Truex and Leon Errol. Making his debut in the 1890's in Isle of Spice, he later was starred in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas with the old Savage Opera Company. During the 1920's he left

Pittsburgh. Burial in the new St. | ton play, The Man on Horseback. In 1908 Miss McCord appeared on Broadway in Via Wireless, and in 1919 she produced, under the banner of her own film company, The Wild Fawn. She also appeared in London and in later years taught dramatics. Her brother survives.

> McDONALD - Benjamin A., 55, general sales manager of Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc., March 2 in Philadelphia. He entered the radio field in 1930 and worked consecutively on sales staffs of WHAT, WLIT and WFIL before joining KYW in July, 1940. He became general sales manager of all Westinghouse stations in 1943. His widow and daughter survive.



PALFI-Jean (Janos), 54, director of music for the Rose Midget Troupe in vaude for 20 years, March 2 in New York. He was a member of the Dallas American Federation of Mu-

## **ARTHUR ATWATER KENT**

Arthur Atwater Kent, 75, retired radio manufacturer and sponsor of the Atwater Kent Foundation, died at his home in Bel-Air, near Hollywood, March 3.

Born in Burlington, Vt., Kent studied at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. After working as an electrical salesman, he started business in Philadelphia in 1902, making home telephone systems and later auto timers, ignition systems and switches. In 1912 he built his own factory, devoted entirely to making auto ignition systems.

Kent marketed one of the first vacuum tube radios, and five years after he had made his first radio, a five-tube affair, the millionth set was produced. He discontinued manufacturing in 1936 and sold part of his plant to General Motors for the Bendix Corporation and the remainder to the government for use by the Army Signal Corps.

recently in Warsaw, Ind. The show, which debuted in 1832 in North Carolina, disbanded in 1902.

SPRING-Eddie, 68, former concessionaire with Dodson's World Fair, Beckman & Gerety and Folks Celebration shows, of injuries sustained in an auto accident in Weslaco, Tex., February 26 while playing a date there with the Bess Harris Show. He leaves a brother, Tony, of Folks Celebration Shows.

> IN LOVING MEMORY Of our friend and former employer RAY STECK Who passed away March 11, 1948. VIRGINIA & JACK BARNES

STORKS - Henry W. (Bubbles), pianist with the Shufflin' Sam Minstrels and carnival trouper, February 6 in Moultrie, Ga. Burial in Columbia, Ga.

TOWNE-Charles H., 72, author and editor, February 28 in New York. Once editor of Smart Set magazine, he was well known in literary circles and authored many books. In the music field Towne collaborated on four song cycles, including Five Little Japanese Songs and The Magic Casement. He also worked with Deems Taylor on The City of Joy. He made an appearance in legit in 1940 with a road company of Life With Father. His sister survives.

VARNUM - Wayne, 36, recently head of the flack firm of Wayne Varnum Associates, and former publicity director of Columbia Records, Inc., March 1 in Bethesda, Md. Among the clients in his own company were Vaughn Monroe, Dick Jurgens, Larry Green and Beryl Davis. Varnum had been with The Chicago Daily News as radio commentator over station WMAQ, and later went to The Des Moines Register & Tribune in much the same capacity. His parents, daughter, brother and sister survive. Burial in Butler, Pa.

WINSLETT-W. G. (Little Tex the

FISHER-Paul A., father of John Fisher, theatrical and night club press agent, February 25 at Detroit. His widow and four other children survive. Interment in Washington.

FORTIER - Herbert, 82, Shakespearean actor, February 1' at the Edward Forrest Home for Actors, F iladelphia. He acted on the stage manager of the Freeport (L. I.) Red taught music. A son survives. Servand in motion pictures for 52 years Caps Baseball Club. He also leaves ices March 3 in Philadelphia, with before retiring in 1938. Services his wife, two other sons and a February 19 in Philadelphia, with daughter. burial in Toronto.

GARRITY-Harry J., 65, amateur show promoter and one-time manager of the Forrest Abbott Players of Lunenberg, Mass., March 1 in Fitchburg, Mass.

GATTO-Louis W., 74, father of Lawrence W. Gatto, secretary of The Billboard, February 21 at his home in Norwood, O., of a heart ailment. He also leaves his wife, Maggie Watson Gatto; two sons, Louis J and Richard, and two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Dillhoff, and Mrs. L. G. Burwinkel, of

In 1906 he married Mabel Lucas, of Philadelphia. They were divorced in 1938. She resides in Philadelphia.

Kent is credited with introducing many celebrities to radio and sponsored the Atwater Kent Sunday Night Hour, featuring the highest-paid grand opera and concert performers. He also established the Atwater Kent Auditions in which singers, aged 18 to 25, compete annually for \$22,000 in prizes. His home, Capo di Monte, was a tourist attraction, and last May he staged a party there for the National Association of Broadcasters.

Kent leaves two daughters, Mrs. William L. Van Alen and Mrs. Kent Catherwood, of Philadelphia, and two sons, Arthur Jr., of Philadelphia, and J. Prentiss, of New York.

KALMAN-Abraham, 59, concessionaire for 28 years, February 28 in North Bergen, N. J. His widow and daughter survive. Burial in Mount Lebron Cemetery, Flushing, L. I., Mrs. J. C. Peck, owners of the Rowena N. Y.

MATERA-Orazio, 74, former musician with Creatore's Band, which toured the United States, and a member of the Steel Pier orchestra in Atlantic City for many years, February 24 at his home in Philadelphia. He also played with Vassella's Band, His ment. Burial in Albion, Mich. widow, Vincenzia, two sons and six daughters survive. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Philadelphia, February 28.

MAY - Edward J., 73, retired

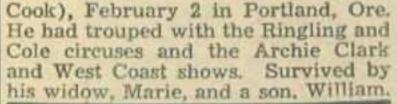
McCORD-Vera, 72, former actress, the production of the Booth Tarking- Family Circus & Vaudeville Company,

sicians, Local 14. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. The only survivors are relatives in Hungary. PECK-Marc S., 19, son of Mr. and Theater, Fenton, Mich., February 27 of burns sustained in a dormitory fire at Kenyon College, Cambier. O. REES-Teloi V. (Mrs. Violet Pederson), 39, former vaude dancer in the act Rees and Renard, February 18 in San Francisco of a heart ail-

REID-Frederic S., 38, Circus Fans' Association member, February 19 in Springfield, Ill. His widow, two children and brother survive.

ROSENHEIMER-Mrs. Viola Jenny, vaudevillian and father of Marty 70, pianist, professionally known as May, comedian, February 28 in Viola Jenny, February 27 at her home Hempstead, N. Y. He was a former in Philadelphia. In recent years she burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Broomall, Pa.

SPARKS-Ida May, 80, mother of March 3 in New York. She was Owen C. Boggs, band leader and the James K. Hackett's leading lady in last member of the original Sparks

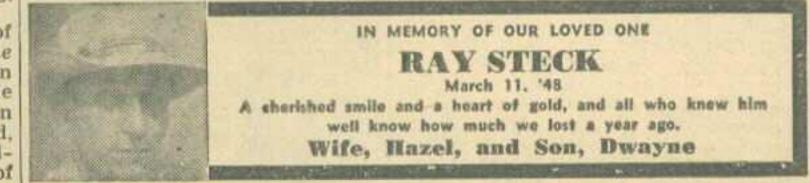


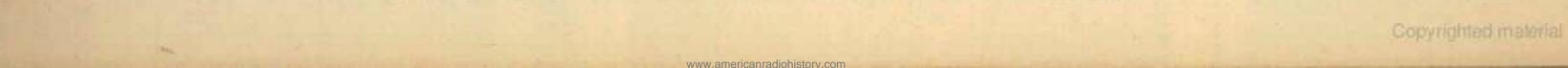
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# Sacco Wins **Chi Festival Talent Pact**

CHICAGO, March 5. - Tommy Sacco, Chicago booker, announces he again has signed to furnish the midway and acts for the 12-day Italian festival here July 27 August 7, sponsored by 18 Catholic churches. Event will be spotted at Roosevelt Road and Cicero Avenue.

According to Sacco, last year's festival grossed over \$225,000, with the sponsors netting a profit of \$185,000. Proceeds go to a fund to build a home for the aged. Construction already has started, Sacco said.

Plans are to have a larger midway this year. Last year it had 15 rides, about 100 concessions and 4 high acts. Rev. Louis Donanza is general chairman.

Sacco also announced that his puzzle chart contest, which has been sent ported attractions to supplement loto almost everyone connected with cal features. outdoor show business, ends at midnight July 3. Replies, he said, will be checked according to postmarks. The correct answer bearing the earliest postmark will receive first prize. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.

Prizes include a portable typewriter, combination radio - phonograph and an electric shaver.



# **Brownsville Bell-Ringer:** Long on Color, Charro Days **Click**; Scattered Locations Seen as Only Fiesta Blemish

-By Frank B. Joerling-

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 5 .- The inclination of your observer at the Charro Days Fiesta here, February 24-27, is to wax lyrical about the color, charm and gayety of the event which, since inception 12 years ago, has taken a firmer hold each year upon the Southwest and a mounting number of visitors, many from distant points. The fiesta, indeed, colorfully reflects the Spanish flavor which abounds in the Brownsville-Matamoras region. Costume balls, parades, almost continuous street dancing, the music of mariachis (strolling troubadours), and many special events blend into the delightful program.

This year, the flesta committee, headed by Wayne Lewis, president; H C. (Lefty) Appleton, vice-president, and John Hunter, chairman of the amusement and concession section, provided a strong array of im-

#### **Events Spotted Far Apart**

The one drawback, however, was the spotting of events and features separately over a wide area, thus making it difficult to take in all of them. To illustrate, a distance of some nine and a half miles constitutes the route which must be followed to visit the various locations.

The rodeo, for example, was held thee miles from the Xochimilco Floating Gardens, which in turn is three miles from the carnival grounds, the nightly grand ball and the barn dance, and these were situated two miles from the Indian-Mexican village and the downtown activities, such as street dancing, art and other exhibitions, concessions and attractions. A concentration of most of the fiesta | 10 to 12 per cent below last year, still (Brownsville's Charro on page 67) (See N. Y. Sports Show on page 65)

# **NY Sports Show** In

NEW YORK, March 5. - Despite upsets in the commodity market and employment lags in some sectors of the country, the sportsman's dollar is just as big as ever and he's just about as free with it, according to the management of the National Sportsmen's Show which closed its nine-day run in Grand Central Palace last Sunday (27) night.

Campbell - Fairbanks Expositions, Inc., sponsors of the National Sportsmen's Show, the New England Sportsmen's and Boat Show, staged in Boston, the Detroit Congress Sportsmen's and Boat Show and the Buffalo Sportsmen's and Boat Show, report bigger gates than ever during their run in Boston, February 5-13.

For New York, the only other one

of their 1949 shows to be completed

so far, they report a drop of from

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**European Acts Drop Below Prewar Scope** 

#### **Top Talent Scarce**

PARIS, March 5. - The Cirque Medrano and the Cirque D'Hiver are in the second halves of their winter seasons. Altho some top-notch acts have appeared at both houses, the general quality of their programs has been below prewar standards. This undoubtedly has been due to the dearth of good circus acts available in Paris as Cirque Medrano has spent considerable money bringing in good vaudeville or revue talent, such as the Nicholas Brothers, dancers, and Eddy Gordon and Nancy, comedy bike act, to bolster up modest circus bills. Medrano has, of course, presented some good circus turns this season, in particular the popular Fratellini Trio of clowns, who have been retained for the entire season.

Cirque d'Hiver, under the management of the tent circus operators, the Bougliones, also has gone in heavily for good clown talent and has built its programs around the joeys and Bouglione animal acts. An exceptionally good act recently billed at this circus was the Idalys, novelty aerial act, which recently returned from American tours with the Ringling-Barnum and Hamid-Morton circuses.

Another recent Ringling act which has returned to Europe is the Three Reverhos, whose juggling on the wire was a novelty with the Big One in 1947. The act is currently with the Knie Brothers Swiss National Circus, which is being presented at the Cirque Royal in Brussels by Franz Mikkenie, Dutch circus operator. An unusual aspect of the current bill at the big Cirque Royal (indoor arena) is that no fewer than four of Europe's best known circus families are represented on the program. Top circus dynasty of Switzerland, the Knie family, is represented by Rolf Knie, who handles two elephant numbers; the Houcke-Rancy clan of France have Maurice Houcke as equestrian director and Gilbert Houcke with his Bengal tigers; from Holland there is Mme. Vicky Mikkenie, wife of Frans Mikkenie, the Dutch circus tycoon, who puts her Liberty horses thru their paces, and Vicky Brown, son of De'Jonghe, top Belgian circus owner, offers a comedy acro number.

trade show of amusement equipment and devices held here last month attracted a large number of park and cutdoor showmen. Show, which is to be an annual event, way the first of its kind held in Ireland and was organized by Jack Kirkham, managing director of the H. & K. Equipment Supply Co., Ltd., here.

Among important British firms exhibiting at the show were the Supercar Company, of Coventry, makers of auto skooters; Whittaker Bros., of Oldham, replacements for Dodgem cars; Speedings, Ltd., of Sunderland, tents and canopies; Commercial Engineering Company, Leeds, Diesel engines, and Ruffler & Walker, London, automatic fruit and candy floss machines. There were also numerous firms exhibiting varied lines of carnival and park supplies and games of various types.

## **Propose** Festival For L. A. Coliseum

LOS ANGELES, March 5 .- A proposal to stage a Pan-American festival in the Coliseum in September has been advanced by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, president of the County Centennial Corporation. Plan is to call on the Coliseum commission to appropriate \$50,000 of its funds to help finance the celebration.

Members of the centennial group sponsoring the project include Otto K. Olesen, attorney Joseph Scott, Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish and Grace Stoermer.

#### St. Pete Event Draws 28,000

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 5. -Staged under perfect weather conditions, the St. Petersburg Colored Festival, which closed February 26, drew about 28,000 paid admissions and was called an outstanding success by J. E. Moloney, commander of the sponsoring Post 39, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fred Cantrell's L. & C. Shows were on the midway and gave good co-operation, said Moloney. Negotiations are under way to book the shows for the 1950 event.

**Recent Lawsuits Reviewed:** 

**Important Decisions Briefed** As Service to Outdoor Showbiz

-By Leo T. Parker-

(Recently, the higher courts rendered several outstanding decisions likely to assist owners and officials of circuses, carnivals, traveling shows, amusement parks, fairs and other places of amusement to avoid legal controversies. Not a few of these citations may be used advantageously to win unavoidable law suits.

(To provide an easy-to-understand briefing of these decisions, The Billboard, as a trade service to outdoor show business, engaged Leo T. Parker, an attorney at law specializing in the briefing of outdoor showbiz cases, to compile a review of recent important cases. This is the first of a series of three reviews.)

FIRST, it is important to know that modern higher courts consistently hold that the owners and operators of places of amusements must use "reasonable and ordinary" care to safeguard patrons against injuries. Failure to do so will result in heavy damage allowance. According to a recent higher court, failure of a proprietor to supply guards or supervisors at a dangerous location is negligence which results in liability. See the late and leading case of Ephremian v. Sholes, 52 Atl. (2d) 425. Here a girl went to a skating rink, bought a ticket and skated until a specialty

(See Important Decisions on page 74)

# No Carnie, No Fire Chief

VAN BUREN, Me., March 5 .- Wilfred Vallancourt, chief of the Van Buren Fire Department, felt strongly about city council's refusal to grant Granite State Shows a license to play Van Buren the week of July 4 under auspices of the local department.

First he made a personal canvass of townspeople and found the majority in favor of circuses and carnivals for Van Buren. Then he asked council to reverse its decision in view of public sentiment. When the council refused, Chief Vaillancourt tendered his resignation to Town Manager Archer Scribner.

Last year the council refused to grant permits to both carnivals and circuses to play Van Buren.

Other good acts on the bill are the Two Clerans, trapeze; 12 Wazzans, Arab tumblers; Sereno Sisters, tap (See Top Acts Scare on page 72)

## Dr. Blair, Bronx **Zoo Director, Dies**

NEW YORK, March 5 .-- Dr. Reid Blair, 74, renowned zoologist, 14 years director of the New York Zoological Society's Bronx Zoo, and an author of animal books, succumbed to a heart attack at St. Luke's Hospital, New York, Monday (1).

Dr. Blair retired as director of the Bronx Zoo in 1940 after 46 years service there, starting in 1902 when he joined the staff as veterinarian and pathologist. In 1922 he became assistant director under the late Dr. William T. Hornaday, whom he succeeded in 1926.

Dr. Blair was primarily interested in the scientific aspects of his work and gained world-wide renown for his studies and writings on the diseases and care of animals. Among his best-known books were Diseases (See Dr. Blair on page 67)

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**Close-Ups**: **Brooklyn-Born Eddie Burke Put** Showmanship Into Western Fairs - By Dean Owen-

outdoor show business.)

While his parents were not show

at Payton's Theater, Brooklyn. Later, Eddie played the Lyceum circuit as singer, but it wasn't until his 16th birthday that he summoned enough courage to display his talent at the piano. Even tho he had been studying



## Van Ostrand Re-Elected

CALGARY, Alta., March 5.-A. M. Van Ostrand was re-elected president of Calgary Zoological Society, with J. E. Jeffries and Dr. George R. Johnson vice-presidents, and V. W. Brown secretary-treasurer.







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## Mobile Mardi Gras In Successful Run

MOBILE, Ala., March 5.-Despite much inclement weather, this city's annual six-day Mardi Gras proved a successful venture for the local showfolk colony and over 100 out-of-town concessionaires making the event. Celebration, which ended Tuesday (1), was marred by heavy rains Thursday (24) and Saturday (26), forcing postponement of two parades and the sharp curtailment of a third.

The Mystics of Time Society injected a new idea in torchlight parades Tuesday night by heading theirs with a fire-breathing serpent, 100 feet long, the idea originating with Leonard Hardy, local auto dealer.

Al Wagner's Cavalcade of Amusements furnished three rides for the Knights of Columbus part of the celebration, while Joe Karr had his Ferris Wheel on a lot near the Greyhound Bus Depot along with several concessions and a big snake exhibit.

In addition, about 75 novelty salesmen were scattered along the different parade routes and they, following a State ruling established two years ago, had to pay a heavy State license. War veterans, however, were exempt from paying State and county licenses, as were salesmen who sold peanuts exclusively.

Police officials estimated that nearly 100,000 people lined various routes Tuesday to watch the six parades held that day.

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back on the job after a Florida vacation. On his trip he visited with John Romas, concessionaire at Fort Myers Beach, Fla., the L. K. Chrisman family, Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville, N. J., who also were at Hennies' Hot Springs quarters, en-Florida visitors; the Fred Pearce Sr. family at Fort Lauderdale Beach, and with the Fred Pearce Jr. family at Coconut Grove, Fla. En route to Florida, Colihan visited Pontchartrain Beach, owned by Harry J. Batt. . . E. B. Wayland has been named sales manager of the Miniature Train and Railroad Company, Rensselaer, Ind., replacing L. G. Heiden, resigned.

Harry A. Illions, owner of Celoron Park, Jamestown, N. Y., and New Liberty Park, Buffalo, returned from a Florida vacation with the following report: "While stopping at the Mc-Allister Hotel, Miami, we met Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson, of I took the Thompsons to the ice show at the Coliseum in Coral Gables, to House, Miami Beach, and then to the Jai-Alai (Hi-Li) games at the Fronton, Miami. While in the Steak House we ran into Ralph and Alice Bogan. Bogan was my partner 10 years ago. Incidentally, Thompson operates the largest park in England. I just returned from Buffalo with F. Percy Morency and he informs me he has booked enough picnics to last the entire season, plus those the park had when I bought it." . . Lee Brown, for many years on the exec staff of Playland, Rye, N. Y., is handling advance and publicity on the Achbar Grotto Circus, set for Columbus, O., the week of March 28,

Joe Colihan, co-manager of Ex- planed to Tampa winter quarters becelsior Park, Excelsior, Minn., is fore proceeding to his Miami home.

> J. C. McCaffery, Hennies Bros.' Shows general agent and exec in the Amusement Corporation of America, made a stop-over last week route from his Chicago headquarters to his winter home in Miami. ... The address, 203 North Wabash Street, Chicago, will become increasingly important in outdoor show business starting May 1. Then several offices now housed in the Ashland Building will be shifted to that address. Among those to move are the Polack Bros.' Circus, J. C. Mc-Caffery, Ethel Robinson and Ernie Young. The Ashland Building, long a Chicago landmark, is to be razed preparatory to the erection of a huge bus terminal.

Ned E. Torti, of the Wisconsin Deluxe Company, Milwaukee, was in Chicago recently and enthused about Blackpool, England, Mrs. Illions and the plan he, as chairman of the ways and means committee of the Showmen's League of America, is introdinner and the show at the Steak ducing to raise funds for the club. Tin cans, labeled attractively and clearly setting forth the purposes for which the funds are being raised, are being distributed to club members. Many of these will be spotted in show cookhouses and other spots where outdoor showmen gather. It will be up to the individual only to contribute under this method, Torti pointed out, with no dunning to be used.

Domenic Giuliani, formerly with the G. & G. Art Supply, has taken over the Detroit Art Industries, carnival supply firm, from Leo Ben- tumed and each group is preceded by venuti and Robert Moers. . . . Pat four motley jesters carrying illumifor the St. Louis office of the Frank Rose King, wife of Louis (Dada), nated banners kidding local politicos. Wirth Enterprises. Brown visited his World of Mirth Shows concessions secretary, and Roberta Kessler have opened a women's specialty shop in New York. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stebbins will spend the last two weeks of this month in Florida. He meeting Daddy Jim Young and his is the head of Stebbins Speedways. . . . Joe Casper, former carnival they recently opened a baby gift show op, is now associated with the Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City.



HARRY (BINGO) BERNSTEIN, concessionaire on Polack Bros.' Western Unit, and his bride, the former Mildred Leabrow, non-pro, were photographed as they cut their wedding cake Tuesday (1) at the Medinah Shrine Temple following their marriage in Sholom Temple, Chicago, Members of all departments of the Polack Western Unit were guests at the reception.

#### **Swiss Mardi Gras Preems** At 4 A.M.; Lasts 3 Days

BASLE, Switzerland, March 5 .---While most countries wound up their pre-Lenten fun seasons with Mardi Gras festivities last Tuesday (1) this industrial city of Switzerland, predominantly Protestant, starts off its annual carnival season Monday (7) when the Basle Carnival gets "drummed" in at 4 a.m. by the combined thumping of 28 well-trained drum corps.

Members of the drum clubs, which also include fifers, are gayly cos-All local officials and prominent personalities disguise themselves during the carnival period, which lasts only three days, because any one who recognizes them is at liberty to bawl them out to a fare-thee-well, and usually does. This free speech feature of the Basle Carnival, which dates back to the 13th century, is seldom abused and is over-shadowed by the parades, dinners and balls which occupy most of the three-day festival period.

4 Hudson Day Line Boats Bring 500G; **Funspots Retained** 

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Stockholders of the Hudson River Day Line approved, on Wednesday (2), the sale of four of the line's excursion steamers and dock facilities at Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. New owner is George Sanders, operator of the Sutton Line, running excursion service between New York and Bear Mountain. Price was about \$500,000. with the purchaser to put up \$150,000 in cash and assume mortgages totaling \$332,000. Other items brought the total price close to the \$500,000 mark.

The leal does not include the Day Line's recreation parks at Indian Point and Kingston Point, nor docks and installation at Catskill, Hudson and Albany, which are still on the market.

Sutton Line will operate the four boats-Hendrick Hudson, Robert Fulton, Alexander Hamilton and Peter Stuyvesant-which have a combined passenger capacity of 13,000-only as far as Poughkeepsie, with stops at West 125th Street, Yonkers, Bear Mountain, West Point and Newburgh.

Decreasing business, climaxed by a net loss of \$171,202 last year, caused the 85-year-old Day Line to announce its plans to go out of bi siness last November. Company was headed by Alfred V. S. Olcott, descendant of the founder of the line, who became its president in 1909.





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# **Talent** Topics

will be with the Kelly-Miller Circus until the fair season opens. They have 12 weeks of fair dates for the DeWaldo Agency. The three Kriel kids will present their acro and contortion turns and Lowell (Pop) Kriel will do come-in and clown in the grandstand. . . . Duke Del Rio, who will have the Side Show on Capell Bros.' Shows this season, has been presenting his impalement act on the Blue & White Shows this spring. He's featuring three-year-old Kathleen Del Rio against the knife board.

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Nesta Diacoff suffered cuts and bruises and her mother, Flo, escaped with bruises, while performing their bicycle act in the Chicago Amphitheater at the annual Outdoor Show there. Act is billed as the Three Diacoffs and is a mother and twodaughter affair. . . . Dolly Jacobs recently flew to Indianapolis to be with her son, Punch, who underwent an appendectomy. . . . Jimmy Armstrong, clown, was a recent visitor in Hugo, Okla. . . . Emmett Kelly reports a successful winter playing niteries, booked thru the Frank Sennes office. On his closing night at the Kin Wa Lo Club, Toledo, the art staffs of the newspapers pre-San Antonio 1, Texas sented him with a pen and ink

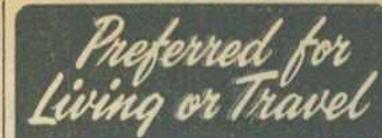


Kriel Family of circus acts again drawing by leading Toledo artists. Francis and Lotti Brunn, a juggling act, were with Kelly on most of the bookings. Kelly will be with R-B this season, his eighth on the Big Show.

> Annual circus-type program tossed by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha, primarily for the membership is to be held July 19-21, with Ernie Young, Chicago booker, signed to provide nine acts. These are Sonny Moore and His Dogs, the Five Berrys, skating; Egony Trio, threeperson trampoline; Emil and Evelyn, teeterboard; Francisco and Delores, perch; Jack Meyand and Company, unicycle; Novak and Fay, comedy knockabout; the Novellos, unsupported ladder, and the Mariannas, high act. The Ak-Sar-Ben event this year will be tied in with the Nebraska American Legion convention.

The Flying Behees recently in at White Bros.' Orange Avenue Trailer Park, Sarasota, from Cuba, where they played six weeks. They will continue to stay at that park until time to go out with the Ringling-Barnum circus. Also at the same trailer park are Ivanoff, who has built a new act with new rigging; the Chambertys, who will start north in the near future; Ira Millette, who is painting his props and shaping up for the opening of the Ringling show, and Elaine Malloy, who also is readying for the approaching season. The White brothers have signed to play fairs this year for the Gus Sun Agency.

Capt. Roy Simms is building a triangular rigging at Denard, Ark., where he has a 10-acre tract. . . . The Melzoras are to come out this year with a new act which will combine flying and casting. A new rigging, which features a red, white and blue color scheme, has been completed at their Saginaw, Mich., quarters. Bert and Corinne Dearo, slack wire, played the Palace Theater, Rockford, Ill., March 4-6. They join the Orrin Davenport Circus in St. Paul, March 14.



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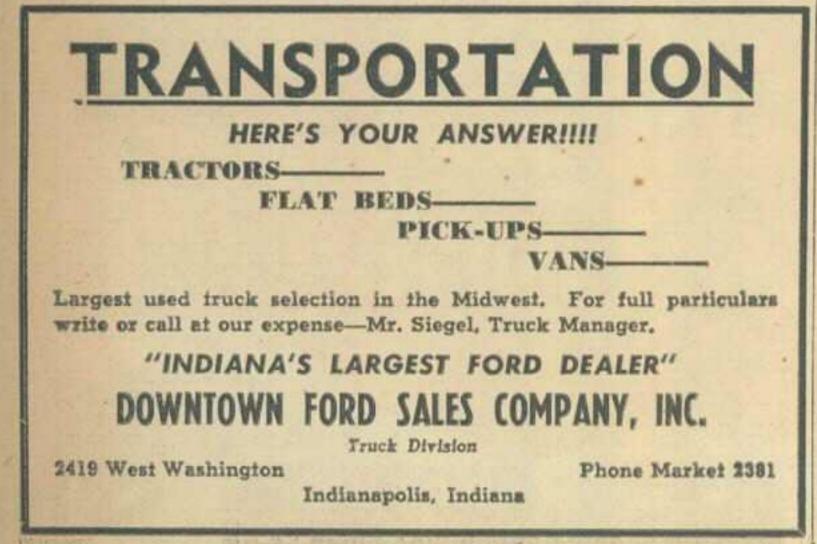
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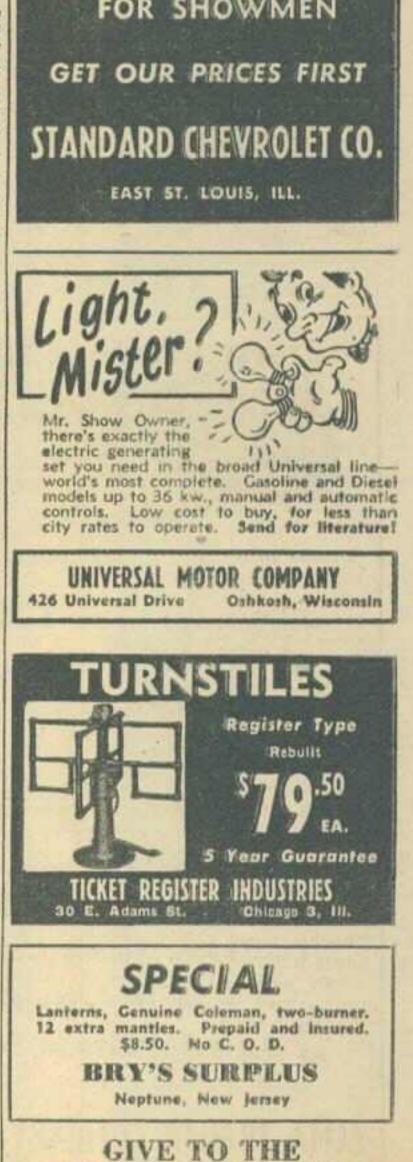


The Rudells, trampoline trio, are in the stage show at the Roxy, New York, while the English skate star, Cecilia Colledge, heads the ice show at that flicker palace. . . Renald and Rudy, hand-to-hand balancers, working in the stage production at New York's Radio City Music Hall. ... Skating Macks on the week-end vaude bill at the Jamaica (Long Island) Theater.... The Three Margas, fem aerialists from Frankfort, Germany, recently arrived in Sarasota to join the Ringling-Barnum circus. Girl trio is managed by Freddy Feindt, brother of Cilly Feindt, high school rider with the Big Show. . . The Erwingos, aerialists, are building a home in Sarasota.

(Zoo)perfluous

LONG BEACH, Calif., March 5.-Wesley Dickinson, curator of the Grace Wylie Zoo, passing out the stogies in honor of quadruplets presented the zoo by a deadly 18-inch Australian black snake last Thursday (24).

New arrivals, about the size of a kitchen match, with pink bellies and blue backs, were a surprise to Director Dickinson, who believes this is the first time snakelets of this species have been born in captivity. Furthermore, mama snake came to the zoo, from Australia, only three months ago, unaccompanied by any better half and with no excess baggage listed on the manifest.



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Pennies Would Do Trick:

# Lamont Says Circus Could Be Brought to Crippled Children

CHICAGO, March 5. - Arthur children's institutions thruout the 48 George (Bozo the Clown) Lamont | States. Eventually, he says, the garnered space in Iowa papers re- clowns would appear before children cently with his idea to bring the in all 1.151 institutions that provide circus to crippled children and other- homes for physically handicapped a ise incapacitated children thruout children and orphans. the country.

Lamont's idea is to organize an act consisting of 10 clowns who would be ansported by a specially constructed pus. The troupe would travel to



#### Financing Plan

Financing of the troupe would be obtained thru school children by asking each pupil in the U.S. for just one penny, Bozo said.

"There are 20,000,000 school kids in the country. If each would give a penny a year, that would mean \$200,000. That amount is enough to keep the show going two years," Lamont told an Iowa newspaperman.

A board of directors, consisting of a minister, priest, rabbi, lawyer and banker would be set up to handle the funds, according to Lamont. Any bank, he said, could handle the funds, About \$2,000 a week in expenses would be mailed to the troupe on the road-to the nearest bank on the route.

Lamont claims he has approached other clowns with his idea and already has 10 ready to join.

## **Propose Four Calif. Centennial Festivals**

PLACERVILLE, Calif., March 5 .--A plan to stage four separate festivals thruout the summer, in place of one major celebration, is being mulled by the County Centennials Committee, it was reported.

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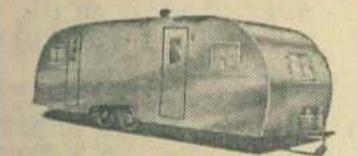
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The Sheriff's Posse Celebration is lated to open at the south end of Lake Tahoe June 5 and move down the American River in a covered wagon caravan, arriving in Placerville June 11 for a parade in connection with a horse show and rodeo.

#### N. Y. SPORTS SHOW

(Continued from page 59) giving them in the neighborhood of 200,000 patrons for the nine days.

With dealers, manufacturers and exhibitors, this year's New York show made a decided hit. It was run without an iota of midway and the space gained thereby went into longer and wider aisles for public easement, an improvement over 1948.

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# **BINGO** Brownsville's Charro Days **Fiesta in Successful Run**

(Continued from page 59) activities into one area would prove Tex.; Clayton Hill, Canadian, Tex.; a boon to the event. Fortunately, such a possibility for the future exists. The Fort Browns grounds, a spacious, level area formerly used as an army site and offering huge buildings capable of housing many exhibits and events, is only a few blocks from the downtown district.

The Fort Browns site would be ideal, not only because of its location and because of its facilities but also because of its beautiful lake and a canal which enhances its desirability.

Your observer pointed out to the fiesta committee that the site is a natural for the annual event, suggesting that if at all possible the committee would do well to obtain use of the site. If such a change were effected, the event might well prove one of the top money-making celek ations in the country. Too, the fiesta's value as a lure to visitors from beyond the Southwest would be increased greatly.

The Charry Days Fiesta program this year teed off at 9 a.m., Thursday (24), when several hundred mariachis assembled at the Matamoros Plaze to cross the bridge to Brownsville, after which they paraded to the main bandstand to be greeted officially by A. A. (Daddy) Hargrove, with his celebrated "Grito" yell which was echoed thruout the city by celebrants.

Official greeting by Hargrove signalized the beginning of four days and nights of merry-making, with what seemed to be the entire Rio Grande Valley getting into the act. One of the touches that annually marks the fiesta is the beard-growing contest among local business men. Beginning January 1, participants shunned razors and at fiesta-time they sported heavy hirsute adornments. Downtown streets were blocked for the fiesta's full run to permit continual street dancing, with music provided by many groups of mariachis. A mammoth street parade was held daily, and Saturday (26) two parades were held, one in the afternoon, the other at night. Nightly attraction at the Charro Days Ball was Carlos Molina and his ork, with an elaborate floorshow which featured Tito Guizo. Tickets for these went at \$8.40 per. A rodeo billed as Gene Autry's World's Championship Rodeo, without Gene, was presented three nights and as many afternoons in New Lion's Park, with \$3.60 as the top admission price. Presented in front of a recently built grandstand, the rodeo played to only fair crowds, inclement weather combining with a poor location to hurt the gate. The rodeo, which was under the direction of Eveneit Colburn, paid out \$7,500 in prizes. Top money winners included: Steve Hancock, Phoenix, Ariz.; Gerald Roberts, Strong City, Kan.; Toots Mansfield, Big Springs, Tex.; Sonny Tureman, John Day, Ore.; Shoat Webster, Nowata, Okla.; Bill Hancock, Ozark, Ark.; Ross Martin, Uvalde, Tex.; Pete Yancey, Wichita

Falls, Tex.; Jake Monroe, Clarksville, Pete Grump, Ada, Okla., and Buck Rutherford, Nowata, Okla.

Two days of midget auto races were skedded at St. Joseph's Park but one was rained out.

"he American Midway Shows were in for an extended stand, February 19-27, which spanned the run of the fiesta. Owner Don Brashear reported the gross topped any previous year.

## Some Drinking!

SACRAMENTO, March 5 .--California State Fair patrons consumed 8,164 gallons of orange juice during the 11-day run in '48, Secretary - Manager Ned Gree. reported recently to the board of directors. The breakdown showed that the juice. which retailed at a 10-cent average for 5½-ounce drink, grossed \$19,000 for concessions. The report was drawn up in figuring concession space rentals for '49, All beverage bids for this year's fair will close March 13.





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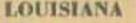
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Boston-New England Plower Show, March 13-19. Arno H Nehrling, 300 Mass Ave.

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Harrisburg-Builders Show of Pa. March 7-12 J. L. Barren, 2501 N. Front St.

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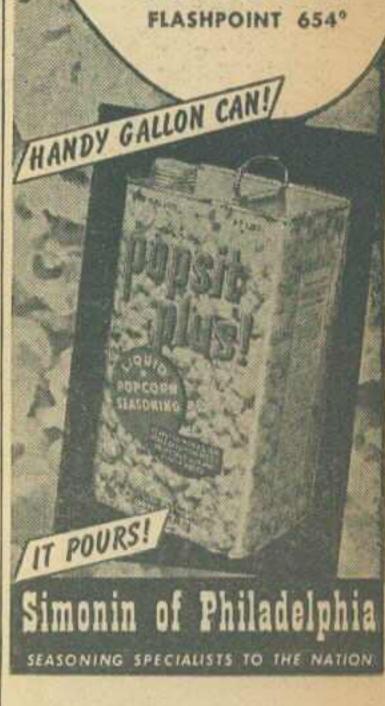


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# **Org Skedded** For One Day At El Monte

#### L. A. Run To Be 12 Days

LOS ANGELES, March 5.-Clyde Beatty will open the season Thursday (24), playing a one-day stand in El Monte, whe. z the show has been in winter quarters, S. L. (Buster) Cronin, manager, announced. Local run on the Washington and Hill streets lot will open March 30 for 12 days.

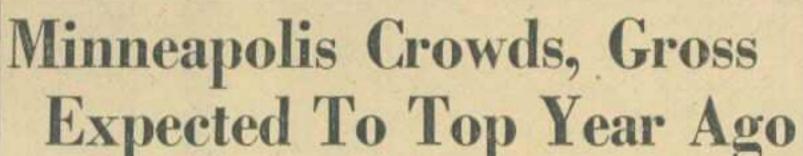
Clyde and Harriet Beatty, now in the Hawaiian Islands appearing with the E. K. Fernandez Circus, plan to return here Saturday (12).

Executive staff includes Paul Eagles, general agent; Ray Smith, 24-hour man; Francis Kitzman, advance biller, and C. S. Primrose, press agent.

According to Cronin, Victor Robbins will again head the band for the second year. E. L. (Yellow) Burnett has completed the painting of the wagons purchased from the Sparks Circus T. L. Price, in charge of the blacksmith shop, is putting the final touches on the trucks and wagons. George Davis, who transferred from Cole Bros., will be in charge of the cookhouse. Sam Barnard, master mechanic from Seattle, has been named superintendent of transportation and head mechanic. Pat Graham will serve his second year as trainmaster. Joe Acaris has been named cage superintendent. Ora Parks has been appointed to the press and radio staff. Other staffers include Joe Applegate, big top; Richard Shipley, elephants; Edward Mason, ring stock; Al Leadbitter, lights; John Crane, ushers; Harry Brown, ticket sellers; Thomas Ward, props, and Thomas Mitchell, Side Show.



TOM, TOMMY AND HARRY posed for this one at the Orrin Davenport Grotto Circus in Cleveland recently. Left to right: Tom Gregory, past president of the Circus Fans' Association of America; Tommy, one of Albert Fleet's chimpanzees, and Col. Harry Thomas, equestrian director with the Davenport winter shows. Thomas, in recent years, equestrian director with Cole Bros., since left Cleveland for Sarasota, Fla., to join the Ringling org in the same capacity.



# **King's Opening Skedded Mar. 31**

Show to bow in Texas City, Tex. - quarters crew getting equipment set

ROSENBERG, Tex., March 5 .--King Bros. will bow for the season in Texas City, Tex., Thursday (31). As a result, activity in winter quarters has been stepped up considerably. All rolling stock has been reconditioned and painted and other work is on schedule.

Chester and Sylvia Gregory, Side Show manager, and big show performer, respectively, and Eddie Hendricks have arrived in quarters. Lucio Cristiani, associate owner of the show, is expected back from Honohulu Tuesday (15).

Calvin Spike is lining up equipment for the big top. Six lengths of bible-back grandstand seats and 14 lengths of blues have been constructed in the shops here. Red Dean is a recent addition to the welding department.

A new training ring is in operation here. Another horse has been added to the Liberty act and another pony to the pony drill.

Paul De Laney, superintendent of concessions, is getting things ready in his department. Tige Hale, big show band leader, is expected shortly. R. V. Lewis, Owensboro, Ky., will have charge of the Side Show band and minstrels. Lewis was on the Cole show last year. J. D. Cook, superintendent of big show tickets, and Fred Barker, circus agent from Johnstown, Pa., were recent visitors to quarters. Also visiting here were James and Marion Heron, James Heron's Wild Life Show, and Clarence Ausking, Heron's general agent.

# **Polack** Scores **Big in Brooklyn**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Polack Bros.' Circus (Eastern Unit) opened to good business Friday (4) at the Majestic Theater, Brooklyn. House adjoins the hub of the borough's transportation systems, making it easily accessible from all sections of Brooklyn and New York.

Two performances were presented yesterday and three shows will be staged today and Sunday (6), with indications that they will be sellouts. Unit leaves for Lansing, Mich., Monday (7).

Majestic has a large stage but not sufficient height or space for the flying trapeze and three other acts. Numbers not appearing are the Flying Ernie Wards, Aerial Charltans, (Count Ernesto) Wiswell's Funny Ford and Rudy Dock's basketball playing boxer dogs.

#### Sock Talent

All other acts were well received, with the four elephants handled by Cheerful Gardner, Mabel Stark's tigers, the trampoline antics of Adriana and Charlie, Hubert Castle's wire routines, and the Borza kids (Pepi and Anita) proving effective.

Circus's garnering good publicity. The nearest stable available for the elephants is that of the city's mounted Hubert Dyer, George LaSalle, Jack ers of a circus. rolice, about a mile distant, which Ker edy, Earl Shipley, Happy Kelcoliges Gardner to parade his pachy- lems, Hopp Green, Van Wells, Albert gins, Dr. Oliver Pfeiffer, Les Semmes, Priddy, Oconomowoc, Wis., circus

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5.—The 31st annual Zuhrah Shrine Circus in the Auditorium was off to a fast start by midweek and predictions of an attendance between 112,000 and 115,000 at closing tonight were being made. L. F. (Bud) Johnson, general chairman, reported that thru Thursday night (3) attendance was 3,000 over that of the same period a year ago. Last year's show played to 109,000 persons in 13 performances. This year, Johnson said, the 9,200-seat Auditorium had been filled for every performance but that of Monday night, February 28. By Tuesday (1), every per-

formance was sold out for the remainder of the week except Friday's matinee and the Saturday morning show. By Thursday night those were sold out, with reserves for Saturday morning especially going fast.

Shov. drew 122,000 persons in 1947. The gross for 1948 topped '47, however, because of a raise in prices. Show was hit by bad weather last year which held down attendance.

On a ash basis, this year's run was \$1,200 ahead thru the Thursday matinee as against the same period in '48, Johnson said. Concessions were running 25 per cent ahead of last year.

#### **Cost About Same**

The show, built by Noble Noel Van Tilburg and Mrs. Edna Dee Curtis, equestrian director, cost about the Sun-Times with stories and pictures. same as last year, Johnson said.

The annual co-operation with the Minneapolis Board of Education worked out well again this year. Kids were dismissed from school early so they could take advantage of the specially reduced 40-cent ducats if purchased at school. Price range otherwise was 50 cents general admission for kids, \$1 general for adults and \$2 for reserves. This price schedule was the same as last year.

Assisting Van Tilburg and Mrs. Curtis are Leo Hamilton, assistant equestrian director; Bob Merrick, announcer, and Izzy Cervone, band director. Costumes are by Eva Lanquay & Company, Chicago.

#### **Clowns** Listed

Coyle, Bozo Cary, Orville Harris,

Sweeney, Edwards Hit Flack Jackpot For Polack in Chi

CHICAGO, March 5.- Al Sweeney and Justus Edwards hit the publicity jackpot for Polack Bros.' Western Unit's Chicago appearance. Show opened Friday and runs thru March door dates under Shrine auspices. 20.

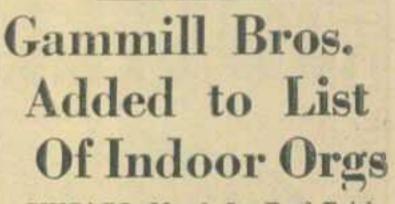
Sweeney, who handles press for this date only, got his campaign under way early and day after day hit the Tribune, News, Herald-American and

Edwards made radio programs with interviews.

Polack opened Friday with a matinee, largely attended by underprivileged and crippled children. Friday night's show was sold out to the electronics industry and was televised over WBKB.

#### **Organize** Circus Fans Chapter in Racine, Wis.

RACINE, Wis., March 5 .- Nit 2 Racine men formed a chapter of Sommerfield, H. F. Johnson, Harold Circus Fans of America here recently It has been named the Dan Castello was named president; Dr. Pfeiffer, Tent in honor of the late Dan Castello, vice-president, and Semmes, secre-Members of clown alley are Joe Racine, who, with W. C. Coup, tary-treasurer, Delavan, Wis., was one of the found-



CHICAGO, March 5 .- Fred Reichert, assistant manager, Polack Bros." Eastern Unit in 1947, who engaged in independent promotions last year, this week announced the formation of Gammill Bros.' Circus to play in-

Show will bow May 23 in San Angelo, Tex. Reichert said he is lining up other dates in Texas and Colorado for the spring. Org will play five weeks of spring dates and then reopen in September in Mississippi. Fall and winter dates will be booked in Louisiana, Georgia and Mississippi.

All acts will be booked thru the Ernie A. Young Agency, Chicago,

Show's executive staff, in addition to Reichert, who will be general manager, includes W. Curtis Evans, assistant recorder of El Karubah Temple, Shreveport, promotional director; J. W. Hinton, secretary-treasurer; Whitey Wilbur, superintendent of props, and Helen Billetti, concession manager.

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Present at the meeting here were Dr. H. H. Conley, Park Ridge, Ill., Charter members are Frank Hig- national CFA president, and Dan



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KANSAS CITY, March 5.-Local officials of the annual police circus (Hamid-Morton), which opened a six-day run here Tuesday (1) reported today that thru last night's performance gross was running approximately 15 per cent ahead for the same period last year. According to Capt. Edwin L. Kellerstrass, of the Ninth Police District, show experienced its first turnaway in history last night when doors were closed 15 minutes before show time.

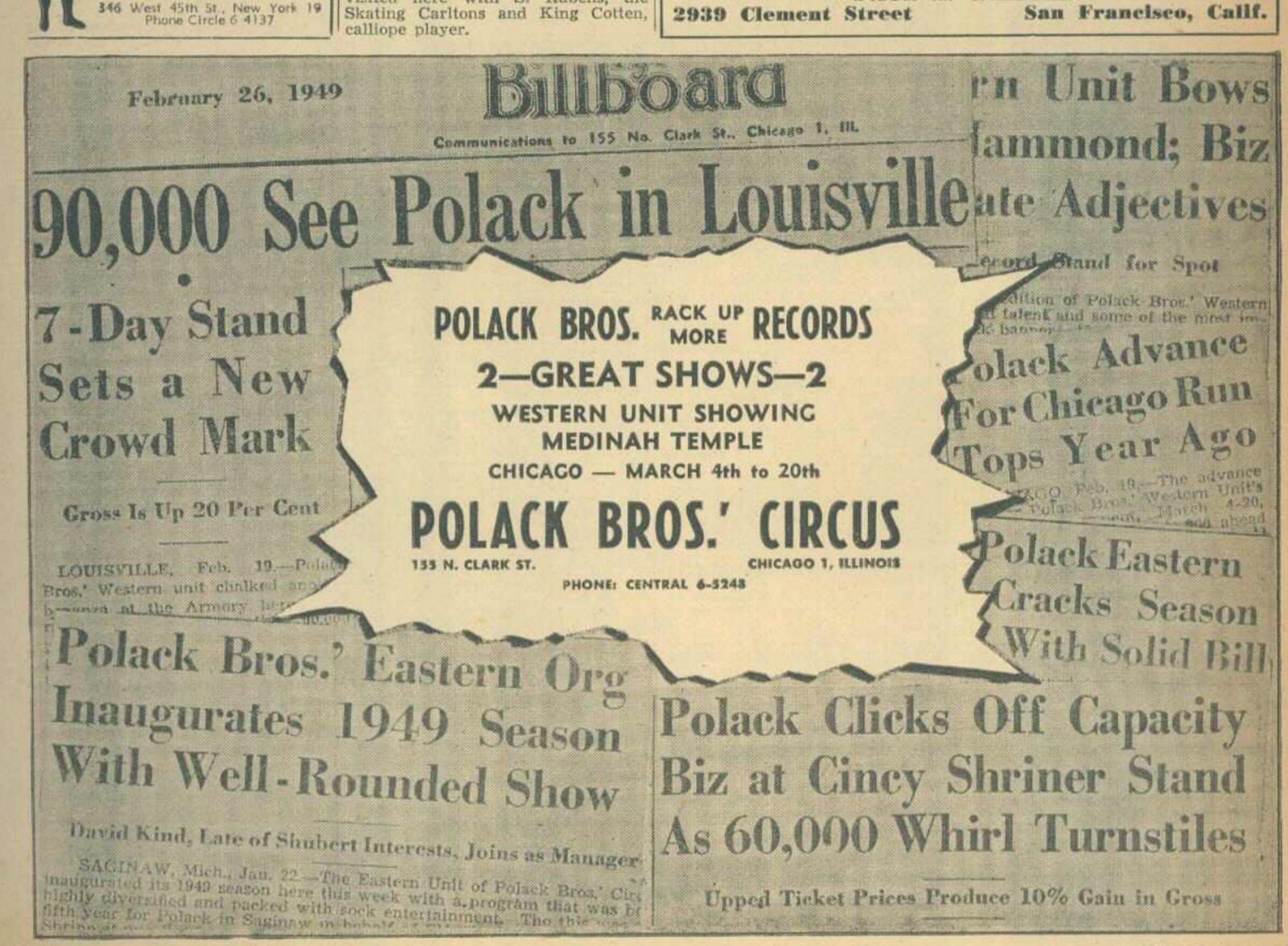
Howard Y. Bary handled advance for Hamid-Morton, show opening with nearly \$100,000 pre-sale. Unless weather hits hard, final two days are expected to approximate business to date, with final running from 10 to 15 per cent over 1948. Same admission price structure as last year has been used.

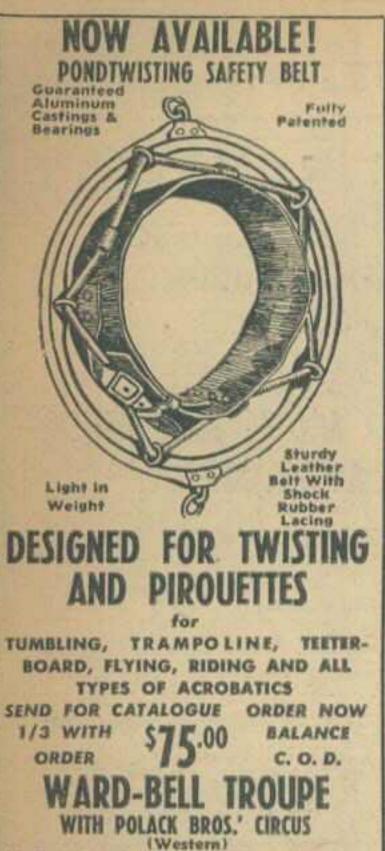
## **Cold Nips Rogers At Debut Stands**

CRESTVIEW, Fla., March 5.-Cold weather dented receipts at the first two stands of the season for Rogers Bros.' Circus. Marianna, Fla., February 28, and Crestview, March 1, drew less than quarter houses at matinees, while night performances attracted half houses.

The show completed its 100-mile run here by Tuesday noon. Altho the slow was set up by 2 p.m., the starting time was set back to 4 to permit attendance by school children.

Visitors at Marianna included Jack Mills, of Mills Bros.' Circus, and W. F. Duggan, Lee and Vi Bradley, Mrs. Jim Stutz and Bill Baker, of Pan American Animal Exhibit. Jim Stutz, Pan American general representative, visited here with Si Rubens, the





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# **CIRCUS WINTER QUARTERS**

#### Dales Bros.

UNION, S. C., March 5.-Show will hit the road early in April. All new canvas has been purchased and equipment overhauled. 'Two new trucks have been bought for the advance and the brigade has been stepped up to a 10-man crew. A Liberty act has been broken and elephant act has a new ro ine. New press material and radio disks have been prepared by the writer.

Heralds again will be used and for the first time the show will tack banners. Harry Kackley is already contracting; Elmer Veter will handle the brigade; Rudy Jacobi will be in charge of press department; Larry Lawrenson will be second man; Harry Crabtree, boss billposter, and Dan Worniak, boss lithographer. Show again will play many auspice dates .--DORY E. MILLER.

#### **Circus Historical Society**

WICHITA, Kan., March 5. - Bill Kasiska is arranging the CHS convention to be held in Baraboo, Wis., this summer. Merchants are planning a display of old-time Ringling mementoes.

Roland J. Weber, Chicago, has a miniature circus that took 18 years to build. The Webers have had it on display in many cities during the past season. Bill Kasiska had his miniature circus on display in a Portland downtown show window for 56 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Lamar Garbert, San Francisco, are now members of the club. They trouped on the Sells-Floto Circus in 1912 when Bonfils and Tammen had the show.

Dad White, Fredonia, Kan., will make his annual trek to Wichita for the Hamid-Morton Circus, March 14-20, to visit Dick Clemens.

#### Mills Bros.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Marcl 5.- April 11 has been set as reporting date for Mills Bros. personnel, prepping for the April 16 curtain-raising of the org's 10th jubilee season, Jack Mills announced this week from Sarasota, Fla., where he and brother Jake and families have been on combined business-pleasure trip.

The Mills brothers also reported purchase of new wardrobe for the big show, including spec costumes, from Cole Bros. They also bought a number of fancy saddles for horses from the Cole org.

Signed contracts were received from Lloyd and Willedean Black who return from last year, doing Australian whip cracking and knife throwing in concert, with Lloyd also big show announcer and his wife working in swinging ladders and aerial ballet.

Quarters work is humming, with workingmen starting to come on, augmenting regular force.

Another chair truck has been finished by Charley Brady's crew and all rolling stock is ready for a paint job in Mills colors of circus red with yellow and blue trim.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Huntley checked in following a visit with relatives in Kentucky and have started daily workouts on new routines for elephant Burma.

Show will use window cards exclusively, no posters, and concentrate heavily on papers and radio. Crew of six agents, with cars, is being lined up by Fred Stafford, press-radio head. Window card contract again has been placed with Johnny Anderson, Enquirer Printing Company, Cincinnati. -FRED W. STAFFORD JR.

# WarnerOpening Scheduled for L. A. March 18

LOS ANGELES, March 5 .- With equipment purchased from the De-Wayne, Guitteras and Wach circuses, A. L. (Arkie) Warner plans to launch Warner Bros.' C':cus here Friday (18). Following this date, the show will move up the Coast, playing the smaller towns.

Warner, well known in show circles here and in Seattle, will have Jimmy Oakman, Oregon concessionaire, as general agent, and Tommy Colette, ex-nitery operator, also in a managerial capacity.

Show will move on 12 trucks and have three rings. Big top will be a 70 with three 30's.

#### POLACK SCORES

(Continued from page 70) derms thru the center of Brooklyn several times daily-a natural ballyhoo.

Dave Kind, former Shubert executive from Chicago, has charge of the show, with Nate Lewis announcing and Henry Kyes and his boys doing a good job in the orchestra pit. Owner Irving J. Polack was on hand opening day and looking optimistic. Bill Green did a good press job, getting several good breaks in Brooklyn and New York dailies.

# **Top Acts Scarce As European Units Near Prewar Scope**

(Continued from page 59) dancers, and Knie's chimps, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Smith. In addition to the Cirque Royal in Brussels, the Knie-Mikkenie combine have taken over the Circus Hippodrome at Antwerp, Belgium, and are presenting a good program featuring several groups of Knie's animals, including an elephant ballet handled here. John Grady has finished paint- by G. Ruzsa; camels, put thru their ing four cages-all pictorial panels, paces by Enrico Zimmerman; a group of percherons, paraded by Jules Haenni; polar bears, presented by V. apolis as one of the twins was ill. The Benes, and Liberty and high-school horses, under the whip of Fredy Knie. Other good acts on the Hippodrome charge of the brigade. Bo' Grubb is bill are the 10 Enrico Carolis, outstanding bareback riders; Felovis, jugler; Four Georgys, perch; Three Barrisons, adagio; Triska, high wire; Miss Hela, sea lions; Three Cawidous, acro - comics; Three Francescos, clowns, and Charley Wyma, juggler.



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Hubert H. D. Golden is readying his circus for an early opening at Burnip, Mich.

Walter Fox and Eddie Jackson have had the stories of their lives written. Fox by The Billboard and Jackson by The Akron Beacon-Journal. Jackson leaves March 14 to take up his duties on the advance car No. 1 with R-B.

Harry Simpson, editor of Bandwagon, visited Polack Bros.' Western Unit in Cincinnati.

Doc Powers and John Van Matre have completed a collection of all the routes of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus. Van Matre is putting out a set of old-time Barnum & Bailey parades with his "Bannerline" paper.

C. Spencer Chambers purchased the entire collection of William Kofords, formerly of Jamestown, N. Y.

Walter Tyson, past president of CHS, has a copy of P. T. Barnum and London Shows route book for the combined seasons of 1881 and 1885.

Herb Fursier is spending the winter at Preston, Ont.

The CHS was saddened by the passing of Edmund Holt, Allentown, Pa. BETTE LEONARD.

#### **Stevens Bros.**

HUGO, Okla., March 5 .- Tom Mc-Laughlin, general agent, is in quarters etc., and several trucks have been painted. Dolly Jacobs flew to Minnethree bulls are being worked daily by George King. Les Garner will have working out the Liberty act, ponies and dogs. Bud Anderson was a recent visitor. Bill Seaman, in the carpenter shop, has nearly finished a new 16foot ticket wagon.

#### MINN. CROWDS BIG (Continued from page 70)

White, Laurence Cross, Ted Tosky and Russell Jierre.

#### The Program

Display 1-Zuhrah Temple Shrine Band, directed by Noble Al Ruud. Display 2-Zuhrah Temple marching units and tournament. Display 3-Hubert Dyer and Company and Bozo Harrell and Company. Display 4-Terrell Jacobs, wild animals. Display 5-The Aerial Gibsons, featuring Phyllis Gibson. Display 6-King Reynolds, wire; the Bontas, balancing, and Don Pedro and Company, slack wire. Display 7-Moritz the Monkey, Display 5-Clowns, Display 9-Jinks Hoagian and Company, menage horses and riders. Display 10-Miss Huguette, trick horse, Display 11-Ming Sing Stars, the Bontas and the Gascas, balancing. Display 12-Rose Behee, Shirley Gibson, Edna Jeffreys, Viola Dyer and Diane Volse, web; Ethel D'Arcy, Frankie Doyle and Evelyn Rossi, trapeze. Display 13-Armund Guerre, sea flons. Display 14-Johnnie Laddie and Company and Happy Harrison's dogs. Display 15-Elly Ardelty, high act. Display 16-Clowns, Display 17-William Buschbom's Liberty horses, Display 18-The Jeffreys, rings; the Thomens and Phil and Bonnie Bonta, perch. Display 19-Clowns. Display 20-Kelly-Miller elephants. Display 21-The Cathalas and the Lopez Trio, balance. Display 22-Clowns. Display 23-Hoaglan Jumpers, horses. Display 24-Sensational Keys, high gian circus showmen, the De'Jonghe wire. Display 25-Flying Harolds, trapeze.

#### **CFA** Dates Changed

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 5 .--

#### **Colleano With Dutch**

**Circus Frans Mikkenie and Circus** Van Bever are in winter quarters in Holland, while Circus Strassburger, the third of Netherlands' big circuses, is playing indoor season at the Carro Arena in Amsterdam, running from mid-December thru March. Last month's bill featured wire-walker Con Colleano, who has been on an extended tour of the British Isles and returns to America shortly to join Cole Bros.' Circus.

Apparently the field for circus acts in some parts of Europe is returning to normal. A majority of the standard acts playing Circus Strassburger, as well as the circuses mentioned previously, have recently played extended runs in the Scandinavian countries and England, or Spain and Portugal. Currently at the Carre Arena are Tay Ru, equilibrist, and Chipperfield's lions, direct from London. Other well-known foreign acts playing here this season were the Bel-Brothers, and Pipo and Rhum, French clown duo.



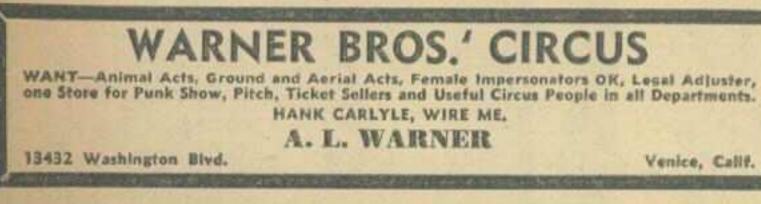
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#### CIRCUSES

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# UNDER THE MARQUEE

on business, REX M. INGHAM, act. . . . Vernon Pratt, owner, Hugo owner of the Ingham Animal Farm Bros., recently purchased four Libin Ruffin, N. C., was visited by erty horses from Bud E. Anderson. FRED AMES and DAVID PHIL-LIPS, director and secretary, respectively, of the U.S. Society of Zoology; ERNEST PRESSLY, of Pressly's safety dog act; DEWEY SCOTT, owner of Scott's trained mules; Bob Stevens, of Stevens Bros., re-JIMMY HURD, cornet player, last year with Cole Bros.; S. A. WAYNE, operator of Wayne's Birdland in Charlotte; TOM DEES, dog trainer of Bessemer City, N. C.; A. L. LORD, zoo operator at a Charlotte park; RAMSEY THE MAGICIAN, and MR. AND MRS. COX, formerly of Barnett Bros.' Circus.

"Working wife" may be described as one who can work in spec, do swinging ladder, ride menage, cowgirl the concert and double in cherry pie at night.

Ione Stevens, concession manager on the Kelly-Miller org, wintered in Aransas Pass, Tex. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mel Lewis are weekly visitors at the Hugo Showmen's Club, Hugo, Okla. Lewis is Side Show manager for Kelly-Miller. . . . Kelly, Dale and Kareen Miller recently had their movie projection machine at John and Nola Grady's home and showed several reels of film in color. ... George King, trainer of Dolly Jacobs' elephants, reports he has several new routines for the buils and is painting all equipment. . . Art Miller, general agent, Kelly-Miller Circus, reports the new advance car is all set, as is the crew.

. . Walt Stevens again will have the band on the Kelly-Miller show. agent, Stevens Bros., was a recent visitor in Hugo, Okla., before leaving on a booking tour.

While in Charlotte, N. C., recently phants and the eight-horse Liberty . . . Harry Rooks, while visiting in Hugo, Okla., reported he has purchased a big top, four trucks, a calliope and a light plant. He is framing his show in Arkansas. . cently was on an animal buying tour. . . . Homer B. Phillips, banner man, was a recent visitor at the Hugo Showmen's Club, Hugo, Okla. ... Otto A. Zange caught the Orrin Davenport Circus in Cleveland.

> Troupers make fun of the town squire, not noticing that the old codger makes a living sitting around while waiting for his fee-grabber to bring in a showman.

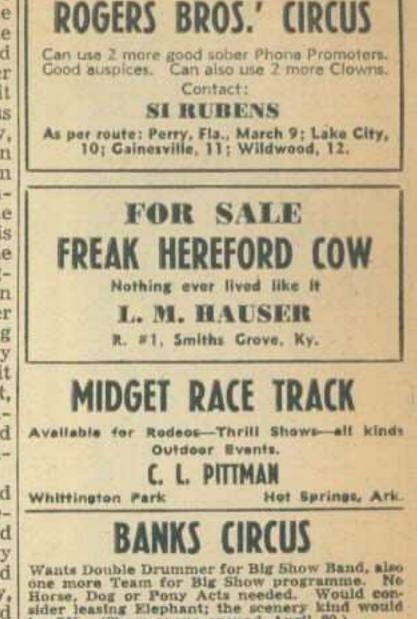
7932 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollyseason. Harold H. Hall leaves March take over the diner for Norman Anderson on Seal Bros.' Circus. This since 1942, when he was in clown alley with Cole Bros. Bobbie Kay and Mark Anthony will tour with Clyde Beatty, Kay as ballet director and clown, and Anthony as producing clown. Harry Hammond, formerly with Clyde Beatty, leaves March 15 for Gonzales, Tex., to join Dailey Bros. as paymaster and superintendent of concessions.

About this time of the year broken workingmen begin to get homesick for any circus that is guartered within an easy thumbing distance from their hometowns.

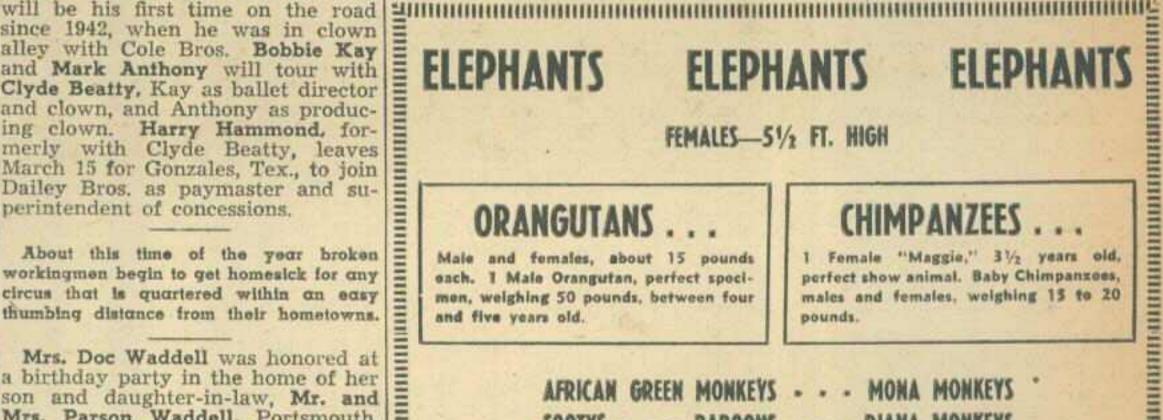
Mrs. Doc Waddell was honored at a birthday party in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and These who are sensations as producers Mrs. Parson Waddell, Portsmouth, of circus specs aren't telling the secrets O., recently. More than 50 showfolk, relatives and friends attended. ... Bobbie and Dan Stewart have returned to Hunt Bros.' quarters and again will have charge of the din-Dorrie Miller left Hugo, Okla., for ing department. . . . George A. Welsh.

and Edythe and Whitey Boyd deserve a nod for their musical score. Connie Wilson reports she is in the costume business. She has already dashed off one for Clara Delbosq. Manager Dave Kind finds life on the unit different but interesting. Previous to being manager of the Polack show, Kind was connected with the Selwyn Theater in Chicago for 19 years. In Roanoke Fred Proper saw a complete performance for the first time in eight years. Bobby Harrison is a real monkey man, the way he scampers around the girders hanging rigging. Wanda Malikova, in maid's garb, was spotted taking her mother's cape during the opening matinee in White Plains. Publicity man Bill Green, absent from the unit during the runs in Saginaw and Flint, returned in Roanoke. Justus Edwards, of the Western Unit, handled the press work during the two opening engagements.

Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Parks (Mrs. Parks recently re-Occupants of the apartments at turned from India, where she procured a shipment of elephants); Scotty wood, are preparing for the coming Sheldon, Charlie Robinson, -Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Douglas, Mr. Conway, 16 for Giddings, Tex., where he will Maxwell Coplan, Dick Valaci and (See Polack Bros.' Eastern, page 104)



be OK. (Show opens around April 20.) BANKS WILKINSON, Forest City, Ark.



of their successes, but they'll be washed up If their sister's kids stop telling them their dreams.

Minneapolis for the indoor circus last of the three Welsh brothers who there with the Kelly-Miller ele- '(See Under the Marquee, page 104)

**Dressing Room Gossip** 

**Polack Bros.** Western

#### **Polack Bros.' Eastern**

The four days off between the Cinwere welcome. Billy Griffin went to Fort Branch; the Freemans visited the Nick Carters in Peru, Ind.; Harry Dann was a guest of the Sherman brothers at their home in Bellevue, Ky.; Josephine Berosini flew to New York, while the remainder of the Berosini troupe went to Chicago and Josephine and Slivers Madison and Frenchie Durand went to Chicago.

When the clowns did two hospital shows in Cincinnati, Ross Paul, asdoughnuts.

Butchers line-up includes George Paige, boss; George Cutshall, assistant; Wally and Polly Majescki, candy floss; Charlie and Johanna Webb, ropcorn and programs; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Watson, hot dogs and juice; Mr. and Mrs. Tex Reppert, juice stand (See Polack Bros.' Western, page 104)

#### Clyde Bros.

Paducah, Ky., seems cold to us after coming from the Southland, where we had been going around in our shirt sleeves. Everyone dragged out their overcoats and mufflers.

In Paducah we dressed in the furnace room and after the janitor had wet down the coal pile we had to prop our trunks up out of the water. the summer.

On our day off most of the person-(See Clude Bros. on page 104)

White Plains, N. Y., and Camden, E cinnati and Chicago engagements N. J., were played as one full week with a day between. Mabel Stark accompanied the show en route to Camden. There was plenty of height for aerial acts in the building in  $\Xi$ White Plains, but Convention Hall in Camden had a low ceiling. The Charltons had to omit their sway pole act, and Jack Harris, testing the net before the matinee, suffered a nasty buster when the spreader cable snapped. On account of the low = ceiling, the Wards had to remove the sistant manager, served coffee and shock absorber from one side and the force of Jack's weight striking the net caused the break. He was un- = 228 injured and worked the matinee. Jaunito Lopez, who injured his leg 71111111

in Roanoke during the casting act, never missed a performance. He hobbled around on a cane. Irv J. Polack was on the sick list and confined to bed for several days.

Fragments. . . . On the way to White Plains, Al Hyman and Irene Lafferty stopped over in Baltimore to visit Jim Carter. Seen helping Kinko and Mary stringing bugs was Frieda Wiswell. Dennis Stevens caused a mild sensation in one of the local niteries when he contributed a wild contortion exhibition to evening's entertainment. Maxwell Frederic Coplan, photographer, visited Hubert Castle and presented him with an autographed special edition of his book, Pink It reminded us of a muddy lot during Lemonade. Ed Raymond appeared on Philadelphia's television station WPFG. He is the first to make a television shot so far. Henry Kyes

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PALISADES GEARS FOR MORE \$

# Cut Prices, More Bally

**Rosenthals** count on nickel days, other crowd-getting gimmicks to surpass '48

By Jim MeHugh NEW YORK, March 5.-Promotionwise Jack and Irving Rosenthal, coowners of Palisades Park on the Jersey side of the Hudson River, have cialty number decided on a combination promotionlow-price policy as the means of upping their gross in 1949, spokesman Irving Rosenthal announced this week. The park will open for the eason Easter Saturday, April 16.

It is noteworthy that the Rosenthals are not content to settle for a take on a par with last year, when a new high was reached, altho many prime early season days were lost to rain. Despite the fact that the saturation point was reached on some days in recent years, the season potential is still a long way off and offers an enticing target, Rosenthal said.

#### Video No Problem

Rosenthal brushed aside talk of a recession and also television, which is mushrooming in the metropolitan area, as vital factors in the success of the coming season. He predicted that money will continue plentiful enough for good amusements at popular prices and that video would fail to corral people in plesant weather, except in the case of an outstanding event, and then the effect would only parallel that of radio in the past. Palisades this year will offer three capacity rides-Lindy Loop, Caterpillar and Chairplane-for a nickel at all times. Kiddie rides will also operate for 5 cents, or six for a quarter, in line with last year's policy. Principal mass appeal will be in the reduction of the combination ticket from 75 to 50 cents. The popular combo ducat offers admission, parking, dancing to name bands, rides and free attractions-a terrific value even if patrons limit their participation to the dance floor.

# **Important Decisions Briefed** As Service to Outdoor Showbiz

#### (Continued from page 59) number was announced whereupon she went into an aisle to watch the specialty number. Soon afterward another skater ran in o he, and severely injured her The njured girl was taken to a hospital and remained there for several weeks She sued the proprietor of the skating rink for heavy damages and proved that n. attendants were on duty in the aisle during performance of the spe-

The higher court held the proprietor liable to girl for \$7,500 damages. and said

"It is conceded that the defendant (proprietor) was not an insurer of the patron's safety while she was in the aisle or at the soda bar. But, on the other hand, it was his duty, while she was in the aisle, to provide such supervision for the aisle as might reasonably be expected to protect her against dangers known to or reasonably to be foreseen by him in the exercise of due care."

Hence, this proprietor could have avoided liability in damages for injuries to the girl, if he had proved that his attendants were on duty in the aisles to safeguard patrons and otherwise keep good order while the specialty number was on. Obviously, this same rule of law is applicable to all amusement places.

For comparison, see Allis, 54 Atl. (2d) 270 The testimony showed Downing, 189 Pac. (2d) 442, it was that a passenger on a roller coaster had his back broken by a sudden jerk of the car. From the testimony the jury decided that the jerk was caused by excessive wear of the chain when engaged by dogs and teeth in the sprocket gear. This court said that since the device had been in disrepair for more than two weeks, that fact indicated that the operator was negligent.

minor. Soon afterward there arose a disagreement between Gibson and Jennings, Gibson ontending that Jennings tripped the mechanism in such a way that it would play without the insertion of a coin. Then Gibson sold the machine to Jennings. Jennings and his mother signed a note for \$185 balance due on the juke box. Jennings refused to pay the note and Gibson sued both Jennings and his mother.

The higher court ordered Jennings and his mother to pay the amount of the note to Gibson, altho it was argued that a note signed by a minor is void. This court said that the minor's note was made valid and collectible in view of the above mentioned State law.

#### **Control Is Important**

Considerable discussion has arisen from time to time over the legal question: Is the proprietor of a place of amusement liable in damages to patrons i jured when in a location not intended for patrons? The answer is yes, if the proprietor had control of the location and knew that patrons customarily used it.

For example, in B. Hayward v.

# **Cincy's Coney** Sets Pre-Season Week-End Plans

March 12, 1949

CINCINNATI, March 5 .- Officials of Coney Island here are preparing for the park's annual series of weekend operations before the official opening May 21. Week-end sessions are slated for April 30 and May 1. May 7 and 8, and May 14 and 15.

Dancing in Moonlite Gardens to the music of name bands will be the chief week-end attraction, according to President and General Manager Edward L. Schott, altho some of the amusement devices will be in operation.

Moonlite Gardens opens Friday night, April 30, for a dance sponsored by a private organization. On succeeding Fridays there will be high school nights.

# **Oxford Lake Spot Adds Skating Rink** And Kiddie Rides

ANNISTON, Ala., March 5 .- W. T. Fay, manager of Oxford Lake Park here, has announced the addition of a skating rink, under management of Duane Barnett, an archery range and a kiddieland.

Kiddieland, Fay said, includes a Merry-Go-Round, Rocket and kiddle autos. A kiddie boat ride also may be added.

#### 5-Cent Days

Every Thursday will be bargain day, with all units priced at a nickel except at night when a 10-cent top will prevail. Fireworks will again be presented each Thursday night, to follow thru on last year's successful innovation. Altho ordinarily one of the least productive days, Thursday last year more than held its own, thanks to promotion, Rosenthal said.

Promotional thunder already set by the Rosenthals and the Bert Nevins office includes weekly bank night featuring a \$1,000 prize which, should successive winners fail to be on hand to claim the money, can pyramid to about \$3,000. A total of 12 automobiles-ranging from a Cadillac to a Ford-will be given away on one night in the final week. Churches will handle the ticket sales and derive all profits over actual expenses. The park stands to benefit from a gate hypo which the operators feel can be nothing short of "tremendous." Max Rosey is the contact man for the Nevins office.

Also set for the final week, and seemingly a natural for nationwide press attention, is a national barbershop quartet competition with \$1,000 in prizes. Presumably the

#### **Police Officer Assaults** Patron

According to a recent higher court the proprietor of a place of amusement is responsible for acts of a city police officer who, without cause, injures a patron.

For example, in Rain, 211, S. W. (2d) 248, it was shown that a city ordinance requires operators 01 dance hails to pay for services of a city police officer to maintain order. One night a police officer struck a patron while ejecting him from the premises. The operator of the dance hall did not know that the officer had struck or assaulted the patron. Nevertheless, the higher court held the patron entitled to recover \$5,000 damages.

#### **State Law Makes Minor** Liable

It is generally believed that a note o, other contract signed by a minor is void. However, this ordinary rule of law can be changed by a State law.

For example, in Jennings v. Gibson, 47 S. E. (2d) 779, a Georgia State law provides that if an infant, by permission of his parent practices any profession or trade he shall be bound for all contracts connected with such profession, trade or business.

The testimony showed that one Gibson placed a juke box operated by one Jennings on a commission sure-fire Mrs. America, baby crawl- basis of 50-50 of the proceeds taken

shown that seats for the patrons of a wrestling match extended in all direction; from the stage, each row of seats being elevated slightly above the row immediately in front of it. On the east wall of the arena there was a small platform or balcony or alcove, 15 feet above the floor. There were no stairs, steps, ladder, ramp or other means by which patrons could reach this platform or alcove, nor were any seats, chairs, stools, banches, bleachers, or other accommodations provided for the seating of patrons on this platform. In other words, the platform was not intended by Downing, promoter of the wrestling match, to be used by patrons.

On several different nights a few patrons gained access to the platform by grasping an iron beam with their hands and swinging Tarzan-like onto the platform. One night the platform collapsed and seriously injured several patrons who sued Downing for damages. Downing argued that he was not liable because he did not construct the platform and did not sell tickets for seats on the platform, not did he provide steps for the injured patrons to get onto the platform.

Altho the lower court refused to hold Downing liable the higher court reversed the verdict, saying:

"Defendant (Downing) having permitted plaintiffs to sit upon the platform, he was bound to exercise ordinary care to maintain it in safe condition for the accommodation of spectators, just as he was bound to (See Decisions Briefed for, opp, page)

#### **Mission Beach Biz Good**

MISSION BEACH, Calif., March 5. -A combination of Washington's Birthday and balmy weather brought out a record crowd for this time of year to the Mission Beach Amusement Center, according to General Manager Warren Austin. All concessions are now operating on a weekend basis until summer, with two thirds of them open seven nights Park here, has sold his interest to

Other improvements include installation of a large fountain in the picnic area, stocked with gold fish. Flowers have been planted to beautify the grounds. New signs have been erected at the entrance gate, swimming pool and golf course.

Official opening is April 1.

## A. C. Harbored 290 **Conventions in 1948**

ATLANTIC CITY, March 5 .- This resort harbored 290 conventions having a total attendance of 249,784 during 1948, according to figures released by the convention bureau.

A survey of 14 of the gathering showed that they were responsible for the spending locally of \$7,121,468. Of this amount, \$2,489,496 was spent in hotel rooms and \$348,960 in night clubs.

The conventions surveyed included national, State and regional groups.

A total of 157 meetings have been booked for the remainder of 1949 thus far, and 35 of them are expected to have an attendance of 1,000 or more.

For the first time in many years there will be a big convention in July, when the National Houseware Manufacturers' Association meeting will be attended by about 6,000.

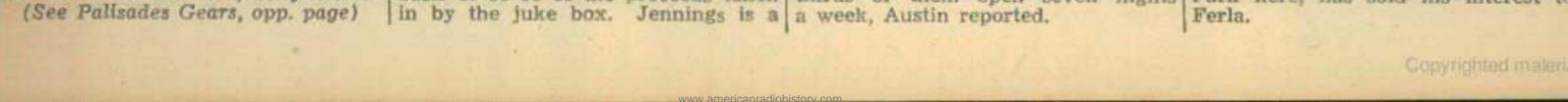
#### Milford, Conn., Plans **New Recreation Area**

MILFORD, Conn., March 5.-Plans were set in motion this week for the establishment of a large waterfront recreational center, park and beach on property adjacent to the mouth of Housatonic River.

A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of John R. Morris to study the project.

#### **Trillo Sells Interest**

WARWICK, R. I., March 5. -Joseph Trillo, co-owner with Vincent Ferla of Rocky Point Amusement



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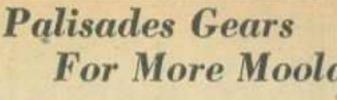
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the park will be gifted with plaques embossed with Walt Disney characters and the park name. Opening day invitations this year will total 55,than 20,000 season passes will be dis-



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# **To Auto Races**

## Midwestern fairs reduce harness horse race days in favor of motor speed

CHICAGO, March 5.-Sparked by the lack of sufficient trotters to round out adequate fields and/or the fact that harness races don't pack sufficient crowd-lure, a substantial number of top fairs in the Midwest this year are pruning down the number of afternoons given to sulky events and in their place substituting automobile racing.

The Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, this year has added a day of stock car races to its program. And this addition will give the Minnesota big one five days of auto racing, four days of big car racing; two will be under IMCA sanction, the other two under the sanction of the AAA.

#### Lincoln Adds Two

The Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, has skedded two extra days of auton.obile racing for 1949, bringing the total up to five. New to the program will be stock car races, slated for the opening day, a Sunday. Also new will be a big car race on Thursday Vernon and Draper, comedy; Liboof the fair's run, with the big car events also programed for the following day, the closing day of the fair. The Wisconsin State Fair, Milwaukee, which this year returns to its normal run after its extended operation of last year when the fair was embraced as part of the Centennial Exposition, will have five days of speed events, four of auto races, one of motorcycles. This is one more day of auto racing than was held prior to last year.

# Annuals Shift California Mid-Winter Annual WFA Lines Up Seen Topping 1948 Attendance Vs. Hike of

IMPERIAL, Calif., March 5 .- Cali- |State Department of Industrial Safety, fornia Mid-Winter Fair, in its 20th also had exhibits for the first time. year and the second year since the war, stands to best its '48 attendance mark by several thousand. Set for nine days, event pulled 30,165 the first four days as against 53,938 for the entire 1948 run.

Fair, under the direction of D. V. Stewart, premiered a new entrance along with a new 60 by 100-foot exhib" building with 12-foot arcades on two sides. Four new race horse barns, 20 by 144, were also constructed, along with new stock barns and a poultry building 60 by 100 feet.

#### Offer Bert Levey Show

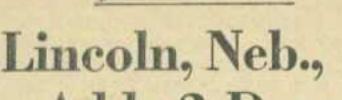
Entertainment program included a two-day horse show directed by Tevis Paine. Show was booked by Bert Levey circuit and included Jack Schaller's Sky Revue for the entire nine days. A new show, featuring Wally Webb's orchestra (7); Pape and Rene, high perch; Bud Hughes and Pal, magic; George West, emsee; Gifford and Pearl, comedy musical; Robert and Rene, trampoline, and the Ann Garri Girls (8), closed Wednesday (4). New acts playing the remaining part of the fair included McConnel and Moore, comedy juggling; Joe Mole and Company, comedy; Ollie O'Toole, impressionist;

Publicity was directed by Dick Washburne, formerly press director for Western Fairs Association, Inc. Newspapers in the vicinity and the Los Angeles dailies gave adequate space. Radio remotes were broadc st over KXO, El Centro; KROP,

Brawley, and KICO, Calexico. Crafts Exposition Shows, managed by Roger Warren, were featured on the midway.

#### Seen, Heard on Grounds

Fair chit-chat: Harry Flax was pitching Humatones under his umbrella but had to move indoors because of the wind. . . . Phil Green had kitchen gadgets. . . . Susan and Art Fredette, who played the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival i Indio, and move next week to the National Orange Show in San Bernardino, pitched rug braiders. They had trick cards at Indio. . . . Ruth and Speedy Hascal on hand with trick cards. . . . Sidney Weiss moves out of here with the Eversharp slicer for the Kress store in San Diego, missing the Orange Show.



# **Betting Bite**

#### **Bucks Boost in State's End**

SACRAMENTO, March 5. - The Western Fairs Association (WFA) turned thumbs down on Governor Warren's recent proposal to increase the State take from pari-mutuel wagering in order to help finance Proposition No. 4 (State aid for aged and blind), passed at the November election. The resolution was adopted during a WFA conclave here (February 24-25).

Also voted down was a plan to legalize horse race wagering anywhere. The bill to legalize bookmaking had been introduced by Assemblyman Thomas Doyle, of Los Angeles County. The 150 fair managers also expressed their opinion on nearly 200 bills pending in the Legislature affecting California fairs.

The Doyle bill would make it legal to set up bet-taking establishments by licensing bookmakers. The license fees collected would be used to finance the State aid program.

#### **Opposes Beer Ban**

The convention, under the gavel of WFA President Dr. Joseph Hindley, also opposed a measure introduced by Assemblymen Delbert Morris and Everett G. Burkhalter, of Los Angeles County, which would prohibit the sale of beer or liquor at horse race meets. Approval in principle, at least, was given a resolution by Assemblyman Ernest R. Geddes, of Los Angeles County, to apportion State money to fairs, according to size. Under the present system all fairs are entitled to an equal share in State fairs and exposition funds.

#### **Diversify Speed Events**

The motor speed program at Milwaukee will be well diversified. On the program are a 100-mile midget auto race, a 150-mile stock car race, AAA sanctioned sprints, and a 200mile AAA national big car race and one afternoon of motorcycle races.

Among other Midwest fairs which are upping the number of auto days and pruning the number devoted to harness horse reces are the All-Iowa Fair, Cedar Rapids, which is increasing its auto races from two to three afternoons and the Mississippi Valley Fair and Exposition, Davenport, Ia., which has added one day of stock car auto races.

Not a few fairs report that attendance on harness horse race days last year did not show anywhere near the strength, attendance-wise, as the auto race days. One reason cited by fairmen is that, aside from the fact that the auto events do not have the same inherent lure as horse races, is that auto race promoters generally conduct strong advance campaigns, whereas horse racing interests give relatively little, if any, attention to that vital operation.

#### Nev. Mulls Dog Racing Ban

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 5.-A bill has been introduced in the State Senate that would ban dog racing in Nevada. The measure would, in effect, strike out a proviso voted in 1943 harness track and the Hazel Park which amended the horse racing act oval, now under construction, from of 1915 permitting dogs to run. The bill provides that lorse racing sponsored by fairs be exempted from school and the Northville track has \$30,000, and miscellaneous repairs and State licenses.

netti Trio, marimba, and Bobby Vernon.

Fair increased its gate admission to \$1 this year, with that price allowing patron to attend grandstand shows.

Running and harness racing, sans pari-mutuels, was held for six days. Purses totaled about \$6,000.

#### **Increase** in Exhibits

Stewart said there was a 23 per cent increase in commercial exhibits, 15 per cent in concessions and 100 per cent in domestic arts and sciences. San Diego, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, along with the State Department of Agriculture and the

# Ban on Racing **At Detroit Plant Before Governor**

LANSING, Mich., March 5.-Horse racing at the Michigan State fairgrounds here will be prohibited after January 1 1950, under a bill passed by the House and Senate and now before the governor for signature,

Sponsored by the newly formed Michigan Racing Association, the bill was drafted to eliminate possibility of competition from the fairgrounds if the association builds a new track.

The ill was passed 68 to 6 in the House and 31 to 0 in the Senate.

While the measure was being approved in the House, the Senate blocked plans for a new track at the site planned for such by the association, when the Senate passed a bill prohibiting a track within a mile of a church or school. The planned site in Livonia Township is 200 yards from a school.

An amendment to the Senate bill specifically exempted the Northville the one-mile exemption. The latter is three-quarters of a mile from a been in operation for several years.

# Adds 2 Days **Of Auto Races**

LINCOLN, Neb., March 5.-Big car automobile races to be staged by National Speedways (Al Sweeney and Gaylord White), will replace the fullscaled veterans' day program of recent years as the big feature opening day (a Sunday) at the Nebraska State Fair, following recent action of the fair board here.

Since World War II, the annual has plugged its veterans' day and invariably has secured a top military name to head the program. The first year the special day for veterans had Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on hand.

The plan is to continue some of the past veterans' day features but to place major emphasis on the auto races. In programing its 1949 event, the board added two days of auto races. In addition to the opening day big car races, a second program of similar events will be held Thursday of the fair's run with stock car races, an innovation here, as the feaof the racing will be presented by capital outlay. National Speedways.

The board this week again contracted a grandstand show from Barnes-Carruthers Theatrical Enterprises, Chicago, with Rube Liebman representing that office, and for another one-night stand of Jimmie Lynch's Death Dodgers. Leo Overland closed contracts in behalf of the thrill show.

#### Seek Dress-Up of Nev. Plant

FALLON, Nev., March 5 .- Improvements costing \$50,000 for Nevada State Fairgrounds here are sought in a measure introduced in the Assembly. Projected improvements would include enlargement of the exhibit building at a cost of painting amounting to \$20,000.

#### **Proposes** Five Classes

Under the Geddes bill five classes of fairs would be set up, with appropriations on a sliding scale from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per year, depending on the size.

A bill to increase the San Francisco cow palace appropriation from \$100,-000 to \$250,000, introduced by Assemblyman Thomas Maloney, of San Francisco County, was also voted down by the assemblage.

A negative vote also was cast for Assemblyman Richard McCollister's bill to hike the Cloverdale Citrus ture Friday, closing day. In recent | I'ir (Sonoma County) appropriation years, the fair has had one day of auto from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year and to races, big cars, on the final day. All allow the fair to use State money for

# Sam Kellett Resigns At Calistoga, Calif.

CALISTOGA, Calif., March 5. -Samuel Kellett has resigned as manager of the Napa County Fair and Horse Show. The resignation was accepted this week by the Calistoga Fair Association board of directors. Kellett remains in office until March 15.

No successor has been selected, according to Howard Butler, board chairman. Kellett plans to enter private business, which would conflict with his post as fair manager.

As his last official act, Kellett opened bids for the installation of heating equipment in the new fairgrounds exhibit building.



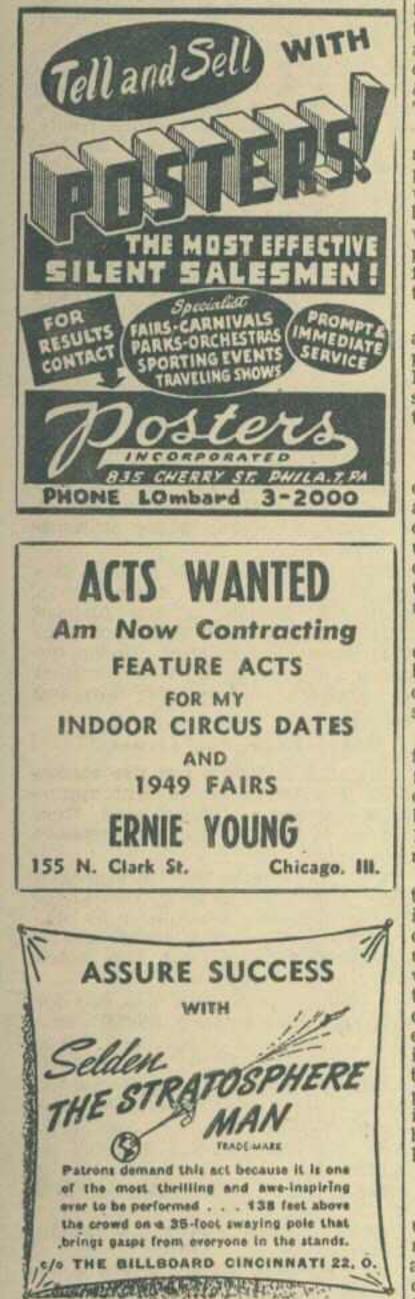
# **Calif.** Auditor **At State Fair**

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SACRAMENTO, March 5 .- Elimination of all passes to the State fair was recommended by legislative auditor Rolland A. Vandergrift in a report analyzing the fair budget bill. According to his estimates, the fair loses between \$35,000 and \$50,000 by the pass system.

He pointed out that expenditures were outstripping operating revenues "to the point where larger and larger appropriations must be made to offset these operating deficits." The report urged that the State fair be selfsupporting.

He decried the spending of \$35,-000 on paid advertising in 1948-1949 and the request for \$70,000 by the fair management for the same purpose during 1949-1950, when eliminating passes could create a major saving.



# Brooklyn-Born Eddie Burke Put Urges Pass End Showmanship Into Western Fairs

(Continued from page 60) for his voice was changing; he had made his last appearance as a boy soprano.

His father's insistence on a good education followed Eddie right up to was earned by appearing with a stock company at Ithaca, N. Y. In addition to a well-earned sheepskin, graduation day found Eddie with a job at the Western Electric. Show business, Eddie believed, was behind him forever. But there were no footlights and no smell of grease paint around the telephone switchboards he scenery of their own. was designing, so after a year he traded his blueprints for a keyboard.

#### **Entertained Troops**

Fiends, he was caught in Paris at the outbreak of World War I. Four years of these stages are in use, were spent entertaining troops at the front before he returned to this country to go on the road with his own act, Burke and Lilette. His last vaude date, Eddie recalls, was for Ackerman & Harris at the old Hippodrome hard to get. Theater, Los Angeles, in 1919.

It was the booking end of the business that terminated his career as a will emsee some of the shows he books into fairs. The manager of a wholesale grocery, faced with the problem of furnishing entertainment for a convention, in desperation turned to Eddie for help.

Being unfamiliar with production and a little afraid of his own inexperience, Eddie nevertheless got a Minstrel Show together which proved so successful that he decided to continue in the new field.

**Faces** Chiseling

no sense in appropriating money for a stage.

Undaunted, Eddie cast about for a solution and found it at the Coos County Fair in Oregon, where he procollege. Four years' tuition at Cornell moted some oil drums and borrowed enough lumber to make a stage. It proved so successful Eddie tried out the idea at other fairs. He bought two sets of scenery to dress up his makeshift stage. A short time later fair managers came to the conclusion it was time they had a stage and

#### Adds Services

As an added service to his clients. and with no charge, Eddie presented With an act known as the Piano them with blueprints of a knockdown stage he has perfected. Several

> After the war, when West Coast fairs were trying hard to pick up where they left off in 1941, Eddie promoted p.-a. systems, and other much-needed equipment when It was

Eddie claims he is ready to settle back and let somebody else take over -that somebody being his wife, the performer, altho even today Eddie former Marie Del Moure, whom he married December 31, 1947. At the moment he is training her to be a fair booker and as soon as she can handle the business he plans to retire to his home in a suburb of San Francisco and catch up on his stamp collecting.

> While the charming Marie Burke is no stranger to show business, having been a dancer, ventriloquist and top-notcher with Ben Abdezy's human juggling act, she is, by her own admission, content to run her house and take care of the numerous duties stemming from her role as the first



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But Los Angeles at the time, according to Eddie, was infested with a disease known professionally as chiseling. Others figured Eddie had story it might be well to quote from uncovered a lucrative idea and proceeded to whittle the props out from under him so that as a result nobody made any money.

In disgust he went to San Francisco. After a year with Maude Amber, of the Blake & Amber Booking office, Eddie went in business for himself, supplying talent for casual dates.

Outdoor show business claimed him for all time when he booked his first fair in Turlock, Calif., in 1928. An example of the growth of the Eddie Burke office in 20 years is seen in his 1948 figures: fair bookings, 44; carnival dates, 24.

Fair booking has changed a lot in the past 20 years, Eddie believes, and it has been mostly a problem of education. At first fair managers were unconvinced that free acts were a valuable asset and had to be sold on the idea. In addition to this handicap, money was very tight in the early '30s, and indie bookers, swarming over every fairground and ready to do business at any cutthroat price, provided a further hazard. But thru it all, Eddie survived, mainly because he was interested in the other fellow's problems.

#### Intros Night Shows

Another good job of selling Eddie undertook was the introduction of night shows at West Coast fairs. Managers, particularly of the smaller fairs, did not seem to understand the potentheir opposition, Eddie received permission to take the day show, at his own expense, and put it on for the night crowd.

It wasn't long before Eddie proved his point; night shows were the best draws. As a result another milestone in Western fair booking was passed.

because the management could see winter.

lady of Show Folks of America.

In concluding the Eddie Burke a sign on the wall of his office in San Francisco's old Pantages Theater Building: "I have been in show business for 50 years. I have been pleasing and displeasing people ever since. I have made a lot of friends and a flock of enemies. I have been cussed and discussed, talked and lied about. The only reason I am staying in this business is to see what in the heck will happen next."

This summed up probably means that talk of Eddie Burke retiring is just that-talk.

# R. Rogers Named Mgr. at Danville

DANVILLE, Ill., March 5.-Russell B. Rogers has been named manager of Eastern Illinois Fair here. He succeeds Howard Aitken, who resigned to accept another position.

Dates for the fair have been set for July 31-August 5, with big car auto races to be staged by National Speedways on opening day. The decision marks the return of auto races to the program here.

Other attractions programed include four afternoons of harness races, a horse pulling contest one afternoon and night, an Ernie Young revue for three nights, and the Weltial drawing power of the after-dark come Travelers radio show for one presentations. In order to overcome night. Hennies Bros.' Shows will be on the midway.

#### New Building at Rocky Ford

ROCKY FORD, Colo., March 5 .--W. H. Kittle, secretary-manager of Arkansas Valley Fair here, an-Eventually Eddie got the fairs to nounced completion of a new buildspend money for lighting and decent ing to house 4-H Club exhibits. The stages but it was a long fight. The structure cost \$18,000. It is of brick first two years he booked fairs, the stucco with a cement floor. A heatshows played on the track, he recalls, ing plant will permit use during the

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# Hits Pay Dirt **At Brownsville**

#### **Charro Days Stand Is Winner**

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 2.-Don Brashear's American Midway Shows made some money here February 19-27 in a stand that spanned the run of the four-day Charro Days Fiesta. Spotted downtown, under celebration auspices, Brashear's org was reported to have cleared a stiff guarantee and had some long green to spare by Thursday (24), with three days still to go.

Rain Saturday (26), traditionally one of the big days at the flesta and usually the biggest for the carnival, cut into the possible profit, tho. Rain fell in the evening to slash the day's take. Brashear reported the gross for the run to have topped the ride and show take here in past years.

#### Show, Ride Line-Up

Ride line-up consisted of two Ferris Wheels, Spitfire, Octopus, Fly-O-Plane, Rolloplane, Merry-Go-Round, Scooter, kid boat ride, streamlined train, kiddle auto, Pony Ride and Noah's Ark.

Shows were McCarthy's Wildlife, Funhouse and Iron Lung; Shorty Tappen's Side Show, Clyde Davis's Nudist Colony, Eugene McWilliams's Cities; Pit of Death, Snake Show, Mickey Mouse Shows, Dick Hyland's Life Show, Doc Ward's Tobacco Road. Roy Rozier's Front Page Show and Pete Froeman's Monkeyland,

Noted on concession row, which Side Show, A. J. Budd. embraced 40 concessions, were Corky

# Brashear Org Craft Exposition Shows Tee Off at Imperial, Calif., Fair

CARNIVALS

Communications to 155 N. Clark St., Chicago 1, Ill. =

IMPERIAL, Calif., March 5 .- Craft | the Monte Young Shows in Utah, pulled an attendance of 53,938 last year, its first run since the war.

Shows are moving on 24 trucks this year. Six major and four kiddle rides are featured. There are 55 concessions. At the close of the fair tomorrow, the shows move to San Pernardino for the National Orange Show.

#### Personnel Line-Up

Personnel follows: O. N. Crafts, owner; Roger Warren, manager; Frank Warren, general agent; J. W. Gilman, secretary; Harold Moak, concession manager; Roy Shepherd, ride superintendent; Frenchie LaRue, electrician; R. B. Allen, mechanic; Cotton Strode, gate, and Pat Guest, lot.

Rides: Merry-Go-Round, Joe Duran, foreman; J. P. Maher. Ferris Wheel, Babe Thibeault, foreman; George Graves. Loop-o-Plane, Al Forrest, foreman; Frank Nailen. Skooter, Pee-Wee Costa, foreman; William Hamilton, Allen Williams. Tilt-a-Whirl, Bill Mace, foreman; V. D. Eller. Pretzel, Bob Christensen, foreman; D. Reed. Kiddie rides (4), Harry Ballard, foreman; Pop Stoner and Earl Fox.

Shows: Motordrome, Clyde Rawlings; Wild Life, Oscar Scarbery; Crime Car, Frank and Vernelda (Babe) Platten; Monkey Motordrome, W. P. Stephens; Glass and Funhouse, C. Fred Hansen; Vanities, Jeff Griffin; Freak Animals, W. E. Giberson;

At the Orange Show 24 towers will be used, and the Kiddieland, managed by William Meyer, will be separate from the midway. A new ride, Roll-o-Plane, will be added. For bally the shows will add four more 60-inch searchlights, making a total of six.

Exposition Shows launched its 1949 where he will have kiddle rides and season here last Saturday (26) when four shows. Oscar Scarbery is takthe California Mid-Winter Fair opened | ing his Wild Life Show and pony ride for its 20th nine-day run. Event to Fresno to join the West Coast Shows following the San Bernardino event. Frank and Babe Platten are showing the Crime Car, formerly owned by the late I lark Hellinger, movie producer,

> After the Orange Show W. P Stephens takes his Motordrome to the Gooding Shows. Monette Hansen is handling tickets on the Glass and Funhouse. They join the Forsythe & Dowis Rides in Colorado. Donna Giberson is handling tickets on the Freak Animal attraction. In the A. J. Budd Side Show are William Hall, fire eater; Dennis McAleer, human pincushion; Jesus Gonzales, Sealo; Mingnon, penguin girl; Dale Wood, talker, and Malcolm Shamoon, tickets, Harold Compton visited the attraction on this date. LaVonda, halflady half-baby, returns to the shows when the Pete Kortes unit gets back from the Hawaiian Islands. Zandu, quarter boy, recently returned from two years in Australia.

#### **Gilmans Buy Home**

Ruth Gilman, wife of Secretary J. W. Gilman, will be at home this season to take care of Richard Lee, born January 17. The-Gilmans recently purchased a home in North Hollywood. John (Spot) Ragland, who has four concessions, is recuperating at Behrens Memorial Hospital, Glendale. Del Glass is back with the short-range gallery.

Casey Burns is in his fourth year with BB guns on this show and Murray Poland is in his eighth year at quarters home. No definite action the cork gallery. Jack Dyke again has the diggers and derby. Jack Keck operates for him. Hank Arnold and R. W. Hunt is on the ham and bacon. George Wright has Fritter Franks, a new device. Al Cecchini is doing okay with the gold fish and glass pitch. Roger Warren will have the beer concession on the midway at

# Strates Tabs **Record Take** At Orlando 23,000 Kid's Day

ORLANDO, Fla., March 5 .- With ideal weather prevailing thruout the week and gate attendance consistently head of the marks set in former years, the James E. Strates Shows established an all-time high gross record here at the Central Florida Exposition ended last Saturday (26).

Children's Day, Monday (21), 23,000 moppets jammed the grounds and gave the midway all the needed impetus for record smashing. The youngsters gave all of the rides big grosses, altho the shows got a good percentage of the play.

Former parking areas, were made available to the show, with the result that the midway, featuring 26 rides and 16 shows, exceeded all former fun zones in size. Jack Norman's Broadway to Hollywood Revue and I vin C. Miller's Brown Skin Models vied for top money.

#### Departure Noted

When the show train was ready to depart from its Largo, Fla., winter quarters February 18, the high school band serenaded the personnel. A number of local dignitaries were on hand as the train pulled out to the strains of Auld Lang Syne. General Manager Strates thanked the participants for the honors.

Prior to leaving here, Frates was given a dinner by the fair board and invited to make Orlando his winter-

Zimmerman, cookhouse; Dinty Moore, diggers, Eugene Haddad, Robert R Lecocg, Sam (Red) Catherwood, J. D. Sword, Blackie Goldstone, Mrs. V. McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Epple, Roscoe Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Madelano, Bob Seitzer and E. L. Dye,

#### Use New Entrance Arch

The Brashear org flashed for the first time its new front entrance arch.

Shows' staff here included R. L. (Red) Bishop, general agent; Vess (Blackie) McLemore, business manager; Glenn Hyder, secretary; Jack Nance, electrician; Blue Rozzell, Diesel engineer; Dean Locke, billposter; Lonnie Dillon, sound truck, and Roscoe Boyd, lot superintendent and The Billboard sales agent.

# **Granite State Preps** For April 2 Preem

CONCORD, N. H., March 5 .-Preparations are under way in the Granite State Shows' winter quarters here to ready the org for its icecracking (perhaps literally) April 2-16 date in Manchester, N. H.

A degree of weather insurance is provided in the extended run, which will include three Saturdays. А cannon act, booked thru Al Martin, of Boston, will be featured.

painted white and blue with gold trim. A new panel truck will be used on the advance. All advertising, press and radio will be supervised by L. G. King.

Staff includes William E. Muldoon, general manager; A. W. (Pat) Hanlon, general representative; William B. Moore, business manager, and William Bouchea, secretary-treasurer.

#### **Ken-Penn Amusements Signs** Pa. Firemen Celebrations

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., March 5.—Ken-Penn Amusement Company will provide the midway attractions for the Saxonburg Firemen's Carnival here in July.

#### **Crafts** Chatter

Clyde Gooding, who has his Hobby the National Orange Show. Ruth Horse ride with org, will play the and Bill McMahon are keeping things Orange Show and then leave to join going for Spot Ragland.

Laughter, Ala.

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-By Starr De Belle-

was taken.

Visitors included E. Lawrence Phillips, Morris Lipsky, Mrs. Harold Paddock, Frances Scott, Hal Eiferd, Lucille and Charles Lampkin, George Reinhardt, Corine and Norman Rady, J. D. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miner, T. M. (Tommy) Allen, Bertha (Gyp) McDaniels, Ray S. Howard and A. S. Morton.

Whitey Weiss Joins John R. Ward Shows

BATON ROUGE, La., March 5 .--O. J. (Whitey) Weiss will be concession manager of the John R. Ward Shows, Owner Ward announced here. Weiss had served in a similar capacity with the Cavalcade of Amusements for several years thru the close of last season.

The Ward Shows, which are to come out on 20 cars, will launch their season here April 1.

#### **Morris Hannum Shows** Ink Gratz., Pa., Fair

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 5.-The Morris Hannum Shows have been contracted to play the Gratz (Pa.) quarters here. Previously signed were fairs at Conchohocken, Kutztown, Northampton and Dallastown, all in Pennsylvania, and the Flemington (N. J.) Fair. Also announced previously was the inking of the annual July 4 celebration at Phoenixville, Pa.

Three new rides, including a Ferris Wheel, have been ordered. Marshall Green, general agent, is vacationing in Sarasota, Fla.

dred Ford, emsee, who played her uke and sang, while impromptu bits were offered by Queenie Van Vliet, Margaret Snyder, Mae Schoonmaker, Ethel Ortelli, Kitty Rausch, Edith Ricci and Ann Brown. Gifts were Tables were decorated in blue and distributed and secret pals assigned

#### March 5, 1949. Dear Editor:

From the effects of having a buck or two during the boom years, my memory fails me as whether it was Reach Over Shorty, Middle-of-the-Road Whitey, On-the-Lam Slim or some other illustrious midway character who said, "We don't make a lotta money, but we have a lotta fun." Debating old - timers lean more famous words, altho the vote among midwayites at large gave Whitey the popular count, because he was the first to throw in \$1,000 I.O.U. when a The shows' mobile units are being hat was passed to move a show train. shows start operating half way be-

tween the "not making a lotta money" economy and the "having a lot of fun" economy, neither of which is economical. The only method we have of shaving the nut and to have a lot of fun is to take turns putting a razor on our pinhead's head. Thru trouping for laughs, our midway financial experts keep muscling in on the boss, who knows, without looking at the books, that his bankroll is thin. And

Greene County Fair, Waynesburg, Pa., in August. Community celebrations include a 50-year golden jubilee celebration at Youngwood, Pa., and firemen's celebrations at Verona, Leech-Owner-manager Ralph D. Sanders | burg, Mt. Pleasant, Ford City, Arnold

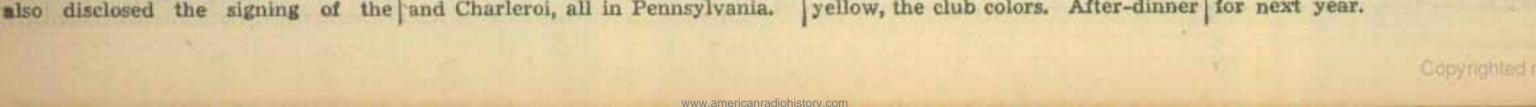
to be 60 per cent right with our fun lovers, he agrees that the railroad moves are 60 per cent up, the weather 60 per cent bad, and biz is 60 per cent wrong, which gives our fun lovers 180 per cent to laugh off. However, a smart press agent won't write it unless ready to take a lam.

One of the toughest problems facing a press agent is how to put enough enthusiasm in writing a story about bad business to satisfy those wanting toward Shorty as the utterer of the a lot of fun. We have learned that almost any showman's bankruptcy is a hilarious anecdote, if told by an opposition general agent during his moments of having a lotta fun. We Fair, it was announced at the shows' also learned that a week of wet About this time of the year our weather is more dangerous from firewater than fire.

> Each year our secretary tries to figure out what the shows gained thru (See Ballyhoo on page 86)

#### **50 Exchange Gifts at NSA Auxiliary Secret Pal Party**

NEW YORK, March 5.-Mildred Peterson was hostess at the secret pal party of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the National Showmen's Association entertainment was provided by Milat the clubrooms Monday (28) night and was assisted by Esther Eichel, Lillian Elkins, Ann Peterson, Mollie Spitz, Sylvia Stern and Midge Cohen. Each of the 50 members present received a corsage.





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# MIDWAY CONFAB

Rita Rays opened her Side Show | Ohio city March 7 for Fresno, Calif., Perry Cowan, who opened the season with Ted Woodward's Midwestern Shows, recently left that org.

One of the biggest inventions yet to be major carnivals this season. made is an office with no leakage.

Bill Montague, Gilbert Conlin and William H. Day, all members of the Bluch Landolf Tent, Hartford, Conn., will attend the annual Circus Fans convention at Hagerstown, Md., April 14-16. . . . George A. Hamid has returned to his New York booking office after a brief vacation. . . Bill Breese, well-known show agent, is confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Richmond, Va., with pneumonia. . . J. Harold Schabinger, a director of Kent-Sussex Fair the past 25 years, has been appointed harness racing commissioner for Delaware.

Seats are available on carnival day coaches-If those wanting 'em go aboard at midnight on Saturday.

While playing Florida dates, Bunny Venus, dancer and Girl Show operator, enjoyed visits from Pete Jones, Jones Greater Shows; Aerial Millers, Emma Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Curl, Curl Greater Shows. . . . Jean (Jo Ann) Renee, has been booked into the Pullman Club, Westville, Ill., following a successful stand at the Colonial Club on the West Coast. ... Jerry Hugger,

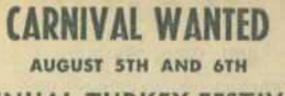
with the Capital City Shows at Fitz- to join A. J. Budd's Side Show on gerald, Ga. . . . Tommy Carson and the West Coast Shows. Both were with Dick's Greater Shows last season. . . . Hugh M. Smith cards from Gastonia, N. C., that his Superba Band will be featured on one of the

> When a showman advised that his midway was 40 years old, a competitor cracked, "And it doesn't look a day older."

> Jack Stanley Jones, sound truck owner and bingo manager on Harrison Greater Shows, presented his wife and family with a new trailer in celebration of the former's birthday while playing Florida with the Barney Tassell Shows. . . . Joseph Lehr letters from Philadelphia that William Halgelman, who had his concessions on the Matthew J. Riley Shows last season, has booked a string of stands with Simon Krouse and Bill Kerr for dates around Philadelphia. Krouse is a brother of the late Simon Krouse, of Krouse Greater Shows. Mr. and Mrs. Don Holt, who wintered at Ward's Camp, Jensen Beach, Fla., again will serve as agents for Hagelman.

> Having considered all issues impartially and objectively at great length we find that carnival men like carnivals and circus men like circuses.

Hurldon Anderson, who had the grab joint on Baker's United and Midwestern Exposition shows last Altoona, Pa., and Van Stokes, who season, plans to sell his concession have been visiting in Toledo, left the trailer and remain in Detroit this



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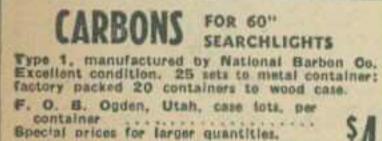
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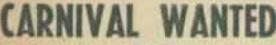
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summer. . . . Harry Bernstein, recently with the Model Shows of Canada, and Sam Finsten, Canadian sheetwriter from Toronto and Montreal, visited the Detroit office of The Billboard recently. . . . Jack and Myrtle Beard entertained Ida Chase, Rose Page and daughter Doris and her husband at their home in Phoenix, Ariz., recently. The party motored to Tucson to spend the weekend at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Conkling where a birthday dinner was held in honor of Myrtle. . . . Doc L. E. Brown is building a 10-ride kiddieland to show at Panama City Beach in Florida, opening May 1 for four months.

When some managers promise bonuses they take themselves seriously, and so does the workingman-to the verge of downright apprehension.

Helen and Lew Alter, Side Show operators, were hosts at a party in Reading, Pa., recently to 40 showfolk friends before leaving to join the Joseph J. Kirkwood Shows for the season. Among guests were The Great Luden, Lightning Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Smith, Ralph Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Raymond and Leland Brison, Fred Mauray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christman, the De Homans and Bobby Dease. . . Smiling Jack Hamilton advises from Forrest City, Ark., that he's framing a Girl Show, Midget Revue and a number of concessions which he plans to take on the road, playing Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. His wife, Lois (Buddie) Scott, will have charge of the shows, Jack savs. Line-up, according to Jack, will include Joey Daley, May Summerville, Marion Moody, Jeanne Strong,

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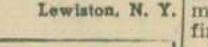
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# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### Showmen's League of America 400 So. State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, March 5.-Jack Duffield presided at the regular meeting Thursday (3). Also on the rostrum were Mike Wright, Ned Torti, Treasurer Walter F. Driver and Secretary Joe Streibich.

Bill Hunt presented the membership applications of Gene Autry, Frank L. Smith, Angelo Giardino, Clarence E. Pool, Danny W. Craig and John Kotris, all members of the Autry org. Dave Malcolm presented the application of Buddy Petersen.

A welcome letter was received from Maurice Schachter.

Irving Malitz has left the hospital and is now recuperating in Miami. No late news regarding Herb Shive or Teddy Underwood, Harry Mamsch is resting in his home. Tom Vollmer and W. C. Deneke are still confined.

Ned Torti reports he is awaiting replies on his ways and means letters and requests early answers.

Present after absences were M. K. Brody, Harry Bernstein, Bernie Mendelson, Bob McDowell, Paul Delaney, Bill Hunt and Jimmy Stanton. New members present were Benedict Garmissa and George McBeath.

Bill Carsky and Ned Torti left for New York on business. Max Friedman is still down San Antonio way. The Lou Kellers are in Los Angeles. President Bob Parker writes that the annual Parker barbecue is scheduled for Sunday (6).

The secretary is still having trouble with returned mail. Members are requested to send their addresses when they move.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

February 24 social was held in the Hotel Sherman, with Mrs. Louise Mount Hebron Cemetery. Rollo and Mrs. Marie Brown as hostesses. Awards went to Mrs. Blanche Latto, Mrs. Kuhbal and Mrs. L. M. Brumleve.

#### National Showmen's Association 1564 Broadway, New York

NEW YORK, March 5.-Ways and means committee, under the chairmanship of H. William Jones, who was recently a visitor here, is now preparing a schedule for a full summer's activity. Applications for membership received from Murray Rich and George Bovino, sponsored by L. D. King.

Benjamin Agin just returned from the West Coast, where he has been for several months. Among recent visitors were Frank Schilizzi, Joseph Walker, Calvin Berry, Edward Rockefeller, Charles Rubenstein, Bert De-Witt, Sam Weisser, Ben Merson, Al Janpol, Matty Burns, John Weisman, Harry Kaye, Sol Wahnish, Frank Capell, Charles Wertheimer, Morris Batalsky, Louis Light, Harry Levine, William Dieckman, Louis Corney, Sam Bibring, Max Eicholz, David Ricci, Ike Weinberg, Saul Eichen, Andrew Stryker, Jack Roberts and Sam Levy.

David Brown and Louis Elias are vacationing in Miami. Heading south is Louis Zackowitz. Irving Zaitchick is en route for the Carolinas. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lichter report the death of their dog, Barney.

Irving Sherman is at the University Hospital in Philadelphia. Larry Falco is recuperating at the Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, N. Y. Still on the sick list are Robert Allen, Morris Saul, Nathan Weinberg, Mack Harris, Fred Fornier, John O'Rear, Irving Udowitz, True Perkins and James Cox.

Funeral services were held Wednesday (2) at Garlick's Funeral Home here for Abraham Kalman, who died February 28 at his home in North Bergen, N. J. Chaplain Fred Murray attended the services. Burial was in

#### Michigan Showmen's Association 3153 Case Avenue, Detroit

DETROIT, March 5. - Regular meeting was held February 28. On the rostrum were President Jack Gallagher, Third Vice-President Fred Sibler, Treasurer Louis Rosenthal, Secretary Bernhard Robbins and Attorney Leonard Simons.

Robert Gould is in Deaconess Hospital, while Rudy Moyar is in Wayne County General Hospital. Chubby Levinson and Mike Englebrink are back from Florida.

Members who volunteered to put on a party for the disabled veterans at the Dearborn Veterans' Hospital were Irving Borker, Hy Raisner, Joe Bennett, Sam Ginsburg, Fred Silber, Charles Schimel, Irving Rubin, Eddie Gold, Jack Kotzen, Robert Templeton, Elmer Naggy and Bernhard Robbins.

A circular clock with an illuminated dial was donated to the club by Bulova Watch Company.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

The monthly social was held February 28. The sum of \$60.20 was realized from bingo and was turned over to the general fund to help pay for renovations in the clubrooms. Prizes at bingo were won by Grace Ziegler, Marie Pence, Charlotte Richardson, Elaine Lysinger Jr., Dorothy Gold, Marianne Corrigan, Ann and Hilda Borker, Dot Miller, Pat Crognale, Rose Lewiston and Hazel Liddon. First prize went to Dorothy Gold. Hilda Borker won second prize.

Luncheon was served by Faye Green, Clara Silber, Rose Gold and Ida Schultz.



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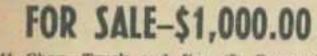
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Mrs. Margaret and Evelyn Hock returned from a vacation in Hot Springs and Florida.

The members extended their sympathy to Veronica Potenza on the death of her mother February 26.

Letters were read from Virginia Kline, Evelyn Belew and Pauline Skerbeck.

#### Caravans, Inc.

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CHICAGO, March 5. - Regular meeting was held Tuesday (1), with President Pat Seery presiding. On the rostrum were Past President Pearl McGlynn, Second Vice-President Mae Oakes, Financial Secretary Irene Coffey and Treasurer Claire Sopenar. Invocation was read by Chaplain Mollie Foster.

**Corresponding Secretary Josephine** Glickman read correspondence from Trixie Clark, who reported Ruth Martone in Menorah Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., with a broken leg; Edna Stinson, known professionally as Mutt Barnett, who is in Jackson County Home, Independence, Mo.; Estelle Swaider, Showmen's League of America and Mae Sopenar.

Billie Lou Foreman remains in American Hospital, and Isabelle Brantman and Bobbie Cherniak are convalescing at home. Sympathy was extended to Elizabeth Jacks on the death of her mother, Rose Reed, a former member, and to Veronica Johnanna Judeikis.

New members are Clara Etta Barker, A.n Borker, Roselyn Cruendwill, Blanche Mae Lemeah, Harriet McBeath and Jeri Ringlin.

President Seery appointed Edith Streibich, Pearl McGlynn, Jeannette Wall, Edna Stenson and Ann Sleyster to serve on the revision committee.

Awards went to Mr. and Mrs. Ed-Maniloff, Nellie Abbott and Mae Tay-

Charles B. Blum's wife died Thursday (3). Funeral services were set for Sunday (6) morning at Park West Memorial Chapel, New York.

Letters are being held at the office for many members, whose addresses are not on our files. Contact the office, please. Preparations for the barn dance March 19 are practically complete. Next regular meeting Wednesday (9). Dues are due.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

NEW YORK, March 5.-President Queenie Van Vliet welcomed back from Florida. Second veepee Mamie Sibley, Secretary Fay Goldman, Gladys Manning and Bella Brengk Olsen in from a road tour. Ethel Ortelli donated a \$25 bottle of French perfume, which was won by hostess Veronica Zucchi.

Chairman of the sick committee, Jeanne Grey, is ill. Ethel Shapiro's mother is still seriously ill, but Dorothy Packtman's mother is convalescing. Also on the sick list are Mae Sopenar and Helen Young. Bess Hamid is at her camp in Maine and still nursing a bad knee.

Helene and Sam Rothstein are leaving on a motor trip thru the South. Mildred Ford emseed and sang in the Showfolks unit at the Marine Hospital, Staten Island, February 20. Dorothy Packtman and her husband are on a West Indies cruise.

Chairman Kitty Rausch is campaigning for new members and anxious for co-operation.

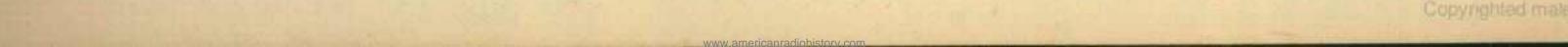
#### gel and Pearl Bauer.

Past President Edna Stenson re-Potenza on the death of her mother, ported from Winter Haven, Fla., that she received donations for the Forget-Me-Not fund from Hazel Maddox and Frances Frazier.

> Hattie Hoyt and Florence Rubin are with Eddie and Dolly Young's Royal Crown Shows. Kathryn Robertson and Ruth and Amby Clinton are visiting Ruth's mother in Alabama.

Plans are to celebrate the club's ward Lazar, Eva Shine, Mildred sixth birthday in Chinatown, and an invitation was extended to Helen lor. Door prizes went to Marie Vo- Wong Jean to be guest of honor.





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#### **Pacific Coast** Showmen's Association

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to set up a PCSA blood bank for Presidents Sammy and Harry G. members, in conjunction with the Seber filled in on the rostrum for Red Cross, was the major topic discussed at the Monday (22) meeting presided over by Vice-President Joe Krug. Also on the rostrum were Vice-President Mike Doolan, Treasurer Al Weber and Secretary Lou Manley.

It was reported that Spot Ragiand is improving in Behren's Hospital, Glendale, Calif. Sam Boswitz is scheduled to enter the hospital soon.

New member is James E. Blocker, concessioner and novelty man.

Present after absences were Jack Waterman, Eddie Murphy, Chicago; Frank Bennett, Jack Alpert, John Houghtaling and Cal Enfield.

Drawing was won by M. H. Ellison.

#### Ladies' Auxiliary

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Taylor. Also on the rostrum were First Vice-President Lille Schue, Second Vice-President Opal Manley, Secretary Edith Hargrave and Treasurer Peggy Forstall. Guests were Lydia Tripp, Mrs. A. Revce, Della Steinberg and Mildred London.

Members attending their first meeting were Rose V. Merrous, Betty Ferguson and Ona Van Zandt.

On sick list were Stella Linton and Jennie Rawlings. A letter was read from Stella Linton, Lille Schue won the bank award. Door prizes, donated by Sally Flint, Rose Rosard and Dorothy Enfield, went to Margaret and Dot Cronin. Donating to the bazuar were Jetta Clancy, Dorothy Endonated several boxes of book will provide the floorshow, matches for club use. Wall brackets,

#### Show Folks of America San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5 .- February 21 meeting was called to order LOS ANGELES, March 5.- A plan b. President Eddie Burke, Past Vice-Presidents Charles Albright and Teddy Levitt and Corresponding Secretary Albert T. Roche.

> A moment of silence was observed for Teloi Reece (Mrs. John Peterson) who died recently. A card of thanks was received from Joe Simas, Ripon, Calif.

President Burke introduced Paul Richelle, Hugo Nadaner, George Wells, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds and their daughter, Gloria, Paul Kauffman, Floyd Farron, Tom Stanley. Shirley Schaffer, J. C. Bullock, Laurine Miller, Buddy Wall, Pearl Grant, Frances Scott, Pete DeCenzie, R. C. Lewis, Mrs. Lillian Gibbons, George Sackson and Kenneth Kilpatrick.

Secretary Albert T. Roche was reported ill. Mrs. Elizabeth Hardwick is in Lane Hospital and Mrs. Parsons is ill at her home. Billie Hodges was reported somewhat better.

Marie Burke's entertainment committee held a bingo February 26. Dinner and entertainment preceded the games.

Harry G. Seber won \$21 in the pot of gold.

#### International Showmen's Association

#### 415A Chestnut St., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, March 5.-Regular meeting was held February 23. Secretary Euby Cobb gave the invocation Farmer, Lucille Dolman, Nina Rogers in the absence of Roscoe Walkup, who is ill.

A St. Patrick's Day Dance and field and Ethel Ebell. Marlo Le Fors Frolic is being planned. Mort Silvers

George Regan attended the Mardi donated by Mary Taylor's guest, Gras in New Orleans, leaving his Helen Masterson, were won by Betty ticket duties to Dave Prevost. On the G. Coe. Rose Ann Jones donated a sick list are Euby Cobb and William (Red) McCoy, Pat O'Sullivan is up Called on for short talks were Rose and around again. Robert Dwyer is V. Merrous, Ona Van Zandt, Betty improving in the St. Louis County Ferguson, Sally Flint, Dot Cronin, Hospital, but his condition still is critical.

#### **Heart of America** Showmen's Club

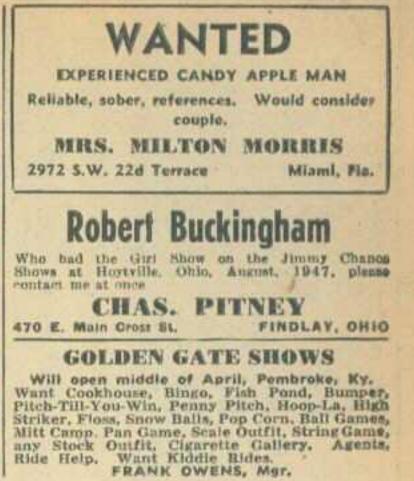
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KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 5.-In the absence of the president, L. K. Carter presided at the meeting February 25, with Secretary Al C. Wilson and Treasurer George Carpenter also on the rostrum.

Frank Wycoff was reported ill. Bill Wilcox suffered severe bruises in a fall.

Lyle and Wayne Hale, of Hale's Shows of Tomorrow, visited. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clayton are expected back from a vacation on the West Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester I. Levin left for Chicago and New York on business, Willie Levine returned from a visit with Cliff Lyle at Lake Charles, La.



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bracelet.

Lydia Tripp, Della Steinberg, Mrs. A. Reyce and Mildred London.

Lunch was served by Chairman Estelle Wampler and committee, comprising Lucille Dolman, Alta Deneau and Marie Rhodes.

#### **Regular Associated Troupers** 106 E. Washington, Los, Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 5.-Many members have started on the road, but a good crowd attended the meeti.g February 24. Gladys and Jerry Mackey came in from Portland, Ore.

Donna Day reported Spot Ragland still in the hospital, and Blacky Ford Harry Zimdar, Dwight J. Bazinett, at home after surgery. Inez Allton is still on the sick list. Lillian Krug reported from Mississippi that she is improving.

Jack Kent was present after wintering in San Diego, Calif. Moe Eisenman exhibited the table which is being prepared for name plates.

Mi belle Bennett, bazaar chairman, said articles are arriving for the event. Lucille King, house chairman, served the lunch following the meeting.

#### Lone Star Showmen's Club Dallas, Texas

DALLAS, March 5.-Annual dance was held January 29 in the Baker Hotel's Crystal Ballroom i conjunction with the Texas Association of Fairs, Expositions and Rodeos convention.

attendance at the dance and luncheon far ahead of last year. There were many liberal donations made to the Jackson Fund, Showmen's Rest benefit.

The February 21 meeting was combined with a social. A house-warm- bers were present. At the Saturday ing was given for Martha Moss, with evening meetings refreshments are 30 members attending. Mrs. Annie served. Gordon won the door prize. Two the proceeds going to the flower fund. Parls Zoo in Oklahoma City.

Edward F. (Blacky) Jones, formeriv with the D. D. Murphy Shows, died here.

Short talks were given by Dave Keiffer, J. P. Murphy, Edwin N. Campbell, Leslie Williams, Pete Byrnes Jr., Jojo Mackey and Dave Prevost.

#### Hot Springs Showman's Club 7321/2 Central, Hot Springs, Ark.

HOT SPRINGS, March 5.—The meeting February 25 was presided over by President Noble Fairly, with Harry W. Hennies, Treasurer Clayton Holt and Secretary John Obluck on the rostrum. Obluck reported club membership has reached 117.

The board of governor; was completed with the addition of George A. Hamid, William B, Naylor and Paul Olsen.

Elected to membership were C. J. Sedlmayr Jr., George A. Hamid; Donald H. Clark, Edward Yeager, Frank Hrubetz, Fred Reed, John Galleger, M. yo Williams, V'illiam B, Naylor, Paul Olsen, Andy Markham, Clifford Bammel, Marshall Johnson, Hugo Mallman, John McCormick, Joe Murphy, Chuck Moss and Lawrence Akers.

#### Hugo Showmen's Club Hugo, Okla.

HUGO, Okia., March 5 .- Ed Wha-Treasurer Millie Hudspeth reported len is the new club president, and Robert Stevens, Casey Smith and Obert Miller are directors. Smith Luton is treasurer and Mrs. Dutch Brewer handles publicity.

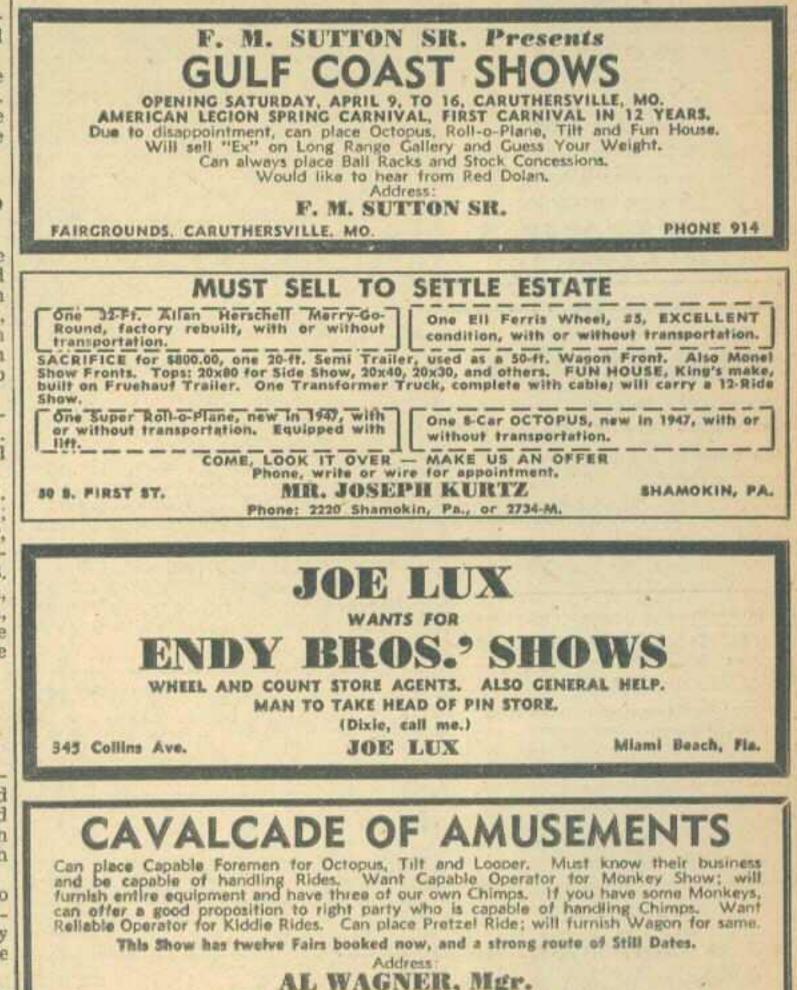
> Art Miller was host at a bingo porty and fish dinner. Some 80 mem-

Club donated \$25 toward the purtables of games were played, with chase of an elephant for the Lincoln

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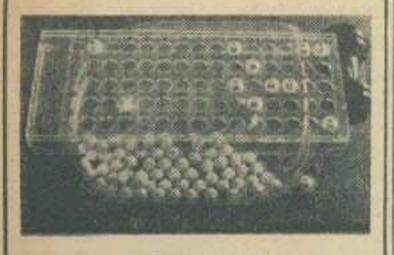
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# WINTER QUARTERS

#### World of Today

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 5.-A full crew is at work on the rides and shows. Sam Lieb came in from Miami to ready his bingo. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmie Carroll also checked in from the same city.

Jimmie Channe and crew are at work readying the Side Show after playing Florida fairs. Ray Ayers is due in any day from New Orleans to supervise repairs and painting of the physical set-up for his two Girl Shows.

Johnnie Bush is to handle the Glass House; Bob Bushae, Funhouse; Buster Glenn, Ridee-O; Duke Warner, kiddie rides; Lloyd Schemmel, Ferris Wheels; Martin Fetterman, Rolloplane; Charleston Winters, Merry-Go-Round; Roy Coe, Spitfire; Jay Brazell, Tilt-A-Whirl; Carl Agman, Octopus, and Johnnie Jones, Loopo-Plane. Anse Anderson has booked his Caterpillar, Little Dipper and train.

Mechanic Nathan Carl, aided by Kenny Walton, is putting the trucks into shape, Pappy Miller is fixing the office, and Deafy Adams is handling the electrical work. Painter Curly Pritchette painted the Merry-Go-Round.

Art Signor is heading up winter quarters activities. L. C. Reynolds is devoting his attention to final bookings, assisted by Agent Bill Rawlings. Art Frazier, business manager, is expected in soon from Hot Springs.

#### Pike Annsement

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 5 .-Work in quarters is progressing and nearly all attractions are ready for the road. Ride Superintendent Sailor Evans and builder Herman C. Hunn have done a good job in readying old equipment and building new. Three fronts, light towers and one ride, a Fly-o-Plane, have been added. Manager W. M. Pike and the writer have returned from a three-week tour of Western States. Some fairs and celebrations were signed. The route of spring still dates includes a six-day Oklahoma exposition in May. The show is invading new territory this year. Eddie Haun purchased a bus and is remodeling it to haul his concessions. Office personnel is the same as last season: W. M. Pike, owner-manager; Mrs. W. M. Pike, secretary; H. T. McAvoy, general agent; Sailor Evans, ride superintendent and electrician; Dave Masters, lot superintendent, and Wayne Pike, mail and The Billboard. -H. T. MCAVOY.

#### **Granite** State

CONCORD, N. H., March 5 .- Everything will be in readiness for the Manchester, N. H., opening stand, April 2-16, under auspices of the American Legion Post. The show will play four other New Hampshire spots, then move into Maine and Canada for 24 weeks.

Line-up of rides will include a Merry-Go-Round, Tilt-a-Whirl, Ferris Wheel, Octopus, Spitfire, Chairplane, Rolloplane, Comet, kiddie auto and miniature train. Along with a Side Show and Funhouse, there will be Jungle, Snake, Crime, Athletic, Unborn, Freak Animal and two Girl attractions.

Four tractors and a trailer have been added to rolling stock. An office trailer and new canvas for shows have arrived. Tony Sherry has built fronts for shows and rides, and Frank Cleasby has overhauled trucks and tractors. Two Diesel light plants and light towers are on order.

Owner William Muldoon and A. W. (Pat) Hanlon, general representative, returned recently from a booking trip. Pat and May Kennedy returned from a pleasure trip to complete their cookhouse. Connie Sherry is in charge of the quarters mess hall. Secretary Bill Bouchea has returned to his desk at quarters.

#### Pioneer

WAVERLY, N. Y., March 5.-Show is set to open here April 22. Fairs recently added to the route are Bradford County Fair, Troy, Pa.; Fulton County Fair, McConnellsburg, Pa.; Snyder County annual, McClure, Pa., and Jennerstown, Somerset County, Pa. This gives the org a total of eight fairs. Also under contract are several Old Home Weeks and firemen's conventions.





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#### I. K. Wallace

ELLERBEE, N. C., March 5 .- The quarters here will open April 1. Org will open middle of April, playing two weeks in North Carolina, then Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Celebrations are being booked in these States. Queenie Carangio and his crew will have charge of the rides; James Bright, who is spending the winter in Texas, will be special agent; Les Graham, electrician; Jess Baker, kiddie ride foreman. Concessionaires booked include Mike Eli, Al Bill Porter wired from Texas that Bates, Les Graham, Mrs. Carrangio, he would join with bingo and three and H. Smith. Mr. Bates will manage other concessions.-JOHN (BUCK) the show's bingo.

Show's staff includes Mickey Percell, general manager; Paul Merrick, general representative; Peter Percell, agent; Carl Lovejoy, special agent; Charlotte Lovejoy, secretary; Mrs. A. Percell, treasurer; Mrs. Cora B. Murray, bookkeeper; Harry (Slim) Fein, press and radio; Leon Andrews, superintendent; Dave Lougher, scenic artist; Frank Turner, concession manager; Albert Wilson, assistant concession manager; Robert Tuttle, billposter; Dick Keller, electrician; Harold Horner, superintendent of transportation; Elwin Hoxie, purchasing agent, and Gerald Curtis, mailman and The Billboard sales agent.-MICKEY PERCELL.

#### Lee United

BAY CITY, Mich., March 5 .- All rides and trucks have been repaired and repainted. The shows will play a few Detroit lots before taking to the road for the first stand near Detroit. Work has been under the supervision few Detroit lots before taking to the of Manager Harry Taylor.

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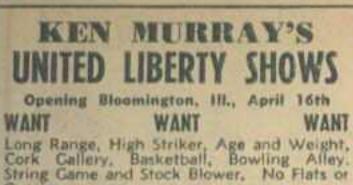
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WORLD OF PLEASURE

#### Wolfe Amusements

LANDRUM, S. C. March 5 .- Org recently booked the Greenville Colored Fair and the McCormick, S. C., Fair. Opening is set for March 26 here.

Show will play West Virginia in May and stay in the coal fields until Labor Day. Ernie Sylvester, general agent, recently returned from his second trip in the West Virginia hills.

In quarters are Mr. and Mrs. Zene Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morris and daughter Judy, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewallen, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wantz, Mr. and Mrs. Curly Morly and son, Roy; Irene Halstead, Sam Hausner, Al and Lee Craig, Red and Doris Jurnigan, Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Holt, John Lytle, Charles Sanders and Whitey, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wolfe and daughters Johnnie-Mae and Claudia, and son Binky, and Ernie Sylvester.

Irene Halstead will handle The Billboard and mail. Mr. and Mrs. Bunch are sporting a new car.-ERNIE SYLVESTER.

#### La Cross Amusements

ST. ALBANS, Vt., March 5 .--Quarters work is progressing. Shows open April 16 in Connecticut, Paul R. La Cross, owner-manager, said they will remain out until Armistice day. The Sky Boy, high act, has been signed for the season. Shows have a new sound truck, using a wire recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Frost again will be with the shows, he as electrician and general foreman. Owner La Cross's father will help in the office. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin will have three rides. Concessionaires include Irving Snyder, T. P. Courtney, Roy Roberts, Ernest Silva, J. M. Schartz, bingo; Freddie Prumo, scales and age; E. J. Morris, Hi-Striker; Wilfred Remillard, Frank Zlotkowich, and John and Dora Claffy.

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Shows' new cookhouse will be managed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank La Voie. Roy Hemmingway, Richard Morlock and Joe Hamlin will be part of the crew for the office-owned concessions.

#### **Midway of Mirth**

TRENTON, Ill., March 5.-Repairs are in progress for shows' March 31 opening. Trucks have arrived in quarters from the factory with the new major ride that the office purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney and Morris Simmons visited. Mrs. Lil Campbell is staying with Esther Speroni. Mrs. Speroni, shows' ownermanager, has been on the sick list, but is up and around now.

Jimmie Rogers is general supervisor; Calvin Landrum is in charge of the paint department and W. H. Ellis heads the electrical department.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rodville entertained these guests recently: Carl Pope, Opal Black, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Esther Speroni and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. Carl Pope and Opal Black will have the bingo on the org this season .- ROSE DAVIS.

#### **Heart of Texas**

BROWNWOOD, Tex., March 5 .--Quarters work is coming to a close. Rides, shows and equipment have been overhauled and painted, and are ready for opening here Saturday (12). Chuck Holt is in charge of quarters.

Johnny Cannon arrived to take over his duties as general agent. Cliff Miller and Jack Owens are in charge of painting, R. A. Dugan is secretary. Laughlin and Todd have booked a 12-girl revue; Carter, cookhouse; Blair, Sex Show; Lee Burke, two Girl Shows; Tex Dowler, Athletic Show; McNeece, bingo; Holden, photo gallery; Charlie Rocco Jr., band, and Alex Johns, mitt camp.

Billy Corlen will present the free act. Concessionaires include Chuck and Tillie Holt, Pop Stafford, Ray Long, Morgan Bradley, Jack and Paul Osburne and Jess Hagerman.

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# WINTER QUARTERS

#### Mad Cody Fleming

#### Home State

HICKOX, Ga., March 5.—Work in quarters is practicall\_finished. Shows wen' into quarters in good shape.

Dad Davis is working on woodwork, with J mmie Mercer as helper. Jack McCarty is working over the trucks, assisted by Fred Ward. Judge Dowdy is rebuilding his concessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mizell and sons arrived. They are readying their Animal Show and three concessions. Frankie Shelton again will have her concession on the midway.

Dutch Schilling is expected soon from Dania, Fla. He will have bingo, pan game and six stock stores. Slim Huffman will have the cookhouse and short-range gallery. Clyde Howey will have the big snakes, popcorn, cotton candy, peanuts and apples. C. D. Dean writes he will start the season with four concessions.

Grace Fleming joined the Eastern Star. Mad Cody Fleming has been routing the show, and it will cover nearly the same route as last year except for early dates.

Mrs. Daisy Mercor returned from the hospital in Waycross, Ga., where she underwent major surgery.

A new cookhouse top has been ordered.

#### **Mighty Hoosier State**

GREENSBURG, Ind., March 5.— Org is readying for its April 15 opening. A new semi has been added. W. R. Geren, owner-manager, reports that the season is booked solid and that shows will play fairs and celebrations in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Twenty-five office - owned concessions will be operated. Around quarters daily are Tex Fetta, Hayden Richards, Walt Brinkman, Kenny Ritchie, Bingo Randolph, Ralph Stafford, Walter White, Bill Rinenger and Jean Mead. Howard Snyder will have charge of the front gate,

BATESVILLE, Ark., March 5.—Bob Atterbury, who has the free attractions contracted on the show for the season, infos from Kingston, Jamaica, that he also will supply a complete Side Show and the Funhouse. Clarence Wright has signed to produce the Minstrel Show.

Eight Minnesota fairs, including those at Detroit Lakes, Park Rapids, Bagley and Appleton, have been signed.

Crew of men expects to leave the quarters here March 20 for Lincoln, Neb., where permanent winter quarters are established.

#### **Ohio Valley Shows**

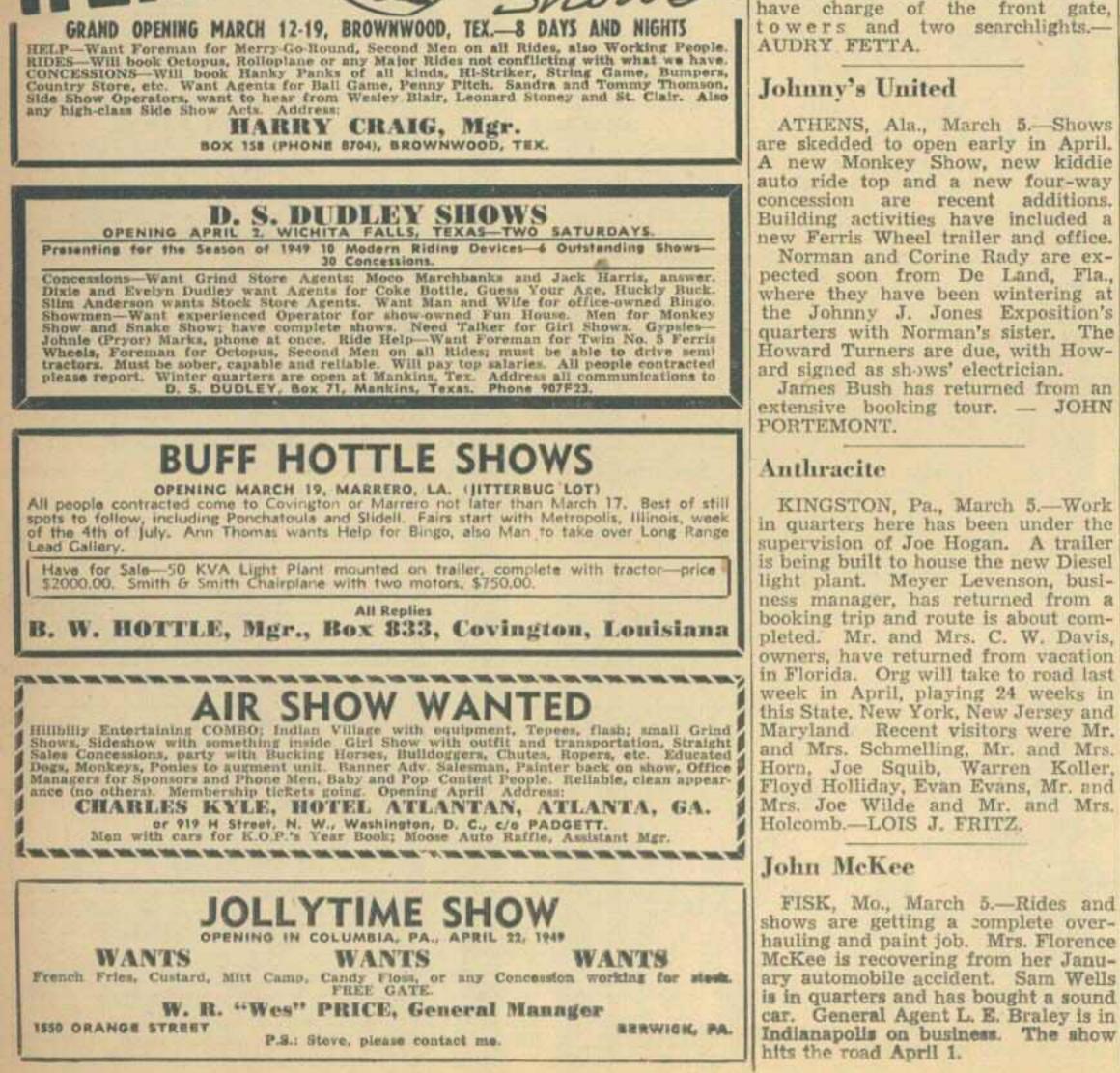
FINDLAY, O., March 5.—Work tempo is in high and mild weather has enabled the crew to do most of the work outdoors.

Owner-Manager Roxie Harris returned from Tampa with a new Sunshine Choo-Choo train. While South, Harris visited Eddie and Dolly Young, Royal Crown Shows; the Royal Exposition Shows and Barney Tassell Shows, White Star Attractions and the Gilbert Amusement org. General Agent Bill Harris, now on a booking trip, is due in quarters soon. —PAT BRADY.

#### BALLYHOO BROS.

(Continued from page 78) not making and having (still referring to money and fun). As a financial expert he shuts his eyes and hopes for the best.

Midway biz would be a cinch for some if it weren't for the unpleasantness of a little money showing up now and then. For every showman who gets weary from carrying money, there are 60 who get round shoulders from gandering at gams. Of course, there are two kinds of money made on midways-the kind that can be spent and the jackpot kind. Perhaps one reason why having a lotta fun is popular is because it provides a good excuse for a little character assassinationespecially if the guy has both fun and money. No one, beginner or old-timer, is sure which is best, money or a lotta fun until the closing night arrives. A connoisseur of midway money is one who can squint over his fountain pen at a blonde without pulling out his checkbook. Not even in his worst nightmares does a guy who is out for a lotta fun find himself putting in a bad winter. Some day a midway efficiency expert will figure out what kind of new fun can be had while waiting for fluorescent lights to come on. Remember, the wage of sin is take-home money.





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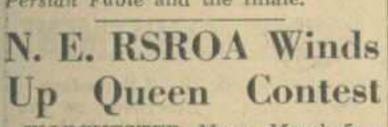
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WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Riverside Stadium Roller Rink grabbed a fine hunk of publicity when DuMont Television's Station WTTG aired the Brooklyn, if a trial production Friday February 16 Riverside Roller Revue, the fourth annual show offered by club members for the benefit of events director, who has completed polio victims in the local Children's study of the situation. Hospital

participated in the show that was Freeman caught the opening night produced by Louis and Betty Barg- performance of Eastern's annual club mann and Phyllis Rowley, of the show, Roller Rhapsodies of 1949, and Riverside staff. Penny Martin, electric organist, offered musical accompaniments, while Bob Wolff, of WTTG, held down the emsee spot.

Riverside's top skaters took part in the presentation. The numbers included Strike Up the Band, A Winter Wonderland, Me and My Shadow Tango in Eights, Miss Butterfly Moonlight and Cocktails, Glub Glub A Blue Serenade, Lovely Hula Hands Sophisticated Date, Recess at School, A Spanish Caballero, Hi Hat Revue, Mighty Mite, A Waltz Dream, A Persian Fable and the finale.



WORCHESTER, Mass., March 5 .--Competing with 10 contestants, Juanita M. Baker, a skater from Ernest E. Young's Riverdale Roller Rink, Nantick, R. I., was crowned 1949 New England skate queen February 2 at Leo Doyle's Webster Square Arena here in a contest sponsored by the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association.



NEW YORK, March 5 .- WPIX viewers will see regular roller skating shows from Eastern Parkway Rink, (18) proves successful. So says Al Lawrence, the channel's special

Lawrence, along with producer Members of all Riverside clubs Mike Meltzer and technician Otis rated it good enough entertainment to provide a nucleus for the debut show.

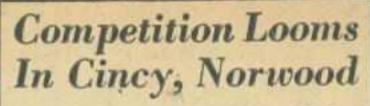
> The procedure, according to Lawrence, will be this: First, Rhapsodies must be condensed from two and a half hours to a much shorter production. Then it must be spiced with specialties by champions from other rinks. Finally, there must be a "dry run" dress rehearsal Friday (11) to iron out any bugs.

> An amateur roller hockey game may follow the show on March 18.

> Eastern Parkway, according to Lawrence, is probably the best equipped rink in the United States for video. Among its television assets are a permanently installed coaxial cable and, thanks to boxing and wrestling, good center rink lighting.

# BrownHeadsRSROA In Red Cross Drive

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Vic Brown, operator of New Dreamland Arena, Newark, N. J., has been appointed metropolitan RSROA roller skating chairman for the Red Coss fund-To the winner went a number of raising campaign, it was announced merchandise prizes and a nine-day Friday by New York Journal Amervacation trip to Miami in the com- ican sports editor Max Kase, the Kase said he asked Brown to take the job because of his fine work as The contest ran for a period of six a fund-raiser in the last two March of weeks, local contestants being judged Dimes appeals. Immediately after on the basis of beauty, poise, per- accepting the appointment, Brown launched an ambitious raffle project which he says will put roller skating over the top.



CINCINNATI, March 5 .- Competition is seen for Sefferino's Rollerdrome here and the near-by Norwood (O.) Roller Rink of Ed J. Von Hagen in an announcement of public ice skating sessions at the Cincinnati Garden, the new \$3,000,000 arena that opened here February 22.

While primarily a location for bigtime sports events and spectacle presentations, the Garden management apparently is throwing its ice rink -to be used for professional hockey in October-open to the public on days when no promotions are booked.

This week the Garden advertised the first public skating sessions for March 4-6. The charge is \$1 for adults and 60 cents for children. Patrons are requested to bring their skates. Three sessions of two and a half hours were offered Friday (4), with four sessions set for Saturday and Sunday.

Ice Follies of 1949 is scheduled to appear in the arena March 16-22, with Roller Skating Vanities slated for a later date this spring.

# **Organ Jamboree Big** At Dolan Skateland

WORCESTER, Mass., March 5 .--An organ jamboree held February 28 at James J. Dolan's Skateland here Monterey, and Dennis Wager, Watsonwas reported a big success by Mrs. Norman Allen, wife of the Skateland organist. Five organists, including Allen, were featured. Ira Bates, Boston; Joe Nickerson, the Sheraton Hotel, Boston; Ron Harry, Fitchburg, Mass., and Maxine George, program.

'To the skater selling the most

# **ARSA Contests** In Heavy Draw

WATSONVILLE, Calif., March 5 .---Northern California roller skating championships of the United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, held February 27 in Anthony Callahan's Civic Auditorium Roller Rink here, was an artistic and financial success, according to Paul J. Gilbert, manager of Del Monte Rollerdrome, Monterey, who handled publicity for the event.

A heavy advance publicity campaign packed the auditorium, said Gilbert, radio stations and newspapers in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Salinas, Martinez and Merced giving the contests excellent co-operation.

Especially popular was the racing, each event bringing the crowd to its feet cheering, Gilbert reported. Altho the skating in some events was weak, the speed program was above par. Del Monte Skating Club, Monterey, with 19 entries, dominated the meet, placing first in all but one event.

Results: Figures, juvenile boys, Gary Bradley, Monterey. Juvenile girls, Marjorie Tomasini, Monterey. Novice boys, Boyd Hamlin and Dennis Earl, Monterey. Novice girls, Norma Hartsock, Dolores Cummings. Clau-Interdette Colbert, Monterey. mediate men, Rixford Murray, Intermediate ladies, Rose ville. Marinello, Monterey.

Dancing, juveniles, Gary Bradley and Marjorie Tomasini, Monterey. Novice, Dennis Earl and Dolores Cummings, Monterey. Intermediate, Rixford Murray and Rose Marinello, Worcester, Mass., appeared on the Monterey; Donald Search and Norma

(See North'n Calif. on page 90)

pany of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Free- drive's local sports chairman. man, of Bal-a-Roue Rollerway, Medford, Mass,

sonality and talent,

#### Steelman Rebuilding in Iowa

CHARLES CITY, Ia., March 5 .--Forrest G. Steelman has been issued a building permit for construction of a new skating rink which will be in a one-story structure of concrete blocks with a semi-circular roof. The building will be 168 feet by 70 feet. Steelman formerly operated Breezy Point Rink here. It burned last December.



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#### New One for Allegan, Mich.

ALLEGAN, Mich., March 5.-Rollo-Way Skating Rink was opened here early last month in a quonsettype structure, measuring 41 by 152 feet, with a maple floor. A snack bar has been installed. A soda bar is to be added later. Owners of the rink are Ken Smith and Bob and Paul Weaver.

#### **Betz Joins Jones Company**

PITTSBURGH, March 5 .-- Johnny Jones Jr., agent firm here for the Chicago Roller Skate Company, announces the addition of Bill Betz to the company. Formerly associated with Lexington Roller Skating Palace here and for the past two years owner-operator of a rink, Betz will leave March 7 with Johnny Jones Jr. on a tour covering Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. Mrs. Betz (Edna Davis), professional skater, will accompany him.

#### **Chi Roller Dome Club Visits**

CHICAGO, March 5.-Roller Dome Club of Chicago has been active in visiting nearby rinks, reports Joseph Wolak, January 2 club members visited Palace Roller Rink, Hammond, Ind., followed on February 2 by a trip to Fairway Roller Rink, Sandwich, Ill. The club has scheduled a trip to Arlington Heights (III.) Roller Rink for March 2, to be followed by a trek at a later date to Joilet or Zion, Ill. The 44 members travel by chartered bus.

tickets to the affair went an album containing an autographed record of each organist. Skating was offered the first half of the evening, with ballroom dancing following. Organ novelties were offered between sessions.

## **Eastern Parkway's** Show Draws 2,000

BROOKLYN, March 5. - Roller Rhapsodies of 1949, second annual extravaganza of Eastern Parkway Figure and Dance Club, played to approximately 2,000 spectators during its two-night run, Wednesday (2) and Thursday (3). Audience and press reactions were favorable.

Rhapsodies, like last year's edition, was directed by instructor George McCann. It boasted a cast of 100 amateurs, with organ music by Russell LeRoy and vocals by Tony Romeo. Reserved tickets were sold and ample seating on an inclined platform was provided.

Numbers, all elaborately costumed, ranged from Slaughter on Tenth Avenue to Offering to the Fire God; from Limehouse Blues to Tango of Roses. Running time was two and one half hours,

On opening night, clubsters Joe and Ruth McDonough were crowned rink king and queen, an honor they earned by winning a recent closedclub skate dance series which ran several weeks. Skating columnist Bill Love presented the awards.







## Correction

CINCINNATI, March 5 .- An incorrect statement in the article, Much Can Be Accomplished by an Operators' Association, by Carl C. Johnson, owner of Skateland, Denver, in The Billboard of March 5, gave the federal tax rate on admissions as 1 cent on 10. The rate is 2 cents on 10.

#### **Forcier Skatery Names** Hartford Skate Queen

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5 .--Helen Orsino has been named Hartford's skate queen in a contest conducted by Arthur Forcier, owner of Friendly Roller Rink. Twenty girls competed on the basis of skating ability and personality for the title.

The winner will be sent by Forcier to the skate queen competitions slated to be held soon in New York by The New York Journal-American Miss Orsino was given a cup and bouquet for winning the Hartford contest.

Oxford Lake Park at Anniston, Ala. has added a roller rink under the management of Duane Barnett.

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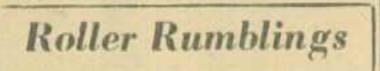
# North'n Calif. ARSA **Meet Draws Heavily**

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Hartsock, Monterey; Chester Hampton and Donna Kennedy, Merced.

Pairs, intermediate mixed, Donald Search and Norma Hartsock, Monterey. Novice girls, Dolores Cummings and Barbara Marshall, Monterey; Claudette Colbert and Virginia Spencer, Monterey, Dorothy Wagner and Madline Martin, Watsonville. Bill, hitting him on the forehead and Senior ladies, Lois Wagner and making the blood flow. Bill and Juanita Presswood, Watsonville.

Racing, midget boys, Gary Bradley, Monterey; Bennie Brown, Monterey; Jimmy Gray, Watsonville. Midget girls, Evelyn Spencer, Myrtle Espy and Vevah Clute, Monterey. Juvenile girls, Barbara Marshall, Virginia Spencer and Claudette Colbert, Monterey. Senior men, Rixford Murray, Monterey; Doyle Mings, Irvington, and Donald Search Monterey. Senior ladies, Barbara Ziem, Monterey; Lois Wagner and Juanita Presswood, Watsonville.



James Klenner, with Edgewater Park Rink, Detroit, is preparing skating show scripts for rink operators.

Frank Bunn has been appointed skateroom manager at Art Forcier's Friendly Roller Rink, Hartford, Conn.

# **Terrell Votes Best** Years in Rep Trade

(Continued from page 57) almost all of them tendered us a free feed on Friday nights following the performance in the big top. We closed that season to go into stock but returned for the two-week rehearsals at Tampa in April and we enjoyed another great season over the same route and the closing date was Butler, Mo., in 1920. "In 1921 I organized my own company and bowed in the tent season in the spring, after playing stock in St. Louis the preceding winter. There were plenty of good shows on the road at that time and all were successful. Among them were Curtis-Shanklin, favorites in Illinois, and Swain in Mississippi and Tennessee. "Smith & Willis, with Curtis-Shanklin, also operated with success for a number of years. The old relisble Choates Comedians were great favorites in Illinois and Missouri and I believe they were among the first rep tent shows to play that sector. "Plumless Comedians and Pullens Comedians were among the top rep organizations of that era, while Ches Davis and Mae McKenna had the medium-size theaters begging for them and their musical comedies. Dubinskys always carried large and good companies. Performers like Bob Grandi, Ed Ward, Ed C. Nutt, Leslie Kell and Carl Simpson always received big pay."

**Retrospect of Rep Trouping** 

(Continued from page 57) a disturbance.

One night when Will Morris, who was playing "Tom" made his entrance with Little Eva, a man near the front rose and shouted:

"A nigger with his shoes shined!" and threw a mouth harmonica at big, vividly colored picture on the Eva scampered off the stage in a hurry and it almost stopped the was in a front seat to see the historic show.

#### Stopped the Show

On another occasion during the whipping of "Uncle Tom" scene, a hothead in the audience jumped up and yelled:

"You black s-b!!" And waving a six-shooter at us threateningly, stopped the scene as we all made a fast and unrehearsed exit off stage. And there followed a "dead wait" until the man was taken out and the performance resumed.

After that we cut out the whipping scene!

But in spite of the fact that often threats were made, Friday night invariably saw the house packed-and an asurance that the "ghost" would walk Sunday morning.

For a number of years I made my home at Mound City, Mo., where I leased and managed the opera house, playing many roadshows, both onenighters and week-stand reps. During the season of 1908-'09 I booked Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, managed at that time by my old friend Nep Scoville (of The County Kid fame). The advance man billed the town like a circus with a full line of lithographic paper and the local weekly newspaper carried a big spread. The newspaper office was on Main Street, and just across the street stood a big billboard cov-

Liza with a child in her arms, puralarm caused by a drunk making sued by a pack of ferocious-looking bloodhounds as she made her escape across the frozen river. The editor of the paper, a scholarly old gentleman who was a stickler for facts, sitting in his swivel chair at his desk by the front window, looked at the billboard opposite-looked at it every day for a week-became intrigued and the night of the show drama. In his mental vision he carried a picture of seeing a pack of great bloodhounds on the stage and anticipated a thrill. But as the play unraveled itself on the stage and Liza scampered across the stage behind the set-pieces of scenic ice followed by Legree and several others, and not a solitary dog, he was plumb flabbergasted. He sank down into his seat disappointed and silent thru the rest of the play.

The next morning when he sat down in his swivel chair and looked out of the window, there was still that big, sensational picture of the savage-mouthed bloodhounds in pursuit of the fleeing Liza crossing the ice-bound river. Turning to his desk he grabbed a pad of paper and a pencil.

When the paper came off the press it carried a commentary article on the Uncle Tom Cabin play captioned:

#### There Were No Dogs!

It was a glowing, graphic, literary gem. It was laudatory in a way as to the entertainment. It found no fault with the acting cast. It touched on Uncle Tom living his humble, unostentatious life; it pictured sweet Little Eva and her allegorical ascent to heaven; it touched on the laughter-provoking antics of Topsy. It pictured the hard-hearted Legree ered with a 24-sheet stand showing and his ferocious whip and it dwelt on Liza's desperate escape leaping the floating ice cakes on the river. It eulogized nearly everything but every sentence thruout the entire article ended with ", , , but there were no dogs!" It was widely copied by the press, and Collier's gave it a special "box." While the write-up was not really uncomplimentary, the constant repetition of "but there were no dogs," gave it a subtle, humorous quality that could be taken either as praise or ridicule. In visiting and talking with the editor about it, he said he had no criticism or fault to find with the acting but that his adamant policy was truth in advertising.

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## **REP RIPPLES**

(Continued from page 57) veston, Tex., mulling plans for a tent flesh show, which he will debut near there in April. He has his tent stored in Galveston and will use some short-cast bills in addition to his pix which he has been presenting in that area this winter. . . . Bay Players are around Pendleton Ore., where biz has been good for the five-person unit. . . . Grail Players are a new group for the Salt Lake City sector. Most of their dates are sponsored. . . . Chester Cobb has optioned a spot in Rockland, Me., where he plans to present summer flesh shows.

J. TRUDEN, who put in part of L. the winter at Lakeland, Fla., has left for Ely, Minn., to prep his fleshpic unit for halls. . . . George D. Griffith is promoting amateur minstrel shows in the Moscow, Idaho, area. . . . Butler's vaude-pic show has been playing West Virginia territory. ... J. J. Sands, vet of colored tent shows, is getting together a tent minstrel trick for one-day stands in Mississippi until the fair season starts. . . . G. H. Markus is looking over a spot near Mooers, N. Y., for a summer theater using local talent. . . . Since January 1 Gaul and Spicer have been showing religious films in Central Vermont. . . . Everett Flye, whose show has taken a wallop from the weather in the Clarkston, Wyo., area, plans to move south. Show is using three performers and films and runs a dance after the show. . . . Al Colby, of Binghamton, N. Y., would like to get hold of a 1906 roster of Gorton's Minstrels. . . . Colby Players are operating around Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . Billy Henshaw's trick in the Lewiston, Idaho, sector has been hit by weather. He plans to move into Eastern Washington soon. . . . Frank E. Hawley is readying his trick at Dennison, Tex., for a trek of established Central Texas territory.

of the star walk and denore it.

#### **Chattanooga Spot Expands**

CHATTANOOGA, March 5.-Sky-Way Drive-In Theater, managed by Don Shaw, opened its 1949 season March 3. An enlarged screen, new playground equipped with swings, slides, sand boxes and seats for adults, and a new lunch stand have been added for this season.

#### **Drive-In for Winston-Salem**

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 5. -Sunset Drive-In Theater, Inc., here has received a charter from Secretary of State to operate a theater. Authorized capital stock is \$100,000, with \$300 subscribed by Earl, Betty and Henry Watts, all of Winston-Salem.

#### Sanford Group Chartered

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 5 .--Secretary of State has issued a charter to Sanford Auto Theater, Inc., Sanford, Fla., which proposes to operate outdoor theaters under authorized capital stock of 500 shares, \$100 par value.

#### **Aikens Constructs Drive-In**

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 5. -Harry W. Aikens, of Clearbrook, Va., is building a 900-car drive-in theater, with opening slated for this spring.

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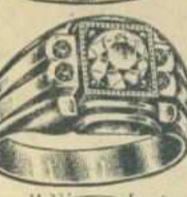
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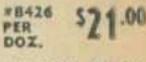
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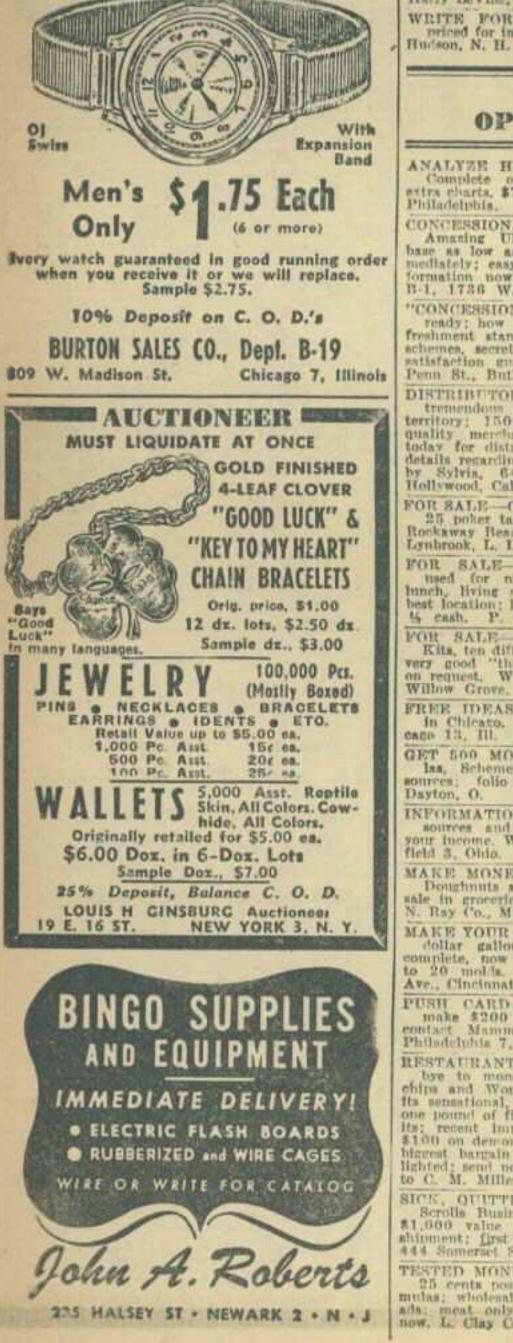
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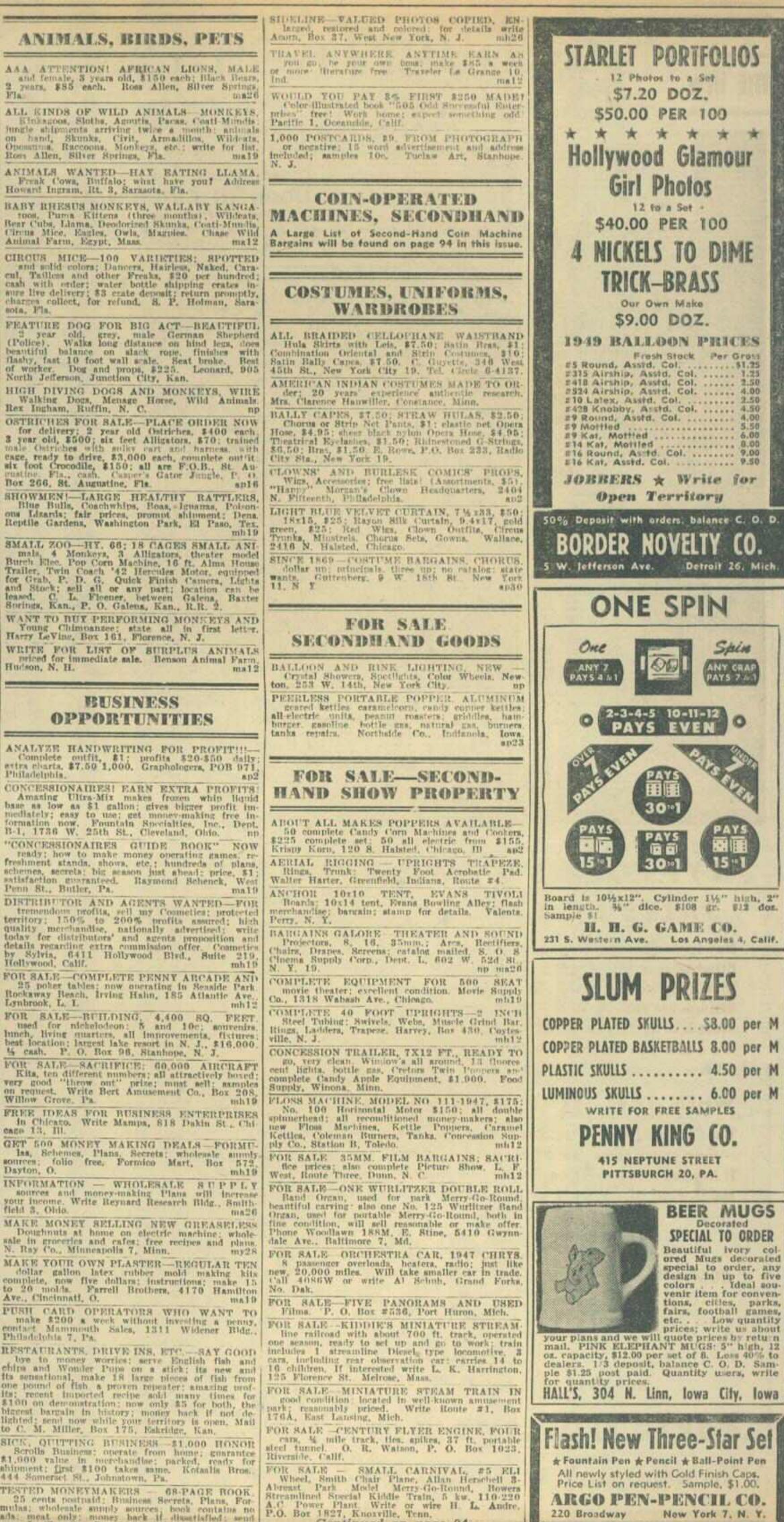






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MAKE MONEY SELLING NEW GREASELESS Doughnuts at home on electric machine; wholesale in proceedies and cafes; free recipes and plans. N. Ray Co., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

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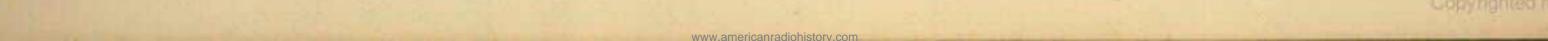
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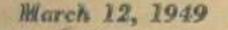
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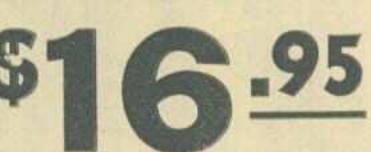
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FOR SALE-SWINGAROO, NEW IN 1947. seats 16 adults; loads on 25 ft, semi and 1940. Diamond T Tractor, or will trade for Spit-Fire. Clarence Aldrich, 183 Rockwell Ave., Pontice, mb19 Michi

FROZEN CUSTARD MACHINE-MOUNTED IN Trailer, ready to operata; low cash price for quick sale, 249 E 10th, Traverse City, Mich, ap2

GIRL-IN-FISH-BOWL ILLUSION, LENS, DI-rection to make, \$20; new Trapeze Crane, \$25; 2 4 ton Rep Truck, \$475. Home Const. Co., 97 Arch St., Butler, N. J. mh19

I AM NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR SPRING delivery of Andre Floss Machines, 1940 model Write or wire H. L. Andre, P.O. Bor 1827, Knorville, Tenn.

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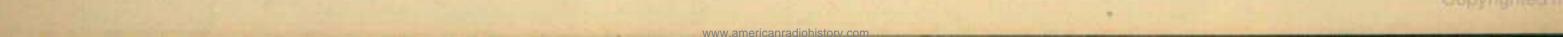
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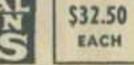
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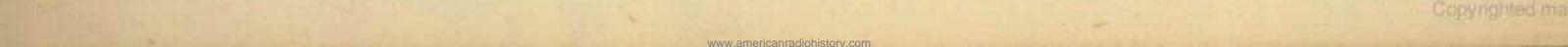
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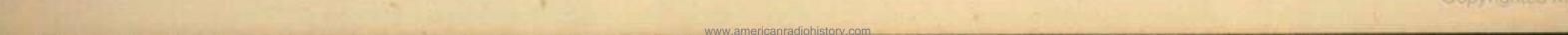
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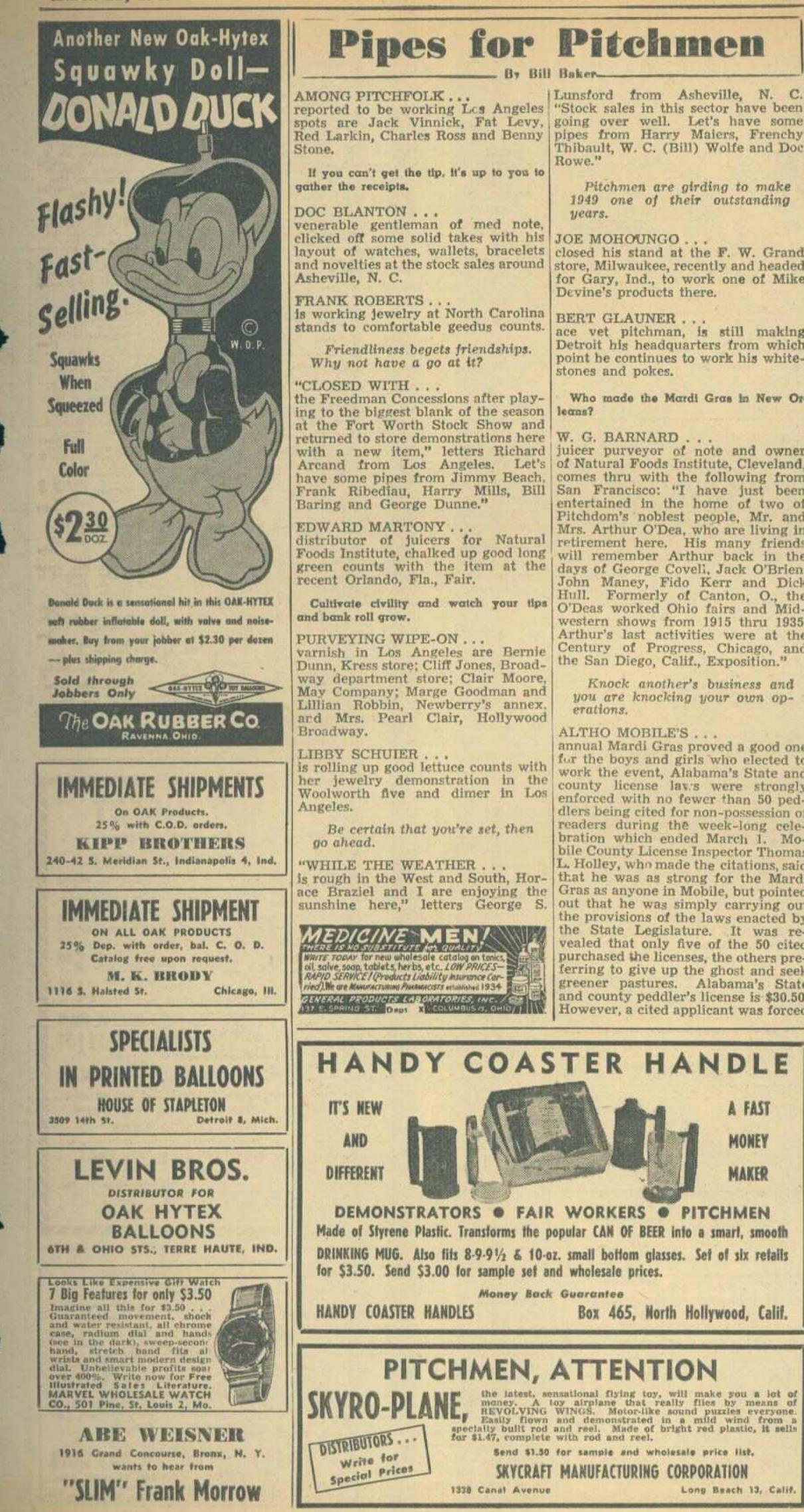
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The Billboard

#### MERCHANDISE 101

# **Pipes for Pitchmen**

Lunsford from Asheville, N. C. going over well. Let's have some pipes from Harry Maiers, Frenchy Thibault, W. C. (Bill) Wolfe and Doc

Pitchmen are girding to make 1949 one of their outstanding years.

#### JOE MOHOUNGO ....

closed his stand at the F. W. Grand store, Milwaukee, recently and headed for Gary, Ind., to work one of Mike Devine's products there.

#### BERT GLAUNER ...

ace vet pitchman, is still making Detroit his headquarters from which point he continues to work his whitestones and pokes.

Who made the Mardi Gras in New Or-

#### W. G. BARNARD . . .

juicer purveyor of note and owner of Natural Foods Institute, Cleveland, comes thru with the following from San Francisco: "I have just been entertained in the home of two of Pitchdom's noblest people, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O'Dea, who are living in retirement here. His many friends will remember Arthur back in the days of George Covell, Jack O'Brien, John Maney, Fido Kerr and Dick Hull. Formerly of Canton, O., the O'Deas worked Ohio fairs and Midwestern shows from 1915 thru 1935. Arthur's last activities were at the Century of Progress, Chicago, and the San Diego, Calif., Exposition."

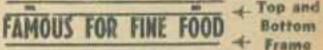
Knock another's business and you are knocking your own operations.

ALTHO MOBILE'S .... annual Mardi Gras proved a good one for the boys and girls who elected to work the event, Alabama's State and county license lays were strongly enforced with no fewer than 50 peddlers being cited for non-possession of readers during the week-long celebration which ended March 1. Mobile County License Inspector Thomas L. Holley, who made the citations, said that he was as strong for the Mardi Gras as anyone in Mobile, but pointed out that he was simply carrying out the provisions of the laws enacted by the State Legislature. It was revealed that only five of the 50 cited purchased the licenses, the others preferring to give up the ghost and seek greener pastures. Alabama's State and county peddler's license is \$30.50. However, a cited applicant was forced

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#### **MERCHANDISE** 102



to cough up \$36.50, the extra \$6 being | but had to pay the 50 cents. Persons | together, play straight and make our made up of a \$4.50 penalty fee and who are disabled 30 per cent or more work and our means of livelihood a \$1.50 citation fee. Howley said that were permitted to claim exemption easy and pleasant and our profession he was merely enforcing a require- from the entire \$30.50, provided the one that we can be proud of. It's ment that all peddlers, except those applicant obtained a physician's cerselling peanuts exclusively, must have tificate. a State an' county license. War veterans, Holley said, could claim exemption from the \$30 in \$30.50 fee,

That orange and sunshine diet soon will be just a memory.

#### THE RECENT ....

The Billboard

boosting of streetcar fares in Milwaukee has cut down drastically on the amount of people going down town to shop, with the result that pitchmen in town haven't found many crowds to work to in the past few weeks, Rose McNab advises from the Cream City. She adds that June Hopkins is working a braider at the F. W. Grand store there and that Mae Lithgow is purveying the same item at Gimbels. Mac Sarfaty, Bob Beaudry, George Hamilton and Lou (The Shiek) Molnar recently cut up some jackpots in the Belmont Hotel, where Buz (Necktie) Wagner is working as a bartender, Rose says.

Every now and then a JCL comes up with a new idea that older heads laugh off as being impractical. But when one of the latter uses the impractical Idea successfully all follow suit.

#### MARIE VINSON ....

has her demonstration going to good counts in the Woolworth store, downtown Los Angeles,

#### SIDNEY WEISS ....

worked the recent Mid-Winter Fair at Imperial, Calif., with the Eversharp slicer, moving from there to the Kress store in San Diego.

Wonder how many of the lads who quit the biz for good last fall have succumbed to itchy feet.

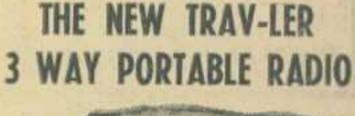
#### MID-WINTER FAIR ....

at Imperial, Calif., February 26-March 6, was the hitching post for several of the pitch frat. Among those seen were Harry Flax, with

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tough enough to make spots. Greensboro and High Point, N. C., are closed to street workers. During a fast trip to Macon, Ga., Tom Hasson and I took in Madaline Ragan's Hygiene Exhibit and it's a neat layout and getting money. Let's have more pipes from everyone in the business."

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Humatones, who was forced by the wind to fold his umbrella and move indoors. Phil Green was there with a good outlay of kitchen gadgets. Susan and Art Fredette, who worked trick cards at the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival at Indio, were on hand with rug braiders. Ruth and Speedy Hascal had trick cards.

Philosophical mutterings from the boys and girls in the pitch profession are always welcomed by this column. On many occasions they have helped others, so don't hesitate about sending 'em in,

#### EDDIE DE BOLD ...

after a lengthy silence, blasts the following from Greensboro, N. C.: "I've been noticing lately the many new names in the pitch business. What has become of the old-timers such as Jack Mahoney, Red McCool, Al Hasman, Eddie Gillespie, Walter Muese, Charley Courteaux, Tom Kennedy and Ed Murray? While pitching mice in Baltimore and Annapolis recently, I bumped into Bruce and Mabel Sackett. Bruce was working gyroscopes. They are grand people. We should have more like them in Pitchdom. Have been down here covering spots with my Wonder Mouse on Saturdays only. I find that these small towns that are good only on Saturday are paying off. Have a new car and recently constructed a trailer and I've been enjoying my own cooking and the savings on rent. I plan to work thru South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and then head for the East Coast. I've been pitching the mouse on Fridays and Saturdays, and Monday thru Friday I peddle plastic tablecloths to restaurants and bars. I played the McClellan store, Roanoke, Va., February 26 and found that I arrived there two days before railroad payday. However, I was able to register a good gross. I can't understand why we let all these JCL's make it tough for us. G. C. Murphy Company, Washington, recently barred outside workers unless they were booked with an established firm because of alleged nefarious practices attributed to some JCL's. All of us in Pitchdom should work

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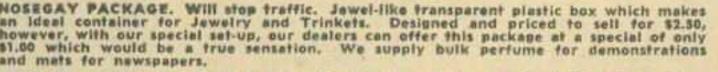
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#### MERCHANDISE 103











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## SALESBOARDS

Communications to 155 N. Clark St., Chicago 1, Ill. =

## **Propose 5% State Board** Tax in Fla.

TAMPA, March 5.-Legalization of salesboards will be asked of the Legislature by State Rep. John Branch, it was revealed this week. Branch, in a letter to Gov. Warren, stated that cials are confident the new designs estimated State income resulting from such a move would total \$10,000,000 annually.

According to Branch's proposal, punchboards would be taxed at 5 per cent of their value, the fee to be collected thru issuance of stamps which would be placed on the boards. In addition, prizes would be regulated so as to consist of tickets that would entitle the winner to merchandise of the value of the ticket. Each board would return at least 85 per cent of its value in merchandise.

GARDNER ears 00 0.0 LEADING THE 80 PUNCHBOARD MANUFACTURER 00 IDEAS ...

# SALESBOARD SIDELIGHTS

about ready to hit the field and offiwill be what the "operators (will) order." According to Gardner-ite Joe Robinson, sneak previews of the new boards indicate they will do a top punch selling job for the firm's customers. And salesmen are girding their sales palaver to put the "sweetened" line over from coastto-coast. Firm's Charles Leedy is planning a trip thru the East, while Maury Kaye returned from his Middle West jaunt and promptly took off for the East Coast. Gardner's bar continues to be open to all visitors, with Eddie, the popular bartender, being kept busy serving up refreshments tailored to the customer's taste.

Harlich Manufacturing Company, Chicago, is maintaining an all-out production pace on its new Golden Flood bell - machine - action coin board, sales manager Sam Feldman reports. Firm's sales director, Manny Gutterman, hied off on a two-week trip Friday (25) to cover the East and Southeast territories. . . . Reuben Berkowitz, general manager of Bee-Jay Products, Inc., Chicago, is devoting more time to traveling these days. Reuben is making it a point to bring his firm's sale tale to the attention of its friends (which he emphasizes is the correct name for its customers) in person.

H. C. Hayes, De Luxe Sales Company, Blue Earth, Minn., brings in the report that business of late has been of a healthy character. He also announced a new line of low-priced boards which will be ready within two weeks. . . . The McNamara Company, Chicago, released three more of its insert pellet boards for its Color-Ado illuminated stand, Walter McNamara, production head, described the new numbers as the the theatrical business with Heron nickel play Teno-Fives, Uncle Charley (quarter play), and Life of Riley (dime). Brothers Bill and Jack are currently hitting the highways contacting the trade. Thomas A. Walsh Manufacturing Company, Omaha, added 15 new numbers to its board line last month, D. L. Gruhn announced. He said that a close watch was being kept on individual sales of field representatives, on these numbers, so that in the near future a new "composite" board bearing all the features of those boards found most popular can be introduced. One board is hitting the order "hit parade" in particular, Gruhn stated; it's the new Parlay board. Bowing to requests for a larger number, firm recently released a new 2,600-hole number, Jack in the Barrel. Company head, Thomas A. Walsh Jr., is following a rapid routine of field trips, and is away from the home office much of the time these days. Muncie Novelty Company, Muncie, Ind., welcomed back its president, Ted Broyles, from his Florida sojourn March 7, according to firm's H. M. Shoemaker. Ted will be traveling thru the Midwestern States during March and April, after his initial return to headquarters. . . , Gay Games, Inc., Muncie, has announced that its calendar girl salesboards were being released in a complete new line for the 1949 market. Introduced several years ago, the idea has continued to win additional popularity, Guy E. Noel, president, reported. Meanwhile, firm's Redi-Pac ticket games continue to hold major production plans, it was announced.

Gardner & Company, Chicago, is the Superior plant, Abe Ostrisky planning a real hypo for its girl stated. To keep delivery immediate, board line. New numbers are just a night shift was added last week Mays, Jack Cutshal', Mike Healy, Into hypo production.

> Herman Roseman, executive director of the Dunhall Imports Company, New York, returned last week from an extensive buying trip in Switzerland. He reports that Swiss watch manufacturers expects imports to this country to continue at the high levels achieved during the past few years. Dunhall is a large supplier of low-priced watches to the salesboard and arcade trade.

#### UNDER THE MARQUEE

(Continued from page 73) had Welsh Bros.' Circus on the road some years ago, celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary February 27 at his home in New Holland, Pa. He spent a quarter of a century in showbiz. . . . Will Hill's elephants have left Hoxie Bros.' Circus to play Miami dates. . . . Walter L. Main recently arrived in Havana, Cuba, via plane, from Key West, Fla.

No matter how long a show has gone without a drop of rain falling on it, when it does get wet the circus is blamed for the downfall with: "Every time a show comes here it brings rain."

E. J. Wymore, Paris, Tex., writes he recently visited the winter quarters of the Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros.' Circus in Hugo, Okla., and says he counted 33 late model Chevrolet trucks on the lot. "Show has a great line-up of animals for its menagerie. Al Hill was painting the truck bodies and semis. Last year's big top will be used again this year but the Side Show marquee and banners are new," Wymore wrote.

#### POLACK BROS.' WESTERN

(Continued from page 73) and peanuts; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bernstein, No. 1 novelty stand: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason, grease stand No. 2. Seat men are U. S. Beck, Harry diana Starkey and Roy (Bugs) Bowen. Paul Maher handles the floss sale in the show, and Clyde Ferguson, Mike Nidas and Arthur Harris have the ice cream and programs inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Repperd left after the Cincinnati date to join Biller Bros. Before departing Mrs. Repperd was presented with a gift by Betty Bell, Millie Keathley, Josephine Madison, Sumay, and Josephine and Vicki Berosini.

Recent visitors have included Al Mayer, Father Cornelius Berning, Don S. Howland, John B. Tetlow, Pat Purcell, Stu Roberts, Skinny Goe, Mel Marcus, Dr. William Huebener, Cecil Scott and son, Bobby; Joe Pfister, Father Carl Geers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deaney, Dominic Bommarito, Billy, Iva and Felix Morales, E. Walter Evans and Charlie Wirth of The Billboard; Tony Martin from the Cole show; Joe Trossi, Ringling-Barnum; Martin Healy, Clyde Beatty show; Mannie Mollman, Rogers Bros.; Bill Decker, Joe Huber and Phil Hetzner. -FREDDIE FREEMAN.

#### CLYDE BROS.

(Continued from page 73)

nel took a busman's holiday and caught the Gene Autry Show. Charlie Cuthbert and Bill Wymore had a suite of rooms at the Irvin Cobb Hotel and held open house.

The short jump into Evansville, Ind., with two days off, allowed for plenty of shopping time. Poodles Hanneford tried to go incognito while shopping for a tuxedo. After selecting what he wanted, the clerk said, "Is that all, Mr. Hanneford?"

Irving Marvel took a buster during the teeterboard act while working on a hardwood floor but escaped with only minor bruises. Gracie Hanneford surprised everyone by appearing in the principal act with a new hairdo by "Bentelly." Charles Cuthbert is sporting a new tux while fronting the band and doing his chores as emisee. Glen Henry is the busiest man on the show, what with training more dogs, rehearsing his children and aiding everyone else with their troubles. He has completed a new wire rigging for Tommy Bentley. Del Graham's flying act is a new addition to the performance. His son, Jerry, is a new addition to clown alley. Howard Suesz paid us a visit in Evansville. Joe Antalek had quite a spell with a bad shoulder but is back again in the act. His wife, Melanie, is doing very well and now can walk a little without the aid of her crutches.





SALESBOARDS
IMMEDIATE DELIVERIES         20% DEPOSIT           Holes         Name         Profit         Price           1000 25r Charley         Der \$50.00 \$ 85           1440 5r Barrel Board         Def. 18.00 1.35           1440 10r Barrel, X Tr.         Def. 38.00 1.59           1500 5r J.P. Charley, X Tr. Def. 36.00 1.69           1000 25r J.P. Charley, X Tr. Avr. \$62.08 \$1.25           1000 25r J.P. Charley, X Tr. Avr. \$60.70 1.59           1000 25r J.P. Texas Charley Avr. 60.70 1.59           1000 25r J.P. Texas Charley Avr. 65.00 2.10           1000 25r J.P. Texas Charley Avr. 65.00 2.10           1020 25r J.P. Texas Charley Avr. 65.00 2.10           1020 25r Bloca Buster X Ta. Avr. 81.58 2.48           1000 5r Win A-Fin           NEW 6 TICKETS PER HOLE BOARDS           200 25r K Wick Fin           NEW 6 TICKETS PER HOLE BOARDS           200 25r K Wick Fin           100 25r Lucky Fives           100 25r Lucky Fives
WORLD'S BEST BOARDS, TICKETS, CARDS DELUXE MING. CO. DeLuxe Building Blue Earth, Minn.

Superior Products, Chicago, added its voice to the "better business" trend last week. Sales manager Robert Kolinsky is covering the East on a two or three-week tour. Firm's 3-Reel Special, pellet board, has been receiving top order priority at

Visitors to James Heron's Wild Life Exhibit in Galveston, Tex., recently were Hy Jansen, formerly in and now residing in Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd King and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosenheim, King Bros. Circus. Heron org has been playing dates thru New Mexico, Southern Arizona and Texas. Dick Davis and Charles B. West are animal caretakers on the show and Clarence Auskings is advance booking rep.

They tell about the big houses and turnaways but not in what towns the bloomers spend their summers.

Josephine Berosini, high wire, suffered a rib injury when she fell 15 feet to the stage from a wire, placed at a 50-degree angle, on which she was descending, during the opening matinee performance of Polack Bros. Western unit in Chicago Friday (4). She was given medical treatment and was able to go thru with her performance Friday night.

B. E. Siebert, Green Bay, Wis., Circus Fan, plans to be on hand for the Cole opening April 14 in Louisville. Siebert recently rated a three-column picture in "The Milwaukee Sentinel" in connection with his contemplated trip. . . . Horace Laird, Cole Bros.' mailman, is being treated for diabetes at Chester (Pa.) Hospital. . . . Tiger Bill Jr. and Kitty Bell McLeod, the past two seasons with the Kelly-Miller circus, are visiting Tiger Bill Sr. in Waelder, Tex. The first two named will have the concert on Seal Bros. this season. . . . Milt Hinkle, who will manage the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, advises that the org will play at the Birmingham Stock Show May 2-7; that he was with the original 101 Ranch show in 1908; was chief of cowboys in 1912, and arena director in 1925.

It's no bush-league contest on some circuses where they mobilize six of their heltiest workingmen when paying off one musicion.

Recent visitors: Dick (Preacher) Bradon, Mr. and Mrs. Fussner and Billie Griffin.—LAURENCE CROSS.

#### POLACK BROS.' EASTERN (Continued from page 73)

party, Ella Bonnesitti, Ernie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brasno, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Santana Sr., Captain Brearton, Andy Anderson; Del-Ray, with his wife and father; Mr. and Mrs. Tan Araki, Mr. and Mrs. Dempe Eno, Carl Hellpern, Bill Hundley; Mrs. Alfred Florenz, with her daughter and son-in-law, and Mr. McConnell, circus fan. - BILLY BARTON.



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#### SALESBOARDS 105



COIN MACHINES



March 12, 1949

Communications to 155 No. Clark St., Chicago 1, Ill.

EVERYTHING'S

**Income Lower Than It Was** In '47 But Grosses Begin **To Level Off After Slide** 

Manufacturers, Distribs, Ops Start To See Daylight

#### By Norman Weiser

1948-'49 winter season rapidly draw- at the operator level, and then spread ing to a close and with the course upward to the distributor and manuof 1949 now taking shape, manufac- facturer, are believed to be things of turers, distributors and operators of the past, and the industry can begin amusement and music machine equipment are finally looking into an immediate future which offers profit place obsolete equipment, and, in instead of break even or loss state- some cases, expansion of routes which ments.

The leveling-off period that set in years. winter season arrived and the

**Alco** - Deree Sets New Reps; Intros Line in New York Legislative Round-Up: CHICAGO, March 5.-Back from a trip to the West Coast this week, Frank Q. Doyle, sales manager for Alco-Deree, said his company had appointed a number of distributors for the firm's shoe shiner, wall box and candy vender. He also announced a New York showing for his line Monday, March 7. The E. T. Mape Company, Doyle said, was named West Coast distributor for the wall box and will appoint subdistributors for portions of the 10-State area. Mape will likewise handle the other Alco-Deree equipment in Northern California.

CHICAGO, March 5 .- With the sharp financial drop which was noted to make plans for the solidifying routes, purchase of new pieces to rehave remained static for the past two

> In the manufacturing level, there has been definite indications that the operator is begining to purchase new equipment in larger quantities. In the game field, a new trend has developed in recent weeks toward simplification, and operators, many (See Everything's Fine page 114)

**17 National Shuffleboard** Leagues Hypo Play in Chi

Shuffleboard Sales Company, of Chi- there are 60 players involved in each cago, thru Pete Rozgus, general man- league, total players' fees add up to ager, reported this week that its \$600. Sponsor's initiation and weekly organized play set-up now includes 17 leagues in this area.

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Formed over the past few months after National boards had been placed on location in quantity thruout the city, each league is made up of six locations in close proximity in order to bring about the competitive element within the same or adjoining neighborhoods, Rozgus said. Each location having a regular league entry has 10 players. As the National leagues now stand there are 102 locations divided up into 17 leagues with a total of 1,020 shuffleboard players.

#### Match Play

Play within a league is held over a 10-week period. Each of the six teams plays the other five a 10 match series, once a week, so that all teams meet each other twice on a home and home basis. Play costs each player a

CHICAGO, March 5. - National dollar a week or \$10 in all. Since fees add \$120 to the total income from the six-team league for the 10-week period.

#### Prizes

National Shuffleboard awards \$570 in cash to teams and players, and also donates a cup to the location which sponsored the winning team. Team awards amount to \$425, broken down as follows: league champion, \$150; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; fifth, \$30 and last, \$20. Individual prizes are awarded for the 10 league players with the best record. They are scaled as follows: best 10 weeks performance, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10, and the next highest five share \$25.

Rozgus pointed out that altho income for league play is \$720 and total awards are \$570, the tournament is operated at a loss due to secretary fees, advertising and playing time paid by the league for the use of the locations' shuffleboards, This deficit is made up by National and is considered a worthwhile promotional expenditure since it has stimulated interest in shuffleboard play and has brought added business to location owners not only on the shuffleboard but also in regular business.

Other Firms Named Other firms named to handle the entire line include the Jack R. Moore Company, Portland, Ore., and Bad-(See Alco-Deree Sets page 110)

# Kill the Ump

CALGARY, Alta., March 5 .--Five judges of the appeals division of the Alberta Supreme Court played a game of "baseball" recently. They reserved decision on whether the gameplayed on a pinball machinerequired skill, the principal point in the litigation.

Loud peals of laughter emanated from the law library of the Calgary Court House as the judges tried out a coin-operated pinball machine, known as the Heavy Hitter. They "played ball" to see if operation of the machine was governed by the skill of the player or the element of chance. The machine, one of four taken by Royal Canadian Mounted Police almost a year ago, simulates a baseball game.

When the machines were seized, they were ordered confiscated following a police court hearing. The case was appealed to the District Court and the confiscation order quashed. The Crown is now appealing this ruling.

# Legislatures Up for Air; **South Carolina Gets Pin Bill**

evidently catching their breath after | tober and a federal court upheld the the record breaking number of pro- action. posals introduced thus far, spent a quiet week so far as measures affecting the coin machine industry were concerned.

House of Representatives. The bill Legislature has received. was written by Rep. Claude Sapp Friday (4).

CHICAGO, March 5 .- Legislators, State outlawed all pinballs last Oc-

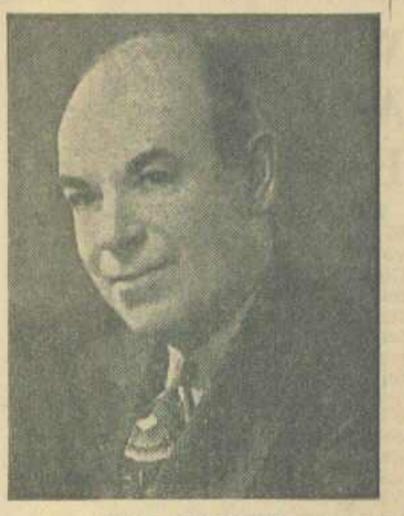
As this was written, the Arkansas House Revenue and Taxation Committee was still studying House Bill 438 which proposes a \$7.50 annual Tuesday (8), a bill to legalize pin- tax on each coin radio. There was no ball games in South Carolina again action on the several other coin mais expected to be introduced in the chine measures which the Arkansas

Arizona lawmakers are talking and deposited in the House hopper about making bell machines legal, along with various other forms of Sapp's bill would exempt novelty gaming. House Bill 257, introduced and free play pinballs from a State Monday (28), provides for legal bells. law which now prohibits their opera- It has been referred to the Ways and tion. Thru involved court action, the '(See Legislative Round-Up page 134)

# **Bally Citation** In Production **Over 6 Months**

CHICAGO, March 5.-Already in full production for six months, Citation, a one-ball game highlighted by a guaranteed odds feature, will remain on a maximum output schedule for an indefinite period, Ray Moloney, president, announced this week.

Citation, the free-play model, and



#### RAY MOLONEY

its running mate Lexington, an automatic one-ball, have identical playspell name, A-B-C-D and build-up (See Bally Citation page 134)

# MAGA Sets Up 17 Regional **Areas To Service Members**

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5 .- The | A special meeting was held Tuesto seven counties each. Operators in member from each of the regions. each region elect their own chairman. Heading the agenda at this meeting location relations, etc.

wide association will be in close con- guson, Stillwater, who is chairman tact with the regional chairmen, who, of the arrangements committee for in turn, will keep their region mem- the show, that from returns received on a regular basis. The MAGA is largest on record. appointing a traveling secretary who up local problems.

Minnesota Amusement Games Asso- day evening (1) at the Radisson ciation (MAGA) this week reported Hotel here with members of the that its new program in behalf of the MAGA board of directors and chairgame operators in the State, is now men of each of the 17 regions esunder way with the creation of a tablished to date, in attendance. Also series of regions, covering from three attending was at least one operator-

Function of the regions is to handle was a discussion on the forthcoming local problems, such as commissions, Five States Meeting scheduled to be held at the same hotel April 25-26. Under the new set-up, the State- The group was told by Kenneth Ferbership advised on MAGA activities to date, the 1949 affair will be the

Tom Crosby, Fairbault, president of fields, embody the horseshoe flash, will visit the regional meets and will MAGA, presided at the Tuesday spend an extra day or two in each meeting. Other officers of the asso- features which have long identified region to lend assistance in clearing ciation are: Stanley Woznak, Little Bally one-balls. Their guaranteed (See MAGA Sets page 134)



#### The Billboard

Popcorn Prices "Topsy-Turvy"

107 VENDING MACHINES

# Lyceum, Inc. **Readies** New **Coffee Unit**

### To Operate in New York

NEW YORK, March 5 .- A new coffee vending machine, incorporating several innovations said to provide trouble-free performance, and housing a specially designed dispensing valve claimed to have Board of Health approval, will be introduced here shortly by Lyceum Manufacturing, Inc., 2303 Westchester Avenue,

Pilot models of the vender have already been fabricated and tested; production, thru arrangement with a number of contract manufacturers, is set to begin within the next few weeks on a quantity basis, according to Charles Gondolfo, head of Lyceum. With the home plant to be used exclusively for assembly, he indicated that facilities already secured will permit a weekly output in excess of 50 units.

#### Designed by Bremer

rejector, changer and coin mechanism, most other assemblies, including the at Washington National Airport, Civil and photomatic machines. A recordocup dispenser, have been designed Aeronautics Authorities (CAA) re- graph was recently added to the list, by Lyceum's chief engineer, Herman vealed. Sales in 1948 jumped con-Bremer. He developed the vender siderably over those in 1947, a spokesover a nine-month period, it was said, man said.

# **Kaffee Klatch**

NEW YORK, March 5 .-- Subway riders fighting rush hour crowds on their way to work still have time to stop for a quick cup of coffee from venders, The New York World-Telegram noted in a feature story Monday (28), but it is still chiefly the tourists who are interested in the coin-operated coffee brewers.

Of the "new-fangled coffee spouting machines," Staffer Carol Taylor noted: "Some hurried New Yorkers have even slowed down to the subway kaffee klatch habit."

But occasionally, wrote the reporter, those who see the vender for the first time and seem bewildered by its array of selective buttons wait until someone more adventurous tries it.

# Bargain Prices Traced to **Unusually High Yield Per** Acre During 1948 Harvest

## Many Operators Predicting Return of Nickel Corn

By Dick Schreiber CHICAGO, March 5 .- Despite a somewhat muddled price picture, both on raw and popped corn processors, poppers and operators of popcorn vending equipment report business moving along at a steady high level as the spring season approaches.

The topsy-turvy situation in popcorn prices, which has caused wide and unusual variations in raw and popped prices, is directly traceable

to what most popcorn men call "a slight surplus" in last year's harvest. In Chicago some processors this week were quoting prices as low as \$5.50 f.o.b. per hundred pounds. Most everyone agreed that quality corn can bc obtained for \$7.50-\$8 per hundred, compared to the \$13 price processors were getting a year ago this time.

Picked-up prices of popped corn in Chicago and elsewhere this week likewise showed wide variation-from 96 cents per bushel, seasoned and salted, to \$1.27, both prices f.o.b.

For an explanation of this wide variation in raw and popped corn, processors and poppers pointed to the extraordinarily high yield per See Popcorn Prices on page 113)

# **Stoner Plans Promotion To** The four machines selling airplane Aid Operators.

# **Nation's Capital Airport Now Major Vender Location**

While the machine uses a National ing machine ops have profited by the tion CAA itself operates popcorn and recent marked increase in air traffic cashew nut venders as well as scales

during which several models were Individual vending concessions of- insurance placed about a year ago

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- Vend- | music boxes (Silent Sales). In addiinstalled under contract with Michael Bushdid.

produced and improved upon.

that the heating element turns the water into steam, which is then condensed into liquid as the cooled concentrate is injected. This process was claimed by Bremer to capture the true coffee flavor.

The valve assembly, also developed by Bremer, is made of stainless steel. It has been engineered for easy cleaning, he pointed out, and its design meets all board of health sanitary requirements.

The cup dispensing mechanism, also a Lyceum design, is composed of 12 tubes fitted on two rotating assemblies. It stocks 750 hot-liquid cups at a time. A cup jam in any one of the (See Lyceum Readies on page 112)

# Westinghouse Announces New **Bottle Vender**

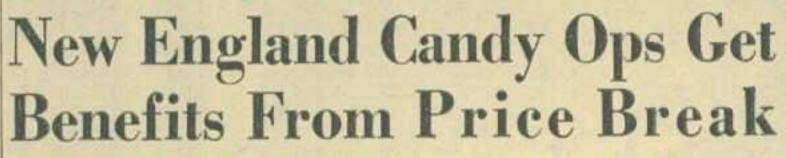
EAST SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 5.-The Electric Appliance Division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation introduced a new automatic bottle vender this week, featuring high capacity (240 bottles) and an inclined spiral eliminating bottle scuffing. Called Model BV-240, the unit is designed to vend Coca-Cola.

Additional features are inclusion of a coin changer and package design of component parts. Location of the evaporator, equipped with fan and a special baffle, causes bottles in vending position to receive the coldest blast of air, resulting in a colder drink than "any other known dry bottle vender," officials claim.

Standing 78% inches high, the vender is 331/2 inches wide and 291/2 inches deep. It weighs 650 pounds. A five-year guarantee is pr vided for the sealed - in - steel refrigeration mechanism. Price and production details were not released.

fer : wide range of products includ- have met with signal success, Paul Coffee is brewed with a liquid ing candy bars (Canteen Company), F. Steiner, deputy director of the coffee concentrate, and sugar and cigarettes (G. B. Macke Corporation), airport, disclosed. When a quarter evaporated milk are dispensed at the nylon hosiery (Macke), musical is inserted, a panel on the machine patron's option. It was explained phonettes in the restaurant and snack opens to allow the purchaser to write bar (Silent Sales System) and pin- his name, address, beneficiary's name,

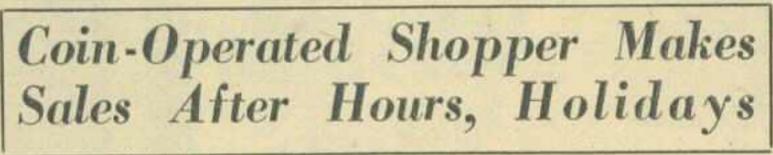
ball machines, quiz machines, and (See Nation's Capital on page 111)



BOSTON, March 5 .- While candy | confectioners wanted to increase the manufacturers and jobbers in the size of the bars with the first drop area have a bad case of jitters due in cocoa bean prices. However, the to among themselves and curtailed pro- mediately found every company fallduction, vending machine operators ing into line to protect themselves. of bar goods here are in the saddle Consequently the price drop was for the first time since the war. They passed along to the jobber. are buying direct from the manufac- jobber passed the price break along turers and getting the benefit of the to the retailer. So, the vending maprice break which is now averaging chine ops of bar goods and the re-8 per cent.

dustry in a nutshell: Manufacturing (See New England on page 111)

declining prices, price cutting price cutting which followed im-The tailers of candy items are getting The situation here in the candy in- the benefits. The consumer is still in



cation of the coin-operation principle,

combining voice recording with actual merchandising, which opens an almost unlimited field of possibilities in vending, is being tried out here with the first installation of the "window shopper" at the Kilgore and Hurd Store on Washington Boulevard. The product itself is the development of L. D. (Red) Kilgore, partner in the men's wear store.

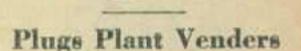
The device is basically composed of a box with a microphone inlet (mounted on the store window) connected with a tape recorder, visible tomer is asked to make his selection, in the window as it operates. The being sure to emphasize additional connecting wires are also visible.

DETROIT, March 5 .- A new appli- | Patent on the item has been applied IOT.

> It is intended for use when the store is closed, in the evening, early morning and on Sundays and holidays -when the window shopper comes along and wants to buy. In effect, the "window shopper" makes it possible for the store's most significant point of contact with the customer to function on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week.

#### Coin Shopper

Each article displayed in the window has a numbered tag and the cus-(See Coin Shopper on page 110)



AURORA, Ill., March 5. - Stoner Manufacturing Corporation will initiate an industrial advertising campaign in April designed to promote the use of candy venders in factories, the firm's sales manager, "Bip" Glassgold, revealed this week. Program, to be spearheaded by advertisements in Modern Industry and Factory Management and Maintenance, has three principal objectives: broaden industry's understanding of benefits accrued thru use of venders; educate industrial management on advantages gained thru efficient service rendered by the independent operator, and to stimulate interest and create prospects for additional vender locations. Commenting on the program, Glassgold said that, altho it is realized that much progress has been made in sell-

ing industry on the advantages to be realized thru the installation of candy venders, the surface has only been scratched. And as manufacturers of candy vending equipment, Stoner, he said, hoped to open up still further the potential opportunities in such locations by its intensive campaign.

Stoner has worked out a complete plan, aimed at assisting the Univender operator in the industrial location field, Glassgold said. To tie in with the program, the operator must establish himself as the Univendor operator for a given area, upon which he will be given mats, circulars and reprints of ads without cost to him.

# Nev. State Assembly Mulls Cig Tax Hike

LAS VEGAS, March 5 .- The Nevada Assembly this week was considering a measure to up the tax on cigarettes 3 cents per pack. Currently they are selling in most venders and elsewhere for 20 cents a pack.

Bill is one of a wave of new tax measures introduced in anticipation of much higher State government costs.

#### VENDING MACHINES 108

The Billboard

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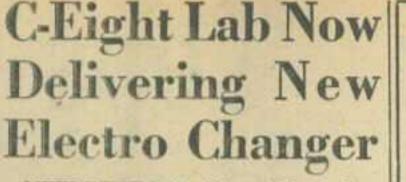
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NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 5 .--C-Eight Laboratories this week began shipping its new coin changer mechanism for use with the Electro cigarette vender, it was announced by Mario Caruso, president. Listing at \$10, the changer has been on test for the past six months.

In accordance with the manufacturer's policy of not introducing equipment that would obsolete already delivered venders, it was said last three years.

**Date With Washette** 

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 5.-Students at Sims College at University of South Carolina here will now be able to go to classes with clean shirts and accessories. The Carolina Washette, sponsored by the student-faculty relations committee of the university, opened this week in the basement of the Sims College building. Machines are available to university students, married students and immediate members of their families only.

the changer could be installed in any Electro machine delivered during the



# Metal Products Kleenex Machs. **Start Operation**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The first 50 Kleenex venders produced by E. B. Metal Products Company have been delivered to operators and are now in operation in New England, Texas, Florida and the Ohio Valley, it was reported by Marshall Cornine Jr., sales manager.

The firm, one of the first licensed to use the Kleenex name and to get its machine in production, has been active in the coin machine industry for many years. E. B. Metal used to manufacture a chocolate vender widely used in movies for installation on backs of theater seats.

E. B. Metal's new vender lists at \$50 and has a capacity of 70 Kleenex. packs.

# Special Vender **Packed Hankies** Now Available

UNION CITY, N. J., March 5 .---Handkerchiefs packed and distributed by the Floyd Handkerchief Company for sale thru columns of standard cigarette machines are now available for immediate delivery, Joe Kalishman, president, has announced. Initial shipments left the plant here this week.

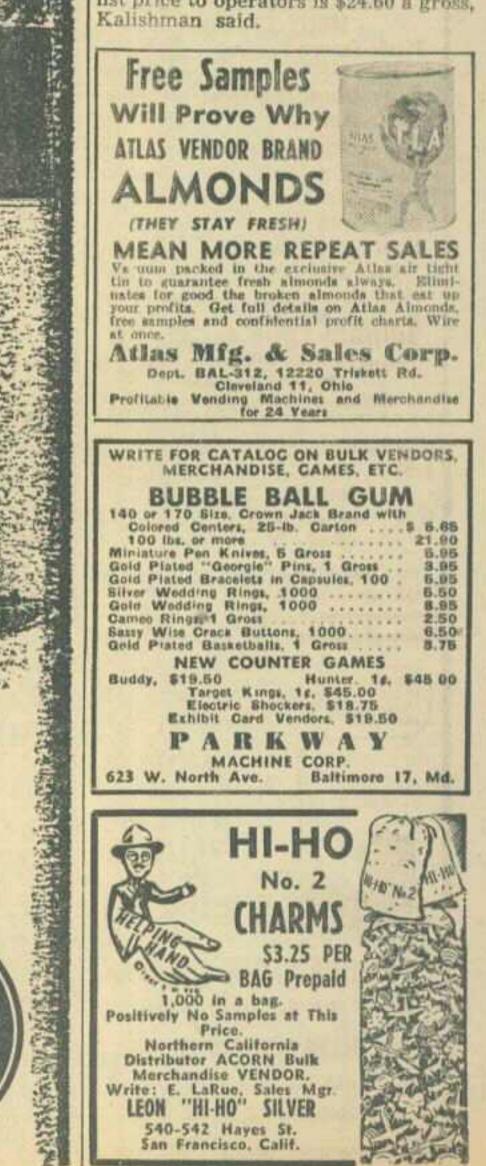
Called Handi-Pack, the handkerchiefs are vended at 25 cents each. They are wrapped in cellophane and packed in cardboard containers. The list price to operators is \$24.60 a gross,

ation-wide Theatres and Department Stores Demand the Original and Only Mix-A-Drink because it is a Star Performer at **Building Customer Satisfaction.** 

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## May Declare Moratorium on New FTC Basing Point Price Cases

Trade Commission (FTC) campaign House counterpart. against certain types of basing point policies loomed this week in the wake of a bill reported favorably by claring a moratorium on federal prosecution of such cases until July, 1950.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, the Senate interstate commerce committee, which had been handling the basing point controversy, turned it over to the Senate judiciary commit-

## **FalconAddsNew Distributors** To **Rep Shoe Shiner**

DETROIT, March 5.- Expansion of sales outlets was set this week by Robert D. Ruen, general manager of Falcon Distributing Company. Firm, which manufacturers the Falcon Shoe Shiner, also announced the appointment of the following distributors: Arthur Hermann Company, Inc., Albany, N. Y.; Musical Sales Company, Baltimore, and the Atlas Distributing Company, Boston.

David Ruen, head of the firm, was scheduled to leave Detroit this weekend on an extended trip thru the South and Southwest to sign up additional distributors.

The firm is currently enlarging its quarters to make for greater production. According to Ruen, an increased demand for shoe shiners has been noted recently, which is attributed to two factors: the coming of spring, and an increasing public acceptance of the shine equipment among operators and patrons alike.

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- An en- | tee. The latter group is ready to reforced relaxation of the Federal port the same moratorium bill as its

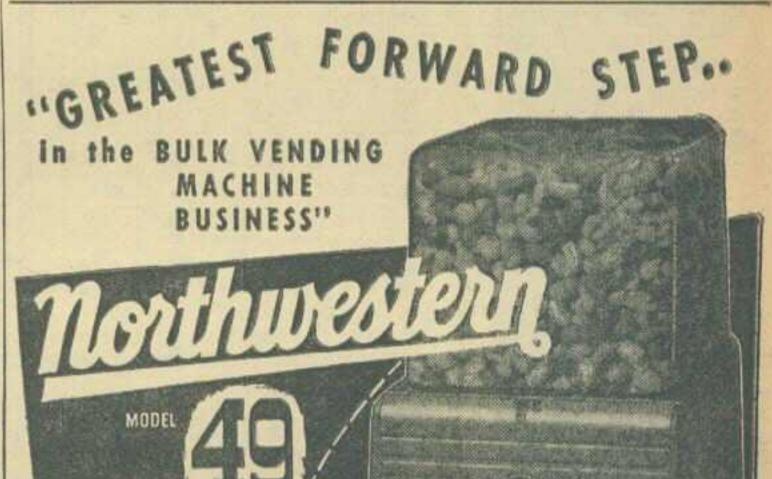
If the bill passes both houses, FTC would have to abandon any future prosecution of firms, pending expirathe House judiciary committee de- tion of the moratorium. Companies already under prosecution would not be affected by the moratorium. FTC would also be prohibited from carrying out its present policy of considering parallel prices as one of its criteria for assuming a conspiracy to fix prices.

> As introduced the bill provided a moratorium for a two-year period but was amended by the House group to specify the 1950 date. Committee members explained that it is contemplated that Congress will have passed legislation clarifying the basing point issue by that time.



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## **Auto-Vend To New Quarters**

DALLAS, March 5 .- Auto-Vend, Inc., has moved its executive offices from 3612 Cedar Springs to 5210 Bonita, Dallas. The move was made Tuesday (1) when owners of the Cedar Springs building sold that property. No part of the Auto-Vend operation will be affected by the move since the company's manufacturing plant is located in Grand Prairie, a suburb of Dallas.

This week, too, Auto-Vend launched its heavy sales program for the Snow Cone, non-coin operated machine. A concerted businesspaper and direct mail promotion program began this week and will continue into the summer. Officials at Auto-Vend said the Snow Cone machine is coming off the assembly lines and immediate deliveries are being made.

### Name Lorillard Exec Chairman of Tobacco **Div. for NAMA Meet**

CHICAGO, March 5. - National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) convention chairman. George Seedman, has announced the appointment of Lewis P. Gruber, sales manager of P. Lorillard Company, as chairman of the NAMA Tobacco Suppliers Division 1949 convention set for November 27-29 in Atlantic City.

As the first company to include mention of merchandise vending machines in its national advertising, P. Lorillard Company won the first annual NAMA award in 1946 for "distinguished service to the automatic merchandising industry."

## **CUTS SERVICING** TIME AND COSTS in Hal

Everywhere acclaimed the greatest forward step in the bulk vending machine business, the new Northwestern Model 49 is a winner in every respect. Its new Sani-Carry Globe, with convenient screw-on cap, can be cleaned and refilled at home or warehouse. On location, empty globe is removed from vender and filled globe attached in a jiffy. Result: Servicing time and costs cut in half . . . profits boosted to new highs. Write, wire or phone for complete details!

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#### VENDING MACHINES 110

The Billboard

### **Peanut Facts**

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The percentage of shelled peanuts going into candy continued to decline in peanut butter used in candy. In Jan-January, according to the Agriculture | uary, 9.5 per cent of consumed peanut Department. During that month, 17.2 per cent of the shelled peanuts ber the figure was 8.7 per cent; in used were bought by candy makers; November, it was 8.3 per cent.

the ratio was 17.9 per cent in December, and 20.3 per cent in January. The opposite trend held true for butter went for candy. For Decem-



### Curtiss Candy Co. Intros 2-Oz. Bar; **Resumes Penny Size**

CHICAGO, March 5. - Curtiss Candy Company here has announced an increase in size of its nickel and dime Baby Ruth bars. Taking the "increase size" instead of the "lower price" approach followed by most candy firms seeking to boost sales, Curtiss retains its price of 90 cents per 24-count pack on the nickel bar and upped its weight to two ounces f. om the previous one and five-eighths ounces. The dime bar has been increased 60 per cent in size to a fourounce weight.

Firm also has resumed production on its penny Baby Ruth bar, priced at 80 cents per 100-count pack. Bar, not generally considered a vender item, is being produced in limited quantities and distributed to certain areas only. Penny bar weighs onehalf ounce.

### **Coin Shopper Makes** Sales After Hours

(Continued from page 107) details such as color and size, and then drop a quarter in the coin chute of the speaker to give his order right into the microphone grille, together with his name, address and phone number.

The machine records for a half minute when a quarter is placed in it. If the customer has a longer order to give, another quarter is deposited, and the shopper will continue in action until the order is completed.

The important part of this machine is that it functions as a merchandising convenience and not as a source of revenue. However, to discourage the mere prankster who might use it without serious intention of ordering, the quarter operation feature is essential. The money deposited, whether one or more quarters, is clearly indicated by the tape-recorder order and is refunded when the merchandise is sent to the customer. In a way, this functions as a down payment upon the goods ordered. The device also is useful for getting shopping information, as indicated by the card in the window, "for any information regarding any merchandise in our window or store, ask the window shopper." The operating directions are clearly given on a card in the window. This tells the passerby that "for your shopping convenience, when the store is closed, the window shopper lets you buy from our windows or place an order for any merchandise in our store merely by following these simple directions." It is the intention to place the device upon the market for the use of stores anywhere. Details of sale or operation have not been made available. The Kilgore and Hurd installation is the first and only one of its kind and has proved satisfactory as an extra business builder. A checku; this week showed that it still attracts the attention of about one out of three persons on this busy street, particularly at night.

## Meter Muddle

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 5. -Parking meters here are bringing in so much revenue the city does not know what to do with the money. According to a State law such funds are to be expended solely for traffic purposes. Installed less than a year ago, the meters have, to date, returned over \$100,000. And the city fathers, not having any pressing traffic matters requiring financing, "don't know what to do with it."

## Pa. Soft Drink Tax Held Up as **Protests Mount**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5. -Action on Pennsylvania's controversial soft drink tax, up for re-enactment for another two years, was deferred Wednesday (2) for at least another week as legislators decided to look into bottler protests against the measure. Gov. James H. Duff's entire \$443,000,000 tax program ground to a standstill in the State Senate as the soft drink bill became the focal point of debate.

Organized bottlers, meeting with the Senate finance committee, vigorously protested continuation of the soft drink levy. They were joined by allied trades which submitted figures showing sharp business declines since the tax was first enacted in 1947.

A subcommittee of the finance committee was named by Chairman James A. Geltz to probe the claims of the protesting bottlers and allied trades, Asked if there was a chance the bill would be killed, Sen. Geltz said, "It doesn't look like anything might be killed." The proposal squeezed thru the House recently only with the help of Democratic votes after enough members of the majority Republican party revolted to defeat it on strictly political lines.

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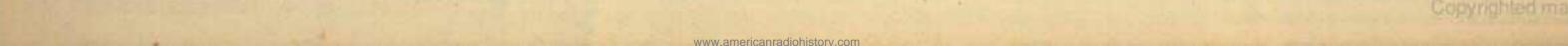
(Continued from page 106) ger Sales, Los Angeles.

Doyle said Oscar Hochlein, associated with various Los Angeles distributing companies in the past, has been named Western regional manager for Alco-Deree. Hochlein has opened offices at 57121/2 East Beverly Boulevard.

The New York showing, arranged by George Young, Eastern regional manager, was scheduled for Monday, March 7, in the Park Central Hotel, Following the showing, Doyle said he expected to announce a number of Eastern distributors to handle the Alco-Deree line.

Deliveries on the firm's 30-wire wall box, first shown during the Coin Machine Institute convention here in January, started this week.





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#### VENDING MACHINES 111



SCALE

## New England Candy Ops Get **Benefits From Price Break**

(Continued from page 107) the middle and the manufacturers are in a bad state, as the margin they could have put into bigger bars suppliers of bar goods to vending has been eaten up by the price cuts machine operators, reported stepped they have been forced to make.

First clear cut picture of the situation came from Walter Baker Chocolate Company by H. O. Frye, general manager.

He said: "We have found it necessary to curtail our production. The high prices for chocolate products made necessary primarily by the cost of cocoa bears was building up among the American people a feeling that the cost of chocolate products was too h, which has meant slowly but surely that less and less chocolate products have been consumed.

"The 'buyers strike' has finally made itself felt in the cocoa bean market, and the beans which last year were in the neighborhood of 40 cents can be purchased today for about 23 cents. Nothing is truer than that the law of supply and demand will eventually make itself felt. and what happened to the price of cocoa beans is a perfect illustration of the workings of that law.

### Price Decline Radical

"The radical decline in cocoa beans has caused serious inventory losses to all manufacturers, altho that fact in itself has no bearing on the present situation. However, the rapid and continuing drop in cocoa bean prices has created in the minds of our important customers serious doubts as eso future orders have permitted is the agent. peration of the plant with confince. Today, in spite of having llowed the market down in pricing ilk products, buyers have adopted ir salesmen are having the utmost fficulty in booking business that e can count on to keep the plant nng. arp drop in our business comes at lick upturn in the near future, ing, Steiner declared.

altho this could happen."

New England Confectionery Com-F'ny (NECCO), one of the biggest up buying. Most ops it was indicated had low inventories when the price break came.

Walter R. Guild, managing director of the New England Manufacturing Confectioners Association (NEMCA), said the situation would be discussed at the first 1949 meeting of the group March 16 at Schrafft's Restaurant on West Street, at which time it was expected that Phillip Gott, president of the national association, would be present.

## AlkunoAppoints **3 Reps for West**

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Kuno Hamann, president of Alkuno & Company, reports the appointment of three new distributors to handle his line of hard candy and gum venders in Western territories.

They are U. S. Automatic Stores, Los Angeles, for Arizona and New Mexico; A. & B. Distributing Corporation, Portland, for Oregon and Washington, and Bert Farmer, Seattle, for Idaho and Montana.

### NATION'S CAPITAL

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Advance Model D Ball Gum, \$13.75;

The novelty of the gadget has wide appeal, according to Steiner. The psychological advantage of not having to admit to a clerk that the purhand-to-mouth buying policy and chaser is squeamish about flying is an added advantage, he said. In addition, the mechanisms are proving a great time-saver to airport personnel. Far more insurance is being sold "It is impossible to predict when thru the machines than was ever is situation will correct itself. The issued over the counter, figures show. The National Airport served as a

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rand New "CHARM KING" Ball Gum + Charms = \$ \$ \$ The Kids Really go for THIS one because **it DISPENSES BOTH GUM AND CHARMS** 



All kids go for Gum Balls. And they go for Charms. So here is a dispenser that gives them both for a single coin. This combination, double-barreled machine keeps the money pouring in when run-ofmine dispensers no longer attract attention. It's a winner any time, anywhere. Big demand predicted, so order now for immediate delivery.

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that operators say about the new "Hunter". But that's not I. Look at these two features. 1. No coin return. 2. No gum ispensed unless the player wants it. That's why many report net of 75c out of every \$1 the "Hunter" takes in. Can you eat that for a "Gold Mine"? Order now through your jobber write for illustrated literature.

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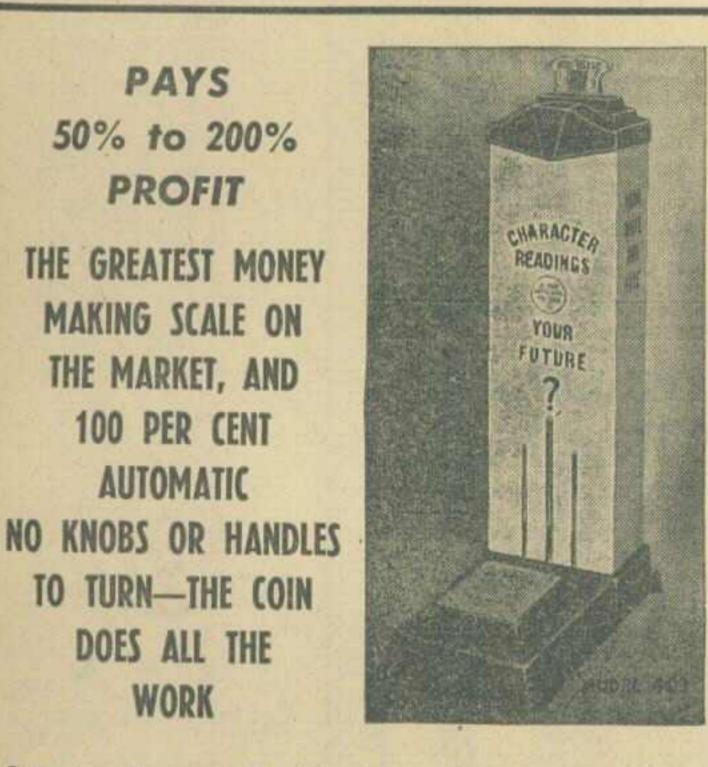
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## **Appoint Badger** Sales Distrib For Donut Unit

LOS ANGELES, March 5.-Badger Sales has been named national distributor for the Nagel coin-operated Donut-A-Matic Vendor, William R. Happel Jr., and Al Silberman, of Badger, announced this week.

Three of the machines are now on test locations. The health department is said to have okayed the machines with the proviso that all vents be screened. The machines on location can be set to deliver either two, four, six or eight doughnuts.

Dimensions of the machine are 651/2 inches high by 231/2 inches in width at the top. The base is 261/2 inches wide. The machine has an all-steel cabinet with synthetic enamel twotone finish with glass windows on four sides. The vender has a temperature control, and an automatic time clock to regulate the desired operating period. A motor and blower have been installed to keep the doughnut mix at even temperatures.

The machines are equipped with coin changers.

The machine is being turned out by the Nagel Manufacturing Company of Long Beach, Calif., manufacturers of dental technician equipment.

## Lyceum Readies **New Coffee Unit**

(Continued from page 107) tubes will not put the machine out of service, Bremer explained, since as each cup is vended another tube is positioned over the cup-dispensing chute. If one tube jams up, the machine can still vend out of the other 11. One-use, gallon-size cans of evaporated milk are kept in the vender's refrigerating cabinet. As a can is placed in the cabinet it is forced down upon a stainless steel knife which punctures the can and drains off the milk as needed. This method does away with the need of cleaning a milk container and also may result in savings on milk purchases, it was claimed. While the present capacity of the machine is 750 cups, it was explained that new type hot cups now being experimented with by cup manufacturers, when made available to operators, will double the machine's performance. These cups will have a different taper and twice as many can be stacked in each column, said Bremer. Tanks in the machine carry sufficient quantities of the coffee ingredients for 1,500 cups between servicings, he added.



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#### Interchangeable Units

Bremer pointed out that the vender contains moving parts only in its cup mechanism. As a further aid to quick servicing on location, he explained, all the basic units are fitted on separate assemblies and may be replaced, when necessary, with interchangeable units.

The vender stands 68 inches high. is 24 inches wide and 19 inches deep. Since the dispensing, storage and mixing elements leave plenty of unused space in the cabinet, it was indicated that Lyceum might turn out an alternate model that would also house a doughnut dispenser,

While distribution plans have not yet been set, Gondolfo disclosed he is now negotiating with a sales organization that many handle the vender nationally. But his plans also include formation of an operating subsidiary for the New York area. He said the machine will be competitively priced.

Gondolfo, who has been in business here for many years as an automobile dealer, also manufactures a shoeshine machine (see separate) story).

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### Wage-Hour Info

National Candy Wholesalers' Association (NCWA) has gone on record in opposition to proposed changes in the wage-hour law.

Chief objections by NCWA were made to provisions giving the Secretary of Labor the power to define terms-authority now vested in the courts, extending coverage of the legislation to businesses in interstate commerce, and raising the statute of limitations from two to four years for back-wage suits.

The provisions amending wagehour legislation are contained in a bill now under consideration by the House Labor Committee.



## WASHINGTON, March 5. - The Popcorn Prices Topsy-Turvy; **Bumper Crop Cues Low Cost**

(Continued from page 107) acre which threw off all calculations during the 1948 harvesting season.

W. W. Hawkins, vice-president of Confections, Inc., Chicago, and a director of the National Association of Popcorn Manufacturers, explained the situation this way: Normal yield per acre of popcorn is 1,500 pounds. Most processors contracted with growers for acreage using the 1,500pound yield estimate, but when the crop was harvested, the average yield per acre was approximately 2,500 pounds.

This extra poundage, Hawkins declared, brought about the price skid which started a month ago in raw orn. And Hawkins is of the opinion that this surplus likewise explains the wide variation in prices placed on bushels of popped corn which are sold to the operators of the nation's nearly 50,000 pre-pop vending machines.

### **Caution Advised**

The popcorn operator who has spending. thoroly studied his market can buy his supplies today at a savings, most processors and poppers agree. But if he doesn't know his market and his corn, he can just as easily be stuck with an inferior grade.

Because of the unusual situation caused by the extraordinary yield, processors admit that some very good grades of raw popcorn may be selling for as low as \$5.50 to \$6. This great difference in price may continue, popcorn men say, thru late spring and early summer, or at least until processors' inventories are more nearly normal.

guessing currently is the price of equipment to the nickel price. Most of course, the principal materials fac- been done in those cities where factors which determine the price op- tories have closed or laid off personerators will pay for preporped corn. nel. Labor, freight rates and bag prices continue firm and high and no one looks for any appreciable decrease or increase in these costs. This week, however, poppers who st.pply the vending machine operators -and operators who do their own popping-were trying to determine what is happening to coconut oil prices. A year ago, a pound of coconut oil-the best popping oil obtainablecould be purchased for 30-31 cents. At the end of 1948, the price of oil broke and poppers were buying in all they could safely use at approximately 24 cents. Within the past week, oil prices advanced 1/2 cent to 24½ cents and there was strong feeling thruout the Middlewest-where oil price changes are usually felt first -that this 1/2 cent advance might be followed by additional .ises. In Chicago, James McGuire, of ABC Popcorn, expressed the belief that oil prices might show steady advances. Dominant factor in oil prices today, McGuire said, are huge government purchases for exports which

have the effect of pushing prices higher on oil destined for domestic consumption.

In the face of these price variations, operators of popcorn equipment queried in a spot check by The Billboard this week indicated they believe nickel popcorn is on the way back.

The nickel bag of corn, operators say, is returning in those areas where plant layoffs have made for tighter spending. Machines in stops which cater especially to children are the first to feel the pinch of shutdowns and layoffs, as allowances for children are trimmed sharply.

Since the end of the war, vended popcorn has largely been a dime item, except in the Southern States, where nickel corn prices have generally prevailed. Both operators and poppers, who supply the operators, are of the opinion that the next few months will see many machines converted to a nickel as a result of tightened

#### '49 Outlook Bright

Despite layoffs and what appears to be a trend toward nickel corn, operators agree with poppers that business is holding firm and the outlook for the remainder of the year is healthy.

In Philadelphia, Morton Fisher, of Pop Corn Sez of Philadelphia-a firm which pops corn and ships to operators thruout the territory east of the Rocky Mountains-confirmed reports that the spring outlook is bright. Fisher based his optimism on the steady quantity orders of operators. From his own observation, Fisher One factor which has the poppers found many an operator converting coconut oil. Oil and corn prices are, of the conversion, Fisher says, has Lou Thorne, head of Kansas City's Merchandising Corporation-a firm which grows, processes, pops and operates-reports his company's business brisk. Merchandising Corporation is offering customers a \$1 price per bushel of popped corn. Thorne's firm ships popped corn into the Chicago area, express prepaid, at \$1.15 per bushel. The Merchandising Corporation grows and processes corn primarily to supply its own vending machine operation. After that operation's demands are satisfied, Thorne said, any excess of corn is offered a few choice customers.



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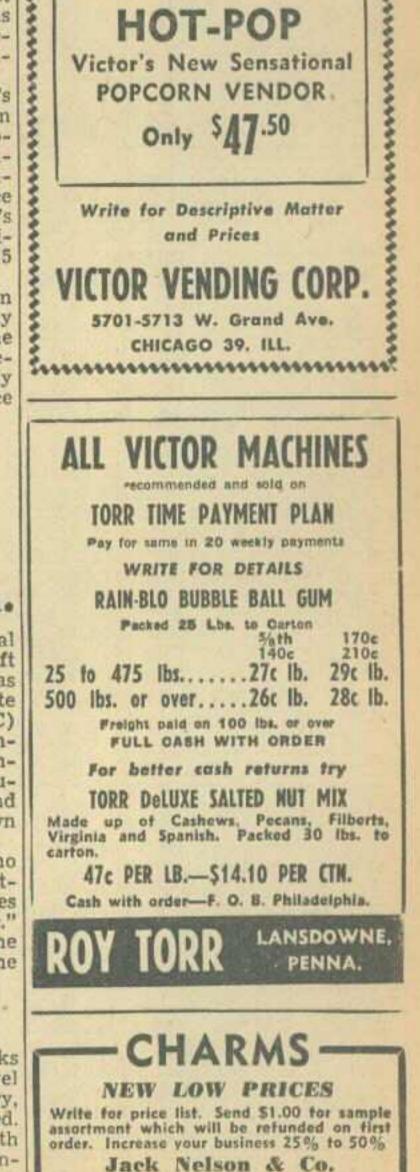
## **Kill Proposed Bottled Drink** Tax in Minn.

ST. PAUL, March 5 .- A proposal to place a 1-cent tax on bottled soft drink beverages and bottled beer was killed by the Minnesota State Senate Liquor Control Committee (MSSLCC) Thursday (3). The measure, sponscred by Sen. Harold Harrison, Minneapolis, would have permitted municipalities to levy the stamp tax and retain the revenue for their own treasuries.

Sen. B. G. Novak, St. Paul, who operates a package liquor store, attacked the proposal as "another sales tax which would mulct the public." His motion to indefinitely postpone action on the bill was adopted by the committee.

### Fruit Juice Stocks Up

WASHINGTON, March 5.-Stocks of fruit juices rose to the highest level in more than a year during January, Agriculture Department reported. Stocks at the end of the month amounted to 34,426 pounds as compared with 26,951 pounds in January, 1948.



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### **MUSIC MACHINES** 114 The Billboard March 12, 1949 EVERYTHING'S FINE IN Wurlitzer Co. **Income Lower Than It Was** Co-op London Style LONDON, March 5. - People In '47 But Grosses Begin living near the amusement arcades on Torbay Road recently complained about the loud music which came from the juke boxes, **To Level Off After Slide** most of them used exclusively to attract customers. A committee appealed to the Paignton

### Manufacturers, Distribs, Ops Start To See Daylight

(Continued from page 106) of whom have decried the complex playfields of the games produced in the postwar era, are enthused over the move. Simplification of the games means not only greater player appeal, but, more basically, faster completed games, thus allowing for a greater volume of plays over a given period There is less lost time, on the player's level, in studying the game during his first few plays, and, together with the stepped-up completion time, actual plays can almost be doubled in an hour's time over the more complicated tables.

### Bell Picture

Perhaps one of the most significant trends developed in recent months is the location changes in the bell field. According to a recent manufacturer survey, more than 80 per cent of the bell machines on location today are in clubs, and of this number, the majority are operator-owned.

On the legal front, there is much optimism regarding bells for the coming year. New territories are expected to open up, and, from all levels, this

proposals should complete their actions in the next few weeks, and whether the optimism is warranted will then be known.

### Shuffleboard

In the shuffleboard field, optimism continues as the keynote, with operators of other types of amusement equipment enthusiastic over the results of their shuffleboard locations, not only from the income angle, but because the boards have been excellent mediums for location relations. Shuffleboard does not interfere with normal activities in a location, a customer can play shuffleboard and continue to patronize the bar.

New manufacturers are making their appearance regularly, and, due to the spiraling demand for the boards from such widely separated area as Portland, Ore., Minneapolis and Baltimore, there is believed to be enough business for all in the coming months.

#### Musie Biz

Perhaps the brightest picture, from the manufacturer viewpoint, can be found in the music field, where a definite upswing in sales has been noted and is continuing at a steady pace. Operators have paid for the machines they purchased in 1946-'47, and, with coin boxes showing increases, even tho most of these increases are slight, they now find themselves in a position where they can begin to replace older equipment with new models.

Council, which in turn appealed to the arcade owners. Within 24 hours the council was able to report that the matter had been quickly settled, the arcade owners agreeing to cut the volume on the machines immediately. The councillors lauded the cooperation of the arcade owners, as did the neighbors who no longer can hear the juke boxes in their apartments.

## **Aireon Names New Distributor** In Rochester

KANSAS CITY, Kan., March 5 .--Aireon Manufacturing Corporation has appointed the Central Sales and Distributing Company, Rochester, N. Y., as distributor in that city and surrounding counties, according to Bernard D. Craig, general sales manager of the manufacturing firm.

Distributing firm is headed by Raymond Alexander and his brother,

# Names United, Sicking Reps

### More Changes Coming

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., March 5.-Following the appointment of new distributors in the Detroit and San Francisco areas last week (The Billboard, March 5) the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company here this week named new representatives for the Cincinnati and Milwaukee territories.

Replacing the Mayflower Distributing Company in Milwaukee as Wisconsin and Upper Michigan distributor is United Coin Machine Company, Inc., with headquarters in Milwaukee. Firm is headed by Harry Jacobs Sr., and Harry Jacobs Jr., and was formerly a Filben representative. United also represents other leading coin machine lines, including the United Manufacturing Company pin games.

Taking over the Cincinnati distributorship, after a lapse of several years, is Sicking Distributing, headed by Bill Marmar. Firm also maintains a West Coast office to service its long list of coin machine manufacturers. Meanwhile it was learned that

(See Wurlitzer Names on page 116)

means added income for the industry. The Legislatures now considering bell



### Lists for \$1,995

NEW YORK, March 5 .- Tele .oin Corporation introduced its new "reflection-projector" television system for commercial locations at a fourday trade showing here last week. The system, which can project a picture 7 by 9 feet, lists at \$1,995. It is available for immediate delivery.

With the system comprising four separate units, hooked together by cables, sufficient flexibility is provided, it is claimed, for installation in many different types of locations where "20 to several thousand" people might gather to view telecasts.

#### Handling Ease Feature

The projection unit of the Telecoin s) tem uses a small tube, with the image reflected and magnified by a 14-inch parabolic mirror. The image is projected by the mirror thru a specially designed picture corrector to a screen a few feet distant. The master control unit, audio amplifier and remote driver unit are each housed in individual steel cabinets with chrome runners for ease of handling and for protection against accidental damage.

The showing here at the Hotel Shelton was staged by Jay Electronics, 3300 Broadway, newly appointed New York distributor for the system. Telecoin distributors in other areas who now handle the firm's automatic laundry equipment and canned-juice vender will also handle the video system, according to company officials.

James V. Alexander, who is in charge of the sales department. William Simone handles the parts department while Annabelle Audino is office manager. Craig also reported that Bernie Shapiro, who has long been identified with Aireon in the Central New York area, will travel thru the territory for the distributing firm.

Central Sales will represent the en-One of the major hypos for the tire Aireon phonograph line, includ-See Everything's Fine, opp. page) ing the 1949 Coronet with Tonar.

## **Operators in 71 Cities To** Feel Tele Effect in 1949

box operators will be experiencing television competition in 71 cities by the end of the year, according to a report from Federal Communications Commission (FCC). At the beginning of the year, 50 stations were on the air in 30 cities. Applications for stations are pending before FCC covering an additional 94 vities,

war, and manufacturers are claiming employees.

WASHINGTON, March 5. - Juke | that 2,000,000 more will be produced during 1949.

An indication as to the ratio of sets operated in public places such as taverns and night clubs is given in a survey of the Washington area made by three local stations. It was reported that of 37,400 TV receivers in operation, 1,200 sets are located in spots where they probably compete with the juke box. Some 23,000 sets Set production is also moving ahead are owned by officials and profeson a grand scale. More than 1,000,000 sional workers. The rest are scatsets have been produced since the tered among clerical and unskilled

## Juke 11 P.M. **Curfew Lifted** For W. Va. Ops

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 5 .---West Virginia juke box operators are finding the sun a good deal brighter this week as a result of Gov. Patterson's disclosure that he had signed a bill removing the former 11 p.m. curfew on the machines. The bill also permits jukes to be played after 1 p.m. Sunday.

With enactment of the measure, operators anticipated larger weekly grosses from individual machines, especially those in taverns. As most of the play is chalked up after 10 p.m., lifting of the 11 p.m. shutdown order is being looked upon as an all-round business incentive.

Paster Injured, Two Die in Auto **Truck** Collision

LA FAYETTE, Ind., March 5 .--Herman Paster, head of Mayflower Distributing, St. Paul, and Paster Distributing, Omaha, was seriously injured in an automobile and truck collision in which two persons were killed. Injured also were Mrs. Herman Paster and Mrs. Sam Taran, wife of Sam Taran, who heads the Taran Distributing Company of Miami and Jacksonville, Fla.

The accident occurred Tuesday (1) just outside the La Fayette city limits. The Pasters and Mrs. Taran were en route to Florida when the Paster auto and a small truck collided. Paster's young son Arnold escaped injury.

Following the accident the Pasters and Mrs. Taran were rushed to nearby St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Sam Taran flew here from his Florida headquarters.

## See Music Dept. for This Info

Among the stories of interest to the coin machine industry to be found in the Music Department of this issue of The Billboard are:

DEALERS SLASHING DISK PRICES. Dealers are unloading Victor and Columbia wax stocks with considerable cutting of prices.

MUSICRAFT SETS UP COMPLETE REFINANCING PLAN. Diskery outlines plan for payment to creditors and inclusion of new capital.

KING ADDS ARTISTS. Record firm prepares for bid in pop field with the addition of new artists.

VICTOR DISTRIBS TEE OFF DRIVE ON 45 DISKS. RCA distributors begin the big push on the 45-r.p.m platters.

And other informative news stories as well as the Honor Roll of Hits and Pop Charts.

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## Everything's Fine in '49; **Sliding Grosses Stabilize**

(Continued from opp. page) music business has been the intro- vision competition, while those cities duction of the J. P. Seeburg Select-o- where tele is an older story, will find Matic unit, which plays 100 sides. that the tremendous home set sales Another has been the more wide- will take the edge off the commercial spread use of the lower-priced Aireon coverage. Coronet with Tonar, which has been used by operators in areas where field for the commercial tele receivers. routes cover counties rather than city Firms like Solotone (Dennison Sales). blocks, and many of the stops are Trans-Vue and Tradio are awaiting strictly marginal. In such locations, the advent of the 16-inch tubes (now a juke box that can be paid for in on a strict allotment basis) to start from six to nine months has a distinct a major push in their fields. This advantage over the higher priced should come by spring, according to units which take upward of 18 months the latest manufacturer estimates. to pay off.

The Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, a major factor in the music machine field and a barometer of the times by its actions, has been turning out machines at its North Tonawanda plant since last November, after having halted output from April, 1948, thru the summer and into the late fall. AMI continues as one of the bestselling music machines, and is also continuing its sales promotion plan of touring, via trailers, equipment to the hinterlands. This program, conducted by the firm's distributors, has brought many entirely new operators into the AMI fold and has materially strengthened the standing of the firm over a much greater area.

#### **Operator** Story

Operators of amusement machines had a rough winter. Weather conditions were responsible in a small measure; general economic conditions had their effect on income, and a general slump lasted longer than was anticipated. However, with the coming of spring, play is picking up and operators are already making plans for a record resort business this year.

(tion) will be the hardest hit by tele-

However, there still remains a large

## **Trad Television Stock Sale To Raise** Capital

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 5 .-Trad Television Corporation, formed last month to build and sell Tradiovision commercial television sets, has offered 1,200,000 shares of its common stock for sale to raise working capital, it was learned here this week. The company, headed by Victor Trad, president, hopes to realize \$225,000 from the sale after underwriting discounts and commissions are paid. The shares are offered at 25 cents each.

Trad, who also heads Tradio, Inc., manufacturers of coin-operated radios, said that his new company has now "reached a point where its product (Tradiovision) is accepted, but that further financing is needed to put out sets in quantity."

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In the music field, the operator's average is still way below the 1947 figure but seems to be leveling off at about 60 to 70 per cent of the 1947 grosses. With few financial obligations to meet and with several developments in the play promotion end of the business due to break in the next few weeks, this field is looking forward to the spring and summer months with anticipation.

Television, it is belleved in many quarters, has passed its peak as a competitive factor, altho some measure of competition will continue for years to come. The area which will receive video for the first time this year (see separate story in this sec-

### Homer E. Capehart's Father Dies; Was 82

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- A. T. Capehart, father of Homer E. Capewhile walking along a street. He was 82 years old.

About 50 of the projection-type sets have already been placed on location.

To Use Tradio Plant

Trad Television will manufacture its sets here at the Tradio plant, using the coin radio firm's facilities under a rental arrangement. Officers of the corporation, in addition to Victor Trad, are George Trad, vicepresident, and Winifred A. Crippen. John Sinkey and and Harry Rockafeller are directors.

The firm is now setting up its distributor organization Exclusive territories are being assigned to companies which will handle sales and service in their areas. These companies, as factory agents, will name dealers for greater coverage. Trad said agents had already been appointed in New York, Chicago and Milwaukee.

The Tradiovision set has recently been improved to achieve greater picture brightness, according to Trad. The syste now used projects the telecast thru a parabolic reflector hart, fell dead here Wednesday (2) onto a large screen. It comes in several separate assemblies connected by cables. List price is \$2,195.



SONDRA AND JON STEELE were honored guests at a recent luncheon held by the Cleveland Phonograph Merchants' Association (CPMA) at the Hollendon Hotel, Cleveland, for local newspapermen and disk jockeys. The recording stars are seated at the center of the table. Jack Cohen, association president, is seated next to Jon Steele, while Sanford Levine, in charge of record promotions for the

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## **Turning Back the Clock**

### 15 Years Ago This Week

CHICAGO, March 3, 1934.-A firm new to the pin game field, Garco Company, Chicago, with Irwin Feitler as president, was preparing to introduce a "sensational new game" to the trade during the 1934 Coin Machine Exposition. Game, called Fan Dance, featured regular pin play with the added attraction of a miniature stage upon which a manikin performed. This was achieved by the player placing the ball in the three skill holes at the top of the field, which resulted in the stage opening and a "fan dancer" going thru her routine. Game also had an automatic score register and a new "Van-Velvet" ball lift and plunger assembly.

Joe Huber, head of Huber Coin Machine Sales Company, Chicago, went all out in offering buys to his bell customers. He listed Mills Silent Front Mint Venders and Mills Silent Bells (5 and 25-cent play) for \$55 each; also Mills Gooseneck Bells (5, 10 and 25-cent play) for \$45, and Caille Jackpot Bells (25-cent play) for \$17.50. Joe's bell repair department boasted as being one of the most modern shops of its kind.

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National Automatic Machines Company, St. Paul, was offering its Phototeria, a coin-operated picture-taking unit, at \$750. Machine, of the walkin telephone-booth type, delivered a round picture, 7¼ inches in circumference, framed and mounted. It would take four pictures a minute. According to the company, terms were strictly cash. . . . Knickerbocker Automatic, Inc., Chicago, subsidiary of the Chicago Coin Machine Company, was set to turn out its new Knickerbocker table game which incorporated some ideas new to pin game design. It featured a complete registering device and a new type of ball trap. Former was a window which showed how many balls had been played with another win-

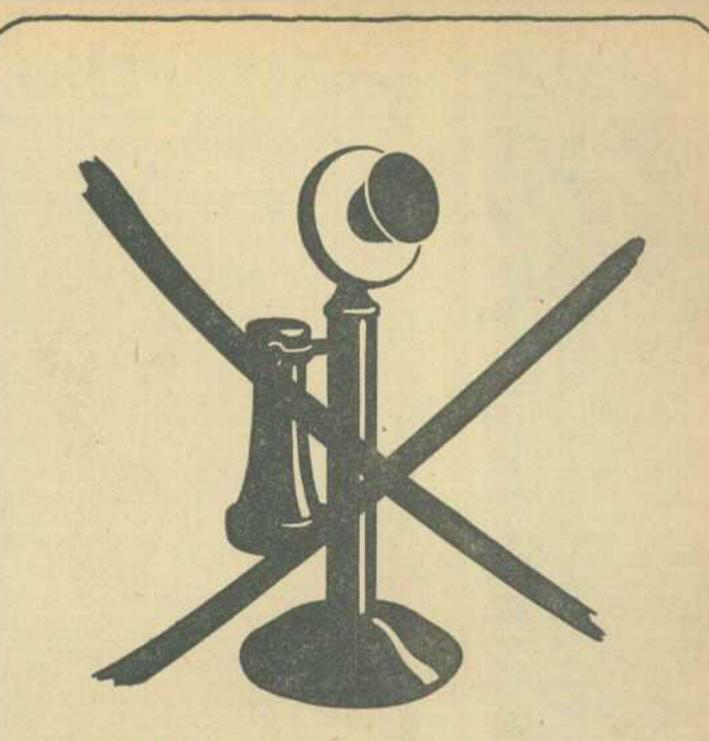
dow showing total score. Ten balls were played for a nickel. Another new game being readied was the "L," from an idea developed by Stoner, Aurora, Ill. It was to present a new idea in skill play.

Hanson Scale Company, Chicago, advertised a "most amazing low price scale," listing for \$70. Machine was said to be slug-proof, service free and to have no plunger to clog. The \$70 price was "less discount to operators." . . . The J P. Seeburg Corporation put the finishing touches on its new model juke, the Selectophone, for its debut during the Coin Machine Exposition. Dubbed as the "phonograph of tomorrow," it offered simplified mechanism.

### 10 Years Ago This Week

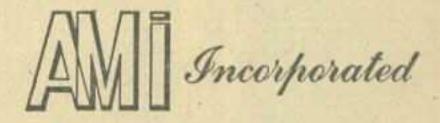
CHICAGO, March 5, 1939.—Don Kelsey, of Mills Novelty Company, introducing the new Mills juke for 1939, stated "the phonograph experimentation period is over and the phoncgraph business has grown up. With the business leveling off, showing the true profit potential that can be expected from a legitimate established business, those operators who have placed their house in order can expect to find in 1939 a year of prosperity and advancement," he declared.

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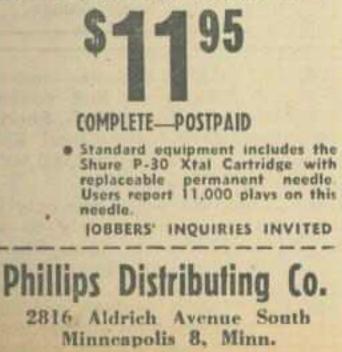


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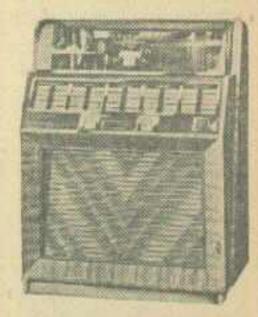
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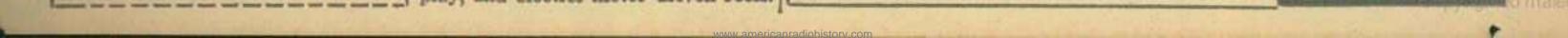
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## **Turning Back the Clock**

### 15 Years Ago This Week

CHICAGO, March 3, 1934.-A firm new to the pin game field, Garco new game being readied was the "L," Company, Chicago, with Irwin Feitler from an idea developed by Stoner, as president, was preparing to introduce a "sensational new game" to the trade during the 1934 Coin Machine Exposition. Game, called Fan Dance, featured regular pin play with the added attraction of a miniature stage upon which a manikin performed. This was achieved by the player placing the ball in the three skill price was "less discount to operators." holes at the top of the field, which resulted in the stage opening and a "fan put the finishing touches on its new dancer" going thru her routine. Game model juke, the Selectophone, for its also had an automatic score register and a new "Van-Velvet" ball lift and sition. Dubbed as the "phonograph plunger assembly.

Joe Huber, head of Huber Coin Machine Sales Company, Chicago, went all out in offering buys to his bell customers. He listed Mills Silent Front Mint Venders and Mills Silent Bells (5 and 25-cent play) for \$55 each; also Mills Gooseneck Bells (5 10 and 25-cent play) for \$45, and Caille Jackpot Bells (25-cent play) for \$17.50. Joe's bell repair department boasted as being one of the most modern shops of its kind,

National Automatic Machines Company, St. Paul, was offering its Phototeria, a coin-operated picture-taking unit, at \$750. Machine, of the walkin telephone-booth type, delivered a round picture, 71/4 inches in circumference, framed and mounted. It would take four pictures a minute. According to the company, terms were strictly cash. . . . Knickerbocker Automatic, Inc., Chicago, subsidiary of the Chicago Coin Machine Company, was set to turn out its new Knickerbocker table game which incorporated some ideas new to pin game design. It featured a complete registering device and a new type of ball trap. Former was a window which showed how many balls had been played with another win-

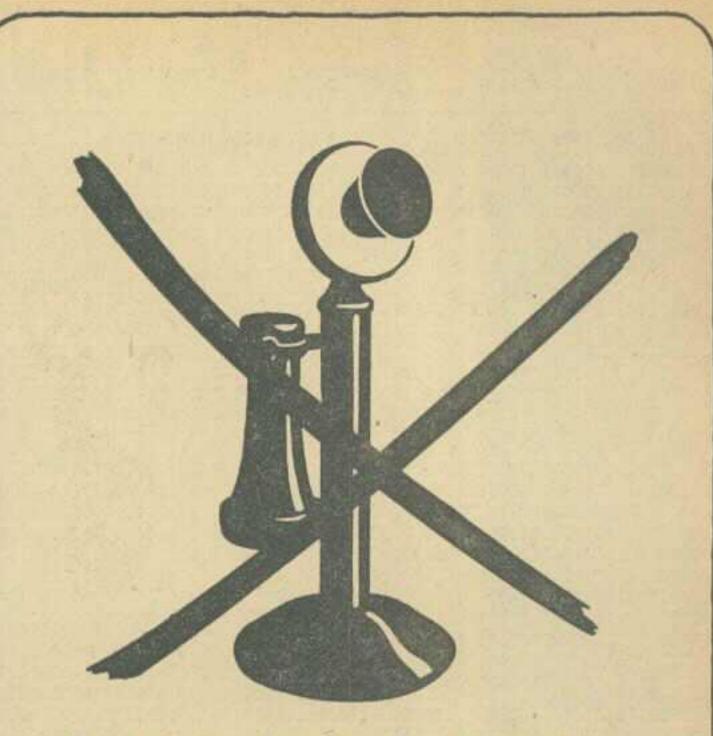
dow showing total score. Ten balls were played for a nickel. Another Aurora, Ill. It was to present a new idea in skill play.

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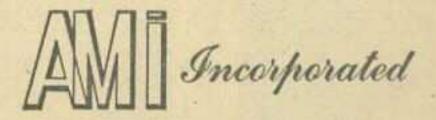
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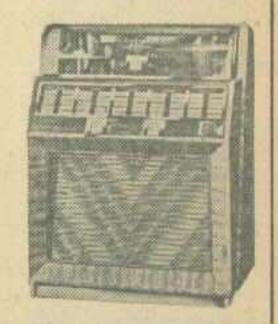
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**COINMEN YOU KNOW** 

### New York:

Larry Serlin, of County Enterprises, who operates phonographs and cigarette venders out of Woodside, has been named chairman of a testimonial dinner to be held March 20 in honor of Charles Muss, president of the Bayside Jewish Center. Proceeds of the dinner are earmarked for an extension to the Center's building.

health recently, is no longer with Young Distributing. He was 'formerly office manager of the Wurlitzer outlet. . . . George Seedman, crackers need no inspection since of Rowe, lectured this week to a marketing class of Columbia University's School of Business Administration. He spoke on automatic would suffice. merchandising. Seedman will talk before similar groups at New York University, City College and Seton Hall.

George Thiers, secretary-treasurer of the Automatic Cup Dispensers' Association (ACDA), reports the group now has 18 firms as members. ACDA meets the last Thursday of each month at the Gramercy Park Hotel. Sanitation problems and the improvement of operation-location relations are discussed.

Pete Foster, of Automatic Syrup, left last week for a two-week Florida vacation. . . . Joe Kaufman, who with Bernie Lipshitz runs the U.S. Shuffleboard Exchange, reports ops giving ready acceptance to the Shuf-L-Bowl package the firm distributes. With Shuf-L-Bowl pins, a simulated bowling game may be played on any standard board.

Ben H. Golob Distributing Company, turers to produce larger sized candy other operators. . . . Gerhard (Gay) completed a successful 10-day showing of the DuGrenier line of venders yesterday. Among the many out-oftowners who came to see the cigarette and candy machines were Bill Logatto, of Bill Murphy Cigarette Sales, Nyack; A. A. Rosenblatt, of North Tarrytown; Michael Herman, of Newark; and John Phillips, of Saratoga. Golob covers New York State and Northern New Jersey for DuGrenier.

### Washington:

District authorities are still mulling over a clarification on the types of venders to be charged the newly revived \$2 inspection and licensing fee. D. R. Drewyer, of Canteen Company, who served on the committee of coinmen working with officials, attributes the delay to technicalities. Present indications are that only bulk type dispensers of coffee and cup drinks will be included under Jim Healy, who has been in poor the interpretation. Drewyer said that ops presented a packaged product display to prove that such wrapped goods as gum, candy, and they are dust-proof and otherwise sanitary. He felt inspection of headquarters of such vending companies

> Speaking for his own outfit, Drewyer said the routemen spend about 60 per cent of their time on inspection. During their daily service routine, they take necessary steps for upkeep and sterilization of machines. According to Canteen's policy it is preferable to keep old accounts than to look for new ones. They further believe that customers cannot be expected to purchase goods from equipment that is not as immaculate as they would want to buy from themselves. Drewyer declared that the coinmen's committee had presented a number of valuable suggestions to the Washington officials. Most venders are co-operating with the law as they want their customers assured of clean, sanitary equipment, he said.

Drewyer also declared that Canteen Company is greatly pleased ning to establish their own popping with the drop in cocoa bean prices, Ben Golob and Fred Meyer, of the which, he said, will allow manufac- make their facilities available to bars at a lower price. Lately his Woberman, of the Gay-Coin Distribcompany, like many other vending utors, reports a pickup in the used organizations, has been caught in a machine market in recent weeks. squeeze, according to Drewyer. Its costs were upped, yet it was unable to pass the raise on to users of the Sales, has designed a new model (See Washington on page 120)

### Hartford, Conn.

The secretary of state here reported the filing of certificate of incorporation for a new Connecticut corporation, listed as Vending Service, Inc., New Britain, Conn.; amount paid in cash, \$2,000; president, Peter Perakos; treasurer, Sperie Perakos; secretary, Max Hoffman.

The Bridgeport Sunday Herald, down-State weekly, conducted a survey in the candy trade last week. The lead paragraph of its story of the results read: "Rumors that manufacturers of 5-cent candy bars are going to start increasing the size of their product last week caused some confusion in State confectionery circles."

Continuing, the paper noted: "On the affirmative side, Peter Paul, Inc., of Naugatuck, Conn., already has, according to local dealers, expanded some of its bars, including the muchpublicized Mounds and Almond Joys. Harry Cohen, of the Barnum Wholesale Confectioners here, says, however, that doesn't mean a thing. 'A couple of small firms in Boston,' he says, 'got worried because they weren't doing so well, and started it all for propaganda'!" Cohen, according to the survey account, added "that he hasn't noticed any of the more important firms doing anything about it."

### **Detroit:**

Nicholas B. Porofsky and Anthony A. Szwarga, who started their route of popcorn venders under the name of Nu-Way Popcorn Sales, a little over a year ago, have built up a route of 55 machines, and are planand service department. They may

### Chicago:

Fred Mann, vice-president of the Trans-Vue Corporation, returned Tuesday (1) from a 10-day business trip during which time he covered Cincinnati, Detroit, Columbus and Pittsburgh. Fred reports Rudy Greenbaum, president, is ironing out final details in connection with the move to the Merchandise Mart, and Trans-Vue headquarters should be permanently located in that building within the next few weeks. Belmont Radio, manufacturers of the Trans-Vue tele system, has assured Greenbaum and Mann that they will begin shipping samples of the sets to firm distributors on or before March 20.

John Watling, head of Watling Manufacturing Company, has taken possession of his new home, and is now awaiting delivery on new furniture. Mrs. Watling has gone to Florida for a month, to care for her ailing mother. . . . Mills Industries move from the Lake Street plant to the Fullerton Avenue headquarters got under way in earnest this week. Movers took over Tuesday and started transferring the machinery via truck to the latter location. The Lake Street plant will be sold.

J. H. Keeney & Company opens its production line for its Super Bell Consoles this week, John Conroe reported. President W. J. Ryan and John combine their good news on firm's cigarette vender front to state that as of last week orders took a decided upturn. Boys are also happy over the many unsolicited letters coming in from operators who praise the round - the-clock trouble - free service being given by the Keeney De Luxe electric cigarette vender.

Murray Wiener, president of Vendors, Inc., returned last week from the gala opening celebration of Jack Rosenfeld's St. Louis headquarters. Bill Wiener also journeyed back to Vendors' Avenue offices last week from a sales trip in Ohio and up-State New York. Meanwhile, Jake Breidt, U-Need-A Vendors prexy, and producer of the electric cigarette vender the Wieners distribute, is vacationing in Florida.

Al and Dave Simon are mourning the loss last week of their brother, Harry. . . . Mack Levin, Canadian distributor and operator, was in town last week visiting coinrow cronies. He is mulling over the possibility of manufacturing equipment that he can't import as long as dollar restrictions remain in effect. . . Barney Sugarman, head of Runyon Sales, and his sales exec, Irv Kempner, spent several days this week in Connecticut on biz,

Dave Lowy, of Dave Lowy & Company, has doubled his showroom facilities thru remodeling of the store adjoining his Avenue outlet. He formerly used the space for storage. ..., Al Blendow, of Blendow & Meyers, had to replace a window this week, shattered over the week-end. Altho the culprit was not found, he was presumed to be under the influence of liquor, in fact, the missile was a bottle of whisky.

Oscar Parkoff returned to his Atlantic Pennsylvania Corporation offices last week after eight weeks in Eastern Pennsylvania demonstrating (See New York on page 120)

### **Des** Moinest

Mike Sandler, who is associated with his brother, Irving, in operation. of the Sandler Distributing Company of Des Moines, was married February 26. His bride is the former Helen Pomeranty, Des Moines. Mike recently came from San Francisco to join his brother in operating the distributing firm. . . . Les Chapman, prominent Northeastern Iowa operator, held a shuffleboard clinic at Fort Dodge for all of his locations. Iry line. Sandler, Des Moines, spoke at the clinic.

Operators report business picking up again following the blizzard weather which virtually brought a halt to operations at some spots. . . . Newell Benson, Des Moines, has joined the Atlas Music Company and will travel while Warren Merrill has just completed a road trip for the company and reports business picking up. . . . John Neff, of the Atlas staff, is attending the Seeburg Service School in Chicago.

### Miami:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herman bumped into Willie (Liffle Napoleon) Blatt at the Jai Alai Fronten. Herman says his Brooklyn phonograph operation will have to struggle along without him for the time being, especially since he is making expenses at Jai Alai... Blatt also welcomed Roy McGinnis from Baltimore.

H. F. Dennison, Dennison Sales, in town with a new gimmick which he showed privately at his hotel. . . . Back North this week went East Coast's Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stern and Runyon Sales' Mr. and Mrs. Abe Green. . . Jack Tashman and his wife are visiting here. Tashman is a former operator from Brooklyn.

William H. Cook, of Cook Coin-Op electric plug for coin machines, to meet revised underwriters' requirements. Unit is now readying for production here. . . . Robert W. Hartley, a former hardware salesman, has bought the firm of Quality Vendors, in the West Side suburb of Dearborn, from Willis Lutz, and has moved to new headquarters at 1631 North Vernon Avenue. The firm, established a year ago by Fred L. Kircher Jr., is operating a mixed route of candy and cigarette venders-the latter being a new addition to the

David M. Smith and William J. Slimey have formed the new S & S (See Detroit on page 120)

### Los Angeles:

William R. Happel, of Badger Sales, motored to Santa Barbara for a confab with O. Trevillian, of Trevillian Enterprises. ... Al Silberman, an associate in Badger Sales, reports that the candy vending machine business is on the upgrade due to drop in bar prices.

Mary Solle says that demands for Bull Moose Jackson recordings have increased since the entertainer made a personal appearance at Leuenhagen's Record Bar last week. Al for Polar Treat Vendor Company, Sherman, Coast headman for King chimes in with the comment that the Records, helped introduce Jackson three-flavor Polar Treat ice cream to local operators. . . . E. J. Webb, Stockton coinman, made one of his infrequent visits here last week. Another Stockton operator, Lee Prichard, was also in town.

Al Sleight, of Bally Manufacturing Company, was in town on a business trip. . . . Frank Butterfield is holding down the fort at the E. T. Mape Company while Walter (Solly) Solomon is in San Diego. . . . Harry Perrine, Oceanside operator, visited of the St. Louis distributing firm. (See Los Angeles on page 120)

Theodore Griesenauer, heading Bowman Dairy Company's refrigerated cabinet department, has a couple of carton-type venders on his preference list and may add one or the other to firm's large-scale milk vender operation. Such a machine, he says, will make it possible to effect installations in such locations as "L" platforms, terminals, retail stores, etc., where the public needs a paper container drink to prevent glass breakage. Such a unit will open a great new field for the milk operator, he contends.

E. J. Novak, president of Crown Implement Company, is tying up final design, construction and production details on the firm's Big 4 bottle-carton vender. The simplified and improved machine will be displayed at an early date, he promises. . . Victor Vending Machine Company reports snowballing operator acceptance on its Hot-Pop manual popcorn unit. President H. M. Schaef tells of the high customer and taste appeal the new unit has for operators as well as popcorn lovers. Name of unit has been changed from Hi-Pop to Hot-Pop, Schaef stresses.

Irv Webb, Webb Distributing Company, continues to relay reports of a marked increased in juke interest over the last few weeks. Operators are also stressing the six-for-aquarter selector mechanism featured by the Rock-Ola machines, Irv adds. . . . A. P. Friedman, sales manager bar machine is winning new operator friends as more units are being made available to the trade.

Hunk Anderson, Chicago Bears' line coach, was in to see Bally's Ray Moloney. Other plant callers during the week included Herman Paster, who was about to start on a Florida trip which was cut short in La Fayette, Ind., when his car and a truck collided, and Jack Rosenfeld, head (See Chicago on page 121)

### The Billboard

#### MACHINES 119

### Las Vegas, Nev.:

Several Reno operators have been victims of thieves the past few weeks. Two machines stolen from the Snack Bar were found later, battered open. Two bells, a nickel and a dime, were stolen from Welcome Inn. A Reno junkman was to face hearing March 1, accused by police of buying three bells stolen recently from Harlem Bar, Lovelock. A machine also was stolen from the Redwood Lodge. Arrest of two alleged burglars recently has not halted the thefts. . . . The Pioneer Club, downtown Las Vegas casino, faces a \$25,-000 damage suit filed by John Stanley Hawkins, who alleges he was injured in a fall on the club's floor December 24.

Ted Patton, Seeburg distributor, reports juke box biz picking up slowly after two months of bad business due to blizzards in the West. He has received nine new Select-o-Matics and has placed machines already with the Nevada-Biltmore Hotel, Eight Ball Bar and Apache Bar. One of the machines was loaded specially with records, many of the star's own, for the recent performance of Louis Jordan at the Thunderbird Hotel. The records were started and stopped suddenly, with Jordan picking up the song where the record quit, the audience hardly being able to detect the difference.

Hughie Roach has passed the 100 mark in sales of the new Mills Bonus Bells since the first of the year and contrary to most operators, holds that business is normal on his own bell route. Two big deals helped his sales, one with Club Bingo, a casino, and the other with Cornet Department Store, the latter being handled through Tom Jaggers.

### Indianapolis:

The Music Operators' Association of Indiana, Chapter 1, held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday (1) at the office of the Meeker Music Company. The annual election of officers, because of the absence of several members, was postponed until the April meeting, according to President Abe Fleig.

### **Baltimore:**

Amusement Machine Operators of Greater Baltimore (AMO), local organization of coinmen now in its second year, has set its sights at 100 per cent membership. . . . Most distributors and ops report decline in business since first of the year, tho the consensus is it's merely a part of the nationwide leveling-off process.

Sam Patrella, local operator, is taking bows since he and Mrs. Patrella became the parents of a daughter. . . . B. J. Fine, jobber of coin-operated machines since 1925, has augmented his activities by taking on a Philco television dealership.

merchants points up the oft-neglected wholesome aspect of pinball machines, emphasizing that they are not gambling devices but are designed for "enjoyment and relaxation just as is a good cigar or cigarette."

Danco, coin machine distributors and merchandise suppliers for bulk venders, have acquired the nextdoor building, thus doubling their facilities. Also taken on more help. set up a repair department and added a complete line of pinballs and music boxes. Daniel E. Cohan pilots Danco.

A certificate of incorporation to deal in vending machines has been received at the office of the State Tax Commission here for National Operating Company, Inc. Capital stock 100 shares, par value \$100 each. Incorporators, Wilson R. Toula, Gerald Kerr and Harold M. Vick, all of Baltimore.

The David Rosen Company and the Russell Ramsdell Corporation, exclusive AMI distributors in Baltimore and manufacturers of the Golden 20 console bell, have moved their office, showroom and repair department from 503 Evergreen Avenue to 640 West Baltimore Street. The firm formerly was known as the David Rosen Company.

### London:

The J. P. Seeburg Select-o-Matic unit has been the subject of much conversation here, altho the import situation has made it impossible to get a look at an actual model. Operators are speculating on the 100 plays offered by the unit, and term the development an "electrifying occurrence" in the music machine field. Operators are also looking forward to the relaxation of the import controls so that they can look at the Mutoscope Drop Kick unit which has been the subject of much comment in the local coin machine circles.

headquarters here after a vacation in his wares in the Chicago Automatics Silent Sales System in a letter to Nice. . . . Coin machines will play booth.

an important part in the On Our Way Exposition which will be held for six weeks starting March 21 at Exhibition Hall on Oxford Street. A "Fun Fair" will be included among the exhibits, with pinball machines and juke boxes on display.

K.E.B. is still doing a rushing business overhauling, repairing, modernizing and providing spare parts for all makes of juke boxes. With the strict import controls in force, the firm has its hands full keeping some of the older models sent to them by operators in working order. . . . Tom Boland displayed his various amusement machines at a recently con-Bill Thompson has returned to his cluded trade show here, exhibiting



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Music Company, left Thursday for Cincinnati, in the interests of business. . . . The Indiana Automatic Sales Company, reports the sales of more than 100 shuffleboards during February. . . . Richard Luther, operator at Brazil, Ind., was a coin row visitor buying parts.

Automatic Sales Company, has returned to work after being absent at West Baltimore General Hospital. from work for the past week due to an injured back, suffered in a truck \$767,441,960 in February, decreasing crash. . . . Ted Kumbaris, a service helper, was slightly injured. . . . Television sets will make their formal bow in Indianapolis at the city's first "television and electrical living show" in the Manufacturers Buildweek of March 19-26.

The Alcoholic Beverages Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates in closed session February 23 voted an unfavorable report on the Clarence Hohman, of the Janes bill which would extend Sunday closing of bars thruout the State, including Baltimore city. Thirteen counties already have Sunday-closing laws.

William R. Bukowsky, Baltimore city and Baltimore county route manager for Silent Sales System, became a papa February 10 for the James Vize, service man at Indiana first time, a daughter, Nancy Dorothy, being born to Mrs. Bukowsky ... Bank clearings amounted to from \$775,359,158 for the same month last year, the local clearing house reported.

Myer Horwitz, of Penny Vending Machine Company, the dean of Baltiing at the State fairgrounds the more coinmen, has completed his (See Baltimore on page 120)

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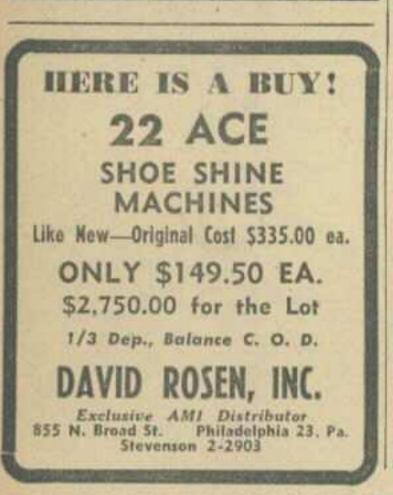
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## **COINMEN YOU KNOW**

### **Detroit:**

(Continued from page 118) Vending Company, at 14129 East Canfield Avenue. They are operating a diversified route of peanut and candy venders, both nickel and penny machines, including new machines and portions of routes they have bought up from other operators. ... Ben Lefkowitz, senior partner in the Auto City Candy Company, specializing in theater locations, is returning next week from month's vacation in Florida. . . Benjamin N. True, of the Curtis Weighing Machine Company, has returned from a trip thru Ohio.

Arthur Levin, of Lynco Coin Machine Company, advises that the company expects to be moved into its new factory in Dearborn in about two weeks, and will then be able to step up production on the Wurl-a-Ball in order to catch up with sales. ... D. R. Stamy has resigned as vicepresident in charge of engineering for Standard Products Company, manufacturers of beverage venders.

William Lipson and Earl Gould, of Lipson and Gould Concessions, and Simon Lipson, general manager of the Broder Theater chain, are joining the B & G Candy Company with William Lipson becoming president. He succeeds Joseph Bianco, who will remain with the firm but be less active because of his health. . . The Record Lending Service of the Detroit Public Library was publicized Thursday with a newspaper photo, showing a comely feminine patron taking advantage of the disk service, as part of "Know Your Li-brary" week.

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### Washington:

(Continued from page 118) coin machines. At the same time the size of the product was decreased. He feels public relations will be improved when customers get a larger bar for the same nickel.

C. Raynor Riggs has succeeded Don Holland as manager of Automatic Fountains, Inc. According to Riggs, Holland resigned so he could devote more time to his other business interests. Automatic Fountains has installed a new type of fruit juice vender at the U.S. Census Bureau in Sutland, Md. Termed the Juice Bar Machine, the equipment dispenses six varieties of canned drinks-apple juice, orange juice, grapefruit juice, tomato juice, tomato cocktail, and a chocolate beverage. The 6-ounce cans sell for a dime. First of its type in the Washington area, the vender should prove popular, Riggs predicted.

Things are rather quiet around the Colman Manor, Md., office of the Silent Sales System of Maryland, according to Arthur J. Andrews. The company is anticipating a business spurt in the spring, he said.

Alco Amusement Company is prepared to move from its location at 618 T Street N. W. Charles Harvey announced that the company expects to vacate its present headquarters about April 1, altho the new spot has not yet been decided upon.

Schwartz Brothers at present have several smash hits, according to Harry Schwartz. He finds Joe Lig-Bud Parr of gin's "Three o'Clock Jump" on Aladdin platter going over big as well as Charles Brown's "Long Time" and "Get Yourself Another Fool" on Exclusive, Another Aladdin disk in the hit column is "Chicken Shack Boogie" and "Bewildered" by Amos Pomona, was in town for a look see Milburn, Sohwartz said. "Fat Meat and Beans," an Exclusive recording with Edgar Hayes, has been "skyrocketing" he added. Schwartz has taken two recent trips to New York where he looked over the Signature coin operator, was on Pico Street and Discovery lines. The Maryland House of Representatives recently killed a measure that would have banned Sunday sales of beer and liquor in the State. Had the Sunday closing bill gone thru, Baltimore and 10 counties would have been added to the list of 13 now observing liquor blue laws, thus cutting off Sunday intake for many coinmen in those sections. The proposal has been tabled, and House leaders indicate it will remain in that status the rest of the session.

### Los Angeles:

(Continued from page 118) Pico Street last week. . . . J. Goodman was another recent visitor.

Paul Laymon got in a shipment of Bally's new Spot Bell last week. The company also is featuring the new Williams game, Dallas. Laymon reports the exporting end of his business is picking up, which is a good sign for coin machine row. . . . L. E. Skinner, who operates games in San Diego, was in town last week. . . . Another recent visitor was D. D. Brymer, Palos Verdes coinman.

Ed Nelson, who operates in Crestline, a few miles from Lake Arrowhead, was in town to pick up some parts. . . . John Lantz came up from his South Gate headquarters to get the latest word on coin machine row. Francisco coinman, was in town last week seeing old friends.

Dave Gould, headman of American Shuffleboard Sales Company, reports he can't keep his 3 by 12 double end boards in stock. He says the locations are really going for them. . . . W. Charles Anderson plowed his way thru the snowdrifts from his Boise, Idaho, bailiwick to look over the scene on Pico Street last week. . . . Another visitor was E. L. Willard, of Paso Robles.

Larry Jackson is heading San Francisco way next week on a record deal. . . . Frank Walnum is getting set for a big summer season at his Morro Bay headquarters. . . . Frank George from that desert spa with the romantic name, Bagdad, Ariz., was in town for business. . . . L. J. Bender, of suburban Lynwood, made the rounds on Pico Street, looking at

Bud Parr, of System Amusement Exchange, says that Marvin Jones will work on the floor selling Olympic Shuffleboards until Fred Gaunt recovers from the bug that's laid him low. . . . S. L. Griffin, who heads up the Valley Coin Machine Company, at new games. . . . Perry Irwin was another visitor. He hails from Ventura.



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Edwin C. Winslow, manager of Hi-Skor Bowling Alleys, reported to police that one of his five pinball machines was forced open and its cash contents taken. Winslow estimated the amount taken was small, but said he had suffered several such losses in the past few years.

The Doctor Pepper Bottling Company of Washington, Inc., appeared on the list of District firms that received a refund in excess of \$5,000 on its 1948 income tax.

### New York:

(Continued from page 118) the Seeburg 100-selection Select-o-Matic. Leo Brody was in charge during Parkoff's absence. . . . Max Brown, of the Philadelphia Coin Machine Exchange, who just returned from Florida, will soon make an announcement said to be of special inlerest to game ops.

Cameo Vending Service reports that it negotiated the sale of three routes of merchandise vending machines within the last few weeks. Edward W. Barnett, head of Cameo, says the route sales were handled for Operator Stern, Brooklyn (over

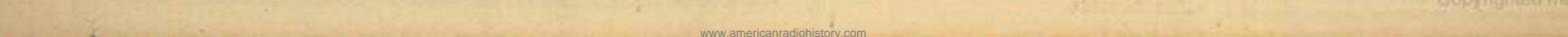
Harry L. Dollen, Hillside, Ariz., last week. . . . Ditto for Jack Mal-lett, of the Mission Novelty Company, Claremont. Harold Sharkey, who operates a shuffleboard route, says interest in the game continues to increase. . . . Lloyd Barrett was in from Pomona.

### Baltimore:

(Continued from page 119) 45th year in the business. He holds the distinction of having manufactured the first pinball machine in the East-a Lucky Strike battery model around 1930. Now exclusively an operator, Horwitz still is active at 62 and is assisted by his son Edward. ... Sol Cohen, pinball operator, sold his interests here and returned to New York.

100 peanut and ball gum venders in Brooklyn and Manhattan); Irving Bader, Brooklyn (hot nut venders). and Operator Reier, New York (also hot nut machines). Barnett adds that his firm is now specializing in the sale of vending machine routes, of all types, in addition to shuffleboards and other coin equipment.

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### Chicago:

(Continued from page 118) Jack was in to thank Dan Moloney, Andy Renn, Capi. Tom Callaghan, George Jenkins, Ralph Nicholson and William O'Donnell for the party celebrating the opening of his new terested in shuffleboard during a re-Olive Street building which covers 38,000 square feet. Jimmy Tatler, wine steward of the Ambassador ments recently. Now he is sponsor-East Hotel's Pump Room, and currently working on a book dealing with the celebrities who dine there, was in to get some anecdotes on Ray Moloney. Hollywood producer Mervyn Leroy has asked Jimmy for an option to film the book following such place on East Grand Avenue its publication.

Joe Caldron, AMI's assistant sales manager, left March 5 for Mitchell, S. D., where he will attend the annual three-day meet of the South Dakota Phonograph Association which got under way March 6. . . Deliveries on ABT's Skill Gun are to begin March 15. Electrically operated, the pistol game occupies little space, weighs 38 pounds ready for shipment, ... A third daughter was horn to Stanley Weiser, general sales manager of the Whitehouse Manufacturing Company, firm supplying uniforms to many coin machine firms and suppliers, and wife, Sylvia, at Presbyterian Hospital here Wednesday (2).

Frank Q. Doyle, Alco-Deree Company sales manager, is expected back from New York the latter part of this week. Firm's new distributor set-up, five different vender production plans and wall box output, will be hypoed following Doyle's gettogether with regional sales managers during the Gotham trip, it was indicated. . . . Jack Nelson, Jack Nelson Company, reports activity on the Pop n' Hot popcorn vender front is holding at a good pace. With corn availability at more than satisfactory levels and location commission tagged at the 25 per cent peg, the popcorn operator is finding 1949 a good year, Jack opines.

Guichard, Perma Top president, has been made an honorary member of the Chief Petty Officer's Club of the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Station at Navy Pier here. After seeing how many club members were incent visit to the club, Big Jim sent the club a board with his compliing a club tournament which will give the champion a round trip plane trip to any part of the country.

Prepared food shops are becoming a steady location for venders. One houses an ice cream vender, a dual flavor cup machine and a candy unit. Location owner of the place which specializes in fried shrimp says that average order takes about 10 minutes and about half the waiting customers patronize one of the venders while waiting. . . . Les Rieck, head of H. C. Evans's music division, says the revamped Constellation is making operator friends in all parts of the country. . . . Frank Mencuri claims that, altho Exhibit Supply's card vender catalog will reach operators later than usual, it will be worth waiting. In the opinion of firm officials it is the best to date. R. E. Groninger, Peoria, and Lou Casolla were Exhibit Supply callers last week.

Mel Binks, Universal Industries president, spent the week-end skiing on Ishpeming, Mich., slopes. Production on his Arrow Bell continues to climb, he says, to keep pace with new orders. . . . Harry Kaiz, Streamliner Shuffleboard Company, has high hopes for his shuffleboard scorer which operates on either nickel or dime operation. It is available in either a console or wall model.... Sam Stern, Williams vicepresident, thinks Dallas, the firm's newest five-ball, will surpass the interest showed in its predecessor, Tucson, introduced during the CMI show two months ago. . . . Bell-o-Matic's latest issue of "Spinning Reels" features 28 candid pictures taken at the four-day showing at the Morrison Hotel during CMI convention.



CHICAGO, March 5 .- Donald La-Rocque, assistant chief of special services at Hines, Ill., General Hospital informed Harry Brown, president of Amusement Sales Company here, that he had been empowered to accept Brown's gift of 12 roll down games for use by the hospital's patients, veterans of two world wars. Games are the type recently sanctioned for location in Chicago. Brown had acquired and refurbished them for resale but was prompted to turn them over to the hospital after making a visit there last week. His only comment was "it's the least I can do for a game bunch of boys."

## **Shuffleboard Firm Begins Deliveries On New Scoreboard**

CHICAGO, March 5.-Streamliner Shuffleboard Company here is delivering its coin-operated electric scoreboard designed for shuffleboard play, according to Harry Katz, president.

The scoreboard is available in both the wall model, measuring 21 by 31 by 6 inches and console model, which has the same width and depth measurements but is 36 inches higher than the wall model. Katz explained that with either model an operator is assured of complete game accounting and there is less need for location supervision of game payment. Whether set for dime or nickel play, the Streamliner scoreboard tells location owner at a glance the number of players who have paid for play. Device's Authorized capital stock of the new timer is adjustable from 10 to 15 min- firm is \$100,000. Subscribed stock, utes of playing time. He added that \$300 per share, by G. D. Carpenter, it can be used with any type of shuf- C. B. Burgin and J. V. Benfield, all of fleboard now on the market.

#### **COIN MACHINES** 121

## Patients at Hines || Tampering With To Get Roll Downs || Bell Machines Illegal in Nev.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 5 .--Tampering with a dollar bell machine to make it pay off without the insertion of a coin brought the conviction of two men this week in City Court here in the first test of an ordinance passed last October. The practice was cited by Judge Walter Richards as "exactly the same as tampering with a bank. These machines are legal in Nevada. In my opinion, anyone who attempts to rob them-in any manner -is just as guilty as a bank bandit."

The ordinance, which resulted in the sentences, will be further tested when Clifford Judd, who was fined \$500 with the alternative of spending 250 days in jail, appeals his case to a higher court, as announced by his attorney. The attorney for Warren J. Brewer, fined \$200 with 100 days in jail as an alternative, announced the verdict was "satisfactory" and said no appeal would be taken.

The trial, lasting 10 hours, was cited as one of the longest in the history of Las Vegas City Court. The defendants were charged with drilling a hole in the side of the machine and inserting plugs to make it pay off. The men were caught when Guy Luttrell, a bartender, noticed them at work on the machine in the Hotel Elwell.

### New Valdese, N. C., Firm

VALDESE, N. C., March 5.-Secretary of state in Raleigh has issued a charter to Valdese Enterprises, Inc., here, to operate amusement devices.

Vince Angeleri, A. A. Swing Time Music Company, declares that altho juke play is running along at less than war-hypoed levels, it is slowly finding a true norm and seasonal fluctuations should not bring forth | Harry Brown reports the plant work-"ill wind" predictions. A good operation, properly maintained and to bear fruit in the form of stepped managed, continues to pay dividends up production. . . . Jack Rosenfeld. and the trend is definitely upward, Vince says.

Vince' Shay, Bell-o-Matic president, is pleased with the response to the latest Mills bells which his firm distributes nationally. Included in the new line are Black Beauty, Token and Blue bells and the mechanical console Duplex. . . Jim



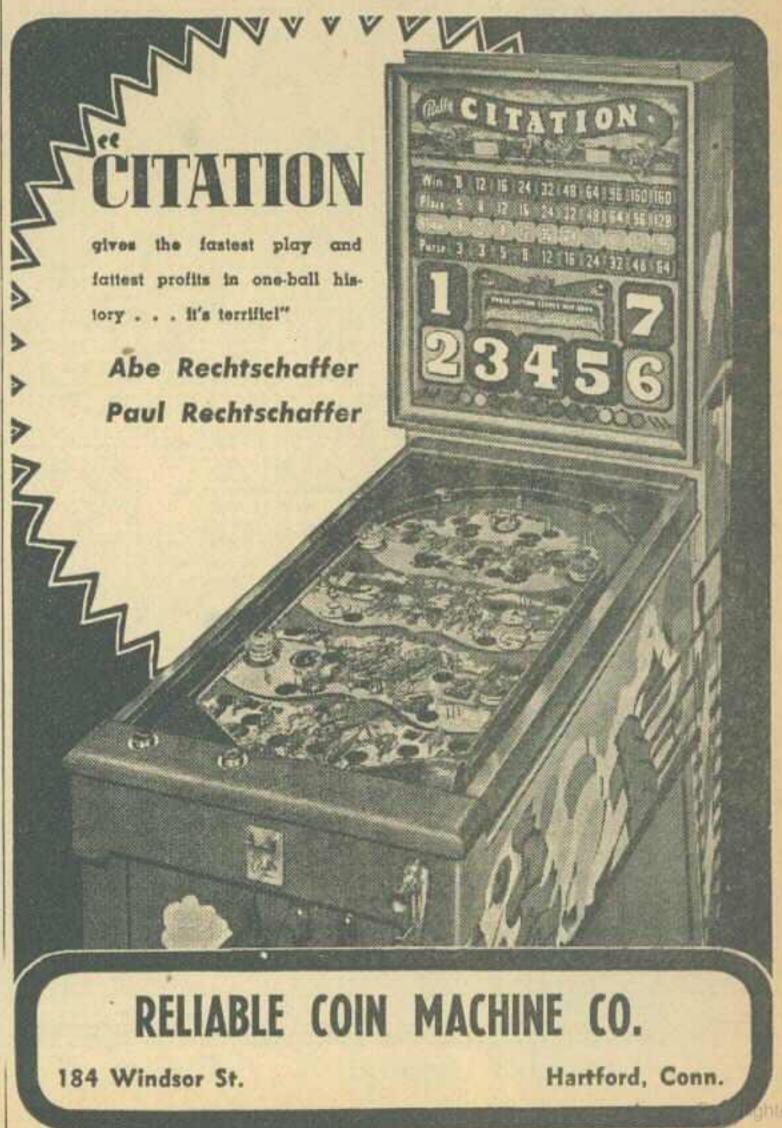
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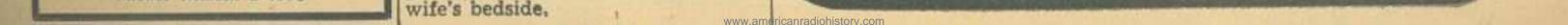
Amusement Sales Company's ers' bonus plan is already beginning head of the St. Louis distributing firm bearing his name, was a coin row visitor last week.

Things are back to normal at the Coin Machine Institute headquarters, now that the convention is safely in the background. Barbara Humphrey, public relations, who was one the busiest persons at the show, entered the hospital a few weeks ago to have her appendix removed, but is already back on the job. Dudley Ruttenberg, legal light for CMI, goes to Mitchell, S. D., this week-end to attend the three-day meeting of the South Dakota Phonograph Association (SDPA) in that city. Meeting, according to Mike Imig, president, opens Sunday night and will adjourn Tuesday evening.

Billy De Selm, sales manager for United Manufacturing Company, reports operator reaction to the firm's new game, Ramona, has been above expectations. The game is expected to start a new trend in the industry, one toward simplification. Lyn Durant, president, Ray Riehl and Herb Oettinger are also receiving congratulations on the game. They report the pinball business seems to be on the way up again after several slow months.

Sam Taran flew here this week after a hurried phone call to his Miami headquarters advising that Mrs. Taran had been in an auto accident in La Fayette, Ind., with Herman Paster, head of Mayflower Distributing, St. Paul, and his family. All were hospitalized in La Fayette. Taran was met at the Chicago airport by a Bally car and rushed to his this city.





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## Chicago Coin Rolls on New 5 - Ball Game

### **Reduces Pistol Price**

CHICAGO, March 5. — Chicago Coin Machine Company has started deliveries on its newly developed five-ball game with a baseball background called Majors '49, Sam Wolberg and Sam Gensburg, announced yesterday (4).

Game's playfield features flipperbats, which are stretch rubber bumpers with a player controlled flipper action; progressive scoring after each ball is put in play; a bull pen, which has kickout pockets in the pitcher's and catcher's position, and permits ball to go back and forth between the pitcher and catcher registering blocks of points as it drops in both kickout pockets and five ways to win.

### Scoring

Progressive scoring on Majors '49 works as follows: After first ball has made a complete cycle of the playfield and drops in the outhole, two bumpers on both sides of the top of the playfield light up for second ball and have a value of 100,000 points when contacted; when third ball is ready for play, the pitcher's kickout hole lights up and becomes a 50,000 point hole when a ball drops in; when fourth ball goes into action, the catcher's kickout pocket lights up and becomes equal in value to the pitcher's kickout pocket, and finally when fifth ball is ready for play a rollover switch in mid-playfield automatically lights up, having a 100,000 point value. Thus as each additional ball comes into play, player has a better opportunity to run up a high score or make more runs, a feature which Chicago Coin officials believe keeps interest at high level till the game is over. Players with a poor score after the first four balls have been played, can still win with the ball if they can hit all the lighted bumpers and keep ball in play with cross ball flipper action. The five ways to win are high point score, total runs scored; dropping a ball in the center kickout pocket when lit and guiding a ball thru either of two side rollover switches when lit. Some special bumpers score a home run if contacted when lit. Runs may also be scored by guiding a ball thru either of three bottom rollover switches just above the outhole when lit or by going thru side rollover switches. Each time a run is scored, a sound resembling the crack of a bat can be clearly heard. Game's scoreboard has two sets of scoring apparatus, one for points the other for runs scored.

## Losing Money

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 5.— We are losing money! That unusual angle is the current theme of advertising of Harold's Club, a Reno casino. Claiming 5,000 visitors daily, the club is running an ad in flaming red ink entitled "The Bell Machine Story and How It Started." Signed by Raymond I. Smith, manager, it sets forth exact figures on losses for certain days.

The paid blurb states in part: "Our bell machines were designed and built specially for us. We've had one dollar machine pay out \$1,800 in one hour with 12 jackpots. Our books show that we have lost on our machines in one day \$9,279, on another day \$8,049.75, another day \$6,921; other days as much as \$8,389. These figures are supported by sworn affidavit, now posted in Harold's Club.

"... If ever more generous machines are built and operated ... it will be done by Harold's Club."

### Independent Lock Company Introduces New Type Lock

FITCHBURG, Mass., March 5.— Independent Lock Company here has developed a new pick-proof lock for coin machine use. Called the new Herculock, it features a redesigned keyway with two rows of teeth set opposite each other, much like the teeth of meshing gears. Firm also introduced a key coding arrangement whereby keys are registered for the exclusive use of purchasers. The new locks are available for immediate delivery.



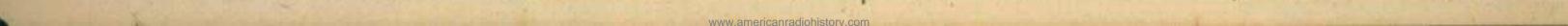


### Double Duty

Wolberg and Gensburg stated that the standard model of Majors '49 is so designed that it can be used on free play in free play areas and as a novelty amusement game in non-free play territories. They also said that if operators wish to use this game during the 1950 baseball season that the firm will supply a new backglass bringing the game's name up to date, Majors '50.

Chicago Coin also announced that its game, Pistol, introduced at the CMI show in January with a list price of \$375, has been reduced to \$325. In explaining the new price Ed Levin, sales manager, said: "Several of our friends have advised us that the need today was for a gun game that would operate with efficiency and at the same time priced low enough to allow the operator to make a substantial quick profit. Weeks in test locations have convinced us that Pistol at this new low price will meet all these needs."





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## **Munves** Corp. Buys Bldg. on N.Y. Coin Row

NEW YORK, March 5 .- The Mike Munves Corporation has purchased the building at 577 10th Avenue here and will transfer its headquarters to that addresss as soon as remodeling of the property is completed and its present tenants move, it was learned this week.

The large arcade equipment supply house has been located at 575 11th Avenue for the past several months after selling the building it occupied further downtown.

Extensive remodeling will have to be done to his new headquarters according to Mike Munves. This will include modernizing the front of the three-story building, installing an elevator and altering much of the interior. Munves estimated the remodeling may cost close to \$50,000

The work is to start in about a week, he said, and occupancy should follow within a few months. But it was learned he might un into a snag if the present tenants should refuse to vacate promptly, Marcus Klein, coin machine jobber, now leases part of the building.



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## Thank You

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5. -Pennsylvania bottler have thanked 75 Democratic and 18 Republican members of the State House of Representatives for their vote against the soft drink tax bill recently.

Clarence G. Stone, president of the Keystone Bottlers' Association, addressed a letter to each of the legislators thanking them for their "courageous stand."

"If the boys and girls of our Commonwealth and the hundreds of thousands of adult consumers were d ganized and vocal, I am sure you would have au expression of thanks from them too" Stoner wrote.

The tax bill, renewing for another year the levy of 1 cent on each 12 ounces of soda pop and 1/2 cent on each ounce of sirup used in fountain drinks, passed the House 109 to 93, with only four more votes than the required 10t to pass a bill. The Democratic minority contributed 12 votes to put the bill over.

Stoner said the fight against the levy would be continued in the Senate.

### Pa. Solons Study **Proposal To Nix** Local Tax Powers

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5 .--Legislation to abolish the power of local governmental units in Pennsylvania to tax pinball, music and other amusement machines has been introduced in the House by Rep. Warner M. Depuy, Milford Republican. The measure, a reverse of the trend in most other States, may be in for considerable opposition from Gov. James H. Duff. Depuy's proposal was recommended by the Legislature's Tax Study Commission. The proposal would sharply reduce the scope of this State's local tax law so that municipalities could enact only wage, per capita, professional activity and unincorporated business taxes. The Commission's recommendations have not been looked upon with favor by Governor Duff and the majority of the Republicans in the Legislature, so the future of the bill is regarded as uncertain with many capitol observers predicting it will die in committee. This week in fact the governor issued a denial that he had reached any agreement with the various factions in the State legislature, or with anyone else, on the matter of amending the 1947 local tax law which brought on a rash of local pinball, music and vending machine taxes.

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Meantime, Sen, John Dent has proposed a Statewide mercantile tax to replace the Commonwealth's local tax law.

Senator Dent, Democratic minority leader, said in a speech on taxes that passage of the 1947 local tax law marked "the saddest day in the political history" of Pennsylvania.

Under the State's present system of taxes, Dent said, "the merchant on Main Street does not pay his share of the taxes. He is the greatest beneficiary of our taxing system in the Commonwealth," the Senator added.

### American Shuffleboard

**To Extend Coast Set-Up** LOS ANGELES, March 5 .- The American Shuffleboard Sales Company will open branch offices in Portland and Seattle to take care of business in the Northwest, Lou Fish, head of the San Francisco office, announced this week. New offices will be headed by Lou Gould, who takes over as general sales manager, Gould was former sales manager of the West Disinfectant Company, Phoenix, Ariz.

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# **Over Imports** In So. Africa

### **Extend November Ban**

CAPETOWN, South Africa, March 5.-In a move designed to further conserve foreign exchange resources, South Africa's Finance Minister N. C. Havenga announced last week that the government had tightened and extended its control over imports.

In substance, the new regulations extend the ban on non-essential imports, already in effect in the United States, to the so-called sterling area which includes the British Empire exclusive of Canada and Newfoundland. In addition the South African government will exercise physical control over all goods entering the country from both the dollar and sterling areas and extend the list of imports prohibited as non-essential.

Havenga explained that the new step was made necessary by the steady depletion of sterling holdings to the point where the import of essential goods was jeopardized.

## Add Controls Coast Firm Ready **To Produce Scorer** For Shuffleboards

LOS ANGELES, March 5 .- The Pacific Shuffleboard Company is going to manufacture a coin-operated wall type scoring unit, according to R. E. Smith, president. The unit is 26 by 12 inches with two circular scoring faces.

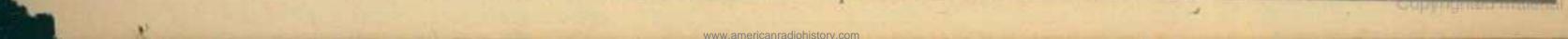
Simplified construction and the elimination of costly parts has enabled the company to offer the scorer at a comparatively low price, Smith said. Remote control is optional with the scorer. The plant is now set up to turn out 100 scorers per week.

Allan Cushman, of Coast Shuffleboard Company, has been set as distributor for the firm's Moderne Shuffleboard in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, Smith announced.

The board is a regulation 22-foot tournament size with a black top playing field. The base and frame is of 14 gauge steel with hammertone and crinkle finish. The playing field rests on angle irons.



38" High 25 ¼" Wide 48" Long



## New Bendix Washer Stewart Soft Shown by Telecoin Drink Vend

NEW YORK, March 5.—The new Bendix coin-operated automatic washing machine, featuring upped washing efficiency and heavy duty construction, was introduced at a trade showing Thursday (3) by Telecoin Corporation, national distributor for the commercial model.

The new unit, Model C410, is said to be more powerful than earlier models, has an automatic cycle from "soak-to-wash," and push-button control of water temperature. Its multiple-choice coin mechanism incorporates a slug rejector and may be set for use from 10 to 50 cents.

By providing faster water agitation, a five-minute warm water soak followed by an automatic spin, a 10minute wash and three rinses, the machine is said by Telecoin officials to give the equivalent of a 50minute washing process in a half hour.

Priced at \$169.50, deliveries of the new model will begin April 1.

### **Cuban Sugar**

HAVANA, March 5.—Up to January 31 this year, 308,673 tons (2,127,467 bags) of sugar had been produced thruout Cuba, compared with 542,109 tons (3,736,375 bags) by the same time last year, Ministry of Agriculture reports. The difference of 1,608,-908 bags was due to the difficulties which arose as a result of the dispute between cane planters and sugar mill owners at the beginning of the present crop. There are now 138 sugar mills in operation, compared with 144 on the same date in 1948.

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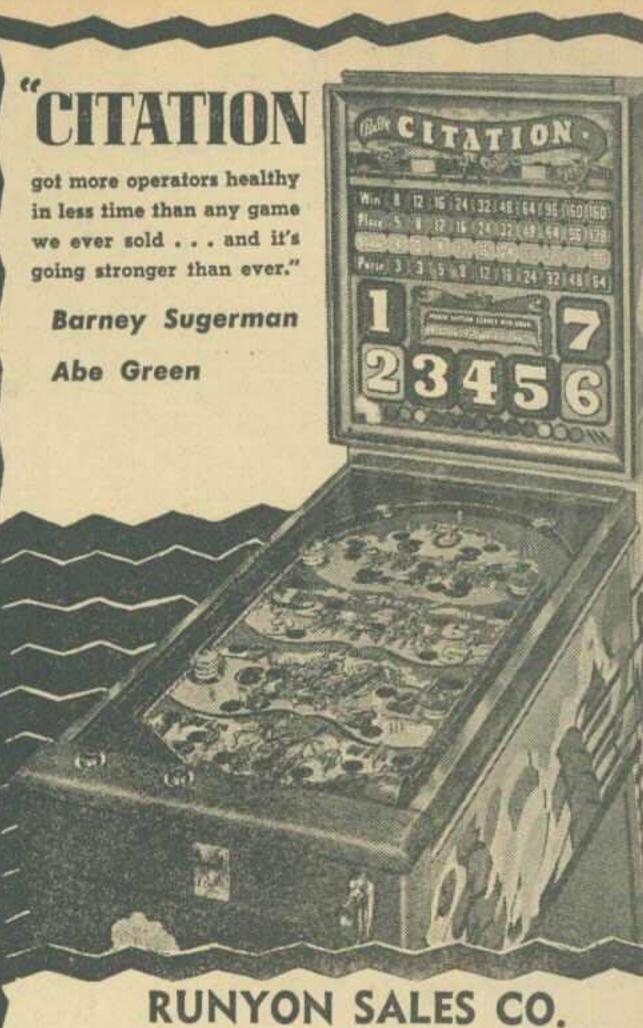
GREENWICH, Conn., March 5. — Stewart Products Corporation this week completed the first 10 of its low-priced cup venders in an initial production run of 100 machines, it was announced here by Jim Stewart, president. The vender, which lists at \$495, was introduced last year at two trade showings.

Since its display at the National Automatic Merchandising Association convention last December, the machine has undergone several slight modifications to ease assembly line production, according to Stewart. Outside dimensions of the vender have also been enlarged somewhat, he said.

It was learned that a producer of a popular soft drink, hitherto sold only across the counter, is experimenting with the Stewart cup vender, with a view to increasing its sales thru automatic merchandising. Tests are now being made and, if successful, may shortly lead to large-scale placement of the machine.

Stewart's canned-juice vender is still not in the production stage. However, several of the venders have been turned out for early placement. These are to be subjected to an intensive "shakedown test" on location, declared Stewart, before quantity production will be undertaken. The juice venders are to be leased to operators rather than sold outright.

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My Dream Is Yours (My Dream Is Yours)	Witmark	1	11	0	2	1	4	0		4	6	0			78
No Orchids for My Lady	Leeds	8	13	0	1	0	3	0	2	6	4	0	4	12	87
Once in Love With Amy (Where's Charley?)	E. H. Morris	8	4	0	8	0	5	0	8	0	6	0	3	1	69
Powder Your Face With Sunshine	Lombardo	1	8	0	8	1	1	0	8	4	8	0	8		124
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So in Love (Kiss Me, Kate)	T. B. Harms	15	10	0	8	7	8	2	10	7	8	0		10	182
Someone Like You (My Dream Is Yours)	Harma, Inc.	. 0	12	0	6	1	8	2	7	8	2	0	8	4	122
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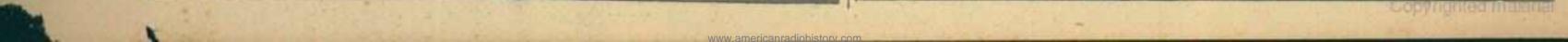


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## **RECORDS MOST PLAYED BY DISK JOCKEYS**

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8	13	13.	POWDER YOUR FACE S. Kaye Ork
×	22	14.	CRUISING DOWN THE R. Morgan Ork
2	28	18.	THE HOT CANARY P. Weston-P. Nero
2	-	16.	POWDER YOUR FACE D. Day-B. Clark
10	16	17.	LAVENDER BLUED. Shore-H. Zimmerman Ork Columbia 38299-ASCAP
16	33	18.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME P. Watson
8	20	19.	RED ROSES FOR A BLUE LADY
3	-	18.	FOWDER YOUR FACE Blue Barron Ork
τ.	18		FAR AWAY PLACES B. Crosby-K. Darby Choir
7	34	32.	CONGRATULATIONS J. StaffordCapitol 15319-BMI (T. Beneke Ork, Victor 20-3237; P. Carle Ork, Columbia 38372; C. Cross Ork, Sterling 4003)
4	28	33.	GRIEVING FOR YOUT. Pastor.Columbia 38383-ASCAP (Three B's and a Honey, Savoy 687; R. Clooney, Columbia 38383; G. Powell, Decca 24586; W. Brown, National 9068)
Ŧ	11	24.	LAVENDER BLUE
8	-	24.	A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME. Wayne-Davis
1	-	26.	BEAUTIFUL EYESA. MooneyMGM 10357-BMI (B. Hayes, De Luxe 1185; The Rangers, Regent 136)
3	17	37.	CARELESS HANDSS. Kaye OrkVictor 20-3321-ASCAP
1	-	27.	BLUM BLUMPeg Lee-D. Barbour and His Pixis- land BandCapitol 15371
4	27	29.	DOWN BY THE STATIONT. Dorsey-D. Dennis
2	29		I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS



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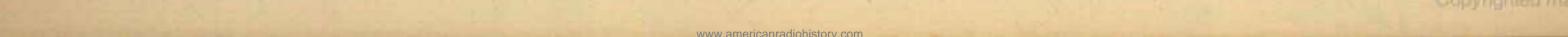
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### BANJOLIERS 59--60--58--58 Whistling Rufus Old-time banjo number is something right out of a minstrel show. May get some play in rural 66--65--65--67 Another oldie, this one is taken at an easy polka tempo. Should pick up some coin where oldtimers congregate. THE FONTAINE (Joe Biviano Ork) (Victor 20-3344) Underneath the 76--76--75--79 Infectious European tune, in a pleasing English adaptation, has been slow in arriving, but this easy-going trio rendition Put Your Shoes On, 66--67--65--66 Pseudo hilibiliy novelty's artificiality dulls the ef-fectiveness of the girls' THE PAGE CAVA-NAUGH TRIO (Victor 20-3345) 76--77--75--75 No Moon At All The trio's whispered vocal and rhythmic instrumental efforts here show more conviction than previous waxings. Tune is a catchy opus by Redd Evans and Dave Mann. You Say the Nicest 65--66--65--63 Things, Baby Dancey side is neatly sung and played, but there's nothing of real GLENN GARR ORK (The Three Stylists) That Red Head Gal 79--80--78--80 Bouncy, bouyant rendition of a catchy Van and Schenck oldie, with male trio chanting, fits the current nostalgia formula for a successful 65--66--65--64



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mpecial. **GINNIE POWELL** (Decca 24588) **Grieving** for You 75--73--74--78 The tune is currently making a strong bid via the Tony Pastor waxing. Miss Powell's version is competent. Here's a Little Girl From Jacksonville 73--74--72--74 By Oliver's orking helps the chirp deliver a catchy, If inconsequential side. Tune is the aursery-type ditty introduced by Blue Lu Barker. LARRY FOTINE ORK (Decca 24579) **Beautiful Eyes** 76--76--76--76 Clean, driving ork work and seatful band-chanting of the fast-coming novelty ditty. Could garner a share of the tune's take. "A"-You're Adorable 75 -- 75 -- 75 -- 75 Perky boy-gal vocal and sprightly mickey orking to match make an appealing item of this catchy novelty ditty that's been showing signs of life after some months. **GUY LOMBARDO ORK** (Decca 44578) Be Mine 85--85--85--85 "La Paloma" with a baliad lyric strongly projected by Kenny Gardner and the Lombardo crew, Song was first given impetus by the Vera Lynn disk on London. 75--75--75--75 When You're in Love Appealing ballad appealingly done in the Lombardo bounce manner. AMES BROTHERS (Coral 60035) **Clancy** Lowered the 84--84--83--84 Boom l'une, emerging as a sieeper via Denis Day's Victor platter, is potent, and the Ames boys, currently Coral's hottest serformers, and up to a most promising platter. **Cruising Down the** 73--73--72--75 River add another likely performance of the steam-

mat serenade.

Fooling " Mississippi Flyer Engaging production of 82--82--81--83 the train novelty will get plenty play. ANNE SHELTON (Roy Robertson Ork) (London 382) 68--68--68--68 Because You Love Me One of the top English thrush's usual polished performances, with smooth ork and chorus work in pack. Material of not much consequence, however. 74--74--78--70 A Kiss in the Dark Perhaps not of hit size, but this fine performance of the Victor Herbert classic will be a long-lived standard catalog seller. BENNY LEE (The Keynotes-Nat Temple Ork) (London 392) Red Roses for a Blue 72--72--72--72 Lady Released earlier, this enthusiastic, vibrant Benny Lee vocal might well have been among the top diskings of the plug novelty ballad. 75--75--73--74 Flo and joe Lee warbles the rhythm novelty with airy nonchalance. With smart ork and chorus backing, version la guite different from the Nat Cole treatment, and can supplement it nicely. DICK JAMES The Stapletones-Harold Smart) (London 191) You. You, You Are the 73--70--73--76 One (London 391) James does a forthright job with the click walts adaptation. Backing of Hammond organ and chorus lend an interesting quality. I'm Wearing Last Night's Smile 67--67--65--69 Tonight (Cyril Stapleton Ork) Nothing special in this competent rendition of an old-fashioned formal sentimentalizer. (Continued on page 130)

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inalive.

Away Nothing special happens on this side. **Tennessee Border** Story's lusty rendition of the up-and-comin' mountain ditty should make a fair bid for the juke play. **61--62--62--60 79--78--78--80** 

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Gone, Gone Jazzy Western has an infectious quality that's fully exploited in Cox's light-hearted rendition. Honolulu Lou Vocal harmony and Hawalian guitar set up a nostalgie mood for this Hawalian Western Nothing to get too excited about.

COWBOY COPAS (King 755) An Old Farm for Sale 74--76--70 Sad sentiment forcefully expressed here by Cowboy. Should register

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with the homefolks. Where You Goin'? 68--68--68 Cowboy chants with heart, but there isn't much to the number.

### CLYDE MOODY

(King 765) I Waltz Alone 73--75--70 Clyde and the boys put life and feeling into a sentimental waltz tune for the home folks.

I Know What It Means

To Be Lonesome 77--77--76--78 Bright Western gets hearty warbling and snappy orking, with ample steel guitar. Infectious side should earn its keep in country locations. - CURLY FOX

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in My Heart Catchy, albeit routine Western is sincerely warbled, tho the number was evidently intended for a female.

Falling' Leaf 62--65--62--60 Western ballad tells the sad tale of an Indian maid, but not too effectively.

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AMBROSE HALEY & HIS OZARK RAMBLERS

(Mercury 6162)

Jelly Roll Blues Hill version of the traditional jazz number is unlikely to create much stir in the folk field.

Whing Ding Daddy 64--65--64--64 Similar material here, this one in the "Ding Dong Daddy From Dumas" vein. Ambrose kids the corn-fed lyrics in fine razz-mah-tazz fashion.

ART GIBSON & HIS MOUNTAIN MELODY BOYS (Mercury 6164)

My Memories of the Past Art puts fine flavor into a warm, but conventional country side.

I'm Not Looking No More for No Woman 72--74--70--72 Witty folk flavor abounds in this easy-riding, infectious ditty.

LATIN-AMERICAN PEREZ PRADO "EL REY DEL MAMBO" ORK (Discos Cafamo 500) La Clave 67--70--67--65 (rumba bebop) Recording catches a

handsome sound here, but you'll have to look hard for any bebop. The fast rumba tune is all dressing with no meat.

Azuquita Con Leche (mambo) More fine recording and playing, with good typical solo chanting. Big band keeps up a driving pulse for a better-thanaverage dance side.

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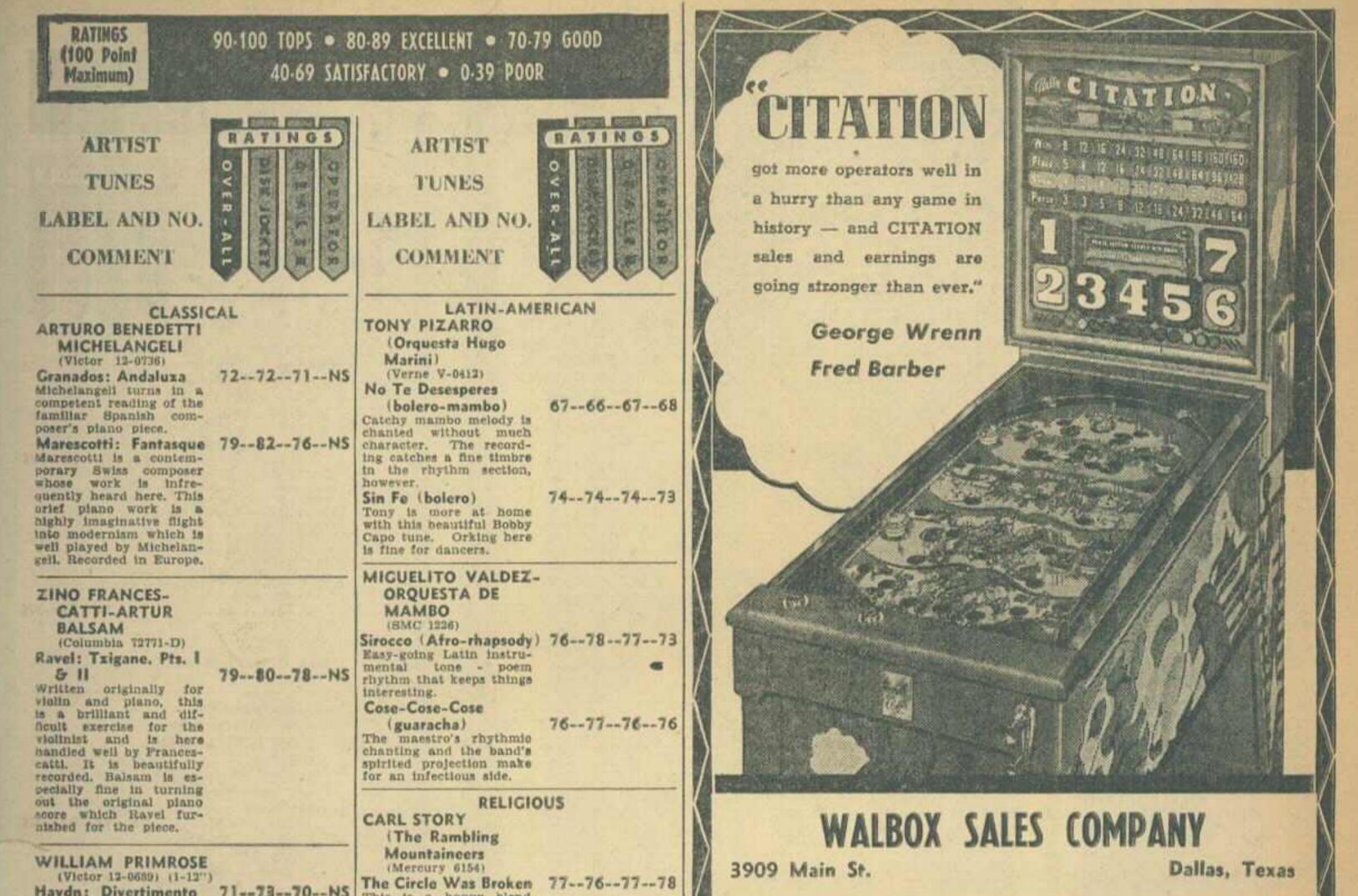
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### Legislative Round-Up:

## Legislatures Up for Air; South Carolina Gets Pin Bill

(Continued from page 106) made its report.

Both Georgia and Indiana now have fair trade laws governing the sale of cigarettes. The laws slap at belowcost sales, or "leaders," and are aimed at stopping tax-free cigarettes from coming into the States thru the mails.

Since the House Committee amendment of last week (The Billboard, March 5) increasing the proposed license fee on cigarette machines from \$5 to \$10, Iowa lawmakers have been silent on the proposal which would open the State to cigarette venders.

Kansas House Bills 342 and 343, both aimed at confiscation of bell machines, are still in committee. The first of these proposals would make the mere possession of a bell machine unlawful and the second would make payment of the \$100 federal revenue tax conclusive evidence that the person paying the tax possessed bell machines.

An enabling act which would give Michigan municipalities wide taxing authority over many types of business was introduced this week and referred to the Senate committee on taxation.

### Bell Info

Montana passed Monday (28) House Bill 395-an amended version of that bill-which defines the kind of clubs which are allowed to operate bell machines legally. The amendment provided for the inclusion of veterans' organizations, and defines a "veterans' organization" to mean "only such organizations, incorporated, as have a national parent body and whose membership is restricted to veterans of wars in which the United States have been involved, and which are not operated for pecuniary profit." The proposed 4-cent per pack State cigarette tax in New Mexico, like the proposal which would allow legal operation of bell machines in New Mexico, went untouched this week. New Mexico lawmakers have already

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> Tennessee's Legislature has recessed until March 21.

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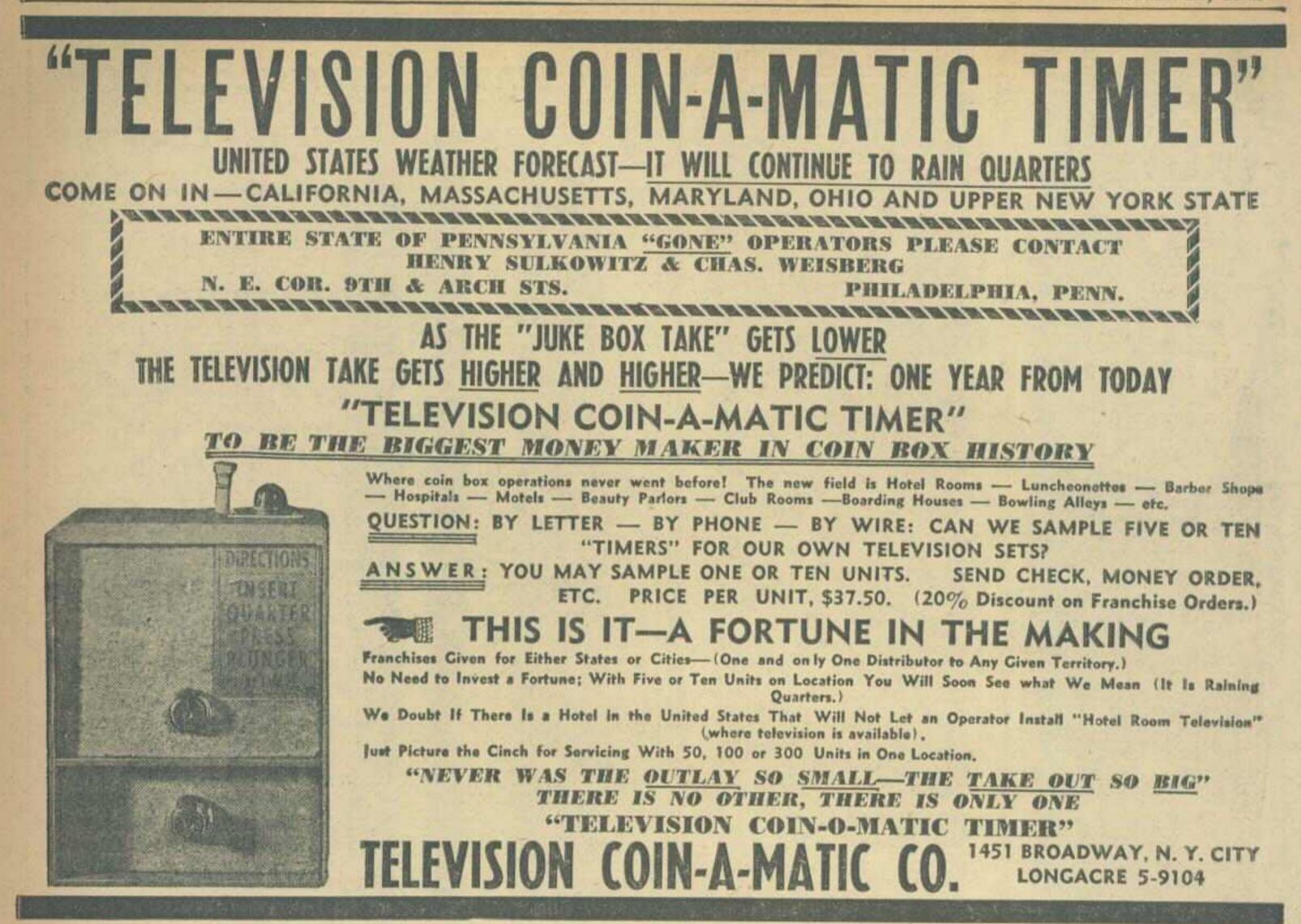
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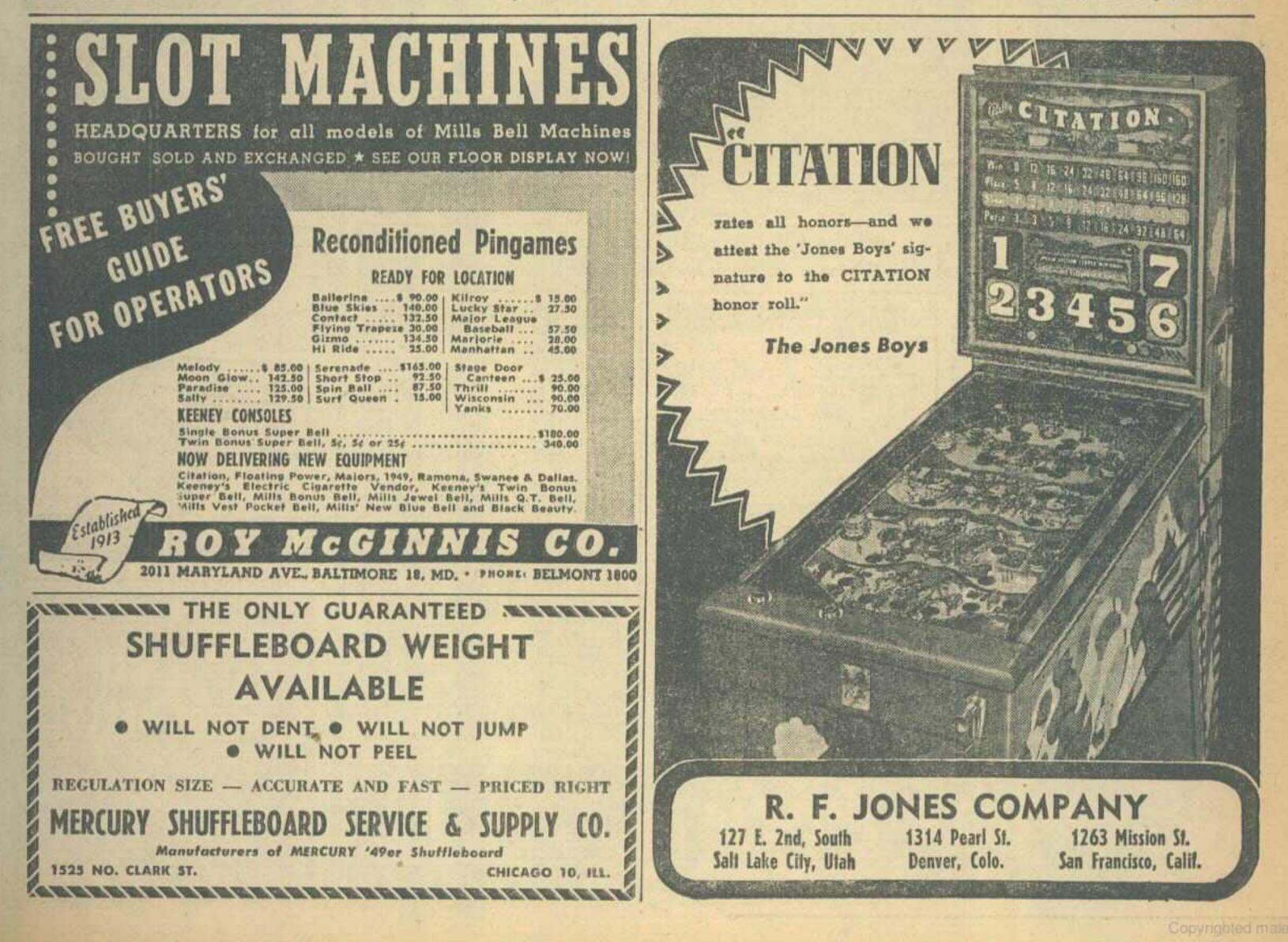
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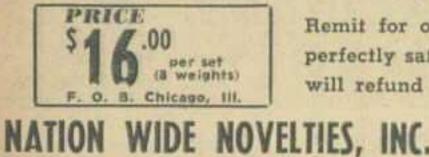
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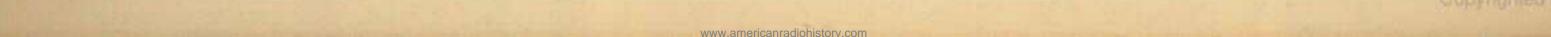
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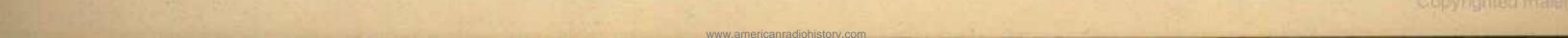


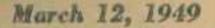
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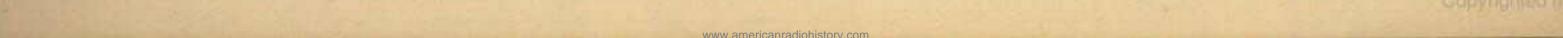
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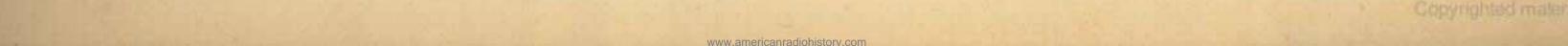
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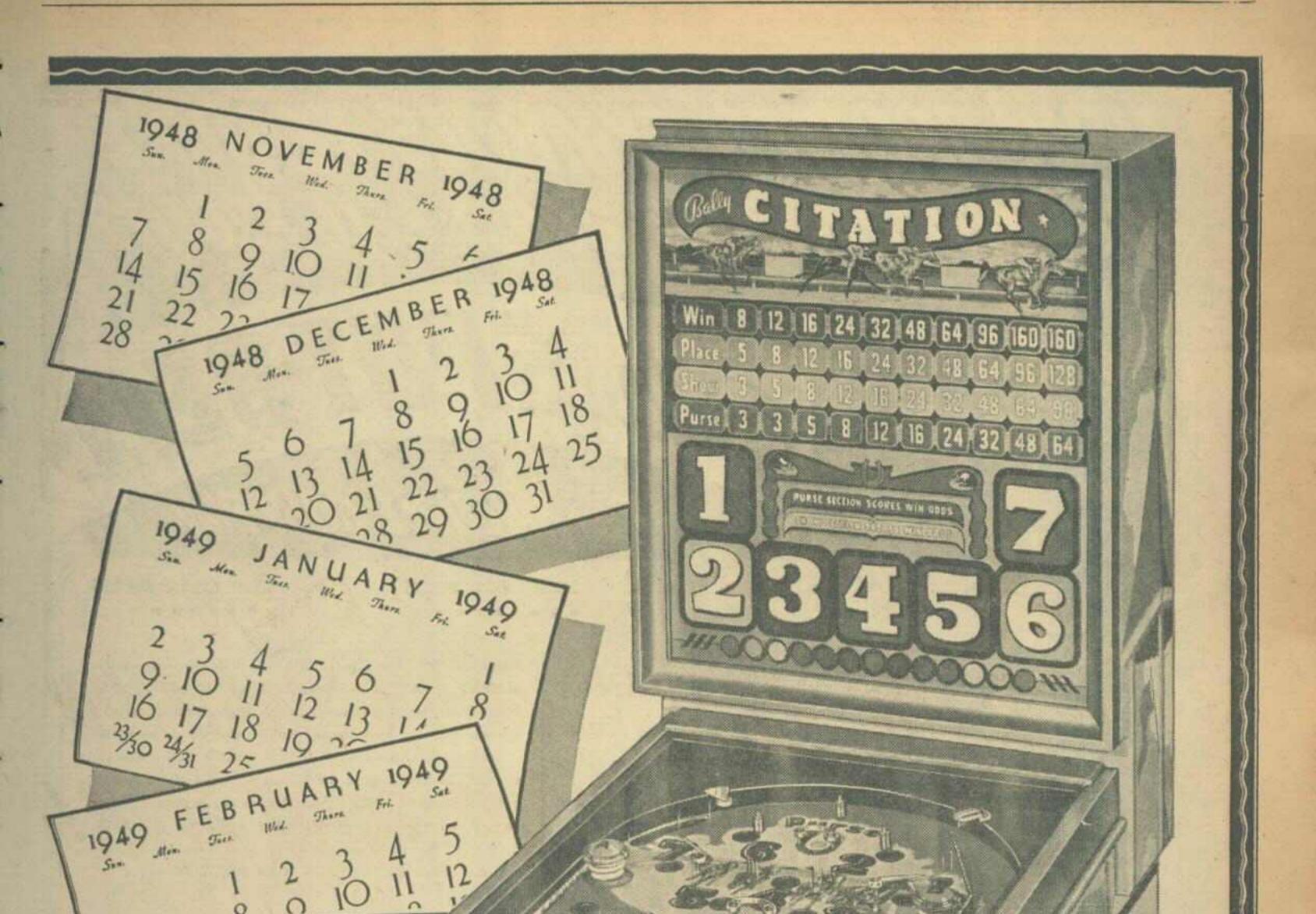
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