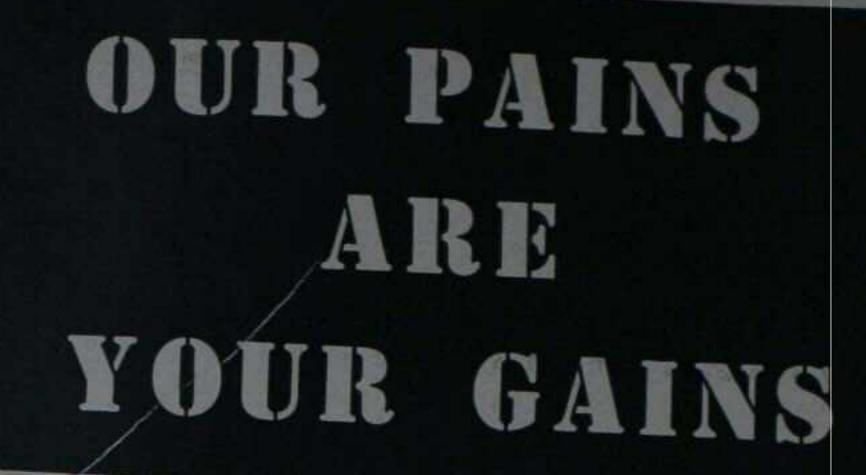
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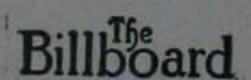
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WAX BOOM WAY GO TO SPRING

Drum - Beating for Capital's Sesqui Starts With Breaking Ground for Outdoor Theater

Interior Sec. Chapman To Keynote: "Showbiz Sans Bias"

the way for a scheduled mid-January ground-breaking ceremony (The Billboard, December 10) for the Capital's Sesquicentennial Exposition, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman will join with show world representatives in a formal dedication Saturday (17), with the start of work on a big amphitheater to operate next

RKO Fighting "Yellow Ribbon" In Piracy Suit

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Jerry Vogel Music Company, Inc., filed suit in United States District Court this week against RKO Radio Pictures charging infringement of its renewal rights to the tune, 'Round Her Neck She Wears a Yeller Ribbon (For Her Lover Who Is Fur Fur Away). The action also charges unlawful use of the title and asks for \$100,000 damages, an injunction and an accounting of profits derived from alleged unlawful use.

Her Neck was composed by the late Forty Years. George A. Norton prior to 1917. The defendants allegedly infringed on the singing and dancing demonstrations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Paving year in conjunction with the exposi-

The National Sesquicentennial Commission has arranged an elaborate ceremony for the amphitheater ground-breaking in the hope of drawing nationwide attention. Stage and screen stars have been invited to share the limelight with Secretary Chapman, who will deliver the principal address of the ceremony which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the amphitheater site in Rock Creek Park.

be keynoted by Chapman in his address. The cabinet member will emphasize the importance of maintaining "a free theater for free Americans," and he will cite the exposition (See DEC. 17 START on page 50)

Cantor To Troupe Colleges in Spring

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Eddie Cantor will return to his old hoof-andwarble routine next March and April, when he will undertake a tour of 22 colleges. Cantor is planning a lec-According to the complaint, 'Round ture series titled Show Business-

He will illustrate his thesis with dren's and musical programs. (See RKO Fighting on page 14) for the edification of the younger set. (See NEW YORK AIRS on page 8)

Cooking for Vets

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Radio and film stars have joined to wax spot announcements, plugging sale for \$1 of a cook book, What Cooks in Hollywood, on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans' Service Foundation. All profits from sale of the book, containing fave dishes of 106 stars, will go to the vets' org. Among those on the 50-second waxings are Dorothy Lamour, Gene Autry, Dan Duryea, Rod Cameron, John Lund, Dana Andrews, Milton Berle, Bob Hope and Zachary Scott. Promotion on the campaign is handled by Jack Egan.

N. Y. Now Airs The theme of the Freedom Fair will 29TV Dramas: 6-Mo. Gain:18

Comedies Also Up; Kids Off all about,

this type of programing. This was revealed this week by Ross Reports in a special survey of programs by category in New York City. Along with the boost for dramas, the survey noted a concurrent drop in chil-

Straight dramatic shows have in-

Diskers Sure Xmas Rush To **Outlast Winter**

Maybe Best Postwar Biz

By Hal Webman

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The record industry is likely to enjoy its biggest boom since the war during the winter and spring of 1950, according to the current trend of thought among bigwigs in the wax business. The general feeling is that the current giant pre-Christmas business will be carried into the first part of the coming year primarily because the so-called "battle of the speeds," accused of causing industrial chaos, has bred a general public understanding of the mechanical developments in the industry: Consequently, it is felt that the public is ready to open its pocketbook for each or any of the three available types of records and phonographs now that they know what it's

The anticipated RCA Victor adoption of the 331/2 long-playing system, NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The cur- it is believed, will further aid the rent video season finds dramatic fare elimination of speed confusion. And running far ahead of last spring both | the fact that the Victor phono line in number of shows on the air here will include the long play turntable, and in amount of time devoted to as well as its own 45-r.p.m. system. (See Wax Boom May Go on page 14)

Labor To Sink Plenty Moo in Radio for 1950

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - The coming year will see organized abor's most extensive use of radio in history, radio execs here declared this week. Not only are labor unions operating their own stations, but additional time is being bought by labor on other facilities. One of the biggest potential swag-bags for the broadcasters is the \$16,000,000 which the American Federation of Labor (AFL) thru Labor's League for Political Education (LLPE), is seeking to raise for use in the 1950 elections. A large chunk of whatever finally gets into the war chest, thru \$2 contributions from the AFL's 8,000,000 members, will be used to buy time on local stations on behalf of AFL-indorsed candidates.

AFL already has contracted with the Mutual Broadcasting System (See Labor to Splurge on page 8)

Tab Shows Oust Stem Grind Pix

Brandt's Chain Will Use Short Legit Revivals

Thesps Must Go AGVA

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Tab versions of various dramatic and comedy hits of past years will start rolling at various Brandt Theaters in the next few weeks. The first capsule will go on at the Selwyn, now a 42d Street grind double-feature flicker house. The tee-off will bring on The Respectful Prostitute, set to preem on or dustry. about December 23.

Theater ops have other houses on the list to open with these boileddown oprys. It plans to use the Gotham, the Star, the Beacon and Its string of houses on the Subway Circuit. Among the plays it has tentatively scheduled are Sailor Beware; Up in Mabel's Room, Getting Gertie's (See Tab Shows Oust on page 41)

Showbiz Stocks Double 1939's

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - The average market value of amusement stocks in September was double that registered in 1939, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reported this week. The rise of approximately 98 per cent over the last decade placed amusement corporations third in the nation's industry groups with respect to increase in stock value.

During the month the amusement stock index varied between a low of 190 and a high of 205, averaging 198. The September average for all stocks shows, which zoomed anew as a mawas 123. Only airline stocks, with an jor factor in the sales structure of the average index of 200, and paper industry stocks, with a September index of 227, topped the amusement in- cific and Kiss Me, Kate packages,

Album Fever On Musicals

They Go for Pre-Bow Options

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The stiff diskery competition for the original cast album recordings of Broadway disk industry as the result of the tremendous success of the South Pa-(See Diskers Go To Options, page 16)

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Treas. To Wait For March 15 Tax Returns

"Duffy's Tavern" Did It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - Final pronouncement by the Internal Revenue Bureau as to whether Duffy's Tavern has managed to get around the tax laws by broadcasting from Puerto Rico will not be made until after examination of tax returns due next March 15, tax officials told The Billboard this week.

Bureau legalists have examined carefully the recent Puerto Rican law granting tax exemptions to new businesses in the island as well as the U. S. law recognizing tax legislation passed by U. S. possessions and have come to the tentative conclusion that a loophole exists. However, until the income tax blanks of the show's personnel are examined, the bureau will be unable to pass judgment, it was stated.

Duffy's Tavern is only one of more than 100 U.S. businesses which have jumped to Puerto Rico with the expectation of tax savings, bureau spokesmen say. Each case "probably will" be passed upon independently by the tax agency, they add.

Apparent Loophole

The law was put into effect by Puerto Rico with the idea of encouraging the formation of new busiorder to increase the island's general a manufacturer's tax to replace all the idea. That is approximately Income. However, it was apparently existing excises except those on equal to the annual excise take at so worded that U. S. firms can move liquor and tobacco. Bills providing present. any sort of taxes.

A subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee has been in Puerto Rico to study the advisibility of extending Social Security to the possession. Following the first official disclosure of the apparent tax loophole by Rep. Noah Mason (R., III.) just before Congress's adjournment, the subcommittee hastily revised its agenda to include an investigation of the situation.

If it is eventually concluded that the loophole actually exists, the odds are that a bill will be enacted next session authorizing the Revenue Bureau to slap the usual U. S. tax on businesses which have moved to

Puerto Rico.

Windsor Blue Law Repeal May Cut Detroit Sunday Biz

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 10,-Repeal or amendment of the ban on Sunday professional entertainment in Windsor was voted Wednesday (7) in the first blue law election in this area in several years. The vote was 13,939 to 10,981. The action was on a petition rectly on the manufacturer but to ask the provincial government for local option on the Lord's Day Act which governs such entertainment.

One consequence of the long standing Canadian ban on Sabbath shows has been that Windsor residents have been crossing the border to attend changes in the excise tax structure, Detroit shows.

INCOME TAX INFO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Showfolk confused over income tax complexities can get information on tough points from the Internal Revenue Bureau's best-seller, Your Federal Income Tax. The 1949 edition of the 138-page book went on sale this week at the Superintendent of Prexy Art Rupe in the disk line as Documents, Government Printing Of- well as to handle Specialty's subsid fice, Washington 25. The price is 25

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- No. I Most Played Juke Box Country and Western Record SLIPPING AROUND, J. Wakely-M. Whiting, Cap 57-40224
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- No. 1 Most Played Juke Box Blues and Rhythm Record
- SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY, L. Jordan, Dec 24725
- No. 1 Best Selling Retail Blues and Rhythm Record SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY, L. Jordan, Dec 24725
- No. 1 Sheet Music Seller in England
- YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART

Loading albums, classical disks, English and Canadian sheet sellers and full score on all music-disk popularity in Music Popularity Charts, pages 20 to 38.

Move Afoot To Substitute 2% Bite on All Products, Kill Showbiz Excise Taxes

NAM Board Backs Bills Pending in Congress

nesses by providing tax amnesty in is growing in the nation's capital for according to congressmen favoring to the island and continue to do the for such a tax are pending before major part of their business with the House Ways and Means Com- ply to radios, phonos, TV sets and the United States without paying mittee, which is expected to take a disks, but the 2 per cent rate talked look-see at them when it goes into about is substantially less than those the excise situation early next session.

Such a switch in tax procedure would make little difference in the federal government's net income but entertainment industry. Backed this week by the board of the National Bargain Rate; \$1 Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the scheme calls for the abolishing of excises on admissions, cabarets, ballrooms, disks, radios, phonos, perfumes, furs, light bulbs, and the rest of the long line of excise levies.

on the end products at the manufacturing level. The NAM board ment. The new low level, availfailed to recommend the amount of the new tax, but congressional bills, in general, place it at 2 per cent. Every manufactured product, from a bobby pin to the kitchen sink, would be subject to the tax. The fee would not be obvious to the general public. since it would doubtless wind up as one of the hidden taxes levied dipassed along to the public. Food and food products would be exempt under present proposals.

The manufacturer excise proposal meets the chief objection made by the Treasury Department to any by providing a substitute for the loss of revenue to be incurred if excises are reduced or eliminated. A 2 per cent levy on manufacturers would

SABIA JOINS SPECIALTY

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - Ben Sabia, formerly with Hill & Range, joined Specialty Records to assist pubberies, Greenwich Music and Venice Music.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Support | bring in about \$4,000,000,000 a year,

A manufacturers excise would apnow in effect.

WDET Card at **Buys Spot Time**

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Radio time has hit the bargain basement level with the issuance of a new rate card by WDET, operated by the United Substituted would be a tax levied Automobile Workers (CIO), with prices starting at \$1 per announceable on quantity time purchases only, is made possible by the inclusion of station break spots for the first time. The previous rate structure had the one-minute commercial as the minimum, starting at \$3.50 for the lowest bracket, but the new classification gives the station a strong selling argument directed to the economyminded time buyer. Other rates remain unchanged in the new card.

The sales talk of this station, which operates on FM only, is being aggressively directed to promote the union ownership angle, based upon the statistic of 350,000 members of the union's million membership located within the Detroit area, representing, according to station manager Ben Hoberman, 50 per cent of the homes in the Detroit area.

WDET is reminding its prospects that sponsors on the station get the advantage of station promotion thru union publications and other sources friendly to labor, plus the natural reaction of union members to patronize sponsors on their own station. In addition, a list of the 19 sponsors regularly on the station is being circularized in releases by the promotion staff.

Delay on Puerto Tax Dodge Cases Senate To Study Effect of Plugs On Food Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- An investigation to discover how much of the tab for ractio and TV advertising by food processors is being passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices is being undertaken by a senate subcommittee, Sen. Guy Gillette (D., Ia.), chairman of the group, disclosed this week. The probe encompasses all types of ads by processors but is centering on radio and TV.

The subcommittee, a division of the Senate Agriculture Committee, is making the study as part of its general investigation into the causes of the large price spread between the farmer and the consumer in food

products. Senator Gillette said the subcommittee is also highly interested in finding out whether heavy ad expenditures by food processors result in uncovering additional markets for farm goods or whether they "merely channel demand to a particular firm."

The subcommittee may make available to the public its over-all ad findings, Gillette said, but will not disclose ad expenditures of individual companies, The group has asked several large processors to submit their advertising expenditures but has made no attempt to canvass the whole industry.

Figures compiled by government statisticians place the total spent on network ads by food processors at approximately \$55,000,000 last year. Since that amount is based on gross billings before discounts, actual expenditures were smaller. For national magazine plugs, food processors spent around \$71,000,000 in 1948.

Sensation Tries Classics

DETROIT, Dec. 10. - Sensation Records, local independent label which has hitherto specialized in the race field, made its venture into the classical adaptation territory with the release this week of Anitra's Jump by Todd Rhodes and His Toddlers The number is a version of Grieg's Anitra's Dance.

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rammell Plans Caucus To Keep

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- National roadcasting Company (NBC) hairman of the Board Niles Tramell and Phil Harris, are exected to huddle early next week, work out a deal which will keep larris glued to NBC and end curent attempts to entice the Harrislaye airer to the Columbia Broadasting System (CBS) Sunday night ine-up. Altho Trammell would make to comment on the purpose of his urrent Western trek (tied up with enewal of the KFI affiliation pact), lose sources indicated that Harris num guarantee deal regardless of whether the show is aired commerially or sustaining. In essence, the act would be similar to deals worked ut earlier this year for Jim and Marion Jordan (Fibber and Molly) nd Eddie Cantor, among others.

According to Harris, no personal negotiations had been started either by NBC or CBS at press time. Harris made it clear, however, that he wasn't tching to leave NBC, nor was his sponsor, Rexall Drug Company, pitching a shift at this time. Harris's two-year pact with Rexall expires next June and no renewal talks have yet begun.

Harris spiked all reports that he was definitely moving, declaring: "I am very happy right now and very partial to my 7:30 time slot. Naturally I would like it better if I didn't have to compete with Amos and Andy, but we're doing well despite competition, so I'm happy about it all. Nobody has approached me from (See Trammell Plans on page 8)

Trammell, KFI Owner To Talk Renewal Pacts

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - Niles Trammell, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) board chairman, arrived on the Coast this week to per- tion AM-TV deal contemplated. sonally handle the negotiations for renewal of KFI's affiliation pact. Trammell is skedded to meet with Earle C. Anthony, KFI owner, shortly in Palm Springs to discuss terms and length of the affiliation pact.

Sources close to Anthony predicted that the pact would be renewed with a minimum of hassling, discounting reports that KFI would deliberately drive a hard bargain since the KMPC-NBC purchase deal fizzled out leaving NBC out on a limb. KFI's only important demand will be a firm twoyear deal, since Anthony feels that anything less would be insecure.

Rumors that Trammell would make another offer to buy out KFI were likewise discounted, Understood NBC approached KFI indirectly after the KMPC blow-up but was told again that the Anthony stations (KFI and KFI-TV) were not for sale. Insiders point out that if Anthony refused to sell out to NBC when latter was pitching for KMPC, station op will cer- tige of WSAI," the report says. tainly not sell now that the picture is changed and he is virtually assured of continued NBC affiliation.

Contracts may be inked this weekend, after which KFI will resume its promotional campaign on behalf of NBC shows. Station was running a \$1,200 weekly newspaper drive which was summarily canceled when NBC unnounced KMPC negotiations.

Brief and Important

Last-Minute Digest of AM-TV News

Tarris on NBC P&G May Double "Beulah" on NBC's TV

Procter & Gamble, which sponsors "Beulah" across the board on Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), is interested in doing a video version of the show as well. The likelihood is that it will be done as a once-a-week half-hour stanza in tele, produced on film in Hollywood. Hattie McDaniel plays the lead and the program is handled by Dancer, Fitzgerald & Sample.

Babbitt Cleanser To Drop "Harum," Go Full Net

Now on the Columbia Broadcasting System 3-3:15 p.m. daily with a split network with "David Harum," Babbitt cleanser will drop its present program sometime in January and go on full CBS network sometime in January. The Babbitt replacement program isn't known. This makes the second CBS sponsor in two weeks to go for the full CBS web facilities, "Gangbusters" (General Foods) being the first. Duane Jones is the agency.

vould be offered a long-term mini- FCC Calls for Decision on WINS and WHOM

Il Progresso, the Italian language paper, last week was ordered by the FCC to make up its mind whether it wants to buy WINS, New York, from Crosley Broadcasting Corporation or to move WHOM to New York from Jersey City. FCC pointed out that both pending bids could be considered, since they both seek facilities in the same city. WHOM is licensed to Atlantic Broadcasting Company, which the FCC said is a wholly owned subsidiary of the paper.

General Mills To Drop "Modern Romances".

General Mills, which has been bankrolling the second quarterhour of "Modern Romances" on American Broadcasting Company (ABC), will bow out of that show around the first of the year. The show, which airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m., across the board, was picked up by the sponsor only a few weeks ago. The major competition is Arthur Godfrey on Columbia Broadcasting System.

WM Agency Plots Chico Marx for TV

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- Entry of Chico Mark into the tele field is currently being plotted by the William Morris Agency Coast exec George Gruskin, who this week acquired the radio-tele rights to a family series written by George Panetta, noted novelist and author of Ride the White Donkey. Series will be a situation comedy epic dealing with exploits of an Italian-American family, with Marx in the title role. Show is being cast for early audition here with a combina-

WSAI Off the Block; Plans Improvements

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10 .- WSAI, on the block for some time, removed its "For Sale" sign this week because no satisfactory offer had been received, according to the station's general manager, Robert Sampson.

With the station removed from the market, Field Enterprises, Inc., headed by Marshall Field, plans a program of improvements for WSAI, Sampson said. No action will be taken Corporation, operators of the station, Sampson stated.

would "improve the stature and pres-

Ace in 4G Biow, Morris Cig Suit On "Ruthie" Pay

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- A suit for \$4,000 by Goodman Ace against his former sponsor, Philip Morris Company, Ltd., and the Biow Company, advertising agency, was disclosed this week when Philip Morris moved for an examination of Ace before trial.

Ace, in his action in New York Supreme Court, claims that the sponsor owes him \$4,000 for the hiring of additional talent for his five-minute TV show, Ruthie on the Telephone, which signed off November 5,

Philip Morris seeks the examination before trial, it was reported, in order to show that neither the Biow Company nor Philip Morris had requested the change of format of Ruthie, which necessitated the hiring of additional performers,

The contract of last August providing for the sponsorship of the program stated, according to Philip Morris, that the script was to be written by and the program be produced under the direction of Goodman Ace at a fixed sum each week. Under the agreement, the motion further claims, it was understood that there would be no increase in the price for additional persons in the cast and that pated, may travel with him. after a 13-week period Philip Morris

could cancel. for Philip Morris, claims in an afon the plans until a meeting next fidavit that the show did not prove month of the Buckeye Broadcasting satisfactory, and they canceled after 13 weeks. Gorman's affidavit also ningham & Walsh, Inc. It is also states that he has been advised by The plans under consideration the Biow Company that no one representing them had requested the additional performers.

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Plans Home Demos and Sales Pitches

Answer to Video

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - WMCA, New York independent, is working on plans which, should they materialize, would literally establish the station as a sort of "radio department store." WMCA is cuing its plans to the home demonstration technique which have been used with considerable success in selling television receivers via radio.

WMCA's thinking on the subject, as outlined this week by Norman Boggs, its general manager, is that there is a multitude of items which can be sold via the demonstration gimmick. Boggs declared that this technique permits a retailer to get into a potential customer's home, thus permitting a maximum sales pitch under optimum circumstances, preferable even to creating store traffic.

It is also pointed out that to some measure at least, home demonstration is radio's answer to TV's sight factor. One of video's big edges over other media is that it permits merchandise demonstration. Now radio, Boggs feels, has a like selling device. The home demonstration routine is credited to Earl Muntz, currently rated about seventh in TV receiver sales.

Plug Appliances

Boggs declared that at the outset WMCA will concentrate on home ap-One account, Dynamic pliances. Stores, is already planning to pitch home air conditioning equipment. The account is now using WMCA time for International Harvesters, whose dealers are using this method on other New York stations. WMCA also is investigating the advisability of installing its own battery of telephones, (See Dept. Store Gim on page 8)

Maloney May Take Along Newell Accts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The question of what accounts might leave the Newell-Emmett (N-E) Agency at the end of this year, as a result of the agency's reorganization this week, was a top trade discussion item this week. Tom Maloney, who merged his own agency with N-E seven years ago, is reported planning to reorganize his own company on the basis of several accounts which, it is antici-

These accounts are said to include Autolite, Graphlex Camera and Spilex P. H. German, advertising manager Wallpapers. N-E's top account, Liggett & Myers, will undoubtedly remain with the outgrowth of the N-E reorganization, to be known as Cunknown that Decca Records, now handled by N-E, will not shift agencies.

Ax for 28

Reports Friday (9) were that N-E had dismissed around 28 employees, including staffers in the production, media, art, research and accounting departments.

N-E is currently represented in radie and TV principally by its numerous Chesterfield Cigarette shows, including Bing Crosby, Perry Como and Arthur Godfrey.

NBC Offers Helbros 26-Week On-Ag'in, Off-Ag'in Twist

competition for the advertiser's dollar, ably would take over the show for which has been the root cause of an three months in the spring, drop out increasing number of strange radio during the summer, and return for deals, this week had a highly unusual the three-month pre-Christmas peproposition in the works, submitted riods. Helbros has been offered a by National Broadcasting Company (NBC) to Helbros Watch Company. The bankroller, which recently dropped Quick as a Flash on Mutual around at other properties. One of Broadcasting System (MBS), has these is the Philip Marlowe detective been dickering for the Richard Diamond whodunit show for the 5 p.m. Sunday slot on NBC. The NBC pitch calls, in part, for Helbros to sponsor only alternate 13-week periods of the Dick Powell show, with the web sus-Dick Powell show, with the web sustaining the stanza in the in-between cycles.

NBC has assured Helbros that it will spend a minimum of \$100,000 to promote the time period, in a battle to wean away listeners from the MBS Sunday line-up. Opposing Richard Diamond would be MBS's potent to settle the dispute over jurisdiction show, The Shadow. It is believed that the talent rap would be around ference to be called in January by the \$3,000 weekly.

ning to budget only some \$250,000 lution, called for the meeting Wednesfor a new web radio show next year. day (7). The dispute involves the This amount would support the Dia- Radio Writers' Guild (RWG), the mond show only for a maximum of Television Writers' Guild (TWG) and

Nebraska Bans Air Giveaway As a Lottery

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—A radio feature called Tun-O has fallen victim of the anti-gambling drive in Nebraska, with Attorney General James H. settle the writers' problems. How-Anderson ruling it a lottery.

tributed free by groceries. The leaf- the SWG, a league affiliate, also wants lets list the titles of 250 songs, all TV scripting jurisdiction. The ornumbered. The player then tuned ganization of the Hollywood video his radio to the Tun-O program, tried to identify the melodies played. SWG office, Winners called in and received prizes.

Anderson held that a "consideration" was involved because the league without an okay from the for their leaflets, even tho they need not make purchases. He also ruled

TONY MARTIN



"My favorite is Schenley", says this famous singing star. "It makes any drink taste richer." For mellow taste and rare quality millions specify Schenley, as Tony Martin does. Rare blended whisky. 86 proof. 65% grain neutral spirits. Schenley Distributors, Inc., N.Y.C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Tightening as skedded the watch company probfive-year deal. The web would be free to sell the unsponsored cycles.

Helbros, meanwhile, is looking stanza, airing Saturday nights on Columbia Broadcasting System.

Calls January Huddle on TV

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—An attempt of TV writers will be made at a con-Authors' League. The league coun-Helbros is understood to be plan- cil, in an effort to come up with a so-26 weeks. If the blueprint works out the Screen Writers' Guild (SWG).

> The league council meeting also instructed the Television Writers' Guild only to call itself the television writers' group until some sort of solution is reached on the problem.

Prolonged Hassle

The TWG's bid for admittance into the league was spiked last July by the RWG's opposing vote. It was hoped that the creation of the National Television Committee (NTC) by the league to co-ordinate contract demands and handle negotiations would ever, the hassle has continued. Com-It was played thru pamphlets dis- plicating the situation is the fact that writers is being handled out of the

The picture is now that the TWG cannot become a member guild of the players were compelled to visit stores RWG, but just the same it can continue organizing scripters in the visual Peabody, while the advertising agency medium. The TWG has already rethat the element of chance existed. fused the offer of an equal partnership made by the RWG. Backing the chell. TWG in its fight for TV jurisdiction is the powerful Dramatists' Guild, which feels that many theater scripters will eventually write for video.

Colo. Broadcasters To Form State Assn.; Sesac Offers Huddle

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 10 .-Colorado broadcasters, meeting here of Broadcasters (NAB) this week, moved to organize a Colorado State radio association. A five-man committee, Rex Howell, KFXL, Grand Junction, chairman; Jim Russell, KVOR, Colorado Springs; Al Meyer, KMYR, Denver, and Robert Ellis, KGHF, Pueblo, was named to draw plans for the new group. A Statewide meeting will probably be called shortly after the first of the year. The District 14 meeting was high-

lighted by public announcement by Sesac, Inc., that it would meet with broadcasters to discuss per-program licensing agreements. Broadcasters have sought such an agreement, rather than straight blanket deals, for some time.

corded wholehearted support for the themselves as well to recording, un-Broadcast Advertising Bureau like comedy and dramatic shows. He (BAB). They voiced this approval attributes this to psychological reain a resolution urging that the BAB sons; it seems actors each work (Sec Colo. Broadcasters on page 8)

Brief and Important Last-Minute Digest of AM-TV News

Miles Buys "Family" for AM, Gets TV Option

In buying the veteran "One Man's Family" for AM on National Broadcasting Company (NBC) last week Miles Laboratories also acquired first refusal on video rights to the show. The program, an NBC package, has been airing separate AM and TV versions sustaining since the radio version was dropped by Standard Brands earlier this year, after 16 years of sponsorship. Miles starts sponsorship February 5. Carlton Morse will continue as writer. Miles agency is Wade. The sale brought particular pleasure to NBC, marking a successful pitch on another house package, other recent sales including "Dragnet," "Screen Directors' Playhouse" and "Halls of Ivy."

Kellogg's Drops "Mother Knows" for New Show

Kellogg's has dropped "Mother Knows Best" on CBS to assume sponsorship of "Mark Trail," a 15-minute across-the-board series. Kenyon & Eckhardt will agent the program. The network has not been set yet.

"Home Journal" Story on Films for ABC-TV

The Curtis Publishing Company will sponsor a special TV series of five-minute films, based on a story in the January, 1950, issue of The Ladies Home Journal during the week of January 2 over three American Broadcasting Company affiliate stations, WJZ-TV, New York; WENR-TV, Chicago, and WMAL-TV, Washington, The deal was set by Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc. It is The Journal's first TV venture.

"Air Forum" To Use Readers' Digest Material

Theodore Granik, owner of "American Forum of the Air," has set a deal with Reader's Digest to use some of the mag's articles and authors on his NBC radio-television forum once a month, beginning January 29. The initial simulcast will feature a debate between Harold Stassen and Sen. Claude Pepper about Stassen's article "Do We Want Health Insurance in the U. S.?" The mag will pay off via plugs for the Stassen-Pepper debate on the 'Forum' simulcast.

Irving's "Wonderful Guy" Set on ABC-TV

The Charles Irving comedy package, "That Wonderful Guy," has been set for an early TV debut on American Broadcasting Company (ABC). The show, featuring Neil Hamilton and Jack Lemmon, was projected for web execs via a kine audition which impressed the brass enough to finalize the deal. The show originally was pitched at ABC as a radio stanza, but was converted to TV at the web's suggestion. Starting date and hour will be set shortly,

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Young & Rubicam this week decided to split the recently canceled Dunninger-Paul Winchell program into two video properties in hopes of selling them to two of its clients. A program starring Dunninger is being pitched at Cluettis attempting to interest Borden in sponsorship of another featuring Win-

put two house accounts into TV, and profits from its radio subsids. each program naturally will cost much less so that it becomes easier to expansions is still undertermined, alpeddle. Insiders also feel that the the MGM has made two unsuccessful Dunninger-Winchell combo was pitches within the past 90 days. One bound to split, since it was the only was for a tie-up with the Los Angeles video show featuring stars of equal Times stature. This sometimes led to dif- would have replaced the Times-CBS diculties when they would disagree deal. 3 as to the amount of time each was to of KLAC and KLAC-TV, Hollywood have on the show.

Dunn'ger, Winchell | MGM Air Shot Properties Split Up Success Cuing

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- Success of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) transcribed radio shows, and continued ownership of local FM station KNIGM should cue off the pixery's expansion in radio and possibly television. Openly elated at having peddled the radio plattered shows to over 100 stations, MGM execs are The plan has two virtues. It would mulling additional ways of making

The extent and direction of radio telestation, KTTV, which he other was for purchase (See MGM Air Shot on page 8)

during the course of a District 14 meeting of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) this week, Says Tape Not for Drama

hows siring via tape recording took human place this week when Mr. District Attorney dropped out of the tape classification and made plans to go back live. The show will resume airing non-recorded January 4, winding up 13 weeks or tape.

The return to in-person broadcasts developed thru the insistence of Ed Byron, Mr. D. A.'s producer. Byron's principal reason was his discovery Attending broadcasters also re- that dramatic programs do not lend themselves into the required ferver

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- What is be- when aware that the performance Heved to be the first defection of they are giving is not directly for ears but only for "a hunk of

> It's also reported that Byron's Tetape, as well as that of his gard for essened somewhat last week troupe, e taping of the show broke proadcast, with a brief but during less uncomfortable interneverth in the show. Byron's attiy is that he will use tape vacation-time programs in mer, the question of recordshow being left entirely to ing the ucer by his aponsor, Bristolthe prox Myers.

gency is Young & Rubicaus. The o

CUBAN THREAT STRONGER

Non-Sked Airlines Fly High B&B Pushes Radio NARBA Flop In New Radio Loop-the-Loop

sults for used-car dealers a few years

R. Q. Lewis Set As Godfrey's Summer Filler

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Altho the summer of 1950 is more than seven months away, Robert Q. Lewis already has been signed as the Arthur Godfrey radio and TV summer replacement on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). This will include the morning radio program sponsored by Gold Seal, Wildroot, sponsored by Lipton's Tea and the to 13 weeks in 1950.

a new Robert Q. Lewis daytime radio geles, San Francisco and Boston, show at prospective sponsors. While Holzer's and Tabor's new booking the format of the show has not been services should prove a definite boom definitely set, it is certain that Robert to the unscheduled airlines since it Q. Lewis will not go on as a sustainer, enables them to bring off a blitz ad The net also expects to have the campaign on a collective basis that bespectacled comedian on video in a none of them could have managed half-hour revue by the first of the individually. Individually the smallyear. He also auditioned last week er airlines have very small ad budgets, The Show Must Go On.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The satura- | ago, is now being applied to the untion selling technique in radio adver- chartered airline business by ex-sectising, which garnered fabulous re- ondhand auto operator Tony Holzer, "The Smiling Irishman." The saturation technique is best defined as high-pressure selling via as many separate spots or programs a day as possible. Holzer, who at one time, along with Earl (Madman) Muntz and Like Kin, spent \$300,000 annually for radio time in New York City alone, has set himself up here as a booking agent for a group of non-scheduled airlines and is now buying \$1,700 worth of time on WMGM here every week to push his new business moniker, "The Flying Irishman." He's also negotiating to set similar saturation campaigns in motion on other New York stations.

Meanwhile Ed Tabor, former West Coast radio announcer, launched a National Biscuit, Chesterfield and similar time blitz on WNEW last Pillsbury, the nighttime simulcast month to plug another unchartered airline service, Sky Coach. Tabor is hour-long Chesterfield TV show. The spending \$5,000 weekly on WNEW early pacting of the comedian came right now and hopes to shell out as the result of the fine job he did \$100,000 annually in radio during the last year during the Godfrey 10- coming year. He's following the same week hiatus which may be lengthened time saturation policy on radio sta-CBS execs are also busy pitching cago, Miami, Philadelphia, Los An-

much more air time.

Thru Pic Theaters

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10.-Benton & Bowles (B & B) will use film theaters to sell radio in a novel film spot campaign on Procter & Gamble's U. S. Stations theaters to sell radio in a novel film (P & G) Perry Mason daytime strip over Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). Gimmick is a one-minute capsule mystery film, made by Pyramid Productions for distribution to all CBS affiliates.

Stations in turn will make reciprocal deals with local theater ops, giving free air plugs in return for theater showings. Same film will also be used on television, altho video deal will probably be on a straight spot time purchase basis.

A similar drive was made successfully last year by B & B in promoting the Welcome Travelers air show.

Heller Maps Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- One of the first missions of George Heller, the newly appointed head of Television Authority (TA), will be to make peace with the Screen Actors' Guild (SAG). It is believed he is now mapping out a campaign to accomnot be revealed for several weeks.

Imperils Top

Montreal Meet Collapses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- While the U.S. and Cuba prepare to go into a huddle over Cuba's demand for use of extra AM channels, the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA) is headed for cold storage for at least the next five months, State Department officials told The Billboard yesterday (9) following a recess until April 1 of the NARBA meeting at Montreal.

After the U. S. flatly refused to agree to let Cuba operate on a dozen U. S. frequencies, Federal Communications Commissioner Rosel Hyde, head of the U. S. delegation, moved With SAG on Tele to recess the hearing. The motion was carried unanimously. Next session will be at a place in the United States to be determined later.

Bilateral Talks

Cuba and the United States agreed to send delegates to Havana for bilateral talks beginning February L. plish that end, details of which will Unless settlement of the dispute in reached at that time, it appears likely Heller and TA will also start co- that the April resumption of the ordinating material for forthcoming general NARBA meeting will be negotiations with the networks and called off. Conclusion of the Monstations in order to get a pact cover- treal meeting leaves the North Amering performers in TV. The first move ican Continent without a broadcast will be to call a meeting of the Asso- treaty in operation. The U. S., Canciated Actors' and Artistes (Four A's) ada, Haiti and the Bahamas agreed members working in video in New to abide by the provision of the ex-York, Chicago and Los Angeles to pired NARBA on a reciprocal basis. get their views on wage demands However, Cuba refused to enter the as emsee of an hour simulcast called but on a pooled basis they can afford and brief them further on the union. arrangement, and Mexico also re-Heller's appointment was long ex- mains outside any broadcast agreepected, since he had been one of the ment, because that country was reprincipal mentors of the new labor presented at Montreal only by an org, a role he had similarly played observer. Partly in and partly out in the formation of the American of an unofficial continuation of the Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA). (See Cuban Threat Gains on page 9)

Brief and Important

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ABC Reported Reviving "Ethel and Albert"

"Ethel and Albert," much-lauded domestic situation comedy, is reported set for a radio rebirth on the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). The show is being readied as a weekly half-hour program, instead of its previous 15-minute across-the-board format, and web execs are said to be highly optimistic over its future in the new set-up. Tentative time is 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, starting either December 27 or early next year. The show would be a joint package of ABC and Ethel Lynch with Henry Jaffe representing Miss Lynch in current negotiations with the web.

NBC and WM Agency Dicker Over Earle Gardner

Negotiations for radio rights to the Earle Stanley Gardner magazine feature, "Court of Last Resort," were begun last week by National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Coast programing chief, Homer Canfield, and George Gruskin, radio topper for the William Morris Coast office. Series has been a monthly feature of Argosy magazine, dealing with documentary material on alleged miscarriages of justice. Preliminary meetings between the author and network were held prior to formal inking of an exclusive deal.

CBS Plans Kine of Joan Davis AM Show

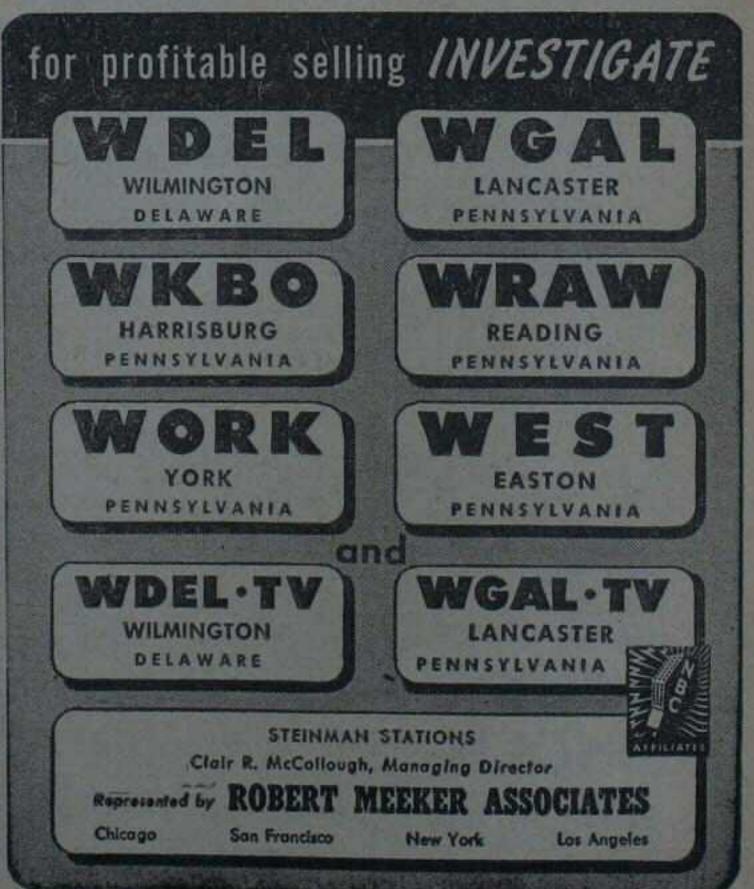
The West Coast video programing division of Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)-TV will produce a kine version of the Joan Davis radio show. If Miss Davis is not successful in a video copy of her AM situation comedy, the web plans to build a variety show around her.

CBS Restores Christmas Bonus; TV Getting Out of Red?

Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) this Christmas will give a one-week salary bonus to all employees who have been with the web a year. Last year was the first time in many years that CBS personnel did without a bonus. Insiders feel the restoration may be indicative that CBS-TV at long last is getting close to the breaking-even point.

"Peppermint Lane" Pitched by Materna, Smith

A new kid TV fantasy package using live characters instead of puppets is now being offered to nets and agencies in Chi by Ted Materna and Nellene Smith, indie writers and producers. Title of show, designed as five-a-week, 15-minute airer, is "Peppermint Lane," Series will be built around a mythical candy town and inhabitants.



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(MBS) for an across-the-board commentary by Frank Edwards, with about \$1,000,000 being poured into the show during the next year. The Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) is not doing anything so ambitious, but will use some air time, as will individual unions such as the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the United Auto Workers. Both operate their own stations, but will also buy occasional time on others. CIO officials told The Billboard that the union would be active chiefly thru participating in the webs' sustaining pubsery offerings.

PAC Fund Drive Expected

However, in preparing for the coming election campaign, the CIO's political arm, the Political Action Committee, is expected to start a fund-raising drive shortly. The money will be used to buy spot time to urge everyone to vote, as well as to print pamphlets and voting rec-

The AFL's LLPE plans to enlarge its current activity in providing free e.t.'s to stations. It bowed into this work last April, when it got some 50 stations to carry canned interviews with congressmen and other politicos. Currently, 189 stations use the 15minute waxings each week. In 1950 LLPE plans special web broadcasts by Ben Pearson.

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(Continued from page 6) be given at least \$250,000 annually and that the NAB discontinue its 1215 per cent dues rebate, applying the restored amount to the BAB's

Confab Features

District 14 held three full days of meetings, by-passing the usual social luncheons. Features included an allday session by Maurice Mitchell, BAB director; Dick Doherty's talk on operation costs; NAB President Justin Miller's discussion of NAB activities and Carl Haverlin's report on Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), activities. Hugh Terry, KLZ, Denver, that job for the last time, since his term expires next April.

Rather than thanking Miller via the usual resolution routine, District 14 members went to town, presenting him with an engraved gold wrist watch.

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 10 .-Frank Hoy, general manager of WLAM, Lewiston, Me., was elected president of the Maine Broadcasters' Association (MBA) at the group's meeting here last week. Other officers chosen were Harold Glidden, WAGM, Presque Isle, vice-president, and Gordon Lewis, WIDE, Biddeford, secretary-treasurer.

Guest speakers included Bud Barry, American Broadcasting Company (ABC) vice-president, and Harold Fellows, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) vice-president. All but one Maine station sent representatives to the session.

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of speeches by AFL and government toppers.

Exit Gaeth

One labor show which is exiting, however, is Arthur Gaeth's commentary for the United Electrical Workers over American Broadcasting Company. The union has been forced to cancel the weekly 15minute show because of its recent expulsion from the CIO and its need to marshal all resources for the struggle with the new CIO union in the field.

KTTV Kicks Off With B. Keaton

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - Tele's doors open to another showbiz old- recently launched Al Jarvis afternoon timer with the KTTV kick-off on the layout over KLAC-TV. Buster Keaton Show, skedded for 9:30-10 p.m., December 28, KTTV jointly owned by Times-CBS, will syndicate the show independently of its web affiliation, making kine versions available to all stations. Keaton will be supported by Alan Reed, Leon Belasco, Ben Weldon and Dick Elliott. Script will be by Clyde Bruckman, who penned many of the original Keaton, Harold Lloyd and Abbott and Costello films. Show is packaged

Keaton seg is one of a series of shows to be produced by KTTV for the station's own syndication. Among tele packages currently being peddled thru KTTV is Pantomime Quiz, Negotiations are currently under way between the station and Capitol Records, KTTV's landlord at its Melrose Avenue studios, for the record comtion for its tele program product, that another Trammell-Paley war of branch offices in the major markets sters observed that "if Trammell is could handle job.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - A new sales experiment in tele was launched this week by KFI-TV, local video indie, coincidental with the station's entry into morning telecasting with a 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon layout featuring Bill Welsh. Instead of pitching participation spots on the informal, adlibbed layout, the station offered entire morning block for sale to one bankroller at bargain rate of \$300, including production, time and talent

Economy deal was snagged immediately by six local bankrollers and May. others were on the hook at press time. Deal is tentatively limited to pre-Christmas period only, with postholiday season selling to revert to straight spot participation deals only, at \$25 per plug. Welsh, formerly stellar KLTA sportscaster and interviewer, will be cut in for a share of the profits in a deal similar to the ter hours. Other shows to fall off

TRAMMELL PLANS

(Continued from page 5) CBS and if I did move Pd only go if I could remain in the 7:30 slot."

Harris's insistance on keeping the 7:30 slot may preclude any move, even if other factors are right, since CBS has its own Amos 'n' Andy airer as a 30 post-Benny fixture would relish a shift. The otherwise is consumed. There are currently crowded Sunday night line-up likewise restricts a possible squeeze play to include the Harris-Faye line-up, making for a delicate if not impossible artists' relations situation.

CBS, meanwhile, was making no secret of its effort, declaring that it was hopeful of wooing Harris sucpany to take over sale and distribu- cessfully. At press time it appeared Feeling is the diskery's chain of maneuvers was shaping up and tradehere, can Paley be far behind?"

Sales Experiment 29 TV Dramas; 6-Mo. Gain: 18

(Continued from page 3). creased in number from 11 airing over Gotham outlets last May to 29 now on the air. In quarter hours the jump was from 30 to 70. A similar rise was noted in situation comedies, from seven in May to 11 now, with an increase from 16 quarter hours to 63. Combining the two groups, the total shows 40 programs and 70 quarter hours now, against 18 shows and 46 quarter hours in

Moppet Segs Sag

Moppet negs, in the same period. have declined from 29 shows and 147 quarter hours to 19 shows and 125 quarter hours. Musical shows have dropped from 35 shows and 114 quarter hours to 29 shows and 103 quarwere talent, interview and exposition airers. Giveaways also dropped off slightly, with WABD and WPIX virtually abandoning them.

Remaining pretty much as is were six categories. These included comedy-variety, forum, religious, news. sports remotes and sports news. Films have increased a bit over last May,

Despite the additional programing which arrived with the opening of WOR-TV, there are now fewer programs on the air than previously. and neither network nor bankroller altho a slightly higher amount of time 251 programs totaling 1,093 quarter hours weekly now as against 253 shows and 1,053 quarter hours in May. Among the reasons for this situation are the elimination of Monday and Tuesday shows by WJZ-TV. dropping of WNBT's daytime sked and the non-broadcasting by WOR-TV on Sunday and Monday. This has cut deeply into the WJZ-TV sked, with 32 shows now on the air as against 49 last May.

WNBT also has fallen off from 73 shows and 209 quarter hours in May to 60 shows and 268 quarter hours now. However, addition of the United Nations broadcasts to the WCBS-TV sked has upped its total with 59 shows and 253 quarter hours now compared with 50 shows and 240

quarter hours last spring.

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district director, presided, serving New ABC Co-Op To Feature Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson, baseball flash of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will be featured in a co-op show over American Broadcasting Company (ABC). The new sports stanza will tee off January 22 in the 10:30 to 10:45 period Sunday nights.

"Time" Joins Ranks Offering AM Cuffo Tearsheets

Time magazine last week joined the growing list of national publications offering radio stations advance tearsheets of articles and features on a cuffo basis for use. Magazines currently conducting this service include Reader's Digest, Coronet, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping and United Nations World. All figure on publicity payoffs.

Scenic Artists, RWG Settle Web Disputes

Two labor disputes in the radio and TV industry were settled last week. The United Scenic Artists (USA), on strike since Wednesday (23), settled with the video networks and stations Wednesday (7). The settlement provided for a small increase in salary for designers and scene painters. Also during the week the Radio Writers Guild (RWG) came to an agreement with the webs on a contract for staff and continuity scripters. Tho no hikes were arranged, the RWG did achieve a grievance machinery in the pact which offers staffers greater job security.

Thompson Agency Makes Thomas a Time Buyer

William Thomas has been named a time buyer at the J. Walter Thompson Agency under Linnea Nelson. He replaces Winnifred Steil. He has been in the department for many years.

Mack Sennett for Morgan Radio Series

Raymond Morgan Agency last week acquired radio rights to a new series featuring veteran film maker Mack Sennett. Pic pioneer will participate in the 15-minute layout featuring human interest tales of Hollywood and reflections on Sennett's career. Audition platters will be cut here next week for submission to agencies and bank-

Abraham & Straus To Air 2-Hour Circus on WNBT

Another department store took the TV plunge last week when Abraham & Straus agreed to sponsor a two-hour video circus show on WNBT December 25, Christmas Day, between 3-5 p.m. Jack Reber will produce. Gimbels and Saks are currently in the TV swim, locally.

MGM AIR SHOT

(Continued from page 6) properties owned by Dorothy Schiff. Both deals fizzled during early negotiations, leaving MGM's radio thirst unquenche

Meanwhile, the flickery continues to operate its FM station, KMGM, In Hollywood, altho the outlet has been in the red since its inception in 1948. Reason for holding on to the station is said to be the hope that the film firm can pick up a local AM property at a bargain to tie in with the FM Several attempts to snag operation. stations have fizzled besmall local cause of price demands, but some studio execs are interested in "the right" property at any price. Most insistent pitches have been made to buy KLAC at a price well over a million dollars, since studio execs feel the station's position in the localworth the investment. market is block has been views of Stumbling execs in New York who Loews, Inc. are maintaining a tight grip on check books and are unsold on local radio or tele.

STORE GIM DEPT.

(Continued from page 5) rather than having outside answering services take the calls,

WMCA's general manager admitted that the home demonstration business must be carefully policed. One reason is that it may attract would-be per counts, Boggs insisting inquiry ac not and will not handle WMCA doc account. Another is that in trying to prove effecannouncers, liveness, may get into excessive selling.

RADIO-TELEVISION

Cuban Threat Gains Strength

(Continued from page 7) NARBA provisions is the Domincan depublic.

State Department officials said the ountry agreed to ablde by NARBA except for one station which has been perating in violation of the treaty or some time. A spokesman said, nowever, that the outlaw station 'doesn't appear to be causing anyone any trouble."

The State Department is hopeful hat some agreement over Cuba's demands for rights on U. S. priority channels can be reached in the February confabs. If not, Cuba might go ahead and move in on U. S. chanhels anyway, and there would be no international law to prevent it. U.S. officials are uneasy over Cuba's rejusal to agree to follow NARBA provisions in the interim period. Asked whether the refusal might mean that the island is preparing to use any channels it desires, a spokesman aid: "Nobody in this country knows what Cuba is going to do."

The Cuban proposal which resulted in a break-up of the Montreal conference was for use of an additional 11 frequencies including those now in use by top-power stations WNBC, New York; WBBM, Chicago; WJR, Detroit; WBT, Charlotte, and KPRC, Houston. Under old NARBA provisions, those frequencies are exclusively for the use of U. S. donestic stations. Cuba, however, laimed that the channels assigned t are insufficient to maintain an adequate broadcast service.

The Montreal confab was called in the expectation of drawing up a new NARBA to replace the interim agreement which expired last year. The huddle, however, was imperiled at its start three months ago when The unreconciled difference between finishing touch on the session.

Long-Range Script

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- An unusual situation whereby scripting for a network TV show will be done via the mails will be extant hereafter for The Aldrich Family, Clifford Goldsmith, originator of the show, who does the scripting for the TV version, left this week for Tueson, Ariz., after visiting in New York long enough to get the show rolling on the air at National Broadcasting Company (NBC). Goldsmith made a particular study of the sets, which went thru considerable rearranging up to this point, so that in turning out the scripts from Tucson he will have the set and camera placement clearly

CBS Has Several Bankroller Nibbles

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) this week had several sponsors interested in purchasing time on the web for various programs, two of which are CBS packages, Richard Oil and an anti-cold tablet, reputedly Anahist, are reported interested in Escape, the CBS Tuesday evening sustainer, Anahist also is looking at several Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) whodunits.

Meanwhile the Ted Bates agency has recommended to the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company that it sponsor either Steve Allen, a West Coast disk jockey, or Garry Moore over CBS, with Allen its first preference. But the William Esty agency Mexico refused to send a delegation. which also shares the account with an economist with being a CommuCuba and the United States put the Ted Bates also is pitching daytime nist, could be held as slander per se. is owned by Henry Souvaine and shows at the prospective sponsor.

Ad Lib TV Remarks Can Be Slanderous, Says U. S. Judge

vision program may be regarded as ton's attorney, slander was handed down this week by Judge Edward A. Conger in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Southern District of New York. Judge Conger's decision came in connection with the \$100,000 suit filed by William Remington, government employee, against the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), General Foods and Elizabeth Bentley. Remington charges that he was damaged, either by libel or slander-a matter the court is to decide-by her telecast statement that he was a Communist. He has since been cleared by a loyalty board and reinstated in his Commerce Department position.

Judge Conger's decision came in connection with a move by the defendants to dismiss the suit, a motion the court refused to grant. NBC and the other defendants had claimed that Miss Bentley's remarks were not libelous nor slanderous per se. This last is a fine distinction of especial importance to telecasters. Slander per se implies slander under one or more of four classic grounds-namely, to accuse a person of a crime, of having a loathsome disease, of damaging one's standing in a trade or profession or in the case of women, accusing them of unchastity.

In this case, the defendants had claimed that Miss Bentley's attack was not under one of these four aspects and consequently unless Remington sued alleging special damages, the case should have been dismissed. Judge Conger's opinion declared that to charge a government employee As a result of Judge Conger's rul- Tibbett.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The first de- | ing, the case now goes on the docket cision holding that remarks made of the same court for final adjudicaduring the course of an ad lib tele- tion. Richard G. Green is Reming-

DL Clears "Name" For Coast Theaters

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- What's the Name of That Song, Don Lee Broadgasting System's top Coast radio-teevee property, has been cleared for theater dates and will play its first vaude stint in several years beginning December 28 at the Hollywood Pantages Theater. Long a prime feature of the Coast net, the radio version will play one-night stands on broadcast evenings from theaters. It is set for seven consecutive weeks at the Pantages, Film house is offering vaude attraction as customer bait, altho this theater normally plays straight film fare. Show is owned by Rita Williamson, widow of the late Dud Williamson, orginal creator of the program.

CBS To Scan Live Version of 'Carmen'

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- TV viewers will get a chance to see a live production of Carmen on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)-TV network January 1, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Produced by Barry Wood and directed by Byron Paul, the cut version of the opera will star Gladys Swarthout and Robert Merrill with narration by Lawrence Tibbett.

If the program clicks it will be the with being a Communist, or to charge first in a series of TV operas to be

he puts a fuse on the news!

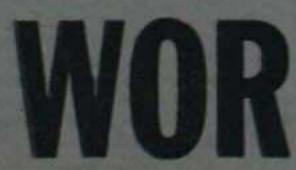
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Winston Television Stores

Reviewed Friday (2), 11-12 p.m. EST. Sponsored by Winston Television Stores via Columbia Broadcasting Company. Producers, Scheck, Dahlman G Black, Director, Alex Leftwich, Emsee, Henny Youngman, Cast: Milton Berle, Essy Morales and his orchestra, Vincent Lopez, Johnny Downs, Supreme Court Justice Beldock, others, Announcer, George Carson Putman.

CBS set television back 10 years Friday night (2) via this show-paced variety remote from a Winston television store in Brooklyn. The intentions of all concerned were laudable, but the results were sheer chaos due to faulty mike pick-ups, slipshod staging and insufficient re-

hearsal.

In the first place, the rowdy audience had plainly gathered to see Milton Berle and made no bones about their discontent when the "Icing" didn't show until the last few minutes of the program. The disgruntled onlookers sparkled only when the camera turned on them at the opening and closing of the show.

Tough on Henny

Emsee Henny Youngman tackled his impossible task in heroic fashion ("Next week I'm playing a meat market"), but he aged visibly under the strain of trying to reach his tough, unresponsive audience and whip up some crowd enthusiasm for the other acts. Second only to Youngman on the bravery score was Esy Morales and his orchestra. The Latin maestro has an excellent band, but it was so badly set up for sound that it sounded like a third-rate circus outhit on the air. In spite of this acoustic handicap, tho, Morales and his entire company played the lengthy show with admirable showmanship and good humor.

The audience accorded lukewarm applause to the local talent and an Incongruous kiddie-styled art session, but they were stone cold to Brooklyn- question with a Ronson lighter award (See Winston Television on opp. page)

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Twenty Questions

Reviewed Saturday, 8-8:30 p.m. Simulcast over WNBT, WOR-TV, MBS. Sponsor, Ronson Art Metal Works; agency, Grey; producers, Roger Bower, Gary Stevens. Cast: Bill Slater, Fred Van Deventer, Florence Renard, Herb Polesie, Johnny McFee, Wendy Barrie,

Twenty Questions appears likely to develop the same loyal following and success in video as it has in radio. Its

tele version is scarcely more than direct camera treatment, plus a revision of the seating arrangement of the five-man panel. They used to sit at one table; now they sit in tiers of

three and two. The permanent board still consist of the champs, Fred Vandeventer and his wife, Florence Renard; Johnny McFee and Herb Polesie. The guester this show was Wendy Barrie, who invariably lends a touch of charm, looks and vivacity to a video show.

The pleasure derived from Questions stems purely from its audio appeal and the speed and uncanny avvy its experts exhibit in identifying anything from Vandeventer's left ear to the saddle on Paul Revere's nag. That means, in effect, that it doesn't need much sight appeal-it's that much fun as it is. Bill Slater, as quizmaster, adds considerably via his deft treatment of the board's answers.

The show is heavy with direct and indirect commercials - direct via straight announcements and film spots; indirect via cuing in every and the trademark emblazoned on the palatable and don't interfere with the front of the section whereat the board show's hefty entertainment quota. sits. Thruout, tho, the commercials are

Eloise McElhone

Reviewed Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. over WABD, New York. Sponsor, Lydia Grey: agency, Federal; producer, Lester Lewis; writer, Richard Golden; commercial writer, Pat Bartell. Cast: Eloise McElhone and guests.

This is a straightforward interview show, devoid of any pretense at being anything else. This, of course

means that its interest will vary in direct ratio to its guesters, on this show actor John Beal, actress Denise Darcel and designer Robert Carson. Sessions with each are

brief and on this program moderately interesting. It's tough to make interviews sparkle and these don't.

Miss Darcel (Battleground) exhibited considerable charm, a fetching French accent and other interesting features. Beal discussed his Actors Hobby Market in Beverly Hills, and Carson gave an account of the placement of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza, New York. Carson also offered reasons for painting the tree entirely white, a liberty which has distressed many New Yorkers. Miss McElhone seems to read her question from a small notepaper "tipsheet"a desk contrivance might be a bit more palatable.

Commercials are effective, plugging Doeskin tissues and making good use of an animated trademark figure and an off-screen voice.

Jerry Franken.

Jerry Franken.

SHORT SCANNINGS

Priscilla Kent has inked for her third year as scripter for "The Second Mrs. Burton" soap opera series. . . . Al Garry's "Magic Clown" renewed for 13 more weeks on WNBT for Bonomo Turkish taffy by Gold Medal Candy Company. . . . Martin Stone, TV producer, is back from 10 days in Nassau. . . . Jane Rydstrom upped to producer-director status at WAAM-TV, Baltimore.

Al Foster, who last week was appointed vice-president in charge of television for the William Esty Company, planes to Hollywood Tuesday (13) to take over the Ed Wynn TV show for Esty's client, Camel Cigarettes, and supervise the kine of Wynn's preem program under the cig firm's sponsorship December 24. Ruth Jordan and Harold T. Bers, former copy supervisors at Esty, have also been upped to vice-presidents. . . . Jack McTigue, ex-ABC special events man, is now production manager of WINS, New York, succeeding Joseph Tery.

Skee Wolff, writer-producer at WBBM, Chicago, has written a war novel which will be published April 15 by Crown Publishers. . . . Wahilla Lahay, N. W. Ayer press agent, and Ruth Borden, who scripts "Helen I'e commercials. Trent" and "Back Stage Wife," head west this month (22) to spend the holidays with Miss Lahay's family in Oklahoma. . . . Howard G. Barnes, director of Dorland, Inc.'s radio and TV division, has been upped to newly created post of vice-president in charge of radio and TV. . . . The American Television Society meets Thursday (15) night to hear a panel discussion of TV programing and production. Speakers skedded are Henry White, World Video prexy; Tony Miner, CBS-TV; Burke Crotty, ABC producer; James Caddigan, DuMont TV program director, and Charles B. Brown, of Masterson, Reddy & Nelson,

Ed (Hillbilly) Byron, producer of "Mr. District Attorney," last week became an apple-knocker, when he bought a house in Westport. Byron moves out to his new abode this week, near "D. A.'s" scripter Bob Shaw's home. . . . Lord & Taylor will sponsor a three-hour public service performance of Handle's "Messiah" over WQXR on Christmas Day for the second consecutive year. . . . Nat Eisenberg has replaced Roger Bower as director of "Get Together With Gambling" on WOR-TV. He'll also continue as director of "Old Knick Music Hall" on the same station.

La Verne Minge assumed sole ownership of the "Tele-Log" Detroit video log and gossip sheet, following the withdrawal of his partner, Wayne White, to join the Campbell-Ewald Agency. Beginning next month, the paper will be published on a fortnightly basis, . . . Mark Hawley, director of "Versatile Varieties," NBC-TV, and Maggie Bride, daughter of the late Maj. Gen. Henry Gibbons, were married last Monday (5), following a 13day courtship. . . . Walter Miller, former manager of WGAL, Lancaster, Pa., and more recently with WDEL-TV, Wilmington, Del., has joined Frederic W. Ziv as an account executive. He'll headquarter in Detroit. . . . Frank ("Bring 'Em Back Alive") Buck is readying a network TV show tagged "Treasure Hunt," which will be based on interviews with famed fortune hunters. Woodruff Associates, New York, is packaging.

Everyman's Story

Reviewed Tuesday (6), 7:30-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Philanthophies, Producers, Himan Brown, Joe Mogelescu, Script, Millard Lampell, Story supervisor, Mort Levin. Director, Scott Buckley, Music, Milton Katims, Cast: Luis Van Rooten, Edwin Bruce, Gilbert Mack, Charles Mullin, Amy Sedell and Berry Kroeger.

This program, an example of radio drama at its finest, reveals that radio certainly can help deepen people's

understanding of each other. the show caught dealt with the rehabilitation of an emotionally disturbed boy. When Danny

Miller arrived at the progressive reform school he was skeptical, taciturn and unmanageable. By the time he left, with the aid of psychiatry and sympathetic guidance, he was ready to take his place in the world.

The quality which made the script superior and not just another Boystown was the insight the audience received into the workings of the boy's mind-what made him steal, why he always had to give the stolen articles to his mother and what was at the root of his guilt feelings. The listeners, incidentally, learned a great deal about the practical workings of psy-

Luis Van Rooten was a gentle and reassuring head of the group of boys at the school. And as Danny Miller, Edwin Bruce really made the difficult transitions demanded of the part and left the audience with the full impact of his characterization.

Sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the program gives hope that society is doing something to rescue its human resources.

Leon Morse.

Cliffie Stone's Hometown Jamboree

Reviewed Saturday (3), 7:30-8:30 p.m. Remote from Legion Stadium, El Monte, Calif. Sponsored by Gold's Furniture Company via KLAC-TV, Hollywood, thru Allied Advertising Agency. Produced by Cliffie Stone and Milt Hoffman, Directed by Joe Landis. Cast: Cliffie Stone, emsee! Tennessee Ernie, Eddie Kirk, Harold Hensley, Herman the Hermit, Bucky Tibbs, The Armstrong Twins and Patsy, Billy Liebert, and Speedy West.

Hometown Jamboree is par for the hillbilly course. Talent-wise, the show is loaded with top Western artists, and the hour-long

airer features plenty of palatable folk music, a generous helping of corn and enough variety to please. Lacking, however, are sparkle and smoothness.

Stone make, a likable emsee. He sings well, fronts the ork smoothly, doubles at stooge and straight man, and handles audience interviews with warmth and sincerity. He also does

Tennessee Ernie carries most of the comedy chores ably, as well as handling several vocal selections. Others featured include Eddie Kirk, singer Bucky Tibbs, fiddler Harold Hensley, Billy Leibert and the Armstrong family. It's Ernie and Stone who keep things hummiing.

With such talent, Jamboree should click. That ' misses thre in spots is the fault of the producers and Stone, (See CLIFFIE STONE'S on page 13)

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Pettycoat Party Line

Reviewed Tuesday (6), 3-3:30 p.m. staining over WLW-T, Cincinnati; VLW-D, Dayton, O., and WLW-C, Coimbus, O., originating from WLW-T. eatures Ramona, singing planist, assisted y John Reynolds, announcer. Styleambination song requests and quiz.

Featuring the former Paul Whitenan star, Ramona, singing-pianist, the got her pro start on WLW back

in 1932, this one hits the housewife at the mid-afternoon rest period. While there's nothing particularly original about the opus, Ramona's piano and song work is highly entertain-

ng and excellently sold. Her personal ind informal style also projects well struments in the background is dis-

with the ladies.

Program format has Ramona playng and singing requests received by nail from lookers-in, each request being punctuated by a bit of homey banter tossed by Ramona to the leter-writer who is presumably looking n. In Addition, on each program two phone calls are made to the hausfrau with the usual routine question of the day. The housewife automatically gets two ducats to her local theater and if she correctly answers the question she is awarded "a suitable present from Mr. Hummel, presumably a local jeweler, altho at this look-in it was never explained who is Mr. Hummel.

Assisting Ramona in making phone connections and opening the mail is John Reynolds, announcer, whose last name or identity was not given during the show. In addition John and Ramona exchange small talk which, unfortunately, is too small, and on this occasion John was asked to tell a story on how he met his wife, which would have been better untold. Without a punchline it meant nothing.

and-shoulder shots of Ramona, with show. an occasional peak at her keyboarding. Varied and assorted angle shots handled in showmanly fashion could make this pleasing seg infinitely bet-Bill Sachs.

WINSTON TELEVISION

(Continued from opp. page)

piano solo. Space-wise, the dancers on the bill were at a complete disadvantage, with the sole exception of a hip-swinging senorita who didn't need much room for her specialty. Incidentally, the latter attraction drew the only solid hand of the evening.

Cagey Berle, who flew in from Boston to receive a public service award on the show from Supreme Court Justice Beldock, played it smart and refused to perform, pleading the "serious" significance of the citation. He worked in a sizable plug for his NBC-TV show, the, which must have floored the CBS engineers.

The commercials, which were almost as numerous as the entertainers, utilized a congratulatory telegram gimmick to plug various set models on the floor. These sessions were dull and unimaginative and it's difficult to understand why the producers didn't use the home-ground setting and have Winston's own salesmen assist on the pitch.

June Bundy.



The Arthur Lesser Show

Reviewed Friday (2), 7:30-8 p.m. EST. Sustaining via WOR-TV, New York. Producer, Arthur Lesser, Director, Spencer Case. Music, Sylvan Levin, Emsee, Arthur Lesser, Cast, John Beal, Mary Hatcher, Sarah Berner, Billy Daniels, Marilyn Jackson, Rolly Beck, Johnny Con-

are ironed out, the Arthur Lesser contents of Newsweek magazine, is

WOR's best programing effront of the band, and the jumble of musicians and intracting.

Producer Arthur Lesser has plenty of television know-how and performs his emsee chores in a warm relaxed fashion. The hit of the show, tho, is Billy Daniels, a regular on the bill. The personable singer sells as well on video as he does in night clubs, and judging from the studio audience response to his throaty-voiced rendition of Bye Bye Baby, he might prove a good draw with a 15-minute TV stanza of his own.

The show itself, which is patterned along Godfrey's Talent Scout lines, spots three fairly well-known entertainers who chat with emsee Lesser about their own activities and then introduce a talented protege to the teleaudience. Last Friday legit flicker actor John Beal presented blond warbler Marilyn Jackson, who looks better than she sounds. Petite musical comedy star Mary Hatcher brought on comedian Rolly Beck, and radio dialectician Sarah Berner introduced dancer Johnny Conrad, Beck is a likable pixie with a thoroly tele-Program's appeal could be vastly genic routine of pantomimic impreshypoed by some sounder crossfire sions of silent movie action techmaterial and by a dash of imagina- niques, while Conrad's ingenious use tion into the camera work. For the of his hands and his effortless terping most part it's straight forward head- sparked a lively pace for the entire June Bundy.

Maisie

Reviewed Thursday (8), 7:30-8 p.m. over WMGM, New York. Sponsored by Sales Affiliates, Inc., for Zotos Fluid Wave thru Getchal & Richards, Inc. Produced on transcription by Raymond Katz; director, Tom McKnight; writer, Arthur born band leader Vincent Lopez's Phillips; music, Harry Zimmerman; starring Ann Sothern; narrator, Jack McCoy; local announcer, Bob William.

The radio adaptation of Ann feats of writing, Sothern's successful film series, 13

bits which might have merited mirth interminably. fell flat because of lack of studio audience and poor timing on the part of the thesps.

The yarn concerned Maisie's need for a job and her taking on a truck driving chore for a lad whose wife was about to have a child. In the course of a tortuous plot, she got mixed up with a gang of warehouse crooks. A radio message which she sent out on a transmitter stolen by the gang brought the cops in the nick of time. Her ability to drive the truck and work the radio was attributed to a hitch in the WAC. If this sounds messy, it's because it was.

A fair sample of the humor came in the crook's hideout, when Maisie commented that she didn't like the brown paint on the wallpaper, Quoth the gang chief: "That ain't brown paint, that's dried blood."

Commercials, inserted locally in the transcribed show, were for Zotos hair wave preparation, which the sponsor stressed was not available at retail outlets. Getting back to the home wave bankrollers, Zotos emphasized that its product was only applied by operators in beauty salons, declaring Sam Chase.

PROGRAM COMMENT

Hit the Beach!

What could be a reasonably impressive tele show, the weekly se-Once the rough production kinks ries presented by DuMont based on Show should shape up as one of utterly loused up by floundering, clumsy and inexcusably bad producforts to date. Talent-wise it's tion. The program Saturday (3) sufalready good television, but fered, from about start to wind-up, right now the acts work in from a series of needless camera miscues which, after a while, became downright irritating. In a toy display, for example, John Lardner and an F. A. O. Schwarz man would be talking about one toy and the camera showing another. In the closing moments, when the mag staffers are called on for their perioscopic predictions, the camera showed one editor while another spoke. The most lamentable part of it all is that despite the interest-compelling nature of most of the show's talk, the directional miscues wore at a viewer's patience until the temptation to tune out became well-nigh irresistible. The ill-at-ease attitude of most of the editors is another element that transmits itself to the audience. The show is emseed by Ernest K. Lindley, Washington bureau chief for the mag, and while he shares the general stage fright, his tag lines closing the various interviews serve as sharp fillips. Various interviews are cued in, thru showing of the Newsweek departmental index, with the particular department taking the spotlight shown in bolder type.

Too Much for Georgie

Addition of George Jessel as "permanent celebrity" on "Hollywood Calling" may be a last gasp enort on the part of National Broadcasting Company (NBC) to pump adrenalin into a dying giveaway, but it's unlikely to be enough. Georgie was effervescent enough on his opening sally Sunday (4), working with guest Celeste Holm, but it would take the efforts of Jessel, Eddie Cantor and Al Jolson combined to make a real dent in the show, entertainmentwise. Jessel and Miss Holm combined in warbling some parodies of pop tunes as clues to some of the questions, but these showed no great

The questions asked the tele-Maisie, falls considerably short of the phonees on identification of movie mark. The show uses hack- stars would have been simple neyed material, unimaginative- enough without the added promptly written. The humor of the ing which virtually put the answers pix was lacking on the show in the contestants' mouths. caught, which attempted to "movie film of fortune" hocus-pocus, read some fun into what was however, for the jackpot award, rebasically a whodunit plot. Miss mains a toughie. The program still Sothern labored to wring a few laughs suffers from over-length, above all, out of the script, but even the isolated the full hour seeming to drag on

Montgomery's Confusion

The confusion inherent in the conflicting testimony over who, if anyone, was responsible for sending atom secrets to Russia, and how important any such material might have been, headlined Robert Montgomery's commentary show this week. Montgomery did a thoro job of quoting the papers to point up the conflicting testimony, and he noted that the deeper one dug the more mixed up the story proved. He pointed out that Congressional action already is taking on the aspects of a side-show and called upon Washington officials to forget their penchant for going after headlines in seeking the facts of the case.

The second half of Montgomery's commentary dealt with the workings of Frank Costello, alleged leader of a national crime syndicate. Montgomery, who has previously lashed into crooked politics tied into that "professional care is best for the crime, read off a list of cities into

ing his tentacles. He has called upon local officials and cops who know of any nefarious goings-on to talk to him, on or off the record. The show maintains hard-punching, welldelivered material, delivered at a sensible pace.

Cuckold's Revenge

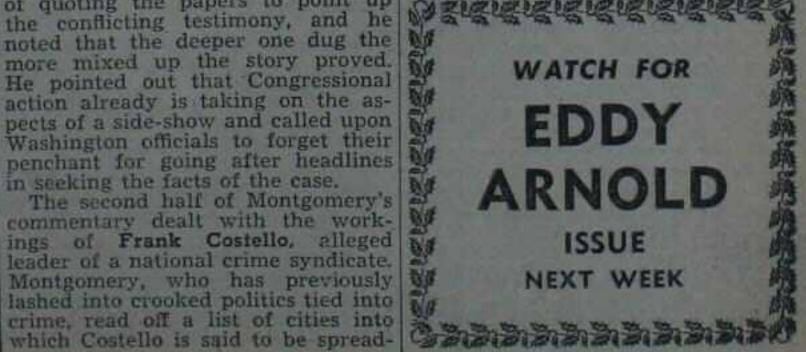
Taut writing and punchy production underlined "The FBI In Peace and War" this week. The story line dealt with a husband and wife who worked for the government, with plot thickening when the gal fell for a smooth-talking real estate operator who lusted for rapid accumulation of coin. This laddie induced her to sniff about hubby's secret map file for the location of some property which the government was about to buy for construction of housing projects. Once he had the dope, he told the poor husband that he had no use for the gal in the first place, and had no intention of taking her from her spouse. Whereupon friend husband, presumably out of pique, leveled the bounder with a few quick slugs from a handy gat.

The FBI, in this particular airer, took a rear seat. It was close to the villain, but never got the goods on him. It was only the bad temper of the cuckold in the case that brought the bloodhounds to their quarry. The show was smoothly done, but probably served to lower the hopes of many weary husbands who might have had faith that some day their burden might be lightened. A comic touch came from the sponsoring Lava Soap, with a singing jingle sounding like the chant of Zulu warriors.

Mystery in the Air

"I Love a Mystery" is a program for listeners who like their mayhem in short doses. However, its daily 15-minute length proves a handicap because not enough plot seems developed to sustain the interest of the listener. The hijinks during the (See Mystery In Air on page 13)





TELE FAIR TRADE TEST P

Chicago Area As Location

Pitch for All Manufacturers

By Cy Wagner CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- A committee of 13 top radio and TV retailers in Dealers' Association (NARDA) to carry out a fair trade testing plan Purpose of the committe is to meet with manufacturers thruout the country, get them to agree to setting up of fair trade pricing policies in a Greater Chicago area of six counties aid then supervise the test.

Need for action stems from the price cutting which has hurt retailers in the past. In recent months, during the period of set shortage, practice has not been so prevalent, but NARDA is looking to the future and trying to eliminate the practice.

In commenting on the situation, a spokesman for the association stated, "The wave of discount selling, industrial and back-door selling that has gripped Chicago (as well as many other areas in the nation) has driven a larger number of legitimate merchants to a dangerous economic point. Majority of them are competent retailers willing to face good merchandising competition but also decidedly unwilling to continue nurturing the wave of price selling competition."

Eight members of the 13-man committee have already been named. Rest are expected to be picked in the next few days. Appointed were Edson M. Brock, vice-president and general manager of Lord's, Inc., Evanston; Dean Barelli, Barelli's, Inc., Hammond, Ind.; John Beranick, Emergency Radio & Appliance, Chicago; Leroy Robbe, Teletronics, Inc., Chicago; William Malthy, Central Appliance Company, Joliet; Art Becker, Becker's Appliances, Evanston; Art Hershberger, Hershberger's Store, Libertyville, and M. S. Dreyfus Dreyfus Appliance & Furniture Company, Gary, Ind. Six counties to be used as test area are Cook, Lake, Will, Kane and Dupage in Illinois, and Lake County in Indiana.

exact plans set in a couple of weeks disk manufacturer appeared to have and hopes to be meeting with manufacturers and distributors within 60 days. It will meet with major manufacturers here and in the East and Mercury can get other manufacturers will try to get them to set up fair trade price policies for distributors and dealers in the six-county area. Actual fair trade test is expected to be under way sometime during the first quarter of 1950.

NARDA has pointed out that if manufacturers set up fair trading a commitment on when rectangular for the test area it will not have to affect selling elsewhere. All that will be necessary will be manufacturer notification of distributors of dealers, that fair trade will be established in the counties and after that full legal ramifications of fair schedule. trading will become applicable.

will be so successful it will prompt sets will be 16 or 19-inch models, many manufacturers to establish the 12-inch sets, competitively priced, national fair trade practices.

NARDA Sets Personnel, Products and Prices

L. H. Conlen's Sons, Inc., has been organized in Philadelphia to manufacture and deal in television sets and radios as well as a full line of electrical appliances and floor coverings. . . . Capeheart joined with Huskey's, Philadelphia dealer, to mark the opening of new showrooms in the building housing the dealer. . . . John Stimson, sales and service engineer of the Hickok Company, gave an educational lecture and demonstration on TV alignment and trouble shooting before the Philadelphia Radio Servicemen's Association. . . . Morgan A. Greenwood, radio and television advertising manager for Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, sent out 7,500 window display kits last week to dealers thruout the country featuring the Philco Christmas theme. Point-of-display holiday material will also be the basic theme for 24-sheets, newspaper and magazine copy-all built around a slogan: "And Best of All, a Philco." . . Philadelphia dealers of television sets by department stores joined last week in sponsoring a Philco television week, giving an \$11.50 is detrimental to all segments of the Sessions electric clock free with each sale of any Philo TV receiver. . . . this area is being appointed by the Its RCA-Victor plant presented gold watches to 67 employees for 25 years Goldberg, president of the Pilot Radio

General Electric announced a new table model radio-phono combination that will play all three speeds of records and has a dual stylus. The approved by the association's board Western Washington distributor for the Capehart line. . . . Garod started deliveries last week on a new series of 121/2, 16 and 19-inch video sets. The new 19-inch receivers use the DuMont metal tube and retails at \$495. . . Webster-Chicago declared an extra common stock dividend of 10 cents and increased the regular quarterly dividend from 15 to 25 cents. . . . Ben Clark, Richard L. Hoffman, Mark Crum and Gordon Wright are new district managers for Magnavox. . . . Crosley is reported to be negotiating for the production of video sets in Canada. . . . Admiral declared a quarterly common stock dividend of 20 cents. . . . Deliveries have started on the new DuMont Wellington set, which includes a three-speed record changer. . . . Starrett has set up a special division to handle video entertainment to veteran, social and educational organizations. Captain Fred W. Piper will head the new division. . . . The annual Christmas luncheon of the Advertising Club will feature the Jack Carter show, with the entire stage, 50 feet by 20 feet, being a replica of the DuMont Rumson model table video set. . . . A new slate of officers and directors of the Association of Radio and Television Servicemen of New York will be elected at the organization's December 21 meeting. . . . DuMont is making available to all franchised dealers a new Christmas display made of pressed wood, which depicts two children and a dog. The suggestion is for dealers to place the display in front of a TV set.

Stewart-Warner has named the Frank Edward Company, San Francisco, as distributor for Northern California. . . . Tele-Tone appointed the H. U. Guenther Company, Pittsburgh, as distributor in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, Northern West Virginia and Western Maryland. . . . Two Buffalo newspapers, tied-in with Sylvania, are offering free television sets in drives for increased Christmas donations for the needy.

Transvision is sponsoring the hour-long "MGM Theater of the Air" program over WMGM, New York. The same station has sold the threea-week 15-minute "At Home With Lionel Barrymore" program to Front Stores, who will promote the Capehart line on the radio series. . . . Starreff is expected to announce its entry into the air-conditioning field. Added to the board of directors of the Television Dealers' Association. New York, were Jack Berlin, William Bouie, Philip Geth, Harry Hirschfield, Emil Krauss, James McLaughlin, George Perry, Nat Rosen and Leo Shepard.

Mfr. Holds Up Mercury's TV

CHICAGO, Dec 10 .- While still shooting for a date in February or March for announcing to distributors a complete line of television sets, Mercury Records' plans in that direction are still not set, it was disclosed this week by Art Talmadge, The committee expects to have its vice-president in charge of sales. The set a deal with one TV outfit recently, but the latter couldn't come thru with complete production plans. who will turn out the wanted sets but only with round-faced tubes, and RADIO PRICES DROP 2% the diskery wants only rectangular tubes used in the contemplated line

Thus far, Mercury has been unable to get a manufacturer to give them tube sets can be delivered in any on the consumers' price index. The quantity. Mercury's alternate plan for doing its own set assembly is also BLS to fall clearance. The average running into a snag. The component parts manufacturers are unable to come up with a reasonable delivery

When Mercury finally starts to The association hopes that the test | market its video line, most of the may also be included. Prices for the that of other manufacturers.

\$105 British TV

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- The cheapest British TV receiver on display at the recent radio-TV exhibition in London was a nine-inch set selling for approximately \$105, according to a report from the Office of International Trade. The average selling price for all TV sets was 65 pounds, which amounts to about \$143 at devalued pound rates. The sets, however, average \$260 to the Britisher, who receives no advantage from devaluation,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- A decline of about 2 per cent in the average price for radios between mid-September and mid-October noted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in a report this week price decrease was attributed by price was at about 185 on the index, with the average for 1935-1939 figured at 100.

new sets have not yet been set, but Talmadge said that the discount sets, which were recently introduced structure would be comparable to to the company's retailers at regional

Dept. Stores Hurt Industry -Goldberg

Small Shops Okay

Corporation. "They don't sell automobiles," he said, "and cars are less complicated than television sets. Manufacturers who franchise department stores are injuring themselves, as well as the smaller radio-television dealer, who has always been the back bone of the industry."

The interdependence of the various departments of a large store is the basic reason for the stand taken by Goldberg. He explained: 'Plenty of department store television buyers have been stopped from placing needed orders by division merchandise managers who suddenly discovered that the white-goods or record departments were behind in sales or profits-even the the TV section is showing steady increases.

"What's more, department storesand many large chain stores-are too apt to 'dump' television sets if they've been on the Hoor for more than a month or two. My 41 years in business has taught me that the local small retailer can do the best job for both the manufacturers and the consumer. Under Pilot's new distribution policy we will not sell sets to either department or chain stores."

Dealer Pacts

Goldberg disclosed that he had "disbanded an excellent dealer organization in California because we don't want to make shipping promises that we can't keep." He said that his company was now delivering video sets to dealers in the Boston to Washington area only.

Despite a heavy backlog of orders, Goldberg said that Pilot would not expand greatly in the future because 'a small manufacturer has to stay small in order to remain in a solvent position." Goldberg also stated that his company was concentrating all its effort in television. "I'm very bearish on radio," he said, "because television is replacing AM radio very quickly."

Crosley Acquires Carrollton Firm

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10 .- John W. Craig, vice-president of the Avco Manufacturing Corporation and general manager of the Crosley division. this week announced the acquisition by Crosley of the Carrollton Furniture Company, Carrollton, Ky., which since 1946 has been a subsidiary of Avco engaged in the production of television and radio cabinets for the Crosley division.

Craig pointed out that direct operation of the Kentucky plant will facilitate closer co-ordination of Crosley's television manufacturing operations, with consequent advantages for the Carrollton factory, Currently the Carrollton is producing cabinets for the 1950 line of Crosley television dealer conventions in 20 cities.

RCA TO UNVEIL NEW TV SETS

Terrific Biz For Early '50

New Sets Ready

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- With such najor set manufacturers as Admiral, Bendix, Hallicrafters, Philco and RCA Victor scheduled to unveil new TV models between Christmas and February 1, most distributors and retailers are now fully in agreement with manufacturers who have been talking dollar-hungry retailers who prefer to about "terrific" business for the first make a fast dollar via trans-shipping quarter of 1950. No one, however, is willing to make any retail predictions chandise. In general, while the "20beyond April of next year,

RCA Victor and Hallicrafters are already set to show their new video sets to dealers (see separate stories) and Philco and Admiral have scheduled distributor meetings for the early January period during which the International Home Furnishings Market will be held in Chicago's Merchandise Mart. DuMont, however, will probably keep going with present receiver models, altho the company originally intended to introduce several new sets in January.

Several manufacturers who are being particularly secretive about their plans will probably show at least a few new models during the Chicago furniture meetings. Most of the trade talk centers around reduced prices, rectangular tubes and newly styled new models, floor samples and cabinets. Admiral, scheduled to convene its distributors in Chicago next month, is expected to introduce some rectangular tube models, reduced were Sentinel, Philco, Motorola, GE, prices and several new all-plastic RCA Victor, Bendix, Airmaster, Telecabinets.

11 Hallicrafter Tele Sets To Be Unveiled At Chicago Confab

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The new Hallicrafters television line scheduled to be unveiled in Chicago Thursday (15) will consist of 11 new models, most of which are 16-inch tube contoles, it was learned this week. Company officials refuse to comment on previous reports and rumors. Prices of the new sets are understood to be lower than comparable receivers in the company's 1949 line.

Of the 11 new video sets, only two are said to be table models. One set will be a three-way radio-phonograph combination. The first showing of the new line to dealers in the New York area is scheduled to be held "between Christmas week and New Year's Day." It was also reported that dealers in this territory will start receiving shipments of the company's new 19-inch set, which lists at \$545, within the next week.

CLIFFIE STONE'S

(Continued from page 10)

neither of whem have realized the talent's variety potential. Staging could be smarter and camerawork needs improvement. Consistent use of longshots were annoying and limited the appeal and performance of Brief stint interviewing members of the audience was okay, altho roughly handled

Show's most objectionable factor was the commercials. While the pitches were overdone with five hardhitting plugs (averaging four minutes ager, and Mort Farr, the Philadelphia Alan Fischier.

each).

Distribs See Retailers in All-Out Adv. Drive Despite Bullish Market

> heavy consumer demand for radio- able. DuMont, attempting to assuage phono and television sets, coupled the feelings of set-hungry dealers, is with a "shortage" of sets for immediate delivery, promotion-wise retailers are still firing away at consumers with large ad campaigns. In some cases even price-cutting is in evidence, tho it's confined mostly to offbrand sets or superseded models.

As recently as two weeks ago, one of the higher-priced set makers, who maintains a strict dealer franchising program, was having trouble with or price-cutting on fair-traded meroff" era is in the past, consumers can still get discounts on even the topdemand sets from a few dealers.

Classified Bargains

It's the classified ad columns of the daily papers that offer the best buys for consumers who are willing to shop for the right price on a TV receiver. Local papers are still carrying classified ads from dealers who offer discounts on name brand receivers.

Legitimate dealers who probably over-bought during the spring and summer months, or even a year ago, are still trying to move dead stock. Last Sunday (4), Hecht Brothers, Baltimore, took a full page to advertise a "stock reducing sale." The from the preceding October. store offered "\$38,000 worth of brand | Commerce Department experts are tube, "larger than the 19's now on demonstrators for \$27,000," headlining the ad, "Save 16 per cent to 56 per cent." Among the sets shown tone, Olympic and Zenith models.

Co-Op Ad Budgets

Sets that are known to be in short supply are also being heavily advertised and promoted by dealers who are taking advantage of the manufacturers' co-operative advertising programs. Dealers are using co-op ad budgets to promote store names. "Television is still my biggest traffic builder" said the advertising manager of one of this city's biggest appliance chains. Manufacturers are also willing to go along in the pre-Christmas ad campaigns in order to keep their brand names in the public eye in preparation for the slimmer days to come.

Several manufacturers have devised gimmicks for use by retailers in mak-

8 Panels Set Up For NARDA Confab

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- The three-day annual meeting program of the National Appliance and Radio Dealers' Association (NARDA), scheduled for January 15-17, will include eight panel discussions in which dealers, distributors and manufacturers will participate, it was announced this week. In addition the assembled dealers will be addressed by such industry names as W. A. Blees, Crosley vice-president and general sales manager; J. F. Nance, president of Hotpoint, Inc., and Joe Meek, manager of the Illinois Federation of Retail Associations.

Of particular interest to radio-TV dealers will be the panel on "selling TV-radio profitably" in which the participants will be Antony Wright, chief engineer for Magnavox; Harry bankroller is entitled to plugs the Estersohn, Jerrold Electronics; Tim Alexander, Motorola's service manarea's top video dealer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Despite the | ing sales on sets that are not availpromoting the gift certificate idea for television. Admiral has been telling consumers to "wait a few more weeks" and to visit the local dealer, where "you receive a numbered certificate which entitles you to a priority."

AM-TV Sales Gains Are Tops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - Radio and TV stores are posting greater business gains over last year than any other retail group in the country, according to a report by the Commerce Department this week.

Sales showed a sharp upturn in October that sent total receipts for the first 10 months to 7 per cent above level for the same 1948 period. In comparison with last year, all types of retail business are averaging a 2 per cent decrease.

October business for radio-TV retailers was up 16 per cent from September and 17 per cent from Octoaverage was up only 2 per cent from September and was down 6 per cent

attributing most if not all of the 1949 the market. gains for radio-TV stores to the soaring sales of television receivers. They expect the year to post the all-time high for the radio-TV business and anticipate an increase in 1950 as more television markets open up.

Camden Firm Shaves TV Price \$30 in Year

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 10 .- About \$30 was shaved off the price of television sets by the Radio Condenser Company this year, according to R. E. Cramer Jr., president of the firm.

"In July of this year we offered television manufacturers a variable tuning-head for \$7.50," Cramer said. "Up until that time, the cheapest satisfactory tuning device for television sets cost between \$14 and \$16, and the cost of a component part multiplies four to five-fold by the time the television set reaches the consumer."

Cramer reported that since the original assembly lines were set up, the company had increased production schedules 1,000 per cent, "And we have received assurance," he added, "enough manufacturers will incorporate our tuning-head in their 1950 models to warrant our planning a further four-fold increase in production schedules for spring,"

TV Investment Fund Growing With Video

CHICAGO, Dec. 10. - Reflecting public interest in television investments and financial growth of TV manufacturers, net assets of Television Fund, Inc., have increased almost \$2,000,000 in the past year, annual report of the Investment Trust revealed this week. In its first full year of operation the Fund has increased from \$274,983 to \$2,777,795.

Number of shares of the Fund has net asset va e per share has increased from \$9.12 to \$9.33.

of the Fund, Chester D. Tripp, presi- areas served.

New Stylings, Finishes; Tube Sizes Remain

Projections Included

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The new RCA Victor TV line will contain several additions in new cabinet stylings and finishes at slightly higher prices than present models of comparable tube sizes, according to trade sources. Among the new console models will be maple, antique maple and provincial styles. It is also reported that the line will include several projection sets. In addition, there will be 10, 12, 121/2 and 16inch receivers with a newly designed inter-carrier chassis at prices "slightly lower than the 1949 sets," One 1232-inch table set will retail at \$229, and a 16-inch model is reported to be priced at \$299.

Repeated rumors that RCA also would introduce at this time a "19 or 21-inch direct view set" were met with a denial from a company spokesman, who said that nothing larger than a 16-inch direct view teleset "is in this new line that we are going to show." ber, 1948. In contrast, the national One trade source, however, did say that he had seen a model of a "21inch set" which, he was told, would contain a metal-coned, rectangular

Larger Tubes?

The general trade feeling on the possibility of RCA making video sets with a direct view screen larger than 16-inch size seems to be that the company would first have to set up a tube production line to make the larger size. It may take three to six months for such a production line to be installed and operating. At present, RCA does not make any cathode ray tubes larger than the 16-inch size.

RCA Victor distributors are this week being shown the entire new video line. The sets will be introtuced to dealers at a series of distributor-held meetings scheduled for the first of the year. This is the first time that RCA has presented a completely new television line at one time. The previous company policy called for the introduction of one or two new models at a time which replaced existing sets.

Philadelphia dealers will probably get the first look at the new RCA sets December 27, 28 and 29 when the Raymond Rosen Company, RCA Victor distributor in the territory, will hold a dealer showing at the Penn Sheraton Hotel.

MYSTERY IN AIR

(Continued from page 11) episode caught (WOR-Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS) concerned an ingenious malefactor called the Maestro whose hobby was turning women into wolves. The modern three musketeers, Doc. Reggie and Jack, took him on, but by the end of the show the Maestro seemed to be playing a death dirge for Jack, Even with its cliffhanger technique, MBS may find that adults are not interested in across-the-board mystery shows between 7:45 and 8 p.m. when so much else is cooking.

increased from 30,158 to 297,980, and dent, traced the rise of the TV industry and attributed the upsurge in demand for television sets to lower In commenting upon the growth prices and increase in stations and

WAX BOOM MAY

Xmas Rush To **Outlast Winter**

Maybe Best Postwar Biz

(Continued from page 3) should hype disk sales of all types. according to industry leaders. This is because RCA Victor is the leading mass volume set manufacturer in the industry and its 1950 three-speed line should help create new disk customers for the new speeds as well standard wax products.

diskery pushing serve to sell not only the tune to Alamo. the individual item but wax of all types as a key form of home entertainment.

McAllister and Wilson Boosted At Columbia

and Ken McAllister, Columbia diskery execs, this week were hiked to key posts in the firm's merchandising setup. Wilson was appointed to the newly created position of general sales manager, while McAllister was named director of advertising and promotion. Both were appointed by Paul Southard, veepee in charge of merchandising.

Wilson will be in charge of all disof distribution and merchandising.

dising activities and personnel as well Inc., pubbers of his tune, Half a as advertising, promotion and pub- Heart, to wax that ditty with Eddy licity. He has been with the firm Howard's ork. since 1941 and most recently was manager of distribution and promotion. McAllister also was co-ordinator of the firm's long-playing record activities.

Receipts Pick Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- October receipts of musical instrument and piano stores showed a pick-up of 5 per cent over September, but the first 10 months of the year lagged 8 per cent behind the same 1948 period, the Department of Commerce estimated this week. October sales were off about 2 per cent from October, 1948.

Diskers Sure Tunesters, Licensers, Diskers, Pubs Mix It Up Over 'Half Heart'

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- A tune here last week, Morgan said he called tangle involving three songwriters. Aberbach, who informed him that two publishers, two licensing organ- Mercury had cut the tune without izations and two diskeries cropped up a license. Morgan said that if his this week and in all likelihood two attorney ascertains that Mercury cut

Morgan, William Walker and William day (7), with London expected to Rives, the Pemora and Alamo pubberies, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP); Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), and the London and Mercury waxeries. According to Pemora, a BMI firm run by Jose Morand, it has possession of a writers' contract signed by Walker and Rives for their In addition, the diskers feel that signed by Walker and Rives for their they have shaken off the remnants of tune, Half a Heart. Alamo, a nonthe lethargic merchandising tactics affiliated subsidiary of Hill & Range, of the lush war years and that they the Jean-Julian Aberbach BMI firm, now are rolling on full-geared sales has a contract signed by all three promotions which will continually writers, admittedly made subsequent keep the public's interest focused on to the Pemora contract. The two records. It is generally agreed that cleffers who had signed with Pemora smart promotion is the key to ac- had, meanwhile, notified Morand cumulating plus business in the disk that they did not intend to consumindustry today. Top examples of the mate the agreement and later repotency of promotion and advertising turned their contract to him along are the successes of the Columbia with uncashed advance checks. long-playing drives of the past year Further, it develops, in returning the and the Victor 45-r.p.m. push of the contracts, they neglected, "by error." past six months. In a smaller way, to detach their signatures therefrom. such drives as the Decca promotion Alamo reportedly has a statement on its current Club 15 album via the from them that they did not intend Campbell soup airer and co-ordi- to carry thru their Pemora agreement nated radio-distrib-dealer-publisher- and were canceling it to turn over

ASCAP-BMI Tangle

BMI understands that it is getting suit, told The Billboard that the dethe licensing rights in the song despite Alamo's rumored intention to evidence to the effect that the disclear the tune thru ASCAP.

Pemora nor Alamo has issued a re- he said it was known as 'Round His cording license on the song, Mercury Hat He Wore a Yellow Ribbon. The has an Eddy Howard disking on the defendant also claims that the dismarket this week. The London etching, done by Morgan, is being rushed out because of the appearance of NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Jeff Wilson the Howard job. Both companies Wore a Purple Ribbon. RKO also say that so far as they are concerned, and until they are informed otherwise, they understand Alamo to be the publisher. Alamo has set a Febfuary 1 release date, but this has gone the way of all release dates of | Mounted Police. recent vintage.

To date, neither side has started litigation, but both claim the song.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Another retributor and district manager activi- lease jumping episode came to light ties and will also be responsible for here last week when Al Morgan, chain store and export selling. Wilson video and London recording ace, rehas been with Columbia since 1940 ported that he had notified his atand most recently has been manager torney to investigate whether or not Mercury Records here had received McAllister will supervise merchan- a license from Hill & Range Songs.

Morgan said that he turned over the tune, which he wrote with Bill Walker, local orkster, and Tubby Riaes, nitery comic, to Hill & Range six weeks ago. In giving Julian Aberbach the tune, Morgan said that he specified that he was to make the first waxing of Heart in December, with no other records to be licensed until February 1.

attorneys will eventually enter the Heart without license, he intends to start suit for damages. Morgan cut have the disk on the market next

RKO Fighting Piracy

(Continued from page 3) tune and title by producing and distributing the film, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. The movie incorporated the tune, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, which Vogel charges is an infringement of Norton's tune.

Vogel recently filed an infringeallegedly recording the tune without the title has acquired a secondary meaning.

RKO's Retort

An added mystery is the fact that tures, informed of the Jerry Vogel missions on the Andrews Sisters radio fendant is preparing documentary puted song is in reality a folk song Despite the fact that neither dating back to 1838, at which time, puted song was a popular college song about 1900, at which time the tune will argue there is evidence that the tune thru the years has been a military song in various wars and has been a ditty traditionally used in connection with the Royal Canadian

Bluebird Adopts Regular Releases

bird disks, which heretofore had been released on a "special" basis-that is, at unspecified intervals and in debut. Also, the band was to record varying quantities-will be sent out a complete album prior to embarkalong with the regular Victor weekly release beginning with the first week in January. One, or possibly two, Bluebird disks will be released each

The reason for adopting a regular release pattern, according to Victor, is that the lower priced label is now sufficiently established to have an identity, and in some cases, to have created a demand on its own. Until this had been attained, Bluebirds re-Upon learning that Mercury had leased with the regular Victors the Howard disking on the street "might have got lost in the shuffle."

Levy Seeks 85G

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- Charges and countercharges were hurled this week by Lou Levy, manager of the Andrews Sisters, and Marty Melcher, The principals are songwriters Al his rendition of Heart here Wednes- ists, Ltd., booking agency. Long simmering dissention exploded this week-end when Levy filed action in Los Angeles Superior Court, seeking to break Melcher's booking contract and recover over \$85,500 in commissions paid out. Levy charged breach of contract by Melcher for failure to pay stipulated \$150 weekly fee which Levy claimed was due under the terms of the deal set up when Century firm was organized.

Spokesman for Levy said he was owed more than \$17,500 in back salary, dating from November 20, 1944, at which time the Andrews Sisters began a radio show for Nash-Kelvinator and including the current fees under Campbell soup radio deal. ment suit against Regent Music for Dough was pledged in return for money advanced to put Melcher in permission. The action claims that the booking biz. Levy now claims that the booking contract is null and void by virture of Melcher's refusal to pay \$150 weekly fees.

Charges were refuted by Melcher, who disclosed he would sue to col-An attorney for RKO Radio Pic- lect more than \$8,000 in back comshow. Melcher claimed that he had promised to give Levy \$150 weekly subject to "board of directors' approval," but the fees were never turned over to Levy because of undisclosed contract breaches on latter's part. Meanwhile, Melcher charged, Levy has held out Century's commissions on the soup show for the past 12 weeks. Melcher wants not only the back commissions but also the right to continue radio representation of the Andrews trio under

Kenton Concert Tour Set Feb. 9

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 .- Stan Kenton will launch his production concert tour February 9 in Seattle, taking his newly formed 40-man aggregation on a nationwide four-NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- RCA Blue- month trek. Originally, plans were to kick off the tour in San Diego, but the itinerary favors a Northwest ing, with disks released in advance of the tour. However, a last-minute strategy change calls for the album release after the tour. Idea is to create curiosity in Kenton's new product to insure top attendance. If new scorings were released before the p.a. trek, feeling is the disks might take the edge off interest in the new Kenton conceptions.

Rehearsals will get under way January 15, with many of the former Kenton key men in the new ork's ranks, including Kai Winding, tram; Chico Alverez, trumpet; Bob Gioga, bary sax: Bob Cooper, sax, and June Christy on vocals. Kenton is negotlating with Shelly Mann and Eddie Safranski, Scoring will be by Kenton, Pete Rugolo, Neal Hefti and Johnny Richards. Tour route lists more than 50 dates with but a few gaps still to be filled before the crew takes to the road.

EARLIER CLOSING

December 31 and January 7 Issues On account of the Holidays ALL forms for these issues will close 24 hours earlier than usual.

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Disk Price War Clouds Gathering

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-A suit has been filed in Federal Court here against Spotlight Records by attorney Lew Dreyer for Charles Darwyn, Canadian disk distribber and pubber. The suit, asking \$4,200, alleges that Jack Berman, Spotlite head, broke a contract with Darwyn giving the latter exculsive rights to the Spotlite label for Canada. Under the agreement, beginning with February of this year, Darwyn was to have received masters from Spotlite and paid royalties on pressings, accounting to the waxery each month. After the second month, Spotlite withdrew from the deal, giving the Canadian rights to another distribber.

Spotlite's answer, thru attorney Howard Sheldon, alleges that Darwyn had breached the contract by failing to account as agreed and by not carrying thru his declared intention of building production facilities to press the records. Further, Spotlite says, Darwyn could not deliver the country-wide distribution he had promised. The waxery has filed a counter-claim for \$5,000.

RCA Expanding Hollywood Plant of Billboard Attractions, in charge of all music talent, being assisted by

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - RCA Victor's Hollywood plant, for some time handling only custom pressings and manufacture for other labels, is being expanded to start pressing its own product. Heretofore, Victor's Coast orders had been filled by the Indianapolis plant, but a biz boost plus need for faster delivery has necessitated the shift to the local plant.

Need for rapid, on-the-spot delivery was spotlighted during the recent fast - breaking Mule Train. Last week Paul Barkmeir, general manager of Victor, arrived here, and after surveying the situation called for further expansion of the plant. Two presses are being added immediately, with more to come if needed.

Victor here handles pressing for Capitol, which is supplementing its own local plant; Horace Heidt and other labels, in addition to custom work.

Cap Forges Deep Into Int'l Mart Merchandising Pays Off:

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10. - Capitol forges deeper into the international market in starting to press its Telefunken wares in Latin America. Diskery similarly launched its Telefunken catalog in Canada recently, timing its releases with the Dominion tour of Erna Sack, top Telefunken seller in the U. S. According to Alec Porges, head of Cap's international department, Coast major's product is slated to enjoy an ever widening distribution in the international field.

English Decca deal, while the product thru the year. A. E. Demick and is handled in most of non-Com- Mary McDonald, of the local depart- proved to be the best ad method. munist Europe thru the Telefunken ment store, say it's just a matter of One time the copy features classical, channels. In Latin America, Capitol's proper planning and concentrationwares are 'eing distributed in Mexico no tricks. and Brazil via licensing deals with diskeries in those countries. Capitol is good are the sales figures racked is the only U. S. diskery to retain its up in the early part of 1949, when the display, they tie in with any other label identity in foreign markets disk business was generally in a displays set up by the store—radio while assuming foreign label tag. slump. Pogue's record department (See Cincy Shop Rings on page 18)

Darwyn Files Suit Merger Links Longhair, Bop Join Retailers Seek Hands for Parker For 4G Vs. Spotlite Over Can. Rights Two Agencies In Windy City

Mutual Absorbs Billboard

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-After being in the hot-and-cold state here for six months, a merger of Mutual Entertainment Agency and Billboard Attractions, Inc., was worked out last following line-up: Frank Brieff, conweek. Consolidation of the two indie talent skedding offices will make for the largest indie booking office in the Midwest. The consolidated business will be known as Mutual Entertainment Agency, Inc. Personnel of the two offices, both of which were located in the 203 North Wabash Building, will occupy the Mutual Entertainment quarters on the 16th floor after January 1.

Welding of the two indie booking offices will link approximately 35 attractions, previously booked by Billboard Attractions, and 90 attractions, previously skedded by Mutual Entertainment. Talent is mostly of the lounge and small band type, with Mutual Entertainment having a number of vaude and nitery acts. No big bands were involved in the switch.

Under the new combined set-up, J. J. (Bookie) Levin will be in charge of locations, with Milo Stelt, formerly Eddie Hall, Rudy Shell, Sid Morse, of Billboard Attractions, and Jack Brown, of Mutual Entertainment, Because of the heavier lounge and small band booking personnel, Jack Russell and Bill Vidas, of Mutual Entertainment, will swing their attention to full-time coverage of video, radio and recordings. Russell will also be in charge of developing new talent for the office, Sid Harris will continue to head the act department, while Johnny Jones remains as club-date chief. Mutual was formed in April, 1944, while Billboard Attractions was formed by Stelt, Hall and Shell, all former Frederick Bros.' personnel, two years ago. First deals following the merger in-

cluded the inking of a three-year pact with London label for the Nov-Elites, cocktail combo formerly on Universal and Sharp Labels, and the re-signing by Russell of the Art Van Damme Quintet, Capitol recording unit, to a five-year management pact. Office is shipped the completed platters into also currently dickering with MGM Records over a pact for Betty Chapel. vocalist on the Dave Garroway video of Havana to handle the Cuban

Mercury Platter Out If Nixed

On Franchise? NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Norman Granz and Mercury Records juxtaposed the finest in bop talent with the tops in classical and concert performers this week when they recorded Charley Parker with a group of outstanding longhairs.

Playing behind Parker was the ductor and viola soloist; Mitch Miller, oboe; Frank Miller, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Symphony cellist; Bronislaw Gimpel, concert violinist; Max Hollander, NBC Symphony concert master; Milton Tomask, Pittsburgh Symphony violinist; Minneapolis Symphony harpist Myor Rosen. The rhythm section was made up of orthodox jazzmen: Stan Freeman, Buddy Rich and Ray Brown. Sides were six standards arranged in "straight" style by Ray Carroll, with Parker's bop alto featured in front.

Canadian Outlet Set by Mercury

CHICAGO, Dec. 10. - Mercury Records last week completed its deal with Al Siegel, Wurlitzer distributor for Canada, to start peddling Mercury wax thruout the Provinces and extended its coverage to the Cuban territory. Morry Price, Mercury sales manager, and Siegel completed the last link of the Mercury Canadian coverage in inking an agreement with Maritime Accessories, Halifax, N. S., to cover the Northeastern portion of Canada. Siegel's Wurlitzer outlets in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal will handle Mercury for the remainder of Canada. Siegel's pressing facilities at New Market, Ont., will be known as Mercury Recording Company of Canada, while the distributing points will be known as Mercury Music Sales. Disks will now drop from \$1.05 to 79 cents, because Siegel is pressing the biscuits Previously Mercury in Canada. Canada from U. S. pressing facilities.

Price also appointed Readio Centro

territory.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The threat of a retail price war after the first of the year loomed heavy over the

local disk business this week. Several distribs and large retailers had been casting about the country for distribs who would be willing to play ball with trans-shipping and price concessions in the event their franchises were canceled by their regular New York suppliers.

Cut-Rates Appearing

During the last couple months one large department store, which, as a matter of policy defies being undersold, has been known to beef about various cut-rate disk ads several shops have been running in nationally circulated publications. More than one major distrib in the area has attempted to check the cut-price activity by suspending dealer franchises, but somehow these dealers have been able to obtain a steady supply of new items.

Altho it is generally conceded that controls on shellac sets have virtually dissolved, several of the longplaying (LP) lines are price-fixed under the Feld-Crawford and other State fair trade acts. Tradesters are watching with interest to determine what course, in the light of such restrictions, the master cut-raters will take. According to the local State laws, even non-franchised dealers must abide by established prices.

Warnings Issued

The possibility that RCA Victor's price line on its forthcoming LP's may cut below the current tags, plus the feeling that everybody will get his normally during the Christmas rush, is holding up any radical action for the time being, but some manufacturers have already issued warnings to out-of-town distribs to keep hands out of the New York barrel.

During the past year many distribs have become TV-happy and have come to regard the record business as a penny affair. Altho some would like to hold on to their disk franchises and some have to carry disks to get TV sets, the inclination has been growing to dispose of disks in volume wherever the money is fast and good, even if it means selling below the regular wholesale level. Several major distributing franchises were

(See Disk Price War on page 18)

Cincy Shop Rings Sales Via Proper Ad, Display, Planning CINCINNATI, Dec. 10. - Doing | showed a 45 per cent increase in Feb-

heavy disk business during the ruary, 70 per cent in March, 23 per Christmas season is no feat of great sales ability and, according to the May, record department of the H. & S. Cap's products are distributed in Pogue Company here, it's not very

Proof that Miss McDonald's advice

cent in April and 26 per cent in

Ad-wise, the store's campaign in the Sunday papers is planned to catch England and British possessions via difficult to do a heavy business all the eye and then sell. Variety bination of classical, popular and children's disks. While the department occasionally gets a choice window

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Diskers Go to Options on Musicals Crystal Fuss

Heating Brows Of Big Waxers | Washing Ton, Dec. 10.—Amid its music use by some 2,000-odd indie negotiations with the TV industry and its confabs with the Justice Depart- 20,000 hotels, restaurants, bars, dance

Decca May Do 'Li'l Darling'

(Continued from page 2) has given rise to new tactics in bidding for waxing rights.

show album diskery competition involves the purchase of an option to record a show prior to its Broadway Merle Colby, whose current novel, It's unveiling. Decca Records, at one a Secret, hit the best-seller lists, the field, has put down a sum reported telling ASCAP's story in an underat somewhere between \$1,000 and standable, tactful and non-controver-\$5,000 as an option on the original sial manner. Copies of the booklet cast waxing of Texas, Li'l Darling, which debuted on the Stem last week. The diskery has not yet decided ing radio and TV stations, musical whether to do the recording of the organizations, ASCAP members and show's score, but in the event the the press. It is anticipated that a firm decides against making the album, Decca will lose the option money. The diskery obtained the option when the show went into rehearsal some months ago.

Victor on Long Range

RCA Victor, anxious to grab its slice of the show album market, is doing its bidding on a long-range basis. The diskery approached Lost in the Stars composer Kurt Weill direct and made a deal whereby it would obtain the recording rights to Weill's next show, which is not even in the formative stages. Weill's current show, Stars, was inked by Decca.

The heavy competitive bidding over the show recordings has led to a state where diskers have become what is tantamount to minor investors in musical productions because of the lucrative potential of original cast waxings. It is recalled that the last heavy disker putsch In the show album business culminated in the Victor procurement of Brigadoon for recording a couple of years ago for a fabulous advance of over \$15,000 plus a royalty deal which was reported at 10 per cent of the retail price of the album.

King Assumes 24 Fred Miller Tunes

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-King Records this week took over 24 unreleased masters from orkster Freddy Miller and will release sides beginning next January. The sides, mainly originals and standards, had originally been cut for Signature, but were returned to Miller as part of a settlement between him and the diskery.

King also signed Miller to a recording contract.

MADJ Party

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, - The MADJ, the Metropolitan Association of Disk Jockeys, is holding its second annual Christmas party Tuesday (20) at the Baroque Room of the Belmont Plaza Hotel. The association is inviting all metropolitan area spinners, whether members or not, record company execs and whatever recording artists are around at the time. A live ork will lend tone to the bash, which is being chaired by Bill Taylor. of WOR.

Album Fever ASCAP Gives Full Story in New Salable Copy Booklet; 2d Printing Needed?

its confabs with the Justice Depart- 20,000 hotels, restaurants, bars, dance ment, the American Society of Com- halls "and other places where music is Authors and Publishers publicly used for profit." posers. (ASCAP) turned a smiling face to the public this week by putting into distribution 35,000 copies of an attractive new brochure entitled The ASCAP Story. The booklet was prepared by Arthur Newmyer and Associates, a topflight Washington public The most recent wrinkle in the relations firm, which has been counseling ASCAP since last spring (The Billboard, April 2). Authored by time the leader in the show album ASCAP booklet does an adroit job of are being distributed thruout the music and entertainment world, includnumber will be sent to members of congressional committees concerned with legislation affecting ASCAP, and it is seen likely that a second printing beyond the first edition of 35,000 copies will be necessitated.

History of ASCAP

The booklet marks a departure ASCAP's general attorney. from ASCAP's usual policy of reticence and is viewed as an effective ASCAP president, added that the firm public relations gimmick. In re- of Schwartz and Frohlich would conviewing the organization's practice of tinue to serve as general counsel, collecting royalties, The ASCAP Story recounts that the function of ASCAP as a "performing rights society" to carry out "under modern conditions" the original intent of the constitution was necessitated by the development of the techniques of the phonograph, radio, TV and movies. The booklet points out that radio stations originally were allowed to perform their music free but that when advertisers began sponsoring programs and paying high fees, "ASCAP asked the rapidly growing new radio industry for a small share of the income resulting from the performance of its members music.

"Like the cabaret owners of an earlier day, the representatives of radio maintained that their performances should not be construed as 'public,' " continues the booklet, which went on to explain that the courts finally decreed that "broadcasting is performance for profit and that it was just and reasonable for radio stations to pay for performances."

"Again in the 1940's, when the young television industry was going thru the laboratory stages, ASCAP accorded it free use of its members' music," continues the booklet. "However, in 1949, when it became apparent that television was not only technically feasible but widely popular, ASCAP requested compensation for its composers, authors and publishers."

Importance Cited

inconveniencing the public and that off-the-cuff basis with each other, agreements were reached in the fall, find that almost all of them are in whereupon "composers and authors, like engineers, actors and musicians, at last began to be compensated for the use of their talent by this great new medium." The booklet, which runs to 14 pages and is attractively illustrated, describes ASCAP's public service, objectives and organizational structure. In citing the Society's importance to music users, the booklet states that radio in a recent year reported 31,674,225 single separate uses of ASCAP members' music over the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Amid its | music use by some 2,000-odd indie

Membership in ASCAP has grown from 188 in 1914 to 2,028 writer (composer and author) members, 170 of whom are women, and 342 publisher Borne. members.

Pointing out that the job of "standing guard" over the use of ASCAP members' products is "extremely complicated," the booklet states that "to obtain a complete survey of all the millions of performances given annually by ASCAP's 20,000 licensees might well cost more than the total income received by the Society.

Finkelstein Is **ASCAP Attorney**

Finkelstein, who for the past seven years has been serving as resident counsel for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) this week was appointed

An announcement by Fred Ahlert,

Finkelstein in recent years has played an increasingly major role in drawing up and negotiating ASCAP contracts with radio and TV interests.

Gale Renews Jacquet Pact

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Illinois Jacquet this week inked a renewal management contract with the Gale Agency. The tenor saxophone-orkster has been with the agency for several years and was rumored leaving Gale with his last paper expired some weeks ago. The re-signing spikes erring reports.

Tho the Thought Is There, Pub's Xmas Gifts Will Be Light

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Santa's sack is going to be light this year when he makes his round of the music

Publishers, established by hallowed tradition as the donors of lavish yule emoluments, especially to performers and record company personnel, will The booklet then relates that music be sparing this Christmas. Leading rights were extended so as to avoid pubbers, discussing the matter on an agreement-with erratic disk sales, lowered sheet music activity and general curtailment of income, few of them can afford to spread seasonal cheer as had been the custom in the past. This will apply not only to the a. and r. people, recording artists and performers with air time, but to professional staffs as well. Bonuses, from current indications, will be lean, the employers have been known to make this particular threat in the past and then relent around carillon

May Indicate

Borne Starts Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- A determination of what constitutes a salable copy of sheet music may emerge from a hassle between songwriter Hal Borne and the Crystal Music Company of California, with the Songwriters Protective Association (SPA) taking up the cudgels for

Borne, who had placed five tunes with Crystal, maintains that the company had failed to live up to the SPA contracts covering the songs in that it failed to publish a salable copy within the specified time. The pubbery then produced copies of each of the songs, which it alleged were salable and could be purchased thru regular trade channels. SPA, upon examining the copies, held that they are professional copies and were unobtainable in stories. The association then designated attorney Nathan Freedman, of Los Angeles, to act for Borne and to institute arbitration proceedings.

SPA, which does not ordinarily NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Herman take a hand in cleffer-pubber quarrels, is acting in this matter because a general principle, rather than a specific issue, pertaining to its contracts is at stake.

Fight in Local 802 Over Racial Issue

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Two local 802 musicians, Sully Childs and Allan Kimmel, expelled from the union recently on charges of fomenting racial hatred, have dropped an appeal to the international executive board of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) and are appealing to the local membership for reinstatement. They hope to have the tootlers reinstated by membership mandate at the local's next membership meeting (12).

Their expulsion came after they had circulated a leaflet accusing local Prexy Dick McCann of supporting British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's alleged anti-Semitism. The accusation, taken out of context from an article by McCann in the September Allegro, the union local's journal, attacked McCann for terming Britain's Israel policy as "short-sighted, short-tempered." The Childs - Kimmel broadside called this "excusing away" the alleged Bevin anti-Semitism.

"If calling England's Palestine policy short-sighted and short-tempered is an encomium in those fellows eyes, they and I must be speaking different languages," an irate McCann told The Billboard. "They've just used a dirty, below-the-belt trick to discredit the administration, My record on fair play and tolerance speaks for itself." McCann has been active in UJA and Histadrut (both Jewish organizations) affairs, and in the hottest of intra-union political dog-fights of recent years, has never before been accused of anti-Semitism.

Right, Left, Right

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 10. -In an effort to create more interest in dancing and to build up attendance the Ritz Ballroom here, which plays name bands on Sundays and holidays and territorial hands during the week, is now giving free dancing lessons to their patrons on Saturday nights. Instructors are Vincent and Florence La Rossa, of the Arthur Murray Studios here.

Tootlers' Union Fines Melis in Radio Dispute

DETROIT, Dec. 10.-The longstanding difference between the Detroit Federation of Musicians and some local radio stations over the non-employment of talent by the stations broke into action this week when the union slapped \$50 fine on Jose Melis for an appearance at WJBK without sanction of the local. Melis, as a traveling band leader, now fronts the band at the swank Book Casino.

George Clancy, secretary-treasurer of the Detroit local, emphasized that the union officials had nothing personal against Melis, but that it was a routine action required when he violated a standing rule. Under this rule, both traveling and local band members are prohibited from appearing at a station for either interviews or to play, unless they get a special approval from the local. Notices to this effect are being sent to all licensed booking agents, incidentally.

Citing the reasoning back of the stand. Clancy said that "there are several stations and other places in this jurisdiction which refuse to employ musicians. And we refuse to give such places the prestige that the personal appearance of recognized artists would lend."

Clancy stressed that it was not the intent of the ruling to "stifle legitimate publicity for the artists," but said that each case would be taken up on its own merits.

Woolery to Bourne As Sales Manager

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Pete Woolery, former Robbins Music and J. J. Robbins staffer, has joined Bourne, Inc., as sales manager. He'll also serve as assistant to Lee Finburgh in production at the pubbery.

This week the Bourne standard department is issuing the first selections in a new modern accordion solo series arranged by J. H. Sedlon, noted Cleveland teacher. Initial titles are One Night of Love and the currently hot Charley, My Boy. Six other standards will follow within a month.

Saul Bourne left last week for an indefinite stay on the Coast.

MGM Inks Eldridge; Little Jazz Pub Stet

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Trumpetermaestro Roy Eldridge has signed a new recording pact with MGM Records. He formerly cut for Decca, and prior to that.

Meanwhile, the Little Jazz publishing firm, owned by Eldridge and Frank Verniere, will remain active and maintain its New York office. The firm recentl; assigned its selling rights to Nat Tannen's Keys Music outfit.

VA Entertainment Hits Music Peak

than 300 musical artists, plus two the stiffest resistance to a low-profit dozen instrumental and vocal groups, will take part in the winter season of concerts for patients in Veterans Ad- disclosure that dealers in Cleveland ministration (VA) hospitals, the VA and Dallas were peddling the firm's said this week. This marks the high- Levi Plaid Shirt and Spurs for 79 cents est number of entertainers ever to despite a fixed (but not take part in the Artists Veterans 39-cent retail price because of demand Hospitals program, which was organ- for the disk, which features torusa ized by vocalist Jean Tennyson in Jeannie McKeon. New price struc- of serious attention. We started to books and disks. Talent employed in 1947 with 20 artists.

About 200 of the best-known manual no change in quality of the vinaflex have run into so many difficulties in radio actor Danny Ocko, Gil Mack About 200 of the best-known names year, according to VA.

Long Song?

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Harry Link, general professional manager at Feist, is working on a tune that may well have the longest title in recent song history. According to Link, the full and exact title of the tune is I've Got Tears in My Eyes From Lying on My Back in My Bed While I Cry Over You, and that's how it's going to read on the title page.

Feist acquired the tune from Commonwealth Music, whose owner, Harold Barlow, cleffed

the ditty.

Mellin Issues Dellon Catalog

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Bobby Mellin this week bought out the Harold Dellon Music catalog, also acquiring renewal rights in some 25 tunes written or co-written by him and published by other firms, Mellin made the deal in Cleveland, where the Dellon firm, a Broadcast Music, Inc., org is located, buying the catalog and renewals for a reported \$5,000 from Mrs. Dellon, widow of the cleffer-pubber.

There has been some trade interest in the Dellon catalog of late because of the tune Take a Chance With Me, with several pubbers making efforts to snare the song, one of 75 in the catalog. The tune, written by Guy Lombardo, Al Lewis and Dellon in 1927, reportedly has made a stir via a small-label disking.

Capitol Wooing Juke Box Trade

HOLLYWOOD, Dec 10. - Capitol Records is currently mapping an allout drive for a greater share of the juke box op trade. Its strategy has not been revealed, but according to disk should be apparent to everyindications, diskery's drive will equal one. Smaller in siz and unbreakthe campaign it had long and suc- able, they lend themselves admirably cessfully waged for disk jockey favor (Cap has won many top honors in The Billboard's annual disk jockey polls). First move to indicate Cap's budding romance with the ops is a special Christmas greeting disk saluting the music machine men. This to which the 45 r.p.m. is put to will is the first time in Cap's history to distribute a yule platter to ops, heretofore limiting recorded greetings to deejays and dealers. Next step, to be launched after the first of the year, will be a special monthly newsletter. to be prepared for and distributed to the operators. Other plans are still in the works, but indications are that no action will be taken on further as a featured member of the Gene steps until after the next regular Krupa crew waxed for Columbia quarterly regional managers' meet, to be held early in 1950.

ABC Records Drop 39-Cent Disk Line

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10.-ABC Records, recently launched local indie plattery, has given up its 39-cent disks to sell plattery products at 79 cents. In dropping the item, diskery topper Gordon Burge said that experience had shown that both dealers and record buyers resent low-priced WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - More merchandise, with dealers putting up disk.

What brought about the change was

pressings.

Juke Makers Eye "45" Wax; Availability Is Chief Factor

By Norm Weiser

all manufacturers of coin-operated idea for the present. phonographs have given much thought to the new 45 r.p.m. speed players as potential mechanisms for their machines, they are agreed that record availability is the major factor to be considered in planning any future moves. Similar to the J. P. Seeburg Corporation analysis of the situation last week (The Billboard, December 10) are the reactions of other major producers of coinoperated music units.

The Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, North Tonawanda, N. Y., has studied the new speed for more than a year. Engineers have visited RCA's plant in Camden, N. J., in order to get first-hand information on the mechanism. For some time the firm's officials have been working on an analysis of the situation, and this is expected to be finished shortly. However, like most manufacturers, Wurlitzer is also chiefly concerned with record availability.

Rieck Speaks

Lester C. Rieck, phonograph sales manager, H. C. Evans & Company, Chicago, speaking in behalf of that firm (manufacturer of the Constellation), believes that 45 r.p.m. mechanisms and records will at some future time have a definite influence on the manufacturing of coin phonos. Rieck reported: "As is typical of all other coin-operated phonograph manufacturers, H. C. Evans & Company has been giving considerable thought to the future of the 45 r.p.m. records relative to our industry. There is no doubt in our minds but that it will have a definite part some time in the future in shaping the manufacture of coin phonographs. To what extent this part will develop is, of course, contingent upon several determining factors.

"The advantages of the new 45 to the construction of coin-operated phonograph mechanism: which can be correspondingly smaller in size, thereby effecting economies in manufacturing cos's.

"The major factor in the future use be determined almost entirely by its availability. If this record is univresally accepted and adopted by the record-playing public, then without a doubt a large library of selections will be made available. When this time comes, then and only then, will the 45 r.p.m. record prove to be a money-maker for music machine operators. No one knows better than the operator that his job is selling music to the public. Without the "merchandise" to sell, a successful job can surely not be accomplished.

"When the 45 record has successfully proved that it is the record for the future of the coin-operated phonographs, Evans phonograph equipment will incorporate its use. We do not feel that this problem can rightfully be decided on in the immediate future. It is going to take time, possibly years, to outmode completely the playing of 78 r.p.m. records."

Rock-Ola Opinion

and above record avail-Over ability, according to J. Raymond Bacon, executive vice-president of the Rock-Ola Manufacturing Company, are other difficulties which will have to be solved before the new speed will be adaptable to the coin phonos. Bacon reported as fol-

adapting them to our phonograph and thrush Anne Vincent (Lloyd).

CHICAGO, Dec. 10. - While | that we have just about shelved the

"One of the objections to be overcome is the fact that the records are so light that even a small amount of vibration, such as might be caused by people dancing or the thumping of chairs, seems to distort the tone or make the tone arm jump on the record."

Bacon stressed that the firm had checked into the situation thoroly before arriving at a decision to shelve the 45 r.p.m. idea until new developments come along.

45 Here To Stay

Quite the contrary is the outlook expressed by Bernard D. Craig, general sales manager, Aireon Manufac-

(See Juke Mfrs. on page 87)

MGM All Out On Xmas Wax

NEW YORK, Dec. 10,-MGM Records has geared for a larger-thanexpected demand of Christmas disks. The company earlier this month put presses at its Bloomfield, N. J. plant to work almost exclusively on production of current Christmas sellers. For several days all other production at the diskery was strictly limited to necessary pressings of current bestselling MGM pop hits and to filling pressing commitments on orders farmed out from other firms.

These moves were the result of high sales on four single platters and one album included in the MGM 1949 holiday release. Singles include Billy Eckstine's Oh Come All Ye Faithful and Holy Night, Blue Barron's Christmastime and Art Mooney's Jingle Bells. The other single is the folk item, Bob Wills' Santa's On His Way. The album which is moving well is Canterbury Carolers.

Simon & Schuster Scrap 1st Attempt At Miniature Pop

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Simon & Schuster, book publisher and producer of Little Golden kiddie records, this week made a vain initial attempt to hit the 25-cent miniature disk field with a piece of popular material. The tune was Mule Train, in a version aimed at the moppet market, but cut by pop warbler Dick Byron. Mitch Miller, music director for this label as well as Mercury, personally provided the whoops and whip-snapping for the date, only to have the master hit the discard heap. The reason was failure of the diskery to obtain a special publisher royalty rate commensurate with the 25-cent tag and low-profit margin per disk.

According to Arthur Shimkin, general manager of the S & S disk wing, the label will pursue the idea further, bringing out the two pop tunes from Disney's Cinderella cartoon flick in its first 1950 release.

In addition to this backing, the Little Golden release, to hit the market in February, will include new Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck disks, plus four new platters embodying material from the Little Golden book line. According to Shimkin this return to the original policy of using the pubbery's literary property for disks has been dictated by the chain, "We have given this matter a lot drug and toy outlets that handle both ture will apply to all merchandise consider the 45 r.p.m. records almost the diskings includes the Sandpipera heretofore peddled at 39 cents, with as soon as they were released, but (actually the Texaco TV quartet).

Eckstine Hits 500G for Year; Pic Bow Next, Stem for Easter

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Billy Eck- engagement at Bop City here a couple and is gathering in half a million that period. bucks for his year's take. The most | Eckstine has become a \$5,000 to business, as his first half statement \$19,000 in 1946. of \$66,000 shows. This figure represents about 2,200,000 records for the six-month period.

The finishing touch to his general public acceptance is the tremendous amount of magazine and newspaper coverage which is currently in preparation. He is skedded for the covers of half a dozen national mags, beginning with February issues. He also has spreads coming up in four top slick and other stuff in leading metropolitan dailies.

Hollywood Bound

movie deal and heads West after the first of the year for the groundwork of his first film, East of Broadway. He will head back East for the Easter show at the Paramount Theater, where he will headline at \$7,500 a week. He completed an 11-day

Sydney Ork Gives **Boff Free Concerts**

· idea was tried again in Sydney when cial prices. Some indie manufacthe Sydney Symphony Orchestra, under the conductorship of Eugene Goosens, held a concert in Hyde Park. Some 25,000 people attended. The success will possibly mean that a regular series of these concerts will be held by the symphony orchestra on Sundays interspersed with band recitals by some of the many city bands.

No charge is made for these concerts in Melbourne or Sydney.

stine has cracked into the big time of weeks ago and played to 18,000 in

unusual aspects of the Eckstine suc- \$7,500-a-week nitery attraction, Frontalini To Bring Italian Accordion Troupe for the singer's rise has been handed theaters and does a minimum of to his waxings. Actually, Eckstine 125,000 disks, no matter what the never has had a smash hit waxing. grocves may hold. His \$500,000 this He is, however, one of the most con- year compares with \$80,000 earned sistent catalog disk sellers in the in 1948, \$68,000 in 1947 and a loss of

Columbia Seeks 25G On Insurance Policy

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 10 .-Columbia Records, Inc., filed suit in Superior Court here this week against J. C. Bradley & Sons claiming damages of \$25,000 in connection with a dispute over an insurance policy.

Columbia alleges that it paid Bradley & Sons a premium of \$12,195.47 for a policy insuring against damage Eckstine is bound to an MGM because of an accident to machinery or equipment. On August 20, 1948, the complaint continues, a pressure line broke and flooded part of the second floor of Columbia's factory here.

Payment of loss was refused by the defendant, it is claimed. Columbia admits that the loss was not in fact covered by the policy issued by Bradley & Son, but says the defendant did not issue the type of insurance agreed upon.

DISK PRICE WAR

(Continued from page 15) SYDNEY, Dec. 10 .- Last year open put on notice recently when the dis- Valdez and Ramirez Back With Victor air concerts held in the Melbourne trib neglected disks for TV. As a Botanical Gardens were an outstand- result, a large quantity of major line ing success. Late in November the platters have been circulating at speturers aware that certain transshipping retailers pay better, and even service out-of-town markets better than their regular distribs, have made their catalogs available to these parties at approximately distributor prices, then shut their eyes to what followed. Naturally, the retailers have been able to cut prices and still come out well over on the profit side of the ledger.

Cincy Shop Rings Sales Via Proper Ad, Display Planning

(Continued from page 15) ture windows.

Order Is Necessary

"However," says Miss McDonald, "advertising and displays can do nothing if the department itself is not in order. The first rule of our shop is cleanliness and orderliness. That is because we know that customers like to browse. If merchandise is jumbled, then they lose interest. We also concentrate on keeping the Changing displays at least once a hits. month and displaying new releases and hit albums are both musts.

"We have put into practice literally dozens of ways to accomplish this. In our classical section we have alphabetically according to composer tried for eye-appeal by working out and then further broken down again special color arrangements with al- for concerti, sonatas, symphonies, bum covers. Another means of clas- etc. sification consists of choosing a favorite composer, then building an entire rack around this composer's works. This can also be done with "There are thousands of ways to show

movies and personal appearances of windows, school windows or furni- artists in local theaters or night clubs. Whenever a recording artist gets some special publicity, the store sets up a display of the artist's disks.

Buying Guide

On the record counter the store keeps a 12-inch size record merchandiser for the classical disks most in demand. This, according to Miss McDonald, is also a good spot for clearing out overstock on various items. Three 10-inch counter merdepartment as colorful as possible, chandisers are also used for current

> Popular albums are always grouped by company and numerically arranged on the shelves. Classical album stock, however, is arranged

Customer-wise, the department's staff is trained to make each potential buyer feel like an honored guest. symphonies, concerti and the customer that you care," says Miss McDonald, "but to sum them all Popular albums are grouped dif- up, I would say, treat him as you rently—sometimes grouping nothing would like to be treated if you were but new releases-a row for each the customer. So far this policy major company. By watching the has proved to be successful. There's

Music-As Written

Cornell Quitting Kaye; To Wax for Victor

Warbler Don Cornell steps out of the Sammy Kaye band beginning with the new year to work as a single. Cornell has been signed to a term recording pact with RCA Victor.

Alfredo Frontalini, Italian accordion manufacturer, returned to Europe Saturday (10) with arrangements virtually set for bringing his 28-piece accordion symphony here next March. Purpose of the tour, which S. Hurok will book, is to introduce the new-type Frontalini accordions emulating various orchestral instruments. Two Carnegie Hall concerts have been planned for March. Cetra-Soria will import records cut by the outfit in Italy. Musical material scored for the instrument will be sold here thru Leeds Music. Frontalini expects to drop \$20,000 on the tour itself.

Esoteric Makes Schoenberg Disk With Mitropoulos

Esoteric Records, a new longhair indie, last week obtained the services of New York Philharmonic conductor Dimitri Mitropoulos for a special waxing marking the 75th birthday of modern composer Arnold Schoenberg. Special releases for Mitropoulos's services were granted by the Philharmonic and by Columbia Records, to whom he is under contract. The work recorded was the "Serenade for Septet and Baritone voice (1923). The conductor has been a special "sponsor" of the work, having also presented it last month at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Troob Buys Plastic-Ware Plant

The Plastic-Ware record pressing plant, New York, has been purchased by Lester Troob and will henceforth be operated as Windsor Record, Inc. The six-press indie produces plastic disks exclusively. including long-playing platters. Troob is also an exec with Young Peoples' Records.

Apex Studios Expand To Meet Indie Demands

Apex Recording Studios, New York, servicing a flock of indie labels, has expanded its space and facilities. The move was necessitated mainly by demands of many indies for tape and microgroove recording. The outfit has added a new studio and now operates on a 'round-the-clock, seven-days-a-week basis.

Miguelito Valdez and Carlos Ramirez, Latin-American artists, have returned to the RCA Victor artist roster after an absence of several years. The concert bary, Ramirez, who formerly recorded for Victor Red Seal disks, will cut exclusively for the Latin department under the supervision of Herman Diaz. Valdez, now at the New Hilton Hotel. San Juan, with his own crew, cut for the label some years ago as featured member of the Xavier Cugat and Casino De La Playa orks.

New York:

Nat Shapiro, Mercury flack, will marry Vera Miller, doctor of philosophy in sociology, December 30.

The New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will play the Roxy Theater here sometime early next summer with its regular conductor, Dimitri Mitropolous, at the helm. . . . Victor thrush and "Kiss Me, Kate" feature, Lisa Kirk doubles into the Persian Room of the Hotel Plaza beginning December 29. . . . Mrs. Billy Eckstine underwent an operation here last week at Jewish Memorial Hospital. . . . The Three Flames were inked to an MGM recording pact. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lou Weiss, he's an agent with the William Morris Agency, have a new son, Jeffrey Gordon, born November 18.

Milton Shrednik, pianist-arranger-music director of KOA, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) affiliate in Denver, was in town vacationing last week. . . . Fred Montilla's Discos Cafamo label will now be known simply as Cafamo. The Latin diskery topper returned from Cuba last week with 10 new sides featuring Los Universitaros, Myrta Silva and Sonora Matancera. . . . Horace Bloom has joined Lincoln Records as sales manager. . . . Gene Gold, former Eastern sales rep for Rondo Records, has left that diskery to join Sy Newton in Cobra Records. Gold is father of a new baby girl, Kathryn Ellen. . . . Hot Lips Page and his band go into the Apollo Theater the week of December 16.

Margo Record Company, Latin American disk producer, has been purchased by Estaban and Jaime Taronju. . . . Marion Bruce, star of the "Front Row Center" DuMont-TV show, opened a limited engagement at the Blue Angel December 2. . . Warbler Tony Valentine, a Godfrey "Talent Scouts" winner, has signed a non-exclusive pact with the new Perri Record Company. He cut six sides for the label recently. Valentine has been signed to a five-year personal management deal by Eddie White.

Les Brown has signed to do transcriptions for the World Broadcasting System; the first release goes to World subscribers in January. . . . Sally and Marvin Clark, who wrote and warbled the "Game of Broken Hearts" sleeper on Dart Records, have been signed by London, for which they etched four sides. . . . Joe Liebowitz, formerly with De Luxe, has started his own label, to be known as "Original," out of Linden, N. J. . . . Regal Records has inked Doc Sausage and Betti Mays. . . . Al Freedman, formerly Coast rep for Porgie Music, has replaced Chick Kardale, Chicago man for Hill & Range.

Booker Jack Archer has cut out of Ed Fishman's Federal Artists Booking outfit to go back into the personal management field, with the Three Brown Buddies among his first clients. . . . Sister Rosetta Tharpe drew 7,000 into Ryman's Auditorium, Nashville, Thanksgiving Day. Sonny Dunham will reorganize and do a series of dates for the Christmas and New Year's season. . . Lucky Millinder and his show are skedded for the Apollo Theater here for the week beginning December 9 Nellie Lutcher will do her first one-nighters on a tour which will tee off local capers, the store is also able no reason why, in the future, we at the beginning of April . Tommy Turk, uncoming larg tramist, sliced

DECCA

THE ORIGINAL CAST ALBUM of Broadway's Big New Musical Hit

The Playwrights Company Musical Production

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The Nation's Top Tunes

Based on reports received last three days of Week Ending December 9

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HONOR ROLL OF HITS

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This Week

Last Week

1. MULE TRAIN

By Hy Heath, Johnny Lange and Fred Glikeman Published by Walt Disney (ASCAP) From Republic's "Singing Guns"

Records available: 8. Butler, Dec 4o194; Cowboy Copas-Grandpa Jones, King 835; N. Eddy, Col 38645; Tennessee Ernie, Cap 57-40258; 8. Ives, Col 38644; F. Laine, Mer 5346; M. McGuire-Harmony Ranagers, Rich-R-Tone 456; 6. MacRae, Cap 57-777; V. Moorte Ork, V 20-3600; The Syncopators, National 9093; Bing Crosby, Dec 24790; J. Culpeper, Vocalion 55074; A. Smith, M&M 10577; G. Autry, Col 20651; W. Herman-N. Cole, Cap 57-787; Maddox Brothers and Rose, 4 Star 1399; Val Tino, Dana 2059.

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2. I CAN DREAM, CAN'T 13

By Irving Kahn and Sammy Fain Published by Chappell (ASCAP)

Records available: Andrews Sisters-G. Jenkins Ork, Dec 24705; I. Arden-H. Winterhalter Drk, Col. 38612: T. Beneke Ork, V(78)20-3553; 145147-3046; G. Gray Ork, Coral 60106; J. Saunders Mandolin Ork, Rainbow 10038; A. Dule, Harmony 1078; The Blenders, National 9092.

Electrical transcription (ibraries: Tex Beneve, Thesamos, Leith Stevens Cox, Standard

3. A DREAMER'S HOLIDAY

By Kim Gannon and Mabel Wayne Published by Shapiro-Bernstein (ASCAP)

Records available: R. Anthony, Cap 57-761; B. Clark, Col 38549; P. Como, Vi78320-3543; (45)47-3036; E. Wilson-G. Jenkins, Dec 24738; J. Fina Ork, MGM 10566; A. Dale, Harmony 1080; A. Kassel, Vocation 55070.

Electrical transcription libraries: Michael Douglas-The Skylarks, Standard: Framile Masters, Associated: The Sweetwood Severadors, Thesaurus; Eddy Howard Ork, World

4. SLIPPING AROUND

By Floyd Tillmag Published by Peer, Intl. (BMI)

Records available: W Carter, Macy's 100; J. Dale, Vocation 55022; F. Tillman, Col. 178120581: 13312-216; E Tubb, Dec 46173; T. Wallace, ABC-Eagle 148; M. Whiting-J. Wakely, Cap 57-40224; Q. D. Holly & His Southern Troubadors, Falk-Ster 505 Electrical transcription libraries: Texas Jim Lewis, Standard.

5. DON'T CRY, JOE

By Joe Marsala

DON'I CRY, JOE

Published by Harms, Inc. (ASCAP)

Records available: J Desmono, MGM 10518; J. Hall, V170120-3557; (45)47-3050; G.

Jenkins Ork, Dec 24720; F. Sinatra, Col 38555; C. Spivak, London 513; R. Flanagan

Ork, Bluebird 30-007; B. Harrington, Vacalian 55058.

Electrical transcription libraries: Bob Crosby, Standard; Vic Damone, Associated; Charlie Jordan-the Sweetwood Serenaders, Thesaurus.

6. THAT LUCKY OLD SUN

By Smith-Gillespie
Published by Robbins Music Corp. (ASCAP)

Records available: F. Laine, Mer 5316; T. Manners, Varsity 191; D. Martin, Cap 57-726; B. Houston, MGM 10509; H. Vance & Vocal Quartet, Castle 524; V. Monroe Ork, V(78)20-3533; (45)47-3018; S. Vaughan, Coi 38559; L. Armstrong-G. Jenkine Ork, Dec 24752; C. Foster Ork, Vocalion 55035; Frank Sinatra, Coi 38608; Hot Lips Page, Harmony 1077.

Electrical transcription libraries: The Swingtones-The Jumpin' Jacks, Thesaurum Jerry Gray Ork, Standard: Dick Haymes, World.

7. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

By Johnny Marks Published by St. Nicholas (ASCAF)

Records available: G. Autry, Coll78138610, (33)1-375; P. Wing-R. Case Grv, V (Arb.) V-3531

8. DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE

By Boh Hilliard and Sammy Fain 7 Published by E. H. Morris (ASCAP)

Records available: B. Grosby-P. Botkin's String Band, Dec 24796; D. Bay, V(78)20-3596, (45)47-3102; B. Greco, London 558; B. Hancon-J. Ryan, Dec 24794; G. MacRae Cap 57-777; P. Page, Mer 5336; D. Shore, Col 38605; B. Strong, Cap 37-757. Electrical transcription libraries: Kay Armen, Associated.

9. THE OLD MASTER PAINTER

By Beasley Smith and Haven Gillespie 10

Records available: P. Harris Ork, VI78120-3608, (45147-3114; R. Hayes-M. Miller Ork, Mer 5342; D. Haymes, Dec 24801; S. Larson, London 555; J. Paris, National 9094; F.

Sinatra, Col 38650.
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10. JEALOUS HEART

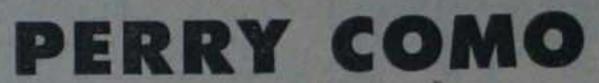
By Jennie Lou Carson Published by Acuff-Rose Publications (BM1)

Records available: C. Balley, Ballet 1083; J. L. Carson, Dec 46176; E. Duchin, Harmony 1060; D. Falligant, MGM 10521; B. Lawrence V178)20-3539; (45)47-3029; A. Morgan Ork, London 580; J. Owera Dec 24711; H. Winterhalter Ork, Col 38593; (vory Joe Hunter, King 4314; L. Nohel, Vocalion 55030; T. Ritter, Cap 15256; H. Perryman, Col 20128; K. Roberts Coral 64021; R. Turner, Varsity 213; J. Garber, Cop 57-759; The Riddlem, Signature-Hi-Tone 255.

Electrical transcription libraries: Bob Crosby, Standard; Johnny Guarnieri, Transcrus.

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Wedding Samba Theme from The

Confidentially

IRVING FIELDS 20-3611 (47-3117*)

WAYNE KING

Melisso

Third Man

Come Dance With Me 20-3612 (47-3118*)

COUNTRY AND WESTERN

Mommy May I Take

My Doll To Heaven Little Hula Honey

ROY ROGERS 21-0148 (48-0152*)

The Day Of Wrath

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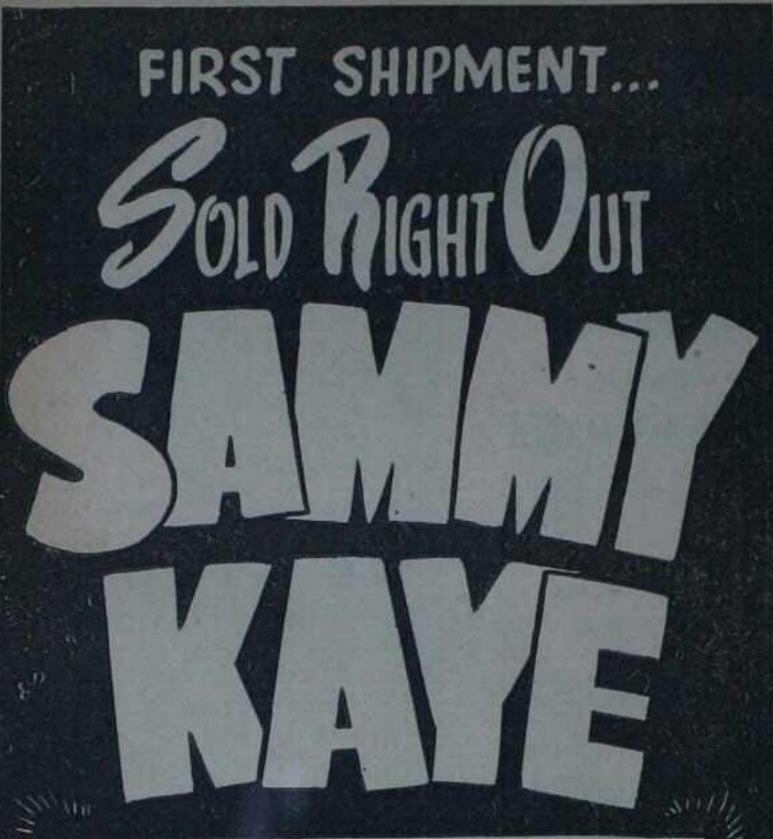


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MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS

Sheet Music

Based on reports received last three days of Week Ending December 9

PART III

BEST-SELLING SHEET MUSIC

Tunes fisted are the national best sheet music sellers. List is based on reports received each mean from all the nation's sheet music jobbers. Sungs 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.

	d Last		
	1		A DREAMER'S HOLIDAY (R) Shapiro-Bernstein
1	-	2.	RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER (R)
3	12	3	WHITE CHRISTMAS (R)Berlin
10	2	4.	I CAN DREAM CAN'T IT (R) Chappell
4	7	5.	DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE (R)E. H. Morris
1	-	6.	HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS (R)
16	4	7.	THAT LUCKY OLD SUN (R) Rebbins
1	-	8	SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN (R)Feist
10	3	9.	DUN'T CRY, JOE (R)
6		10.	*MULE TRAIN_(F) (R)
1	-	11.	WINTER WONDERLAND (R)
2	16	12.	ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH (R) Witmark
10	6	13.	SLIPPING AROUND (R)Peer, Int.
2	14		THE OLD MASTER PAINTER (R)
13	12	15.	HOP SCOTCH POLKA (R)Cromwell
1	-	16.	MERRY CHRISTMAS POLKA (R)
1	-	17.	
15	8	18.	YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART (R)
3	15		I'VE GOT A LOVELY BUNCH OF COCONUTS (R)
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8			YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART Chappell Algonquin
3	3	1.	HARRY LIME THEME Chappell Chappell
3	7	3	HOP SCOTCH POLKA Leeds Cromwell
16	2		I DON'T SEE ME IN YOUR EYES
-	- 65		ANY MORE
15	4	4.	CONFIDENTIALLY Chappell
28	5	6.	FOREVER AND EVER Francis Day Robbins
3	15	6.	SNOWY WHITE SNOW AND JINGLE
m			BELLS Al Gaillee
3	9	8.	I'LL STRING ALONG WITH YOU Feldman Witmark
16	8	9.	LEICESTER SQUARE RAGNorris
12	6	10.	WEDDING SAMBA Leeds Duchess Mush
5	12	10.	MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAYDashLeeds
9	14	10.	ROSE IN A GARDEN OF WEEDS Box and Cox Leeds
12	10	13.	SHAWL OF GALWAY GREY Connelly
2	20	13.	DECEMBER Bradbury Wood
21	10	15.	CARELESS HANDS Edwin Morris Melrose Mush
2	20	16.	IS IT TOO LATE? Kassner
3	19	17.	KISS IN YOUR EYES
36	16	18.	HOW CAN YOU BUY KILARNEY? Peter Maurice Leeds
3 36 20		19.	WHILE THE ANGELUS WAS RINGING Southern Charles M. Hart
22	12	20.	ECHO TOLD ME A LIEChappell

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three days of Week Ending December 9

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RECORDS MOST PLAYED BY DISK JOCKEYS

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

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13	3	3. SLIPPING AROUNDJ. Wakely and M. Whit-	et each
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16	4	5. THAT LUCKY OLD SUN. F. Laine	AAAI
10	7	6. A DREAMER'S HOLIDAYP. Como	Bi
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	24	8. DEAR HEARTS AND D. Shore	EHH
4	12	9. MULE TRAINTennessee Ernie Cup 57-40258—ASCAP	H.
	9	10. DON'T CRY, JOE R. Flanagan Ork	1
1	-	10. THE OLD MASTER R. Hayes-M. Miller Ork PAINTER Mercury 5342-ASCAP	3 4
4	10	12. MULE TRAINV. Monroe V 20-3600-ASCAP	NNR
,	22	13. THERE'S NO T. Martin	A ST IN ST
	8	14. I CAN DREAM, CAN'T 17.T. Arden-H. Winterhalter , Col(78)38612;(LP)1-377—ASCAF	A tot tot it
2	15	15. DEAR HEARTS AND Bing Crosby	The last
7	14	16. I'VE GOT A LOVELY F. Martin Ork BUNCH OF COCONUTS V(78)20-3554; (45)47-3047—ASCAP	Carrier Contract
11	11	17. DON'T CRY, JOE F. Sinatra	
12	13	18. THAT LUCKY OLD SUN. V. Monroe Ork V(78)20-3531; (45)47-3018—ASCAP	The state of the s
4	20	18. I WANNA GO HOME P. Como-Fontane Sisters V(78)20-35867 (45)47-9082—ASCAP	100
4	29	20. I CAN DREAM, CAN'T IT.T. Beneke Ork V(78)20-3553; (45)47-3046—ASCAP	Control of
	20	21. A DREAMER'S HOLIDAY. R. Anthony Ork	SHEE
	23	22. ENVYF. Warren	
4	15	Cap 57-777-ASCAP	
7	17	24. A DREAMER'S HOLIDAY. B. Clark	
18	18	25. SOMEDAYV. Monroe	
27	26	26. WHISPERING HOPEJ. Stafford-G. MacRae-P. Weston Ork	

... Cap 57-690-ASCAP

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28. RUDOLPH, THE RED-

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CHRISTMAS ++++++-- Cap 57-781

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(Beginning Friday, December 2, 8 a.m., and ending Friday, December 9, 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 uponradio logs made available to Pentman's ACI by the Accurate Reporting Service in New York, Radio Checking Service in Chicago, Radio Checking rvice in Los Angeles. Listed are the top 30 (more in the case of ties) ses alphabetically. The music checked is preponderantly tower 60 per

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The Top 30 Junes (plus ties)

A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes (F) (R).	Walt Disney-ASCAP
A Dreamer's Holiday (R)	Shapiro-Bernstein-ASCAP
A Thousand Violins (F) (R)	Paramount ASCAP
Ain's She Sweet? (R)	Advances—ASCAP
Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo (F) (R)	Walt Disney-ASCAP
Bye, Bye Baby (R)	J. J. Robbins-ASCAP
Crocodile Tears (R)	Johnstone-MontelBWI
Duar Hearts and Gentle People (f.)	E. H Morris-ASCAP
Don't Gry, Joe (R)	Harms, Inc -ASCAP
Envy (R)	Elicore-DIVIT
Hanny Times (R)	Harms, Inc -ASCAP
Hop Scotch Polks (R)	Ctomwell-ASURP
With Little Darlin' (R)	WICEGOTT DIVIT
1 Fan Dream Can't I? (8)	Chappell—ASUAF
I Name See Mannie Atone (R)	Bourne-ASCAP
I'm Cet a Lively Bunch of Coconuts (R)	Cornell - ASLAF
Joslave Heart (8)	Acult Pole Bill
Lact Mile Home (R)	
Masey Christmas Police (R)	Alamo-smi
Mule Train (R)	Walt Disney Asicar
Disne Seine (R)	Remick- ASUAP
Beem Full of Roses (R)	Hill & Range - Diet
Dudolish the Red-Moteri Reindeer (R)	St. Micholas- NSUAF
Che Wore a Vellow Ribbon (F) (R)	wednut-puri
Stimulan Around (R)	secondary Light - Deer
Com Wall (M) (R)	Chappell-Asume
That Lucky Old Sun (D)	Robbins ASLA
The Old Martin Palmer (R)	Robbin - ASLAT
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You're Breaking My Heart (R)	
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Tunes listed received the greatest number of key raifin plugs accord ing 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 in strumental; 4 points per commercial socal. Thus, commercial socal carried in New York, Chicago and California would receive 12 points, etc.

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Stay Well (M)	Robbins 107
That Lucky Old Sun	Leeds 96
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STRICTLY FROM DIXIE . . . Robin Bright has moved from WKLO, Louisville, WIRE, Indianapolis. . . Jeff Davis triples WSFT, Thomaston, Ga., as jock, sales rep and scripter. . . . Jerry Richardson, KVOW, Littlefield Tex., writes that his big trouble is securing late. releases. There's no record shop in his town and he "has to scour all over Texas." . . . Jonny Williams is preaching the bop gospel at WSF1 Thomaston, Ga., but says it's tough making in roads against the established hillbilly tastes of the listeners, . . . Jack Moran has taken over Gerry Condon's slot at WMON, Montgomery, W. Va. . . Bob Murphy, WJMR, New Orleans, salutes a ditferent section of the city daily on his Hi, Neighbor show. He also awards cash prizes to listeners called on the phone who correctly identify the sponsor being plugged at the time. . . Dick Richmond piloted the ceremonies for the opening of the new WJBW studios in New Orleans, . . . Don Evans has switched from WGKV to WCHS, Charleston, W. Va.

WESTERN WHIRL . . . Moury McGill. WLIO, East Liverpool. O., has been traveling around taping interviews with names visiting that part of the country, including Billy Eckstine, Three Suns. Nat Cole and Woody Herman. . . Jerry Kirby, WKBB, Dubuque, Ia., has been co-ordinating programs with movie promotions on Jolson Sings Again and Red. Hot and Blue. . . . Bill Slibert. WXYZ, Detroit, reports that Sam Levene, Lynn. Barl. Alang Young and June Christy quested on his show in one week. . . . Bob Maxwell, WWJ. Detroit, emsee for the annual Goodfellows' Benelit Show, reaped a harvest of 42 radio sets when he read an appeal from a hospital patient. . . . Chuck Maxwell, formerly with KFDX, Wichita Falls, Tex., now with WREN, Topeka, Kan. . . . Len Allen, KLO. Ogden, Utah, and Al Warden, sports editor of The Ogden Standard Examiner, are carrying on a friendly leud. . . . Bob Burch, KGHF, Pubelo. Calo., is garnering plenty of newspaper space in appealing for a diet for an alligator sent to him from a friend in Florida. . . . Betty Nickel, WHK, Cleveland, used transcribed interviews with Ray Perkins. Dinah Shore, Betty Garrett, Larry Parks and Johnny Desmond to fill in her show when she made a motor trip to the West Coast. . . . Bob Morrison, formerly musical director at WSUI-KSUI, Iowa City, Ia. is now a staffer at KBUR, Burlington, Ia. . . . Brooks Taylor, formerly with WJW, Cleveland, is now program director of WJMO, that city.

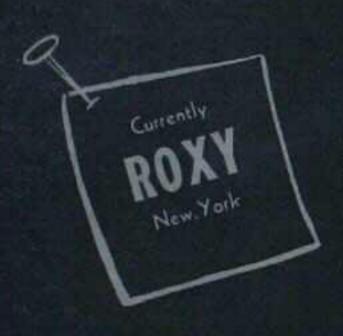
PUBSERV STINTS . . . All the jocks at WTMN, St. Johnsbury, Vt., recently teamed up on a three-hour spin for the USO and the local youth athletic fund. The participants, Dave Mohr, Ted Crowley, Paul Paulsen, Ken Mudgett, Don Thurston and George Peterson, raised \$320 in the stunt, . . . Bob Elliott, WTOD., Toledo, has listeners send a gift to a shut-in; he sends a similar gift in return to some other shut-in. . . . Sid Dickler and Pat Haley, WMCK, McKeesport, Pa., are skedding three Saturday night live talent shows, proceeds to go to The Pittsburgh Press's "Old Newsboy" campaign for underprivileged kids. Dickler's fouryear-old son will help his dad and "Uncle" Pat in their drive by asking for donations over the air. . . . Tom Colton, Ware, Mass., had people from each of the groups benefiting from the local Community Fund make station-break spots on why listeners should give to the fund. . . . Andy Andrist, marathon mahout of a six-hour 45-minute Sunday stint at KNGS, Hanford, Calif., recently devoted the last three hours of the show to the local and national TB association, featuring a live commercial every 15 minutes followed by e.t.'s of celebs urging purchase of Christmas seals, and interviews each half-hour with local fund officials.

MOUNTAIN MUSICKERS . .

Hank Penny, King Records artist, runs a platter secsion, country style, from Los Angeles' Riverside Rancho over KGIL, San Fernando, Calif. . "Shorty," folk lock at WIMS, Michigan City, Ind., reads exchanges of nows and views with other rural record riders on his show. . . . Ramblin' Lou. WIIL. Niagara Falls, N. Y., plunks a gittar and warbles between disks: also has his own hillbilly band and emsees a Saturday Jamboree featuring live name country talent. . . . Howard McCurry is mccurrying local layer for his hillbilly show at WSTP, Salisbury, N. C., by using "a southern drawl with a Cornish accent" in his patter, so he tells us. . . . Hank Harral, program director and chief announcer at KSEL, Lubbock, Tex., does a program of live Western and talk tunes as "Hank the Cowhand" in addition to daily folk platter programs. . . . Blake Tabor, the "Kernel Korn" of KISD, Madison, S. D., says he's strictly hillbilly because 'that's my bread and butter." He bemoons the indifference of the majors to his disk needs, and says he'll 'stick with the indies if the big companies need no plugs. Date Dwelley and his spouse Jones do a Mr. und Mrs. Western platter show Saturday nights under the monicker Tandale's Henrylake Jamboree" at KSUE, Susanville, Calif.

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"All The Bees Are Buzzin' 'Round My Honey"



78 rpm 20-3602

RCA VICTOR RECORDS



45 rpm 47-310B

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Billboard TRADE SERVICE PEATURE

BEST-SELLING POP SINGLES

Records listed are those selling best in the nation's top volume retail record stores. List is based upon The Billboard's weekly survey among the 1,400 largest dealers, representing every important market area. Survey returns are weighed according to size of market area. Records Heted numerically, according to greatest sales. The "B" side of each record is also listed.

POSITION

	i Last			
6	1	1.	MULE TRAINF. Laine-M. Miller Ork Carry Me Back to OldMercury 5345—ASCAP Virginny	
13	2	2.		
24	3		SLIPPING AROUNDJ. Wakely and M. White- Wedding Bells Ing Cap 57-40224BMI	
15	6	4.	DON'T CRY, JOE G. Jenkins Ork	
	7	5.	A DREAMER'S HOLIDAY. P. Como	
17	4	6.	THAT LUCKY OLD SUNF. Laine	
	3	7.	MULE TRAIN Bing Crosby-P. Botkin's Dear Hearts and Gentle String Band People Dec 24798—ASCAP	-
3	11	8.	RUDOLPH, THE RED- NOSED REINDEERG. AutryCol(78)38610, If It Doesn't Snow (LP)1-375—ASCAP	
		-	on Christmas	
•	9		A Thousand Violins (45)47-3078—ASCAP	
,	18		MULE TRAINTennessee Ernle Anticipation Blues .Cap 57-40258-ASCAP	100
2	24	11.	I YUST GO NUTS AT CHRISTMAS	1800
21	11	12.	JEALOUS HEARTA. Morgan Ork TurnaboutLondon 500—BMI	
18	13	12.	WHISPERING HOPEJ. Stafford & G. Mac- A Thought In My Heart Rae-P. Weston Ork Cap 57-690—ASCAP	War - Jak
	8	14.	I'VE GOT A LOVELY BUNCH OF COCONUTSF. Martin Ork Bluebird on Your V(78)20-3554, Windowsill (45)3047—ASCAP	STATE OF THE PERSON
4	10	15.	MULE TRAIN V. Monroe Ork V. Singing My Way Back V 20-3600—ASCAP Home	The second
1		16.	THE OLD MASTER PAINTER	1
13	15	17.	THAT LUCKY OLD SUNV. Monroe Ork Make Believe V(78)20-3531, (45)47-3018—ASCAP	
1	*	17.	CHARLEY, MY BOY R. Morgan Ork. Dec 24812 She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	The second second
1	To	19.	YINGLE BELLS	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.
,	20	20.	CANADIAN CAPERS Doris Day Col(7a)38595, It's Better To Conceal (LP)1-353—ASCAP Than Reveal	State of the last
7	27	21,	DON'T CRY, JOE F. Sinatra Col(73)38555, The Wedding of Lili (LP)1-315—ASCAP Mariene	100
	18	22.	The second second second second second	
1	-	22.		
11	16	24.		The second second
2	27	24.	THE OLD MASTER D. Haymes	
		28	DEAD MEADIS AND	

24. DEAR HEARTS AND

27. DEAR HEART AND

Ave Maria

7 14 30. I'LL NEVER SLIP

Over Three Hills

Twice on Sunday

Speak a Word of Love

GENTLE PEOPLE..... D. Shore. Call78138605,

Dangerous Dan McGrew ... Dec 24704-ASCAP

Six Times a Week and Cap 57-40246-BMI

AROUND AGAINJ. Wakely.....

28. THE LORD'S PRAYER P. Como V(45)52-0071

29. 1 CAN DREAM, CAN'T 17. T. Beneke Ork......

SO. WHITE CHRISTMAS ... B. Grosby

27 30. HOP SCOTCH POLKA.....G. Lombardo Ork.....

(LP)1-368-ASCAP

145147-3046-ASCAP

Blog Crosby-P. Botlin's

V(78)20-3553,

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PO:	SITION	1	
Weeks	Last	This	
to date	Week	Week	
6	7	7	RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER (One Record) G. Autry
10	2	2.	P. Colvig-B. May Ork
16	3	3.	Mel Blanc-A. Livingston Cap DBX-3021
10	1	4.	WOODY WOODPECKER AND HIS TALENT SHOW (Two Records)
	30	-	M. Blanc-B. May Ork
79	9	5.	Don Wilson-The Starlighters
11 53 77	12	750	

RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER Two Records P. Wing-R. Case Ork: V Y-353 NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (One Record)

B. BOZO AT THE CIRCUS (Two Records) Alan Livingston-Vance "Pinto" Colvig Cap BBX-34; DBX-114 8. LITTLEST ANGEL (Three Records) L. Young-Ken Darby Choir and Ork... Dec DA-399

8. JOHNNY APPLESEED (Three Records) Dennis Day V P-368 11: SO DEAR TO MY HEART (Four Records) Walt Disney-A. Livingston-..-_____Cap BD-124; Cap DD-109

14 12. PECOS BILL (Three Records) Roy Rogers-Sons of the Pioneers...... V Y-375 13. BAMBI (One Record) S. Temple-Chorus; P. Smith, director ... V Y-395 14 14. THREE LITTLE PIGS (Two Records)

15. BOZO SINGS (Two Records) Alan Livingston-Vance "Pinto" Colvig

2	15	1	1.	Clair de Lune
				Jose Iturbi
	29	3	2.	Bachlanas Brasileiras
				B. Sayao
1	61	3	3.	Jalgorie
				Boston Pops Ork, Arthur Fiedler, conductor. V-12160
	56	4	4.	Warsaw Concerto
				Boston Pops Ork, Arthur Fiedler, conductor; Leo Litwin, planist
	14	-	4.	Ave Maria
				Marian Anderson
3	-5			Claimb Dide

Boston Pops Ork, Arthur Fiedler, conductor

------V 10-1484

		-	Op. 55 (One Record)
			The Philharmonic Symphony Ork of New York,
			8. Walter, conductor Col(78)MM 858, ILPIML=22
1	-	1.	Memories of Caruso (Three Records)
			Enrico Caruso
4	1	3.	Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 In D Minor, Op. 125
			(Fight Records)

The Philharmonic Symphony Ork of New York, B. Walter, director; I. Gonzalez, E. Nikolaidi, R. Johin, M Harrell, The Westminster Chair

4. Tchaikovsky: Nuteracker Suite (Three Records) Esgene Ormandy, conductor, Philadelphia Ork V 1020 4. I Can Hear It Now (Five Records)

Edward R. Murrow, Narrator, Col MM-800: ML-4095 4. Offenbach: Gaile Parisienne Columbia Symphony Ork (One Record)

31	1	1.	SOUTH PACIFIC (Seven Records) Mary Martin-Ezio Pinta
×	2	2	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Four Records)
			Bing Crosby-Andrews Sisters Dec A-550
3	7	3.	'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Four Records)
			F. Waring and His Pennsylvanians Dec A-480
15	3 -	4.	JOLSON SINGS AGAIN (Four Records)
			A. Joison Dec(78)716; (LP)DLP-5006
2	10	5.	CHRISTMAS GREETINGS (Three Records)
			Bling Crosby
8	4	6.	Mario Lanza-RCA Victor OrkV DM-1330
3		7.	YOUR CHRISTMAS FAVORITES (Three Records)

R Shaw and Choir....... V MG-1077 9. KISS ME, KATE (Six Records) A. Drake-P Morison-L. Kirk-H. Lang-A. Hill-H. Clark-J. Diamond ... Col(78)C-200; (LPIML-4140 # 10. PERRY COMO SINGS MERRY CHRISTMAS MUSIC

7. CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND CAROLS (Four Records)

Three Suns P-250

Dealer Doings

PHILADELPHIA . . . The Jumpin' Record Shop takes a half-hour program Sunday nights on WHAT, featuring spiritual spinnings and called Music of the People, to promote spiritual recordings. . . . A group of radio and TV dealers are setting up a fan and program television magazine to hit the stands early next year. . . . Lit Bros, set up a special window for the Metropolitan label! Just an Old-Fashioned Christmas, the department store promotion handled by Scott-Cross, local disk distributor, and Gary Stevens Music Publications, Camden, N. J. . . . Empire Record Shop is giving free albums with quantity purchases of singles, ... Independent Music Company is putting up its \$30,000 record stock at 50 per cent off. . . . Treegood's staging a special sale offering 50 per cent off on all albums. . . . H. Royer Smith Company is

taking advantage of the observance of Modern Foreign Language Week in the public schools, emphasizing its foreign language record department, particularly the album sets for self-learning of a foreign language. . . . The 10 Woolworth fiveand-dime shops in the area lined up by Raymond Rosen & Company, local RCA Victor distributor, to promote the \$39.95 package of a 45 record player and a \$10 kit of records. . . Snellenburg's is putting on a special campaign for the line of "kiddie land" album sets.

FREE TIX . . . Two reserved seat tickets to a two-hour Vaughn Monroe concert were given away by Super Music Stores, Washington, with each purchase of an RCA "45" changer at \$12.95. The concert itself was sponsored by the three-store chain at Constitution Hall December 15 in one of i's more ambitious promotions, Periodically, Super has been promoting shows at the small Turner's Arena, featuring spiritual singers. According to Manager Irving Feld these shows have helped build a large market for spiritual disks.

GRIPE DEPT. . . . The Louis E. Dean record-radio-music shop, Hyannis, Mass., complains W. Disney-Don Wilson Cap DBX-3013 that a good but inexpensive three-speed record player is sorely needed to hype disk sales. Says Mrs. Dean: "We found a few that sell for \$34.95 that were fine items, but they, too, were scarce. We have been selling a lot of 78-r.p.m. players, tho, and a batch of kiddle phonos. But we sure wish the manufacturers would make a combined announcement on their production of records in all three speeds. We hear plenty of rumors, but what we dealers need is a definite announcement so that we can get going again."

> PREDICTION . . . In the future there will be fewer record stores, but those who hang on and stock the new speeds will enjoy a better valume of business than ever before. Also each store will be able to carry a more complete catalog. Altho it means buying your stock all over again. I still think it will be well worth it."-Charles H. Hicks, Knight Radio and Electric Company, Los Angeles.

VOX JOX

(Continued from page 24) folker at KEPO. El Paso. Tex. Saddler says he learned the worth of the rural stuff when he did an Armed Forces show on Guadalcanal as "Texas Jack,"

SWITCHES . . . Bill Dorn, from WGBR, Goldsboro, N C., to WHAN, Charleston, S. C. . . . Jerry White, prewar emisee of the Kelly's Stable jam sessions in New York, to WLOF, Orlando, Fla. . . Scott Douglass, from WFCI, Providence, to KGIL, Sherman Oaks, Calif. . . . Tom Harvey to WVCH, Chester, Pa., to fill the spot vacated by George Kent. . . . Dave King, from WFDF, Flint, Mich., to the program director's slot at WBPZ, Lock Haven, Pa. . . . Dennis Brown to the jock spot vacated by Dale Smith, who was upped to commercial manager, at WLBB, Carrollton, Ga, Smith continues one platter show, a daily rhythm and blues stint.

JAZZ JOX . . . Charlie Harris, WIHP. Jacksonville, Fla., who is offering albums and an LP player for the best letters completing "I think jour is America's own music because ... reports that the bulk of jazz fans don't come from the "frantic tringe." "So far, 40 to 50 per cent of the entries have been from housewives," he writes. . . Charlie Cash, WTIK. Durham, N. C., whose jazz poll shows a strong response for bop, uses a mystery voice gimmick an his show—the voice of a fave jaxxman, . . . Johnny Hutchinson, WGAU, Athens. Ga., sends along a revealing communiques Sol Abrams, our nighthawk, and I have learned the hard way about bop. As long as we spin it and don't tag it bop, progressive, etc., the listeners love it. If we do tog it, we get showered with indignost calls and cards to stop blowing bop. Oh well." . . . Ted Chandler, WCAX, Burleater. Vi avancia to have a straight jost show, fee-

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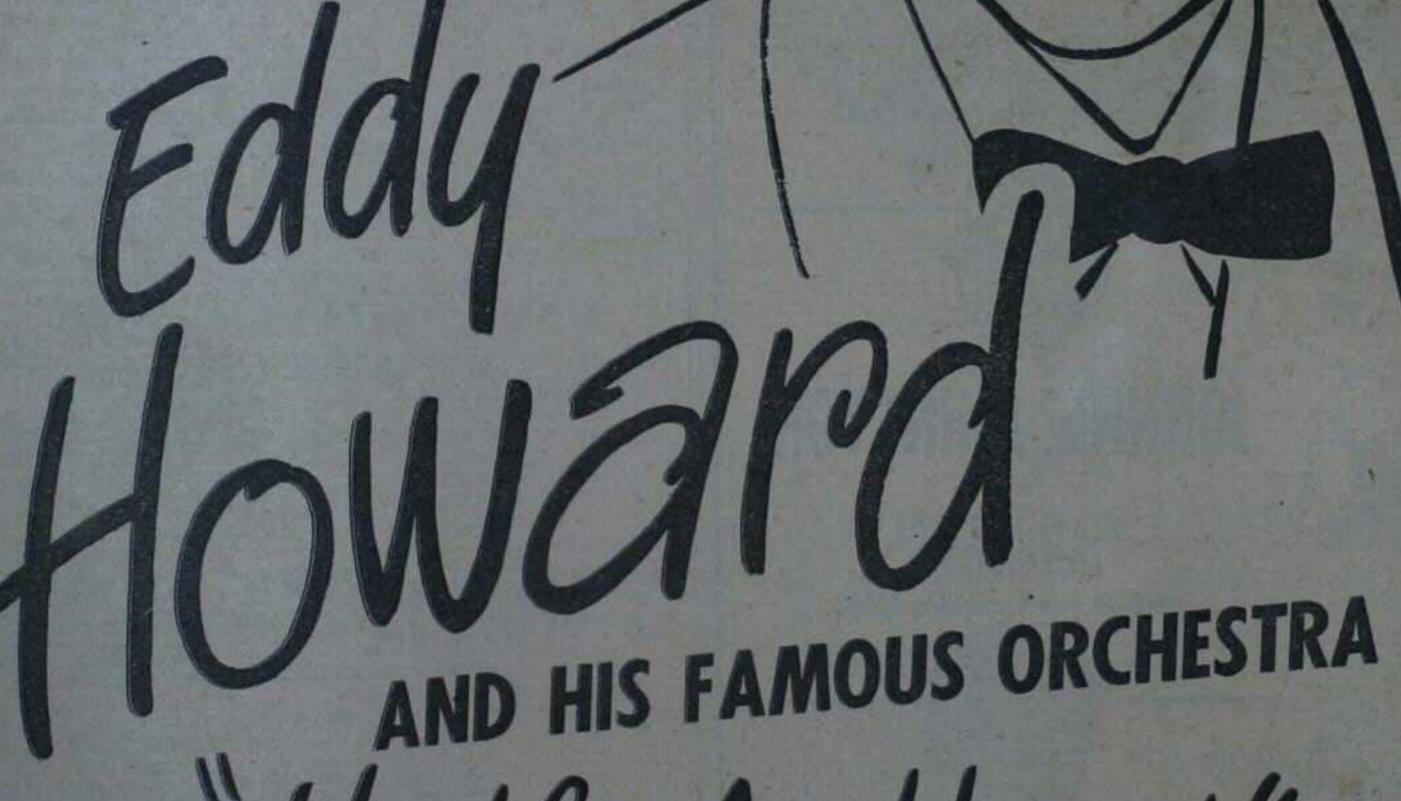
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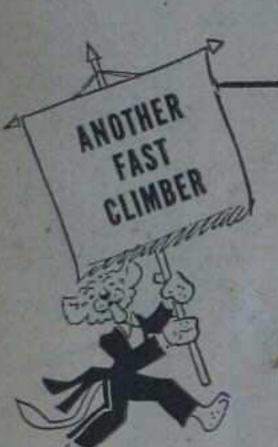
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IF I GIVE YOU MY LOVE

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THE THREE RIVERS
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JOHNNIE JOHNSTON

YOU'RE DIFF'RENT FOOLISH TEARS

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MEL TORMÉ

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A COTTAGE FOR SALE
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MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS

Juke Box Record Plays

Based on reports received last three days of Week Ending December 9



MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RECORDS

Records listed are those receiving the greatest play in the nation's juke boxes. List is based on The Billboard's weekly survey among 3,550 operators in all sections of the country. Listed under the Bille of each of the most played records are other available recordings of the same tune. Unless shown in this chart, other available records of tunes listed here will be found in the Handr Hall of Hits Music Popularity Chart. Part 1.

Music Popularity Chart. Part 1.							
POSITION Weeks Last This							
to date	Week	Wee					
5	1	L	MULE TRAIN				
14	2	2	SLIPPING AROUNDJ. Wakely and M. Whiting				
12	3	3.	I CAN DREAM, CAN'T I?G. Jenkins Ork-Andrews Sisters				
15	4	4.	THAT LUCKY OLD SUNF. Laine Mercury 5316-ASCAP				
5	6	5.	MULE TRAIN				
12	5	6.	DON'T CRY, JOE G. Jenkins Ork				
10	7	7.	A DREAMER'S HOLIDAYP. Como				
7	9	8.	I'LL NEVER SLIP AROUND AGAINM. Whiting-J. Wakely				
			(J. Day, Vocation 55061; F. Tillman, Col 20615; H. Garland, Dec 46183; Texas Jim Robertson, V 21-0130; D. Day, Col 38637)				
15	10	9.	JEALOUS HEARTA. Morgan Ork London 500-BMI				
13	8	10.	THAT LUCKY OLD SUNV. Monroe Ork				
6	13	11.	THERE'S NO TOMORROWT. MartinV178020-3582; 145047-3076-ASCAP				
			(C. Ravazza, Dec 24782; C. Spivak Grk, London 554)				
6	20	11.	JOHNSON RAGJ. Teter Trio				
			(A. Rey Urk, Cap 57-735; R. Morgan Ork, Dec 25442; Haylman Quartet,				
			Rendo 207; J. Dorsey Ork, Col 38649; C. Thurnhill Drs., V(78)20-3604; (45)47-3110; P. Balley, Harmony 1088; G. Moore, MGM 10569)				
7	11	13.	I'VE GOT A LOVELY BUNCH OF F. Martin Ork				
			(F. Murtin Ork, V 20-3554; P Scala, London 449; T. Paster Ork, Col 38009; T Tucker Ork, MGM 10553; M. Blanc, Cap 57-780)				
2	19	14.	MULE TRAIN				
3	14	15.	DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE Bing Crosby-P. Botkin's String Band				
		200	PEOPLE Dec 24798—ASCAP				
2		16.					
2	Ξ		CANADIAN CAPERS				
			(A. Mooney Ork, MGM 10446; T. Weems Ork, Mer 5287; G. Lombarda &				
2		18.	His Royal Canadians, Dec 246243 DON'T CRY, JOEF. SinatraCol 38555—ASCAP				
1	_	18.	RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED				
			REINDEER				
- 3	20		The Party Diff				
13	18	22.	The second secon				
		-	Works Kinsey & the Tennessee Ridge Runners, Mer 6196; M. Trans-E. Kirk-				
			T. Ernle, Cap 57-4025; Cousin Wilbur-Bloodie Brooks, Bullet 691; Delmore Bros., King 803; Eddie Crosby, Dec 46180; Fat Man Rubinson Quintet, Dec 48125; S. Burke Ork, Dec 24832)				
2	28	24	THE OLD MASTER PAINTER D. Haymes Dec 24801-ASCAP				
1		24	1/11 NEVER SLIP AROUND AGAIN. Wakely-Whiting Cap 37-40246-BMI				
8	25	26.	WHISPERING HOPE				
			(T. Clayton Ork, Varsity 215; R. Flanagan Ork, Bloobird 30-0008; Andrews Sisters with V. Schoen Ork, Dec 24717; J. Taylor-The Radio				
2	14	26.	SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBONE. Miller Ork Rainbow 80033-ASCAP				
			(T. Tucker Ork, Milist 10572; J. Blaice, London 552; J. Culpoper, Vocation 55074; Andrews Sisters-Russ Morgan, Dec 24612; R. Flanagan Ork, Bluebird 30-0009; J. Wayne, Cel 30653)				
1	4		A DREAMER'S HOLIDAYE. Wilson-G. Jepkins Drk				
2	23		DON'T CRY, JOE				
1	-	29.	WHITE CHRISTMAS				
			Ravent, National 9062; Ames Bros., Coral 60113; H. Butblitt, Vocation 55036; R. Fransyan Ork, Bluebird 50-0009; H. Paar, Horace Heidt MS-1010; Sixter Rosetta Thurpe-Rosette Gospel Singers, Dec 48119; E. Tubb, Dec 46186)				

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MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS Billboard

Rhythm & Blues Records

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lated on reports received last three days of Week Ending December 9

BEST-SELLING RETAIL RHYTHM & BLUES

Records listed are rhythm and blues records that sold best in stores according to The Billhoard's Apecial weekly survey among a selected group of retail stores, the majority of whose customers purchase rfishm and blues records.

POSITION Weeks | Last | This to date Week Week 1. SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY Lost My Baby 3. LET'S MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY, The Gal 1 Love 5. BLUES FOR MY BABY B. Wright Savoy 710-BMI You Satisfy 5. I'LL GET ALONG SOMEHOW Nobody Loves Me 9. NUMBERS BOOGIE Supar Chile Robinson. Cap 57-70037-BMI After School Blues Let's Have a Ball Nite Life Boogle 13. WHY DON'T YOU HAUL OFF AND Is That All I Mean to You 12 11 14. IT'S MIDNIGHT.......Little Willie Littlefield...... Midnight Whistle

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CALDONIA Cap 57-70056

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MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX RHYTHM & B

Records listed are rhythm and blues records most played in juke boxes according to The Billboard's special weekly survey among a selected group of juke box operators whose locations require rhythm and blues records.

POSITION Weeks! Last | This

to date	Week	Wet	
11	1	1.	SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY
6	4	2	JEALOUS HEART
	12	3.	BOOGIE AT MIDNIGHT R. Brown Deloxe 3100
5		4.	DON'T PUT ME DOWN J. Liggins Specialty SP 339
6	2	5,	WHY DON'T YOU HAUL OFF AND LOVE MET
3	8	6.	HOMESICK BLUES
5	12	6.	ANGEL CHILD
8		6.	CUTTIN' OUT
2	-	6.	FOR YOU, MY LOVE L. Darmell Regal 3240
3	5	10.	FOR YOU, MY LOVE
- 4	8	10.	I'LL GET ALONG SOMEHOW (Parts I and II)
1000		10.	CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
11	8	10.	THE PARTY OF THE P
3	=	1000	THE WATER STREET
8		19.	
5	=	14.	SNEAKIN' AROUND

ADVANCE RHYTHM & BLUES RECORD RELEASES

Baby Lovin' Blues J. Lucks (New Orleans) Regal 3219

Believe I'll Settle Down Memphis Silm (Country Girl) Swingmaster 1010

Big Fine Girl J. Witherspoon (No Rollin') Modern 20-721

J. Witherspaon (The New) Swing Beat 158

Blues Before Sunrice

Mixim Telo (How Long) Swing 178

Blum Stay Away From Me Fat Man Robinson Quintet (My Bucket's)

Bounce Pag Wee Pec Wer Crayton (Did Fashioned) Modern 20-719

Broken Hearted

J. Morris Ork (Lowdown Baby) Dec 48126

Memphis 51im (Believe 1917) Swingmaster 1010

Finne Baby Blues

J. Simon (Runnin' Slues) Phoenix 018 For You My Love

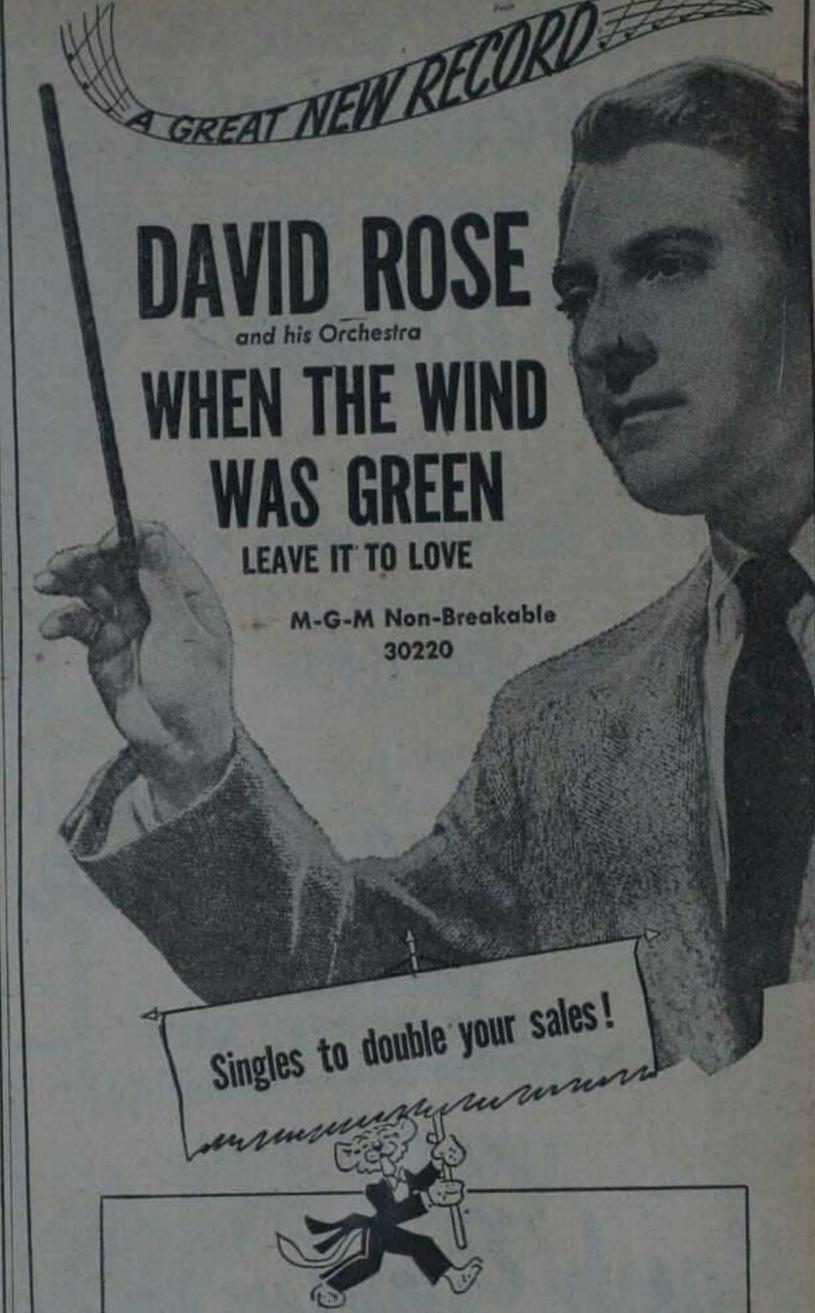
G. Jones (They Call) Dec 48329

Furniture Man Blues Johnson & Williams (It Feels) Harmony 1087

Going Back to Texas S. Hoff (I Want) Specialty 342-8MI

Got To See Her Every Night W. Davis (Sunta Claim) Bullet 321

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ROSE McGILLICUDY The Photographer And The Sten	BLUE BARRON ographer	M-G-M 10575	
FOOL'S PARADISE You're Wonderful	BILLY ECKSTINE	M-G-M 10562	
SO BLUE Bye Bye Baby	ART LUND	M-G-M 10542	
GALLOPING COMEDIANS CANCAN	MACKLIN MARROW	M-G-M 30221	
SHENANIGANS The River Seine	ART MOONEY	M-G-M 10564	
YOU'VE CHANGED And It Still Goes	BILL FARRELL	M-G-M 10519	
MY BUCKET'S GOT A HOLE IN IT I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry	HANK WILLIAMS	M-G-M 10560	
SEPTEMBER IN THE RAIN Bop, Look And Listen	GEORGE SHEARING QUINTET	M-G-M 10426	
SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON If I Were You	TOMMY TUCKER	M-G-M 10572	

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Just Released

"YOU KNOW TALK GETS AROUN

Written by FRED ROSE (ASCAP)

RCA VICTOR 21-0134



66GRANDMA TOLD ME SO"

Written by MAYBELLE and JUNE CARTER (BMI)

RCA VICTOR 21-0142

Hank Snow

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RCA VICTOR 21-0143

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MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS

Folk (Country & Western) Record Section

Based on reports received last three days of Week Ending December 9

BEST-SELLING RETAIL FOLK (COUNTRY &

Records listed are country and Western records that sold best in stores according to The Billboard's special weekly survey among a selected group of retail stores, the majority of whose customers purchase country and Western records.

POSITION Weeks | Last | This to date Week Week

2. I'LL NEVER SLIP AROUND AGAIN ... M. Whiting-J. Wakely Six Times a Week and Twice on Cap 57-40246-BMT

2 3. BLUES, STAY AWAY FROM ME..... Delmore Brothers...... King 803-BM1 Goin' Back to the Blue Ridge

MY BUCKET'S GOT A HOLE IN IT ... H. Williams MGM 10569-BMI I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry 5. MULE TRAIN......Tennessee Ernic.... Cap 57-40258-ASCAP Anticipation Blues

6 WHY DON'T YOU HAUL OFF AND Don't Know Why

2 13 7. RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED If It Doesn't Snow on Christmas

8. C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S E Arnold V(78)21-0124 (45)48-0127—BML 9. WILL SANTA COME TO SHANTY TOWN?V 78)21-0124, (45)48-0127 C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s

9. BUT I'LL GO CHASIN' WOMEN S. Hamblen Col 78120625, (LP12-351 Let's See You Fix It 11. BLUE CHRISTMAS E. Tubb Dec 46186-ASCAP White Christmas

11. THERE'S NO WINGS ON MY ANGEL . E. Arnold V 78/21-0134, (45348-0137 You Know How Talk Gets Around 13. I LOVE YOU BECAUSE...... L. Payme...... Cap 57-40238-Phil I Link in the Chain of Broken

2 15 14. HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS G. Autry ... An Old-Fashioned Tree Gol(78)20377, (LP12-192-ASCAP 14. I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.... G. Morgan Coll 18/20827, (33)2-358

14. SUNDAY DOWN IN TENNESSEE R. Foley Dec 46197 Every Step of the Way

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ADVANCE FOLK (COUNTRY & WESTERN) RECORD

A Cat Has Nine Lives H. Thompson (Give a) Cap 57-40264 A Vision of Mother

The Stanley Brothers-The Clinch Mountain Boys (Have You) Col 20647 Address From Heaven

Floyd & Lloyd (Alahama Baby) Four Star 1386 Alabama Baby Floyd & Lloyd (Address From) 4 Star 1386 An Unsigned Valentine

J. Collett (Mary, the) Cow Boy YCR 1601 Bear Creek Hop Texas Tophands (Moonlight Waltz) Everstate 212 | If I'd Only See'd You

Blue Grass Stomp B. Monroe (The Girl) Col 20648 Can Pake Boogle

Whippersnoppers (You Walted) Crystal 250 B. Lee (Fool's Paradise) Horace Heldt MX 1017

Don't Let Someone Else Take My Place T. Falle (There Ain's) Cap 57-40266 Fool's Paradise

B. Lee (Cowboy Call) Horace Heidt MK 1017 | Mama Dun't Allew It Give a Little, Take a Little H. Thompson (A Cat) Cap 57-40264

Go On Little Giry, Have a Cry S. Yaney (Ozark Valley) Col 20649 Have I Got a Chance With You B. Woods (Trusting You) Modern 20-1020

Have You Someone The Stanley Brothers-The Clinch Mountain Boys (A Vision) Col 20647 Haymakers' Shuffle

Howington Bruthers (Hillbilly Wolf) Loop 4113 Mule Train Howington Brothers (Haymakers' Shuffle) Loop

I Can't Forget You

S. Whitley & The Texans (1 Wigh) Everstate1003

I Gotta Have My Back Back D. Denney (My Bucket's) V(78)21-0147; (45)48-0151-BMI

5. Whitley & The Texans II Can't) Everstate 1003 I Wander Why I Warry Over You

S. Michals (You're So) MGM 10579 If I Could Buy Your Love Texas B. Strength (Please Don't) Four Star-

Dude Rangers (Wat, I) Command 5006 I'm Gonna Shoo the Bluet Away Texas "Hill" Billies (Until Heaven) Enterprise 416

I'm Sending Daffydills Maddox Brethers and Rose (Mule Train) 4 Star 1399

I've Got Beaux In My Jeans B. McCoy (Salling on) Token 100

J. Irby (Memory of MGM 10580 Mama and Daddy Broke My Heart

E. Arnold (Take Me) (78)21-0146;

(45)48-0150-BMI Mary, the Prairie and I J. Collett (An Untigned) Cowboy CR 1603

Memory of a Rose J. Irby (Mama Don't) MGM 10580

Moonlight Waltz Texas Tophands (Betr Creek) Extratate 112

My Bucket's Got a Hole in It D. Denney (1 Sotia) V(78)21-0147; (45)48-0151-BWI

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MOST-PLAYED JUKE BOX (COUNTRY & WESTERN) RECORDS

Records listed are country and Western records most played in juke boxes according to The Billboard's special weekly survey among a selected group of juke box operators whose locations require country and Western records.

POSITION Weeks | Last | This to date! Week Week 1. SLIPPING AROUND Wakely & M. Whiting 2. I'LL NEVER SLIP AROUND AGAIN ... M. Whiting-J. Wakely MULE TRAIN Tennessee Ernie ----- Cap 57-40258-ASCAP MY BUCKETS GOT A HOLE IN IT T. Texas Tyler Four Star 1383-BMI 6. SLIPPING AROUND...... Ernest Tubb Dec 46173-BMI 7. MY BULFET'S GOT A HOLE IN IT ... H. Williams MGM 10560-BMI B. SUNDAY DOWN IN TENNESSEE R. Foley Dec 46197 BLUE CHRISTMAS..... E. Tubb...... Dec 40186 10. WHY DON'T YOU HAUL OFF AND

COUNTRY AND WESTERN RECORDS MOST PLAYED BY FOLK DISK JOCKEYS

Records listed here in numerical order are those played most by the nation's leading country and Western disk jockeys. List is based on replies from weekly survey among a select list of over 400 disk jockeys specializing in country and Western tunes.

POSITION

Weeks Last This to date Week | Week

2	1	1.	MULE TRAIN
2			SLIPPING AROUNDJ. Wakely & M. Whiting
	-		Cap 57-40224—8MI
2	9		ANTICIPATION BLUES
2	4	4.	I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUG. MorganCol(78)20627, (LP)2-358
2	6	4.	I LOVE YOU BECAUSE L. Payne Cap 57-40238-BMI
1		6.	BLUE CHRISTMAS E. Tubb Dec 46186-ASCAP
1		6.	SLIPPING AROUNDF. TillmanCol 20581-BMI
1	1	8.	1 WISH I KNEW
2	7	9.	BLUES, STAY AWAY FROM ME E. Crosby Dec 46180-BMI
1		10.	C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S E Arnold V(78)21-0124, (45)48-0127

FOLK TALENT AND TUNES

By Johnny Sippel

Disk Jockey Doings: Johnny Williams, of WSFT, Thomaston, Ga., is high on the possibilities of Cecil Storey, new singer who just joined the Melody Ramblers on that station. . . . Lloyd Bell, ex-WNOX, Knoxville, guitar-vocalist, and Shorty Hickson, guitar-vocalist from WWNC, Asheville, N. C., have joined the Smokey Mountaineers at WGAC, Augusta, Ga., according to Ed Tacy. . . . Frank Porter, of WLEE, Richmond, Va., reports that Clyde Moody (King) is moving to WLEE from WHHT, Durham, N. C., as is Smiley Wilson and the Range Partners, formerly at WRAL, Raleigh, Va., and KWKH, Shreveport, La. Stanton is putting a push on for new artists. The troupe will work Friday and Saturday night shows at the Atlantic Rural Exposition Grounds, with Porter as emsee. . . . Cowboy Charlie St. John, of KCNC, Fort Worth, was presented with a gold loving cup as the result of winning a listener poll conducted recently in that city. The poll was run by Fort Worth disk jockeys. . . . Homer (Cactus Chuck) Mason, of KXLY, Spokane, reports that Slim Copeland, of the team of Clyde and Slim, is recovering from penumonia.

Johnny Hicks, of KRLD, Dallas, reports that the "Big D Jamboree" is touring three nights per week, with future plans calling for tours outside of Texas. Dewey Groom has just cut four sides for Imperial. Bill and Joe Callahan, also on the Big D show, are soon to ink with Columbia. . . . Bill Meyer, of WLDS, Jacksonville, Ill., acted as emsee for a WMOX, St. Louis, talent troupe, which worked the local high school November 9. Acts included the Lucky Penny Trio, Dave Landers and Skeets Yaney and Frankie. . . . Gene Bollinger, WEGO, Concord, N. C., reports that two local groups have recorded for Fox label. They are the Hobbs Trio and the Hinson Bros. . . Jimmy Smith and the Ridge Runners have switched from WKPT, Kingsport, Tenn., to WROL, Knoxville, where they are working with Eddie Parker. . . . Sid Gervais, of KATL, Houston, was married recently and has just returned to work after a honeymoon thru the South. . . . F. Bostwick Wester, of KSDO, San Diego, Calif., and his Country Cousins have cut for a small indie and report that one side "The Gal From Abilene" is going swell. . . . Dick Jones, of KULP, El Campo, Tex., reports that Fuzzy Whitener and his Bluebonnet Boys have joined the station. . . . Paul Simpkins. of WAPF, McComb, Miss., is handling program director duties in addition to a heavy d. j. slate. . . . Leon ("I Love You Because") Payne (Capitol) is a blind songwriter. Marge Tillman, of KLEE, Houston, Floyd Tillman's wife and a Columbia recorder, reports he is going great in her territory.

Jerry Leighton of WKIC, Hazard, Ky., and George Davis (Rich-R-Tone) have written a special arrangement of "Mule Train" and are (Continued on page 34) RAINBOW RECORDS ALWAYS A HIT! New Releases DICK TODD Daddy's Little Girl Who'll Be The Next One He. 80088 To Cry Over You EDDIE "PIANO" MILLER with rhythm acc. Oh, You Beautiful Doll No. 80055 Tool, Toot, Toolsie She Wore A Yellow Ribbon (vocal) He. 30033 Part-Time Sweetheart Music, Music, Music (The Nickelodeon Song) with vocal No. 90055 Pagan Love Song 1 Surrender, Dear From MGM Picture-Battlegrounds No. 90022

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90-100 TOPS . 80-89 EXCELLENT . 70-79 GOOD 40-69 SATISFACTORY . 0-39 POOR

How Ratings Are Determined Records are reviewed three times: (1) for retailers: (2) fe nine key categories. Each category is assigned a maximum number of points within which new releases are rated. The best possible rating is 100. Maximums are subject to change depending on results of a survey of the music trade now being conducted. N. S.

indicates a record is not suitable for approval within the market.

The Calegories Point listings are maximums. Song caliber, 15; interpretations, 15; arrangement, 15; "name" value, 15; record quality (surface, etc.), 5; music publisher's air performance potential, 10; exploitation (record adv't's-promotion film, legit and other "plug" aids), 10; manufacturer's distribution power, 10; manufacturer's production efficiency, 5.

ARTIST LABEL AND NO.

TUNES COMMENT

POPULAR

MARGARET WHIT-ING-BOB HOPE Capital 57-783

Ain't We Got Fun Pleasant dueting of a most attractive oldie could conceivably grab some action. Hope's a great comic but not much of a singer tho he upholds his end of the duet well enough.

Lucky Us

This guet's from Hope's current "Great Lover" flick. The performance lacks an incisive bite,

XAVIER CUGAT Columbia 38642

Latin Magic

Pretentious tune with suitably exotic setting is sung well by Toni Arden.

Goombay

Lightweight novelty is treated in the best Cugat style and with much zest while Jimmy Saunders does the best he can with the igric.

MARIORIE HUGHES Columbia 38643

A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes Miss Highes does a competent if not distinctive job with the levely balled from the forthcoming Walt Disney "Cinderella" flick score.

Crazy He Calls Me

Classy balled is done straightforwardly with little style by Miss Hughes. Spinners should like the song. A distinguished virtueso vocal job could send the song zooming.

KAY KYSER ORK Columbia 35641

Altar in the Pines

Very lovely production on a most attractive ballad spots soloist Michael Douglas and a choir. Heligious note of the song could be cashed in via the coming

I'm Startin' Sweetheartin' Again Douglas and Gioria Wood do a delightful dust with a slight rhythm ditty.

FRANKIE LAINE Mercury 5332

Don't Do Something to Someone Else Laine's hot on wax at the moment. The this is hardly up to the par he has set for himself, it should do okay on the strength of his box office. It's a slight chythm bit cast in fancy camp meetin'

Waiting (at the End of the Road) Laine does a straight first chorus on this Irving

Berlin item and then proceeds to telt it out in the

PEARL BAILEY Columbia 38660

Mixs Bailey relaxes here for an ensygoing ballad performance.

Saturday Night Fish Fry (Pearl Bailey and Jackle Mabley)

Great spirit in this side, as the gravel-throated Jackie Mabley teams with Pearl for a fly, Josep rendition of the click Louis Jerdan novelty. Should do poo as well as b & r bir.

DINAH SHORE Columbia 38659

RAY NOBLE ORK

Columbia 35658

Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo

Delightful rendition of the "Cinderella" noncense ditty. Thrush's candid delivery is cleverly augmented by elfin production effects.

Happy Times

Not Tonight

Tune, from the forshcoming "Inspector General" flick, is a telling ballad in the "Over the Rainbow" manner. Thrush sells it effectively.

It's Delightful Down in Chile

Boy-gal treatment of typical musicomedy Latin production number from "Gentlemen Prefer Blandes." No great wax appeal.

Come Dance With Me Cinderella at the ball, told in waltz time Pleasant

but not striking.

ORK
RCA Victor 20-3604 Squares make big production, but invikely to fetch

Johnson Rag Thornfill tries hard for a commercial side here. The high-flying oldie has the maestre playing a tonly plane, with group and band working in solid rhythm. Should get some play.

THE OZZIE OSBORNE QUINTETTE Motual 2

Circle Around the Moon

Boy-pal duet on a standout waltz tune. String group's country-styled backing is okay-and innuth displays fine quality

Judge of the Beauty Parade

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THE BILLBOARD PICKS:

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

CLUB 15 ALBUM Dick Haymes, Evelyn Knight, Andrews Sixters, The Modernaires, Jerry Gray Ork Decta 744

Outstanding in every respect is this four-disk set featuring the artists who are the regulars on the daily "Club 15" 15-minute Campbell Soup-CBS airer. The package, which biso is available in Decca's long-playing line on a single 10-inch LP platter, spots five new and previously unrecorded tunes, a couple of tunes from current Broadway show scores and one standard. High-light sides are the Haymes-Knight dueting of "I'm In Love," a frivolously signs-hearted song with show-tune overtones, and Haymes and Patti Andrews duet of a hunk of nonsense called "Why Won't Ya." Each of the disks in the album will be available as singles as well as in the package. Catalog numbers run from 24808 to 24811.

Mooney and gang have come up with another scintillating hank of tune and he gives it the fullblown production treatment. The pleasant, litting opus is in waltz time, with some polished tooring for the band, and the usual enthusiastic unison gang vocal. Standout feature here is an airy humming chorus by the ensemble.

THE BLOSSOMS ON THE BOUGH Andrews Sisters Detca 24822

The gals project this soulful ballad with a plaintive sweetness that has the same ear-arresting effect as their previous excursions into the blossom department—"I'll the With You in Apple Blossom Time" and "Apple Blossom Wedding." This one also could blossom.

THE DISK JOCKEYS PICK:

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

1.	BIBBIDI BOBBIDI BOO	782
2.	THE OLD MASTER PAINTER Dick Haymes Decca 24	108
3.	MARTA	598
	THE OLD MASTER PAINTER Frank Sinatra Columbia 38	
	ECHOES	
	BLOSSOMS ON THE BOUGH Mel Torme Capitol 57-	
0.	ECHOES	782
8	THE OLD MASTER PAINTER Phil Harris Victor 20-3	800
	BLUE CHRISTMAS	
10.	SORRY Capitof 57-	110

THE RETAILERS PICK:

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

_	SINGEFORE 2								
1.	THE OLD	MASTER	PAINTER	common and	Frank	Sinatra		Cotumola	38650
2	MARTA				Tony	Martin		. Victor	20-3598
3.	THE OLD	MASTER	PAINTER		5 Indok	Lanson		Lane	ton 555
5.	BIBBIDL	BOBBIDI	800		Jo 5:	afford-Gordon	MacRae	Capital	57-782
6.	ECHOES				Samm	Kaye	*******	-Victor	20-3595

THE OPERATORS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Base on a weekly survey among them on what the luke box operators

think tomorrow's bits will be:

1. MARTA

2. THE OLD MASTER PAINTER

3. CARELESS KISSES

4. THE GALLOPING COMEDIANS

5. THE OLD MASTER PAINTER

6. MERRY CHRISTMAS POLKA

7. CHARLEY, MY BOY

Andrews Sisters-Ruis Morgan

Decca 24812

THE COUNTRY & WESTERN DISK JOCKEYS PICK:

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FOLK TALENT AND TUNES

(Continued from page 31) asking for 5,000 requests before they do it on their live show. They got 2,000 requests in the first 10 days. . . . Marty Roberts, WDZ, Tuscola, Ill., has a new disk release on Hart-Van label. . . . Texas Bill Strength (4 Star) is also doing a d. j. shot over WGYV. Greenville, Ala. His show includes the Greenville Bucheroos, Andy Williams, the Midnight Ramblers, the Camellia City Ramblers, Cousin Wilbur and Charley and Honey Lou. . . . Dave Miller, WAAT, Newark, N. J., reports that Loretta Allen, now appearing at the Village Barn, New York, is the sister of Rosalie Allen and a great singer. . . . Sally Starr, of WJMJ, Philadelphia, reports that Pee Wee Miller has joined her hubby, Jesse Rogers (Bluebird). . . . Smilin' Eddie Hill, of WMPS, Memphis, reports that Bonnie Lou and Bashful Buster (Mercury) have joined his troupe. . . . Tom (Tennessee Tom-Tom) Brennen, of KXLA, Pasadena, Calif., reports that he and Deacon Moore, of the same outlet, are doing a weekly video shot over KECA-TV. . . . Kenn Davis, of KRNO, San Bernardino, Calif., reports good promotion from a co-operative set-up between his shows and the local square dance clubs. He daily features news of square dancing in the vicinity.

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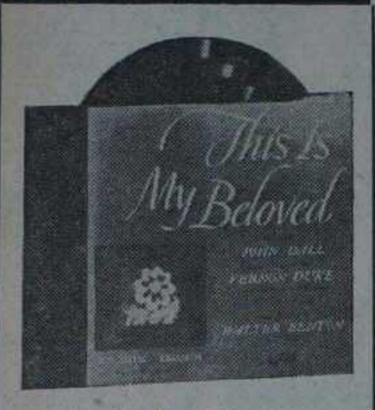
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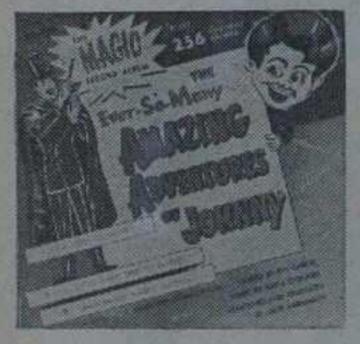
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T. Brannon Ork (Everybody Set) Regal 3241

J. Petrak (Avion) Swingmaster 1002

E. Morales (Art Raymond) Dec 24818

Two Ton Baker (Oogoo the) Mer 5346

Have I Told You Lately That I Love You

B. Crosby (Quicksilver) Dec 248247 Have I Told You Lately That I Love You

V178)20-3613; (45)47-3119

J. Dees (Little Dirty) Crystal 253

Sokach-Habat Ork (Are You) Dec 45086

L. Jordon (School Days) Dec 24815

VI78120-3613; (45)47-3119

B. Johnson (It Was) Dec 24817

V(78)20-3615; (45)47-3121

B. Johnson (I'm Tired) Dec 24817

R. Nichle Ork (Come Dance) Col 38658

G. Moore (Latin Magic) MGM 20589

V. Young (The River) Dec 24816

J. Dens (I Dream) Crystal 253

Spanier (3-10")

Star Dust . . . 25440

What's New . . . 25441

G. Moore (Johnson Ray), MGM 10589

Let's Put Out the Lights and Go to Sleep

S. Allen (Did Anyone) Moonlight 102

D. Haymes (Thousands of) Dec 24828

Hesitating Blues . . . 25441

Mure Than You Know . . . 25439

Sweethearts on Parade . . . 25440

E. Fariey's Ork (The Jazz) Delvar 114

A. Tracy (Fuithful Forever) Dec 24831

B. Maya (Slow Rock) Regal 3243

V(78)20-3620; (45)47-3126

G. Jenkins Ork (Don't Do) Dec 24830

The Man With the Horn . . . 25439

W. King (Irk (Come Dance) V(78)20-3612;

Mr. Disk Juckey (Play Our Love Song Again)

Modern Music for Clarinet Album-A. Shaw-F.

5. Jones & His City Slickers (Wild Bill)

T. Benesia Ork (Can I) V(78)20-3616; (45)

S. Kaye Ork (11 lim's) V(78)20-3609; (45)

(Continued on page 88)

B. Barron Ork (Big Movie) MGM 10594

Man With a Horn Album-R. Brooks-B. Hackett-

L. Armstrong-R. Eldridge-B. Butterfield-M.

D. Shore (Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo) Col 38659

T. Martin-F. Warren-H. Rene Ork (I Sald)

F. Martin Ork (Let's Put) V(78)20-3614;

R. Vallo-H. George Ork (Roman Gultar) Apollo

T. Martin-F. Warren-H. Rene Ork (Have 1)

L. Millinder Ork (Journey's End) V(78)20-3622;

B. Lawrence-Hamrene Ork (Cry-Baby Heart)

5. Knye Ork (My Llly) V(78)20-3609; (45)

The Merrie Muiette Ork (Pretty Girl)" V(78)

L. Millinder Ork (I'll Never) V(78)20-3622;

J. Varinal Ork (You in) V(76)25-1144; (45)41-

F. Martin Ork (Home Town) V(78)20-3614;

Advance Information



ADVANCE RECORD RELEASES

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

Felix the Cat

Fidale Faddle

Gus the Gopher

Home Town Band

(45147-3120

I Knew From the Start

I Know What I've Got

I Dream of Heaven

I Must Have You

I Said My Pajamas

I'll Never Be Free

(45)47-3128

In My Little Red Book

It Isn't Fair

47-3115

Itty-Bitty Polka

Johnson Rag

Journey's End

La Vie En Rose

Latin Magic

I'm Tired Crying Over You

It Was Swell Knowing You

It's Delightful Down in Chile

25-1145; (45)51-0045

S. Gibson (Petunia) Mer 8157

I've Been Living for You

(45)47-3128

145197-3120

Little Dirty Face

Lost in the Stars

Dec A-719

Margie

Marta

Mays' Haze

(45)47-3118

Hentl (4-10")

Cal MM 865

Mother Prairie

47-3122

My Foollih Heart

My Lily and My Rose

Morpheits

Little Man

Just One More Polka

1152

Flight of the Bumble Bee

POPULAR

A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes L. Welk (Bibbidi-Bobbodi-Boo) Mer 5347 (There's Something About a) Home Town Band A. Mooney Ork (There's a) MGM 10588 Abrazame

S. Mosley Ork (Could It) Penguin 0860 Angel Child

C. Payne Ork (Block Buster) Dec 48127 Are You Pretending?

Sokach-Habat Ork (1 Knew) Dec 45086 Art Raymond Mambo

E. Morales (Flight of) Dec 24818

J. Petrak (Fiddle Faddle) Swingmaster 1002 Band Marches by Spring Garden Band Album-Spring Garden Band (3-7")

V(45)WP-204 Fearless . . . V(45)47-3099 Gladiator March . . . V(45)47-3098 Grandiose . . . V(45)47-3097 Hands Across the Sea . . . V(45)47-3099 Purple Pageant . . . V(45)47-3098

Sabre and Spurs . . . V(45)47-3097 Be the Good Lord Willing (I'll See You In the Morning)

D. Haymes (Scarlet Ribbons) Dec 24829 Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo

D. Shore (Happy Times) Col 38659 Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo

L. Welk (A Dream) Mer 5347

The following abbreviations are being used thruout the list of Advance Record Releases: Col-Columbia Dec-Decca

Mer-Mercury V-Victor All other labels will continue to

be spelled out. Where 78, 45 and 33 1/2 (LP) r.p.m. numbers are listed, the speed is in-dicated in parantheses preceding the record number. For example: V (78) 20-1941; (45) 47-2354, etc.

Big Movie Show in the Sky B. Barron Ork (Mr. Disk) MGM 10594 Block Buster

C. Payne Ork (Angel Child) Dec 48127

Blue Memories

S. Mostey Ork (Couldn't You) Penguin 0859 Blue Ribbon Gal

J. Wayne (Send Ten) Col 38661 Blues Stay Away From Me

S. Burke Ork (Quarantine Sign) Dec 24832 Bright Eyes

E. Howard (Put Your) Mer 5321

Cafe Mozart Waltz

F. Dietschmann (The Third) MGM 10593

Can I Canpe You Up the River

T. Beneke Ork (Mother Prairie) V(78)20-3616; (45)47-3122 Come Dance With Me

W. King Ork (Melissa) V(78)20-3612; (45)

47-3118

Come Dance With Me R. Noble Ork (It's Delightful) Col 38658

Concert Album-C. Cavallaro Ork (4-10")

Anitra's Boogie . . . 25461 Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 4 . . . 25461 Chopin's Polonaise 23791

Concerto 25272 Concerts No. 2 in C Minor (1 & 2) . . . 18863

Intermeza . . 25272 Warsaw Concerto . . . 23791

L. Kirk-H. Rene Ork (Copper Carryon) V(78)29-3670; (45)47-3116

Copper Canyon L. Kirk-H. Rene Ork (Confidentially V(78)20-3610: [45]47-3116

Could It Be Love 5. Mosley Ork (Abrazame) Pengula 0860 Couldn't You Could

5. Mosley Ork (Blue Memories) Penguin 0859 Cry-Baby Heart

B. Lawrence-H. Rane Ork (In My) V(78)20-3615; (45)47-3121 Did Anyone Ever Tell You, Mrs. Murphy?

J. Powers (Little Man) Moonlight 102 Dixie by Dorsey Album-J. Dorsey Ork (1-10") Col(33)CL6095; 178)C-196

Don't Do Something to Someone Eise (That You Wouldn't Want Done to You) G. Jenkim Ork (My Foolish) Dec 24830 Enjoy Yourself (It's Later Than You Think)

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ER JANSSEN CONDUCTS-W. F. H; SINFONIA: R. STRAUSS: SERE-E; W. DENNY, OVERTURE FOR INGS-Werner Janssen, director-The Jans-Symphony of Los Angeles (3-12")

four explores esoteric musical byways-and renders a fine service to the collector who not ever be able to obtain these offerings re. It is also sound sense on the part of tist people, who apparently see no use peting with the major companies in restandard repertoire. There is something about each of the three selections: Denny little-known contemporary American comand the string overture with which he is nted here well deserves recording. Strauss selection is curiosa—a lightcomposition of his early years. The Wil-Friedemann Bach symphony is an excellent of music per se-the most rewarding of the elections here offered. In a prelude and form, It isn't too far off the standards of her, the great J. S.

JUKES. suitable.

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IDVEN: SONATA NO. 21 IN C MA-OP. 53 ("WALDSTEIN")idio Arrau (1-10")

mbia (33) ML-2078 acquits himself with brilliance on this chalvirtuoso piece. He meets its tremendous ds not only with powerful technical equipbut with the sense of line and continuity makes a physically superior performance an experience. This version was preceded diesking recording for Columbia. The roughnpetition would be the Schnabel recording that it is part of the HMV Beethoven Soset. The Arran becomes the sole domestic stein," and since it also enjoys the ade of LP, it should do well.

JUKES

JOCKS Classical spinners can use.

OZ: REQUIEM, VOLS, I and II— 85 director (2-12")

imbla (33) SL-159 ndous is the word for this recording, stored 300-voice choir and four brass bands in in to a full orchestra. This, the only res of the work, was recorded in France dure recent war, and recorded with the full nental and choral complement called for in ore. It is a great job of recording, with ifficult balance problem handled admirably. rusic, containing some of the grandest pasin all of Berlier, is cathedral size both in tion and emotional impact. Both the vocal he instrumental portions are majestic and o the ear. One of the most autipicious of records to date.

JUKES t suitable.

JOCKS Separate sections especially for religious holiday play,

TRAUSS: TILL EULENSPIEGELS RRY PRANKS and R. STRAUSS: JUAN-The Cleveland Ork-George conductor, and Pittsburgh Symphony Ork-Reiner, conductor (1-10")

mbia (33) ML-2079 an LP natural: two of Richard Strauss' opular tone poems back-to-back. The cong monds of the two works make for inand bombastic, with its emphasis on is quite another dish from the deeply emo-"Don," in which souring strings dominate. atter plece, superbly read by Reiner, has its mark on shellac records as the most r version. The Szell "Till" had been preby Rodelnski's version on shellac for Co-It too is admirably done. Reproduction at, the indispensable (because of the proic nature of the tone poems) finer notes

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BEETHOVEN: CONCERTO IN E FLAT MAJOR (1784) FOR PIANO AND ORK -Orazio Frugoni-Pro Musica Chamber-Orchestra-P. Paray, conductor (1-12") Vax Polydor (33) PLP 6470

As far as we have been able to accertain, this is the only recorded version of this concerto, said to have been composed by Beethoven at 14. The work was not discovered until 1890, and was not finally reconstructed until 1943. Its authenticity is attested to by Edward Tatnall Canby, whose liner notes are highly informative. The work has a baroque flavor and the instrumentation is as indicated in the original text-plano and wifat is actually no more than an augmented chamber group. Frugoni performs the solo role with sensibility and a skimming, delicate touch; the Pro Musica group do their chores with admirable verve and musicianship. The tone of the work is light and gay thruout, and the performers convey its fragile charm with unfailing delicacy. A must for Beethoven libraries-and a delightful must

Not suitable.

JOCKS For the recondite airers.

SCHUMANN: FANTASIA IN C MAJOR OP. 17-Rudolph Firkusny (1-12") Columbia (33) ML-4238

Rudolf Firkusny, who makes his wax debut here for Columbia, performs an expuisite job. The Fantasia, one of the landmarks of romantic piano music, and considered Schumann's masterplece of keyboard composition, runs a gamut from the tenderest paetry to the most fiery foremics. Firkusny, a young Czech planist who has been concertizing in this country since 1938, has all the poetry and all the fire needed to render the Fantasia the way it should be. His technique is fine, his emotional projection superb. Only two other versions of Fantasia are on records—the highly regarded Bachaus rendition, waxed for HMV, available here on Victor. Since Firkusny has made such an impressive debut, and on LP at that, the disk should do well.

JUKES Not suitable.

JOCKS. A long work for most

MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. ONE IN D 70 MAJOR—Minneapolis Symphony Ork-Dimitri Mitropoulor, conductor (1-12") Columbia (33) ML 4251

An outstanding wax performance of several years back has now been made available in this single LP disk. Interest in Mahier has mounted recently, mainly thru the efforts of such protagonists as Brune Walter, and in this first, and perhaps most successful symphony, he shows himself to be a profound master of the form. His orchestration too is a thing of great brilliance, and the fullrange recording sound underlines that feature. The work is full of effects, rich themes, and storyif the listener is looking for it. In the latter case, the notes are a big help. The work actually is easily accessible. Mitropoulos' performance is taught, and dynamic.

JUKES Not suitable.

JOCKS: A strong, unusual longhair feature.

PROKOFIEV: ALEXANDER NEVSKY CAN- 70 gene Ormandy, conductor-Jennie Tourel, Westminster Choir-Dr. John Finley Williamson, conductor (1-12")

Columbia (33) ML 4247 The composer reveals himself here as the master craftsman. The epic work, which stems from his original film score, is necessarily descriptive, and as such may be compared with Tschalkowsky's popular "1812 Overture," which dealt with another period in Russian history. This is at its best bold, sweeping music, and Ormandy's rich ork gives it great dramatic power. The vocal portions are sung in English, but with the exception of Miss Tourel's brilliant solo, words cannot be distinguished. They're printed on the back of the cover, however. For people who like their music to tell a story, this is it.

JUKES Not aultable.

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Popular Songwriters

By Jack Burton

No. 44-RICHARD RODGERS (Part ID)

The trophy room at Columbia Uni-| "nuts" in the opinion of undergraduversity is filled with cups, footballs and other mementoes of the Lions' athletic prowess. The authorities, however, have overlooked a corner in the gymnasium that should be marked with a commemorative plaque. It's the spot where Herbert Fields introduced Dick Rodgers to Larry Hart and started a musical partnership as distinguished as Gilbert and Sullivan.

This meeting took place in 1920 when Hart was 25 and Rodgers 18. Both were New York boys, one with a gift for writing smart and sophisticated verse and the other an accomplished pianist who had composed his first song My Auto Show Girl, two years before.

Larry Hart, who stood a scant five feet in his elevator shoes, was a selfordained Columbia alumnus, having left the cloistered halls on Morningaide Heights in his sophomore year to translate and adapt German plays for the American stage, while Dick Rodgers was a freshman who had just written the score for his first varsity show and was looking around for a lyricist.

That's why Herbert Fields brought them together, and they clicked from the moment they first shook hands. The Columbia varsity show of that prevailed. And it is well that it did,

ates and alumni alike, and the newborn team of Rodgers and Hart had visions of seeing their names in lights on Broadway.

It took five long years, however, before that dream came true - five heartbreaking years in which they wrote scores of songs Tin Pan Alley rejected. In this time they worked on 25 musicals all of which but one, the fairly successful Poor Little Ritz Girl, on which Sigmund Romberg collaborated, were produced by amateur groups without a penny's return in royalties. They even tried their hand at writing a play without music, The Melody Man, but that was a flop. Then in 1925, when Hart had decided to become a play translator again and Rodgers was seriously thinking of learning the children's underwear business at a starting salary of \$50 a week, the Junior Group of the New York Theater Guild asked them to write the songs for the Garrick Gaieties, a revue to be staged to raise money to buy tapestries for the new Guild Theater.

It was just another one of those charity jobs, and Rodgers and Hart already had had their bellyful of them. The show, too, was only going to run for one night! But the urge to write for the theater-any theater, year, Fly With Me, which was staged not only for Rodgers and Hart but the In the Hotel Astor ballroom, was the American stage as well.

PERTINENT DATA ON SONGS AND SONGWRITERS

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

Songs which have attained a sheet music sale of one million or more are marked with an asterisk (*).

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

In listing of recordings, no so-called collector's items are given. The record listing is representative, not necessarily complete.

The Garrick Gaisties opened on a interval while his wife was driving Sunday night without fanfare or bal- their daughter to the movies and r lyhoo. It didn't close for a year and turning home. a half later and ran into a second edition. After reading the rave re- a confirmed bachelor, who found h views, Broadway producers suddenly diversion in night clubs, mislaid to decided these two Columbia kids had scraps of paper on which he scribble something the public was anxious to ideas and refused to work unless listen to and willing to pay for, And was in the proper mood, which was these entrepreneurs of the Gay White often. He was a genius for finding Way were right-right as the umpire reasons for not working, often telling is when he calls a fair ball hit into Rodgers he was going out just to bu the bleachers a home run.

Hart provided the music and lyrics for 21 musicals that earned them top rating as America's No. 1 songwriting team. Six of these had librettos by Herbert Fields, son of Lew Fields, the comedian, brother of Dorothy Fields, the lyricist, and the Columbia senior who had brought them together.

The death of Larry Hart in 1943 ended a musical partnership as brilliant as any in the history of the theater, and yet in temperament, Richard Rodgers and his collaborator were as far apart as the two poles. Rodgers, for example, is married and the father of two children, likes grand opera and home life, has an orderly mind and works on schedule and at incredible speed.

When asked how long it took him to write Oh, What a Beautiful Morning, he replied in all seriousness, "How long does it take to play it?" He that makes for success in Tin Par composed the music for June Is Bus- Alley and on Broadway. I tin' Out All Over during a 20-minute

Larry Hart, on the other hand, w a cigar and apparently taking seven In the next 18 years Rodgers and days to get one. In the later year of their collaboration Rodgers too Hart to his country home in Connect cut in the hope that Larry would con centrate on songwriting when r moved from the distractions of Proway. Instead Hart bribed Dick daughter to hide him in her play house, located in a maple tree an completely hidden by the follage after swearing her to secrecy.

In their craftsmanship, however Rodgers and Hart were as close a two seconds since Hart's lyrics are fresh and ingenious as Rodgers' mu sic is invigorating and original. The quarrelled at times over musica phrases and rhymes and meter Rodgers lit one Corona after anothe and Hart chain-smoked a carton cigarettes, but they had three thing in common:

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Lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and presented by a east that included Sterling Hollaway, Romney Brent, Betty Starbuck, Elizabeth Holman and 1926-THE GIRL FRIEND Phillip Loeb, with Richard Rodgers directing the orchestra. Edward B. Marks Music Corp. ROMANTIC YOU AND SENTIMENTAL ME MANHATTAN (Available on RCA Victor record K (45-0018) la K-4.) YOU YOU LOVE ME

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Book by Herbert Fleids, lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and co-starring Helen Hart and Charles Purceli, Harms, Inc. HEIGH-HO. LACKADAY WAR IS WAR I BEG YOUR PARDON CHEERIO BYE AND BYE HERE IN MY ARMS (Available on Decca record 24034 In A-1925) Basil Formeen orchestra.) FULL BLOWN ROSES THE HERMITS I'D LIKE TO HIDE IT WHERE THE HUDSON RIVER FLOWS OLD ENOUGH TO LOVE SWEET PETER HERE'S A KISS

1929 GARRICK GAIETIES

Lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and presented by a cost that included Phillip Lorb, Sterling Holloway, Bobble Perkins, Jack Edwards, Betty Starbuck and Lester Cole: Harms, Inc. MOUNTAIN GREENERY (Available on RCA Victor record K(45-0018) In K-4.)

WHAT'S THE USE OF TALKING

Book by Herbert Fields, lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and co-starring Eva Puck and Sam White. Harms, Inc. HEY, HEY THE SIMPLE LIFE THE GIRL FRIEND (Available on the following records: Columbia 7482-M, Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra; Columbia 35380 in C-11, Richard Rodgers erchestra; Decca 24036 in A-1926, Mariene Fingerie and Arthur Schutts, giano duo.7 GOOD-BYE LENNY THE BLUE ROOM

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T GG YHW THE DAMSEL THAT DONE ALL THE DIRT HE'S A WINNER TOWN HALL TONIGHT GOOD FELLOW MINE SLEEPYHEAD (CREOLE CROONING SONG) I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU HOME WHAT IS IT

1928—PEGGY-ANN

Book by Herbert Fields, lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and presented by a cast headed by Helen Fund, Lulu McConneil, Betty Starbuck and Lester Cole. Harms, Inc. Hello A TREE IN THE PARK HOWDY, BROADWAY A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME CHARMING, CHARMING WHERE'S THAT RAINBOW THEY TALK IN HIS ARMS CHUCK IT HAVANA MAYBE IT'S ME GIVE THIS LITTLE GIRL A HAND

1928-BETSY

Book by Irving Caesar and David Freedman, lyrics by Lorenz Hart, and starring Belle Baker in a cast that included Al Shean, Jimmy Hursey, Dan Healy, Bobble Perkins, Eurlyn Law, Allen Kearns and Borrah Minnevitch and His Harmonics Rascals, Harris, Inc. THE KITZEL ENGAGEMENT MY MISSUS STONEWALL MOSKOWITZ MARCH ONE OF US SHOULD BE TWO IN OUR PARLOR ON THE THIRD FLOOR THIS FUNNY WORLD FOLLOW ON CRADLE OF THE DEEP IF I WERE YOU LEAVE IT TO LEVY BIRDS ON HIGH SHUFFLE BLUE SKIES Words and music by Irving Berlin, and Introduced for the first time by Beile Baker In this production. TALES OF HOFFMAN By Irving Caesar and Al Segal,

1927-A CONNECTICUT YANKEE

Book by Herbert Fields, bries by Lerenz Hart, and presented by a cast headed by William Gaxton, William Norris, Nana Bryant and Comtance Carpenter. Harmy, Inc. A LADY'S HOME COMPANION MY HEART STOOD STILL Written after a wild taxi ride thro the streets of Paris, and Impired by the remark of a girl exempanies who exclaimed as the cab took off; "Gee, my heart stood stilli"

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ON A DESERT ISLE WITH THEE NOTHING'S WRONG I FEEL AT HOME WITH YOU EVELYN, WHAT DO YOU SAY

1928-PRESENT ARMS

Book by Herbert Fields, fyrics by Larenz Harl and starring Charles King in a cast that Isoladed Florence Leitreton and Joyce Barbour Harms, Inc.

TELL IT TO THE MARINES YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ME

This was the favorite song of the Prince of Water while he was courting Wattle Simport One night in a Lendon night club he asked Morton Downey to sing it nine times. In the fight of netsequent events, culminating if his reliaguishment of the British throne Aw "the woman I love," the title was truly

(Available on the following records: Decor 18117 in A-201, Burny Berlean occhestral Decca 24045 in A-1928, Basil Famors an chestra; Columbia 35379 in C-11, Richard Rodgers orchestra.) DID I HEAR YOU SAYING "I LOVE YOU"

(Assilable on Columbia record 35379 in G-11 Richard Rodgers archestra.) A KISS FOR CINDENELLA IS IT THE UNIFORM CRAZY ELEOWS

DOWN BY THE SEA I'M A FOOL FOR YOU BLUE OCEAN BLUES HAWAII

WOHALA WELCOME (To be continued next week)

Top Promotion About To Bust For Reindeer'

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Altho Columbia's Gene Autry disking of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer seems well-established as one of the top hits of 1949, Times-Columbia, local distributor, has the biggest part of its promotion coming up this week. Arthur Kenn, advertising manager for the distribbery, several months ago discovered a Max Fleischer color cartoon flick on Rudolph made last year for Montgomery-Ward to promote various Rudolph products, M-W agreed to hand Keen the national promotion rights to the film, and supplied him with 300 copies at no charge.

Kenn in turn has made a deal with RKO, and starting December 17 Rudolph will play simultaneously at the 37 RKO theaters in the metropolitan area. The rest of the reels have been caned out to other distribs and will blanket the Eastern States. The Roxy Theater here is also showing it during he three weeks preceding Christmas. With each showing the theater has ied up with a neighborhood disk hop. Sixty thousand Rudolph baleons, each with the name of the local shop, are to be given away free to rids attending the theater. Prizes, about 2,500 so far, will also be given away in various contests. All have been provided by manufacturers of various Rudolph products such as books, records, dolls, etc. The theaters are to set up lobby displays and screen trailers.

fabricated a talking reindeer, but the Montgomery-Ward store, just a few blocks away, countered immediately with a real live reindeer borrowed from the zoo.

Domino Blues Firm Revives, Inks Talent Philadelphia:

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Domino Records, local blues-rhythm diskery ormed early this year, has been rearganized and reactivated. H. B. Graham, one of the founders, has pulled out, and Seymour Goldblum, ormer manager of the Chubby ackson band, has taken over as eneral manager. Other partners, with Goldblum, are Jimmie Robinson md Lloyd G. Newton. Rene Hall s music director.

Artists featured in the diskery's irst release under the new set-up nclude blues singer Max Bailey and eksters Eddie (Lockjaw) Davis and Buddy Tate. Bailey is signed exlusively with the label.

Marks and Hosiery Org in Disk Tie-Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Thru more han sheer leg work, the Edward B. Marks pubbery this week effected a any to promote Tony Martin's Vicor waxing of the Marks tune Marta. the promotion, dreamed up by Marks rs thruout the country. The hosiery irm is preparing streamers for deartment stores touting both the disk nd the hose, and Victor is also tying n with disk shop streamers mentionng Valcort.

Music-As Written

(Continued from page 18) four sides for Mercury's Jazz at the Philharmonic hot music series, with drummer Buddy Rich and tenorist Flip Phillips among his support. Veteran thrush Florence George etched an album of waltzes by Johann Strauss, Franz Lehar and Oscar Strauss for Decca.

With Bernie Wayne, WHOM deejays Ray Carroll and Willie Bryant have penned "Would I Still Be the One in Your Heart?" Publisher is Brenner Music, the firm of colleague Paul Brenner, of WAAT. Charlie Sherrill, pianist formerly at the Weylin and the Rainbow Lounge here, has opened at the Peter Stuyvesant, Buffalo, for a limited stay. Hot Lips Page went into the Hotel Senator, Philadelphia, December 5.

The Shadows, new vocal quartet, open a week at the Apollo Friday (16) on the strength of their first disking on the Lee label, launched by Herb Zebley and Ed Levy, owners of the major distribbery. . . . John Desmond is in town from Chicago to cut four e. t.'d shows for his Ronson series. . . Knickerbocker Music acquired pubbing rights to "Sentimental Me" from Autograph Records. . . . The Golden Gate Quartet was received by President Truman last week; they presented him a special etching of songs they sang at the 1940 and 1944 inaugural festivities. . . . Johnstone-Montei took over "Say It Isn't the Night" from Cavalier Music. . . . Ray Bloch cut some pop sides for Dana last week. Dana also pacted the Vincent Justynski Ork to a term contract.

Patti Page has cut a trick record for Mercury in her "Quartet" rendition of "With My Eyes Wide Open." The thrush warbled four successive parts dubbed on top of each other for the quartet effect.

Dick Linke left the Sammy Kaye organization last week to set up his record-promotion and publicity stable. Linke, former Eastern promotion chief for Capitol Records, is currently negotiating for office space in New York. . . . Desi Arnaz's drummer, Isadelo Ernestomarrero, has prepared an illustrated method, "drumming the Latin-American way," which E. B. Marks Music is publishing this week. . . . Todd Rhodes and His Toddlers cut four sides this week for Sensation Records, including two instrumental ballads and two jump numbers.

Chicago:

Irv Green. Mercury Records prexy, has returned to work following a two-week hospital stay. . . . Ernie Simon, WJJD discomedian, married Pat Lyons, non-pro, December 28, while John McCormick, WBBM, and Wilma Meeks, non-pro, expect to merge before Christmas. . . . Fred Lowery. the whistler, has replaced Dorothy Rae, his singing partner who married in June, with Claire Stewart, formerly of WFAA, Dallas. . . . Irene Rosenplay the disk in the lobbies and with berg, young planist, will guest with the Chi Symphony December 17.

Shuffle in the officer set-up of Barthel, Inc., indie record label, has put Gertz's Department Store in Ja-naica, one of those tying in, has Anzalone as secretary-treasurer. Firm has Johnny Hill, ABC vocalist; Allan DeWitt, vocalist with Frankie Masters; Delores Janis and Toni Rami, chirps, as its first talent. Jack Barthel, pubber, is out of the organization. Georgie Reuss and associates have formed the G. M. Reuss pubbery, Naperville, Ill. . . . Zenith Radio Distributing Corporation, MGM record distribber, has taken six 15-minute stanzas per week on each of three radio stations, WJJD, WCFL and WIND, with Howard Miller to handle d. j. duties. . . . Lawrence Welk did 300 people at \$1.75 (including tax) each at the Prom Terrace, Fort Wayne, Ind., November 30.

Arthur Warren, last here in 1946, takes over the Hotel Warwick bandstand for the holiday season. . . . Royal Oaks in suburban Ambler, Pa., adds dancing for the diners, with Pat Riley getting the musical call. . . . Cats and the Fiddle are back in town, this time at Club Del Rio. . . . Hot Lips Page is making his first local stand with his own band at the Rendezyous, which normally reserves the music stand for recording singers. . . Pete Rubino takes over the bandstand at Chubby's at near-by North Collingswood, N. J., where Patti Page is making a return.

Norman Black, former WFIL maestro, was signed by the Philadelphia Arena to serve as pit conductor for all shows coming in requiring music. . . . William B. Richter used a local river for the inspiration of his latest song effort in penning "Down on the Delaware." . . . At near-by Atlantic City, Hotel Chelsea has brought in Johnny Goodman, with Angie Merrendino getting the call at the Hotel Senator's Sun and Star Roof. . . . Lester Young, next in at the 421 Club, with the Orioles plus Slam Stewart following, is first-timing it at a location stand in town by taking in a turn at the Click in advance of Artie Shaw's opening next week. . . . Una Mae Carlisle is hospitalized in New York for an emergency operation. The Loumell Morgan Trio opens for her at the Club Del Rio. . . . Paul Hildebrand, local nitery owner, turns dance promoter to stage a New Year's Eve masquerade ball at the Broadway Hotel, with Joe Frasetto making the music.

Joyce Sets Pub, Disk Deals on Coast for ie-up with the Valcort Hosiery Com- Ranch's Expansion

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—Jolly Joyce, head of the local Jolly Joyce lack Seens Hamilton, has Valcort theatrical booking office, has negoaming a new shade of nylons "Marta tiated music publishing and recordlose," with 2,500 pairs of the same ing deals for his Ranch Music Comeing presented to the publisher for pany, a West Coast firm in which listribution among jocks and review- he is a partner with Lou Herscher, Hollywood music publisher and songwriter. Joyce is now on the Coast.

The deal was made with George Auberbach, of the Hill & Range Music Company, to handle the performing rights for some of the songs The pubbery, in conjunction with in the Ranch Music catalog, made up lictor, has had Martin cut personal entirely of Western and hillbilly to the Ranch Music catalog. As a conscriptions for a number of key tunes. In addition, the deal was also result of the record deal, Ranch ocks for their use in introducing the made with Leo Mesner, of Aladdin Music will branch out in the race Records, for the race songs added song field.

Gents Prefer Tix

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Buddy Robbins, of the J. J. Robbins pubbery, which is publishing the score of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes-a show enjoying an advance sale comparable to that for South Pacific - was asked this week by a music business acquaintance if he was "getting any calls." This is trade parlance for sheet music sales.

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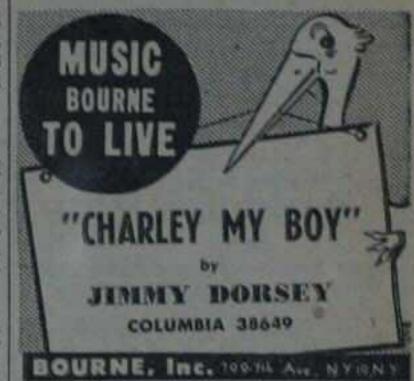
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Reviews of Orchestras Playing Hotels, Night Clubs and Ballroom Locations and One-Nighters

Wayne King

(Reviewed November 22 at the Marine Dining Room, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Managed by Music Corporation of America.)

SAXES: Fred Reid, Ray Schultz, Harold Gilbert, Burke Blvens. VIOLINS: Al Muenzer, Emil Vandas, Charles Sindelar, Riga Mellgren, Earl Schwaller, Jay

TRUMPETS: Jules Herman and Tommy Pitzsimmons.

TROMBONE: Harry Hill.
RHYTHM: Ernie Bergman, drums; Hugh
Anderson, bass; Paul Mack, piano.
VOCALS: Harry Hall, Nancy Evans and the

12-piece Don Large Chorus. ARRANGERS: Warren Knoble and Vic LEADER AND ALTO SAX: Wayne King

Hotel is utilizing a new policy for its smart Marine Dining Room in bringing in the Waltz King and his ork and chorus and dropping its 10gal line and a bill of variety acts. Judging by the excellent response given the show caught, experiment is working out well because of the versatility and appeal of the leader. All the ork needs to do a 100 per cent job is the insertion of a heavy comedy number somewhere in the program,

The King ork, which has been doing only concert work the past three years, is doing its first location job here since before the war. King himself hasn't lost any of his touch. In fact, he's doing even a better job than his prewar days. His sincere introductions and talk between numbers are a perfect pace for the leisurely styled King melodies.

The band itself is as flawless as the Hope diamond, consistently giving out with a danceable beat on arrangements that stress the beauty of the melody. Band's book is varied, with plenty of the standard Victor waltz hits, current pops, a little Latin American and some up-tempo novelties for the younger set. King's sidemen work the entire evening without piece together some special routines the hint of a klinker.

sponsored NBC video stanza, King came up with the Don Large Chorus, a dozen wholesome-looking gals and guys who fit the ork's format like a ment capably. While King has long book. Group's harmony work adds a fronted a top-notch musical group, great deal visually as well as aurally the addition of this capable lyric to the band. Harry Hall, young bari- staff has revitalized the entire band. tone, sparkled on solo assignments generally, but should stay away from colored jackets which, when mixed stylized numbers like Lucky Old Sun, with the gowns of the gal singers. where another has made his name makes the bandstand look like somewith the top interpretation. Nancy thing from a technicolor musical. Evans, veteran King chirp, possesses Emil Vandas doubles capably as show an amazing range that enables her conductor when King takes the mike to handle almost any kind of assign-

Vince Brundo Quartet

(Reviewed at Frank and Theresa's Anchor Bar, Buffalo, November 19. Booking, non-exclusive.)

GUITAR-LEADER: Vince Brundo. ACCORDION: Russ Messins. BASS: Tommy Rizzo.
DRUMS: Dick Fadele.
VOCALS: Tommy Rizzo and Dick Fadele.

This unit, which was organized only last July, has already shaped up as the slickest local article since the Soft Winds launched their career at the Hotel Stuyvesant here about four years ago. It's composed of ace studiotranscription men who know their way around a pop, rumba or show tune, all of which they serve up in

highly danceable style, with an extra portion of good taste,

In this popular club, where the attractions have ordinarily been hot jazz and Italian dishes, Brundo's crew caters to all factions, including sophisticates and rumbaddicts, and manages to keep the floor crowded at all times, Practically all numbers are arranged, and obviously the outfit is looking for that special gimmick that could transform it into a national attraction. Since the emphasis at the spot is on dancing, instrumental specials such as Malaguena and Saber Dance are essayed infrequently, but get a solid hand.

Brundo is a warm, congenial front, and his solos, like Messina's, offer enough jazz ideas to keep the offerings well-spiced, but never extreme. Biggest attention-getters are Rizzo's personality-packed, Laine - derived vocals, and the whispered bop parodies on pops and standards by the four voices. Drummer Fadele surprises with well-phrased choruses in a Torme timbre,

As it's presently constituted, the combo could fill the bill with distinction at any of the country's intimate dance spots. When it manages to suitable for disking, it could find it-During his planning for his current self in demand as a show attraction as well. Bill Simon.

King has garbed his men in vari-Johnny Sippel.

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Vaude Returns To Cincy Albee; Signs AFM Pact

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10 .- Albee Theater here relights its vaude stage December 29 with an eight-act bill, it was announced Wednesday (7), after a contractual impasse since September between RKO and Local 1, American Federation of Musicians, over the number of weeks of guaranteed work for musicians. The new agreement runs until December 29, 1950.

Contract terms were not disclosed by the theater, and Oscar Hild, in charge of negotiations for Local 1, was not available for comment. The old pact called for a guarantee of 20 weeks' work. Trade sources believe he new contract represents a compromise, possibly a 10-week increase.

Announcement was made by Emil Groth, RKO Midwest division manger in charge of theater operations, fter a phone conversation with Maj. eslie E. Thompson, New York, RKO abor relations chief.

EMA & VBA in Philly Merge for Next Year

Entertainment Managers' Association and Collins. (EMA) and Variety Bookers' Associaion (VBA), which have acted as a Here and There: oint body on matters affecting the entire booking industry, will merge nto one org for the new year.

orary president of the combined asociations, with Joel Charles, temorary secretary - treasurer. EMA akes in the club date bookers, with he nitery bookers comprising the BA. The combined membership akes in almost all of the State-liensed bookers here.

New York:

25. . . . Juanita Hall has signed with MCA. . . . Kitty Kallen and Herb Jeffries have re-signed with MCA. . . . Hildegarde's Nicollet Hotel (Milwaukee) job has been got by MCA aren the the rel is now booked by the waukee) job has been set by MCA, even tho the gal is now booked by the William Morris Office. The latter says it's an old commitment but old or new, Jack Bertell's screaming he wants his cut.

When Sam Levenson goes into the Capitol and the Latin Quarter he'll have permission to do club dates, radio and TV jobs. . . . Miami's Copa City was just told to up its bond to 10G or no show. The spot had \$8,500 up and that covered only the Olsen and Johnson show. . . . A performer has just suffered cancellation of 12 weeks because of his political beliefs. AGVA says it is ready to proceed against the spots that canceled if the actor makes a complaint.

Lou (Morris Office) Weiss is a father again. His second son is Jeffery Gordon. . . . Sophie Tucker's changed her mind. She's going back to Ned Schuyler's Beachcomber, Miami Beach, in March. . . . Leon Leonidoff gets a plaque from Yeshiva University for his "long years of service to the university" and many other communal causes.

Lisa ("Kiss Me, Kate") Kirk will double into the Plaza's Persian Room, starting December 27. She'll do one show nightly. Jimmy Savo, also on the bill, will do two shows. . . . Doc Harris wires that the Sinatra-Harvey Stone show broke all records at his Hartford State Theater. The Sunday (4) take was \$11,385.

Miami:

Pre-season heat's on again against gambling, the Green Acres, Sunny Isles and some books are operating in Miami. The Beach is still quiet.
... The Miami Morning Mail will start rolling December 14. . . . Lenny Kent is coming back to double with Jackie Miles late this month. . . PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10. - The Mammy's Restaurant is thinking of doing a disk jockey show from 65th belong to AGVA.

Montreal's Normandie Roof will have a line for the first time in its history. The May Johnson office, booking the spot, is looking for a line Bob Brown has been named tem- that can do ballet Vic Damone has signed with 20th Century-Fox, and so has Paul Villard.

> The two big wheels at the Latin Casino, one of Philly's top niteries, have set up a new talent agency in town. The new agency is a partnership of Myer (Spike) Shandelman, banquet manager for the Latin Casino, and Harry Dobbs, music maestro for many years at the nitery. Dobbs has been a licensed booking agent for some years, while Shandelman is a newcomer to the percenting field.

Brandt's Chain Will Use Short Legit Revivals

Thesps May Go AGVA

(Continued from page 3) Garter and five or six others still in the dickering stage.

George Brandt, now huddling with stagehands, has already signed with the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) on the following basis. All performers will get an \$85 minimum for 30 shows a week when working on the Stem. Off-Stem dates will call for a \$90 minimum, with 23 shows weekly. Stem jobs will probably give actors more than \$100 because shown will exceed the 30 permitted and actors will be paid pro rata.

There was a mild rhubarb between AGVA and Equity as to jurisdiction. Equity claimed it, but AGVA insisted that Equity sloughed it off when Make Mine Manhattan and High Button Shoes played vaude houses, thereby admitting its lack of jurisdiction. Furthermore, AGVA said that tab shows which run less than 11/2 hours

In any case, Equity was told that AGVA was willing to put the dispute before the Equity council, but Equity toppers refused. AGVA claimed that if Equity rules apply, performers would get less money because shows would come under stock company provisions. A show playing Broadway. even the a watered-down version, is not a stock company, AGVA said.

The whole idea is an experiment, Meanwhile all Equity card holders hired for the jobs will have to join

New Gimmick To Book Names on Young Trade

McCarthyPays | Em Off in Oil To Get 'Em In

Long-Range Profit

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The latest ooking lure, one calculated to make he top names come out, now offers hem a wack at oil-well profits, in ddition to giving them their standrd salaries plus various percentages. The gimmick is now being used by lenn McCarthy, owner of the Housn Shamrock Hotel, who also has eavy oil interests in Texas and her States. The first name to come under the new plan is Edgar Beren, who opens New Year's Eve on two-weeker, followed by Frank natra due late in January. Among her names being dickered to come under this oil-well plan are Dinah hore, Tony Martin and Betty utton.

payment is made in stock and the may really pay off big.

Curfew Gimmicks

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 .-Nitery ops are devising gimmicks to overcome the earlier New Year's Eve shutterings due to a midnight curfew. Most places, for example, have advised that they will refuse admittance to anybody bringing their own liquor.

Hardest hit will be hotel rooms, which have to stick closer to the law. As a result some are offering various plans for the holiday celebration. The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, for instance, is quoting the regular "\$12.50 per person" for dinner and noise-makers in the Garden Terrace, and this-according to copy on the announcement-"includes a special New Year's Eve supper and a single bedroom with private bath and \$9.50 for a second person sharing the same bedroom." Thus, \$34.50 for two suppers and double bedroom. with private bath. "Amusement taxes," the notice reads, "are not included."

The advantage of getting stock in new holder retains it for six months going venture, rather than imme- or longer his tax would be a lot ate cash, has certain tax advan- smaller. Of course if the stock deges, besides a chance to make real clines in value that'll be a different ough if the venture pans out. A story. Still it's a good gamble and a raight salary is subject to a big tax. chance to get in on something that

Baltimore Hipp In TV Gimmick

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The Hippodrome, Baltimore, will begin a new stage policy January 5, using Jean Carroll and five acts to be billed as TV discoveries.

The idea cooked up by General Artists Corporation (GAC) will call for productions and for Miss Carroll to work thruout the show as comedienne emsee. The supporting acts have not been chosen, but production will be handled by Harry Anger, of GAC, who does most of the heavy tab and package show production Fire Guts Club Hillbilly

If the show registers, GAC expects to submit it to other theaters and depending on where it works.

acts to mention the medium on stage. liquor regulations.

Cincy Patio Eye

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10 .- The Patio, 'neath the Hotel Netherland Plaza here, makes a pitch for the younger spenders beginning December 15 when Pee Wee Hunt and His Dixieland Band, plus Cory Robbins, WLW radio and tele singing pianist, move in for a three-week stand. Plans are to bring in other traveling combos, if the local musickers' union holds still for it. The Hunt-Robbins booking was arranged by Joe Higgins, of the local GAC office.

With the advent of the 20 per cent cabaret tax, the Patio tossed out its act policy and since has been operating with local bands, save for a brief period when an outside Latin combo held sway. Hunt ork will play dinner music from 6:30 to 8 and for dancing from 9 to 1. Miss Robbins will hold forth at the piano from 8 to 9.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Fire destroyed the shuttered Club Hillbilly cafes, pacing it for running time in near-by Prince Georges County, Maryland, this week. The nitery was The idea of incorporating TV on operated for several months by hilla stage show is novel, because most billy impresario Connie B. Gay, who theaters slough off TV or forbid their abandoned it after difficulties over

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(Thursday, December 8)

Capacity, 1,700. Price range, 55 cents-\$1.20. Number of shows, four daily; five, week-ends, REO chain booker. Dan Priendly. Show cut by Don Albert's house ork.

Maybe the audience was just looking for a place to sleep or to get in out of the cold, because whatever it came in for it wasn't to applaud. Every act on the bill worked hard, did a job and worked up a sweat, but few of them got any recognition until almost the end of their acts.

The show opened fast enough with Phil Lawrence and Mitzi, a pair of young personable hoofers doing a smart toe and heel job. The kids looked good, had a nice clean act and sold in okay style, getting good walkoff hands.

Ted Lester, on in two, costumed in a cape, top hat and all the trimmings, went thru a half dozen instruments, wind to strings, for tepid hands. The Smoothies (two boys; one girl), started off with a lot of promise in a three-part harmony of St. Louis sells to good results. Blues, with the pit trumpet coming in for a solo. They kept at it with You're An Old Smoothie, but then proceeded to slip with comedy built around radio programs calling for take-offs. The kids proved one thing; they're excellent singers, not comics.

Lewis and Ames struggled to get started and finally made it in the handled. last few minutes of their act. Peggy Ames was a good straight woman, tho Artie Lewis's feeding could stand improvement. Actually, their material could stand modernizing. Still some of their rankest corn is what finally got them.

Deval, Merle and Lee showed a real comedy adagio act. They began it straight, gradually injecting undertones of farce which slowly penetrated the apathetic eyes out front, finally drawing some timorous giggles which at long last grew to yocks.

Sid Gary worked beautifully, His big voice and key changes clicked all the way, with his Old Man River Evans. His take-off on a Polish drawing a big mitt,

heavy going. The fact that he also sang (and following a fine singer too) didn't help him. At one time, exasperated, Lee threw out, "Come on, these are the jokes," a line with al-most fatal results. It wasn't until he did his philosophic poem, full of schmaltz 'n' stuff, that he got co- to-hand and balance tricks as when operation.

The Jim Wong Troupe, four boys, nephew Lum now heads the act. did the same standard Risley, hand- Pic, Bodyhold.

VAUDEVILLE REVIEWS

Fox Theater, St. Louis (Thursday, December 1)

Capacity, 5,050, Prices, 60-75 cents, Number of shows, two weekdays, four on week ends. House booker, Doc Howe, Frank Panus's house band backs show.

The current bill at this 5,000seater moves at a neat clip. The curtain-raiser, the Four Strongs, rope spinners, showed plenty of dexterity and manipulation.

On in the No. 2 spot was Hal Menkin and Madlyn. Menkin is a smooth tap hoofer who picks 'em up and lays 'em down cleverly. He did some tricky stair routines, Madlyn, a shapely blonde, around chiefly for decorative purposes, was okay for sight stuff.

Minda Lang offered a whistling routine and got a nice hand from the payers. The girl is attractive and

Edwards Brothers (3) did some plain and fancy acro work and presented some amazing feats of tumbling and hand balancing. One of the boys had had polio when a child and the theater brought in groups of polio victims as guests of Edwards. The promotion was intelligently

Appletons Score

Fastest act on the bill, by far, was the Three Appletons, adagio act, consisting of Charles Appleton his wife, Mitzie, and blond Virginia Tribbet. The hecticly paced act had the crowd on edge of seats and closed to a terrific mitt.

garnered plenty chuckles with her dancing bits.

laugh-getters on the show was Steve drunk was excellent.

Lee Davis, an emsee type, had Closer was Bela Lugosi. He did a scene from Dracula with his wife playing the part of maid. It got a nice hand from the horror fans.

Pic, Brimstone. Abie L. Morris.

it was the late Jim Wong act. His Bill Smith.

Radio City Music Hall. New York

(Thursday, December 2)

Capacity, 6,500. Price, 50 cents-\$2.40. Number of shows, four daily. House booker, Leon Leonidoff, Show played by Alexander Smallen's house ork.

Now in its 17th year, the theater's 1949 Christmas show is better than ever. Smoothly - executed via a series of elaborate sets, richly costumed and reverently presented, the show blends the best elements of past pageants. Paired with a boxoffice flicker On the Town, the new Santa Claus spec should do big business.

The traditional Nativity opener was, as always, impressive and beautifully staged with clever lighting effects. Soprano Cathy Mastice was outstanding with a clear, sweetvoiced interpretation of timehonored Christmas hymns,

The lighter half of the bill, Good Cheer, teed off with the colorful terping of the Music Hall's Corps de Ballet, featuring Bettina Rosay. For sight values this number topped the bill. The well-rehearsed line was costumed in fluffy, red ballet skirts, while Miss Rosay appeared in green spangles. A gigantic red candle dominated the blown-up-Christmascard setting.

Stepping up the pace, the show segued into a Sentimental Sleigh Ride act, via a Currier and Ives-type drop and a group of choral singers costumed in period garb. Miss Mastice, the canary who figured in the The hefty gal, Aunt Jemima, did Milton Berle-Dorothy Kirsten dissongs in Sophie Tucker style, and pute, scored again with her warbling of That Lucky Old Sun, and Earl Lippy turned in an okay vocal job Undoubtedly one of the biggest on The Old Master Painter. However, the best selling on the bill was Eddie Peabody. The veteran banjoist pulled the best hand of the evening with his excellent musicianship and flashy technique on a nostalgie medley of Stephen Foster tunes and an up treatment of St. Louis Blues.

Steeplechase for Kids

Applause-wise, Gautier's Steeplechase, a standard dog and pony act, was second only to Peabody and, if the kids had their way, the turn would probably be first. Patterned after a miniature circus (the canines ride bareback), Gautier's troupe was a perfect choice for this particular

Surprise Package with the Rockettes, tho, was just the well-worn wooden soldier number again all wrapped up in a fancy tag. However, the gals' unison precision routine was excellent,

The Tong Brothers, a talented but slow-paced acro-balance act, rounded out the bill, and the finale number Happy Holiday, of course, brought on Santa Claus himself with his sleigh, reindeer and a neon message of good cheer from Radio City Music June Bundy. Hall.

Capitol, New York (Thursday, December 8)

Capacity, 4,627. Prices, 55 cents-\$1.50. Number of shows, four daily; five on week-ends. Loew chain booker. Sidney Plermont, Show played by Shep Fields band.

Marquee-wise the current stage bill won't drag 'em in, but those who catch the show will come out with a "worth-the-price" feeling. There's just enough music, dancing, vocalizing, comedy and hoke to make for a good package.

The Joey Adams act, with Tony Canzoneri and Mark Plant, used Pupi Campo in the songwriter bit, bringing him on from out front, and Campo, well-rehearsed in his deadpan part, did a great job. The Canzoneri-Adams face slapping and "how now brown cow" bits drew plenty of laughs, as did the Adams-Plant heckling bit. The act sold big. after the first few warm-up minutes. (See Capitol, New York on page 44)

Olympia, Miami

(Monday, December 5)

Capacity, 2,100. Prices, 62 cents to \$1.10. Number of shows, four daily. House booker, Harry Levine. Show played by Les Robse

Bob Sydney is the extra-added on this bill, but gets star returns over the advertised headliner, Sonny Tufts,

Sydney, who doubles here as emsee, plays it straight for intro to a nifty acrobatic act, the Parker Brothers. A duo, they draw good returns with their grips and groans.

Dellans' boxing cats follow, with a miniature ring, gloves, et al., in which a tawny tom mixes it with a white, while the fem in the act referees and Dellan calls the punches. It gets very big yocks. After three rounds, which make up the act, the yocks turn to screams. It's funny stuff.

Beckley and Company

Paul Beckley and Company fill the next spot. It's an arty act, with Beckley and the fem attired in berets. blouses and flowing ties. He wields the brushes on canvases 4 by 5, at the rate of a minute apiece, turning out a waterfall scene, a wintry landscape, and a tropical isle. Beckley's no Picasso, but he's different, and besides, what did Picasso ever do in vaude?

Bob Sydney is on next to closing with a lot of standard stuff, delivered personably and well. His impreshes of Churchill, Heatter and Bogart are standouts in spite of the fact that Heatter and Bogart have been done before. With better material Sydney has the makings of a bigger name. He was received very well and had to beg off to make way for the headliner, Sonny Tufts, who fell short a mile.

Tufts swaggered on, smiled, and opened his mouth to sing. During the next two minutes he accomplished something that has rarely been done before. He managed to hit every note in Donkey Screnade flat. He next tried Dolores and did if as the it were a blind date. A recitative bit, designed for plaintive whining in a Western mood was next. It was plaintive, but it didn't quite make the West, Sounded closer to Jersey City.

Pic: Easy Living. Barry Gray.









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The Cirque, Seattle (Thursday, December 8)

Capacity, 400. Price policy, cover 50 cents to \$1. Shows at 10 and 12. Booking policy, non-exclusive. Manager, Frank Ackerman. Estimated budget this show, \$1,500. Estimated bindget last show, \$1,500.

One of the more lush rooms in town, with good floor and visibility, the Cirque is feeding the customers a comic named Bryce Santry, whose up moments are up and whose down moments really hit bottom. Backed by a well-tailored combo, the Empassy Four, Santry opened with some gag oldies, careened into a mouth rumpet version of Goodie Goodie, winding it up with a grunting handtand. He finally started to hit with take-off on the Red Cross lady inerviewing the amnesia victim. The nigh spot of Santry's turn was a plintering description of a ski trip, with the basic things left in and the pasic words left out. Santry is no op-notch wit but is a personable imes his audience with amused Irish oughness, and he has the rare gift f knowing when to stop.

The Embassy Four prefaced Santry with a vervy treatment of Bundle Boogie followed by Bud Hamilton's varbling of Where Are You? and liver of St. Marie. The string-skinsorn-ivory outfit really hit strong, specially in segues from straight rrangements into vamp.

Wil Stevens.

Spinning Wheel Cabaret. Seattle

(Thursday, December 8)

Capacity, 300. Shows at 10 and 12. Booking olicy, non-exclusive. Owners-operators, E. L. leGuire and M. A. Sandercock. Estimated now budget this show, \$400.

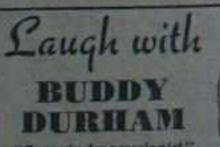
Highlight here for the service trade nd the really noisy cutter-uppers is lob Braxton, a Negro vocalist still ampered by the liability of inexerience, but nevertheless gathering olid mitts for almost every tune ouched. Sax in a year-old outfit eaded by Elmer Gill, Braxton doules as vocalist and on floorshow hores, plus an emsee load. On night aught the boy showed sock baritone elivery on such heavies as I Wonder here My Love Has Gone and Lucky lld Sun, contrasting for good paddyake with Fine, Mighty Fine. Braxon's arrangements suffer from too such production occasionally, but his illing as "Seattle's Billy Eckstine" not unwarranted. He's better than ood.

nd Gilbert, and I Used To Work in hicago type renderings by Deedee Wil Stevens. lackett.



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NIGHT CLUB REVIEWS

Havana-Madrid, New York

(Wednesday, December 7)

Capacity, 320. Price policy, \$3-34 minimum. Shows at 8:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Owner-operator, Angel Lopez. Booking, non-exclusive. Publicity, Ed Weiner. Estimated budget this

A 20-person Cuban importation, labeled Las Muletas de Fuego, is one of the fastest shows caught in this spot in a long time. The six-girl and two-boy line dances with an abandon and exuberance that is exciting to watch. The featured spots are competently filled by Oscar Lopez and Canelina

Lopez, a fattish lad, has a real set of pipes, but what is more important, he's a seller. He showed a couple of walk-off bits that were masterpieces of timing and milking. Canecomic (with acrobatic sauce) who lina, a chunkish dame, is another real song seller. The customers who savvyed the lingo went crazy about her.

For the non-Spanish audience, it was the dances that were terrific. The kids, apparently well rehearsed, performed with such fiery zeal and almost complete abandon that they brought goose pimples. A "Shoeing the Mare" act made the same bit done by other performers, caught by this reviewer, seem tepid in comparison. Everybody doubles in the show and everybody works hard, including a couple of bongo beaters.

Pupi Campo's new ork blasts it out for the rumba mad mob in expert fashion. Bill Smith.

The Nightcap, New York (Tuesday, December 6)

Capacity, 100. Price policy, no cover, minimum and the house absorbs the 20 per cent tax. Show policy, acts start at 11 and keep going till closing. Operator, Matty Sim Publicity, Don Simmons, Estimated budget this show, \$600.

This late spot in the fashionable 50's does a fairly good business, tho there's little action before midnight. The new singer, Ann Hathaway, who opened Monday (5), is working better than ever. Her blues are deep and melodious and her bright numbers have a sparkle that is appealing. What she needs is a better choice of where and when to use certain numbers. Opening with a series of heavy blues to a sparse house is unimaginative showmanship. An audience has to be receptive to slow stuff before The floorshow caught was a shortie it can be fed it in heavy doses. But eaturing the tap team of Chicken disregarding her choice, the fact remains that she's a fine singer. She has a voice, a heart and phrases competently.

Dell Parker does an okay job in her vocalizing spot. The gal apparently does business to judge from her friends.

The Darrell Twins, piano and guitar, do outstanding two-part vocal harmonies. Some day somebody will pick them up and come up with something that will make a real buck. Gene DiNovi does a solid piano

Cotillion Room, Hotel Pierre, New York

Bill Smith.

(Tuesday, December 6)

playing job.

Capacity, 265, Price policy, \$3-54 minimum. Shows at 9:15 and 12:15. Owners, Pierre Hotel. Booking policy, non-exclusive with Stanley Melba buying. Publicity, Nola Luxford and Don Coplin. Estimated budget this show, \$1,200, Estimated budget last show, \$1,500.

The hotel went all out for this one, putting on one show instead of the customary two. It used all the lights, and every table was jammed. The show consisted of two acts, Alan and Blanche Lund, ballroom team, and Mimi Benzell, a soprano out of the

The Lunds, doing their first Stem date, showed a fresh youthfulness and an originality that made them outstanding. The boy, a handsome lad. wore the conventional dancer's costume; the girl, pretty and charming, wore a white ballerina skirt and her (See Cotillion Room on page 44)

Vine Gardens, Chicago (Thursday, December 8)

Capacity, 200. Price policy, \$2.50 minimum. Shows at 8:30, 11:30 and 1:30. Exclusive booking, Paul Marr. Publicity, Pelen Weiss. Estimated budget this show, \$2,000. Estimated budget last show, \$2,000.

Current revue has good entertainment thruout, but combination of pre-Christmas Jull and the fact that headliner Wally Vernon hasn't worked a nitery here in over five years has cut down patronage. At dinner show caught, there were 11 patrons.

Vernon, a featured bit player in Hollywood, worked up excellent response from the handful present. Guy's ad libs about the off house and after a gag had failed to connect were a continual high spot. Vernon has a substantial amount of material, most of which is much better than average. He works a comedy range that includes top-notch soft shoe and buck and wing dancing, zany impressions and some standard comedy routines. His aping of Fanny Brice's rendition of My Man pulled the biggest mitt of the evening. A blond foil, Ginger Kinney, worked only two minutes with him, too snort a time to evaluate her worth to the act.

Foley Miller, a well-packaged cleater, opened the show smartly with some excellent, varied routines, including a straight rhythm number and a classic tap bit. She closed to a nice mitt after a spicy Cuban shake

Doris Abbott, blond lyric soprano, has an amazing range, handling difficult assignments like the Laughing Song from Der Fliedermaus with relative ease. She combines her amazing piping with an easy sales delivery. Unlike most gals who possess a classic voice, Miss Abbott runs the gamut of song, doing comedy specialties and pops, with the serious thrown in to show off her voice.

Johnny Sippel.

Mother Kelly's, Miami Beach (Friday, December 2)

Capacity, 175. Price policy, no minimum, no cover. Continuous entertainment. Booking, non-exclusive. Estimated budget this show,

Headliner here is Milton Ross, who was imported to bolster a bill already being supported with the Tune Toppers, a musical five reminiscent of the Vagabonds. Ross, a comic, also has a pretty fair pair of pipes. He should decide which he wants to do, sing legit or do comedy. On the show caught his material wasn't funny enough to get screams, or serious enough to get rapt attention. A good-locong guy, he needs more funny talk stuff to stay in the laugh league or should forget the prospective yocks and belt 'em with Glory Road sung legit.

Elsa Valladares, a Cuban soprano, precedes Ross to the over-the-bar stage and does all right.

The Tune Toppers, held over, do well. Four males and a fem named Gloria Gale, they show neat musicianship and close vocal harmony. They sell for good returns.

Frank Still, at the 88, accompanies Ross and Miss Valladares. The spot should do well as the Beach season grows stronger. It's a

natural for the late trade.





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NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The pre- 000) went down to \$30,000 for its Christmas pall has started to spread to the deluxers to the extent that last week's take for the six Stem houses declined to \$320,000 from the previous week's \$396,000.

Radio City Music Hall (6,200 seats; Fields ork and Red Danube. average \$134,500) wound up its fourweeker with the Danwoods, Patricia Bright and That Forsyte Woman with \$101,000. The bill started at \$148,000 and went to \$118,000 and \$125,000 for the succeeding weeks. The new show (reviewed this issue) has Gautier's Steeplechase, the Nativity spectacle and On the Town.

Roxy (6,000 seats; average \$78,000) did \$60,000 for its first week with Mindy Carson and Dancing in the Threat, against the previous week's Dark.

\$73,250) fell back to \$66,000 from its previous and opening frame of \$82,-000. The bill has Red Buttons, Sarah Vaughan, Claude Thornhill and The Great Lover.

Capitol (4,627 seats; average \$55,-

CAPITOL, NEW YORK

(Continued from page 42) The Stem-type audience yocked it up at the localized gags.

Yvette Goes Over

Yvette, as petite, blonde and throaty as ever, opened with a somewhat over-long arrangement of I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm, but came thru nicely with a medley of Don't Cry, Joe; Dear Hearts and Gentle People, and There's No Tomorrow. Her version of Mule Train segued into a run-off, a nice hand and a return for a big-voiced rendition of Lucky Old Sun.

The Lathrop and Lee tap routine was neatly done, particularly the gal's quick change off-stage from a white gown to a red one and top hat for the act's walking dance bit.

Field's band backed the acts in fine fashion and ran thru a so-so flagwaver to open the show, a number by gal vocalist Thelma Gracen and a couple of instrumentals. Best received by the audience was the accordion-led Bumble Bee Boogie, Once more on the comeback trail, Fields is showing another weird one to add to his list of rippling rhythm and sax-only bands of a few years ago. This one is without trombones but with five fiddles. Fields emseed.

Pic, The Red Danube. Joe Martin.

third and final inning with the Dick Contino show and She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. The new show (reviewed this issue) has Joey Adams, Yvette, Shep

Strand (2,700 seats; average \$22,-000) slipped back all the way to \$45,-000 from the previous week's opening take of \$65,000. The bill has Desi Arnaz's Latin show and Always Leave Them Laughing.

Palace (1,700 seats; average \$22,-000) did \$18,000 for Johnny Burke, Keye Luke, six other acts and The \$19,000. The new show (reviewed in Paramount (3,654 seats; average this issue) has Sid Gary, Lewis and Ames, six other acts and Bodyhold.

New Yorker's New Policy

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Hotel New Yorker will try a new policy of a name, or semi-name singer, a comic, a novelty plus a band with some reputation, starting January 12.

First show under the new plan will headline Patti Page. Roger Ray will be the comic, and ballroomologists Hoctor and Byrd will round out the bill. The band will be Johnny Long.

The show, a General Artists Corporation (GAC) package, will be in for four weeks. If it does business the hotel will continue using the

formula.

COTILLION ROOM

(Continued from page 43) hair loose like a teen-ager rather | than the usual sleek hairdo. Tho the Room 601, Suite 4 couple showed some remarkable lifts, it wasn't that which sold them so well as it was their slow grace, their on-the-button precision, their highly imaginative routine and a "like-me" quality that projected with super-plus values. Both kids apparently have had ballet training and know stagecraft; their routines showed it. Their equal facility in routines that switched from the conventional to the highly imaginative was a thrilling revelation. Based on their showing here, they can work any spot in the country, or anybody's TV or musical, and be the same smash they are here in the Cotillion Room.

Miss Benzell Clicks

Mimi Benzell came on from the steps in a spot, warbling a longhair piece to almost an ovation. Resembling Hedy LaMarr, the girl showed a powerful voice both on and off the hand mike. After her opener she gave with Embraceable You, tollowed by another flasher, and aria from La Traviata. Miss Bezell showed a real act, mixing them up for consumate effects. From longhair she went to specially arranged semibounce stuff on standards then a cute Lo the Gentle Lark with trick cadenzas, ending with a medley of very old oldies to a wildly applauding house.

But the Miss Benzell can sing, her floor demeanor hardly smacks of showmanship. Her chatter was at times, condescending to the point of irritation. There was little attempt at graciousness in her work. Her final curtain speech was an example. After thanking the management, she turned to Melba and said, "I'm glad to be here after being coaxed by Stanley Melba for two years to

Incidentally, both acts had some wonderful and exciting musical arrangements which Melba's ork played Bill Smith. beautifully.

Follow-Up Review

SHELBURNE LOUNGE, NEW YORK: Juanita Hall, doubling from South Pacific, headlines the current slate, with the African folk-singing couple, Josef Marais and Miranda. also spotlighted. Miss Hall was at her best when rendering earthy blues and somewhat weaker in taking on torch ballads, Don't Cry, Joe and Am I Blue. Her deep delivery of Love Can Hurt You and The Eagle Flies on Friday, both in the Kansas City blues tradition, silenced even the noisy sophisticates, who broke into her numbers with constant calls for Happy Talk, with which she rounded out her set.

Marais and Miranda offered a change of pace with their folk duets, all standards in their repertoire and well known thru their radio, TV, record work and cafe dates. Continuing on the bill are the Cy Coleman Trio, Patricia Bright and Norman Wallace. Sam Chase.



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Magic

By Bill Sachs

RAY TERRELL is in the midst of a two-weeker at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence. . . . New Orleans magi are mourning the passing of one of the most popular members of the city's magic fraternity, Joe Borrello, who back in the 30s made quite a reputation in New Orleans radio circles as a comedian under the name of Tony Bacigalupi. Borrello, who at the time of his death, December 1, was president of Jones, in a letter to Raibourn yester-Ring 27, International Brotherhood of Magicians, New Orleans, also had the distinction of being the first magician to appear on television in the Crescent City. . . . Fred Schwartzkopf, city clerk at Bridgeport, Conn., who for years has been building precision magic for pro magi in the against color TV. area, has just completed a factory in that city to enter the magic-making business on a wider scale. . . . Harry Lorayne and David Walker have teamed their magic to play Florida resorts. After a week in Tampa, they are current in Miami Beach on Television Standards Committee the same bill with Danny Lewis, comic. . . . Frank Amand, who is set for a long stay at Maybury Sanitarium, Northville, Mich., would welcome a line from magic friends. . . Stewart Judah, Cincinnati wizard, is slated to hop into Detroit soon appear in person when the hearings for a a demonstration and lecture next resume, and he added: "I assession under auspices of Roy Hall, sume it will not be necessary for me of the Hall Magic Company, that to urge the Commission to issue a city. . . . C. A. George Newmann, subpoena to bring with you tangible mental-magic pioneer, postals from evidence of such encouragement as Minneapolis: "Recently had the you can submit for the record conpleasure of accompanying 12 acts to sistent to the recommendation of the Minnesota State Prison, near Still- former NTSC. . . " Jones reminded water, for a special entertainment Raibourn of a comment the commisfor the inmates. The affair was or- sioner had made during the hearing ganized by Merle Potter, of The Min- in which Jones raised the question

neapolis News, and, needless to say, whether the formation of organizathe inmates attended en masse and tions such as NTSC or the Radio gave the show a rousing reception. Manufacturers' Association (RMA) Randy Merriman, of KSTP, emseed. or the Joint Technical Advisory Com-The Great Roy and Mme. Helene mittee (JTAC) is nothing more than stopped the show with their fastmoving magic and mental routine ests" within the industry. which was brought to an uproarious finale by the unexpected production of a living, kicking skunk from the warden's inside pocket. Handled by Al Sheehan, Twin Cities booker, Roy and Helene have been playing numerous club and banquet dates here-

BIEL NEFF has just placed on the market, thru Percy Abbott, an advanced rope restoration nifty which he originated some 15 years other pseudonym of the radio manuago. "Its been puzzling well-informed magicans from coast-to-coast for years," Neff typewrites, "and several dealers have tried to get me to release it. It is to go at only \$2, as Percy believes in quantity sales." ... Sam J. Collins, the Hillsboro, O., magic enthusiast, is back in Clearwater, Fla., to sop up the sunshine for the winter. . . . Frank the Magician infos that he's set for 10-minute stint daily for the next six weeks over WTTV, new TV station at Bloomington, Ind. "You can tell the fellows," writes Frank, "that TV won't be a gold mine for the magi-The stations are operating in the red. and magi working television probably will be doing it for experience and advertising. However, the advertising thus gained should net one a number of extra pay shows on the outside." . . . Jack Taylor, Bucknell University student, who during the

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Color Video Battle Bristles Twixt Jones and Raibourn

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - The this is a rule-making proceeding. battle over color TV is exploding on a new front as the result of a bristling exchange of letters this week between Federal Communications Commissioner Robert F. Jones and President Paul Raibourn, of Paramount Television Productions, Inc. day (9), demanded to know what Paramount, which has an interest in Allen B. DuMont Laboratories Inc., is doing to encourage color TV and he hurled a bitterly worded charge that certain vested interests in the industry are ganging up

Jones's letter was written in reply to one he got from Raibourn in which the Paramount TV prexy objected to a query made by Jones during the color hearing concerning the absence of members of the former National (NTSC) from the color hearing. Raibourn, who was a member of the old NTSC, insisted that Paramount, thru its general counsel, has filed comments at the hearing. Jones, however, strongly urged Raibourn to representation of "economic inter-

What Vested Interests?

"I hope," wrote Jones, "you will not join the parade of those similarly connected with this or prior proceedings of the Commission who seem to be shining a shillelah to club the head of anyone who dares to have a different view than the vested interests. whether such vested interests are speaking thru such flexible if not nebulous psuedo-entities as JTAC, RMA, the former NTSC and any facturers who are here today and gone tomorrow as swiftly and seemingly as purposefully as the proverbial pea in the carnival shell game,

"Rather, I hope," continued Jones, "to see someone like you connected for so long with an industry which does not have a color television system of its own, divorce himself from his balance sheet astigmatism to put his shoulders honestly and sincerely to the wheel in the public interests to give the American public a break when the hearings resume in February, 1950."

"In closing may I say I am glad

school season operates in and around Lewisburg and Sunbury, Pa., with his own magic unit, is slated to play the New Year's week-end at the York Theater, York, Pa., where the troupe clicked so handsomely on Thanksgiving Day, school vacation period, Taylor plays making theme and will not have any fairs, parks and special events in abstract speeches or blue-sky talk. the Pennsylvania sector. Assisting him are Steve Kindig. Bud Miyers, all phases of TV activity have been Jean Singley, Gloria Naylor and Ann scheduled. In addition, there will be Singley. . . . Virgil the Magician three luncheon meetings featuring chalked up an enviable record re- addresses by industry leaders. cently at Corvallis, Ore., a town of less than 5,000, when he grossed \$1,754.40 in two matinee and one night performances under auspices of the Kiwanis. "We hit larger grosses than that," says C. A. Frank, Virgil's manager, "but not as a rule in the rural sectors." Virgil is now SOMERVILLE, N. J. heading toward California and will spend the holidays in San Francisco.

closely akin to the legislative process, in which I sit as a quasi-legislator commissioner. As such I have taken more liberty in these proceedings and in this letter likewise as a quasilegislator. At one point in the proceedings there seemed to be a misconception that this was a quasijudicial proceeding. In order to avoid any controversy which may arise as a result of this exchange of letters, I thought it might be well to call your special attention to the nature of the proceedings we are discussing."

Jones reminded Raibourn that "Paramount has been found by the Commission to have control of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.," and he attached significance to testimony given by Dr. DuMont at the color hearing in which, according to Jones, Dr. DuMont was unable to recall encouragement given to color TV by Raibourn.

Semi-Pro Talent, Native, Popular in Maritime Provinces

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 10.—Theater and nitery ops thru the maritime provinces are turning to native semipro talent, as well as touring Western and hillbilly troupes. Theaters which had been showing straight flickers have found them poor box-office draws and are using flesh to hypo takes.

years showing films only, now uses five local acts for the final three days of each week. On some bills house also has a three-girl line plus an emsee. Latter changes with each program.

At the Strand Theater, Sydney, N. S., five vaude acts picked up on Cape Breton Island are used each week-end. At the Gaiety, "Halifax, N. S., local vaude and package units are booked in for one and two nights.

Imported vaude acts were booked into several maritime theaters, but was found that acts accustomed to playing clubs around Boston and Montreal were unacceptable in the maritimes, either in theaters or night Rambeau Pilots Reno Hotel spots, at the boosted prices. semi-pro performers are said to be ringing the bell and, with the transportation only a small fraction, it permits lower price scales and more margin for the theater and nitery operators.

Palmer House Hosts March 6-8 CTC Meet

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-Official date and place of the second annual conference of the Chicago Television Council were announced this week. Conference will be held March 6-8 at the Palmer House.

According to George Harvey, president of the club, conference will have During the a grass-roots, how-to-do-it, money-

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Burlesque

'ARRIE FINNELL is slated to open in a new revue early in January at the Lido on the Champs Elysees in Paris, operated by Pierre Louis Guerin, whose producer is Rene Fraday. . . . Billy Hagan returns to the Troc. Philadelphia, as house comic December 25. . . . Folly, Kansas City, Mo., recently supplanted its chorus with vaude. . . . Charlie Robinson has concluded 12 weeks at the Roxy, Montreal. Walter Brown is his replacement on a five-week-five option contract. Sharon Roberts, stripstraight, finishes 25 weeks there December 15 and Bonnie Blue has followed in Princess Lahoma as feature. The Five Stevens Models, who closed there recently, are due for a return of 10 weeks January 13. . . . Lana Barry opens December 18 as feature at the Hudson, Union City, N. J., where Maxine Rose is a new dancer in the Jack Montgomery line. . . Jean Raye, wife of straight man John Head, and Leah Wynn, both talkers and strips, are newcomers in the Ainsley-Lloyd unit on the Hirst Wheel.

PARBARA BLAKE, (Mrs. Herbie Faye) a shut-in at Hotel Belvedere, New York, because of arthritis, continues to spread cheer to other shut-ins with her donations. . . . Billy Foster, comic; Heather English, Jo Ann Michaels, George Ross and Lizette are current at Dolly's Bowery nitery, Los Angeles. . . . A deal for the transfer of the stageshow policy from the Avenue, Detroit, to the Gayety in that city, was signed by Sam Carver, exec of the Independent Theater Owners of Michigan. with Arthur Clamage: Morton Jacobs, son-in-law of the late Charles Rothstein, and Jay Hornick, of The Empire Theater, for many Philadelphia, representing the Detroit Amusement Company, owners of the property. . . . Jack Hayes, who recently sold his interest in an eatery at Ocean Park, Calif., is doubling as comic and operator of a small burly house, the Third Avenue, in Portland, Ore., where other principals are Betty Dickson, Toby O'Dare, Pat Conway, Barbara Riggs, Elaine Forrest, Marie Zincara, Frank Newman, straight, and Chris Stewart, dancer. . . Marie Manners, contortion dancer, is a new extra attraction in Hirst houses. . . Lotus Wing, featured; Leon DeVoe, Bon Bonne, Edthe quality proved unsatisfactory. It die Ware, Colette, and Sheri Lambert are at the Follies, Los Angeles.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10 .- Clay A. Rambeau is the new manager of Hotel Golden, Reno. In his new post Rambeau will direct the floorshow and band policies of the hotel's 250capacity nitery. He has been manager of the Club Cal-Neva there since last September and formerly piloted the Lookout House, Covington, Ky., and the Vernon Manor Hotel here. He also managed the local La Normandie Restaurant and prior to the war was assistant manager of the Hotel Alms here.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The mayor's theater committee failed to meet at the Hotel Astor Thursday (8) to deliberate final recommendations to Mayor O'Dwyer for municipal enforcement of the Theater Ticket Code. A previous postponement of the gettogether had been made, due to an auto accident injury suffered by Commissioner of Investigation John M. Murtagh.

The commissioner only returned from hospitalization in Charleston, S. C., Thursday (8) and will not attempt to resume official duties until next week. The committee decided to wait until he would be able to sit in on its deliberations. It is possible that such a meeting may be held next Thursday (15), but probabilities point to another week's delay.

Apples Plug Seattle Show

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—They're feeding the customers apples these nights at the Seattle Repertory Playhouse. The gimmick, dreamed up by Warren Deasy, press relations chief of the rep, has been worked thru the Washington State Apple Commission to plug the December 29 opening of John Forrest's musical, Johnny Appleseed.



BROADWAY SHOWLOG

Performances Thru December 10, 1949

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ı	DRAMA	
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ĺ	A Streetcar Named Desire12- 3, '47 (Barrymore)	815
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	Death of a Salesman 2-10, '49	348
	Detective Story 3-22, '49	300
	Diamond Lil 2- 5, '49 (Plymouth)	142
	1 Know My Love	46
	Mister Roberts 2-13, '48	420
	Montserrat	49
	Shake Hands With the Devil, 10-20, '49 (Blackfriars' Guild)	45
	That Lady	23
	The Closing Door12- 1, '49	12
	The Father	29
	The Madwoman of Chaillot12-8,'48 (Royale)	337
	Yes, M'Lord	79
	MUSICAL	
	As the Girls Go	380
	Gentlemen Prefer Blondes12- 8, '49 (Ziegfeld)	4
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Mayor's Tic Group Theaters Want Huddle Postponed Chunk of Tax Chunk of Tax

NEWARK, Dec. 10.-A proposal that the theater industry be permitted, thru a national organization, to spend a portion of the federal amusement taxes which it collects was among resolutions adopted Sunday (4) by the Eastern Theater Conference at conclusion of a two-day session at the University of Delaware.

Other resolutions, to be presented to the National Theater Assembly at Washington next spring, called for founding a national theater with government support.

The reference to the amusement tax asked that "a national foundation be established within the national theater to receive and disburse a portion of the entertainment tax on our own activities." It was pointed out that school and community theaters, as well as commercial theaters, would be included in the national program.

Earlier, the conference heard Clarence Derwent, president of Actors' Equity, call a national theater the focal point of renewed theater development. He predicted that it would be followed by the establishment of State theaters thruout the country. The calling for a government appropriation to launch the national theater, Derwent said it must become self-supporting thereafter, and proposed that theater craft unions, of which Equity is one, should "release some of their gains rather than stand in the way of the national theater's perpetuation after its founding."

ANTA In New Bid

move to revive the legitimate theater in Washington was launched this week by the American National Theater and Academy (ANTA), which submitted a new bid to the Public Works Administration (PWA) Thursday (8) for leasing the old Belasco Theater. This time the chances are seen as better than even that ANTA will get a go-ahead.

ANTA's prospect to get its bid accepted by the PWA is considered vastly improved, the earlier in the year the PWA rejected an ANTAproposed contract. ANTA, it was learned, has deleted from its latest bid a provision for reimbursement which PWA had earlier found objectionable. In the rejected contract, ANTA had included a stipulation for reimbursement if the federal Treasury Department, which owns the Belasco property, happened to take back the property within the 10-year duration of the proposed contract. In deleting that provision from the latest proposed contract, ANTA is assuming that congressional leaders will keep a gentlemen's agreement to enact special legislation for the reimbursement if subsequently needed.

tion which gets under way next year bracket. John Wilson has staged it lectual sub-editor and Henry Jones will give the nation's capital a sumeffort currently represents the sole White has dreamed up body drapings boss's loyal supporter. But from the and thus far most promising move to -and undrapings-such as have not importance of the chore a reporter restore legit on a year-round basis been seen hereabouts in a long time, suspects that so good an actor must in Washington. ANTA would operate Agnes DeMille shows an unsuspected have just joined up with Metropole on a non-segregation policy. Agita- versatility in her dance patterns for the ride. And finally a partion for restoration of the legit stage which are superb. And in the midst ticular bow must go to George Cothas been afoot ever since the Na- of this is one of the most engaging ton for turning a furniture moving tional Theater went over to movies pieces of casting on view in many searather than bow to an Actors' Equity | sons-Carol Channing as the six-foot, demand for abandonment of Jim baby-faced gold-digger, Miss Chan-Crow policy.

BROADWAY OPENING

GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

(Opened Thursday December 8) ZIEGFELD THEATER

A musical. Book by Joseph Pields and Anits Loos. Music by Jule Styne. Lyries by Leo Robin. Staged by John C. Wilson. Dances by Agnes DeMille. Settings by Oliver Smith. Contumes by Miles White. Musical director, Milton Rosenstock. Musical arrangements, Don Walker. Vocal direction, Hugh Martin. Company manager, Alex Cohen. Stage manager, Frank Coletti. Press representatives, Richard Mansy, Prank Goodman and Peggy Phillips. Presented by Herman Levin and Oliver Smith.

Dorothy Shaw

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SHOWGIRLS: Pat Donahue, Anna Rita Duffy, Fran Keegan, Annette Kohl, Junior Standish, Marjorie Winters. SINGING ENSEMBLE: Angela Castle, Jean

Coburn, Ellen McCown, Candy Montgomery, Judy Sinclair, Lucille Udovick, Beverly Jane Weston, Hope Zee, Bob Burkhardt, Jerry Craig, William Diehl, William Krach, Shelton Lewis, Bob Neukum, Curt Stafford, David

Vogel.

DANCING ENSEMBLE: Suranne Ames, Flor-For D. C.'s Belasco

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — Latest

Ove to revive the legitimate theaence Baum, Nicole Prance, Pauline Goddard, Ginoulias, Peter Holmes, John Laverty, Eddle Weston.

SONGS: "It's High Time"; "Bye, Bye, Baby"; "A Little Girl Prom Little Rock"; "I Love What I'm Doing"; "Just a Kiss Apart"; "It's Delightful Down in Chile"; "Sunshine" 'In the Champs De Mars"; "I'm A'Tingle, I'n "You Say You Care"; "Mamie Is Mimi"; "Coquette"; "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Priend"; "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"; "Keeping Cool With Coolidge"; "Button Up With Esmond." A'Glow"; "House on Rittenhouse Square"

In transition from novel to stage Anita Loos's gold-digger epic of the Turbulent Twenties has become a glittering, loud musical-frequently much too loud when its singing ensemble goes to work. From this pew it must be reported that Gentlemen Prefer Blondes does not altogether live up to the huzzahs echoing from its out-of-town break-in. Far better musicals have been and will be again, tale of Lorelei Lee and her boy gour. Jule Styne's tunes are anyexceptions Leo Robin's lyrics carry scant distinction.

(See Gentlemen Prefer, opp. page)

John Glendinning Prederick M. HillLee Tracy

METROPOLE

(Opened Tuesday, December 6)

LYCEUM THEATER

A comedy by William Walden, Staged by George S. Kaufman, Setting by Edward Gilbert, Costumes by Blana Stroock, Gen-

eral manager, Ben Boyer, Stage manager,

Randall Henderson. Press representatives. Nat Dorfman, Reginald Deninhola, Pre-sented by Max Gordon.

Mrs. KillianJane Seymous Mins HarringtonEdith Atwater Carpenter Burton Lewis

No matter how successful are the last-ditch efforts of make-believe editor Lee Tracy to save his mag. Metropole, on the Lyceum's stage, neither he nor his assistants can likely do the same by William Walden's play.

It is easy to understand how Tracy could have become intrigued with a comedy focused on a volcanic, editorial guiding genius of a sophisticated New York weekly. Since the whole play revolves around a figure who is precisely up the Tracy screwball characterization alley, the part is practically custom-made for him-However, Metropole, while it is about scribblers, is anything but another Front Page, and Tracy's Frederick M. Hill has nothing of the outrageous impudence of a more youthful Hildy Johnson.

Actually, author Walden appears to be primarily interested in scripting a satirical, biographical portrait of an editorial colossus, and for all this reporter knows, it may be a bang-up job. In any event, his plot is too skimpily mediocre to build a threeact comedy around, and Metropole, thereby, despite an overlay of gags and forced situations, is still thinly spun-out going. His editor's efforts are concentrated on a fight against the competition set up by a divorced wife and a business manager whose lack of financial foresight loses his best staffers to the opposition. The circumvention of these intramural difficulties can be stretched just so far, so a dumb night club singer and an actress who specializes in libel suits have been stirred in for additional elasticity. Likewise are included various staffers of the mag, who are amusing or not, as the case may be. The potpourri still doesn't add up to a fast, full evening.

Tracy Is Tops

Tracy turns in a wonderfully bal-In fact there are moments when the anced performance, as may be expected of him in such a part. Arlene friends (and the novel's plot is rigor- Francis, likewise, has another of those oulsy adhered to) simmers to lan- acidulous assignments which she does so well, as a turbulent actress, and thing but off his top composition Jean Carson is fine as the great man's shelf and with one or two amusing moronic little gal friend. There isn't much for Edith Atwater in the role of the ex-wife, but she manages to However, Blondes has assets which, make it passably believable. Reynif not of smash caliber, should at least olds Evans adds some delightfully Altho the Sesquicentennial Exposi- keep it in the upper competition amusing moments as a prissy, intelwith lavish opulence. Oliver Smith as many more as a dim-witted dittohas designed delightful sets, and Miles Reed Brown is properly noble as his bit into a real production.

Over all, in spite of George Kaufman's artful gagging-up of the proceedings, a brilliant stellar performance and considerable excellent support, plus a fine atmospheric set from Edward Gilbert, Metropole just hasn't got what it takes. It's a promising first Stem try for a new playwright. But that's all.

Bob Francis. Closed Wednesday 171 Printed for the

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TROUBLE IN JULY

(Saturday, December 3) TROUPERS' THEATER a drama by Erskine Caldwell, adapted by Owen Steele, Directed by James Dyaz, Sets and lighting by Karl Hueglin, General manager, Len Plato, Press, June Praser, Stage manager, James Berry, Presented by The

CorraJune France Judge Ben AllenJeffery Manning Henry Lloyd Richards MiloJames Winslow aceJohn Murray RickJames Alpe

The Troupers in their cramped surroundings at 6 Fifth Avenue present as their second bill Erskine Caldwell's Trouble in July via Owen Steele's stage adaptation. Perhaps the group is too conscientious-in strivng for realism, they miss. The detailed settings are inadequate via a tiny stage and an obviously limited budget. But they have a play of which they may be proud, one which might, with proper changes, be a good bet for Broadway.

Again concerned with the poor white trash as in Tobacco Road Caldwell keynotes their hatred for the Negro. With the exception of a plodlingly dull first act, overloaded with exposition, the show gathers momentum and relentless impact.

Trouble begins with talk in Sheriff Jeff's office in Julie County, Georgia, of a supposed rape and subsequent Negro manhunt. It proceeds with power and pathos thru everything one has heard about the ignorant Southern white versus the Negro and ends with the lynching of the innocent victim. Like the majority of problem plays, this problem is presented and carried to the point of solution, and then the author lets the matter drop. Maybe any solution is a personal one, and there is no mass formula. Anyway, Trouble solves nothing.

For downright nastiness on the stage, there are Robert Berger and James Winslow, who wring out all fully drilled, and there is no fault to the inherent, ignorant viciousness there is in Shep Barlow and Milo. On the fem side are fine performances from Carolyn Coates, as Mrs. Calhoun, and Tomie Tompkins, as Kathy Barlow. The three Negroes in the cast, Lloyd Richards, Greg Hunter and Alice de Loache, are excellent. The rest of them do well by their vari-

ously limited talents. If the Troupers have a mind to,

they can doctor up the first act; fill out the play which runs short; replace some of the cast, redesign the show and make a strong pitch for Broadway. The material is there. If they haven't a mind to, they should still do very well with Trouble during the four-week run right where they are. Dennis McDonald.

ROUTES Bramatic and Musical

alive and Kicking (Shubert) Boaton.

Anne of the 1,000 Days (Great Morthern) as You Like It (Colonial) Boston. Ballet Theater (Court Square) Springfield, Mass., 14; (Bushnell Auditorium) Hartford,

Conn., 15-16; (Shea) Bradford, Pa., 17.
Barretts of Wimpole Street (Auditorium)
Legington, Hy., 15.
Blackstone (Walnut St.) Philadelphia. Blossom Time (Hanna) Cleveland. Brigadoon (Shubert) Philadelphia. Death of a Salesman (Erlanger) Chicago, Detective Story (Blackstone) Chicago, Finian's Rainbow (Lyceum) Minneapolls. High Button Shoes (KRNT Radio) Des Moines, 14; (Auditorium) St. Joseph, Mo., 15;

(Auditorium) Topeks, Kan., 16; (Auditorium) Springfield, Mo., 17, (Shubert) New Long Till Summer? (Shubert) New 16; (Audi-Haven, Conn., 15-17.

Met Stars Bring Joy To Polio Children

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Stars of the Metopera and the concert stage, aided and abetted by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, took time out yesterday (9) to bring a touch of pre-Christmas cheer to some 40 young victims of polio at the Hospital for Special Surgery. Lauritz Melchior played Santa to Mrs. Roosevelt's Mrs. Claus and distributed toys to the youngsters. The gifts were contributed by James Schoff.

Thereafter, Melchior, assisted by one of the most expensive choruses on record, consisting of Helen Jepson, Mary Bothwell, Lis Broge, Gladys Swarthout, Robert Merrill and John Carter, led the shut-ins in Christmas carols. Duo-pianists, Whittemore and Lowe, supplied the accompaniment on twin Hammond organs.

The Christmas party was sponsored by the Friendship Tree Committee and the Hammond Organ Company.

New Comedy for Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 .- The Girl From Idaho, a new comedy by Glenn Hughes, goes into rehearsal here December 27. The show will be preemed in February at the Showboat Theater. Hughes is head of the University of Washington School of Drama.

GENTLEMEN PREFER

(Continued from opp. page) ning looks to step directly from the pages of the Loos book. She is a keystone of the show and when she the eye as a treat to the ear. goes into her gutteral chants concern-Friend, she is blondemonium.

Anita Alvarez is a diminutive but very substantial prop to the proceedings. The litte Alvarez has frequently been pretty wonderful in the past. This time out her dancing is sensational. Whether she is pantoing ballet practice, pairing charmingly with Kazimir Kokic or soloing hot, lowdown jazz, she is potentially a showstopper. As stated above, Agnes De-Mille's dance patterns-ranging from heel-an-toe to white ballet-are superlative. Her ensemble is beautibe found, except perhaps that she could have made more use of a dancer of such ability as Peter Birch.

Yvone Adair as a nugget-kicking pal scores brightly in her chanting and stepping assignments and is a highly effective teammate in the romance department for tenor Eric Brotherson. Such stalwarts as Jack McCauley and Alice Pearce add materially to the fun,

While tunewise there isn't much commercial potential in Blondes score, except perhaps Bye, Bye Baby and a ballad, Just a Kiss Apart, and while the book sometimes gets a bit overpowering, the show has ample compensating qualities. Since management was claiming an advance sale of close to \$500,000 on opening night, it could hardly miss-even if its blessings were much less.

Bob Francis.

Inside U.S.A. (Curran) San Francisco. Kiss Me, Kate (Shubert) Chicago, Light Up the Sky (Fairbanks) Springfield, O., 14; (Hartman) Columbus 15-17, Man Who Came to Dinner (Erlanger) Butfalo, N. Y., 13-15; (Auditorium) Rochester

16-17. Mr. Roberts (American) St. Louis. Mother Hildebrand, with Grace George (Wilbur) Boston. Oklahoma (Temple) Tacoma,

Sacramento, Calif., 16-17. Philadelphia Story (Royal Alexandra) To-Private Lives, with Tallulah Bankhead (Al-

bany) Albany, Ga., 14; (Tower) Atlanta 15-17. Rat Race (Forrest) Philadelphia,

Red Shoes (Selwyn) Chicago. Red Shors (Majestic) Boston. Streetcar Named Desire (Robinson Auditorium) Little Rock, Ark., 14-15; (Audi-torium) Memphis, Tenn., 16-17. Student Prince (Cass) Detroit.

e (Locust St.) Philadelphia.

OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS

AS YOU LIKE IT

(Opened Thursday, December 8)

SHUBERT THEATER. NEW HAVEN, CONN,

A comedy by William Shakespeare. Directed by Michael Benthall, Scenery and costumes designed by James Bailey. Incidental music by Robert Irving. Company manager, Irving Cooper. Stage manager, Karl Nielsen. Coatumes by Edith Lutyens. Press representative, Joseph Heidt. Presented by the Theater

Orlando William Prince
Adam Burton Mallory
Oliver Ernest Graves
Dennis Robert Forster
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Cella
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Touchstone
Le Beau
Frederick Dayton Lummia
Duke Aubrey Mather
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Audrey
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William Robert Poster
cowland
Ladies, Attendants and Shepherdesses Jan
Sherwood, Marlin Nowell, Margaret Wright
Lords, Attendants and Shepherds Kenneth

Cantril, Albert Collins, Charles Hart, William Sutherland, Richard Hepburn, Robert Wark, John Weaver, Craig Timberlake

Shakespeare would be right proud of his little comedy could he see what the Theater Guild does with it. Never in all his days at the Globe did the Bard conceive of what a lovely thing to view his popular comedy can be made.

The Guild has built Like It into a lavish production in which the cosnatural for Lorelei. She has brought tumes and scenery almost outshine over all the tricks that made her a dialog and action. Color runs riot standout in her previous assignments when the flamboyant Elizabethan cosin Lend An Ear and put them to the tumes blend with the background best advantage. She is easily the scenery. It is as much a delight to

However, a reporter hesitates to ing A Little Girl From Little Rock recommend it too highly unless the and Diamonds Are a Girl's Best customer is a lover of Shakespeare and can follow the rippling, poetic let it be emphatically stated that cast with the customary Guild competence and is presented in almost unabridged fashion. The dialog is present production doesn't give too much assistance. All dialog is pure Shakespearean, and quite often the back to original playing.

Altho the part is tailor-made, Katharine Hepburn makes only an acceptable Rosalind. There is a little too much Hollywood and much too much Hepburn in her interpretation to make the performance anything more than a good job. Despite the fact that her role dominates the play, it is very much feared that she will have to take her place somewhere along the middle of the line of famous Rosalinds of theatrical history. However, William Prince as Orlando realy gives a performance and removes the role from the realm of improbability. His hero is a chap you can believe and like, and his readings of the more impassioned speeches, and his handling of scenes with la Hepburn are excellent.

An exceptionally fine cast has been picked for support. The roster includes Ernest Thesiger, Aubrey Mather and Whitford Kane, whose work in the classics is well known, as the melancholy Jaques, the banished duke and the shepherd Corin, respectively. Benthall's direction leaves nothing to be desired, and his rapid flow of the many scenes makes it a top-drawer job. His presentation is a true one, and the constant dressing of the stage is a tribute to his staging. Of, course, full acknowledgment must be given to James Bailey for his topflight job on both the costumes and the scenery, and if one reporter had his way Bailey would share the top billing with the star.

If a pewsitter likes Shakespeare, and is familiar with the play's text, this is one of its grandest showings. On the other hand, even if taste runs less to the classics, he will be charmed by the scenery, enthralled with the costumes, lulled by the traditional songs; but bored by the play.

Sidney Golly.

ALIVE AND KICKING

(Thursday, December 8)

SHUBERT THEATER, BOSTON

A musical revue directed by Robert H. Gordon. Lyrics by Paul Francis Webster and Ray Golden. Music by Hal Borne, Irma Jurist and Sammy Fain. Sketches by Ray Golden and I. A. L. Diamond. Additional music and lyrics by Hoagy Carmichael, Harold Rome, Sonny Burke, Leonard Gershe and Sid Fuller. Additional sketches by Henry Morgan, Joseph Stein and Arthur Ross. Choregraphy by Jack Cole. Settings and costumes by Raoul Pene Du Bols. Lighting by Mason Aevold. Musical direction and vocal arrangements by Lehman Engel. Orchestral arrangements by George Basman. General manager, Michael Goldreyer; stage manager, Michael Ellis; press representa-tives, George and Dorothy Ross. Presented by William R. Katzell and Ray Golden.

CAST: George Tobias, Lenore Lonergan, Jack Cole, Carl Reiner, Jack Russell, Ray Hyson, Patricia Bybell, Mickey Deems, Margery Oldroy, Earl William, Madelaine Chambers, Sam Kirkham, Gwen Verdon, Laurel Shelby, Bobby Van, Graham Lee, Jack Miller, Margaret Baxter, Rue Abruzzo, Eve Lynn, Ray Stephens, Fay Dewitt, June Brady, Marie Groscup, Jean Harris, Dolores Starr, Veleria Camille, Ruth Davis, Kenneth Davis, George Bockman, Paul Olson, Marc Hersens,

The local break-in of Alive and Kicking amounted to little more than a dress rehearsal. Singers forgot their lines, cues went wrong and most of the people on the stage seemed a little unsure of what they were doing. But Boston is used to that and still, after all these years in the role of guinea pig, doesn't seem to mind paying for a first look at some uncertain entertainment and a chance to guess the New York chances.

Kicking offered them a fair to middling show at the opening. By the time the wheels have ground thru a couple of weeks in Boston and Philadelphia, it may have been tightened and sharpened enough to make the grade on Broadway for the rest of the season. But its longevity is strictly debatable.

One-Hitter

The show offers George Tobias, If la Channing is the keystone, also style of the Bard. The show has been Lenore Lonergan, Jack Cole and his dancers and a host of lesser folk. most of them only a little better than unknown, who gyrate thru a succesquite often difficult to follow, and the | sion of songs, ballads, sketches, specialties and odds and ends of theatrical endeavor. There's only one hit specialty-Lenore Longergan's singinterpretation and the acting falls ing (if you can call her comic croaking that) of I've Got a Passport From Boston. It takes the Hub over the bumps. There are a couple of good songs in If You Don't Love Me (by Hoagy Carmichael), I Don't Want Him (a good blues by Irma Jurist and Leonard Gershe) and One, Two, Three (by Sonny Burke). But the last named, a fair ballad, is loused up by a fantasmagoric dance.

There are a couple of sketches, too, which, when tightened and acted decently, may make a brief hit. Wreck of the Oedipus takes the psychiatrists for a ride. Pals of the Pentagon goes after armed service brass. Propinquity, about male and female, looks like something we've all seen before.

Little Originality

Nearly all the material of Alive is derivative, little really inventive or original, but it may do if turned out with the brass, slickness and sheer obstinacy which some theater folk can muster.

Standout performance is that of Carl Reiner, a Call Me Mister alumnus. The lad does wonders with second-rate material. Jack Russell is fine in both sketches and musical numbers. Patricia Bybell sings pleasingly, and Lenore Lonergan gives with her husky-voiced best, tho most of her material is rather shoddy. George Tobias, a leading player, sometimes seems lost in the shuffle, but does all right in a few scenes. The Jack Cole dances are sharp, angular and sometimes funny. But more variety is in order. Bobby Van's soft-shoe dance was a refreshing change. Settings and costumes by Raoul Pene Du Bois hurt the eye with clashing colors and ragged lines.

Alive and Kicking is limping right now. It may get up on its feet long enough to get into New York. But it will have to kick pretty high to stay.

But Ruey.

Whatever the Talent, Success Depends Upon Presentation

By Everett Lawson-

I read in a recent issue of The Billboard that the Palace Theater, New York, had Robert Harbin, magician, as its final act on one of its vaude presentations. To those of us who weekly scan the columns of The Billboard for some indication that magic acts might again be coming into their own and will again enjoy a place in the sun of popularity on a par with tumblers, tap dancers and comedy acts, this notice should bring a feeling of elation and anticipation of better things to come,

In consideration of Harbin's feature number being a variation of the ageless "sawing" and his earning a good notice, it once again seems that no matter what is used success lies in the presentation as well as in the presenters. This fact should greatly heighten optimism among magic acts, especially those who consistently hear agents and managers bark: "Dime a dozen."

I can't help but feel that if a few good magic acts could bowl them over at the Palace, it would do for magic what the return of flesh (at the Palace) did for vaudeville all over the country.

Because it has been our purpose from time to time to discuss schoolshows here, I would like to apply the above in parallel to our schoolshow cause, and point out the same philosophy to school operators who work in a field where some sort of code of ethics or philosophical pursuit could be advantageously applied.

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J. B. ROTNOUR, Watertown, Wisc.

T WAS WITH great interest that the business could voice their whereabouts and opinions. There are no unions, societies or affiliations of any sort which might bind together in a common cause members of this little recognized group known as the Independent School Assembly Showman.

In view of existing conditions, I feel that this is an opportune time to discuss some of the policies employed, not only by the newcomer into the field, but by a number of established attractions I encountered recently. Since the school business is so poorly organized and so sorely lacking in any sort of standardization, there can be nothing in the way of ethics involved short of plain, common sense ones. Therefore it should be impressed that a little common sense should be utilized by operators along with their mercenary tendencies, in regard to booking approaches and one's personal conduct two shows. in the school.

To the seriously interested novice, the master will always say: "More power to you!" and go to detailed lengths to help better him for his calling. But bear in mind that we say "master." We don't say "jealous member of a jealous professionalism." So if it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing right, and it should be remembered that you are not booking your show (with due respect) into a night club, theater or on a carnival midway. Approaching Lititz pikes. an educator for a potential engagement requires a vastly different technique than one would use in approaching an agent, theater manager or office car official.

Different Approach

It should be borne in mind that when one has business dealings with school officials he is dealing with an eccentric and moral contingent of people. This is understood when it is remembered that they are far removed from the glamorous blare of showbiz's trumpets. They know nothing-nor do they care-about the intricacies of show business as we know it. They don't care how many weeks you were held over at the Green Fly, in Slopside, nor are they interested in your triumphant press notices. If you can show them Youmatz Sells R. C. Stock one letter of commendation from an educational institution which, in it's flavor, has the sort of merit which Jackson's carnival or that you were featured on Broadway with your name in lights for several seasons!

schools to the amount of money remonkeys, suckers or jerks. Ad naus- and director of the drive-in firm. eum! At the same time it is disheartening to realize that you are dealing with people, a very small percentage of which, will not remember you until the same time next year. This holds true almost regardless of how good your show, how much money you make for them or how much of a perfect gentleman you are and were.

But throw cigarette butts all over the stage and auditorium floor, and leave a few empty bottles around, steal the pencil sharpeners off the walls, or do an obscene gag in the show and see if they don't remember your name, your act and what you looked like right down to the smallest detail thru acons of time.

WANT MINSTREL AC

FOR THE GREATER OPTIMIST MINSTREL, CONVENTION HALL, TULSA, FEB. 34. Would like to hear from Dran Walters, Billy Dons, Eddie Peabody and others who have been featured with the larger Minstrels. VARIETY ACTS STRONG ENOUGH TO FEATURE, WRITE. WANT to locate old Song Sildes and old-time Minstrel Show Pictures, also

ART LaMAN, Cotton Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma

THE DESIGNATION OF

Rooney Group In Chi Benefits

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Howard Rooney, former repster and legit performer, today presented members of the Bevery Theater Guild of Ridge Park in a special matinee performance of Nicholas Nickleby at the Museum of Science and Industry as part of the institute's annual Christmas festival.

Eugene Ferrazzi, last with Harry Brown, was cast as Nickleby and other rep performers included Dorothy Eddy, leading woman with Shaffner's Players; Marvin C. Howard, who closed the season recently with the Slout Players, and Larry Walden, the past season with Christy Obrecht Players.

The Rooney company also will appear on a special military benefit program in the Congress Hotel here Monday (12) and for St. Bernard's Hospital benefit show December 15. Rhett Stewart, also with the Rooney company, will appear on the last

3 More Drive-Ins For Eastern Pennsy

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 10 .- Plans for three new drive-ins for the Eastern Pennsylvania area for next season were divulged here last week. Two will be set up on the Lincoln Highway, west of here, and one north of the city between Manheim and

Halsmithern Enterprises, Inc., builder of the Lincoln Drive-In at Thomasville, Pa., thru its manager, H. J. Halliwell, announced the purchase of six acres of land opposite later on. . . . D. N. Devitt, with Gitt's the Lancaster Riding Club on the Lincoln Highway for the construction of an open-air theater. The a religious one-day stand unit, which drive-in will have a 1,000-car capac- opened near Dallas, . . . Gillen, hypity and cost about \$100,000, with notist, is playing school and hall opening scheduled for the spring.

Work on another drive-in on Lincoln Highway is under way and plans Steuben County, Indiana, with realso were announced for the erection ligious pix, but plans to move toof another two miles north of here ward Florida, playing sponsored at a location near the old airport. It will be built by Lancaster Drive-In Theaters, Inc., headed by Harry Chertcoff.

PLEASANT VALLEY, Conn., Dec. 10 .- A change in ownership in the appeals to them it will do you more Rogers Corners Drive-In Theater good than proof that you had the Corporation here was announced this girl show for three years on Joe week by Louis J. Centrella, corporation secretary-treasurer. Centrella said that Vincent W. Youmatz, of Winsted, Conn., has sold his stock It is not good business to refer in in the corporation, consisting of onethird of the amount issued, to the ceived as the take or the gate. Nor corporation, for \$14,000. Youmatz to the members of the audience as has resigned as president, treasurer.

Reading Gets 2d Exeter Spot Hollywood working on a picture

READING, Pa., Dec. 10 .- Work has started by Exeter Drive-In, Inc., on a second drive-in theater on the Philadelphia Highway. It will be known as the Exeter Drive-In. It is expected to be ready for an Easter Monday opening.

Jack Edwards to New Post

HOLYOKE, Mass., Dec. 10 .- Jack Edward former manager of the E. M. Loew's Hartford Drive-In Theater, Newington, Conn., has been appointed manager of E. M. Loew's State Theater, Holyoke, Mass.

Rep Ripples

PRNEST S. BRADY is framing a short-cast flesh trick to play sponsor dates around Erie, Pa. He and wife and two others will make up the cast. . . . Henry and Sidney Overton are showing religious pix in the New London, Conn., area. . . . Al D. Terrill pens from Frankfort, S. D., that he went into schools and halls in September after a good season with his platform show. He's doing hypnotism, second sight and mentalism with his wife and is presenting 16mm, pix on Saturdays and Sundays where he can make connections. . . . Harry (Hap) Jackson has a flesh-pic unit in operation around Cibelo, Tex., and will work his way toward Florida and hit Orlando late this winter. Jackson had a platshow out the past summer. . . . Earle Players are a new group for Central Connecticut. . . . James W. Greeley has a pix-magic show operating in Liberty, Tex. He hopes to add some short-cast bills later and will play sponsored dates. . . . A reader from Ticonderoga, N. Y., asks if there is anything to the report that Craig Bros.' Show will be on the road again in 1950. . . . Freeley's Show is playing schools and halls in Eastern Oregon to reported good business. . . Herman Dallinger is booking dates in Alabama for his amateur minstrel promotions. . . . O. L. Riley. who has presented religious pix in recent winters, plans to tackle indoor fairs in small Virginia towns.

. . . Jack K. Quinn, of Dorchester, Mass., has been presenting 16mm. pix to New England church groups. . . . Chester D. Norwood, who has 16mm, pix in the Moscow, Idaho, area, plans to add flesh presentations platform show the past summer, left Texarkana, Tex., recently to advance dates in Central New Mexico to good business. . . . Curt Gosbee is playing dates en route. . . Florian Players have been playing Dover, Del., to good returns. . . . George Spicer plans

Riley currently is in Richmond, Va.

Babb Back From Aussie Hop

to work religious pix in Quebec dur-

ing the Christmas holidays. . . . A. M.

Quimby is promoting indoor fairs in

New England.

WILMINGTON, O., Dec. 10 .- Kroger Babb, president of Hallmark Productions, Inc., here has returned to the United States after a five-week visit in Australia. His visit Down Under was climaxed by a luncheon tendered him by Norman Rydge, head of Australia's Greater Union Theaters, Ltd., at Hotel Usher, Sydney. At present Babb is in



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ALVARES-Paul, 73, aerialist, December 1 in New York. A native of Germany, he came to the U. S. in 1907 to perform with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus in an act known as the Alvares Duo. He first performed with his wife and later teamed with another, often under the billing of Marguerite and Alvares. He later formed the Paulsen Trio and was known on practically every vaude circuit in the country. Two daughters attack. Burial in Indianapolis. and a son survive. Burial in Kensico Cemetery, New York.

planist sometimes billed as the "boogie-woogie king," December 3 in Chicago. Often credited as the originator of boogle-woogle music, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Jazz by Columbia University. His widow and two sons, Jean, band leader, and Edsel, a min-

ister, survive.

BARRY - Philip, 53, playwright December 3 of a heart attack in New York. A Yale graduate and former attache of the American Embassy in London, he later studied playwriting at Harvard where he wrote his first play, You and I, produced in New York in 1923. Minor successes followed, such as The Youngest, In a Garden and White Wings, until his first big hit in 1927, Paris Bound. Broadway then saw Holiday, Liberty Jones, Here Comes the Clowns, Without Love, Hotel Universe, Philadelphia Story, Tomorrow and Tomorrow, Animal Kingdom and Foolish Notion, He was completing a new play, tentatively titled Second Threshold, at the time of his death. His widow and two sons survive. Burial in St. Philomena's Cemetery, East Hampton, N. Y.

BARTLETT-Arthur, 67, stagehand at San Francisco theaters for nearly half a century, December 2 In San Francisco. He had operated the spotlight and stage effects at the Bal Tabarin nitery for the past 10 born film studio musician at his Los critics and the public. Burial in years. He was secretary of Local 16 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and the Theatrical Mutual Association. His widow, Florence, survives. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Fran-

cisco. BEACH-Rex Ellingwood, novelist, playwright and scenarist for 45 years, December 7 in Sebring, Fla. A sufferer of cancer of the throat with no chance for recovery, he was pronounced a suicide. One of the pioneers of motion-picture writing, Beach also wrote 35 books and plays and countless magazine and newspaper stories. For his material for his thrilling tales he drew from his own experiences in Alaska, Panama and Mexico, Numerous of his books were adapted for movies and plays. The Heart of the Sunset was presented in New York under the title of Going Some, first as a play and then as a musical and as a movie. The novel on which he was working was tentatively titled Woman

vive. BLACKMER-Mrs. Walter Steele, 77, mother of Sidney Blackmer, stage, screen and television actor, December 3 in Salisbury, N. C. Two other sons also survive. Burial in Chestnut Hill

in Ambush. His brother and his

brother-in-law, actor Fred Stone, sur-

Cemetery, Salisbury. BONHAMME - J. W., 73, circus trouper over 50 years, December 2 in Kahn Hospital, Marshall, Tex., of Survivors Include his a stroke. widow, Ida; son, Sig; daughter, Margie Hollis, and a brother. Burial in Marshall.

BORRELLO - Joe, magician and president of Ring 27, International Brotherhood of Magicians, New Orleans, December 1 in that city. Borrello was well known to the New Orleans radio audience in the '30s as Tony Bacigalupi and was the first magician to appear on television there.

BUEHLER-Edward A., 53, owneroperator of the Salt Water Swimming Pool, near Detroit, for 20 years, December 4 at his home near Birmingham, Mich. Survived by his widow. Iva., who was associated with him in the business, and a daughter, Mrs. Richard Moser.

COCHARD - Julius, 50, violinist, composer and director of Station KEW's Mexico City staff orchestra,

THE FINAL CURTAIN

November 29 in an airplane crash at Dallas in which his wife was also killed. His daughter survives.

COPELAND - Mel, 43, former vaude, tab and burlesque performer. recently in Indianapolis of a heart

CRUIKSHANK-A. Stewart, 72, theater owner, December 8 in Edin-AMMONS - Albert C., 42, jazz burgh, Scotland. He was chairman and managing director of Howard & Wyndham, Ltd., owners of theaters in Glasgow, Manchester and Liverpool. He was a director of several London theater companies and an agent for about 23 theaters outside City violinist, December 1 in the London.

EBLING - Fred C., 79, veteran member of Circus Fans of America and former executive of the John H. Ebling Milling Company, Green Bay, Wis., recently in Oshkosh, Wis., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Clark. Other survivors include a son, John, of Chicago.

FOLSOM - Edward Presley, 93 father of Frank M. Folsom, president of the Radio Corporation of America, November 29 in Amity, Ore.

FORD-Dr. William B., father of Dick and Mary Ford, concessionaires, formerly with the Royal American Shows, December 1 in Milwaukee. He also leaves his wife and two other sons, Erwin and Justin.

> IN PREPRORY of my Beloved Wife DEDNA (LEE FORD)
> Passed away Dec. 16, 1945
> I miss you more as time pass
> GEO. B. HILL passes.

Angeles home, December 5. Survived Shreveport, La. by his widow and a son.

December 7 in Chicago. He was in St. Louis. No known relatives. formerly staff organist for Station WGN, among others, and had di- ago a circus and vaude trapeze perrected several choruses.

GRESS-Karl, 76, acrobat and in Grand Rapids, Mich. artist, November 28 in New York. and Grissie, he later came to the U.S. murals, having decorated the walls of numerous night clubs. His widow and son, Karl Jr., survive.

IN MEMORY Of My Husband JOHNNIE HERRON Died December 14, 1945, Moline, Illinole. "I'll love you always." REX HERRON

HOBBS-Roy (Shorty), 37, hillbilly radio performer, November 29 in Middletown, O. Singing with various groups, he was heard over WPFB. Middletown; WLW, Cincinnati WHAS, Louisville, and WFB, Atlanta.

HOFFMAN-John A., 62, founder and former manager of Chain of Rocks Amusement Park, St. Louis recently in that city. He organized the park in 1923 and was manager until 1940, at which time he joined the sales force of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. Survived by his Windsor. Survived by his widow, widow and son. Burial in St. Louis. Audrey;

HUBIN-Frank B., 81, actor, manager, promoter and theater owner, December 3 at his home in Atlantic City. Hubin, who began his showbiz career at the age of 14 with a circus, went to Atlantic City in 1897 with an Uncle Tom's Cabin roadshow, and remained there. Survived by his widow, Patricia. (Details in General Outdoor Department.)

JAFFE-Julius, step-father of Jack Tracy, WINS disk jockey, recently in Hartford, Conn. Burial in New Britain, Conn.

KRATKA-Nicholas, 62, Atlantic Bridgeton (N. J.) Hospital. He came to this country from Poland for engagements with the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati symphony orchestras, and also played with the Philadelphia Orchestra in that city. He went to Atlantic City 36 years ago and for many years played with the Salon Orchestra at the Traymore Hotel. When the Center Symphony was formed three years ago he was named concertmeister, a position he held until his death. Surviving are his widow, Anna, and a son. Burial December 4 in Atlantic City.

LAWLESS-Joe, cookhouse operator on Stanger Shows, December 6 in Victoria Hospital, Winnipeg. His widow, Lavina, survives. (Detalls in

Carnival Section.)

LEDBETTER - Huddie, 64, ballad singer known as Leadbelly, who called himself "king of de 12-string guitar players of de world," December 6 in New York. His folk songs freed him from two prison terms and won him a special place in Negro music. For about 10 years he had been making recordings and giving GARY-Charles G., 67, Hungarian- folk concerts, garnering praise from

LE TEY-Harry, 62, former jug-GLANDORF-Walter, 56, organist, gler, December 1 in St. Louis. Burial

MacDONALD - Harry, 61, years former with the DeMar Trio, recently

49, at his MAGUIRE-Arnold, Known thruout Europe as the Great North Hollywood, Calif., home, De-Grissie with the acro troupe of Fris cember 5, following a long illness. Since 1945 he had been West Coast and performed with his wife in vaude director of television for Foote, Cone as Karl and Erma Gress, the Artist & Belding in Hollywood. He enand the Model, a painting act. More tered radio in San Francisco in 1930 recently he became known for his as writer-producer for Bay Area networks shows. In 1941 he joined Foote, Cone & Belding as producer on the Kay Kyser show. During the next four years he produced the Johnny Mercer, Heda Hopper, Charlotte Greenwood and Tony Martin shows. His widow, Evelyn, and a daughter, Susan survive. Interment in Forest Park, San Rafael, Calif.

MALEY-Margaret, 96, mother of Frank Maley, former vaude, tab, burlesque and night club comedian, December 3 at the home of a daughter in Sebring, O. The deceased numbered among her friends many vaude and radio greats. Besides her son, Frank, who is associated with the Orr Theater, Orrville, O., she is survived by another son, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Services from St. Ann's Catholic Church, Sebring.

MARION-Wilfred, 47, projectionst for the last 20 years at the Capitol Theater, Windsor, Ont., December 4 at his home in River Canard, Ont. He was past president of Local 580 in parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Joseph Marion, River Canard; son, Melvin, Windsor; daughter, Mrs. Roger Ouellette, Belle River, Ont. and a sister, Mrs. Sam Gignac, River Canard, Burial in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Windsor.

McCALL-Robert S., 70, former treasurer of the Belasco Theater, New York, December 4 in that city. He had more recently been with various Shubert houses. His widow survives.

MILLAR-Lloyd B., 66 former vaude comic, recently at his Azusa, Calif., home. For many years he was known as the "Cannibal King." His mother, a son and two brothers survive.

MURPHY-Claude (Pat), 49, carnival concession manager, November 21 in a Dallas hospital. (Details in the Carnival Department.)

NEWMANN - Jule, 74, Vaude comedian, November 24 in Berlin, He had been the comedy partner of the late Paul Conchas, heavy juggler, and toured the U. S., playing all the vaude circuits. At the death of Conchas, he hired a new juggler for his own act billed as Achilles and Newmann. His widow survives.

OGLESBY - Mrs. Anna L., onetime Philadelphia singer and widow of Harry Oglesby, musician and teacher, December 2 at her home in Philadelphia. Survived by a son, Frank Oglesby, voice teacher. Burial in Chester (Pa.) Rural Cemetery December 5.

OUSPENSKAYA-Maria, 62, film actress, at her Hollywood home, December 4, from burns received in a fire there. She started her career with Moscow Art Theater, later appearing on Broadway. Since coming to Hollywood she appeared in Love Affair, The Mortal Storm, Dodsworth and Conquest pix. She also was active in a talent school.

PHELPS-Gaylord, 65, former midget star in legit and musical comedy, December 1 at Silver Lake, N. Y. Making his debut at 16 in Buffalo as a sub for an ailing child actor in The Shoemaker, he later appeared in Chin Chin, Buster Brown and Lady of the Slipper. During his 17 years on the stage he played with such stars as Elsie Janis, Vernon and Irene Castle, Fred Stone and Andy Devine.

PLENSLER - Alexander W., 52, radio researcher and pioneer in the development of push-button tuning, November 22 in Antioch, Ill. He also worked on the development of the preamplifier that allows fringe area reception for television. He once headed the Anchor and Belmont radio corporations.

RICHARDS-Mrs. W. G., 63, wife of the former owner-manager of Richards Bros.' Circus, November 30 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Fig., of a cerebral hemorrhage. The past 18 years they had operated a tourist court in Pensacola. Burial in Bay View Memorial Park, Pensacola, December 6.

RIX-Mrs. Mary Parker, radio and legit actress, recently in Manchester, N. Y. First playing with the Manchester Institute Players, the Peterborough, N. H. and the Ogunquit, Me., summer stock companies, she later supported Raymond Massey in Abe Lincoln in Illinois and was heard in a leading role in radio's Our Gal Sunday. Her husband, two sons, a daughter, her father and a sister survive.

WALKER - Johnnie, 55, former legit and silent film producer, December 5 in New York. He was coproducer with Albert N. Chaperao of Make Yourself at Home, presented on Broadway in 1945. Besides producing movie shorts, he had a long career as a film actor. Three sisters survive.

WILSON - John D., 47, magician for over 25 years known as the Great Darrell, recently in Indianapolis of a heart attack.

ZEEMAN-Mrs. Celia, 76, mother of Barney Zeeman, former orchestra leader and proprietor of the Forrest Cafe, Philadelphia nitery, December 3 in Women's Homeopathic Hospital, that city. She also leaves three brothers and a sister. Burial in Roosevelt Cemetery, Philadelphia, December 5.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY WIFE AND OUR DEAR MOTHER

WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 17, 1945

WILLIAM F. KORHN RAYMOND J. KORHN VERNON KORHN MRS. WILLIAM DUNCAN YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR THOUGHTS

ACT TO BREAK SESQUI LOG JAM

Exec Maps Four-Step Method To Speed Action on Mounting Bids for Midway Attractions

Batt, Conklin Group Withdraws Amusement Zone Offer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Plans for elaborate machinery to screen a growing flood of bids pouring into the National Sesquicentennial Commission from showfolk seeking to operate concessions in the multi-milliondollar midway of the capital's sesquicentennial were disclosed here Friday (9) by Edward Boykin, director of the commission. Boykin outlined to The Billboard a four-step procedure which he said will be installed soon to break a log-jam of proposals for concession operations. Under the procedure, which Boykin said he hopes will be put into operation soon, all

midway concession proposals will be channeled first to a director of concessions to be appointed by the National Sesquicentennial Commission.

Godin To Build 40G Pyro Plant At Foster, R. I.

FOSTER, R. I., Dec. 10.-Joseph H. Godin, president of the Interstate has been granted a permit to erect a \$40,000 pyro manufacturing plant here. The local plant will be known as Union Fireworks, Inc. Earlier this year Godin invaded the Cana-& Display Company, Ltd., at Toronto.

The local plant, which will produce materials for other manufacturers and operators, will be managed by Frederick Cairo, former superintendent for the Rhode Island Fireworks Company at near by Providence. Godin said that the plant would consist of 17 one-story building of wood and sheet metal construction. Each building will be 20 by 30 feet. The new firm will employ about 25 men, Godin said.

Considerable oposition to the granting of the permit was encountered. Persons living in the vicinity of the plant location protested before the town council but failed to stop the issuing of the permit by police chief Ellis Bender.

Godin also has a factory at Bridgewater, Mass.

9G Subscribed For Calif. Expo

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 10 .- Preliminary expenses for the 1953 exposition here are assured, according to Ewart Goodwin, exposition chairman, who said \$9,000 of the \$25,000 goal already had been raised. Incorporation papers have been filed in Sacramento, Incorporators are Harold B. Starkey, Goodwin and Edmund T.

Blue printing of the fair will be handled by Clyde M. Vandeburg who will draw \$10,000 plus expenses for a four-month period starting Janu-

Vandeburg's initial task will be to survey the Mission Bay Aquatic Park at near-by Mission Beach where all exposition recreational activities will be held.

Salaried Director

which get the concession director's endorsement will be transmitted to commission director Boykin. Bids which survive these first two steps will be sent on to the commission's Fireworks Manufacturing & Display executive committee which is com-Company, Inc., Springfield, Mass., prised of several civic and national in here during the winter, the first ngures, including District of Columbia Commissioner John Russell Young and U. S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine.

The final step in the screening procdian market when he opened the ess will be submission of the bids to Interstate Fireworks Manufacturing a volunteer concessions committee. This latter committee will be named soon and will be comprised of prominent citizens of the nation's capital, Boykin said.

To Act on Over-All Plan

The commission director said this screening procedure will be applied in arriving at decisions not only on what bids should be approved but also on whether a single organization should be allowed to handle the entire midway area plans and, if so, (Acts To Break Sesqui on page 55) (See Carnival for A. C. on page 55)

Lo, the Poor!

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 10. -indians must pay the sales tax on articles that they sell off their reservations, State Tax Commissioner Dennis P. O'Connor ruled

this week.

His ruling resulted from refusals last October of a troupe of Indians, who had stands at the Danbury (Conn.) Fair, to collect and pay the tax on articles that they sold there, arguing that they were exempt from the tax because of old treaties with the federal government. After arguments that lasted thruout the 10-day run of the fair, they eventually paid the tax but appealed to the tax commissioner for a ruling.

Sports Carnival The concessions director will serve on a salary basis. Proposed bids May Hypo A. C. Off-Season Biz of the executive committee of the

effort to hypo the slump that has set annual Atlantic City Midwinter Sports Carnival will be held in Convention pageant about the life of George Hall here December 26-30.

On the program, which is expected to amphitheater, will talk briefly. expand each year, will be ice hockey, ice skating, high school and pro basketball. One day will be set aside in preparation for the fair, Sesqui for public ice skating in the large auditorium. Carnival committee believes that in a few years the event will become national in scope and a potent midwinter patronage lure. The crowning of a Midwinter Sports Carnival Queen is a feature expected to become an annual fixture.

Admish 75c to \$1.50

Committee includes Philip E. M. Thompson, Convention Hall manager, Sports events will all be held nightly

Dec. 17 Start For Sesqui's **Drum-Beating**

Dedication To Tee Off

(Continued from page 3) as an example of "how democracy works" in providing "entertainment without bias or prejudices," Chapman's aides have indicated. Chapman, a close friend of President Truman, in dedicating the amphitheater will be playing a familiar role as "advance man" for the president, who next month will be main speaker at ground-breaking ceremonies for the exposition proper.

Last year, Chapman served as Truman's No. 1 advance man in the election campaign, traveling thousands of miles to pave the way for Truman's appearances.

Joseph C. McGarraghy, chairman Sesqui Commission, will be emsee ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 .- In an of the amphitheater dedication.

Chapman, after delivering his address, will turn the first spadeful of dirt. Paul Green, who has been commissioned to write a dramatic Washington for presentation in the

Next week's formalities wil start the ball rolling on numerous activities officials said. A number of citizens' committees are being set up. Committees will include budget and audit, finance, insurance, transportation, program, medals and awards, concessions (see separate story), governmental, special events, entertainment, exhibits and industry.

Considerable speculation is being heard about the prospect of an aquacade similar to Billy Rose's Aquacade at the New York World's Fair, So far no plans have been developed for such an attraction at the capital exposition, but several Sesqui officials are believed to favor it strongly, Reports have been heard, too, that Billy Rose would be interested in handling

such a project here.

Haiti Expo in Auspicious Preem; Sample Biz Indicates Okay Run

Exposition opened here Thursday midway contract, garnered lucrative (8), with President Dumarsais Es- biz on the two occasions that they time and Manuel Cardinal Arteaga, were permitted to operate prior to of Cuba, presiding at the initial cere- the official opening, causing execs monies. The \$26,000,000 expo, con- to predict a healthy run. Last Sunstructed in less than 18 months, will day (4) the Side Show had a \$1,200 run until May.

A message from Pope Pius XII was transmitted from the Vatican and rebroadcast locally. President Truevents marking the opening were a colorful parade in which navy units from the United States cruiser, display by Florida-based United big initial play, as has been demon-States Air Force Superfortresses.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 10. | The Ross Manning Shows, with an -Haitl's Bi-Centennial International exclusive shows, rides and games day working for 20 cents, it was reported. The custard couldn't handle the demand and the percentage stores were also doing okny. A week man also sent congratulations. Other previous a few rides that got into operation grossed better than \$200

While most ops were of the opinion Salem, participated and an aerial that the Manning org would get a (See Haiti Expo. on page 62)

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28 Mo. Annuals

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10 .-Twenty-eight Missouri fairs announced 1950 dates at the annual convention of the Missouri Associaion of Fairs and Agricultural Exhibiions here this week.

The dates follow: Audrain, September 14-17; Aufrain, August 8-12; Bates, September 13-15; Cupe Girardeau, September 11-16; Clay, August 3-5; Clay, August 31-September 2; Cooper, August 15-17; Gasconade, August 17-18; Harrison, August 3-5; Gasconade August 17-19; Starrison, August 2-3; Harrison, September 3-3; History, August 2-3; Jackson, August 16-12; Jackson, August 8-12; Maries, August 2-12; Maries, September 1-2; Maries, September 1-2; Maries, September 18-10; Mercer August 28-31; Moniteau, August 2-5; Newton, September 20-21; Gange, August 21-September 2, Phelos, August 16-19; Randolph, September 1-2; Say, September 12-14; Saline, August 30-September 2; Scotland, July 25-28, and Stoddard, September 18-25.

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Despite being closed for the season, the Detroit Zoo broke into the headlines in the local press Wednesday (7) when its fourmonth old hippopotamus, Fepsi II, died.

Close-Ups:

Hard - Way School Gave Scenic Artist Ray Practical Approach

By Herb Dotten-

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

'NGLISH born, Canadian reared, U. S. citizen-to-be, John C. (Jack) Ray is a rarity among midway scenic artists. Tho only 38, he is credited with wing done as much, if not more, than any other in his field to modernize e lure and heighten the money-earning potential of midway shows at fairs ad amusement parks in the United States and Canada. This distinction he ined by combining artistry and good taste with superb showmanship and wn-to-earth practicality, all without any display of the temperment comonly associated with artists. Temperment in an artist is a form of flamyance, Jack believes.

Jack's good taste, which did away ith the traditionally gaudy red, hite and blue color schemes on midays, was inherent. His schooling was stained in the theaters of Canada. is showmanship and practicality ems largely from his association ith J. W. (Patty) Conklin, Canadian idway biggie, acknowledged as one the keenest, most practical of miday operators.

With Conklin as his mentor, Jack rly learned what he regards a relisite in his field-detailed knoww of the problems of midway opations. This he absorbed the hard ly-by working in a succession of os under varying conditions for inklin on the midways of the Westn Canadian Class A Fair Circuit. He me to know, not only the difficulties tear-down, setting up, and mainnance, but the tastes and habits of

JOHN C. (JACK) RAY

ople-what compelled their attention, how they moved around a midiy, etc.

It was in 1937, with a background of theater scenic designing, plus a pro grounding in midway problems under Patty Conklin, that Jack was en his big chance to unfold his talents and his pent-up ideas to the full. was then that Patty gave him the go-ahead to redesign the midway fronts the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto.

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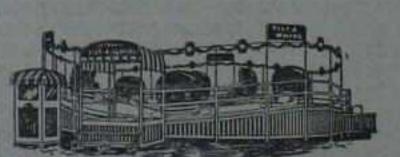
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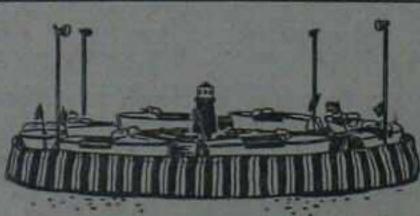
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Talent Topics

are vacationing in Cuba where, they tives in Germany following the Lonreport, they have seen much Ringling don engagement. Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus paper plastered over the town. . . . Four Willys, jugglers, open at the wire, are vacationing in Mexico after Fox Theater, St. Louis January 14 and are skedded for the Orpheum, Kan., and Houston Shrine circuses Wichita, Kan., January 21. . . . Hoaglun Hippodrome, horse act, has been signed by Boyle Woolfolk for 1950 for Harry Haag. fair dates.

Jimmy Jamieson, American high diver, after completing an extended tour of Scandinavia, sailed from Copenhagen December 1, en route to New York. . . . T. Jay Quincy, water show producer and former high diver, has returned to New York after spending Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Columbus, O. . . . Gautier's Steeplechase, standard pooch act, and the Tong Bros., Chinese acrobats, are in the Christmas stage production at Radio City Music Hall, New York. . . . Jim Wong Troup, Chinese melange act, is on the new bill at the Palace Theater, New York. . . . Snyder's high pole act working Sunday aftthe North Miami, Fla., Zoo. . . Three Juggling Jewels, after a week at the Carmen Theater, Philadelphia, were booked into Frank Palumbo's mitery.

Ortons, who, with her husband, played a single date between Terre Vernon, was skedded to open with Haute, Ind., and Charleston, W. Va., Mills Olympia Circus in London at a Sunday children's party of the Tuesday (20), suffered a fractured Famous Barr department store, St. arm while dismantling their equip- Louis. . . . Chester (Bobo) Barnett, ment and will be replaced by Miss clown with the Polack Western Unit Luxem, sway pole. Both acts left until mid-October, is playing his anthe United States on the same boat. nual holiday department store date Miss Luxem, accompanied by hus- in Memphis.

home at Normandy Isle for the win-

ter. He returns to Agawam Decem-

Fred Pittera, who returned from a lengthy European jaunt recently,

goes back to Italy soon to complete

details for the staging of an Italian

trade exposition in New York this

summer. . . . George A. Hamid left his New York offices last week on

an extended selling trip. As in the

past he expects to have many talent

contracts inked prior to the staging

E. Roland Harriman, New York,

Thursday (8) was elected president

of the Trotting Horse Museum, Inc.,

a new organization which plans to

establish a harness horse Hall of Fame at Goshen, N. Y., in 1950.

Arthur E. Campfield, New York dealer in show canvas, is back in

his office after a brief visit in Chi-

cago for a look-see at the outdoor

showmen's meetings. . . . Jack Ros-enthal, co-owner of Palisades (N. J.) Amusement Park, and Joe Rinaldo,

assistant to Joe McKee, superintend-

ent of the park, have returned from

the National Association of Amuse-

ment Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) meet in Chicago. . . .

Frank Braden, who closed his an-

nual trek with the Ringling-Barnum

at his home on Long Island.

a week's vacation.

7 Out in the Open

and sister and will open the family sota about February 1.

Eddie Carroll, operator, Riverside | ing, is presently ahead of the Cecil

Cords and Allen West, aerialists, | band, Harvey Earlin, will visit rela-

Bert and Corinne Dearo, slack playing Duluth, Minn., Wichita, for Orrin Davenport and indoor dates at Bedford and Seymour, Ind.

Roland Tiebor and his son, Roland Jr., the last two seasons with Polack Bros.' Western Unit, left the show at Charleston, W. Va., for their home in Tonawanda, N. Y. After a week's vacation, young Tiebor is skedded to take an act to Circo Atayde Her- Saltcoats Elects Kirkham monos, Mexico City, accompanied by Francis Hogan, who had a Tiebor act on Polack's Eastern Unit the past season. Roland Sr., will remain at training quarters in Tonawanda. The Berosinis' high-wire act, with Polack Western the last two seasons, also will play the Atayde

The Bogino Family, acrobats, who are transferring from Polack Western to the Eastern unit, will play ernoons, with Proske's Tigers, at New York's Palace Theater during the lay-off. . . . The Three Milos. the Marions and the Skylarks will spend the holidays at Lyle Van Patter's Panther Ranch, Hot Springs.

Otto Griebling and Harry Dann, Doris Liedtke, of the Sensational clowns of Polack Bros.' Western,

Witteried Presents Novel Show at Milan

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 10 .- Jim Witte ried, New York-Paris booker and press agent, is presenting a novel show at the Teatro Excelsior here. which opened November 22.

Heading the line-up of acts Chrysis De La Grange, whose aerial act was a Ringling-Barnum circue center ring feature in 1947. Supporting are Woodrow, English jugglers Gypsys Trio, adagio; Margo and Margit, dance duo; Gizy Varga, exotic dancer, and Prince N'Diaye with a troupe of 40 Africans in a jungle production.

Witteried also has a troupe of girls at the Casino Di Venezia in Lido-Venice, leading Adriatic beach resort.

SALTCOATS, Sask., Dec. 10 .- Office cers of Saltcoats Agricultural Society are S. L. Kirkham, president, and P. C. Pearce and F. Torrie, vicepresidents.



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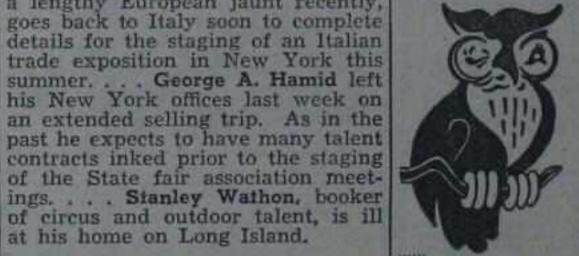


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25 Years Ago

Valter F. Stanley, long connected h the C. A. Wortham and Con T. nedy shows, was appointed genagent of the J. George Loos w interests for the 1925 season. I. E. Bacon and other officers of Iowa Fair Managers' Associawere re-elected at the organion's convention in Des Moines. . O. Perry, veteran circus man, ounced he would take out Perry s. Shows in 1925.

t a directors meeting of Brandon in.) Provincial Exhibition, J. D. Gregor was elected president, and N. Kerr and George Gordon vicesidents.

lans were announced for coniction of a \$2,000,000 Midway usement Park at St. Petersburg, Backing the project was Mid-Amusement Park, Inc., with ofrs listed as E. M. Elliott, presit; R. Paine, vice-president; ment G. Armory, secretary-treasr; A. J. Bodkin, director and manr, and Fred S. Purnell, director. Guy and Melvin G. Dodson, Dodson's World's Fair Shows, reted arrival in Paris after a rough age from Galveston, Tex. They e on a two-month jaunt of Eu-

he Codona troupe of aerialists, ing completed U. S. engagents, sailed for Europe to fill a

e-year contract.

. H. Stratton, secretary-manager an auto accident. State Fair of Texas, Dallas, reted the annual registered a profit 82,210, second largest since 1914. ohn Metzger, inventor and builder the Flying Circus, was putting shing touches on the ride at Ven-Pier, Venice, Calif., in preparafor the 1925 season.

rganization of a new carnival, kenson Amusement Company, announced by W. H. Dickenson, ner-manager. Executive roster uded Mrs. W. H. Johnson, secry-treasurer; E. Johnson, general nt, and Mrs. E. Johnson, assistant

retary.

group of Canton and Massillon, businessmen incorporated Turkey t Lake Resort Company for \$200,to establish a funspot at Canton. eaths: Mrs. Thomas H. Foley. operator; Harry W. Lake, cirman; William B. Reynolds, cirman; John H. Rice, circus agent, Myron W. McQuigg, carnival eral agent.

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Association of Fairs and Expositions convention in Chicago elected Lewis B. Herring Jr., Beaumont, Tex., president; Charles W. Green, Sedalia, Mo., vice-president, and reelected Frank H. Kingman, Brockton (Mass.) secretary-treasurer.

More than 1,000 showmen attended the Chicago banquet-ball of the Showmen's League of America in the Hotel Sherman. . . . During the outdoor meetings Frank P. Duffield was elected president of the SLA, and Frank R. Conklin was elected first vice-president. . . Floyd E. Gooding was elected president of the American Carnivals Association.

Arnold B. Gurtler, Denver, was elected president of the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches at the organization's New York convention; Adrian W. Ketchum, St. Louis, vice-president, and Alfred R. Hodge, Chicago, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. . . . Light business was done by 54 exhibitors of rides and supplies at the trade show.

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed buildings valued at \$100,000 on Fredericton (N. B.) Exhibition grounds. . . . Mary Erdlitz, Ringling-Barnum equestrienne, was recovering from injuries sustained in

Announcements had Ralph Lockett joining the John H. Marks Shows: Edward J. Rahn, Endy Bros.' Shows: Floyd (Whitey) Newell returning to Mighty Sheesley Midway; Harold Inglish and Denney E. How-World's Fair Shows, and Jack Johnchampion boxer, signing to appear with Pete Kortes's World's Fair ican Legion. museums.

Capt. Roy Rudy Mueller was building permanent winter quarters at Redondo Beach, Calif., for his Jumbo animal act. . . . State Fair of Texas, Dallas, was planning a summer open-air amusement project in Fair Park. Project was for a new show each week, all to be completed before the fair.

Max Goodman, owner, Goodman Wonder Shows, announced the signing of 1940 Four-State Fair, Tulsa, Okla.; Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, and Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln. . . . Officials of Ringling-Barnum circus reported serving 200 Thanksgiving dinners to show personnel and friends in the Sarasota winter quarters mess hall, ... Frank Cervone was managing the Pittsburgh office of George A. Hamid. . . . Rex D. Billings, Montreal park man, was staging "anti-jitterbug dances" in hopes of restoring dancing as a calm and artistic pastime. . . . Clyde Beatty's new Jungle Farm and Zoo, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., opened December 2 to a good gate. . . . Win H. Kinnan, manager of Ohio State Fair, Columbus, labeled passes the biggest curse of fairs in an address before fairmen at Millersburg, O.

Deaths: Mrs. Harry Allen, wife of carnival man; Joseph Caccavello, fireworks manufacturer; Mrs. Thomas Carr, wife of park operator; Carlton Collins, carnival man; Gordon Craigen, circus man; Mrs. Emma A. Munger, wife of circus man.

Lakesport, Calif., Bldg. Plans Announced by Lewis

LAKEPORT, Calif., Dec. 10 .- Construction of cattle and sheep barns and a permanent judging ring, 40 by 60 feet, will be among the major improvements at Lake County Fairgrounds here, according to Phil Lewis,

At a recent board meeting of the Forty-Ninth District Agricultural As-TOLEDO 6, OHIO | sociation it was voted to purchase three acres adjoining the grounds.

Frank B. Hubin, 81, Dies in Atlantic City; In Showbiz 76 Years

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10.-Frank A big turnout at the International B. Hubin, 81, internationally known circus man, showman, promoter and theater owner, died last Friday (2) at his home here after a long illness. He was widely known as "the man with a million friends." In recent years, despite failing health, he had devoted himself to serving as a goodwill ambassador for Atlantic City.

> Hubin was born in Paterson, N. J., October 14, 1869, and became an orphan at the age of six. He got an early start in show business by selling programs in New York theaters. At the age of 14 he joined the W. C. Clup Circus in New York as a page in the feature act. This was the start of a circus career that carried him thruout the world. Later he formed a tumbling act with his brother, John,

With Ringlings in 1894

Hubin quit the circus to stake a claim when the government opened the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma, but later gave this up to return to the big tops. He was with the Ringling Bros." Circus in 1894.

He came to Atlantic City in 1897 with a traveling company of Uncle Tom's Cabin and decided to settle here. He moved his show to the Boardwalk and opened theaters in near-by Mays Landing and Pleasantville. Later he opened a souvenir and saltwater taffy store, and with his real estate holdings was rated in the millionaire class. In September, 1929, he was a victim of the real estate crash, losing his money and holdings. He was never able to regain his former position after the crash, but took several unsuccessful flings at politics.

He is survived by his widow, Paard signing with Dodson & Baillie's tricia, and a brother, P. J. Hubin, of Clifton, N. J. He was a member of the son, former world's heavyweight Elks, Red Men, Knights of Pythias, and honorary member of the Amer-

> The Elks conducted rites Tuesday (6), with Dr. Frank Williams in charge. Burial was held at Laurel Memorial Park Wednesday (7).

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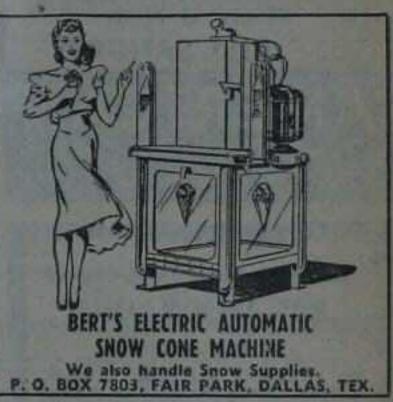
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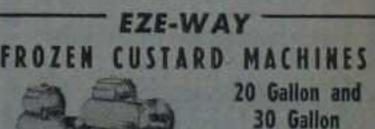
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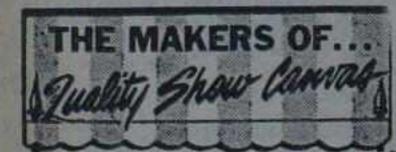
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Dressing Room Gossip

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The Baltimore stand opened with a flourish of activities. Acts augmenting the date included Elly Ardelty, head balancing trapeze; Bruno Zacchini, repeating cannon; Aerial Ortons, swaying pole; Poodles Hanneford Riders, and Jacqueline Tolliver, single trapeze.

Helaine Bechler, formerly with the Western Unit, and this year connected with the Aerial Gibsons, joined to do web. Also new in the aerial ballet were Dorrie Orton, Jackie Tolliver and Mary Shearer. Nate Lewis was credited with making the stand one of the best the org has welcomed the Delbosqs and stabled the musical horse, Seranado, before and during the run. Mrs. I. J. Polack joined in Baltimore. Everyone was happy to see her. Mrs. Gwen Carsey accompanied her to Baltimore and then returned to the Western Unit.

Dukie Anderson, Alfred Florenz, Bumsey Minetti and Bozo and Alfred Ward contributed their share of merry-making in clown alley. Bumsey suffered a severe ankle injury and was forced out of the show. Bozo and Alfred Ward continued with the org. Dorrie Orton's arm was broken when Dutch dropped a piece of the rigging while tearing down. Jacqueline Tolliver wrenched her shoulder during the aerial num-

Bobby Harrison purchased a panel truck, and Melitta and Wicons bought a new car.

The Delbosq family went to Mexico; Borza family, Lopez Trio and Three Borza kids, Sarasota, Fla.; Flying Wards, Gainesville, Tex.; Carreon, California; Roland and Rollie Kinko, Fay's Providence Theater and then Radio City Music Hall, New York; Tiebor's Seals, Tonawanda, N. Y.; Frieda and Ernie Wiswell, Erie, Pa.; Ed Raymond, Cleveland; Mrs. Dave Kind and Mrs. Gene Randow Sr., Chicago; Mrs. Dwight Moore and children, Ohio, and Betty Brasno, Sarasota.

From Baltimore a smaller unit was formed for the last three engagements. Acts included Malikova, high wire; Hubert Castle, tight wire; Melitta and Wicons, perch and teeth suspension; Helaine, Wanda Malikova and Clara La Vine, web girls; Dwight Moore's dogs; Mabel Stark's tigers; Cheerful Gardner's elephants; Dime Wilson's table rock; the Mustaffas; Billy Barton's cloud swing; and the Four Angels, juggling and acro. In clown alley were Gene Randow, producing: Dennis Stevens, Jack Klippel, Dime Wilson and Bozo and Alfred Ward.

Jack Harris of the Flying Wards at a ringside table with Melitta and the hand by one of his lions. Injury Kurt Wicons at the 181 Club. . . . Helaine on a shopping spree. . . . Tony and Pauline Molino waiting Questell's horse kicked him in the on Henry Kyes in the President Hotel face. lobby. . . . Clara La Vine. . . . Terry Peers driving like mad up Broadway showing off his yellow Jeepster .-BILLY BARTON.

Polack Bros., Western

Thanksgiving was spent in Peoria. Ill. Slivers and Jo Madison had Mr. and Mrs. Ross Paul, Chai and Somay and Frenchy Durant as their guests

Harry Dann, entertained at the Pere Va.; MacDonald and Peggy, St. Louis. Marquette Hotel for Harry and Mrs. Freddie Freeman, Virginia Sorensen visited her uncle, Darby Hicks, last week. Other visitors included Roy Allan, clown; Happy Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Porter and son, Larry; Jack Harris, Eullaine Malloy, Father Callahan, Gene Enos and party; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dann, Roy Noble and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Asher and daughter, The Rudynoff family Erma. This will be the writer's final column.

> Louis Stern was in Chicago and then headed for California, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Paul are on a fishing trip to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. George Paige went to Chicago. George Ruby and Jack Cutshall left for Cherryvale, Kan.; Walter and Polly Majeski went to Hope, Ark.; Arthur Harris to New York; Darby Hicks, St. Louis; Mal Duncan, Indianapolis; Charley and Johanna Webb, Detroit; Arden Beecher, Boston and New York; Eddie Daley, Denver; Fred Merkle, Chicago; Mike Healey, Sarasota, Fla.; Clyde Ferguson, Huchinson, Kan.; Billy and Viola Watson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; A. B. (Bozo) Baugh, Miami; Ward-Bell Flyers and Millie Keathley, Gainesville, Tex.; Arthur Springer, Sarasota, Fla.; Bogino Family, Rivera Night Club, Columbus, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Borje Barton, New York.

Chai and Somay went to the China Doll night club, New York; Berosini Family, Circus Atayde, Mexico City; Vickie George, Mexico City; Agube Gudzow, London; Mr. and Mrs. Natal and son, Milwaukee; Carlos and Etta show. Tiebor, Tonawanda, N. Y.; Jo and the performers in their nome. Slivers Madison, Chicago and Fort Wayne, Ind.; Naida and Ray Roberta, vaude and indoor circuses in the East; Alex Konyot, South America; Richard and Elsa Sidney, Greta Heller and Hedy May, Sarasota, Fla.; Bernard fords thruout the week in their home. and Engrid Zenner, New York; Andre It was at one of the Lunds parties and Rose Gould, Sarasota, Fla.; Frenchy Durant, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Eddie and Evette Kohl, Gainesville, Tex.; Harry Dann, St. Louis; Billy Griffin, Fort Branch, Ind.; Sherman Brothers, Cincinnati; Bobby Kellogg, Pauls Valley, Okla.; Otto Griebling, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Freeman, Peru, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Bee Carsey, San Antonio; Wally Newbury, Boston; Charles Dickert, Kansas City, Mo.; Barney (Soldier) Longsdorf, Fort Wayne, Ind.—FRED-DIE FREEMAN.

Ayres & Kathryn Davies

Betty Tilton took a spill off her Seen in New York between dates: rolling globe but escaped serious injury. Captain Christy was clawed on required five stitched. Lee Briggs suffered a broken nose when Tom

Visitors in Coldwater, Mich., were John Walker and Mr. Chaplin. The writer was the guest of Walker at a Rotary dinner. At Homer, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and son, of the

McIntosh Monkey Circus, visited. Personnel enjoyed a three-day Tom Questell went to Carmi, Ill. Robert Castle went to Indianapolis.

Tom Questell's horse van was destroyed in a truck accident while he was en route to Crystal Lake, Ill., from Cedarburg, Wis. Among visitors to the show during the Peru, Ind., engagement were Lyman Keyes, Joe Hodgini, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodson, Betty Engle, Torchy and Cal to New York.-HARRY VILLE-Townsend, George Castle and Per- PONTEAUX.

Tom Packs

Org received considerable publicity via the radio, television and in the newspapers prior to opening in New Orleans November 18, Flack was handled by Jack Leontini.

Destinations of personnel: La Tosca, Caracas, Venezuela; Freddie Canestrelli, to his new restaurant in Saraat Thanksgiving dinner, while the sota, Fla.; Phyllis Wallenda by plane Bartons had Naida Roberta as their to Cuba to open with the Great Wallendas; Bozo Harrel and Company to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dann, parents of the Shrine Circus at Charleston, W.

Musetta Velarde wore a different costume each day on her single traps. Lynn and Linda left for Long Beach. Truzzie, the Juggler, left for Mexico City with Lynn and Jack Norman. Jack and Ruby Landrus to Kerrville, Tex., until they open with Polack's Eastern unit.

Smoky Rouse has been awarded an honorary degree in the Dick Lewis Free Roll Club, after promoting spaghetti dinner for 75 people.

Nels Nelson left for St. Petersburg, Fl: . Joe Siegrist is leaping in Billy Duward's flying act and perfected a new rollover in the finale. Tony Elton had the best spot on the program, finishing and ready to go home before the entire show really got under way. Bill Blomberg is running Bob White a close second for bestdressed honors.

In clown alley were Smoky Rouse, producing clown; Jack and Ruby Landrus, Nels Nelson, Jeff Murphree, Bozo Harrell, Billy O'Dell, Roy Atthe writer.-BOZO LAMONT.

Orrin Davenport

The Wichita, Kan., engagement closed November 27 and all hands departed for various spots. Big social affair in Wichita was the wedding party for June Martin and Renee Sabatain. The party was held on the stage, following the night

The Coopers entertained many of Cooper did a grand job in menage and in putting Starless Night thru routines.

The Lunds, ex-jugglers and perch performers, entertained the Hannethat the Alpha Beta Kappa Gamma Phi FFM Club was formed.

Wichita visitors included Fred and Bette Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrison, Charlie Lewis and sons, Grace MacIntosh, the Florenz troupe and Happy Jackson.

Earl Shipley, Carl Marx, Able Goldstein and Oscar Lowands gave a show at the Veterans Hospital.

Harold Voise, with Jack and George, worked bars in the Wichita show. The Gallaghers made a big hit, as did the costumes in Sonny Moore's dog act.

Corrinne Dearo's eye is okay again, . . . Kay Hanneford, rider, wows 'em at every performance. . . . Oscar Lowande rated a feature story in The Wichita Beacon. Oscar was on the old McMahon Bros.' Circus when Joe McMahon was killed in a Wichita hotel back in 1896,-DICK LEWIS,

Kelly-Miller

HUGO, Okla., Dec. 10 .- Org closed at Broken Bow, Okla., October 30 and moved into quarters here. Winter destinations of personnel follow: Gutierrez troupe, Bakersfield, Calif.; Kriel troupe, Iowa City, Ia.; Mr. and of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duke in Frank N. Francois, Nogales, Ariz.; the Side Show band and Minstrel Davies motored to their home in Dixon, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Heer-dates; Capt. Dorey Miller winter field, Calif., and Obert Kelly, Dale Karren, Kay Isla, Bobby Jane Lydia and members of the Miller family, all to winter quarters, - MAURICE MARMOLEJO.

> cilla and Winester Townsend. L. Forest and Andy Veighey visited at Plymouth, Ind., while en route

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Acts To Break Sesqui Log Jam; Batt, Conklin Group Pulls Out

(Continued from page 50) at organization it should be. ne to the commission from amusent park operators seeking to hanthe midway operations with varifinancial arrangements proposed.

e sesqui commission is holding all posals in suspension pending inllation of its screening machinery. ykin said.

Delays Spark Complaints

The commission's deferment of acn, it is known, has resulted in merous complaints from various arters in the amusement world.

one prominent group, it was rned, actually withdrew its bid dnesday (7) as the result of the nmission's delay. This group coned of Harry Batt, president-manr of Pontchartrain Beach, New eans; J. W. (Patty) Conklin, minent midway operator, with idquarters in Toronto, and Jack v. Conklin's scenic designer.

n a telegram to Milton E. Mayok, financial secretary of the comsion, the group stated: "Due to portant information needed in furrance of our plans for the Freen Fair amusement area which has n long promised and not yet reved, we are withdrawing as of this e with regrets."

lembers of this group, it was rned, had made a number of trips Washington for confabs with sesqui cials and had prepared threenensional plans for the midway a which will consist of 23 acres.

Houses Pose Problem

commission Director Boykin said week that the commission had n unable to set up its machinery processing the midway bids and working out final plans because a temporary hitch on disposal of ising on a piece of land allocated the midway area at Benning Road Oklahoma Avenue, Northeast.

ty-one war-built temporary builds which have been used as temary homes are located on the

site for quarters for the tenants st be found elsewhere before the nmission can proceed to transfer buildings, and this requires some -tape government procedure ich, in an emergency, could be pped by executive action from the ite House. It is estimated that the t of the relocation would be \$500,-, and the commission's executive nmittee is seeking a way out of the

Predicts July 4 Bow

Boykin said there is no doubt that problem will be solved and that

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the exposition will stick to its target opening date of July 4, but, he added, so far, a number of proffers have the problem is temporarily an obstacle in planning the midway operations. Boykin added, tho, that this does not constitute a hitch in overall preparations for the Freedom Fair, and plans are moving along for the ground-breaking next month, with ceremonies slated for Saturday (17) for an amphitheater in conjunction with the fair (see separate story). Boykin and his aids are consulting daily with representatives of industry and government concerning exhibits, displays and there is a steady parade of showfolk and mail to the doors of the commission.

Fiscal Plan Awaited

Meanwhile, the commission is hoping to get action expedited as soon as a permanent fiscal plan is agreed upon. The commission has received a number of proposals for financial backing of the fair. Most of these have come from groups or syndicates which are ready to pour millions of dollars into the exposition with the prospect of getting a share of the take, which is expected to exceed \$30,000,000.

Boykin emphasized that the commission is taking a "slow, but sure course" in its planning so as to avoid "the pitfalls of serious mistakes." He said he recognizes that the screening procedure for handling the amusement arrangements is a drawn-out one, but he voiced belief that this would insure the commission against unfairness or errors.

"After all," said Boykin, "the Freedom Fair is a national project authorized by Congress, and it must function always with that in mind."

It is seen likely that there will be some delay in getting the entire exposition under way next year, but it is nevertheless expected that a formal inaugural ceremony will take place on the target date of July 4, with exposition expanding after that

CanadianAssociation Names McLeod Prez

TORONTO, Dec. 10 .- T. H. McLeod, manager of the Regina Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, Regina, Sask, was elected president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions, at the group's annual convention in the Royal York Hotel here, November 24-25. Alex Ross, manager, Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Que., was named vicepresident and Emery Boucher, managing director, Exposition Provin-, ciale, Quebec, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the board of directors were A. B. Banks, superintendent, Central Nova Scotia Exhibition; J. Paul, manager, Edmonton Exhibition, and Walter Jackson, secretarymanager, Western Fair.

Subjects coming up for discussion at the conclave were classification and judging standards, uniformity of ribbons, freight rates on exhibition livestock, government aid on exhibits, copyrights, rebuilding, advance ticket sales, and ice show and hockey operations.

CARNIVAL FOR A. C.

(Continued from page 50) with admission scaled from 75 cents to \$1.50.

The need for off-season attractions was brought home forcefully when the report was made public that the resort's luxury tax collections-the best index to resort business-dropped during October \$33,780 below October, 1948. This was the greatest decrease since the resort levy was instituted in 1947. The tax collections for the first 10 months of this year are \$115,400 below those for the corresponding period of 1948. Over 95 per cent of the tax is paid by resort

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Mo . 12-18. Ice Follies of 1950 (Sports Arena) Hershey, Pa., 12-20. Lewis, Bud, Wheeling Jamboree (Colony) Marietta, O., 14; (Weller) Zanesville 15;

(Auditorium) Newark 16. Roller Skating Vanities of 1950 (The Forum) Wichita, Kan., 13-18.

Carlson Heads Haddam Neck

George Carlson has been elected presi- ness, said Shoemaker, and it was dent of the Haddam Neck (Conn.) Fair | necessary to add 500 seats in midlin, vice-president; Harry S. Nilsen, for midget auto racing. treasurer; Leonard Selden, secretary, events were offered in midsummer, berg, members of the executive com-

Cascade (Calif.) Area Dates Set at Confab

REDDING, Calif., Dec. 10 .- Dates for six county and one district fair in the Cascade area were set during a meeting of directors and managers of Western Fairs' Association (WFA)

Dates to be submitted to the WFA convention in Los Angeles, December 8-10, include: Plumas County Fair, Quincy, August 10-13; Lassen County Fair, and Livestock Show, Susanville, August 22-27; Siskiyou County Fair, Yreka, August 22-27; Trinity County Fair, Hayfork, August 26-28; Tehama County Fair, Red Bluff, September 2-4, and Shasta District Fair, Anderson, September 7-10.

Managers attending the meeting included R. R. Noble, Tehama County; J. D. Berry, Trinity County; A. A. Jensen, Lassen County; Edward Matthews, Siskiyou County; George Ingram and J. J. Speer, Shasta County; William S. Randall, Colusa County; Stuart Waite, Yolo County; Tulsa Scott, Plumas County; Jess Bequette, Glenn County, and Maurice Hogan, Butte County. Also attending were Rose E. Links, WFA secretary-treasurer, and Eldon Koontz, publicity director.

To Enlarge Atlanta Bowl; Stock Car Races Skedded

ATLANTA, Dec. 10. - Closing a highly successful season recently, Roy Shoemaker, assistant manager of the Peach Bowl here, announced that the grandstand will be enlarged in 1950 and stock car racing will be an added weekly attraction.

During its four-month season the HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 10 .- E. 5,000-seat bowl drew capacity busi-Association, along with Carl G. Sand- season to handle overflow attendance and John L. Kruger and Roy G. Hall- including an exhibition by Ezzard Charles and bouts by Tommy Gomez and Bobcat Elliott.

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Sanatoga, Pa. Funspot Will Reopen in '50

12 Major Rides Set

SANATOGA, Pa., Dec. 10.-Sanatoga Amusement Park, a favorite playground in these parts a decade ago, will reopen in 1950 with 12 major rides and a new pool and beach. Also planned are outdoor shows, such as Westerns and hillbilly, in the new outdoor theater under construction.

Karl W. Spatz, president of Sanatoga Amusement Corporation, who leased the 65-acre plant two years ago, hopes to rebuild this location, on Route 422 between Philadelphia and Reading, into a top amusement center.

Track Season Big

grounds and erected a macadam This promotion should not take more midget auto track and grandstand, than two weeks, from the advance with a seating capacity of 7,500, two publicity standpoint. years ago. The track operated twice weekly this year and enjoyed a successful season, attracting well over freckles are crowned king and queen. 200,000 fans. Stock car racing on the Special prizes also are given the one-fifth mile oval also proved a strong attraction.

The track, according to Charles (Buddy) Wagner, promotional and publicity director, paid out \$39,610 in purses for stock car racing alone. Wagner, who operates his own auto thrill show, showed his Hell Drivers grosses of the season.

four nights each week is planned for York. the stadium, with two nights of and midget auto racing.

Philadelphia New Year's parade, other outdoor spots. For this purpose have been inked for three perform- the firm has constructed a 50-foot ances. An outdoor theater, which high tower of steel framework, with opened last season, will be remodeled and ready for the park's opening May 31.

season in mid-April.

Relic Rates Story

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- A relie of old Riverview Park, closed 25 years ago, rated a story and a two-column picture in The Detroit Free Press recently. A large-size distorting mirror, used for years at the park, is now one of the fixtures at the Casino, city-operated restaurant in Belle Isle Park.

N. J. Judge Rules Vets Can Peddle On State Beaches

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 10. - A Monmouth County judge this week ruled that war veterans can peddle goods along beach fronts under a State license, Judge John C. Giordano set aside the Belmar, N. J., Police Court fines of four Atlantic County World War II veterans under a municipal ordinance. They were charged with selling ice cream on the resort beaches.

closely by Southern New Jersey resorts that have anti-peddling ordinances along similar lines as those of Belmar, Judge Giordano said the ordinance was discriminatory, arbitrary, prohibitive and unreasonable. The judge added that Belmar customarily leases beach-front concessions and the conclusion could readily be drawn that the municipal action of prohibiting peddling in this locality was for the purpose of thwarting competition.

Spots Before Your Eyes

Freckle-Face Round - Up Event Good Promotion, Illions Says

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Among pro- brother and sister with the most motion ideas uncovered at one session freckles, twins with the most freckles of the National Association of Amuse- and also to the persons with the redment Parks, Pools and Beaches dest hair and freckles, the largest (NAAPPB) in Hotel Sherman here, freckles and the youngest and oldest November 27-30, was the one re- persons with freckles. On the day of ported by Harry Illions, Celoron Park, Jamestown, N. Y.

"A Century of Progress" in 1934, the prizes. Special diplomas also were contest has been improved, Illions awarded winners. said, and proved a big success at Celoron this year.

"The promotion has to have the backing of a newspaper, and we go at it with the idea of increasing the circulation of that paper, as well as helping ourselves," Illions said.

"Out contest was sponsored by The Post-Journal, our leading local newspaper and was called 'The Post-Jour-Spatz and his associates leased the nal Freckle-Face Round-up Contest."

"All types of freckles are judged. The boy and girl with the most

Dutch Carillon Mfr. Inspects U. S. Parks

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- G. Fritsen, an executive of the Dutch bell founhere on two occasions during the dry firm of Petit & Fritsen, flew season, racking up his top still date back to Holland Friday (2) after a four-week sojourn in America, dur-Wagner will have charge of book- ing which he visited amusement parks ing special attractions. Operation in Chicago and the environs of New

The Petit & Fritsen firm, at Aarlestocks and one each of motorcycle Rixtel, Holland, specializes in carillons and is currently interested in The Mummers' String Band Frolic, marketing a set-up suitable for inwith the top bands of the annual stallation in amusement parks or the bells hung on a roofed platform, which also serves as a clock tower, with dials on all four sides of the and Marvin Staton, Springlake Spatz plans to open the auto racing roof. Carillon can be played manually or automatically.

with Riverview Park, Chicago, and Statons plan to build a Kiddieland with Palisades Amusement Park, on in their park and were at Pontcharthe Hudson, where he was the guest train to look over Batt's layout and of Superintendent Joe McKee.

the contest we had reduced rates on certain rides. We gave away bicycles, First tried by Illions at Chicago's savings bonds and other valuable

Butlin Bahama Spot To Open January 28

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 -William E. (Billy) Butlin, president of the Amusement Caterers' Association of Great Britain and spark plug of the big Butlin organization, which operates huge summer resort camps thruout the British Isles, was a recent visitor in New York.

Butlin is all set to spring his latest venture, Butlin's Bahamas Vacation Village, which is under construction on the Gand Bahama Island. of the coast of Flarida, and will get

going on January 28.

The Bahamas Vacation Village will start off with accommodations for 1,444 guests, which will be expanded to 2,444 by September. The first unit calls for an expenditure of \$2,800,000 and cost of the completed project will be \$5,600,000.

The resort offers surf and pool swimming, all the usual resort activities, British name bands for dancing and theatrical shows. In comparison with rates at the Butlin vacation camps in England, the prices at his Bahama spot are somewhat high, the all-inclusive rate being set at study of anti-pollution laws. \$98 per week, against a package deal for Americans at his English camps of approximately \$26 per week.

Statons Visit Batts

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10. - Roy Amusement Park, Oklahoma City, visited the Harry J. Batts at Pontchar-Fritsen was particularly impressed train Beach here Thursday (8). The consult with him on the operation.

A. C. Dads Urged to Remove Burned Mil-\$ Pier Eyesore

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 .- While decking on the pilings. The firm, owners of the fire-ravaged Million- composed of Walter S. Crosson, Eliza-Dollar Pier are still trying to figure out what to do with the old amusement spot, former Sen. Emerson L. Richards called upon city officials this week to condemn the property and have it removed as an eyesore. In a letter to Mayor Joseph Altman Richards pointed out that the removal of the pier with its wrecked building, signs and stands would add greatly to the value of property in the vicinity and also provide a clear view of the ocean front from Pier the only major amusement center Tennessee Avenue to Longport.

In his decision, which was watched the Saratoga Realty Company of the Central Pier, which houses in-Atlantic City, owner of the pier, has dustrial exhibits, and Steeplechase been considering clearing away the Pier, a small pier housing kiddie buildings and constructing open rides.

beth Crosson and Councilman Kenneth Crosson, all of Philadelphia, has lost \$200,000 as a result of the blaze: fire losses aggregated about \$500,000 and insurance was only \$300,000.

Richards suggested that sales-tax money be used to purchase and remove the pier. With Garden Pier being transformed into a public park. the razing of the Million-Dollar Pier would leave George A. Hamid's Steel on the ocean side of the Boardwalk. Meanwhile it was learned that The other two piers operating are

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Gary Funspot Scheduled To Open in June

Sacco General Manager

GARY, Ind., Dec. 10. - Savage Center Exposition Park, owned by Sam Savage, of Willow Springs, Ill., will open as a full-fledged amusement park here next June.

Tommy Sacco, Chicago booker, has been named general manager and will book all attractions, rides and concessions. Plans are to have six kiddle and three major rides, all on a concession basis. Two of the three major rides will be a Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-

The restaurant and dance hall, costing \$180,000, is expected to open New Year's Eve. Restaurant and cocktail lounge will be on the main floor with the dance hall on the lower

Sacco said that the spot also has a grandstand, seating 6,000, which will be used for midget auto races. Plans are to build a permanent roller rink and a picnic grove.

Spot will have a free gate,

Jersey Execs Study Beach Attractions

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 10 .- State officials are considering ways and means of making New Jersey beaches more attractive and enjoyable for vacationists next summer. They met this week with other interested groups and received the suggestion that the State attorney general be asked for a

Possible action might be taken against fishing and pleasure boats, which allegedly pollute beaches, particularly since the health department reported it had received numerous complaints last summer that boats were dumping refuse near the beaches, U. S. Coast Guard representatives also promised complete cooperation in enforcing the laws and keeping the beaches from becoming polluted.

New Jersey Resorts Seek Unified Laws

WILDWOOD CREST, N. J., Dec. 10. -A unified ordinance which would apply to all resorts in South Jersey is under study by W. Russell Epler, soicitor for the local resort. It is thought that it might be possible to draw up an ordinance covering the resort area on matters concerning regulations on the beach and boardwalk, parking, disrobing in cars and similar items governing the conduct of vacationists.

Epler is meeting with representatives of the three resorts in the greater Wildwood resort area, including North Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and Wildwood, along with representatives from near-by Cape May.

Reshuffle Ocean City, N. J., Mercantile License Fee

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OCEAN CITY, N. J., Dec. 10 .-Merchantile license fees at this South Jersey resort will be increased for most types of business establishments under an ordinance pending final adoption by the city commission December 16. The measure would boost the basic minimum merchantile tax from \$15 to \$25, including small guest houses, which currently pay only 50 cents for each room rented.

New ordinance is the first attempted overhauling of the town's merchantile tax structure since 1937.

ersey Resorts Endangered by Steady Erosion

TLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 .- State J. Stanley Herbert, at a meeting the New Jersey League of Municiities in Haddon Hall Hotel this ek, predicted that the State's resort ustry will perish within the next f-century unless beach erosion is ted. Herbert is chairman of the islative Anti-Erosion Commission.

ie told the League that wind and have cut away New Jersey's ches at the rate of two and onef feet a year for the past 80 years. his rate is allowed to continue, he led, the State will have to face the ndonment of its largest industry hin 50 years. New Jersey's resort ustry, he continued, is a billion lar enterprise and if permitted to appear the State will lose its major rce of income within a comparaly few years.

Ask 75 Per Cent State Aid

enator Herbert held out hope for salvation of the State's resorts en he announced that the governor the legislature are determined to ise measures to halt destruction of beaches and said his commission introduce legislation permitting State to contribute 70 per cent of cost on anti-erosion projects ertaken by New Jersey resorts ead of the present 50 per cent.

he need for federal aid was raised Congressman T. Millet Hand, ssing the fact that two new fedbills are being prepared to meet se needs. Army engineers cited sion as Atlantic City's No. 1 prob-, pointing out that the local resort been forced to spend over \$1,800,in five years for the sole purpose protecting its shoreline.

Irwin Shapiro Heads Rockaway Business Group

EW YORK, Dec. 10,-Chief Asant District Attorney J. Irwin piro of Far Rockaway was elected sident of the Rockaway Chamber Comerce Tuesday (6).

ther officers chosen for 1950 were orge A. War, first vice-president; n L. Boller, treasurer, and Leon R. hauser, secretary.

. I. Kiddie Spot Still Doing Biz

EW YORK, Dec. 10. - Bernard kley, owner of the Fairyland ldy Park, located in the Forest ls section of suburban Long Island, continuing operation of the spot long as weather permits. k, which was opened this past nmer, clicked from the start and to date has continued to draw d biz.

serkley is now in Florida, where has interests in greyhound tracks, will return here shortly to comte plans for expansion of the kiddy k for next season. In addition to talling more rides, Berkley will ect rest rooms and other buildings land he has acquired adjoining park.



Hard - Way School Gave Scenic Artist Ray Practical Approach

(Continued from page 51)

block long, whereas formerly the tractions with fronts that clash." same Funhouse had obtained merely fair business.

Word of the CNE fronts spread. Each year as added improvements erators have traveled to Toronto to see what Jack, with the backing of Patty Conklin and the latter's brother, Frank, had wrought.

Harry Batt, operator Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, is one of the many park execs enthused over the effectiveness and appeal of the CNE fronts. And Harry, whose son is studying design as a preparation for a career in the park management field, is but one of a number of park execs who has asked Jack to survey his funspot with a view to new designs and improvements for show fronts.

Drafts Sesqui Layout

When Batt and Patty Conklin were drawn this fall into submitting a proposal for the midway operation of the 1950 Washington Sesquicentennial, it was Jack who drafted a layout for the proposed funspot. He worked out that draft in minute detail to the extent even of preparing three dimensional projections of each individual attraction.

Jack's achievements have drawn him into many projects. He redesigned the fronts at Belmont Park, Montreal, assisted the late Joe Drambour in Park, Providence, R. I., and designed new fronts for the Steel Pier and the Million Dollar Pier at Atlantic City by George A. Hamid. In addition he has designed and continues to design show fronts for touring carnivals.

Zoo Amazes

One of his most unusual projects was the Children's Zoo at the Cincinnati Zoo. Working in collaboration with Vernon A. Trigger, consulting engineer, Jack designed an attractive "zoo within a zoo" for the small fry that embraced novel ideas which set a new high standard. He not only designed fronts and backgrounds woven around 16 nursery rhymes, but introduced a 35-foot stationary boat, the so-called Mystery Ship. Equipped with illusion mirrors, placed at the ship's portholes, the boat scored an immediate hit, as wide-eyed kids peered thru the portholes to find ducks walking upside down on water.

On the basis of public acceptance, the Laugh in the Dark at the CNE is rated the most notable of the midway fronts Jack has designed. He and Patty Conklin have received more requests for blue prints and photos of it than for any of the Ray-designed fronts, but Jack himself rates his Magic Carpet and Penny Arcade fronts as his two best designs.

Stage Layouts

He holds to the theory that a midway layout is similar to that of a stage

Final Decision on Opening Of Ocean View Is Delayed

VENICE, Calif., Dec. 10 .- Final decision on the opening of Ocean View Park here was delayed another three weeks when only three members of the Police Commission attended a hearing instead of the usual five.

The City Planning Department already has granted a zone variance so construction of the park could begin. Promoters of the park claim more than \$3,000,000 has been spent in attempts to get the grounds open. If the Police Commission refuses a HOLLYWOOD SPOTS-LITE CO. permit, this money will be lost, a park spokesman said.

| setting. "There should not be a jarastounding business. Typically, the ring note," he explains. "Each attrac-Laugh in the Dark, spotted in its tion should fit into its individual customary location but sparkling with place without over-emphasis. And the a jewel-like quality, built up waiting sum effect should be as one solid lines which extended more than a piece, rather than a mixture of at-

Jack rates such materials as aluminum, flex board and water-proof plywoods as a boon to front-building, employs the latest developments in have been made amusement park op- lighting equipment and strives to combine them in true modern design.

Born in Nottingham, England, December 11, 1911, Jack was 13 when his family moved to Western Canada, settling in Edmonton, Alta. At 15 he had his first taste of show business as assistant to the scenic artists in the Empire Theater in that city. The job consisted largely of handling and retouching sets which came in from England and the U.S.

Launches Own Biz

When only 18, Jack launched his own business as a designer and builder of commercial exhibits, turning out displays for exhibitors at such events as the Calgary Stampede and the Edmonton Exhibition and the CNE.

The Edmonton area, however, offered limited possibilities for Jack's genius and after a few years, he went to Bridgeport, Conn., where he worked for the Loews-Poli Theater Circuit. Next he took a fling at New York City. There, he designed sets and served as stage manager for the Minsky burlesque interests, a connection which subsequently took him to Miami where he was a designer at a pier, operated by the Minsky enredesigning the layout at Rocky Point terprise, until it folded. Thereupon he Joined Patty Conklin.

Jack is married, his wife being the former Eleanor Palmer of the Palmer when those spots were both operated Sisters, a song and dance team. They have two children, Eleanor, 12, and Robert, 10. The Rays live in Toronto, but plan to move to the States when Jack becomes a U. S. citizen some three years hence, when he will receive his final naturalization papers.

Tashmoo Funspot, Detroit, May Be Launched in 1950

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—Plans for the reopening of Tashmoo Park on Harsen's Island at the mouth of the Saint Clair River, 40 miles north of Detroit, are being made for 1950. Key factor is the tentative plan of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company, major passenger ship operators on the Great Lakes, to operate one ship a day, with a possible second if traffic warrants, to the island, giving daily service for the first time in a decade.

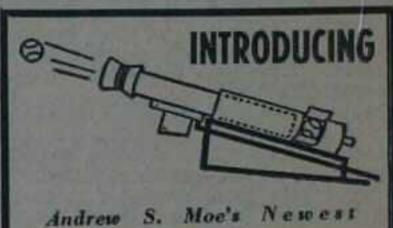
Accessible only by boat, the park gradually ceased operation as a full scale amusement operation, and became a picnic spot only. Present plans include installation of rides and other regular park attractions.

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Davenport Inks Regina

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- The Chicago Coliseum, which for the last three years has featured a circus during the Christmas holiday season, has nixed a show for this year, Orrin Davenport, promoter of the event the last two years along with Leo Seltzer, Coliseum manager, announced this week.

While Davenport gave no reason for the canceling of the date, it is a known that the show did not draw during the holiday season. Last year the poor gate partly was due to extremely cold weather. Show last year opened Christmas Day and closed January 2.

Davenport announced that he has inked one new date for his 1950 route, Regina, Sask, the week of June 5.

Davenport's 1950 season opens in Toledo, the week of January 16. Other dates include Grand Rapids, Mich., week of January 23; Detroit, January 30-February 12; Cleveland, February 13-26; St. Paul, week of March 13; Sioux Falls, S. D., week of March 20; Winnipeg, May 6-13; Calgary, week of May 15; Saskatoon, week of May 29, and Regina.

Davenport said his fall dates this year were okay, equaling, in almost every instance, the grosses of last year. He said his 1950 dates are expected to be as good, if not better.

2 English Cirk eterans Die also will work in clown alley.

LONDON, Dec. 10. - Two former veteran circus performers, one of whom was a native of the United States, died at their homes in Eng- ing clown. Among other clowns will land recently. One was William Patrick McAllister, known thruout the British Isles as the clown Doodles, and the other was Bert Burnell, knockabout comedian.

Bert Burnell (Egbert Jee), 73, died at his home in Brixton November 2. Burnell was born in Brewster, N. Y., but he and his brothers, Harry, Joe and Fred, went to England at an early age and were apprenticed to Lord John Sanger's Circus, where they remained for several years.

the four toured England as the Four Burnells, a knockabout comedy act. Before retiring, in 1921, Burnell had toured the world with various acts, such as Maple & Burnell and the Jees. He was the last of the four Burnell brothers but is survived by his widow and three sons, Seth, Fred and David Jee.

The joey, Doodles, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, where he later was a favorite "Auguste" for 18 years with Hengler's circus. He was equally popular at England's leading shore resort, Blackpool, where he clowned for more than 30 summers at the Tower Circus. He was a talented wire-walker and acrobat but preferred the role of joey. He died at his home in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, October 30, in his 70's, and his ashes were taken to Blackpool.

Ringling Quarters Opened

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 10 .- Ringling Bros, and Barnum and Bailey Circus winter quarters were opened to the public here Sunday (4), a week ahead of the advertised date. Visitors jammed the big cat barn, elephant kraal and giraffe enclosure at 2:30 p.m. Quarters will be open daily to visitors from now on until the show entrains for New York next spring. Admish, as in former years, is 50 cents.

Chi Coliseum New Talent To Dominate Both All New Canvas Nixes Holiday Polack Bros. Units in 1950; Ink Reunited Repensky Troupe Bros. will go out in 1950 with all new

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- New talent will dominate both units of Polack Bros.' Circus in 1950, it was revealed in the line-up of acts announced this week by Louis P. Stern, managing director. The Eastern Unit opens January 15 in Saginaw, Mich.; the Western January 12 in Fort Wayne, Ind. "Groundwork for our 1950 shows was laid by I. J. Polack before his death," Stern said. "We regard them as a perfect tribute to his showmanship." Details were handled by Ethel Robinson, Polack talent scout and booking agent, and represent weeks of negotiation. The Western Unit will have

the reunited Loyal Repensky Troupe. Guistino Loyal, who several years ago went on his own, spending one season with Polack and the last two with Ringling-Barnum, again is joining forces with the rest of the family. With five girls, six men and nine horses, their combined bareback-riding act will feature Guistino and Zefta. They also will do their sevenpeople teeterboard act as the Brannocks.

Transferring from the Eastern Unit will be Hubert Castle, tight wire, and Melitte and Wicons, newcomers last season from Sweden, doing two equally strong acts-head-andshoulder-balancing perch and, as the Sikorska Duo, a sensational iron-jaw swinging pole number.

New features with Western will include the Shyrettos, cyclists; Lalage, aerialist; Limon, Danish pantomimist, and Afredo Landon and his three midgets, comedy acros.

Few Acts Held Over

Outstanding holdovers will be the Seven Ward-Bell Flyers, the Rose Gould Trio, and the MGM elephants, presented by Slivers and Jo Madison, with Frenchy Durant as assistant.

Woolford's dachshunds and Chihuahuas, and Rudy Docky's basketballplaying boxer dogs, the latter to be

Negotiations are under way for another featured animal act.

Otto Griebling, who joined Polack last season, will take over as producbe Harry Dann, Chester and Joe Sherman, Bobby Kellogg and Billy Griffin. The Landon midgets also will work in clown numbers.

Arthur Springer returns as announcer and Bee Carsey as musical director.

Eastern Unit Program

The Eastern Unit will draw heavily from the 1949 Western line-up. Acts making the shift will be the Berosini Troupe (4), high wire; the Bogino After quitting the Sanger circus Family (7), Risley; Four Cycling Sidneys; Natal, the monkey-man, and Alexander Konyot, equestrian.

New talent joining Eastern includes Los Onas, Spanish perch act, and the Joanidies, juggling on the slack wire, last season with Ringling; the Tong Brothers (3), Chinese acros, last season with Cole Bros.; Montes de Ocas, trampoline and hand balancing, and Albert Fleet's chimpanzees.

The Flying Wards will enlarge from four to seven people, doing a double flying act with two catchers. Ernie Wiswell will be held over

with his Funny Ford.

Randow Again Head Clown

Gene Randow Jr. will be back as producing clown. Les and Ruby Landrus will join clown alley, and as announcer and musical director, Ed Raymond and Dennis Stevens will respectively. return.

charge of the show's elephants, with the Eastern Unit until March 1. Irene Lafferty working in the act. Other talent will be substituted until Nate Lewis and Henry Kyes return then.

3 Cirk Names Die in Europe

PARIS, Dec. 10. - Three widely known personalities of the European circus world have died in recent weeks.

France has lost one of its best known critics in the death of Legrand-Chabrier, vice-president of the Presse Parisienne Du Music-Hall, a leading critic of the circus and variety fields, and equally well known as a press agent, having been associated with the Cirque Medrano for many years and also having handled and horses. Superintendent Charley press relations for several of the Paris music halls and big-time vaude spots.

In Denmark, the well-known horse trainer, Max Gotsch, 66, died at Ydby November 2. Gotsch had charge of the Liberty and high school horses New animal acts will include Nana of the Circus Miehe for the past 19 years, during which time he never took a single day's vacation.

At the winter quarters of the Knie presented in the prologue. Docky Bros,' Circus in Rapperswil, Switzerland, the well-known Italian clown, Connecticut home, he will confer with Rudolfo Cavallini, died October 26. Lederer in New York and return to Cavallini, member of the well-known Cleveland in mid-January to draw up circus family, had been with the Knie advertising and publicity. Circus for 35 consecutive years.

Reds Angle To Boss Berlin's Barlay Unit

BERLIN, Dec. 10 .- Circus Barlay, playing at its indoor arena here, temporarily closes tomorrow to prepare a big, new show to open Christmas Day.

Barlay has been featuring Hannes Cimarro, who does a so-called death leap into a cage of lions. The act has been the object of a campaign, calling for suppression of such risky acts, which is believed to be a smoke screen to pave the way for the Communist-dominated authorities of the East Zone.

Barlay also is faced with threat of a suit by circus owner Cliff Aeros. who does an act similar to that of Cimarro and claims priority as he has been performing the act for 10 years.

Circus Buegler, whose big top was destroyed by fire in February, recently was dealt a second blow when its tent was ripped to shreds by a hurricane while the show was playing at Steele. New canvas was secured within three days and the circus continued its tour.

A contract in Mexico will prevent Cheerful Gardner will continue in the Berosini Troupe from joining

For Mills Bros.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Dec. 10 .- Mills canvas, including a 120 with three 40's, and will feature a large contingent of imported acts, Jack and Jake Mills announced on a visit to winter quarters here this week.

Work on the new canvas, purchased from U. S. Tent & Awning Company while Jack Mills was attending the Chicago convention, already is underway with delivery due in mid-March. New canvas also includes a 60 with three 30's for the menagerie, a 50 with two 20's for the Side Show, 30 by 60 cookhouse, 20 by 40 dressing tent and big show, Side Show and connection marquees. Big top and menagerie will have 12-foot high walls, two feet over Mills's previous tops. Mills also purchased the newly developed Kolite from S. T. (Sid) Jessop, of U. S. Tent, to further flash up the marquee. Jessop said the Mills show is the first to adopt the new-type lighting.

The Mills brothers held an all-day huddle in Cleveland Saturday (3) with booker Hans Lederer to line up new European acts and clowns. Names of the new acts will be released soon along with American acts and clowns.

Equestrian Director Bert Wallace and wife, Jeannette, are due in quarters soon to break new dogs, ponies Brady has a number of men in quarters and work has started on new side, quarter and center poles. Brady also has part of his crew rebuilding two sleepers and a cage.

All prop men, ushers and ticket sellers will be uniformed next season, Jack Mills says. All dates will be sponsored as in the past. Promotional men will start work in early January. General Agent H. W. Ahrhart Jr. will go on the road January 3.

Fred Stafford will carry four men on press. After a vacation at his

Hamburg's Hansa In Postwar Revival

HAMBURG, Dec. 10. - The Hansa Theater, prewar big-time circusvaude spot of Germany, was practically wiped out during the war, but the former horse and elephant stable of the establishment has been fitted out as an arena and, under the management of Grell and Hoffman, is presenting top-notch bills, using the best talent available.

Shows run a full month. The current lineup of acts includes five wellknown European circus acts - the Five Deblars, cyclists; Toni Storzenbach, juggler; Burton & Son, handto-hand; Brook & Rossfield, acrocomics, and the Five Talo Boys, tumblers.

The Hansa seats only 350 spectators and prices are moderate, but drinks are served and apparently the spot is making money.

Kingston, N.Y., Stand Winner for Polack

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- Polack Bros.' Eastern Unit played to good houses on its two-day stand here, Friday and Saturday (2-3) in the New York State Armory under auspices of the Elks. Friday night's show was well attended despite a snowstorm. Saturday's matinee and night show were near straws.

Art Barrett handled the advance, with local publicity in charge of Joe Kelly, assistant city editor of the local newspaper.

Ameri-Congo Closes

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 10, - The Ameri-Congo Animal Exhibit canceledathe final two weeks of its route, closing in Douglas, Ga., Saturday (26), and moving into quarters here.

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James B. Crouch, brother of Mrs. | port, Naples, Fla., and not in Fort A. F. Maley, who died recently in Meyers, Fla., as was recently re-Atlanta, was buried there Sunday (27). Arthur Maley is with King Bros.' Circus.

Not every performer will have a biographer, but almost any of them can look forward to having a souped-up newspaper story.

Joe Rossi reports that since closing with Cole Bros.' Circus he has played several dates with his new Rossi's Silver Star band. Dates included a concert at the Huntington, W. Va., Veterans' Hospital, Stella Fuller Community Center, Huntington, and Parkersburg, W. Va., Shrine Circus. Rossi now in Huntington, will leave for Gonzales, Tex., after January 1 to play several winter dates.

Closing a season penniless may be a good lesson to the circus spendthrift if he can remember it seven months from

Lew A. (Bozo) Ward and son are clowning with Polack Bros.' Eastern Unit. Bozo soon will play club dates in the East until March. . . Miami, Irving Romig, of clown alley, armory, Benton Harbor, Mich., after show latter part of January. . . . says that he has been signed to open cus at Plant City, Fla., December 3, with the Orrin Davenport Shrine will play schools this winter. . . Circus in Toledo January 15.

that it made meatloaf a more practical New Orleans. lood than steaks and chops.

Count Felix von Luckner, the Gerfilliated with AFL, needs Phone Salesman.
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man sea raider of World War I, Count Felix von Luckner, the Gerwhile in Cincinnati last week, was the guest of Dr. William C. Huebener, a member of the John Robinson-The count addressed a Cuvier Press Club luncheon Friday (9) noon. Huebener formerly was personal physician to Kaiser Wilhelm II. . . . Ringling - Barnum concessionaires, Frank, Paul and Max Miller, have returned to New York after closing the season at Miami.

> the old-timers are eager to teach, but often aren't up to the times.

> Otto Griebling, vet clown, this season with the Polack Western unit, phoned the home office of The Billboard Monday of last week (5) while passing thru Cincinnati en route from St. Louis' to Charleston, W. Va., where the Polack org played the Auditorium December 5-11. Speaking of his present connection, Griebling said: "This indoor circus business has spoiled me. This is really show business. When I get out of this end of the game I'll hang up the baggy pants and big shoes for good."

Everybody envies a successful general agent who has a chair so comfortable he can nap each day while back with the show.

Albert Nelson, one-man band, is wintering in Tampa after closing the season with Jay Gould's Million-Dollar Circus. . . Paul Jerome, clown and The Billboard sales agent on Ringling Bros, and Barnum & Bailey Circus, is wintering at the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, after closing with the show in Miami. Jerome says that upon leaving the Miami stand, he mislaid the addresses of the three persons from whom he collected winter subscription money for The Billboard. He asks that these three persons contact him at the Huckins Hotel, giving him their winter headquarters so that he may consummate his part of the deal and have The Billboard shipped to them. Rogers Bros.' Cir-Dayton 4, Ohlo cus is in winter quarters at the air-

ported.

When one reads of long hauls to lots it leads us to belive they are still moving em with horses.

Wyatt Davies, clown, is visiting Ben (Curly) Hoover in Austin, Tex. . . . Frank J. Lee, after closing with the Clyde Beatty Circus as promotion manager, joined the Cavalcade of Amusements for the remainder of the season, closing at Mobile, Ala. He motored to San Antonio to pick up his wife and then went to Chicago for the outdoor convention. Frank operates the Lee Billposting Company in San Antonio. . . . Vern Coriell cards that the Struggle brothers are working on the West Coast and that their father, Asthama, will clown with Billie Burke next season on Terrell Jacobs's cir-

Roy and Joy Thomas, clowns, returned to their home in Gibsonton, Fla., after closing with the Hamid-Morton Circus in Atlanta. Billy Hudson, who also closed in Atlanta, vacationed with the Thomases until December 6, when all left to play After closing with the Big One at Shrine circus dates in Thomaston and Tifton, Ga., with other dates to joined Patterson Bros.' Circus in the follow. They will return to the H-M which he heads for a number of Mack Stafford, magician, who closed Christmas party dates in Detroit. He the season with Rogers Bros.' Cir-Wyatt Davis, clown, visited Jeff Murphree and other friends on the Tom Trouble with cookhouse economics is Packs show at the Shrine Circus,

Hill's Indoor Promotion Chalks Okay Biz in Akron

CANTON, O., Dec. 10 .- Chuck Hill's two-day indoor circus promotion in Loyal Repensky Tent of Circus Fans, the Jewish Center here played to fair business the first day and racked up two capacity houses November 28.

Talent line-up included Henry Selinsky's trained horses and mule: Jimmy Kaaro and Nancy and Charles Hill Jr., trick roping; Vic Lantzer and Company acrobats; Chuck Hill, comedy bike act; Eddie Arnold's dogs; Gonga, trained zebra, First of Mays are eager to learn and owned by Tony Diano, and trained by Jimmy Kaaro.

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Limitations on Livestock Exhibits Get Lashing

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 .- Western | presiding. At yesterday's lunch Jesse day discussion Thursday (8) of trade Fred W. Links, State assistant diproblems, with special attention rector of finance, Sacramento. Manreceive 4 per cent. This is the first Advertising Company. meeting here since 1941. It is being held at the Biltmore Hotel.

Dr. J. N. D. Hindley, secretarymanager of Humbolt County Fair, Ferndale, presided, with Paul Mannen, San Diego County Fair, Del Mar, acting as program chairman.

Opening day was devoted to registration and contacting by fair suppliers, including carnival owners. Show owners have been fighting for several years to secure a spot on the opening program in which to tell of their shows. With the spot scheduled for 9:45 Friday morning, only two owners-O. N. Crafts, Crafts 20 big Shows, and Larry Ferris, Ferris Greater Shows-appeared to make a pitch.

Assemblyman Lester Davis, of the plant. Interim Committee; Eric McLachlan, deputy chief, California Division of Audits, and D. V. Stewart, manager of California Mid-Winter Fair, Imperial, discuss history of the WFA. Then W. S. Randall, Colusa County Harvest Festival, talked on area meetings, and Russell E. Pettit, Santa Clara County Fair, outlined plans for entertaining fair visitors.

The only fireworks came at the tax bill. close of the afternoon session when Meanwhile the exhibition directors Nic Huddleston, manager of Placer announce the framing of plans for an County Fair, Roseville, opened his annual during Labor Day week of talk on fair procedure with emphasis 1950, the first since 1938. Outbreak on the limiting of livestock classes of World War II, almost on the eve and areas from which these exhibits of the 1939 fair, caused cancellation could be received.

answer period was interrupted by personnel. Alfred Elliott, manager of Tulare County Fair, who took exception to vember, 1939, and was later replaced the limiting of livestock exhibits and with military structures. At the end plainly outlined his stand. Elliott of hostilities the military quarters charged that any attempt to limit were accupied by an emergency exareas from which livestock exhibits could come would limit competition New Brunswick and their tenure will and kill incentive in youngsters to continue until June 30, 1950. The fair exhibit. While on the stand, he took directors hope to move in the next the opportunity to hit at the "ine- day and are framing a fair for 1950 quality" of premiums. He said he could see no fairness in the fact that ings pending rebuilding of a proper the Cow Palace (San Francisco) plant. could pay \$45 top money while smaller fairs could not. (Top money at smaller fairs runs about \$30.) The Tulare manager cited his long president and director, was picked to experience in the field and asked that if premiums were cut "then let's cut all the way thru." Elliott's unprepared talk was given strong applause.

The afternoon session, before the Elliott talk, had Dr. Hindley sched- Kalamazoo Annual uled with The President's Annual Dry, Dull Report; Tom A. Dodge, manager, Fresno County Fair, Racing Comes of Age; Link Peckinpah, director, Plumas County Fair, Quincy, A Good Story Is Worth Repeating, and John Lagomarsino, president-director, Ventura County Fair, Ventura, Everyone Who Is a Hobbyist, Is a Lobbyist. Huddleston's fuselighter was You, Too, Can Be Tight and Pretty.

Today's closing session featured a report of the Assembly Interim Committee on fairs and expositions. The session ended with WFA members attending the annual Pacific Coast Showmen's Association ball held in the Biltmore Bowl. More than 800 attended.

Special luncheon sessions were held yesterday and today in the Renaissance Room with Dr. Hindly

Fairs' Association, holding its 27th Chambers, manager, Santa Barbara annual meeting here, opened a three- County Fair, introduced the speaker, given to the decline in race tracks nen introduced today's speaker, Tony betting, of which California fairs Whan, president of the Pacific Indoor

Service associates maintain open house each day from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fight on Tax On Fredericton Expo Likely

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 10. -Principal subject considered at the annual meeting of Fredericton Exhibition, Ltd., held here at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel November 24, was the tax bill of \$7,759.17 which the Yesterday morning's session heard city has levied on the exhibition

> In February, 1948, all lands and buildings of the exhibition plant were deeded to the city and since that time Fredericton Exhibition, Ltd., has assumed the role of a holding company. Now it appears the city has decided to assess its own property and has invited the holding company to pay. On the advice of legal counsel the exhibition group is disregarding the

of the show and occupation of the Chairman Mannen's question and grounds and buildings by military

The fair plant was burned in Nopansion program of the University of which will utilize the military build-

Election of officers resulted in reelection of C. Hedley Forbes as president and F. S. Mundle, a former fill the vacancy on the board of directors caused thru the retirement of Randall, McMurray the veteran, A. C. Fleming.

To Drop Free Gate

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 10. -Kalamazoo County Fair board has respectively, of Western Fairs Assodecided to drop its free gate policy and set an admission price at the outside gate next season.

charge will be made, but board members said definitely the word "free" would be dropped from the fair's



Winter Fairs

ARIZONA

Mesa-Maricopa Co. Pair & Citrus Bhow. Feb. 18-26. Marcel Delporte.

CALIFORNIA

Imperial-California Mid-Winter Pair: Feb. 25-March S. D. V. Stewart. Indio-Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival Feb. 17-22, R. M. C. Fullenwider,

San Bernardino-National Orange Show March 9-19. R. Z. Smith.

FLORIDA

Bowling Green-Hardee Co. Strawberry Pestival: Jan. 16-21. G. W. Glendenning. Dade City-Pasco Co. Pair. Jan. 17-21. J. Delray Beach-South Fia : Giadioli Pestival

& Pair. Feb. 20-25. G. Moore Lapham. Lauderdale—Broward Co. Fair, Feb. 20-25.

Jack W. Pinch.

Eustis-Lake Co. Fair-Pla. Sportsmen's Expo.

March 13-18. Harl Lehmann, Tavares, Pla.

March 13-18. Feb. Fort Lauderdale-Broward Co. Patr. Peb.

20-25. Jack W. Finch.

Port Myers—Southwest Pla, Pair., Jan. 20Peb. 4. R. V. Lee.

Largo—Pinellas Co. Fair. Jan. 24-28. J. H.

Miami-Dade Co. Fair. March 3-12, Robert C. Orlando-Central Fla. Expo. Peb. 26-25. Craw-ford T. Bickford.

Plant City-Forida Strawberry Festival. Feb. 27-March 4. G. R. Patten. Punta Gorda-Charlotte Co. Fair. Jan. 9-14. M. J. Ullman.

Sebring-Sebring Firemen's Highlands Co. Fair. Feb. 27-March 2. R. C. Baguley. Tampa-Florida State Fair & Gasparilla Assn. Jan. 31-Peb. 11. P. T. Strleder. West Palm Beach-Palm Beach Co. Expo. Feb.

18-25. Earl Lations. Winter Haven-Plorida Citrus Expo. Feb. 13-18. Philip E. Lucey.

TEXAS

Fort Worth-Southwestern Expo. & Fat Block Show, Jan. 27-Feb. 5. Edgar Deen. Houston-Houston Pat Stock Show & Livestock Expo. Peb. 1-12. W. O. Cox.

Mrs. Dabney Out At Tulsa; Board To Appoint Man day night, was attended by the was by Joseph Malmeter at a Hammond organ,

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 10. - Mrs. Letitia Dabney, secretary-manager of the Tulsa State Fair this year and for 23 years an employee of the fair, will Wirth Enterprises, emseed the show. be succeeded January 1 by a man as a result of action taken by the 41member executive board here this

In explanation, the executive committee of the fair said the action involved "no question of her integrity, ability or efficiency" but that the group believed the position of secretary-manager "would be better filled by a man,"

No action has been taken on the appointment of a successor, Prominently mentioned for the post is Clarence Lester, this city.

Mrs. Dabney who, prior to her association with the fair here, was with the Oklahoma Free State fair, Muskogee, said she had made no plans for the future.

New Heads of WFA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.-William C. Randall, manager of the Colusa County Harvest Festival, Colusa, and John McMurray, manager of Western Washington Fair, Puyallup, were elected president and vice-president

They succeed Dr. J. N. D. Hindley, manager, Humboldt County Fair, No decision has been made on what Ferndale, and Russell E. Pettit, manager, Santa Clara County Fair, Santa

Rose E. Links was again named WFA secretary.

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Seek Third More From State

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10 .-Delegates to the fifth annual convention of the Missouri Association of Fairs and Agricultural Exhibitions here Wednesday and Thursday (7-8) at the Governor Hotel heard of the efforts being made to increase State aid to fairs by 331/2 per cent.

Robert T. Thornburg, commissioner of agriculture, who is striving to bring about the increase, pointed out that this year 171 fairs of the State participated in State aid, whereas only 79 annuals received such assistance in 1945.

Elect Langfitt

Earl Langfitt, Bethany, was elected president of the association and Rollo E. Singleton, this city, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Elected as vicepresidents were Orel E. John, Huntsville; Fred E. Schell, Liberty; Jack Atkinson, Fulton; Elmer Lind, Cape Girardeau, and Nelson Siegrist, Neosho.

Other speakers included G. R. Lewis, fair designer of Findley, O., who discussed fair plants thruout the country; E. A. Duensing, a director of the U. S. Trotting Association, who spoke on What Grand Circuit Racing Means to Missouri; Henry Baker, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, whose subject was Setting Up Fruit and Vegetable Exhibits, and Mrs. Cecil Gregory, Columbia, who spoke on Improving Home Economic Exhibits.

Banquet and ball, held Wednesday night, was attended by more than Jack Malmsten at a Hammond organ, with music for the show and dancing by Leroy Hackmann and his ork of this city. Smoky Joe, of the Frank

Acts included the Peperettes, three dancers; Joe Page, juggler; Grandpappy Jones and Carson Melody Round-Up; Lou Morgan, comedy cyclist; John Paul Libel, singer; Four Wades, song and dance; Red, the Wonder Mule, mathematical donkey; Ambrose and His Musical Ramblers from Station KHMO, Hannibal; Grandpappy Doolittle, novelty musical comedy, and Alex Sadler, trampoline.

Chamblis Takes 5-Yr. Lease on Grounds at Elizabeth City, N. C.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 10. - Norman Y. Chamblis announces that he has taken a five-year lease, with privilege or renewal, on the Eastern Fairgrounds and Race Track at Elizabeth City, N. C., and will operate a fair there under the caption of the Elizabeth City Seven County Fair.

The fairgrounds at Elizabeth City serve as winter quarters for many of the leading harness race horses in the country, and Chamblis plans to take advantage of this by putting on harness racing meets in the spring and as a feature of the fair.

Chamblis is angling for another large fair and hopes to announce same shortly. Midway contracts will be awarded for Rocky Mount, Greenville and Elizabeth City within two weeks, and other awards will be made in January.

Arcola Names Anderson Prez

ARCOLA, Sask., Dec. 10 .- Sam Anderson was elected president; John T. McLaren, vice-president, and Bill Duncan, secretary-treasurer of the Arcola Agricultural Society.

Festival Gardens Formed To Run British Expo Fun

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- The administrative set-up for the handling of the amusement zone of the big Festival of Britain, to be held in London during 1951, has been completed. The fun zone will be entirely separate from the main exhibition area and will occupy an expanse of 37 acres in the Battersea Park section of the city.

To handle the midway zone a company has been organized under the title of Festival Gardens, Ltd., which will have a board of directors of 14 members under the chairmanship of Sir Henry French, director-general of the British Film Producers' Association. On the board will be several outdoor and indoor showmen, including G. J. Hill, vice-president of the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain, and Major H. L. Joseph, chairman of the National Amusement Council and an executive of the Amusement Caterers' Association. The secretary of the company is Leonard Crainford, who also serves as secretary of the Festival of Britain.

Early in November the government enacted a bill providing for the financing of the Festival and other details. Thru this bill the government provides for loans totaling \$2,156,000. of which the government will provide not over \$1,596.000 and the London City Council not over \$560,000. Receipts are expected to total about \$1,876,000, leaving an anticipated deficit of \$280,000.

The exhibition section of the Festival of Britain will occupy only 27 acres on the South Bank of the Thames River. The only permanent building projected will be a large concert hall, which will be erected by the London City Council. The principal exhibition building will be the Dome of Discovery, which will have the largest dome in the world, with a diameter of 365 feet and height of 97 feet. The Dome will house exhibits stressing British prowess in the fields of exploration and discovery. At least 14 restaurants, of all types, will occupy sites in the exhibition area, and probably a larger dine and dance spot will be established in the Festival Gardens area.

All-Iowa Audit Shows 5G Operating Deficit

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 10. - An official audit of the All-Iowa Fair reveals an operating deficit of \$5,602.43.

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Meetings of Fair Assns.

Fair Managers' Association of Iowa. Hotel Fort Des Moines. Des Moines, December 12-13. E. W. (Deak) Williams, Manchester secretary.

Indiana Association of County and District Fairs, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. January 2-4. William H. Clark, Franklin, secretary.

Wisconsin Association of Fairs, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, January 4-6. Douglas J. Curran, Black River Falls, secretary.

Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows, Brown Hotel, Louisville, January 5-6. L. (Doc) Cassidy Louisville secretary.

Texas Association of Fairs and Expositions, Baker Hotel, Dallas, January 5-7. William T. (Tommie) Randolph, Gladewater, secretary,

Oregon Fairs Association, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, January 5-7. Mabel H. Chadwick, Eugene, secretary,

Association of Tennessee Fairs, Andrew Johnson Hotel, Knoxville, January 10-11. Henry W. Beaudoin, Memphis, secretary-treasurer.

Kansas Fairs Association, Hotel Jayhawk, Topeka January 10-11 R. M. Sawhill, Glasco, secretary

Ohio Fair Managers' Association, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, January 11-12, Mrs. Don A. Detrick, Bellefontaine, secretary.

Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, January 12-14, George W. Gleixner, North St. Paul.

Michigan Association of Fairs. Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, January 15-17. Harry B. Kelley. Hillsdale, secretary

Georgia Association of Agricultural Fairs, Piedmont Hotel. Atlanta, January 16. Hulme, Elberton, secretary.

Western Canada Association of Exhibitions Royal Alexandria Hotel Winnipeg, January 16-18. Mrs. Letta Walsh. Saskatoon. secretary

South Carolina Association of Fairs, Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, January 18. Tom Moore Craig, secretary, Spartanburg.

Washington Fairs Association. Davenport Hotel, Spokane, January 19-20. Charles T. Meenach, secretary, Pullman.

Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association, Hotel Weldon, Greenfield, January 19-20. Robert P. Trask, 41 Tremont Street, Boston, secretary-treasurer.

North Carolina Association of Fairs, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., January 19-20. Mrs. Clyde Kendall, Greensboro fairgrounds, Greensboro, N. C., secretary

North Dakota Association of Fairs, Hotel Decotah, Grand Forks, N. D., January 20-21. G. A. Ottinger, secretary.

Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs, Hotel St Nicholas, Springheld January 22-24. Clifford C. Hunter, Taylorville, secretary

Virginia Association of Fairs, Hotel John Marshall, Richmond. January 22-24. Charles B Ralston Staunton, secretary

Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, Rainbow hotel, Great Falls, Mont., January 22-24. Clifford D. Coover. Shelby, Mont, secretary

Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, Hotel Cornhuskar, Lincoln, January 23-25. H. C. McClellan, Arlington, secretary.

Maine Agricultural Fairs Association, Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Me., January 25-26.

Oklahoma Association of Fairs, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, January 26-27. Vera G. McQuilkin, secretary.

Pennsylvania State Association o. County Fairs, Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford Springs. January 25-27.

Arkansas Fair Managers' Association, Little Rock, January 30-31. Clyde E. Byrd, secretary.

New York State Association of Agricultural Fair Societies, Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany February 6-7 James A. Carey, Albany, secretal v

Mississippi Association of Fairs and Livestock Shows, Robert E. Lee Hotel, Jackson. February 16. J. M. Dean, Jackson, Secretary.

Amherst's Winter Annual Chalks Satisfactory Gate

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 10.-On the The audit listed operating income at heels of the closing of the 1949 Mari-140,600.65, with operating expenses time Winter Fair here, preparations 146,203.08. Federal and State taxes were started for the opening of the fair plant's arena for the winter as a The balance sheet as of September hockey and skating center. R. F. Mc-Cunn, secretary-manager of the winter fair, has been named manager of the arena and control of the buildings has been transferred from the Mari-Plans for 1950 call for cutting the time Stock Breeders' Association to xposition back to a five-day event the new Maritime Winter Fair Comnstead of the eight-day program held mission. Attendance at this year's winter fair was reported as satisfactory, except on the closing day and

For the spring, summer and fall the arena will be available for boxing. wrestling, fairs and bazaars, as well as the annual spring livestock show. A horse show is also being arranged for early summer.

Carnivals Will Exhibit At Oregon Assn. Conclave

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10. - A fair midway, a series of exhibits by ary 5-7.

member fairs.

Huddleston Repeats As Manager of Placer County 1950 Annual

ROSEVILLE, Calif., Dec. 10 .- Contract for Nic Huddleston to again manage the Placer County Fair in 1950 has been okayed by the annual's board. Election of M. J. Royer, local banker, as board president, also was announced. He succeeds Hanford A. Crockard, Charles W. Lauppe, board member, was elected second vicepresident, succeeding H. G. Iseminger, who was named first vice-president, the post vacated by Royer.

Other incumbent officers are Al Broyer, treasurer and legal adviser, and Tom J. Pugh, secretary.

Improvements on the fairgrounds will include a new heating plant for the main exhibit building, costing \$7,849. The new heating system. Huddleston pointed out, will make the building available for year-round rental to civic groups.

Flood Loss Big at Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10 -Flood carnivals, attractions and comercial damages cut heavily into the 1949 nut firms will feature the annual meet- of Gage County Fair Association. ing of the Oregon Fairs Association Treasurer Richard Trefz. Beatrice. in the Multnomah Hotel here, Janu- said this week. Show's net was whittled to \$1,424 after a \$5,000 outlay for Another highlight will be the com- damage from overflow of the Big Blue petitive displays of premium books, River. As a result, county officials are pictures and publicity by the various seeking a new fairgrounds site which will not be subject to floods.

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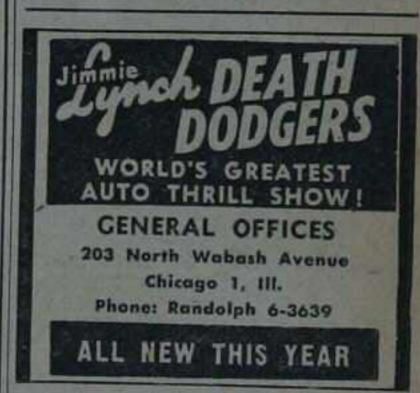
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Serfass Will Rebuild Org

37 tractor-trailers, 16 rides, 12 shows lost in blazeonly 20% insurance

CARTHAGE, N. C., Dec. 10 .- A \$200,000 fire leveled the tobacco warehouse winter quarters of the Penn Premier Shows here Tuesday night (6) and destroyed all of the org's equipment.

Owner Lloyd D. Serfass said that not one item of equipment could be salvaged and that his fire insurance coverage amounted to only 20 per cent. He said, however, that he would rebuild the shows and be ready for an April opening.

The fire, believed to have been caused by defective wiring, was discovered at 6 p.m. In a matter of minutes the blaze was out of control and the loss of show property was considered complete within the hour.

Serfass reported that he lost 37 tractors and trailers, 17 rides and equipment for 12 show units. The rolling stock was all virtually new, with some of the tractors having traveled less than 1,500 miles. None partially covered.

concessions owned by Lew Bern- from 1930 to 1942 and in 1948-1949. stein, Miles Dietrick's house trailer, an uninsured Roll-a-Whirl owned by Al Boxall and a truck owned by Red. McGee, the org's transportation man-

The warehouse, which contained about 40,000 square feet of floor space, was constructed of metal. Altho the roof was tarred, show execs considered it a relatively safe quarters.

The building, owned by Ruben and Hugh Smothers, was used for tobacco sales during the Carthage marketing season. The season ended last month and no tobacco was stored in the structure.

Serfass said that his 1950 fair route was virtually set and that many of plants for rebuilding. Serfass was en route to Ronceverte, W. Va., at the time of the fire and was not contacted until long after the blaze had been brought under control.

The org had gone into quarters here only a few weeks ago after what Serfass termed a "fine season." The shows' fair dates held up and the still dates were good.

The Serfasses only recently completed and moved into a new home at near-by Sanford.

Joe Lawless, Cookhouse Op, Dies in Winnipeg Hospital

WINNIPEG, Dec. 10 .- Joe Lawless, veteran carnival cookhouse operator, died Tuesday (6) in Victoria Hospital

He started in the carnival business in 1923 with the Conklin Shows and then joined the Conklin & Garrett Shows where he operated the cookhouse and privilege car for seven years. Lawless left this position to become manager of The Canadian Railway News, and in 1940 joined the E. J. Casey Shows where he operated wo cookhouses until 1947.

For the last two seasons he was with the Stanger Shows.

Haiti Expo in Auspicious Preem; WSA To Fight Sample Biz Indicates Okay Run Anti - Outdoor

(Continued from page 50)

strated, they were doubtful that the play would hold up thruout the run of the expo, or even a major part of it. Haiti's population is around the 5,000,000 mark and per capita income is low. However, Haiti's money is on a par with U. S. currency and living and operating expenses for shows personnel is very cheap,

French Personnel

The bingo and other units are using French-speaking personnel since that is the national language. All concessions are permitted to work for money prizes. The bingo is working for 10-cents for single cards with a \$1 prize.

Special air flights at reduced rates are expected to boost the attendance of American visitors. The event has

Ferris Snares Imperial Fair 3 Craft Units

IMPERIAL, Calif., Dec. 10.-Ferris Greater Shows have been inked to of the tractor-trailer units were play the annual California Midcovered by insurance. The rides and Winter Fair here, February 25 to some of the show units were only March 5 inclusive, D. V. Stewart, secretary-manager, announced. Fer-Also lost in the blaze were a cus- ris was signed at the recommenda- Orville N. Crafts, will again for the tard unit owned by Harry Stevens, tion of the board of directors, first time since 1947 put three shows Jack Chickerelli's Girl Show equip- Stewart said, and replaces Crafts' 20 ment, a tractor-trailer containing 12 Big Shows, which played the date

> Ferris will move in two groups of rides for the annual, with a kiddieland being installed near the main

O'Brien Planning en route here from Chicago to serve as promotional agent for this segment. Freaks for Revere, general agent for the three shows, Old Orchard in '50

REVERE BEACH, Mass., Dec. 10. -Bill O'Brien, vet Side Show operaoperate units here and at Old Orchard PCSA Auxiliary tor, announces that he will again Beach, Me., in 1950. He operated the execs of his contracted annuals | the only Side Show on the beach had offered him the facilities of their the past season. His Old Orchard unit was managed by Jeanie Fraser. Excellent business was reported for both units.

> The operation of two units makes it possible to rotate the acts and rehash a big percentage of the regular patronage. Several independent dates under canvas are also planned for 1950. Col. Lew Dean again is available after a lengthly hospitalization.

O'Brien's shows this year featured Laurello, the man with the revolving head; Bill Shaw, human pincushion; Electra; Snow pinheads; Tommy Green, magic and inside; Jewell, blades; Frisco, Shirley and Kitten Lee, animal act; Lauretta, two-headed donating toys. baby (Jimmy Rinzi); Moko, monkey man; Captain Brown, fire eater; Boulette, frog boy and Col. Maxi- liliary hopes to make the party an anmillian B. Mayer, inside.

been well publicized thruout those parts of the United States from which Florida gets the bulk of its tourist trade. The plant is lavish and it is expected that word-of-mouth praise from returning visitors will boost the influx from the United States.

Open-Air Theater

The amusement section is set in a grove of palms. An open air theater and its stage, built in the form of a great piano, is bordered by a water course.

Programmed events include concerts, fireworks, voodoo presentations, regattas and sports events.

Foreign pavillions include those of the United States, Pan American Union, Mexico, Argentina, France, Italy, the Order of Malta, Near East Nations, Panama, Guatemala, Cuba, Uruguay, Belgium, Honduras, French Antilles, Curacao and Jamaica.

Vatican City has constructed a special chapel and the United Nationls also will be represented.

For 1950 Tour

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.-Crafts' 20 Big Shows, Inc., headed by on the road. Shows will play fairs and celebrations and still dates.

According to Crafts, the set-up will include two small units, Crafts' Exposition and Crafts 20 Big Shows, managed by Roger Warren and Frank Warren, respectively. The third unit will be titled Crafts' Fairs & Exposition Shows and will carry an 80 by 200-foot big top. Bobby Cohen is en route here from Chicago to serve

Crafts said he would serve as with Frank Warren named second agent. Shows will be combined when necessary to fill larger dates, Crafts

Christmas Party For Needy Kids

children of all nations and supply West Coast showman said that carni-Christmas baskets to 12 families at val owners need not fear that WSA Serving with Margaret Farmer as for spots, but that it was necessary chairman, and at whose suggestion that some unity be gained and now. the party is being held, will be Grace Merkel, Peggy Forstall, Marry Taylor and Anne Doolan.

Mrs. Doolan collected \$75 for the event on a recent trip to Chicago and the club members will add approximately \$175. Canned goods will be contributed and concessionaires are

Party will feature a puppet show staged by Manley and Jacobi. Auxnual event.

Carl Davis, and honorary member, suggested that the group go after members by citing the effective work Cohn and other showmen had done against the 3166 legislation. Art Craner cited bills in Congress for and against the amusement tax and urged the club work to have it abolished.

Three meetings for 1950 were set, with the first to be held about June 10 at Cohn's San Francisco office (625 Market Street) and the second in August. The third will be held a day or two ahead of the WFA gathering, wherever that may be. Bylaws are being drafted and will be

Ralph Meeker, Meeker Shows, a Washington organization, was ad-Beck & Hitchcock Shows.

Show Actions

Officers Re-Elected

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 .- Alerted by the nearness that Assembly Bill No. 3166 came to passing in California last summer, members of the Western Showowners' Association (WSA) geared themselves to fight future legislation that would sound a death knell for outdoor amusements. Meeting during the Western Fairs' Association gathering here, WSA returned its officers to their posts for 1950, set three meetings and mapped a campaign for membership.

A nominating committee, including Larry Ferris, Ferris Greater Shows; Anthony Masseth, Redwood Empire Shows, and Bob Schoonover, California Shows, again named Orville N. Crafts, Crafts 20 Big Shows, president. Other officers named to serve again include: Mike Krekos, West Coast Shows; Schoonover, Ferris and Martin E. Arthur, Imperial Exposition Shows, as vice-presidents, and Nathan Cohn, executive secretary and general counsel. Louis Stern, Polack Bros.' Circus and Earl O. Douglas, Douglas Greater Shows, both recent members, were also named vice-

Yesterday's meeting (9) was the culmination of several attempts to get the showmen together. An attempt was made in San Francisco November 28 when only Margaret McCloskey, of Centennial Greater Shows, and Cohn, who also represents Golden West Shows, attended. Thursday's meeting failed to bring out the WSA members and it was not until yesterday that Cohn was successful in getting them together.

Once on hand, they got down to brass tacks and moved to establish associate counsels thruout the Western States to advise of any adverse legislation and established five membership categories-active, participating, associate, contributing and honorary. Dues and initiation are \$25 and the annual dues were raised from \$10 to \$20.

Krekos told the group that this was the time to band together to watch for adverse legislation. Citing LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.-Ladies' Assembly Bill 3166 as an example, Auxiliary of the Pacific Coast Show- he said that showmen could be men's Association will entertain 200 "legislated out of business." The its first annual party December 22. membership would affect their deals

rend in June.

mitted to membership, as were the

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San Antonio Dept. SLA Kids' Party Store Uses Carny Skedded Dec. 24 Can't Fill All Bids Rites Draw 200

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 10 .- Joske's of Texas, San Antonio department store, has gone into the carnival business to promote Christmas toy shopping with spectacular success.

James H. Keenan, vice-president in charge of sales promotion, leased a parking lot in the rear of Joske's store. He then contracted with W. J. Curry, Austin, operator of a kiddie park in San Antonio, to set up s full-scale carnival.

Then, as an additional innovation, Joske's set up Santa Claus outdoors, in the carnival area, instead of in the toy store itself. In the first week 32,000 carnival rides were sold at 5 cents a ride.

After the first few days there was only one complaint from parents. There were no "eats" at the carnival. So Keenan contracted with a concessionaire to sell cotton candy, popcorn, peanuts and pop.

Missouri Fair ConventionPulls Record Turnout

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 10 .-A record attendance was registered at the annual convention of the Missouri Association of Fairs and Agricultural Exhibitions at the Governor Hotel here Wednesday and Thursday (7-8). About 60 fairs were represented and this strong turnout, plus an unusually heavy representation of showmen, sent attendance to a new high.

Among carnival reps, attraction men and show suppliers present were: Aud Swenson, Jole Chitwood's World Cham-pion Auto Daredevils; Leo Overland, Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers; Harry Beiler, Beiler's Eicking Mules; Charles F. Zemater Jr. and Frank J. Marek, Charles Zemater Attractions; Mike Rockwell and Eddie Davis, Rockwell Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lang, Peerless Fireworks; W. E. (Bill) Snyder, Gem City Shows; Jess Wrigley, Crescent Amusement Company; Roger Wohlberg, Walkup & Wohl-berg Insurance Agency; E. E. Farrow, Wallace Bros.' Shows; Harold Kreft, Kreft Flying Service; Tom Drake, Truex-Drake Enterprises, and Ambrose Haley, Ozark Ramblers, Radio Station KHMO, Hannibal.

Thomas Martin and Frank Bellini, Big Four Amusement Company; Harry Fabricius, Jacob-Hoerner Fireworks Manufacturing Company; J. C. Michaels Sr. and Jr., J. C. Michaels Attractions; Gene Cummins, John Fabick Tractor Company; Al Sweeney and Gaylord White, National Speedways, Inc.; Eddie L. Young and William M. Breese, Royal Crown Shows; Sunny Bernet, Sunny Bernet Attractions; Ernie Young, Ernie Young Attractions; F. M. (Pete) sutton Jr., Great Sutton Shows, and Mr. and drs. Oria Lashbrook and W. R. Lashbrook, ashbrook Tent & Awning Company.

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Approximately 300 moppets will be guests of club at annual Christmas party

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-Between 250 entertained by the Showmen's League urday (24) from 1 to 4 p.m.

Chairman of the committee is Al Sweeney. He will be assisted by Sollie Wasserman, Max Brantman, Manuel Blasco, Tom Sharkey, Jack Benjamin, Jimmie Stanton, Chick Bohdan, Ozy Breger, Oliver Barnes, Dave Malcolm, Walter F. Driver, Jack Kaplan, Sam Arenz, Petey Pivor, Jack Hawthorne, George Brooks, Harris, Charles H. Hall, Isaac and Irving Malitz, Paul Miller and Sam J. Solomon. Members of the SLA Auxiliary and Caravans will handle the checkroom and help with the kiddies.

Toys have been donated by Bill Carskey, of the Casey Concession Company, Chicago, and Ned Torti, Wisconsin DeLuxe Company, Milwaukee, Ralph W. Glick will donate the candy and the Cracker Jack Company the Cracker Jacks.

The kiddies will be picked up in busses, supplied by SLA, and returned to their homes in the same manner.

Donors

The list of donors to the Christmas party includes Joe Warburg, Lou Keller, Jack Duffield, Jack Hawthorne, Sam Levy, E. Courtemanche, Steve Mandrick, Julius H. Silverman, Bob Seery, Al Sweeney, Frank W. Wagner, Bob Lohmar, Morris A. Haft.

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In and Jack

For Show Bookings

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.-United Carnival Shows of Manila, P. I., is in its third year of successful operation, according to P. A. (Pat) Taguba, and 300 underprivileged kids will be Hughes, of San Francisco, who supowner-operator, in a report to Tom of America at the annual Christmas the organization began operations in party in the League's clubrooms Sat- 1947. Since the inaugural date at Lucena, Quezon, the outfit has played under auspices, the first year giving sponsors a net of \$25,000. In succeeding years, the organization's chief problem has been its inability to fill all requests for charity dates.

Taguba, 48-year-old Filipino business man with interests in race horses and importing and publishing, now offers a line-up of 33 major rides, six kiddie rides, Diesel light plants and shows representing an outlay of \$300,000. Jose Castro, formerly with the Tait & Churchill Shows, of Manila, is Taguba's general manager, and many of his employees were formerly with the Tait show, confiscated by the Japs during the war.

Among new equipment being shipped Taguba is a Lusse Auto Skooter and a Motordrome and riders. Taguba also contemplates purchase of a big top from U. S. Tent & Awning Company, Chicago, under which he plans to offer imported circus acts each year at Manila for the local police fund benefit. The last circus to play Manila was a small Russian unit before the war.

Aransas Pass Show

ARANSAS PASS, Tex., Dec. 10 .-New clubroom of the Aransas Pass Showmen's Club was formally opened Monday night (5) at a venison dinner-shrimp boil attended by about 200 show people and business men of the area.

A total of 102 new members were added during the dinner-boil, bringing membership to 167, Jack Edwards, president, reported.

Hold Burial Services For Claude (Pat) Murphy

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tex., Dec. 10 .- Funeral services were held here November 24 for Claude (Pat) of heart disease November 21, in a Dallas hospital.

A veteran of 25 years in show business, he was with the Jack Greenberg Shows as concession manager for several years, with the Abner Kline Shows, the W. S. Neals Yellowstone Shows and in later years with the Roland Smith Shows.

He was a brother of Mrs. Etta Henderson, Paris, Tex., well known in show business.

Surviving are his widow, Bobbie; a son, Roger; a step-son, Sammie Mathews; two brothers, Arthur, Paragould, Ark., and C. O. of Homer, La., and two sisters, Mrs. Burney Terrell, Cookville, Tex., and Mrs. J. G. Merrill, Rodessa, La.

Western Show Owners Fail

To Appear at L. A. Confab SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3, - The scheduled meeting of Western Show Owners' Association (WSOA), set at the suggestion of members for a week prior to the Western Fairs Association session in Los Angeles, fizzled out when only two shows were represented. Margaret McCloskey, of Centennial Greater Shows, attended, and Golden West Shows were represented

\$800 donated to building fund - Joe Glacy selects banquet-ball committee

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.-Pacific Coast Showmen's Association's (PCSA) annual memorial service drew an estimated 200 to Showmen's Rest, Evergreen Cemetery, here Sunday (4).

Under direction of Chaplain Jack Hughes, the service included an invocation by Commissioner George Davis of the Salvation Army and an address by Earl O. Douglas, PCSA president. Laying of the wreath was by Douglas and Mary Taylor, president of the Ladies Auxiliary. The gold star was placed by Hunter Farmer. The U. S. Marine Corps supplied the firing squad.

Past President's Night at the clubrooms Monday (5) was under direction of Hunter Farmer. Past presidents on hand were Orville N. Crafts, J. Ed Brown, S. L. Cronin, Harry H. Hargraves, Dr. Ralph E. Smith, Joe Glacy, Mike Krekos, Bill Hobday and Everett W. (George)

\$800 for Building Fund

Following an address by Mike Krekos \$800 was raised for the building fund. Contributions included Krekos, Crafts, Clyde Gooding, Earl Douglas, Hunter Farmer, Larry Ferris, Harry Taylor, Louis Leos, Al Flint, Bob Robinson, Everett W. Coe, Bud Douglas, S. L. Cronin, Joe Stein-McDermott, Sam Arenz, Ned Torti, Org Opens New Rm. day, Norman Schue, Al Weber, John McDermott, Sam Arenz, Ned Torti, Org Opens New Rm. Martin, J. Ed Brown, Harry Harberg, Ted Levitt, Joe Glacy, Bill Hobgraves, Matt Herman, Dave Shepro, Harry Merkel, Roger Warren, Joe Duran, J. W. Gilman, Nick D'Lo, D. Newland, Wayne Endicott, Ray Holding, Mr. Anderson, John P. Souza, Fred Haynes and Mike Doolan.

Earl Douglas presided at the meeting. Also on the rostrum were Vice-Presidents Mike Doolan, Joe Krug, Larry Ferris and Joe Steinberg, Treasurer Al Weber, Chaplain Jack Hughes and Secretary Louis Manley.

A moment of silence was observed for the late Richard Eyber.

Warren Wins

The drawing was won by Frank Warren who donated it to the cemetery fund.

Joe Glacy, chairman of the banquet and ball, announced the following committees for the annual event December 10 in the Biltmore Hotel:

Executive committee: Orville N. Crafts, William Hobday, Joe Krug, Walter Trask, A. L. Flint, Harry H. Hargraves, Harry Taylor; floor committee, Sam Dolman, R. C. Downie, David Freidenheim, E. J. Kennedy, Joe Steinberg, Louis Manley; entertainment committee, Walter Trask, Tevis Payne; reception committee, Mary Taylor, Edith Hargraves, Jewel Hobday, Marie Tait, Hunter and Margaret Farmer, Larry and Rose Ferris, Michael and Ann Doolan, George and Betty Coe, Bob and Betty Schoonover, Eddie and Mabel Brown, Sally Flint, Charlotte Cohen, Nina Rogers, Ethel Krug, Lucille Dolman, Doris Douglas; door committee, Curtis Little, Edwin E. Tait, Moe Levine, Harry LaMack; publicity, Sam S. Abbott. Convention registrars, Jewel Hobday, Grace and Harry Merkel and Curtis Little.

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MIDWAY CONFAB

Johnny Orennallas's "Broadway Scandals," the past season on John H. Marks Shows, is at the French Casino, New Orleans. Show was booked by Jack Birmingham, Marks advance agent. . . . John O'Toole, off the road for the winter, is projectionist at Century Theater, Detroit.

Concessionaire advised, "I have a new wife, but the same dog."

Cetlin & Wilson Shows' personnel scattered after the Chicago meetings, John W. (Jack) Wilson headed for Roanoke, Va., while Izzy Cetlin and William Hartzman returned Petersburg, Va. R. C. McCarter, Harrisburg, Pa.; Edward K. Johnson, Philadelphia; George W. Golden, Miami; Richmond W. Cox, Spartanburg, S. C.; George Goodman, Detroit; Al and Mike Dorso, Paterson, N. J.; Kenny Revling, Minneapolis; Claude Sechrist, Miami; Johnny and been handling some special edition Kitty King and Albert Ruedger, Cin- paper work with a small crew thru cinnati. . . . Russell C. Harms is Iowa, He's planning a veterans ball visiting his brother, George, in Rochester, N. Y.

Popular theme song at fair meetings is Gone Are the Days.

Howard Holly, who has returned to his home in Sacramento from the outdoor meetings in Chicago, advises that he has been signed as electrician on Lawrence Greater Shows for 1950. . . . Jewel and Bill Singleton are spending the winter as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams at their home in Ocala, Fla. . . . Mrs. Frank Long, wife of the secretary of Penn Premier Shows, is in Davis Hospital, Statesville,

operation. . . . Tex and Audrey Fetta

Buck in the hand is worth 10 on an I.O.U. is wintering in Hot Springs. She is planning to take out her own Side Show in 1950.

> When a fixer was asked what the office forbids, he replied: "It doesn't forbid; it frowns upon."

Mr. and Mrs. S. Roy have booked their concessions with James H. Drew Shows for 1950. . . . John Page, who is wintering in Mifflingtown, Pa., has inked his Side Show and Motordrome with Pioneer Shows for next season. . . . C. Joe Bennett, owner, Royal Empire Shows, is in Lincoln Hospital, Detroit. . . . Marvin Keyes, Michigan concessionaire, accompanied by his mother, left for Miami for the winter.

We often wonder how the early day dancing gals did their work without having a baby-sitter in their living tops.

Des Moines Notes: E. J. Floyd has during the three-week run. and show promotion for the Tromar Ballroom during the Christmas holidays. F. M. Shortridge returned from the Chicago meetings last week. Herb LaTona passed thru town to make a club date. Bill Benton, Fred Carter and Joe Ryan are working sheet. . . . Morris Levi. of the Bill Lynch Shows, is ill at his home in New York.

In the next generation of show folks, two-house trailer families was predicted, with their old trailers donated to lot layout men in nut houses.

Herb Shive, general agent for Lawrence Greater Shows, was dis-N. C., recuperating from a recent charged from Alexian Bros. Hospital, Chicago, Thursday (8) after are visiting the Russell Hills at their being confined a week with pneuranch home, South of Valdosta, Ga. monia. Pending the doctor's okay, Russell is a concession builder. . . . Shive hopes to leave early this week R. M. Crumley is in Tampa quarters for the East. . . . Sam and Shirley renovating his rides. . . . Billie-Lou Levy, operators of Lawrence Greater Timberlake, annex attraction the Shows, report that they will have past season on 20th Century Shows, a Nate Eagle midget unit with their

org in 1950. The Levys, currently in New York, will leave for Florida for the winter. . . Mr. and Mrs. George Desak, ride and concession operators, are wintering in Mobile,

When an agent advises another agent that he has no intentions of trying to take a fair away from him. you'll notice a wolfish gleam in his eyes.

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Pacific Coast Showmen's Association 1235 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 16

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 .- Officers for 1950 were nominated at the regular meeting Monday (28). List includes Joe Krug, president; Larry Ferris, first vice-president; Mickey Doolan, second vice-president; Hunter Farmer, third vice-president; Bob Schoonover, fourth vice-president; Al Weber, treasurer, and Louis Manley, secretary.

inated as a member of the board of Chaplain Fred C. Murray. Second trustees and Earl O. Douglas was nominated as a trustees of the cemetery board. Board of governor nominations included C. H. Alton, M. E. Arthur, John T. Backman, Ben Beno, Lee Brandon, Sam Brown, Hort Campbell, L. G. Chapman, Al Cohn, Sam Dolman, R. C. Downie, M. H. Ellison, David Friedenheim, Clyde Gooding, Max Hilman, George Hiscox, Ray Holding, Harry LaMack, George Lauerman, Louis Leos, Moe Levine, Curtis Little, G. P. Mackey, H. D. Matthews, John T. Mead, John M. Miller, Harold Mook, C. E. (Candy) Moore, Harry Myers, Leonard Parons, Harry Phillips, Ray Rosard, Ben Samuels, Norman Schue, Joseph Steinberg, Edwin E. Tait, Harry Taylor, Elmer Velare, Charles Walpert and Frank Zambreno.

Members of the nominating committee were Harry LaMack, Edwin Tait, C. E. Moore, Everett W. Coe, Jack Glassman, Harry Taylor, Curtis Little and David Friedenheim.

Officers present at the Monday (28) session were Joe Krug, vice-president, who presided; Larry Ferris, vicepresident; Jack Hughes, chaplain; Al Weber, treasurer, and Louis Manley, secretary.

Leroy Emroy was elected to membership. Inducted as members were E. L. Bankhead and John Taylor.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.-Emily Bailey's bunco party realized \$100 for the bazaar. Emily furnished all prizes, refreshments and turned over all receipts to the bazaar.

The Thursday (1) meeting was past presidents' night and all with the exception of Jimmy Lynch, founder, were present. Lucille King, first president, received a corsage. Pinning was done by Sunshine Jack-50n. Following Lucille were Estelle Hanscom, Babe Miller, Joe Krug, Lucille Dolman and Marie Bailey.

At the conclusion of the meeting, with Harry Golub as auctioneer, boxes were auctioned. The \$5 prize, offered by C. H. Allton, for the best mon, Roy Randall and Grover Kordecorated package, went to Estelle tonic. Hanscom.

Coffee and rolls were served by Lucille King, house chairman.

Those in for the first time were Tony and Minnie Spring, Charles and irene Crouse, Sam Dolman, Hap and Relly Young, Wally Lamb, Harry Friedman, Ed and Bobbie Young, Ed and Berta Harris, Ada Mae Reed, Marie LeDeaux, Fred Haynes and Nick Delo.

The Christmas party is scheduled Thursday (22), with the banquet and ball at Larry Potter's January 10. Harold Mook is chairman and Moe Eisenman and Mike Herman cochairmen.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

National. Showmen's Association 454 Broadway, New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The four big social events of the season have been successfully concluded. First was the memorial services at the clubrooms and at Ferncliff Cemetery, Sunday, November 20. All graves were deco-Everett W. (George) Coe was nom- rated and services were directed by was the joint testimonial dinner tendered President Frank Bergen and Past President James E. Strates, Monday (21), at Leon and Eddie's. Third was the annual election of officers Tuesday (22) night, followed by the installation of President-Elect Jack Perry and his staff by Phil Cook, chaplain of the Miami Showmen's Association. A buffet supper was served by Frank (Shrimpy) Rappaport, club steward. Fourth was the annual NSA banquet at the Hotel Commodore Thanksgiving Eve.

Contributions from jamborees and other sources have been received from Prell's Broadway Shows; I. T. Shows, Inc.; James E. Strates Shows, Oscar C. Buck and Ross Manning Shows combined, World of Mirth Shows and Conklin Shows.

Member Applications

received from William McGregor, sponsored by Morris Glass, and Billy J. Creedon, by Stanley W. Wathon, which will be acted on at next meeting of the eligibility committee. Morris Brown has been awarded the entire midway on Carnival Shows. Inc., for the fourth season. The unit plays Long Island. Sam and Jeannette Finkel are motoring to Miami for a brief vacation.

The unveiling of a monument to the late Henry Tarbes was held Sunday (4) at Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, L. I. Sympathy is extended to A. J. Merrill, whose mother died recently; to Al Crane, who lost his brother, and to Oscar C. Buck, whose father died recently. Drop a line to sick members.

Recent visitors were Nicholas Anniello, Sam Torres, Max Levine, Saul Mahl, Harry Stevens, Morris Vivona, Ben Hoff, Charles Rubenstein, Adolph Ehrman, John McCormick, Benjamin Agin, Abe Rapps, Irving Berk, Simon Crouse, Nathan Hyman, Aaron Hymes, Sol Nuger and Louis Nuskind. Letters were received from Vice-President Ross Manning, in Haiti; J. P. Sullivan, of Canada; Joseph Dubin, wintering in Miami; Norman L. Marshall, Emil S. Solo-

Ladies' Auxiliary

Election of officers will take place Wednesday (14).

Frances Fornier has left the hospital and is convalescing at the home of friends. Elisha Weinstein left for Miami, Verna Dodds and Kay Anderson attended the NSA banquet.

Arizona Showmen's Assn. Arizona Hotel Bldg., Phoenix, Ariz.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 10. - The regular meeting was presided over by President Paul Pesicka. Elected to membership were Don Burke, Thomas Armstrong, Mrs. Marie Berko, Harry Berko and Mrs. Inez Carroll.

Jewell Taylor is hospitalized in Mayfield, Ky. Blackie Stark is in the Veterans' Hospital in McKinney, Tex.

In a report on the Christmas party Mrs. Marguerite Stone, chairman, announced a large number of reservations received for the party at the Wishbone night club which will consist of a chicken dinner, dancing and entertainment. Mrs. Inez Carroll and Mrs. Hiko Seibrand were appointed

to assist Mrs. Stone. Pete Siebrand, manager of Siebrand Bros.' Shows, returned from the Chicago outdoor meetings. Benefit on the Larry Nolan Shows netted the club \$12.25. Hollywood Towers won the pot of gold.

Hot Springs Showmen's Association

3101/2 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.

HOT SPRINGS, Dec. 10 .- President Harry Hennies presided at the regular meeting and announced the tollowing committees:

House-James Ferron, chairman; Morris Friedenheim, George Powell, Red Reder, Bill Wilcox, Harry Bailey.

Cemetery-Charles Weaver, secretary; Tony McDonald, Harry Zimdars, Clayton Holt, R. A. Miller.

Ways and Means-Morris Friedenheim, chairman; E. M. (Pat) Ford, Eddie Moran, L. C. Reynolds, Boots Cutler, Paul Olson.

Membership - Paul Olson, chairman; John Gallagan, co-chairman; Sam Aldrich, Dwight Bazinet, James Gephart, William Wilcox, C. R. Reger, Keith Chapman, L. C. Reynolds, Noble Fairly, Steve Mandrick.

Relief-Frank Waldron, chairman; Roy Goldston, Harry Zimdars.

Press - John Obluck, chairman; Walter Ebel, William Naylor.

man; Keith Chapman, Morris Friedenheim, Charles Weaver, Paul Olson.

Screening - Boots Cutler, chair-Applications for membership were man; Charles Goss, Clayton Holt, Charles Weaver.

Chaplain-Bill Durant. Tyler-George Powell.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Regular meeting was held Tuesday (6) in Hotel Sherman with Past President Pat Seery presiding. Past officers with her on rostrom, were Mae Oakes, Isabel Brantman, second and third vicepresidents, respectively; Claire Sopenar, treasurer, and Irene Coffey, financial secretary, Jeanette Wall read the invocation, Josephine Glickman read correspondence from Audrey L. (Peggy) Davies, Grace E. Parks, Ruth Martone, Josephine Quinn and Orpha Shepard.

The Showmen's League of America requested assistance for their annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. Several members volunteered to help. Frances Berger is on the committee.

Jeanette Wall served as installing officer. New officers are Mae Oakes, president; Bessie Mossman, first vicepresident; Claire Sopenar, second vice-president; Josephine Glickman, third vice-president; Lillian Lawrence, treasurer, and Irene Coffey, financial secretary.

Christmas checks were issued to be sent to St. Hedwig's Orphanage, Friends of Handicapped Children, Rev. Marcel LaVoy for his Boy's Club, and Finance - Harry Zimdars, chair- Midge Cohen for her orphans' fund.

The evening award, donated by President Mae Oakes, went to Agnes Barnes, President Oakes will be lostess at the first social Tuesday (13). The Christmas party is scheduled Tuesday (20). Pat Seery is chairman, assisted by Isabell Brantman.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10 .-George Howk, past president, was in the chair at the regular meeting, assisted by Al C. Wilson, secretary, and George Carpenter, treasurer. Sam Benjiman chairman of the banquet and ball, announced most tables had been reserved and urged reservations be made at once for the remaining tables.

for 1950; Raymond Clayton, first vice- McClelland, James Harris, Larry president; Curley Clark, second vicepresident, and Charles A. Snoderly, third vice-president. Al C. Wilson was re-elected secretary and George 8 election. This will be a State-wide Carpenter, treasurer. George Elser was named warder and George Sar- tion of officers for the fiscal year, gent, conductor. Named to the board Several applications for membership of directors were J. A. Clayton, Ellis were accepted, swelling the ranks of White, Ivan Michaelson and Ted this new organization to 300. On the Corey, last named to complete the sick list are President Charles E. term of the late Denny Pugh.

The Ladies' Auxiliary announced ford. It would hold its annual tacky party at the Coates Hotel, Friday, December 30.

Miami Showmen's Association 236 W. Flagler St., Miami

Secrest advises his recent trip in Year Book Directory proved satisfactory. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weiss returned to Miami for the winter. George and Raynell Golden are here is anticipated for that event. for the winter, coming in from the Cetlin & Wilson Shows, Benny and Martha Weiss returned after a successful season and have opened their home on Alton Road, Miami Beach.

Mike Roman, chef, does a great job of serving lunch after the regular meetings. Harry Modele, house going smoothly.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Ohio United Showmen's Association

136 Tuscarawas St., W., Canton, O.

CANTON, O., Dec. 10.-Vice-President Mike M. Titta presided at the Monday (28) meeting, assisted by Secretary Ford Fosnight and Treasurer L. A. Hufler, Among those in attendance were V. S. Scott Sr., V. S. L. K. Carter was elected president | Scott Jr., W. T. (Bill) Hopkins, Curtis Malbaff, Charlie Heinbeck and Leland Wood.

> The meeting discussed the January gathering for nomination and elec-Ward and board member Bert Craw-

Michigan Showmen's Association 3153 Case Ave., Detroit

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Nat Golden, first vice-president, presided at the MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10. - Claude Tuesday (6) meeting. Sam (Pork Chops) Ginsburg, children's Christconnection with ads for the annual mas party chairman, reported 300 children are slated to be entertained. Max Kahn, banquet and ball committee chairman, reports a sell-out

Funeral services were held here for veteran member, Arthur Grzann, with members of the Joey Moss Post as guard of honor. Irving Rubin and Ben H. Landsbery carried the colors. Pallbearers were Harry Stahl, Earl Equhart, Michael Balog, Nathan Nathanson, Paul Greeley and Jerome committee chairman, has everything Schemmel. Burial was in Showmen's Rest, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Showmen's League of America

400 S. State St., Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Lou Keller, first vice-president, presided at the at the table were Walter F. Driver, treasurer; Joe Streibich, secretary. presidents.

no late report on Pete Andrish.

representative at the PCSA banquet. sons, Ray and Robert. Lou Keller left for a vacation in Hot. Springs, Sid Jessop is off for Florida, Bill Carksy advises that his family will be back from Florida for the holidays and then will return to Florida for the balance of the winter.

Donation of a plastic sign for the club building was made by Mr. Purington of the Dixsands Company, Omaha. A letter from Arthur Hopper advises he is getting a good rest in his New York residence.

Ned Torti urges all who are still holding tin banks, sent out during the summer, to return them at once so a report may be made.

Photos of Lee R. Sloan and John O'Shea have been ordered placed on the memorial tablet.

International Showmen's Association 415A Chestnut St., St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10 .- John Francis presided at the November 23 meeting, with Leo Lang, treasurer, and Secretary Euby Cobb assisting him. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Richard Blittschau for flowers sent at

her husband's death. New members include Ernie E. Farrow, sponsored by Jack Downs, and Michael Farino, sponsored by Edgar Hart. Visitors were Pat O'Sullivan, Ernie E. Farrow, John Shelley, Jack Downs, Dwight Bazinet, James Ferron, Frank Barton and Alonzo Shallow.

cago meetings were Earl Bunting, Downs, James Ferron, Dwight Bazi- Grace Lynn, Elizabeth Jacks, Helen net, Sam Fidler, Charles Oliver, George Regan, W. (Bill) Snyder, ris Lipsky, Edgar Hart and Roger Haney.

Show Folks of America 1191 Market Street San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10 .- President Eddie Burke presided at the November 21 meeting. Called to the rostrum to fill in for Vice-Presidents Charles Albright and Ted Levitt were Past-President Harry G. Seber and Fred Weidmann, Secretary Albert Roche read letters from the National Showmen's Association, Dora Worden, Thespian Club, San Francisco Tuberculosis Association and the Community Chest.

Betty Monette, chairman, reported a net profit of \$226 from the bazaar. It was turned over to the sick and relief fund. She was given a rising vote of thanks. Carl Davis, who won the top award, donated \$5 to the sick

Council Raiford, acting chairman group had okayed contributions of \$10 plot in Olivet Memorial Park.

Mae Oakes New Caravans Prez

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- The annual installation ceremony was held November 28 in the Crystal Room, Hotel Sherman. Anna Jane Bunting, Ram-Thursday (8) meeting in the absence sey, Ill., was mistress of ceremonies. of President Morris Lipsky. With him Procession was led by Katie Owens. club mother. She was escorted to her place of honor by Kathryn Robertand Sam Levy, J. C. McCaffery, Frank son, usherette, and presented with a Duffield and Fred H. Kressmann, past corsage by Amby Clinton, 6, mascot pro-tem. Past Presidents Pearl Mc-Sam Brody is in Alexian Brothers Glynn, Jeanette Wall, Edna Stenson hospital for an operation. Herb Shive and Lucille Hirsch were followed by was discharged from the same hospital Pat Seery, retiring president, and Thursday (8) after a week's bout with her officers. Newly elected officers pneumonia, Frank J. Blight is still in were escorted individually to their Hines Veterans hospital. Elmer seats, Introduced were Irene Coffey, Byrnes is up and around again. W. C. financial secretary, Josephine Glick-Deneke, William E. Saunders and W. man, third vice-president; Claire O. Perrot are still confined. There is Sopenar, second vice-president; Bessie Mossman, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank Conklin spent a day in Lillian Lawrence, treasurer, and Mae Chicago en route home from the West Oakes, president. Mrs. Oakes was Coast. Al R. Cohn was the league's escorted to her place of honor by her

> Invocation was pronounced by Mollie Foster, chaplain. Veronica Potenza sang the national anthem and Ralph Pope played the accordion. Jeanette Wall was presented with a gold card for securing 50 membership applications during the year. Presentation was made by Pat Seery. An achievement award was presented Pat Seery, outgoing president, by Edith Streibich, Claire Sopenar presented a gift from the members.

> Participating in the candle light ceremony and the auxiliaries they represented were Ann Doolan, Showmen's League of America; Rosalie Elliott, Heart of America Showmen's Club; Jeanette Hart, Missouri Showmen's Club; Mae Sopenar, National Showmen's Association; Margaret Pugh, Lone Star Show Women's Club; Ann Roth, Miami Showmen's Association; Esther Groscurth, Michigan Showmen's Association; Paddy Ann Scortino, Greater Tampa Showmen's Association; Pearl McGlynn, Hot Springs Showmen's Association; Mabel Brown, Pacific Coast Showmen's Association, and Irene Blauvelt Reidy, Show Folks of America.

Highlight was the ice parade, arranged by Bessie Mossman. Those giving short talks were Mollie Foster, Frances Lauther, Evelyn Lee, Shirley Lawrence Levy, Katie Owens, Margaret Pugh, Alma Richards, Minnie. Simmonds and newly seated officers.

Pat Seery presented gifts to Billio Making interesting pep talks were Lou Foreman, Mae Oakes, Isabell Dwight Bazinet, Jack Downs, John Brantman, Claire Sopenar, Irene Cof-Shelley, Jimmy Ferron and Mort fee, Mollie Foster, Josephine Glick-Silvers, Leaving to attend the Chi- man, Edna O'Shea Stenson, Ann Sleyster, Jeanette Wall, Edith Strei-Frank B. Joerling, Euby Cobb, Jack bich, Pearl McGlynn, Mae Taylor, Wettour, Veronica Potenza, Bobbie Cherniak, Charlotte Wright, Bessia Ernie E. Farrow, W. C. Wells, Herb Mossman, Gladys Thompson, Billie Shive, Matt Dawson, Ralph and Mor- Billiken, Eva LeRoy, Eva Shine, Kathryn Robertson, Kate Owens and Lillian Lawrence, Anna Jane Bunting presented Mae Oakes with a gift.

Congratulatory telegrams were read from Agnes Barnes, Isabel Brantman, Bobbie Cherniak, Josephine Glickman, Jack Hawthorne, Lucille Hirsch, Norma Lang, Louderback and Lawrence, Dave Malcolm, Dr. Meyers, Morris Mossman, Ray Oakes and sons, Dorothy Packtman, Marianna Pope, Ann Roth, Blanche Scott, Frank and Marie Velenz, Mrs. Sol Wasserman, Violet Watson, Helen Wettour, Pat Seery and Ed and May

Grace Lynn, chairman of the entertainment committee, introduced the following performers: Ruth Clinton, singer; Helen Wong Jean, pianist; Louderback and Lawrence, blackface minstrels, accompanied by Al Heilman; Evelyn Lee, Ruth Clinton, Veronica Potenza and Grace Lynn, quartet, and Isabell Brantman.

Everyone retired to the Mobey of the board of directors, reported the Dick room where refreshments were served by Bobbie Cherniak and her each to two local charities and a pay- committee, which included Billie ment of \$200 on the Show Folks Rest Billiken, Eva LeRoy, Claire Sopenar and Gladys Thompson.

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RSROA Accepts Jones Announces 9 New Members

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Approval of nine new members has been voted by the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association (RSROA), according to Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer. The new members are:

Marvin Carstenson, Fairlawn Roller Rink, recently opened in Carthage,

Rink, Albuquerque, N. M.

Claude M. Lowe, Lowe's Roller

Rink, Birmingham, Ala. Charles H. Fuerst, father of Roger

Fuerst, skating champion, who recently took over the Lima (O.) Roller Rink from Al Kish.

George H. Brewerton, Rollerland at Exhibition Park, Vancouver, B. C., portant part of activities at Roller- at large. Also joining is Ira Hirsh, and, Larry Magee has been named formerly associated with the Roller

Charles V. Burks, Rogersville (Mo.) cover Eastern United States.

Roller Rink.

been given a judges' panel chapter, skaters eligible to apply for commis-

Lester F. Doolittle, a new operator, Rollarena, San Leandro, Calif. Don Bromley, professional, and former RSROA operator, is teaching at Rollarena.

William C. Casselman, who recently Sacramento, from Francis A. Nichols, who has retired to live upon his ranch.

Dress Line, Chi

a demand by rink operators, the Johnny Jones Jr. rink supply firm here is offering a complete line of skafing dresses, skirts and tights. Paul S. Godfrey, East End Roller The garments are in the popular price bracket and are getting acclaim How unfair, onerous taxation can from rink men and dealers who have viewed the complete line, Jones says. Samples and price lists are available for the trade.

Two men have joined the enlarged Jones staff, it was announced this week. Now serving the rink and largest rollery in Western Canada, dealer trade is Harry Portugal, well Bremerton formerly operated rinks at known in rink circles and for the Lethbridge and Calgary, as well as past 12 years president and general Moonlight Roller Rink in Vancouver, sales manager of Rollaway Skate He and his partner, Dr. F. M. Hall, Company. Portugal has no assigned plan to make advanced skating an im- territory but will call on the trade Skate Institute of America. He will

The Jones firm also announces a Edward Hershenson, who brings the preview showing of new Hyde, Roller Bowl, Chicago, back into the Gilash, Chicago, Cleveland and Arrow RSROA after a five-year lapse. Jack skating merchandise January 23-26 Mays, formerly an RSROA top cham- at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago. The pion, is teaching. This rink has also firm expressed hope that all rink owners, managers and sporting goods because it has an unusual number of dealers in Chicago at the time will visit the showing of the newest in corners and drastically revise his

Local Tax Puts Skids Under Show, 2 Staffers Milam's Trade But He Fights demand by rink operators, the Back With Party Date Plans

Mulls Idea of Moving Equipment to Another Town

cripple the operation of an otherwise profitable roller rink operation is which Cecil Mi.am, operator of Arena Recreation Center Rink here, has been thrust.

Faced last spring with the prospect of a local 10 per cent tax on amusement admissions with which the city hopes to supply recreational facilities for children, Milam appeared before city council to vigorously protest the proposal which, along with ties Milam explained his predicament other admission taxes, placed a 30 per cent burden on his gate. His are not opposed to the recreational efforts, however, were unsuccessful and council passed the law on April | are opposed to the method of collect-9. Thus Milam and other local amusement operators are, in effect, supplying the funds with which the city will offer competition to established amusement enterprises.

Taxation Pinches

As a result Milam has had to cut shoe, skate, case and accessories lines. admissions price structure downward

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 10 .- | so that he does not price himself out of business. Thus the cream of Milam's business-the portion of intake that spells the difference between a good or mediocre seasonillustrated in the predicament in has been taken from him. Milam plans to give his revised rates a thoro trial. If he cannot operate at a profit, he says he will rent his establishment as a warehouse and move equipment for operation in some other town that offers a better chance for business survival.

> In a recent letter to school and church club sponsors of skating parand asked their co-operation, "We program," his letter stated, "but we ing from only the amusement industry which is now taxed 30 per cent of gross receipts. Naturally, we have had to make cuts in operating costs, as well as reduce our skating price from 65 cents to 50 cents, having in mind that by reducing our admission price, we will increase our attendance. . . Therefore, I have asked for the full cooperation of the schools, churches, etc. . . It will become necessary to ask the organizations to take a cut on their percentage. We will try to keep the same high standard of operation as in the past and feel that it can be done if we have your co-operation." Effective September 1, Milam of-

(See TAX HITS on page 68)

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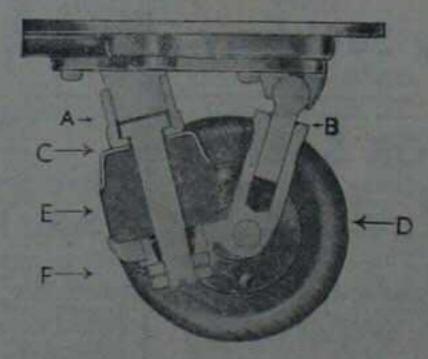
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Anti-Slump Promotions Keynote N. Central URO Muskegon Meet

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 10 .- Need Roy H. Seibert, Hoosierland, Frankfor every operator to go all out for fort, Ind.; Hugh J. Davey, Frankfort, promotional ideas in order to ride Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Tracy L. Swartout, out the present box-office slump key- Swartout's Rink, Valparaiso, Ind.; noted an informal discussion of busi- Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hostetler, Blue ness and promotional ideas at the De- Plaza, Sturgis, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. cember 5 North Central division Albert R. Scott and Russell Garner, meeting of the United Rink Operators at Perry B. Giles's Curvecrest Roller Rink here.

The business discussion was preceded by a talk by Vivian Heard, manager of the National Academy for Roller Skating Teachers, Detroit, who explained the aims and methods of the Academy. Her address was illustrated with demonstrations of teaching methods by two of her students.

Also present at the meeting were a number of manufacturers and representatives who demonstrated various types of sound equipment and tape recorders, cleaning equipment, skates, rink supplies and skating accessories.

Dinner at a downtown restaurant divided the sections of the meeting. During the evening discussion operators also tried and discussed several new skate dances for general skating session use.

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Swartouts, Scotts Enroll in URO

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 10.-Two rinks have been added to the membership roll of the United Rink Operators, it was announced this week at URO headquarters here by Perry B. Giles, association president.

Swartout's Rink, Valparaiso, Ind., operated by Mr. and Mrs. Tracy L. Swartout, and Scottie's Rink, Quincy, Ill., operated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert be returned on the night of the party R. Scott, are the additions. The and all tickets must be settled for Swartout rink, now under construc- on that same night. tion, is expected to open in late December. Scott is an operator of many years' experience, having managed portables before establishing himself some years ago in Quincy.

Brooklyn Racers Lay a Goose Egg

BROOKLYN, Dec. 10.-A disappointingly sparse gallery showed up December 1 at Empire Rollerdrome for the first three-team tilt conducted by the newly organized RSROA Speed Skating League of Brooklyn. The home team, league leader, ran away with honors to the tune of Empire, 17 points; Bay Ridge, 7; Eastern Parkway, 3.

Reason for the small crowd was difficult to explain. A previous dual meet at the rollery had packed them in and spectators had given the speed stuff an enthusiastic reception.

Chicago Roller Bowl Visited by F. Martin

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Fred A. Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Roller Skating Rink Operators' Association (RSROA), was a recent visitor at the Roller Bowl here, giving a talk on the to joints out of town where there is RSROA and skating activities to members of the Roller Bowl Figure from tax provides funds with which and Dance Club. At the time of Mar- their promoters may lure the youth tin's visit the rink was in charge of away from such splendidly super-Jack Mays manager and professional, vised, tho ancially handicapped, in the absence of Ed Hershenson, op- places as Cecil Milam's. . ." erator, who was on a trip east.

Martin reported that the rink is Roller Pic Prepped by MGM doing a good job in class work, citing lessons in the nine-step waltz given by Mays, who heads this activity.

Cioni Kids Click in South

skating exhibitions by stars of Roland ited the Federal Building at Balbon Cioni's Eastern Parkway Club were Park here recently to shoot action seenthusiastically received recently at quences for the film. The shooting Skateland, Henderson, N. C., and took place between halves of the In-Brooks Skating Arena, Raleigh, N. C. ternational Roller Speedway which Titlists who made the invasion were opened an 11-day stand in the park Paul Baumann, Peter Gullo, Alvin December 1. The picture concerns a Hurwitz, Dotty Ross and the Bobby young man (Rooney) who is a mem-LaBriola-Joan LaBriola dance team. ber of a professional racing team.

Tax Hits Milam Biz; Fights Back

(Continued from page 67) fered party sponsors the following

1. (Wednesday or Friday night) By using this plan several schools or churches may hold skating parties on the same night, each selling tickets in their respective district and each receiving a percentage on tickets sold over a fixed number. Milam offers the following ascending commission rate based on volume of business: 25 to 50 tickets, 5 cents on each ticket; 50 to 150 tickets, 10 cents; all over 150 tickets, 15 cents.

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Tickets are supplied by the Arena and sponsors are held responsible for all tickets given them. All evening prices are 50 cents, including tax, checkroom service and clamp skates, An extra charge is made for rental shoe skates. Tickets not sold must

Public Protest Voiced

Council's action in classifying Milam's rink, tax-wise, as an amusement when it should be regarded as recreation (the same as city park equipment) brought at least one strong protest which saw print in The Washington Reporter of November 15. Norman Lyon, the writer, reputedly a professor at Pennsylvania State University, branded council's action as shortsighted and lauded Milam as a credit to the city for his action in taking a rink that was unsafe and of poor reputation and building it, thru expenditure of \$70,000, into an establishment that is highly regarded by

... "It would seem that council has unwittingly included recreations in an amusement tax, Lyon's letter said. "Is there not a sharp distinction between amusements. . . as at the movies and athletic games, . . and recreation where people themselves participate and learn new skills? As well tax a basketball player for playing or tax the tuition a boy pays at college as to tax people for roller skating. . . It seems downright wrong to spend money on playgrounds for younger children and then by taxing the recreations of older children to drive them to roadhouse dances and no city tax, and where the freedom

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 10 -Dark Challenge, a feature length film with a roller skating background starring Mickey Rooney is in the works at the MGM Studios at Hollywood. Rooney BROOKLYN, Dec. 10. - Roller and several members of the cast vis-

Iowa Coin Beats Hot Rural Rhythm For Chas. Ludwig

CARROLL, Ia., Dec. 10.-Charles C. Ludwig, operator of Park ries Roller Skating Palace here, is looking forword to another excellent season basing his prediction on prosperit of Iowa farm families, from whom he draws the bulk of his trade, and high rates of production for scattered manufacturers in the area. Tha Iowans have money and are spendin it is indicated by Ludwig's report of excellent shoe skate and accessor

Nationally, Ludwig sees good bust ness for the live operator who is will ing to promote his business. The marginal operator who is unwilling to offer inducements that will attract customers will wind up behind the season's eight-ball, he believes,

Pointing to the need of continued promotion activity by a rink owner. Ludwig says he always tries to offer some gimmick that will take a skat ing session out of the "routine" class fication. This builds repeat bus ness for Parkview, he says. Occasionally Ludwig offers a professions skating act and some non-skatin pro acts that are in the area. A other times he stages prize skatin contests or parties with the usual horns, confetti and novelties that I with such events. Roller hockey presented regularly between teams of men and women from Carroll and near-by towns. The Carroll Roller Skating Club, another important promotional activity, says Ludwig, b now in rehearsal for its annual floor show.

Thugs Get 1G at Chi Bowl

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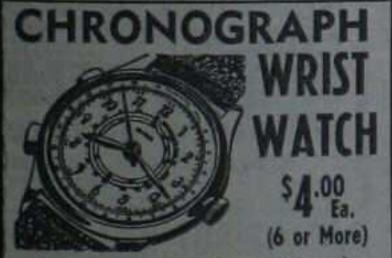
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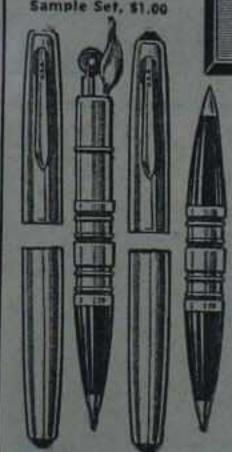
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Pipes for Pitchmen

By Bill Baker-

HENRY H. VARNER . . . tells from Akron that the Monday night sales there are giving local merchants land-office business. He adds that most of the showfolk who have

been making their headquarters there are headed for the South and West Coast for the winter.

If you are good in your particular line everyone knows it.

THEY TELL US . . . that H. T. Weiss, long-time employee of Red Lux, of Cleveland, has quit the game and has been put on a pension approximating \$60 per month.

Lose hope in your profession and you have lost everything.

"THE 42D STREET . . . jewelry and novelty store, owned and operated by Paul and Danny, has been enlarged and is adding new ideas and features," letters Harry Greenfield from New York. "The store has grown into a big success since it was started four years ago. Personnel includes Mickey and Ethel

A good tip is the pitchman's daily bread. McCoy, managers; Billy Weinstein, Young Andy, Princess Sandra, Professor Isaacson, Sol Addis, Doc Ruby, Kid Mack and Doc Otto."

> The great in mind generally achieve greatness in business.

> FREDDIE STEWART . . . following a successful stint in Madison, N. C., with med, left for a location in Charlotte, N. C.

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JACK WILSON ... is still playing stock sales in North Carolina with his med layout to reported good takes.

Best time to start worrying about the winter bankroll is when you open in the spring.

THE JIM OSBORNES . . . are reported to be getting the geedus working solder in Mt. Airy, N. C.

Which of you boys and girls changed from your regular lines to gift novelties for the holidays?

GEORGE LUNSFORD . . . is still gathering the long green working stock sales in North Carolina on the sheet.

THOMAS A. ROMANIK . . . well known in pitch circles, is a warrant gunner in the navy. Latest reports' have him heading the athletic facilities of the Sixth Task Fleet,

Who was it who once said: "When a med show plays the sticks its entourage plays to the same timber."

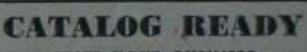
H. R. DAY pipes from Walnut Cove, N. C., that he closed his med show in Winston-Salem, N. C., after a season that wound up on the right side for him. Day will open in theaters with his magic and mental act beginning at Spindale, N. C., December 12. He's booked thru the South until March 15. "Jack Hart," pens Day, "is working Eastern North Carolina. He's the promising young med pitchman for whom I predicted a bright future a year or so ago. He was with Billy Beam then and now he's on top and a swell fellow. What has happened to all the old-timers? I can count all of them that I have met in the last year on my fingers."

Perfection is okay but wouldn't the reformers in the world be in a terrible fix if everyone were perfect?

"I'VE BEEN SELLING . . . merchandise via the tripes and keister method for about 30 years and as the years go by it becomes tougher and tougher to find open towns," opines Dave Rose from his New Orleans headquarters. "And at the rate the towns are being closed we won't be able to work any of them. Years ago when a pitchman went from city to city he was certain to meet with many other pitchmen. They would exchange information, telling one another where they could work, who to see and what the cost would be for a reader. Everyone worked and we all were able to get ahead a little. Nowadays, however, one can travel north, east, south and west and not a pitchman will he meet. Surely there is a reason for this. Many of the boys and girls of our fraternity have switched from street corners and lots to fairs and stores. Some still work stock and community sales. Ex-jam men now are peddling balloons and novelties at fairs and football games, and also have joined up with carnivals. At one fair that I work every year dozens of pitchmen were turned down for spots. There just wasn't enough room for everyone. State fairs are wonderful places for the pitchfolk to get their winter bankrolls together so all of us must work clean and sell articles of merit. If we don't we will be prohibited from working fairs, too.

I know of a number of items that cannot be worked at certain fairs. Horned nuts head the list. Certain chain stores have done away with pitchmen and as I mentioned before the fairs will follow suit unless we can convince them that the articles we sell are what we say they are. Who was it, who not so long ago, sent in pipes about forming a pitchman's organization? At that time several of us proclaimed that it couldn't be accomplished. I still say it can't be done and even the we were organized we couldn't use street corners for places of business. Once in awhile we get away with it in some town but when we return to that same town we find it's closed and they even tell us to get out of town or they will throw us in the clink, I wonder why? I had the same thing happen to me only about two months ago in McComb, Miss. I purchased a reader for \$2.50, obtained an okay from the police chief and when I started to work the mayor came along and ordered me to hold up. When I asked for my \$2.50 I was told to get out of town. I didn't get my money and I didn't work. In years gone by I've worked this town over 20 years, Who closed it? In 99 cases out of 100 it is either the Chamber of Commerce or the Better Business Bureau, of which local merchants are members. It looks like a losing fight to me. From now on I'll make only the fairs. I think that's our last stand. After that? I don't know. Perhaps it will be the old soldiers' home."

EDWARD ST. MATTHEWS . . . is making his home in Cincinnati and hitting on all six. He says that he's been working med for the past few years in West Virginia and Kentucky. Eddie plans to spend the winter framing a new de luxe pitch for 1950. He'd like to read pipes here from Herb Johnston, Jimmy Miller, L. Chapman, Chic Denton, Professor Gerard and King Lamar.



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SALESBOARD SIDELIGHTS

Roy Galentine, Galentine Novelty Company, South Bend, Ind., repeated his good order news last week, adding that the big thing with Galentine is still the Lucky Lulu jar deal, which started off with a bang and is now on counters over the country. . . . Manny Gutterman & Associates, Chicago, reports its ash tray and table lamp board premiums are catching regular operator attention. With the Comic Bowler and Bull Thrower ash trays getting good board player reception, Gutterman says an even stronger demand is being felt for the Waikiki Maiden

Exceptionally heavy demand for all types of boards in its diversified line is reported by Gardner & Company, Chicago. Production is said to have reached new peaks for money, merchandise, die-cut, premium boards, jobbers' trade boards and special boards tailored to fit specific requirements, according to Joe Robinson. Orders continue to be filled in top tempo, with seasonal numbers for the holidays showing up in strong demand. Such new boards as Gorgeous, Hot Numbers and Three-Way Thriller, in the lamp, and attributes this to its money board line, are among the leaders, Joe states.

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MOVELLY GAMES

Manufacturers Adding More Models as Production Lags Far Behind Operator Demand

Pinball Units Still Hub Around Which Biz Revolves

By Tom McDonough

novelty games have established a new approach to design in game playfields and will probably be the basis for additional new game ideas. But while combination shuffle-bowling games craze has swept the nation and is still gaining in popularity, at least three firms have pointed out that five-ball games remain the hub around which amusement game play revolves.

Significant in the success of shuffle novelty units is the obvious fact that altho there were only a few firms producing this equipment at the beginning of last month, seven companies now are firmly entrenched and even more important, all report their major problem is to increase production to cope with demand. Whereas a short time ago there was general feeling that shuffle-type games would create a brief sensation and then pass out of the picture, today even with the quantity of games already in the hands of operators, the builders know the potential has only been scratched and demand should remain at above supply capacities for an indefinite period. Naturally, the only reason the

F. Engel Makes To Distrib Biz

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.-Frank Engel, vet coin machine distributor and operator, has come out of retirement and reactivated his Automatic Equipment Company, it was learned this week. A Seeburg distributor since 1936, he retired in February, 1948, but retained an interest in a Pennsylvania phonograph operation.

Back in business on the distributing level, Engel's first product is U. S. Woodcraft's game, California randa concerning the proposal - one f.o.b. pricing methods. Shuflepins. Operating out of a four-story building here at 817 West ing FTC is without authority to ac- selling has resulted in standardized Cumberland, he will handle the coinoperated game exclusively in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey.

Engel said the firm will specialize in amusement equipment. Another featured item carried is an identification decal offered to the trade for the first time. The decal, manufactured by Enco Products, Inc., is produced by a special process claimed to insure permanency of imprint. Plates will be made on order, it was said, and told at competitive prices.

Charles Engel, brother of the Automatic Equipment head, has joined the firm as sales manager. Other key personnel are now being

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- With virtu- novelty games have remained on top both models of the 21 features an the shuffle-bowling novelty game ally every major amusement game locations for such an extended period award for 7-7-7, which exceeds the manufacturer already producing a is that the players, the real evaluators shuffle-type game or planning to of games, like them and apparently also give major awards for three long-needed "shot in the arm." Just follow this new trend in the industry, do not tire of the game. Operators it is a foregone conclusion that these in all sections of the country report

(See Manufacturers on page 102)

21 Chrome Bell Set for Output

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-Bell-o-Matic Corporation, world distributor of Mills bell products, has started deliveries on the 21 Chrome Bell, a custom-built version of the 21 Bell.

A de luxe unit, the 21 Chrome Bell has a solid chrome front and light grained oak sides. The mechanism of value of the jackpot. Both 21 units melons and three bars.

The standard 21 Bell has a hamsustained high level returns. One merload finished red and blue cab-

Rock-Ola Re-Enters Game Biz; Shuffle, Phono Output Holds

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.-The Rock- one-half-foot models, Ola Manufacturing Company, which has been concentrating on coin-operated phonographs and shuffleboards in recent years, is starting a new amusement game program, it was learned this week from David C. Rockola, firm president. Initial game to be turned out under the new program is Shuffle-Lane, a shuffleboardtype novelty unit, which is now being delivered to Rock-Ola distributors thruout the country.

The new game, according to Rock-Ola officials, incorporates several new features and improvements over other models and super de luxe nine and weight," Weinand stated.

J. Raymond Bacon, Rock-Ola executive vice-presiden, stressed that the entry into the game field, and the the market are fast catching up and production of Shuffle-Lane would in getting their proportionate share of no way interfere with the firm's business. Lieberman Music Comstandard shuffleboard and Magic Glo phonograph output. Full production on both items continues, he stated.

Pointing out that Rock-Ola was originally a manufacturer of games (having produced such units as Jigsaw and World Series), Art Weinand, vice-president and director of sales, comes as a natural step,

shuffleboard-bowling-type units. In- player demand for skill games which tions are crying for the game after cluded are raised playfields to permit incorporate the use of a shuffleboard viewing it in operation elsewhere." a truer shuffleboard technique, gut- weight, we feel that Rock-Ola's positers to simulate bowling alley play, tion in the shuffleboard picture makes lucky enough to have two or three a slide-out mechanism drawer to it logical and advisable to produce novelty games lined up along the wall simplify repairs, de luxe eight-foot skill games that are played with a and seldom do these units lack for

Comeback; Goes FTC Studies Steel Industry Proposal To End Basing Point

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Federal | the offer, the effect on the price of Trade Commission (FTC) is studying steel to coin machine manufacturers a "consent order" proposed by the is problematical. In its various basing steel producers to end basing point point prosecutions, FTC has claimed practices in the industry, the agency announced this week. The two FTC officials most directly concerned with the other hand, basing point propothe commission's pending case against nents have contended that use of the the steel industry submitted memourging its acceptance, the other claim-

Submitted by the American Iron and Steel Institute and approximately 100 steel makers, the offer stipulates that the producers will refrain from any method of selling steel which does not include a published price for any steel product, freight on board (f.o.b.), at the place of manufacture.

In the event FTC decides to accept (See FTC STUDIES on page 97)

that a return to f.o.b. pricing methods would result in price reductions. On system results in lower prices than

FTC's theory is that basing point prices and a consequent lack of competition among steel producers. A resurgence of competition, FTC feels, would drive steel prices down. Steel makers, however, claim that the profit margin in steel is already as low as it can go under present operating costs and that use of the f.o.b. selling methods will mean simply that purchasers

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Twin Cities By Bell-o-Matic Ops Place OK On New Games

Shuffle Units Bring \$8

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10. - After two months of operation in this area continues its hold on coin machine enthusiasts to give the business the as the normal pre-Christmas holiday luli approaches.

Distributors thruout this territory report that operators who never before had novelty games on location are adding these units to their routes as quickly as they can obtain delivery. And the distribs are hounding the factories to get units to them, some wholesalers even backing trucks up to manufacturers' doors waiting to be loaded.

Altho United's Shuffle Alley and Bally's Shuffle Bowler got the jump on the others in this area thru distribution via Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, the other units on pany reports top business with Chicago Coin's Bowling Alley, while Silent Sales Company is humming with trade in behalf of California Shuflepins.

Demand High

"These games definitely are replacsaid that the re-entry into the field ing the pinball in popularity, one operator declared. "I find that I just "Since shuffleboard has created a can't get enough of them. My loca-

Several of the larger locations are

Coming at a time when the coin machine business, especially the pinball end of it, was mired, the new novelty games are being hailed as the answer to operators' demands for "something new for our industry." And they hope public acceptance will continue.

Arcade Biz in Columbia, S. C., Holding Strong

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 10 .- Playland, one of Columbia's four uptown arcades, has increased its line of magic and novelties to proportions never before attempted here and finds business continuing good. Management reports the merchandise sections draw, in addition to sales, many added players to the machines in the building.

Local arcade ops were cheered by news that Fort Jackson's fifth division would remain here at least until June. The army had previoulsy announced that the soldiers, who bring arcades a goodly share of biz, would be shifted to Augusta, Ga.

Another arcade, American, carries military goods in front as attraction for soldier trade. They've found gimmick good stimuli for machine

CTA Awards 3 Vender Contracts

New Premium Plan Launched By Veteran Cig Vender Ops

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 10. - A at cost, Zimmerman said. Also, each new premium plan for vended ciga- consumer writing to the premium rettes aimed at boosting sales and trimming the competitive edge now enjoyed by counter sales in price-differential areas, was launched here 20 per cent above normal might be this week by two old-time cigarette machine operators.

Wednesday (7), the Self Service Sales Corporation, headed by M. J. Zimmerman and Alex Warner, began stocking couponed packs in its 1,500 machines, said to sell 1,000,000 packs of cigarettes each month. Coupons were issued by the Cigarette Machine Premium Corporation, a Self Service affiliate headed by the same principals.

Nation-Wide Plans

Zimmerman, whose entry into the vending business dates from 1928, claims about 30 operators in Connecticut have already indicated they will go along with the plan. Participation by eigarette operators thruout the country is also to be solicited.

He explained that the prime goal of the plan was to center the attention of cigarette buyers on machines and to wean away gradually the allegiance of purchasers from locations to automatic equipment. To promote the campaign, a tie-in has been made with a popular charity and commitments set for television and radio announcements, as well as newspaper ads.

In terms of retail value, the "cigarette thrift coupon" issued by the company is worth one-half cent, according to Zimmerman. It is redeemable for "standard branded" merchandise as described in a 16-page catalog now being distributed. Coupons are sold to operators for half their retail value.

Free Catalogs and Decals

With their first order for coupons, operators going along with the plan are given free catalogs and decals, a pair for each machine on the route. Additional catalogs will be furnished

New Coan Candy Machine Ready

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 10. - Coan Manufacturing Company announced initial delivery this week of its new streamliner U-Select-It candy vender. Machine, said to be new "from the ground up," is the result of three years of experimental engineering, according to J. W. Coan, president. Unit retains the 100 per cent selective feature of former models, displaying 25 bars under the front face glass.

Coan stated that the new mechanical dispensing unit has been locationtested, in the old case, in all types of spots for over nine months. Price and construction details were not given.

R. Towne Joins Arctic Vendor As Sales Exec

Gordon Hasse, head of the Arctic that Mills started developing the kept frozen for long periods, Vendor Sales Company, announced the appointment this week of Ralph Towne as sales director for the northeastern section of the country. He will work out of headquarters in Boston.

Towne resigned from a similar executive position with Craig Vending Machine Company, New Bedford, Mass., earlier this week.

company will receive a catalog free of charge,

Zimmerman said a jump in sales of expected if the coupon plan was adopted. On his own route he estimated that only a 10 per cent increase is needed to underwrite the entire cost of the coupon program. Since no charge, except for coupons is asked of other operators, wide acceptance of the plan is being sought to bring down the per-unit cost of operation

(See VENDER OPS on page 85)

Canteen, Transit Sales, Auto. Merchandising Firms Submit the Winning Bids

Requests for Rapid Transit Drink Op Rejected

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Friday (9) awarded five-year contracts for three or four phases of vender operation in its over 237 el and subway stations and in carhouses, shops and offices. All bids for the fourth contract, designated as C-3 and covering installation of cup venders in passenger stations, were rejected and new bids were asked. This equipment is being operated by Mechanical Merchants, Inc., under a sub-contract. Canteen Company was awarded the soft drink operation in shops, offices and carhouses. Tabbed as C-5, this contract also provides

for installation o other merchandise vending equipment with the exception of candy, gum and nut units. Like the two other vender contracts, it goes into effect January 1, 1950, following expiration December 31 of the blanket vending contract now held by Union News. New contracts

expire December 31, 1954.

Commissions

Canteen will pay CTA \$400 to cover undepreciated cost of existing wiring and piping installed in connection with the operation of drink venders. A minimum of 15 per cent commission was required on gross

Contract C-2, for operation of and nut venders and scales at rapid transit stations, was awarded to Transit Sales, which now operates this equipment under a Union News sub-contract. Minimum percentage established by CTA for such units (See CTA AWARDS on page 85)

Reynard Int'l Set To Op Cup Units in Pennsy R.R.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- An agree- | stalled gradually, as approval for ment of carbonated drink venders in stations of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been concluded between the line and Reynard International, Inc., a firm new to the vending industry, it became known this week.

Reynard, headed by Mathew Fox. has already placed about 10 cup machines in Pennsylvania Station here. It was believed that many more would be placed in the near future, with trade sources estimating eventual installations by the company to number in the hundreds. A Reyweek that machines would be in- the Universal Pictures Corporation.

ment covering the exclusive place- specific locations is granted by the railroad.

Use Cole Units

The venders operated by Reynard at Pennsylvania Station are made by Cole Products Corporation. Other makes may be used later, the company spokesman indicated. The agreement with the railroad does not penny, nickel or dime candy, gum cover all coin equipment. Snively fruit juice machines were recently installed in the station by another operating firm.

Fox, whose offices are at 445 Park nard spokesman, however, said this Avenue, is also a vice-president of

STORE WIDENS VENDER SCOPE

Minute Maid Preps Juice Vend Set-Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- With the results of a two-month test claimed pointing to a large sales potential for vended orange juice, Minute Maid Corporation is hurrying plans for launching widespread operations, it was learned this week. Operation participation in the company's program will be sought within 60 days, according to A. E. Stevens, vicepresident in charge of sales.

Specially adapted Mills cup venders were used in the test operation, located for the most part in government buildings in Washington, Altho the machines performed satisfactorily, it is said work remains to be done to improve refrigeration mechanisms. Lower than normal vending temperatures are required to preserve the frozen concentrate used.

William E. Burke, who heads

Life Size Plug

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Beverage venders received top publicity in a recent issue of Life magazine. Illustrating a feature article on famous generals, "Skinny" Wainwright's photo with a Cole-Spa cup vender carried a caption mentioning the general's insurance firm and the drink vender, a second of his business interests.

juice firm's vending program, howthat several machines might eventually be approved.

Stevens emphasized that rigid standards would control the new operations. Exclusive territories will be awarded on a franchise basis. It will be necessary for operators to observe company specifications for cleaning equipment and storing concentrates. Stevens pointed out that Minute Maid's vending division, said the concentrate would have to be

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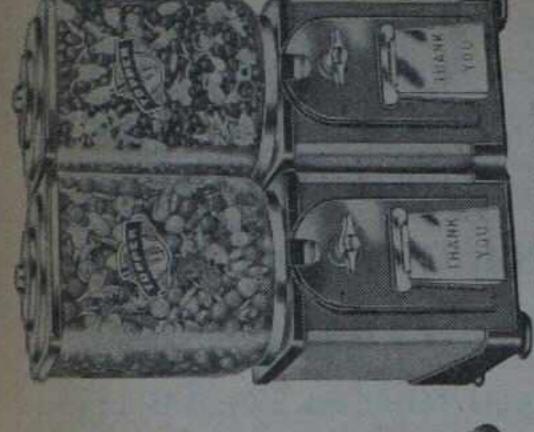
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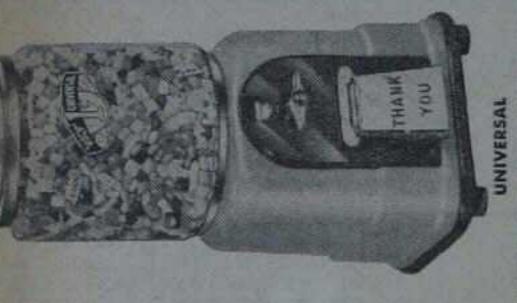
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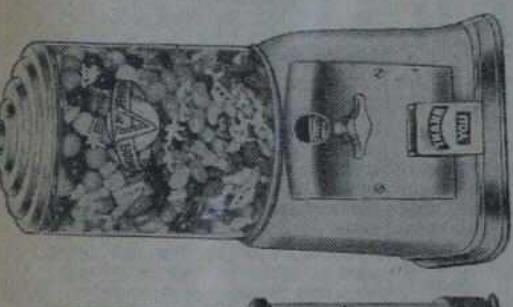
DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Vending majuice vender six months ago. The chines have established themselves in a department store, the J. L. Hudson ever, may not revolve around the use Company, because, as management of a single type of machine. It was stated, "the example of other types indicated that discussions with other of vending machines has pointed out manufacturers were under way and the usefulness and convenience to customers of similar machines to dispense standard items in which no sales explanation or demonstration is

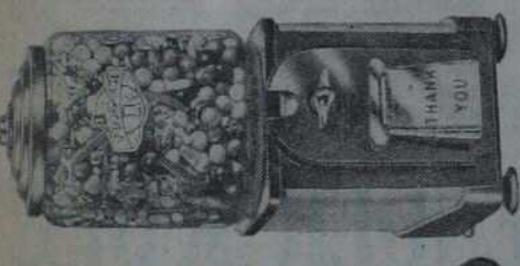
> Two machines, composed of six units each, have been installed in Hudson's, said to be the first store in the nation to use automatic merchandise machines of this new type. Merchandise is prepacked with a girl stationed in a central booth to give change, answer customers' questions and keep the machines supplied. Any merchandise which measures not more than 2 by 8 by 10 inches may be used in the machines. The customer inserts his coins, the number necessary is posted beside the coin chute. By means of a conveyor belt, the merchandise stored in stacks rotates down to the distribution chute. (See STORE WIDENS on page 85)

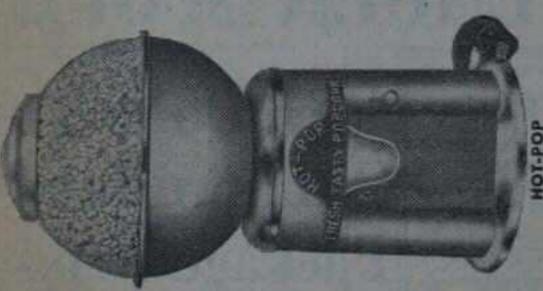
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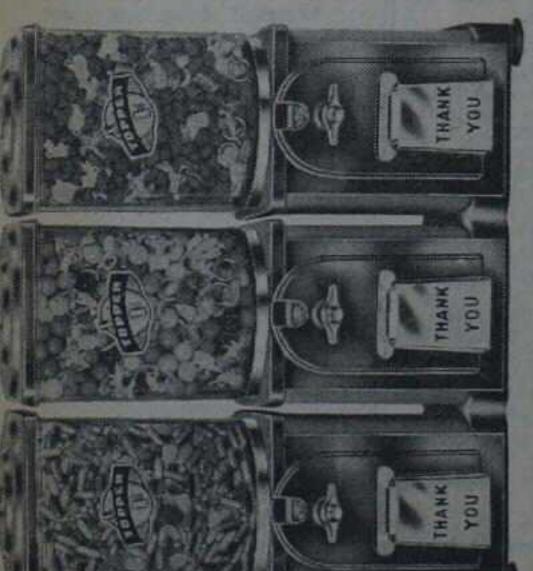












Pa. Officials Crack Down On Cigarette Bootlegging

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 .- D. H. launched at this time partly because Stephens, chief post-office inspector of the tremendous boost given to here with jurisdiction over Pennsyl- cigarette sales by the Christmas vania and New Jersey, has issued a buying. warning that persons suspected of sending or receiving cigarettes thru bootlegging in large measure for the the mails in attempts to avoid State cut in revenue of nearly \$8,000,000 taxes, would face prosecution under the federal mail fraud statutes.

He issued the warning as Pennsyl- pack levy during the last two years. vania State police completed plans to crack down on cigarette-bootlegging firms now were complying with the operations in the Philadelphia areaa campaign launched with the cooperation of the State Department of Revenue and hailed by operators of cigarette vending machines and retailers alike.

Stephens pointed out that persons who have built up profitable sales of tax-free cigarettes smuggled in from other States, mainly Maryland and Virginia, will face prison terms on conviction as was the case of three men recently convicted in Missouri for mail frauds involving illegal sales. He added that receivers of tax-free cigarettes who do not pay a tax levied in the State where received also are subjected to prosecu-

Meanwhile John A. Hague, assistant supervisor of the cigarette tax division for the State Department of Revenue, disclosed that he had assigned one of his "top investigators" to co-operate with State police in "cleaning up cigarette bootlegging in the Philadelphia area."

Hague declared that the possession in this State of more than 99 untaxed cigarettes-the maximum set by law -"is a violation of State law, whether the owner intends to smoke the cigarettes himself or give them to someone else." He admitted that the current campaign against illegal sales and receipt of untaxed cigarettes was

State officials blame cigarette below the \$83,000,000 in cigarette taxes anticipated from the 4-cent per

Authorities said that while major State law, that huge unreported orders of cigarettes still were flowing into Philadelphia by truck, private car, mail and express. These cigarettes, supplied by friends or relatives in tax-free States, have been used to build up thriving, unlicensed cigarette businesses, according to police evidence.

Case History

In a typical case, police said one dealer was receiving 2,000 cartons a week from a Virginia supplier. By avoiding Pennsylvania's 4-cents-apack tax, police said he was underselling the market and disposing of the cartons on a regular weekly route. They estimated his profit at 40 cents a carton, or \$800 a week. In weeks of investigation, State authorities have traced cigarette deliveries to a number of such dealers and are now ready to crack down on them. City police also are able to take action since most of the bootleg dealers are operating without municipal mercantile licenses.

The State police campaign at the "retail" level comes after an unsuccessful effort to check shipments at the Pennsylvania border by halting and searching trucks and private cars. This "blockade" was ended on orders of Governor Duff after protests from hundreds of innocent motorists against delays and inconvenience. While State police are still patroling roads from the South in an effort to head off truck shipments, the "road block" attempt was abandoned in September.

Police officials said a few big firms supplying cigarettes to dealers had shifted their headquarters as certain States adopted cigarette taxes. They said that New Jersey was the principal center of the operation until that neighboring State imposed a 3 per cent per pack tax of its own. The companies then moved to Delaware and now have crossed the border into Maryland. Delaware placed a 2cents-a-pack levy on cigarettes last July.

Pepsi-Cola Reports Sales; Cites 8-Oz. Bottle as Biz Aid

DALLAS, Dec. 10 .- Pepsi-Cola Company President Walter S. Mack Jr. announced last week that his firm's 1949 sales will vary "2 to 3 per cent one way or the other" from 1948. Speaking during a convention of company's Southwestern bottlers here, Mack declared that sales for the first nine months of 1949 held slightly over 1 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

Reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission reveal that Pepsi Cola did a total business of \$36,237,751 during 1948.

The 8-ounce bottle introduced last year for on-the-spot consumption, called Pepsi-8, greatly aided the company in bringing its 1949 sales close to 1948 figures, according to Mack. He estimated that the nation's soft drink consumption this year would drop 8 to 10 per cent under 1948's record levels. Prediction was based on shipments of crowns to the soft drink industry during the first nine months of this year, during which period such shipments totaled 112,000,000 gross or about 13,000,000

gross under the like 1948 period. Mack also stated that firm's foreign sales were getting increased attention and cited Pepsi-Cola's new Cairo, Egypt, franchise which has sold over 1,000,000,000 cases since it began op-eration last May. Regarding domestic franchises, he said that the U.S. was "well covered" by the company and no additions are contemplated at present.

New "Pop" Corn Sez Charter

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 10 .-Pop' Corn Sez Company here has been chartered by the secretary of State's office to deal in popcorn and other confections. Firm's capital was listed as 200 shares, no par value.



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Hyped Interest In Gum Venders

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 .- Gum vending equipment displayed by seven manufacturers at the NAMA convention here last week was accorded strong interest by visiting operators. Included were units accommodating penny and nickel stick gum, tab and candy coated gum and ball gum. Accompanying displays of gum by five manufacturers (see separate story) served to increase over-all interest in this field.

While six firms displayed models shown previously, one gum maker, the William Wrigley Jr. Company, introduced a new two-column and a four-column gum machine, both nickel units. Stoner Manufacturing Corporation exhibited its penny gum unit, debuted at the 1948 NAMA meet, but withheld from production. Production on the Stoner unit will start in January, according to Bip Glassgold.

With introduction of the two new models Wrigley now has three nickel pack gum machines on test operations, Eventually firm plans to stress one of the three models for national placement as a gum sales stimulator. All units operate with the same type vending action, 75 packs to a column, with one being electrically and two manually operated. First to be introduced, about seven months ago, was the live-column electric machine. Because of costs, firm probably will concentrate on the new four-column mechanical machine which will sell in the neighborhood of \$115, according to a Wrigley representative. The two-column unit, also same in operation and appearance as the larger

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December 13 and 27-Amusement Machine Association of Philadelphia (AMAP), semi-monthly meetings, Broadwood, Hotel, Phila-

December 20-Music Operators Association of Indiana, Inc. (MOAI), semi-monthly meetings, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Indianapolis.

December 21-Coin Machine Operators' Association of Harris County (CMOAHC), monthly meeting, Houston Chamber of Commerce Building, Houston.

December 27-Western Vending Machine Operators' Association (WVMOA), monthly meeting, Los Angeles.

December 29 - Michigan Self-Service Laundry Association (MSSLA), regular dinner, discussion meeting, Leland Hotel, Detroit. January 5-Washington Music Guild, Inc. (WMG), monthly meeting, Washington.

January 12-Michigan Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association, Inc. (MAOA), monthly meeting, Maccabees Building, Detroit. January 12-Washington Coin Machine Association (WCMA), monthly meeting, Phillips Novelty Company, Washington.

January 26-27-National Dairy Council (NDC), annual meeting, Hotel La Salle, Chicago.

February 6-Amusement Machine Operators of Greater Baltimore (AMO), regular monthly meeting, 2441 North Charles Street, Baltimore.

(Association officials are invited to submit convention and scheduled meeting information to The Billboard, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago 1, for listing in this calendar.)

machines, differs only in width.

All of the Wrigley gum venders are being made by National Rejectors, Inc. All will undergo further location testing before definite production and sales policies will be set, it was stated.

Stoner Manufacturing Corporation reported its penny gum machine, designed for either wall or candy vender mounting, will sell for about \$25. It is styled to complement the firm's Univendor line. It will be offered in three models, each having approximately 300 sale capacity. Two models will offer four-column selection, one with two candy coated and one column each of stick and tab gum, and one with two stick and two tab gum columns, Third model will have six columns, offering three tab and three

Alkuno & Company, Inc., displayed its three-column nickel gum vender, unchanged in design but reduced in price. Previously listing for \$59.50 for vender and \$12 for base, new peg is \$56 for vender and \$10 for base. Called Model 200, it has approximately 200-pack capacity.

Arthur H. DuGrenier, Inc., featured its four-column tab and candy coated penny gum vender. Unit remains unchanged, design and price-

The Adams Chewing Gum machine, produced by the Gum Vending Corporation, was also shown. This fourcolumn candy coated, tab-style penny unit was also unchanged in operation or price. Capacity remains at 290 pieces.

Mills Industries, Inc., presented their penny tab, candy coated gum vender, while Ford Gum & Machine Company, Inc., exhibited models of its chromium base de luxe ball gum units.

Gov't Reports Chi Turns Out 29 Pct. Of Nation's Candy

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- According to the U. S. Census of Manufacturers, Chicago is the nation's major candy production center, turning out over 29 per cent of the country's total output. New York is second with 91/2 per

cent Illinois, with 141 candy-making firms shipping \$299,713,000 worth of candy accounted for 31.72 per cent of the national sweets output, while Chicago's lion-size share, from 123 plants, accounted for shipments of \$275,711,000. New York State, with 210 manufacturers shipping \$111,974,-000 worth of candy, accounted for 11.85 per cent of the country's total output. New York City, with 170 plants, shipped \$87,929,000 worth of sweets.

Altho Illinois produces the most CHARACTER CHARMS, Inc. | candy, it loses out on the consumer | level, New York State leads as top Los Angeles 21, Calif. | candy consuming section of the U. S.

New 2-Column Stamp Machine at \$33.50

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Flatto Manufacturing Company here has announced a new two column stamp vender listing at \$33.50 f.o.b. Machine design features two sliding parts (push-in coin chutes) and a two-year mechanical guarantee.

Officials state that the unit, which has a built-in slug ejector, returns a net profit of \$2.70 per sell out.

Eppy Adds Charms

it was pointed out.

Uneeda Begins Deliveries on **New Shine Unit**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Uneeda Shine Machine Company has begun delivering its new Model 750 shiner, a neutral-wax unit suitable for black and brown shoes, Sam Sacks, president, announced this week. Separate buffing brushes are used for each color, with the polish applied by a smaller hair brush on the right of the rotating shaft.

Sacks said the Model 750 lists at \$275, with appropriate discounts for orders in quantity, Production of other shiners and brush-up units in the Uneeda Line is being continued, he added.

Harrison Ups Java Concentrate Price

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The Harrison Company, suppliers of coffee concentrates to the vending trade, this week raised the list price of its standard, heavy+consistency preparation to \$8.60 a gallon. The same concentrate was formerly offered at \$8.

George Harrison, president, said the boost was necessary to maintain a balance between the selling price and the replacement value of raw material. The company also offers a concentrate of lighter consistency at \$7.20 a gallon.

Nash-Kelvinator Dividend

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. - Samuel KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 10.-Nash-Eppy & Company added miniature Kelvinator Corporation has announced bowling pins this week to its line of a regular dividend of 35 cents per charms aimed at stimulating bulk share and a special dividend of 75 vender sales. The pins, numbered cents per share on outstanding capifrom 1 to 10, may be worn as charms tal stock. Payment will be made Deor used for a game played with agates, cember 29 to stockholders of record December 12.



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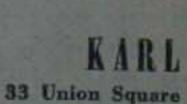
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Supplies in Brief

Cig Consumption

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-Cigarette consumption will remain relatively stable for the next few years at a rate more than double that of the prewar years, Agriculture Department predicted this week in estimating 1949 consumption at an all-time record of 358,000,000,000. Cigar smoking, on the other hand, has been decreasing moderately and this trend is expected to continue.

The department figures that general economic activity will decline slightly in 1950, "Consumer demand for cigarettes is relatively inelastic, and moderate declines in cigarette sales resulting from a decline in income from the 1949 level would likely be counter-balanced by the population increase," Agriculture pointed out.

Cigarette consumption has been steadily increasing for the past decade. Last year consumption amounted to 348,000,000,000, while the the total was 9.2 per cent in 1947. 1947 figure was 335,401,000,000. The prewar average was only 157,048,000,- Pa. Tobacco Report 000.

1949 Off

Cigar consumption in 1949 has been running a little below the 1948 rate, according to Agriculture estimates. Total cigar smoking this year is estimated at 5,600,000,000 as compared with 5,800,000,000 in 1948. The peak was reached in 1946 when sales amounted to 5,914,000,000. The prewar average was 5,359,000,000.

Agriculture notes an increasing tendency on the part of smokers to buy cigars in the lower-price range. Cigars selling for 8 cents or less comprised 47 per cent of the total for the first 10 months of 1949 as com-

pared with 42 per cent for the same period last year. The move toward cheaper cigars represents a reversal of the trend in effect during the war years when the cigar selling between 8 and 15 cents was the most popular. I During 1935-39, about nine-tenths of all cigars smoked were in the cheaper class, with almost all selling for a nickel or less, Agriculture stated.

Movies Grow Sweeter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- U. S. Commerce Department has reported that theater circuits thruout the country purchased close to \$20,000,000 in candy during 1948, compared to about \$18,500,000 thru 1947. Most of the candy, sold over loby stands, was in small packaged bars.

Report also stated that of the 1948 total of all candy sales by manufacturers and wholesalers to all chain stores and related outlets, movie circuits accounted for 9.9 per cent, while

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 10. -Pennsylvania tobacco farmers, for the most part concentrated in Lancaster County, face a multi-million-dollar reduction in income from their crops this year. Chiefly responsible for the expected drop are lower tobacco prices and a reduced crop acreage this

The Pennsylvania State Agriculture Department estimates the production per acre will amount to some 75 pounds less than in 1948. Total production of tobacco in Pennsylvania last year amounted to 61,275,-000 pounds, for a total value of \$16,-906,000. The estimated production this year is expected to fall some 3,000,000 pounds under the 1948 fig-

In Lancaster County a total of 56,-936,000 pounds were produced last year with a value of \$15,936,000. Lancaster tobacco farmers are predicting that their income this year will run at least \$3,000,000 under the 1948 level.

Pa. Ice Cream Output

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.-When it comes to ice cream production Pennsylvania tops all the other States, according to the ice cream companies here. Last year the ice cream manufacturers made 65,329,000 gallons enough to supply every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania with more than six gallons each.

The State Agricultural Department reported, however, that the 1948 output was 14,000,000 gallons below the all-time record of 79,494,000 produced in 1946, when wartime restrictions were first removed.

Next to Pennsylvania in ice cream production is listed New York with a production of 56,274,000 gallons, and California third with 40,039,000 galions.

Victor Vending Ups Production on New Triple-Unit Vender

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Following its announcement two weeks ago, Victor Vending Corporation has announced increased production on its new Triple-Unit Topper model, companion multiple type vender of the firm's Double Unit Topper, Priced at \$31.50 per triple unit in quantity orders, the new model features the same construction as the single-unit Topper, Standard equipment includes Victor's new plastic globe and the ball gum and charm vending wheel.

The new triple-unit design was created as a follow-up to the successful introduction of firm's Double-Unit Topper model, according to H. M. Schaef, president. It offers space saving advantages in the operation of battery bulk vender placement,

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Turning Back the Clock

15 Years Ago This Week

December 15, 1934 .- In New York amusement game operators were enthused about business prospects for 1935 as a result of the harmony among the various coinmen's associations and because of the top flight games already on the market. The hot items included Peo Corporation's Pigskin which listed for \$35, Century's Crack Shot, Pacific Amusement's Lite-a Line, Stoner's Esquire, Western Equipment's Put 'n' Take, Bally's Red Arrow, Gottlieb's Merry-Go-Round and Flying Trapeze, Genco's Criss Cross and Gridiron, and Dudley-Clark's Live Power.

In December, 1934, Joe Calcutt's Vending Machine Company, Fayetteville, N. C., was one of the largest distributor firms in the trade and had just issued an 84-page catalog of its various types of equipment, which included virtually every make of coin unit known at the time. . . . The George Ponser Company, Newark, N. J., was named to represent Seeburg in five Eastern States. . . . Benny Schillinger, well known in the trade in 1934, opened his own firm in Mount Vernon, N. Y. . . . The digger game, X-Cavator, was shown at the 56th annual Brewers' convention in London, Jerry Wertheimer, sales manager for Ad-Lee, maker of the digger, handled the overseas exhibit. After the event Wertheimer contacted the trade on the Continent.

In December, 1934, Harry Williams was head of Automatic Amusements. Los Angeles. He announced that his firm would manufacture the senior model of Action for Bally. Automatic Amusements was also appointed national distributor of the product. . . . Up in La Crosse, Wis., Redco Products Corporation was building the Silver Comet penny cigarette vender. . . . Groetchen's counter game known as the Dice-o-Matic vender was setting sales records for this type of product and O. D. Jennings & Company was in the midst of a big run on a football game. Another counter game winning a big operator following at the end of 1934 was H. C. Evans' The Darby which listed for \$35.

Leo J. Kelly, general manager of Standard Ticket Games Corporation, Chicago, and a former staffer at Mills Novelty, was receiving favorable comments on his Psychology of Pin Games, a feature story which appeared in The Bilboard in December, 1934. Kelly analyzed the things which make or break games and based his observations on what players look for in a game.

10 Years Ago This Week

CHICAGO, Dec. 9, 1939. - Candy vender activity received spotlighted attention with the news that 180,000,-000 bars were sold annually in New York subways via the "automatic process." This sales volume was mentioned as an indication of the new trend toward vending of nickel merchandise, rounding out the previous "penny only" pattern, Detailing further breakdowns in vender sales, by items, trade sources revealed that in one year 480,000,000 sticks of gum and 6,250,000 pounds of peanuts, mostly thru penny machines, were moved thru units in the New York subway alone.

Bolstering the vender news was the report from a large theater chain that its candy vending activities returned \$2,000,000 from the vender sale of nickel bars in one year.

Cigaromat Sets Kelner Distrib

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Kelner Vendors, Chicago, headed by Jack Kelner, has been named five-State Midwest distributor by the Cigaromat Corporation of America. Kelner will cover Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The public's pedal extremities received attention from coin machine makers as evidenced by Exhibit Supply Company's Foot Ease Vitalizer. Unit, which looked like a ticket scale, operated for a penny, its platform vibrations providing relief for "tired. aching cold feet." . . . News of citrus juice venders hit with the Florida Citrus Exchange announcing development of a vender that cut and squeezed the fruit and served the juice in a paper cup. Set for nickel operation, the machine vended a drink in 20 seconds. First six of the machines were to be placed in operation in New York city.

Coin machine men were making plans to attend the 1940 Coin Machine Industries, Inc. (CMI) convention January 15-18 at the Hotel Sherman. Chicago. Cigarette venders and coin phonographs were scheduled to hold exhibit spotlight, industry spokesmen were predicting. . . . The Indiana State Operators' Association (ISOA) held its first annual meeting December 2-3. James A. Gilmore, secretarymanager of CMI, was a featured guest speaker. It was declared that about 80 per cent of the ISOA members operated phonographs.

Juke ops were advised by The Billboard Record Buying Guide that the new tune, Tuxedo Junction, was to be watched as a strong juke hit possibility. Later months bore out the prediction, Lilacs in the Rain was the top disk click of the week.

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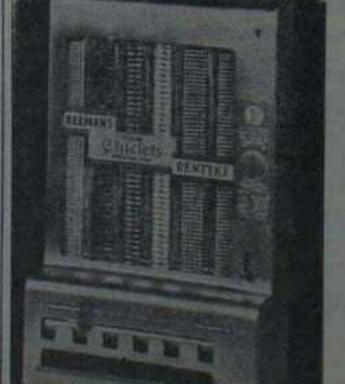


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Locations Rush To Phone After Q-Ball TV Show

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 .- Soliciting new locations for coin equipment via television proved highly effective this week as 500 telephone calls from taverns were received within 11/2 hours of the initial airing of a new series sponsored by the American Q-Ball Congress, Eddie Lane, head of the Congress, reported inquiries were phoned in from as far as Reading, Pa., about 60 miles distant from the broadcast point,

The first show of the series Thursday (8) featured three play-offs in local tavern competition. A half-hour program, telecast from the WFIL-TV studios here, it built up viewer interest thru the awarding of prizes and short interviews with local celebrities. Guy Parsons, assistant superintendent of police, accepted a Q-Ball game during the show in the name of the Police Athletic League.

Advance Build-Up

program, three mailings were made to taverns in the area last week. Two packaged peanut display of nickel were over the signature of the Penn- packages. All are available in 100 sylvania Q-Ball distributor, Sidney Pallitz, and one was sent by the Congress. During the same week, the program was publicized by nine video tinue to average \$2.75 and \$2.85 for and radio spot announcements.

are eligible to compete in an Eastern counts for any one calendar month championship event, scheduled for June 4 in New York's Madison Square cent, depending upon amount of or-Garden. They received, in addition, prizes in merchandise and trophies tavern represented by the top scorer display.

York (The Billboard, December 3), cities. Twelve weekly programs remain to be aired over WFIL-TV in designed for wall installation. the current series.

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Cookie Vending Tavern Phone Vies Interest Gains

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 .- Biscuit packs for venders and biscuit vending equipment drew increased attention during the 1949 NAMA convention, as evidenced by operator inquiries at both supplier and machine manufacturer booths last week. Three biscuit makers stressed their special vending packs, while a number of candy machine firms displayed cookie merchandise stocked along with candy bars in their standard units, and Statler Manufacturers Corporation exhibited its Niks Vendor.

vending field, prices were seen to hold firm, with no changes made or contemplated. The special cubical Niks packs are continued in full variety of eight flavors, while Austin Packing Company, Inc., displayed its six variety cubical packs for special vending equipment and also presented its line of "candy bar size" packs for use in regular nickel candy

Federal Sweets & Biscuit Company featured its Dutch Maid short bread package for venders, along with vari-To build up advance interest in the ous other cookie packs. Gordon Foods, Inc., presented a 12-item cookie, cake, count vend packs, with exception of 120 count for the peanut packs and 144 count for the pastry. Prices con-100 count for cookie packs. Firm also Winning players on the program continues its monthly quantity disranging from 1/2 per cent to 5 per ders.

Vending equipment, in addition to said to be worth about \$1,000. The special purpose biscuit machines by Statler Manufacturers, was offered in was awarded a trophy for permanent variety by several candy machine makers as biscuit merchandisers. The Congress plans eventually to Statier did not present changes in the sponsor network shows out of New Niks units or their prices, Latter ranges from \$115 for the nine-column in addition to local shows in other machine complete with stand to \$80 for the six-column unit without stand,

A price reduction was announced by Alkuno & Company, Inc., on its combination candy-cookie vender. From \$84.14 (\$69.15 for vender and \$15 for stand) price was reduced to \$77 (\$65 for vender and \$12 for stand). Unit has 100 cookie pack capacity. Lowered price was made possible because of increased production, it was stated. February delivery is promised on current orders.

Hamilton Scale Co. National Distrib for Electric Coin Shaver

TOLEDO, Dec. 10.-Howard Aylor, head of Hamilton Scale Company, this week assumed the national distributorship for A. H. Pitchford Company's coin-operated electric shaver.

Shaver, which was displayed at the NAMA convention last week, is being featured with Aylor's Hamilton scale combinations in the special mobile showroom touring country.

Diamond Match Sales Hit Record; Food Tray Clicks

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Releasing a year-end statement, Robert G. Fairburn, Diamond Match Company president, reported that 1949 production and consumption of matches in the U. S. continued an upward trend with firm's dollar volume of match sales reaching an all-time high.

A new item introduced earlier this year, of potential interest to vender operators, was the Diamond Foodtainer, which saw double productions due to high retail food outlet demand. The container is a pulp tray for the packaging of meats, fruits and vege-

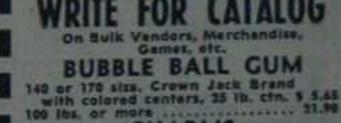
tables. Fairburn revealed that in 1950 the firm plans to introduce several new items, now in the development stage.

With Juke; Plays Top Hits for Nix

SPRINGFIELD, III., Dec. 10.—The juke box at Fritz's Tavern here had some competition recently when customers discovered they could get music over the house telephone without depositing a nickel. The "ghost" music, in the form of top juke hits such as Mule Train, Slipping Around, etc., poured out of the phone receiver whenever it was lifted from the hook.

While regular calls without music could be made on the house phone On the product end of the biscuit when a nickel was deposited and incoming calls also were tuneless, a clear circuit brought in the hit parade. When the phone company sent out a repair man it was discovered that the line was hooked with another circuit sending out wired musle.





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Xmas Spirit

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Suppliers who exhibited at the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches (NAAPPB) trade show here last week will provide much of the joy that will come to the orphans at the Angel Guardian Orphange here Christmas Day.

The Blevins reps, who last year started the "Christmas Giving" by donating popcorn to the orphanage, augmented their gift this year with enough peanuts to give all the kids a treat. T. Burke, vice-president of Glacier Orange, added orange sirup to the donation while Chunky Nut made certain there would be an adequate supply of peanuts on hand.

Cub Scouts, belonging to the St. Henry School troop, also received peanuts from the Blevins and Chunky Nut firms. These will be used at the troop's Christmas Party.

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CTA Awards 3 Vender Pacts

(Continued from page 79) is 20 per cent of gross vender sales

and 40 per cent of scale earnings. Awarded the C-4 contract, for operation of the same type of equipment as above with exception of scales in CTA shops, offices and carbarns, was the Automatic Merchandising Company. A minimum of 12 per cent commission was asked by CTA.

Altho no minimum number of machines is stipulated in the contracts, it is expected that operating firms will exert special effort to expand and promote the operation of vending equipment in rapid transit stations and in employee locations. Particular stress will be placed on increased placement of equipment on el platforms, according to H. L. Polland, CTA director of public relations.

Channel Funds

Funds obtained thru vender operation in CTA employee locations, such as offices, barns, etc., will be channeled to a general employee welfare fund, it was stated.

CTA reserves the right to pass approval on the location, color, size, style and method of installation of any vender which the operating company proposes to install.

limit set for submission of soft drink cup vender bids for el and subway station installation shortly, Polland declared. Initial cup venders were installed on Loop subway platforms by Mechanical Merchants last May, and now number 20 machines (The Billboard, June 25).

Union News was awarded the newstand contract, C-1, which it thus retains for another five years, but loses the over-all concession contract under the new CTA contract break-

Store Widens Vender Scope

(Continued from page 79) -in Michigan a dollar item would moved to this city. total \$1.03 with sales tax-the machine makes the change in pennies only.

Locations

Machines are located in the basement store which specializes in lower price merchandise and on the fourth floor at the entrance to the women's lounge where women's accessories are sold. Under the heading of Automatic Sales Square, the fourthby women who stop to rest after or during their shopping. Merchandise sold in the vending machines in the basement store is marked sale merchandise.

The long-standing store policy of returns on goods still applies to vending machine merchandise. Artimachines since their introduction December 5 include nylon hosiery, Christmas cards, handkerchiefs, dolls, knitted shoe covers, razors, first-aid kits and guest towels.

Equipment

The machine is a Sell Master, of New York. Merchandise is displayed openly to allow customer examination, and also is shown in glass cases for protection from dust. Explaining that there can be no mechanical replacement for trained sales personnel, the Hudson spokesman said the machines would not be used on an extensive scale since personal contact is a basis of Hudson policy.

a load off salespeople, enabling them to devote more time to customers and save shoppers time in purchasing explained.

Vender Ops Launch New Premium Plan

(Continued from page 79) for Self Service, Zimmerman stressed that the only direct benefit to his own operation would be lower cost for printing coupons and catalogs and better deals on merchandise thru quantity purchasing.

Special Glue

The coupons are affixed to cigarette packs with a special glue which permits removal without muitilation. While a machine is available to speed quantity processing, and will be sold or rented to operators by the company the device is not deemed essential for any except very large corporations.

Starting Tuesday (13), spot an-nouncements on WNHC-TV and WDRC acquainting consumers with the plan will be aired daily for a month. This will be supplemented by ads in Connecticut papers. A pictured coupon in each ad, having a face value of 25 points (worth 121/2 cents). is expected to stimulate sales thru cigarette thrift machines.

A plan has also been worked out to attract purchasers who are not coupon accumulators, Thru tie-ins with State restaurant associations and fraternal groups it is planned to establish coupon collection points where consumers may deposit the tabs. All coupons accumulated in this manner will then be redeemed by the company in the name of the Newington Home for CTA will publish the new time Crippled Children, a popular Connecticut charity. Zimmerman said that similar plans could be arranged in other areas to spread acceptance of vender purchasing.

Rx Scale Goes

BUFFALO, Dec. 10. - Rx Scale Manufacturing Company, Inc., formed shortly after the war and previously confining sales to the East, has announced a national sales policy on its two-model line. A. Chimera, an official of the firm originally located in New Haven, Conn., announced the business was recently sold to a Buffalo group, following which pro-If the item requires pennies in change duction facilities and offices were

Firm's scales, in both models, are priced at \$116.50, with special quantity prices to operators. Base and body is of grey iron casting, finished in vitreous porcelain enamel. Dial registers up to 280 pounds. Model 101 is 401/2 inches high, features the Rx pharmicists symbol as an intregral part of the top head assembly and differs from Model 102, which is 40 inches high, in this respect only. Both floor machines allow easy purchases have platforms 91/2 by 111/2 inches. Interchangeable head makes two models possible on one base and column. Both models can be obtained without coin trip for free weighers.

Firm reports it is in production with early delivery promised on all orders. A M. Johnson, Rx Scale cles which have been sold in the president, has been for many years identified with scale operations.

NLRB Orders Election

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - The policy of National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in declaring bottling firms engaged in interstate commerce was reaffirmed last week as the board ordered a collective bargaining election for employees of the Jacksonville branch of the Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Company, NLRB rejected the firm's claim that it was exempt because all of its soft drinks were sold within Florida. The board "The machines, in their place, take said that the firm bought all its sirup from the bottler's parent plant in Atlanta and that therefore its operations "affect commerce within the these standard items," the spokesman meaning of the National Labor Relations Act."



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Sugar Quotas Being Mulled More Venders on Military Posts, Asks Army Bro By Governm't

Users Ask 8 Million Tons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan is mulling varying 1950 sugar requirement estimates submitted at a meeting of industry sugar experts re-The confab represented part of the protocol set up by Brannan to aid him in fixing a sugar quota for the coming year.

Industrial users, including the National Confectioners' Association (NCA), National Candy Wholesalers' Association (NCWA) and the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages (ABCB), agreed upon a quota of 8,098,000 tons. On the other hand, the U. S. Sugar Beet Association (USBA) requested Brannan to fix the 1950 quota at 7,200,000 tons in order to raise the price of sugar.

The USBA figure is even less than the 7,250,000 tons established as the 1949 quota by Brannan last December. Later this year he boosted the quota to 7,500,000 tons. The beet growers complained at the meeting that the 1949 quota has been so high that cane sugar remains low enough in price to hurt the domestic sugar industry. USBA spokesmen declared that beet growers have been unable to produce and market the 1,800,000 tons of beet sugar they have been permitted. Final figures on the 1949 sugar beet crop, according to estimates submitted to Brannan, will be in the neighborhood of 1,550,000 tons.

The industrial sugar users went on record in opposition to any attempt to create an artificial sugar shortage. They urged that the quota be increased.

Under the Sugar Act of 1948, the Secretary of Agriculture is given authority to set an annual sugar quota based on estimated needs of the public and of industrial sugar users. His quota is announced around the middle of December, but may be changed during the year to meet shifting requirements.

A move by Sen. William Fulbright the last Congressional session to abolish the Sugar Act and permit an open (D., Ark.) during the closing days of sugar market was defeated in the Senate. Fulbright had first tried to have the 1949 quota increased by means of an amendment to the farm bill. When that amendment was rejected, the senator then offered his repealer.



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Military Posts, Asks Army Brass

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Altho the inactivation of several army posts during recent months has trimmed the total number of venders operated in military installations, the numberper-post seems due for continued expansion. This trend was indicated here this week as it was learned that the top brass of the army and air force exchange service is encouraging post officers to seek out new sources of revenue, as well as expand existing facilities. And merchandise machines have long been a favored source of income for the service.

Financial difficulties of the exchange service were sharpened this year as a result of congressional curbs on the types of products which post exchanges can sell to the military. The curbs stemmed from pressure by retail associations which charged that low post exchange prices constituted unfair competition.

Service Committed

However, despite reduced income, it was pointed out the exchange is still committed to financing special services for soldiers, amounting to about \$1.43 a man. Its only sources of revenue are profits on goods sold and concession rentals and commissions.

Operator contracts, negotiated on a post-to-post basis, should call for an increase in the amount and variety of venders installed, an exchange spokesman said. He suggested that operators themselves should be more aggressive in urging placement of new equipment.

While exchanges are permitted by regulations to own and operate venders, headquarters opinion strongly endorses agreements with route owners. Experience has shown, it was reported, that post-operated equipment is economically unsound. Only a few posts own venders today, the spokesman said, and further ventures into machine ownership are being discouraged.

Keeney Novelty Game Pin Boy

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- J H. Keeney & Company here has started quantity delivers on Pin Boy, a straight novelty game which stresses all the high points of bowling and shuffleboard action, President Pete McGinnis announced Tuesday (6).

Built in a cabinet which measures approximately 8 feet long by two feet wide, Pin Boy has a scoreboard which automatically registers points after frames have been completed. It also designates strikes, spares, splits and related key situations identified with bowling. Puck return is automatic and gets back to the player's end of the game via a chute built inside the cabinet.

Object of the game is to score 300 points, which like in bowling can only be acheived by playing a perfect game which amounts to scoring strikes only. In Pin Boy player makes strikes by sliding a shuffleboard puck over electrical contacts which simulate bowling pins. Number of contacts hit by puck determine score on that shot. As in bowling, player gets two shots in a frame unless he scores a strike.

Backglass is set up in such a way as to resemble 10 bowling pins set in the traditional triangle. As points are made during a frame, the lights on the pins go out, simulating pins knocked down in standard bowling.

McGinnis emphasized that the firm is making an all-out effort to increase production on the bowling-shuffleboard game.

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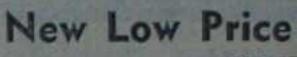
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Juke Mfrs. Discuss "45" Disks

Industry Reps Will Show at 50 MOA Meet

See Large Turnout

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 10 .- George A. Miller, national president of the Music Operators of America (MOA), this week reported that 88 exhibit rooms have been made available to manufacturers and suppliers of music equipment at the Palmer House, Chicago, in conjunction with the org's 1950 convention March 6-8. In announcing the exhibit arrangements, Miller revealed that many record companies, needle manufacturers and several coin - operated phonograph manufacturers have already reserved space to show their products.

Heavy Attendance

Officials of MOA have been greatly encouraged regarding expected attendance at the convention after having received communications from presidents of many local and State associations thruout the country, in each case assuring large representations from their individual orgs at the national meet.

Much of the enthusiasm of the operators lies in the fact that the MOA Matic Company, as well as planned is an operators' group, and that the installation of television duplicators. convention is called and sponsored by operators rather than manufacturing firms. Thus, it was pointed out the ops feel they will be free to discuss their problems fully and work out solutions.

Among the manufacturers who have already signed up for space at the meet are AMI, Grand Rapids, Mich., which will exhibit its complete line of | nue. coin-operated phonographs, and Permo Point Needle Company, Chicago.

AMO Skeds 1950 Banquet, Dance For February

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10. - The Amusement Machine Operators Association of Greater Baltimore (AMO) will hold its annual dinner and dance at the Lord Baltimore Hotel February 5, 1950, it was announced this week by President Bernard J. Rose. In addition to a heavy membership turnout, already assured thru the advance sale of tickets, Rose said a number of public officials have agreed to appear at the affair.

The org is now lining up top entertainment for the dinner, and will ligh a name ork to play for the show and dancing.

DenverRenamed Head of Gotham Music Ops' Org

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Albert S. Denver was re-elected president of the Automatic Music Operators' Association (AMOA) last week. other major officers also were reelected for a year. They are Charles Bernoff, vice-president; Sal Trella, urer, and Al Bodkin, Joseph Connors, Bill Goetz and Arthur and Louis Herman, directors.

Juke TV Star

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—A Seeburg Select - o - Matic 100 phonograph is the feature attraction on the Tune Shop program on television station WLW-C here. Program, which is aired for 30 minutes five days each week, is emseed by Tom Gleiba, disk jockey, playing request records as received from the viewers.

The Shaffer Music Company here placed the phonograph in the studio, thereby giving the disk jockey a new way of presenting records to the public. Located right next to the desk where Gleiba sits, the attractive juke is in range of the camera constantly, and viewers not only watch as Gleiba sets the machine in motion, but can also see the mechanism as it prepares, then plays the proper platter.

Record Availability Major Factor; Most Firms Agreed Subject Vital to Industry

Await Developments Before Making Further Plans

(Continued from page 17) field.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that the 45 r.p.m. record is here to stay, and I am sure you will pardon my borrowing this quotation from no less an authority than Frank M. Folsom, president of RCA.

coin-operated phonographs and in turing Corporation, Kansas City, Kan. my opinion will gradually obsolete Craig was optimistic concerning the the present coin-operated phonofuture of 45 r.p.m. in the coin phono graphs in use thruout the country. This will certainly have an impact on the industry and will probably furnish the needed stimulant for new equipment sales by manufacturers.

"How long this will take will be the . . . question, but in the meantime, as the hit recordings by the "The 45 r.p.m. will certainly affect star singers and orchestras continue to appear on 45 r.p.m. recordings, the time factor will be shortened.

> "At the present time this company (Aireon) is not actively engaged in developing a new record changer to accommodate the 45 r.p.m. record.

The attitude displayed by officials of AMI follows closely that of other leading manufacturers. The late Lindy Force, manager, general sales, had been studying the 45 r.p.m. situation practically from its inception Hoover is also negotiating with the and was well versed on the subject. Mich., that record availability was

John Haddock, president, has screen which is usually placed at a for a 45 mechanism, we will have

New Music System Introduced In Detroit; Also Offers Tele and just how this will be handled is a matter for future decision."

wired music systems, is being started | tems. here by the newly formed Muz-a-

specialist associated with spectrograph work. With this technical background he has an unusual approach to the special problems faced by the operator in the music and video fields. Headquarters for the firm have been established at 4939 Ridgewood Ave-

Webster record changers at present

DETROIT, Dec. 10 .- Installation of Muz-a-Matic system is designed to juke box type equipment for continu- operate at a cost to the location below ous music service, in competition with the price level of wired music sys-

Tele Angle

Olympic and Meck television manu- It was his thinking, and he put it Owner of the new firm is Lawrence facturers for the delivery of video to company officials in Grand Rapids. Hoover, who has been an electronic duplicators. These are designed for installation in one or more additional the one factor involved, and that spots in a bar or other location, so this factor could not be resolved for that the patrons can see the screen some time to come. conveniently from any spot, rather than being forced to watch a single stated that "when there is a need considerable distance from some of it." That sums up that firm's stand the tables, and often invisible from at this time. Hoover is using AMI units and several positions in the room,

A similar television installation has for his music locations. These are also been proposed by Hoover for designed to operate without selectivity school use, placing a receiver or dupliof music for a definite length of time cator unit in each selected room in tions sought are principally in restau- a major adjunct to visual education rants and cafes, where the manage- methods. While he has discussed this ment wants to furnish music, but does with local school authorities, no definot want a regular juke box. The nite plans have been accepted as yet.

Wash. Guild ranging up to several hours, and then ranging up to several hours, and then ranging up to several hours. Locate a given program wherever wanted, as repeat the circuit of selections. Locate a major adjunct to visual education To Charities

Phonos to Boys' Clubs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Washington Music Guild (WMG) donated \$100 to the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal campaign at its December meeting. A gift of \$500 was also made to the Metropolitan Police Boys Clubs, \$200 more than last year's donation. In addition, the Guild gave two phonographs to boys clubs.

WMG is also spearheading a drive to collect toys, clothing, and canned goods for needy youngsters in co-oneration with WGAY disk jockey, Stan the Hired Man. Thru the courtesy of the local fire departments, the contributions are being collected in Washington and neighboring Silver Spring (Md.) stations.

In collaboration with Arnold Fine, night club editor of The Washington Daily News, WMG plans to entertain patients at the Naval Medical Center in neighboring Bethesda, Md.

At the meeting, the Guild decided to contact juke box distributors so that the members can borrow amplifiers, heads, and motors for temporary use when their machines are out of order. Seeburg (Musical Sales, Baltimore), Wurlitzer (Winter Sales Company, Baltimore) and Rockola (General Sale Vending Com peny, Baltimore) are working with WMG on the program.

Info in Other Departments

Among the stories of interest to the coin machine industry to be found in other departments of this issue of The Billboard are:

MOVE AFOOT FOR SUB ON EXCISE TAXES. The latest idea is to put a 2 per cent bite on all products and kill the tax on disks, etc. (General Department).

WAX BOOM MAY GO TO SPRING. Christmas rush may outlast winter in spite of any three-speed confusion still existing (General Department).

CAPITOL RECORDS IN ALL-OUT JUKE BOX DRIVE. The diskery outlines strategy for concerted efforts toward the juke box trade (Music Department).

BLUEBIRD ADOPTS REGULAR RELEASES. The low-priced Bluebird line to follow procedure of regular RCA disks with weekly releases (Music Department).

And other informative news stories as well as the Honor Roll of Hits, pop charts and The Billboard feature-two pages devoted to new merchandising and mechanical developments in the businessthe Radio-Phono-TV section.

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NDOA Defers'50 Elections Until Meeting in May

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 10 .- Unexplained lack of attendance at the election meeting of the North Dakota Operators' Association (NDOA) in Sorenson's Cafe here Sunday (4) caused postponement of any election action until next May.

With a membership of between 30 and 40 operators, President Fred Fixel, of Pembina, N. D., was one of seven coinmen who showed up for the meeting.

Only others on hand, despite the fact that weather was fair, were Bob Westrum, of Bismarck, association secretary; Glen Addington and Johnny Martin, both of Bismarck; Charles Rose, of Fargo, and Tom and Norm Kady, Grand Forks.

"Poor attendance forced us to call off the election," Fixel told those present. "Our next meeting will be the first Monday in May, 1950, at the Prince Hotel, Bismarck. We should have a real turnout at that time."

Altho those present wouldn't say it in so many words, they seemed to indicate that should next May's meeting fail to draw a fair share of the North Dakota operators some drastic action may be necessary to either keep the organization alive or to disband.

The seven members who did show up at the scheduled meeting spent the time discussing their own mutual problems, but were unable to take any formal action because of the lack of a quorum.

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S. Hogg (Going Back) Specialty 342-8M1

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I'll Find My Way

Tarroz Red (That's Her) V(78)22-0057; (45) So Long
50-0041

J. Dickers (A-Sleepin' at) Col 20644

The Four Tunes (The Lonesome) V(78)22-0058; (45)50-0042

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J. Morris Ork (Broken Hearted) Dec 48126 Meet Me on the Corner

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Little Willie Littlefield (Come on) Modern Hollywood 20-716 Nervy Woman Blues

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Prize 705
Mistreatin' Baby

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fl. Hawkins Ork (Sleepless Nights) Modern
20-720

Morning Blues

"Lightnin' " Hopkins (Have To) Aladdin 3035 My Baby

J. Bauer (Unemployment Blues) Orchid 2 My Baby Left Me

J. B. Summers (I Want) Gotham 209 My Baby

R. Sykes (Southern Blues) V(78)22-0056; (45)50-0040-BMI My Baby-Kin

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My Teddy Bear

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Need a Man

T. Cooper (Let's Try) Gotham G-210 New Orleans Woman Blues

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New Year's Eve Blues
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J. Witherspoon (Big Fine) Modern 20-721

Now That I Have You

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Pee Wee Crayton (Bounce Pee Wee) Modern

Papa Ain't No Santa Claus B. Bears & Sonie (What It) Harmony 1685

Portia's Boogle
J. Morris (Sneaking Around) Dec 48123
Prairie Dog Hole

F. Dixon-E. Williams (You Need) Supreme 1546 Real Pretty Mama Blues A. Milburn (Orifting Blues) Aladdin 3038

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S. Gill Ork (Snaperoo) Gotham G-205
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B. Gaines Trio (I'm Confession) Apex AP-1117

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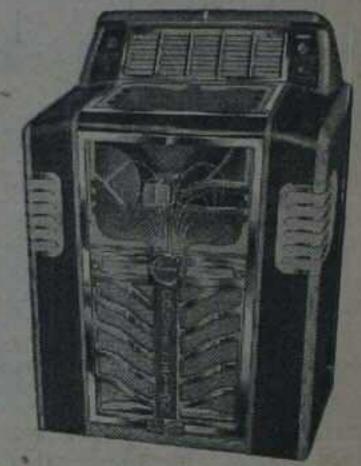
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Conservatism Keys Shuffle Activity in Area; See 1950 As Crucial Period in Business

CSC Has Laid Groundwork To Build Player Interest

By Norman Weiser

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.-Shuffleboard, comparatively unknown here just a few months ago, has become a major competitive sport in the area, altho from the operator viewpoint it is still an unproved item. Responsible for the upsurge in player interest to a great degree has been the Cleveland Shuffleboard Congress (CSC), headed by James S. Ross, which not only brought countless new players into the picture, but in an amazingly short time was able to set up leagues and get them into competition in time for the 1949-'50 season. And while the Congress has been busy building player

interest, the operators have been slowly increasing the number of locations in Greater Cleveland, feeling their way as they go along.

Operator-wise, Cleveland has proven one of the unorthodox shuffleboard centers (among the larger cities thruout the country). Here, a strong operator org known as the Cleveland Phonograph Merchants' Association (CPMA), under the direction of energetic Jack Cohen, president, has done much to kee, the grosses on music and other coin equipment up. Far advanced on promotion and advertising know-how, the association has continually campaigned to sell its products to the public, and has been, by all standards, successful.

When shuffleboard first became a major operator item about a year ago, it was not as readily accepted in this city. In other areas, where music and game grosses had dropped consistently, the new source of revenue provided a shot in the arm for the operator. But in Cleveland, where general economic conditions had naturally been felt, operators were busy keeping their promotions going, and their time was more than filled.

During the late summer (1949) major manufacturers sent representatives into the Cleveland territory, with the express purpose of opening up the area to their products. It was this drive that brought the first quantity shipments of boards into Greater Cleveland and provided the impetus for the organization of the CSC.

Keeping in mind that diversification is the rule rather than the exception in most Cleveland operations, the selling of shuffleboards was still no easy job in this area. The logical shuffleboard outlet was the one handled by the operator of music and/or amusement equipment. In most cases this type location was handled by the same operator (this type operator in Cleveland is rather common, concentrating on these two types of equipment to the exclusion of vending units which are handled by more experienced ops in that specific field). Because the musicgame operation required so much attention in connection with the promotions, etc., many of these operators could not be sold on the addition of a new, and comparatively expensive piece of equipment, until it had been given a fair test in the locality.

Those who agreed to pioneer the game in the city found that organized play, in most but not all cases. provided enough stimulus to keep the board in action during most of the day. Play was set at 10-cents per game in most spots and the price was not found to be prohibitive. The average commission breakdown was 50-50, but varied in some locations where play was not heavy enough to

(See Conservatism Keys on page 92)

Shuffleboard Mag Issued for Players

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 10.-Louis G. Glynn, publicity director of for their excess energy. Milwaukee the National Shuffleboard Associa- high schools are installing "energy tion'(NSA), and Oscar Leadfield have teamed up to publish The Shuffleboard News, a player magazine, with the first issue due this month.

The magazine, which is to be national in scope, will be dedicated to promoting shuffleboard thruout the country and to publicize the activities of the game in trailer parks, resorts and playgrounds. Tournament news is to be carried each month, facilities are made available as well games are also in use. with the first issue featuring St. as other types of amusement games Petersburg clubs,

Final Notice

With the first of the shuffleboard league season now under way, operators and locations have found that this type of promotion is the one thing that can keep grosses up. Today, more than ever before, they are depending on the leagues not only to bring in revenue, but to build player interest for the future.

For the past few months, The Billboard has offered operators (and other interested parties) a special booklet, entitled Here's How To Set Up a Shuffleboard League. Thousands of these booklets have been sent out to the industry. Now, only a few copies remain.

Those who still have not obtained their copy, free of charge, may do so by dropping a line to The Billboard, 188 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill. Attention, Coin Machine Department.

This is the last time this offer will be made. If you have not as yet received your copy, write today.

Milwaukee, St. Louis Kids Work Off Energy on Boards

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 10. - Two Midwestern cities have turned to supervised recreation for high school shuffleboard in recent weeks as a means of keeping teen-age youngsters off the streets and at the same time supplying them with an outlet rooms," where the youngsters may gather after school hours to spend their free time. In these rooms are several types of recreational equipment, including full-size shuffleboards. Intra-school leagues are being formed by the students and competitions are now going strong.

In addition to shuffleboard, gym tennis and other indoor recreational (table tennis, etc.).

Church, where the org meets. Table

Intro Portable Top Refinisher

In St. Louis a program to provide

students, while not organized by

schools, has proven successful, with a

shuffleboard providing much of the

incentive for the youth to attend the

"Teen-Twenties Club." This under-

taking was started by Mr. and Mrs.

William E. Sneed. The club now

Like the Milwaukee set-up, shuf-

fleboard competitions are now going

on, and while most of the club mem-

bers are girls (approximately 40),

the competition is stiff. Board is lo-

cated in St. Paul's Evangelical

numbers 52 members.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10.-The Shuffleboard Refinishing Company here is making deliveries on its portable shuffleboard refinishing machine. Top feature of the product is that it can be used either on location or in the operator's shop.

Compact in size, the refinishing machine is adjustable to fit the width of the shuffleboard playfield. To set the unit to work, the operator places it on the playfield, throws a switch and guides the unit over the surface to be refinished. It is not necessary to remove the playfield from its cabinet to get the desired results.

Distributors for the product are being appointed.

Puck Patter

Chicago:

J. H. Keeney & Company has kept its newest type wall model score board in heavy production despite the need for space for other prod-ucts. Demand for the hinged model unit, President Pete McGinnis reports, has kept the popular score-board going at full blast. Among the shuffleboard people in to see McGinnis last week was Earl Feddick, Valley Shuffleboards, Bay City. Mich. . . Officials at the Victory Service Club, in the Loop, state that servicemen still give the shuffleboard there heavy play especially on week-ends and evenings.

Mero Industries is another firm which is doing a steady business in shuffleboards. The firm's publicity director is still in New York. Action in Mero League 1 continues at a fast clip as the schedule for the league nears the half-way mark. At Nation Wide Novelty Charlie Gillard reports an upwalled in trada

Cleve Shuffleboard Congress

Altho shuffleboard is only a few months old in Cleveland the competitions have already started, due mainly to the work of the Cleveland Shuffleboard Congress. Below is the schedule which was drawn up, then put into effect in a matter of days by the CSC, and which has proven to be an exceptional builder of player interest in the area.

18-Week League Play

1. Eight men play 3 games a week as doubles. (Four teams each game consists of 10 frames.)

2. Eight men play 3 games a week as singles. (Each game consists of 8 frames)

3. Total games played-54 for each team. Winner will be designated by highest total points.

Prizes for single play: 4 Prizes for double play: 1st prize \$10 1st prize \$20 10 3d 4th \$17

Total prize money \$37 Total prize money for single and double play-\$54.

5. Method of setting up jackpot. (A) Each player pays 25 cents per week. Total accumulated

players jackpot for 18 weeks. \$36. (B) Each location puts in \$1 per week. Total accumulated location jackpot for 18 weeks \$18

Total-\$54 Possible inter-tavern playoff with 10 locations grouped together. 6. Group 10 locations for inter-tavern playoff. Prize put up by congress members-\$200. Each operator puts in \$20 per location.

1st prize 2d prize

Total prize money \$200 7. Playoff method for inter-tavern would be based on total points on 27 games. Played by each location team, based on 3 games with other 9 locations.

EARLIER CLOSING

December 31 and January 7 Issues

On account of the Holidays ALL forms for these issues will close 24 hours parlier than usual.

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with veterans' clubs, particularly in | Detroit: Indiana, . . . Phil Cohen, Shuffleboard Specialists executive, says that inquiries on the firm's shuffleboards and related accessories continue at a satisfactory pace and even notes a slight pick-up for some territories.

Herb Perkins, head of Purveyor Shuffleboard, returned last week from a jaunt to the West Coast where he surveyed the shuffleboard situation thruout a four-State area. In his absence Bill Tucker held down the Chicago fort.

Tucker and Clayton Nemeroff, Monarch, who served as co-chairmen of the manufacturers' conference, have been lauded for their activity by the firms who were represented at the sessions. Altho the attempt to set up an org proved unsuccessful, the manufacturers have spoken highly of the two, who spent much of their own time on the problem.

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Frank J. Londy Jr., who used to be in the music machine business here a few years ago, has returned to coin machine operation with a route of shuffleboards. He has teamed up with his brother, Harold W. Londy, a newcomer to the field, as a partner under the name of Londy Brothers, and plans to stick to shuffleboard rather than adding music and vending machines as they originally contemplated.

Maurice J. Feldman, of the Tricentral Shuffleboard firm, has been busy working overtime to meet the current demand for boards in this

Aid Polio Fund

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 10 .-Shuffleboard players here, as part of a Pinal County drive for funds to aid the Infantile Paralysis Fund, held a tournament at Mitchell's, one of the leading shuffle locations in the area, and when the wax had settled after one of the hottest contests in the history of the game, players, spectators, etc., had raised \$300 for the drive. According to officials, the donation was one of the largest received.

Tourney was sparked by William Acker, with 18 players actually participating in the com-

petitions.

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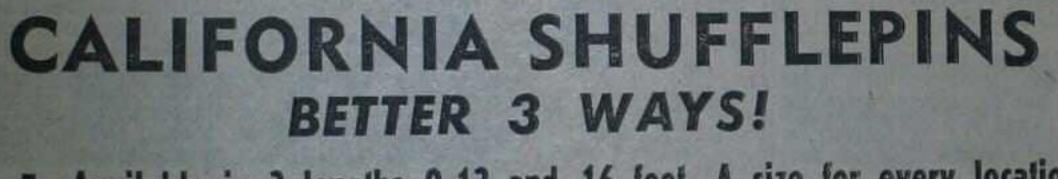
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Conversatism Keys Shuffle Activities in Cleveland

(Continued from page 90) amortize the investment quickly (in tions end, operators in this area are this case commission is normally 60- still ultra-conservative regarding 40) or where equipment was re- shuffleboard. Many believe that unquested by a location which the oper- til one full season has passed there ator felt could not support a board can be no definite conclusions drawn, over a long period of time (here the This will not happen, then, until the deal was either on a rental basis or first half of the new year has run a 70-30 commission basis). But these its course. Until that time, operators instances were few and far between. already in the shuffleboard biz will

operators in the early stages included their receipts, and all phases of the Rock-Ola's Standard shuffleboard, industry will watch the CSC playand those units manufactured by Na- offs for player reactions.

As 1949 draws to a close, and the Greater Cleveland.

first three months of active opera-Types of equipment selected by the continue to keep a close count on

Penn, and today most established answers be added up, and the future of shuffleboard determined in







COINMEN YOU KNOW



Chicago:

Herb Perkins, who heads his own operating company handling various types of coin machines, as well as being president of Purveyor Shuffleboard, on the West Coast on business. Before leaving, Perkins reported the Shuffle Alley units he has on location are still drawing tup play, one of the longest runs he has ever had on a game. And there's no sign of a let-up, he reports.

Victor Vending's Harold Schaef reported lots of inquiries on the new Triple Unit Topper with plastic Schaef explained that the Triple, firm's newest product, should prove a natural since it meets all the demands of operators received in the past few months. Firm is also getting steady response to its Double Unit Topper and single unit known as just plain Topper.

Irving Ovitz, Automatic Coin Machine & Supply Company, went to ger, 46, St. Paul operator, died fol- tional distributor of the Levelmatic, the hospital Thursday (1) for an op-(See CHICAGO on page 94)

Philadelphia:

Sidney Palitz, franchise holder for Q-Ball in this area, has named Mickey Mosko as "Miss Q-Ball" as part of the promotion for the Q-Ball television tournament started last week on WFIL-TV. . . . Rudd-Melikian, local manufacturers of coffee vending machines, hosted Kwik Kafe franchise operators at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel last week in introducing a bar-type machine that pumps out the steaming java in coinof Y & Y Popcorn Supply, and Charlotte Rademan, secretary to Joseph Silverman, business manager of the Amusement Machines Association of Philadelphia, are square dance enthusiasts.

A lively battle has begun among firms seeking to sell parking meters to the city for the Frankford shop-(See PHILADELPHIA on page 94)

Cincinnati:

The executive board of the Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association (APOA) will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday (13) and the regular membership get-together following the board meeting on that evening. Both sessions will be held at the Hotel Gibson.

The APOA held a special get-together December 2 to hear reports from the various committees which were appointed during the past year. At the meeting it was decided to feature "Tell Me Lies," the tune written by APOA President Charles Kanter, as the January Hit promotion. Attending the special session were Sam Chester, Charles Kanter, Phil Ostand, Al Lieberman, Nat Bartfield, William Strout, Milton Cole, William Harris, Bernard Stillmaker, Sam Gerros, James Drivakis, Bill Russell, William Broerman, Charles McKenney, Tom Reuwein, Bill Bigner, Max Moeckel, James Alexander, John Nicholas, Robert Woods and Fred Engle.

Hartford, Conn.:

Cigarette Machine Premium Corporation, 790 Albany Avenue, Hartford, has filed a certificate of organization with Connecticut's secretary of state, listing amount paid in cash at \$1,000. Officers listed were President Alex Warner and Treasurer and Secretary Maurice J. Zimmerman, both of suburban West Hartford. . . Kwik Kafe of Hartford, Inc., has noted with the secretary of state a change of its corporate name to Automatic Food Service, Inc.

Albert Latauska, Boston branch manager, Capitol Records Distributing Corporation, formerly Hartford branch manager of the concern, was a recent Hartford visitor. He (See HARTFORD, CONN. on page 94)

Los Angeles:

Sam Weitzman, of Acorn Manutional, regarding distribution of the public. On the other hand, Fine of his first sample, character charms and Acorn venders. said, local appearances by many wood operator, was on coin machine vorites as well as to hear them on row looking over some new equipment recently.

Frank Butterfield, of the E. T. Mape Company, returned from San (See LOS ANGELES on page 94)

Minneapolis:

Two deaths in the coin machine Benson, Minn., area. Herb Greentemporary operation of Unger's route which has a heavy concentration of music and pin games in Ramsey County.

Fred Fixel, of Pembina, N. D., president of the North Dakota Op-(See MINNEAPOLIS on page 102)

Ocean City, N. J.:

Parking meters here yielded revin their inaugural period of operation, according to Finance Commissioner Henry Roeser Jr. He said meter collections amounted to \$3,969 during the period from August 1 to October 31, when the devices were taken out of operation for the winter. Roeser said he expects the 217 meters at the resort here to pay for themselves within two years. They cost \$14,000 and will be returned to elty Sales Company, said business. service some time next May.

Washington:

Guest columnist for the Washing-. . . Frank Rolando, North Holly- stars allows fans to see their fa-

> anti-VD record, "Put It Down," was recently featured on Paul White-(See WASHINGTON on page 94)

Betroit:

Jacob Kremski, of Flint, Mich., industry in the last week saddened has taken over direct management coinmen here. Richard (Dick) Un- of the Amusement Devices, Inc., nalowing an operation. He was be- following closing of the former lieved to be recovering when he headquarters in the Detroit suburb took a turn for the worse. The of Highland Park, Gray Farr, partother death was that of Andy ner in the company, remains in De-O'Brien, 61, veteran operator who troit. . . . James L. Kraker Jr., of headquartered in the Montevideo- Benzonia; Charles A. Boyer, of Manistee, and Arthur S. Huey, of Glen field, a serviceman, will take over Arbor, are forming the new firm of Refrigerated Fruit Vendors, Inc., with a capitalization of \$25,000. They will operate and lease vending ma-(See DETROIT on page 94)

Twim Cities:

Hank Krueger, Fairfax, Minn., operator, was in the Twin Cities buying one-ball machines. . . . Opera-Gophers of the University of Minnesota were heading for the Pasadena Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, many coinmen wired for reservations at hotels there. Two stunning defeats by Michigan and Purdue upset the Gopher plans.

Archie LaBeau, of LaBeau Nov-(See TWIN CITIES on page 97)

New York:

Al Simon claims he is hard put to facturing Company, is back from At- ton Music Guild (WMG) December keep up with the continuing heavy lantic City where he attended the News Letter, which now claims over demand for the new Chicago Coin yending machine at the News Letter, which now claims over demand for the new Chicago Coin vending machine show. He was well 2,500 readers, was Arnold Fine, Bowling Alley. As factory agent pleased with the reception given the night club editor of The Washington here, he wishes the manufacturer Acorn bulk merchandising vender. Daily News. Fine pointed out that would allocate more games to his . . . Sid Bloom planed to San Fran- many current, big name entertainers territory. . . . Dave Lowy, who will cisco last week-end to confer owe much of their success to juke distribute Keeney's 91/2-foot Pin Boy with E. Larue, of Larue Interna- box ops who brought them before locally, is expecting early delivery

> Harry Berger, of West Side Distributors, is stocking a full line of accessories for shuffleboards and coin-operated pool tables. . . Sam The District Health Department's Sacks, of Uneeda Shine Machine Company, shipped a sample order of snow-removers to his new distributor in Switzerland last week. The machines are being promoted for use by resort hotels. For local biz, Sacks has added Sid Steiner to his sales

> > Julius Weiss, of American Phono, has sold his juke route to Al Wolfe, (See NEW YORK on page 94)

Indianapolis:

The Surber Music Company and the Hoosier Cigarette Machine Company are in their new location at 413 South Illinois Street, Indianapolis. Mrs. C. C. Surber is head of the companies. . . . The application for membership of Robert Lee, local operator, was presented and accepted at the December meeting of the Music Operators' Association, Inc. (MOA) December 1.

Henry Windt, of the Hoosier Simplex Music Company, distributors tors and distributors alike wound up for Aireon phonographs, is still on the football season in Minnesota in the sick list, and spends only a few enue averaging over \$1,300 a month disappointment. Assured in mid- hours a day at his office. . . . Mrs. season that their favorite Golden Peter Stone, of the Indiana Automatic Sales Company, distributors of Rock-Ola phonographs, is suffering from a severe cold and is remaining at home. . . Frank Banister, of Banister & Banister Distributing Company, spent a week in Chicago on business.

> Coinrow visitors last week included Jack Stivers, of the Stivers Novelty Company, Richmond, Ind.; Russell Pennington, of Pennington & Son, Columbus, Ind.; Joe Connelly. Automatic Music Company, Muncie, Ind.; Tom Burch, South Side Amusement Company, Muncie, and Lytle G. Porter, New Castle, Ind., opera-

> Operators say that collections are slim but, the condition is not unusual for this time of the year. They attribute the slump to Christmas shopping.

Brief and Important

Late Digest of Coin Machine News

Washington Decca Distrib Changes

Distributorship of Decca Records in Washington has been taken over by David Kauffman & Sons, of Baltimore. Fred Turner remains as manager. The local offices will be moved from the present site to 1215 Kenilworth Avenue, N. E., January 1.

Clarke Named Hires Executive

Charles E. Hires Company, in a further move to expand key sales organizations, has named C. Duffield Clarke as manager of national accounts and head of the firm's newly organized vending machine division. Clarke has been associated with Hires for many years and has contacted vending machine interests for the firm in the past.

Cincy Ops Pick January Hit Tune

The Automatic Phonograph Owners' Association (APOA), of Cincinnati, has selected "Tell Me Lies," the tune co-authoried by APOA Prexy Charles Kanter, as its January Hit Tune of the Month. Association will feature the London disk cut by Reggie Goff and His Velvetones.

National Rejectors Inventory

National Rejectors, Inc., St. Louis, will close its plant from December 24 thru January 3, 1950, inclusive, for the annual inventory, J. I. Cleary, assistant to the general manager, has advised preshipments will be made against current specifications.

Special Wrigley Dividend

The William Wrigley Jr. Company last week voted a special 50cent dividend payment to stockholders, thus bringing the total payments for the year to \$5. The total compares with \$3.50 voted in 1948.

Permo Intros Muted Stylus

Permo has sent a special announcement on its new muted stylus. for use in Jacobs tone arms and similar coin phono-equipment using the P-30 type pick-up cartridges, to music ops. Prices have been substantially reduced, with the new stylus, if purchased in lots of from 1 to 10, listing at 40 cents each, 11 to 99, 38 cents; 100 to 499, 36 cents; 500 to 999, 30 cents, and 1,000 and over, 26 cents.

Vital Statistics

Deaths

Edward C. Richter, secretary of Amusement Machines Association of Philadelphia (AMAP). December 4.

Carl Spillum, Butte, Mont., operator, killed in an automobile accident recently. His son, Charles, will take over management of the operation,

Richard (Dick) Unger, 46, operator of pin games and phonographs in Minneapolis-St. Paul area, last week following a major operation.

Andy O'Brien, 61, pioneer operator in the Montevideo-Benson, Minn., area, last week after a long illness.

Births

A son, Dennis M., to Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Graham, December 7, Father is assistant public relations director of the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA).

Chicago:

(Continued from page 93) Meanwhile, his partner, Oscar Schultz, is doing double duty as the firm has been enjoying a real rush in trade the past few weeks. Automatic Coin is one of Bell-o-Matic Corporation's leading distrib-

Visitors at Williams Manufacturing recently, in to see the new fiveball De-Icer, included Ray Williams, Commercial Music Company, Dallas; Joe Ash, Active Amusements, Philadelphia; Leo Weinberger, Southern Automatic, Louisville; Fletcher A. Blalock, head of F. A. B. Distributing, New Orleans; Dave Bond and Irwin Margold, Trimount Coin, Boston; Si Wolf, T. B. Holliday Company: Herman Paster, Mayflower Distributing, St. Paul; Meyer Parcoff and Harry Rosen, Seaboard of New York; Morrie Ginsburg, Atlas, of Chicago; Phil Moss, Atlas, of Des Moines; Phil Greenberg, Atlas, of Pittsburgh; Ben Lazar, of B. D. Lazar, Pittsburgh, and Sam London, of S. L. London Music, Milwaukee.

certain of getting the largest possi- on local locations.

COINMEN YOU KNOW

ble shipments. In town recently for Los Angeles: that purpose were Dave Simon, (Continued from page 93)
Simon Sales, New York, and Sam Diego on firm business. . . C. H. Taran, Miami. Billy DeSelm and Ray Riehl manage to keep the flow of orders moving as fast as they are received, a herculian job. . . . Herb Oettinger, United comptroller, flew to Atlantic City last week for a quick look-see at the vending machines on exhibit at the NAMA con-

H. F. Dennison, who moved his family and base of coin machine operations to the West Coast last fall, in town on his way back from the Atlantic City meet. Dennison, who Atlantic City meet. Dennison, who Margaret Whiting, Gordon MacRae, is still active in the music field, is Hank Penny, T. Texas Tyler, Ben setting up as a distributor of coin setting up as a distributor of coin machines, and has lined up some good accounts in the East and Middle West. He returned to California Friday (9).

Gil Kitt, Empire Coin head man (with Ralph Sheffield), spending Activity at United Manufacturing much of his time on the street these continues at fever pitch as orders days, while Ralph looks after the pour in from all parts of the country | business at the firm's headquarters. for Shuffle Alley. Game is going so Gil reports Shuffle Alley still going well that leading distributors come strong in the three-State area covto the United plant personally to be ered by Empire, and also going well

Gentry was seen on Pico Street getting some new music machines for his operation in Sanger. . . . George Buckman was renewing acquaintances on coin machine row last week. . . Ditto for Bill Mollezz, who hails from Porterville in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mary Solle is getting talent lined up for the next W. H. Leuenhagen Company record preview party to be held at the Rodger Young Auditorium here. Slated to appear are Light, Artie Wayne, Ted Fio-Rito, Charles Brown and Little Willie Littlefield. . . . Incidentally, King Records are throwing a party to introduce Hank Penny's new waxing of "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes." the music box department shows a been readied for the annual winter marked increase over the past few months. . . . B. Rosenfeld, local operator, was making the rounds

Washington:

Claremont.

(Continued from page 93) man's NBC network show. The tune is a local product with lyrics by Betty Murphy singing by the Corinthians, and production by the U. S. Recording Company.

last week. . . . Another recent visi-tor was J. Mallett, who hails from

Hirsh de la Viez has urged ops to replace popular records that are worn out by playing with a different rendition of the same tune instead of putting on an entirely new song. "My suggestion to you on this score is to make sure the number stays on the box and it is good business to replace the same tune with another artist," he declared.

Hartford, Conn.:

(Continued from page 93) stopped at the company's Hartford branch to say hello to John Warner. the present manager.

Win Gaffney, Norwich, Conn., coin operator, also was a recent Hartford visito. . . . Connecticut's State Tax Commissioner Dennis P. O'Connor has revealed that eigarette consumption in the State is 6 per cent higher than the national average. He said, "In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, Connecticut cigarette tax stamps amounted to \$7,636,740.56, and since the rate is 3 cents per pack, this means that a total of more than 250,000,000 packages of cigarettes were sold in one year. As the population of Connecticut July 1, 1949, was about 2,000,000, this means 125 packages a year for each man, woman, and child in the State.

He added that these figures include smokers and non-smokers. If confined to smokers only, the per capita consumption would be much higher.

Philadelphia:

(Continued from page 93) ping section. Altho the Frankford area is scheduled to install only 1,500 meters, acquisition of that contract might be the opening wedge in gaining permanent possession of Philadelphia's meter business. An ordinance was introduced in city council last week for the installation of parking meters also in the Tioga business district. The coin-operated meters were first introduced this year in the Germantown area. Firms lobbying for the local business include the Twin Meters Sales Corporation, sales representatives of International Meters, Inc., of New York, manufacturing the Alfco Twin automatic parking meter; Dual Parking Meter Company, Canton, O.: the M. H. Rhodes Company, and the Standard Parking Meter Com-

New York:

(Continued from page 93)
head of Loyal Music. . . Dave
Lutzker. Premier Music prexy, left the hospital last week. He plans to recuperate from his recent operation in Florida. . . . Ben Feinberg, of Monarch Music, has given up his Brooklyn store, but will do maintenance work on his phonographs in the basement of his Flushing home. All necessary tools have been in-stalled in the basement.

Sam Weitzman, partner of Sid Bloom in Oak Manufacturing, Culver City, Calif., conferred here last week with Hal Probasco, production engineer; Meyer Abelson, sales manager, and Mort Simon, Florida distributor. They plan to increase output of the firm's bulk vender, now claimed to come off the production lines at the rate of one-a-minute during the working day. All attended the vending show in Atlantic City

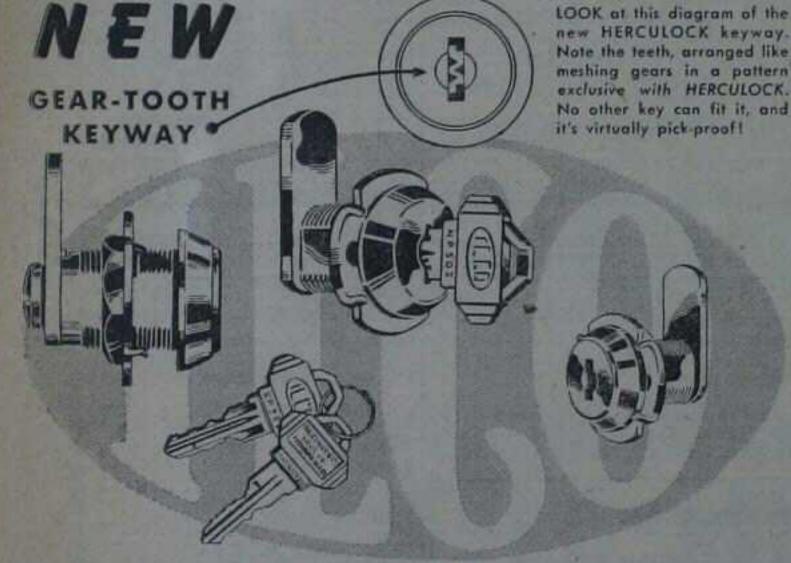
Bill Goetz, of Capitol Music, just back from a week-end trip to Flori-. . Bill Leuenhagen reports that da, reports his home there has now vacation of the Goetz clan in the Sunshine State. . . . Phil Mason, coin machine distrib of Irvington, N. J., reports an increase in export biz. . . Willie Levey, who owns a juke route here with George Holtzman, left for Florida last week. He runs a shuffleboard distributing business there with Hymie Rosenberg.

Detroit:

(Continued from page 93)

Washington Music Guild President chines. Headquarters are at Ben-

Roy and Bernice R. Small, who formerly owned the Arrow Electric Company, music operation, selling out in 1943, are incorporating the firm of Roy Small, Inc., at 67 Webb Avenue, with plans under consideration to return to music machine operation. Small, who at one time was a top figure in coin machine association activity here, has been living in Florida except during the summer months, but may make his permanent home here, if, and when, the new business venture materializes. . . George T. Haskin, formerly in the Panoram business, has moved into the Loop Theater as projectionist.



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Record Reviews

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ARTIST

TUNES

LABEL AND NO.

COMMENT

MINDY CARSON (The Three Beaus and a Peep-Henri

Rene Ork) #EA Victor 20-3602

UANITA HALL (Benny Morton MCA Victor 20-3603

ACK POWERS Click 335

STEVE ALLEN Moonlight 102

PERRY COMO MCA Victor 20-3607

PHIL REGAN (Lou Bring Ork) RGA Victor 20-3605

Warsity 226

TERESA BREWER-BOBBY WAYNE (Jack Pleis Ork) Lundon 362

DOBBY DOYLE Harmony 1079

HUGO WINTER-HALTER ORK Columbia 38635

INOOKY-LANSON-BEASLEY SMITH ORK Eundun 555

PORIS DAY Columbia 38637

ANDY & DELLA RUSSELL Capitol 57-779

POPULAR All the Bees Are Buzzin' 'Round My

Honey Snappy, happy, hand-clappy ditty gets a competent pop consumption, however.

Too-Whit! Too-Whoo! Engliging time is one of Miss Carson's strongest bits

to date. Gal turns in a rich, warm rendition. Scarlet Ribbons The hauntingly beautiful song is projected with great

character by Miss Hall. Little girl business at the take-off may hit the home folks. A rich disk for pop consumption, however. Blow Them Blues Away

Old-timey revue-type shout is for Miss Hall's special She Doesn't Laugh Like You Creditable effort in the "I'll Never Smile Again" style. Side has a boy vocalist, mixed vocal group

and a rhythm section; make a big sound with a Histenable bailad. There They Are Another good torcher is smartly displayed with the

same economy of personnel. Powers shows an Impressive ballad style, group is strong. Little Man Allen, trio-backed, recites and warbles a fetching

fittle lullaby ditty of his own cleffing. Did Anyone Ever Tell You, Mrs. Murphy? 75--77--75--73

This happy hunk of blarney has a surprise switch anding that makes it a strong novelty. Powers and a trio showcase it very well.

A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes The haunting "Cinderella" ballad gets a potent sendoff from the mellow Como pipes. With strong flip, disk could be a big one.

Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo The infectious novelty from the same flick is tabbed for hit status; Como's deliberate, relaxed warbling sells it.

Phil the Fluter's Ball Gay, spirited rendition of the Irish fave. Regan warbles with charm, ably supported with a cleverly cleffed

orking. When You Look in the Heart of a

72--70--72--74 Shamrock The Irish ballad is sympathetically tenored. Sides

should find favor in Gaelic nabes. GEORGE OLSEN ORK The Good Time Polka 68--68--67--69

> For the Mid-Western polks belt. Dreamer's Holiday Not the current hit ditty but an older one of the same name by Friend and Franklin. An attractive

Spirited polka performance of an attractive tune.

ditty on its own but meaningless while the new one makes the rounds.

Copper Canyon Catchy flick title time by Evans and Livingston reminiscent of their "Buttons and Bows." Youngsters Wayne and Brewer lend the proper implify feel in in theh delivery.

'Way Back Home Warm dueting of the Lewis-Waring ditty which is Being revived successfully. Miss Brewer, particularly, has a most refreshing sound,

A New Star Is Shining in Heaven Doyle sinot a waitz of some quality in a most pleasing manner.

Mother Prairie An off-the-beaten track item is preciously pretentious. But Doyle's warm singing and smart ork preduction could sell lots of copies of this disking if it is promoted

Blue Christmas One of the best of the new Christmas was batch is this plaintive ork-chorus treatment of a simple, down-to-earth country-style ballad with an infectious

You're All I Want for Christmas Equally bright ork-chorus treatment of one of those Christmas ballans which emerged for contention last

season. The Old Master Painter Conductor Smith also wrote the music for this unusual song. Lanson's vocalizing of it is excellent. The

lyrics of Hoven Gillespie are unusually fine. Did You Ever See a Dream Walking? A neat reading of an oldie which still seems a bit

fresh to mean too much today. I'll Never Slip Around Again Dodo and her country courins do a handsome job with the Floyd Tillman sequel ditty which has caught on. This etching should catch a good portion of the coin.

The Game of Broken Hearts Miss D-y hands this corn waltz the best wax treatment it has ever had. If the tune is to happen at all, this disking will have much to do with it.

Chickenfoot, 'Sparegrass, Hominy and The Russell team does an amusing, exaggeratedly

burlesqued hillbilly coverty with a clever lyric, Shine On Harvest Moon Close harmony warbling of the oldle, with soft-shoe drumming, crying trombone and other old-fashloned

effects enhancing the nostalgla. (Continued on page 96)



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ARTIST

TUNES

LABEL AND NO.

COMMENT

POPULAR

MARGARET WHITING (Frank DeVol Ork) Capitol 57-776

The Sun Is Always Shining Miss Writing sings a time, aid-fashioned sounding waits bulled in her pure, sweet style, with barbershop backing from the Mellamen

Tune a recently unearthed hallad, os-cleffed by the late Richard Whiting, Margaret's father, is sung with baunting appeal.

CARY ROBARDS ORK Huckleberry Sweetheart Mutual 1

Mediocre pop envelty gets a weak male vocal and Ineffectual orking.

Illinoi', I Love You

If'll take the loyalest of Illini to love this param to the matchless qualities of that State.

PHIL HARRIS ORK RCA Victor 20-3508

The Old Master Painter Harris has one of his finest waxings in his warm delivery of a time which is showing signs of Busting thru. Should be one of the winners on the tune.

St. James Infirmary

The old blues favorite is hunded a pretentious production. The result is not particularly impressive.

VAUGHN MONROE So This Is Love ORK RCA Victor 20-3406

Tune from the score of "Cinderella" is a waltz in the spirit of Victor Herbert. It draws the usual tasty, engaging Mouroe production treatment.

There's No One Here But Me A fine mood is established as Monroe sings smidst one of his typical echo chamber, large chorus productions. Tune reminiscent of an ancient English folk song, is credited to Stan Jones, who did "Riders in the Sky,"

ART LUND (LeRoy Holmes Ork) MGM 10585

Copper Canyon Rather lackingter eaching of a bright and cute-asa-button movie title tune which, as a song, sounds promising.

The Three Rivers Land does a creditable job with a pretty new ballad which has been around for a while and shown little action.

RAYMOND SCOTT MGM 10583

lackrabbit

Cleanly executed instrumental original in the Miller tradition is based on an attractive riff.

Ma (He's Making Eyes at Me)

(Dorothy Collins) Miss Collins treats the oldie with intimacy and makes a pleasant sticiou of it with a dance bent backing.

MEL TORME MGM 10584

Gone With the Wind A sentitive Torme performance of a lovely standard set in an extra-smart small ork background. A Musicialt master which didn't get around much and may grab hosiness when the spinners start it whirling.

A Cottage for Sale A Torme Musicraft master is relassed. It's one of the Fig's finest efforts and has added luster now that Mel' has established a name night.

DOROTHY SHAY Columbia 38651

What Fer Didia

The Park Avenue Hillmillie treats a lightweight bit of a shuthm time in her casual, easygoing style, Fargo Fanny

MAYFAIR CHORUS I Walk Away

Cute hunk of muterial delivered convincingly by Mits Snay. Tasteful priving lends a proper final touch

& ORK Mayfair 5001 Jack Carroll sings wanderfully well and receives sterling erk and choral support on a bailed of class and warmth. Excellent cist. The Black Hills of South Dakota

Small mickey-ist wking with cime numbers weral

One of the late Clurica leaver performances un a

deffries sings with warmth as he sacules an attrac-

tive new ballant. Fine ork and shorps assist by

Pasudo-exotic tune is made up to a wonderful

arrangement and ork jub which helps Jeffries do the

tune which harply could impire a a nget.

Sunday Isn't Sunday Anymore

Isn't This Better Than Walkin' in the Rain 69--75--67--66

of an unimpressive rhythm ditty. You're Wonderful BUDDY CLARK A liquely movie tune served as one of the last vehicles (Hugo Winterhalter to be recorded by Clark. He did one of typically semual, adult jobs with it with a solid boost from

Ork Columbia 38647

(Mitchell Ayres Ork)

HERB JEFFRIES Harry Zimmerman Ork)

Columbia 3865E

ERRY WAYNE

Columbia 38653

AXEL STORDAHL Columbia 38648

IAD DEES

Ceystal 253

I Cotta Have My Baby Back (Hugo Winterhalter Wayne sings somewhat affectedly as he wartiles this Fixed Tillman builds which is showing some premise,

best he can with a combersome larke

the Winterhalter waking.

Zimmerman.

Flaming Sand

She Wore a Yellow Ribbon Smart production worked out on the pic title ture with Wagne sparkling in the top slat widle Winter-halter adds another cleffing laurel to his collection.

Dormi-Dormi Neat cleffing for ork, chorus and solute Ken Carson, who handles the vocal impressively. Tone's a hollaby which is not unettractive.

Yesterday's Roses Carson sings and recites fyrics on this team-jerking waits while Stordahi sets a proper mood with ore and chorus.

Little Dirty Face Amaliaries worder note an abelong our of toar-

Berker. 36--35--35--38 I Dream of Heaven Rhythm balled is treated neatly by a small ork white over aloring is somewhat better the tills his of flott.

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FTC Studies Steel Industry

(Continued from page 78) of steel will have to pay the freight charges which, in most instances, have been absorbed by the producers.

A clause of the steel makers' proposal permits producers to sell at less than published prices plus handling and freight charges-in other words, permits freight absorption - "unless the effect thereof is to lessen compeution unlawfully in the line of commerce." However, a chief claim in FTC's pending case against the steel industry is that freight absorption does result in lessened competition.

The stipulation also contains a saying clause whereby enactment of the House-approved basing point bill now pending in the Senate would automatically modify the consent order to permit the exercise by any respondent of any legal rights or privieges not permitted in this order" to he extent that the basing point bill allows.

In its present form the bill would sermit all manufacturers to use basing point practices "in good faith" unless the effect "will be" to lessen competition. In demonstrating whether or not competition will be lessened by any pricing practice, the burden of proof rests upon FTC under the bill rather than on the manufacturers as inder present Supreme Court interpretation of the law.

Recommended

FTC's assistant chief trial counsel, Lynn Paulson, who is in charge of the complaint against the steel industry, recommended that FTC okay the ofered stipulations. He declared that the consent order "will permanently enjoin" steel producers "from using the basing point delivered price sys-

However, Paulson's immediate superior, chief trial counsel Richard Whiteley, disapproved of the offer on the grounds "that the commission acks authority to dispose of the case | BERT SHEFTER SEX- Tango in Tempo on a consent basis without complete findings as to the facts supported by the evidence, and that, in any event, uch disposition would be contrary to he public interest."

Twin Cities:

(Continued from page 93) has been moving along at a fairly decent pace in recent weeks, with music perking up to some degree.

Gottlieb's new five-ball mathine, Basketball, showed up on the ocal market in time to cash in on the great interest in the Minneapolis Lakers, national professional basketball champions, who opened their season recently.

Sid Levin, of Hy-G Music Company, said United's Shuffle Alley novelty unit is doing excellently with operator demand for the game very high. He also praised the results being turned in by Photo-Finish which, he said, is high on the list of operator popularity as a money-maker in this territory . . . Paul Lambert, of the McFadden-Lambert Wholesale Tobacco Company, St. Paul, recently was elected to the board of directors of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, operators of the streetcar and bus system in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The election came as a new group, with which Lambert is associated, took KIRBY WALKER over the management of the trolleybus system.

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LABEL AND NO.

TUNES

COMMENT

POPULAR

FRANKIE CARLE ORK My Rose Garden

Metro Book

ED FARLEY'S ORK

Delvar 114

(Marjorie Hughes) Detinary dance disking by Carle with his keyboard and daughter Marjorie Hughes spotted on this filmsy

> The Blossoms on the Bough Pretty new ballad is handled at a draggy tempo. Marjorie Hughes delivers the lyric adequately.

ABBEY ALBERT ORK Rumba Rhapsody Sharp keyboard exhibition by Albert on the familiar themes of this rumba.

My Sweetest Moments

flob Scott sings like a frigid carpon copy of Perry Como in his handling of this rather ordinary bailed. Albert dishes up a mess of Duchin-Cavallaro school of plano.

The Jazz Me Blues Fairly straightforward and not particularly spirited twobeat etching of one of the great Dixieland standards.

Margie Two-beat delineation of the standard may attract some of the followers in the current Disieland revival.

JERRY WAYNE Blue Ribbon Gal Columbia 38661 Bright two-heat cleffing of a gay oldie makes appealing wax as it is handled by Wayne with an excellent

assist from Hugo Whiterhalter's ork and a vocal group, Send Ten Pretty Flowers (To My Girl in Tennessee)

Happy country-tinged rhythm tune which has been attracting some attention is done with a valide-Ville flavor by Wayne with ork and chorus

JOHNNY JOHNSTON (Russ Case Ork) MGM 10582

You're Diff'rent Competent singleg and deking job on an attractive

by Stuart Faster,

substance.

the hardly outstanding new ballad, Foolish Tears

Johnston sings and recites this tegind to several nature hits, primarily "Jealous Heart," but it lacks the bonest plaintiveness of its predecessors.

RUSS CASE ORK Mad About You (Stuart Foster) Simple, tasteful dance treatment of a beautiful albeit difficult movie hallad which is sung extremely well

> There Aren't Enough Hours in the Day Another tasteful dance crking of a rather ordinary ballad which is warbled neatly by a group.

TET MGM 30222

Alberta's "Tango in D," which has been treated as a pop, is subject of this airy, engaging small ork etching featuring the veteran prister at the keyboard.

Lonely Little Music Box Cutz little instrumental which is competently performed but whose immediate appeal is United

RHYTHM & BLUES

JOHNNY CRAWFORD Sawbuck Regent 1009

Clean amail lump band swings a vamp on 'The Hucklebuck's crisply and with spirit. Some neat bary sax liess are an asset.

Red Cap Shuffle Fast-moving jump opus has a big beat and builds some synthetic sort of excitement out of very little

WALTER DAVIS Bullet 321

Santa Claus Blues Add another Christmas blues to this year's holiday entries. The lyric is hackneyed. Warpler, a Southern stylist, sounds muffled; ehythm accompaniment is

Got To See Her Every Night Blues conception here has originality in pattern. Davis nets spirit in this one and is better recorded.

SAUNDERS KING ORK Alandin 3045

Stormy Night Blues Mood warfiling and orking make a good contemporary blues offering. Group plays especially "cool,"

Unfaithful Blucs Like flip, with standout orking boesting King's pleasant blues chanting,

BURNETTA EVANS Melford M-255

Columbia 30178

BABY BOY"

WARREN

SAVANNAH

Arro 1220

CHURCHILL

Thrill Me Thrush wartles a pash ditty passably, but tenorshythm backing is thin and sets her off poorly.

All on Account of You Another inadequately planned side. Gal undoubtedly could do better under proper conditions.

Oh, I'm Evil Old-hat chanting of a rhythm novelty ditty with ioun, hard-hitting orking, Might have passed a decade ago.

luke Box Time dore in the same dated format.

My Special Friend Blues Shouter talks right out at the customers in a personal, sirect way, while rejexed plans and gultar slowboogle in back.

Nervy Woman Blues More in the same winning manner,

I Want To Cry A hit disking about a year back, It's as good intrinsically now as it was then, but on the market too toon to repeat.

My Baby-Kin Lulinby is soothing but not striking. With its content and mickey ork supp anything in the b&r murt.

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RHYTHM & BLUES

IVORY JOE HUNTER I Almost Lost My Mind MGM 10578

Supern ballad development of the blues with a clever vocal trick should strike it rich. Disking and tune have pop and country potential in addition to the B&R bir it's likely to do.

If I Give You My Love

Hunter feelingfully warbles an appealing ballad. Could

make this a two-sided wirmer on his MGM label debut. No Rollin' Blues

Concert recording with crowd noises and kibitzer creates effective backdrop for Witherspoon's expert slow blues shouting.

Big Fine Girl Another concert etching is heavy on the rhythm, light on material, heavy on the crowd noises.

CHARLES JOHNSON ORK (Willia Anderson)

JIMMY WITHER-

Modern 20-721

SPOON

Prize 705

Midnight Mood Riff blues instrumental in the "Hucklebuck" tradition, with piano spotted.

Rompin' on the Ramp The after-hours plane weaves an okay mucd job, with ork support helping the blues effect.

PEE WEE CRAYTON Modern 20-719

ROY HAWKINS ORK

Modern 20-720

Old Fashioned Baby Crayton warbles a pash double-entendre blues with feeling. Mood backing by ork.

Bounce Pee Wee Crayton's electric guitar "sings" this one an expressive up-tempo blues Job, with driving boogle ork support.

Sleepless Nights Hawkins cries a lowdown blues, with the ork's hardhitting sustained chords and tenor go creating a fine

Mistreatin' Baby Up-tempo blues vocal-instrumental job has spirit but not much distinction.

IMMIE SIMON Phoenix 017

Runnin' Blues Simon warbles a tangy bounce blues in a big, robust voice. Small combo support adequate. Fine Baby Blues

Novelty blues, with chase instrumental choruses between vocals. Doesn't sustain.

IOE ROBINSON (Benny Carter Ork) RCA Victor 22-0054

If I Can't Have You Smooth warbling and orking of a so-so balladbut feeling is lacking. Roll With the Boogie Polite boogle woogle novelty job.

after-hours effect.

MARGE TILLMAN-FLOYD'S BOYS Columbia 20642

BUD HOBBS

BOB WILLS

MGM 10570

MGM 10571

COUNTRY & WESTERN Mama, What'll I Do? Thrush is cute as a bug in her rendition of a charming adaptation of a good old folker. Familiarity of the melody could help establish this one.

Darling, Don't Go Nothing much happens with this slow, sweet torcher, the it's acceptably done.

Alabama Moon Routine warbling and string backing of a melodic For the Sake of an Old Memory

And here the song, a ballad, is also quite ordinary. Ida Red Likes the Boogie Wills has a fine Western swing offering in this boogle woogle ballad. Story brings an old Western sweet-

Tiny Moore's chant. A King Without a Queen Rendition of ballad is pallid.

BUZ BUTLER Decca 46194

COWBOY COPAS-

King 635

BURL IVES

BOYS

GRANDPA JONES

Mule Train Here's the disk that launched a thousand "Mule Trains"-the first waxing of the epic. It's unquestionably the definitive rendition, but will probably take the dust of the others.

heart up to date, with hand kicking hard in back of

Money Ain't Everything Ballad is one of the phiolosophical kind of things done by Burl Ives. Butler does it with zest and authority, but it's in the cuit rather than the commercial folk vein.

The Feudin' Boogie

Team of country names delivers an entertaining piece of boogle material, aided by solld rhythm and steel

Mule Train

Mule Train

The New Look

melodically, but okay for dancing.

Here's the high-powered country version of the click. Name power and rustic flavor should carry it a long way.

go with Ives fans after its pop days are over. Greer County Bachelor Old folk sony is full humor and charm. More for city collectors of traditional ballads.

PORKY FREEMAN TRIO 4 Star 1315

Entertaining tale warms that fashionable garb can hide Nature's mistakes. Not much here for repeated plays however. Instrumental polks in country style is unexciting

TENNESSEE VALLEY Folk-Star 510

Why Pick on Me? Authentically-produced, but routine material bers. Limited to mountain districts.

I'm Lonesome for You Tonight Full-flavored hill-country treatment, with harmony and tranjus. Has a catchy quality. (Continued on page 100)

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TUNES

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COUNTRY AND WESTERN

If I'd Only See'd You Bright novelty item warbled by A! Harms may draw some play in the locale of the diskery.

> Wal, I Swan! Combination of recitation and singing on a vaude-

type novelty Hem which is done rather timidly by

GEORGE MORGAN Why in Heaven's Name Columbia 20655 Add another effective etching to the growing list of Margan hits

Ring on Your Finger Even more potent is this side which has Morgan's offine tonsils running down a song of a high caliber

for the country market. Trusting You Cliff Crofford handles the lyrics of a rather medicare

country ballad. Have I Got a Chance With You 42--40--40--45 Poor rhythm etching is performed without conviction.

Mama and Daddy Broke My Heart 86--86--86--86 Arnold has another sure-fire item in this tear-jerking ballad which is an appeal to keep a family intact.

Take Me in Your Arms and Hold Me Arnold's expert delivery sells this remantic hallad. Should draw plenty of coin. Makes still another twosided potential winner for the master of the country

and Western field. Sally Goodin' Taylor sings the calls in high style on this rhythmia square dance job.

Wagon Wheel More of the same

Give a Little, Take a Little Bright novelty ditty has charm and distinction. Thompton, who composed it, warbles it effectively. Could be an important country ditty.

A Cat Has Nine Lives Jingle based on the bid saw doesn't come off.

You Waited Too Long 62--64--62--60 Country torcher impresses, the rendition is indifferent.

Cow Poke Boogie Country-comba boosis doesn't come off.

True To You Pleasant boy-gal Isrmonizing on an okay ballad. Pop Me a Kiss

Un-temps novelly on a weak pop tune. CHARLIE MONROE & Time Clock of Life HIS KENTUCKY Up Lemps hillfully moralizer swings right along, with non-stop string orking in back of Monroe's PARDNERS RCA Victor 21-0145

chanting. Treatment reduces effectiveness of the sermonizing lyrics. Red Rocking Chair Umitual hill ballad in the old tradition. Should

register with the mountain trade and urban cultists. Blue Grass Stomp BILL MONROE & HIS **BLUE CRASS BOYS**

Up-tempo blues instrumental. Proficient but nothing especially original or arresting. The Girl in the Blue Velvet Band Monroe warbles a sad tale of an innocent man framed

and sent to jail by a slip of a gal. Effective and affecting. Go On, Little Girl, Have a Cry SKEETS YANEY & HIS NATIONAL Simple, sentimental waltz ballad gets an okay semi-pop vocal and string backing,

> Ozark Valley Waltz Rootine place-name waitz well-enough warbled. Saddle on My Heart The queen of the cowgais delivers a Broadway Western novelty. Sprightly stuff, but not calculated

to make a stir among the home folk. It's Saturday Night Lively, entertaining and with an honest rural feeting, this rimelty bit is appealingly projected and could get strong play.

Mary, the Prairie and I Cowboy-in-the-sadule ballad with a feeble lyric Collett does well with the material at hand. An Unsigned Valentine

Like Hin, lyric is weak and warnier sings expressively. I Can't Forget You SMILEY WHITLEY & Western-styled ballad is warbled meladically. Vocalist Cliff Warren projects with warmth and feeling.

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TUNES

COMMENT

COUNTRY AND WESTERN SAM NICHOLS I Wonder Why I Worry Over You MGM 10579 Nichals lusty tones come over fine here. Good

quitars contribute too, and material sperits attention. You're So Heartless Nothing special here.

Don't Let Someone Else Take My Place Middlin' material to work on, but Faile reveals a pleasant, intimate style.

There Ain't No Use To Cry Moerate blues tune has only moderate impact.

BOB FLANNERY Capitol 57-40259

I'll Keep Smiling
Slow country torcher too placedly warbled. I've Lost You So Why Should I Care? Tune, more pop than country, gets an okay vocal.

STANLEY BROTHERS-Have You Someone (in Heaven Awaiting) Nasal brother harmony treatment of a mountain sacred ditty in the deep hillbilly style. Type of item that's sure to find its steady market.

A Vision of Mother

As with flip, and even more effective, material-wise.

The Three Bears

Western swing stuff in the ultra-modern style even to bop phrasings Material is the familiar nursery rhyme, with the ork making re-bop behind "Twin Fiddle Rag" vocal. A dublous venture.

Twin Fiddle Rag

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HANK SNOW RCA Victor 21-0143

Nobody's Child

Snow, a stylish country minstrel, packs sobs and tears into a pathos-laden weeper. The subject is not only an orphan but blind as well-a hard-to-top combination

The Only Rose

Warbler really gives his all again, but material, an okay ballad, isn't the pathos-laden attention-getter flipside is.

Q. D. HOLLY & HIS Filipino Rose SOUTHERN **TROUBADORS**

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Can't hold out much hopes for this one a late cutting of an established hit and a quite mediocre

Slipping Around Same trouble.

WALLY MOORE & HIS TENNESSEANS Savoy 3023

Roses Mean Remembrance Warbler's simple, warm delivery sells an attractive country torcher strongly.

Tie a Little String Around Your Finger Same singer shows a sparkling rhythm style, as he phrases a bright tempo tune with the best of 'em,

"TEXAS" BILL STRENGTH 4 Star 1334

If I Could Buy Your Love Western string ork setting and a straightforward but not especially strong vocal on a likely pop-Western

Please Don't Ever Forget Me Tune is machine-stamped out of a familiar die, with nothing special of its own. Rendition is plodding.

MADDOX BROTHERS Mule Train & ROSE 4 Star 1399

Probably the only disking featuring a fem lead. Side is overloaded with production.

I'm Sending Daffydills Thrush gets heart into a serious, real down-home

treatment of a tunque-in-cheek hillbilly spoofer.

& HIS BOYS

JOHNNY LEE WILLS Rag Mop Small Western combo stomp out an up-tempo blues that swings right along. Nonsense lyric is rhythmic and ingratiating.

Near Me Waitz ballad effort, the competent, is routine and undistinguished.

FARMHANDS World 1517

Bullet 696

BOB JENNINGS-THE One Hundred Dreams Warbler falls to enimate a good-enough country

One Sweetheart Too Many Rhythm ditty has a lift, and Jennings delivers the tyric on this one with a kind of cool, detached conviction.

FLOYD AND LLOYD 4 Star 1386

Alabama Baby Boys whip up a hotcha brother-harmony blues in boogle, with sock string work -pushing. Side, running

2:00 on the button, is a julie natural, Address From Heaven Chugging, heavily accented waltz tearjerker is done with sawy and sincerity by the last in the authentic

GENE AUTRY Columbia 20651

eld style. This highly attractive rendition of the smash will have been shipped many days before this review appears and should have done Its share of business in the race.

A Cowboy's Serenade Autry spins his magic over a pretty melody which lacks the lyrical sock which could have lent the song added muscle.

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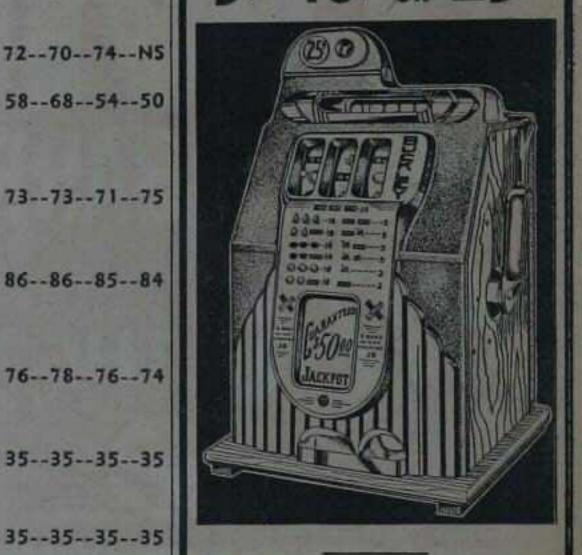
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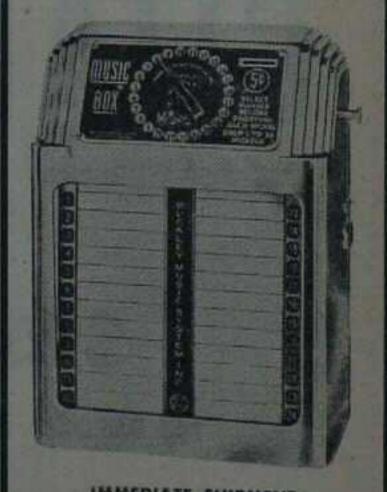
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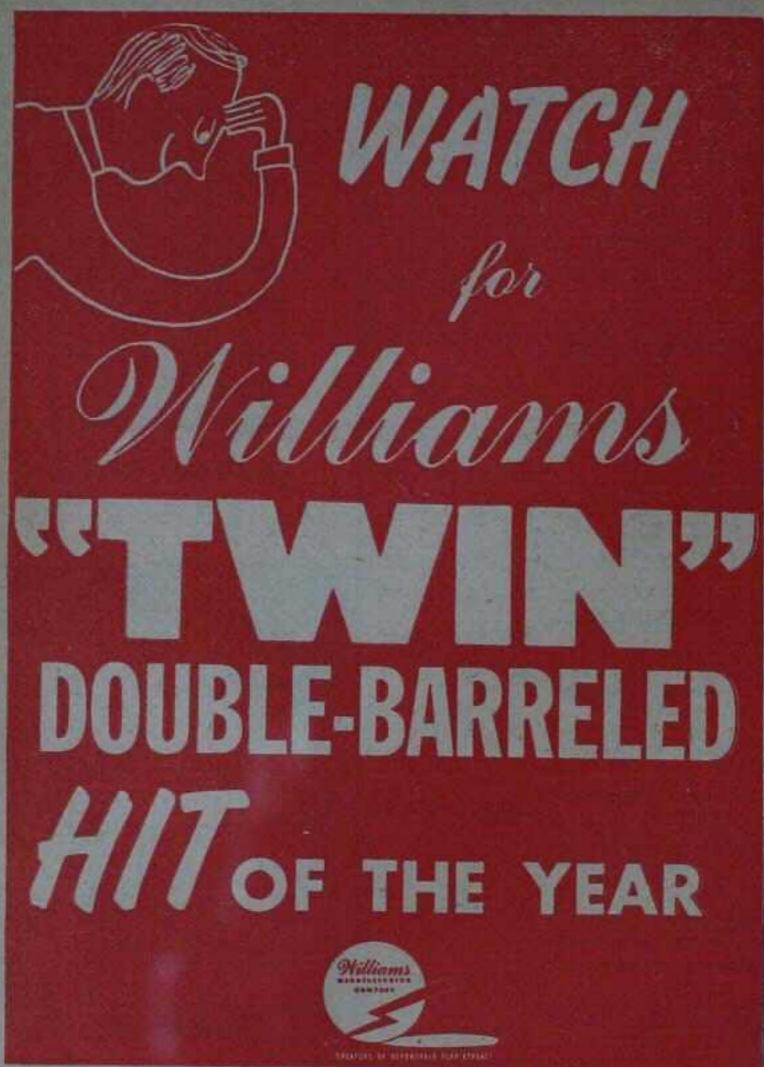


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Manufacturers Adding More Models as Production Lags

(Continued from page 78) of the key points brought out by the shuffle units is that some coin amusement products can be successful on dime play but it is up to the manufacturer, distributor and operator to find out thru comprehensive test which games will go over on nickel dime play. Another salient point brought home to all concerned is that players have clearly indicated by their reaction to the shuffle novelty games that they will consistently play a game they thoroly understand, tho the playfield itself may be relatively simple in design.

Beneficial as the shuffle trend has been to firms which entered the field comparatively early and therefore fully capitalized on novelty games. of greater importance is the lift given to the coin machine amusement business as a whole. For distributors and manufacturers have been surprised by the number of new interests brought into the trade, a must to any industry which is to continue to grow and prosper. Undoubtedly, the greatest single benefit of immediate importance to the whole field is that the unusual popularity of the shuffle games has strengthened the operator's financial position at a time when it was most needed. It was but a few months ago that operators were limiting their buying of new games to the minimum and were concerned about the cost of operation, particularly the price of games.

The list of producers now engaged in the shuffle novelty output includes (Sbuffle-Bowler); Chicago Bally Coin (Bowling-Alley); United Manufacturing (Shuffle Alley); U. S. Wood-(Pin Boy); and Rock-Ola (Shuffle-Lane). Keeney and Rock-Ola have just announced their products (see the Los Angeles headquarters. . . other firms are about to introduce for a tour of salesrooms recently.

shuffle games and only the Gottlieb organization is now wholly engaged in five-ball production. Of the others, Williams has had steady success with both five-ball and novelty games unrelated to the shuffle field. Genco produced Glider, a shuffle type game, and is now in production on a fiveball. Exhibit supply has the twin gun game, Silver Bullets, a completely new arcade line, and a fiveball rolling off the lines.

Clearly indicated by the success of the wave of shuffle games as well as other novelty games and fiveballs, now drawing heavy play on locations, is the fact that games which make money for the operator, and therefore the distributor and manufacturer, will always have a ready market regardless of the cost of the unit. Costs of producing shuffle games are higher than pin games, yet operators have not been concerned with the added expenditure. By the same token if a different type of amusement game were introduced at a much lower price and operators found, in the course of time, that the game would not have sufficient appeal to make a reasonable profit, it would have small demand.

Minneapolis:

(Continued from page 93) erators Association, still makes his twice-weekly trips to Winnipeg to visit his son who is in a hospital there convalescing from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Phil Robinson, Chicago Coin's West Coast rep, was in Chi-cago for a visit to the home office. craft (California Shuflepins); Keeney He'll return via the Northwest with business stops in Washington and Oregon before concluding his trip at separate stories). Actually, two Bernic Knott was in from Alhambra

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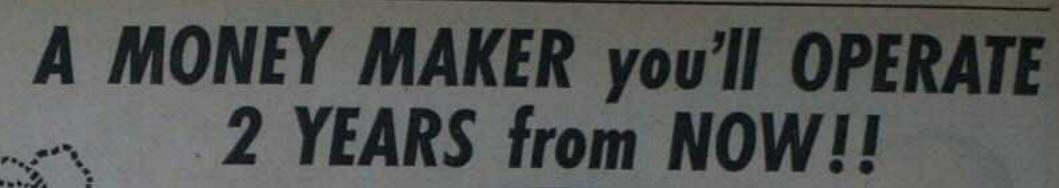
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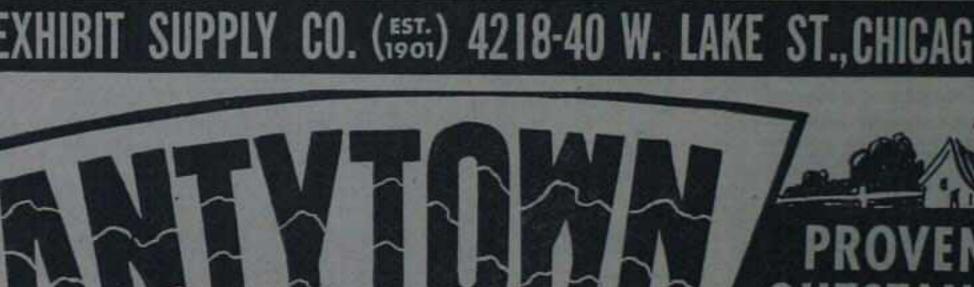
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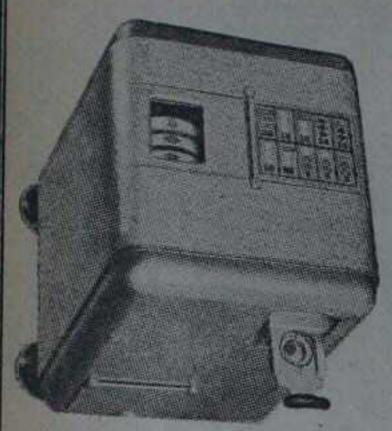
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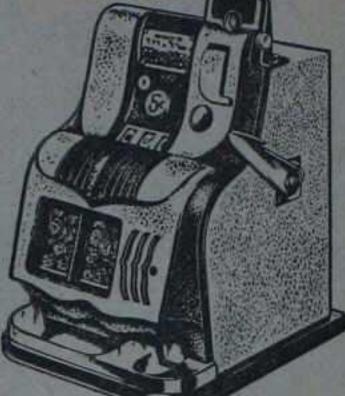
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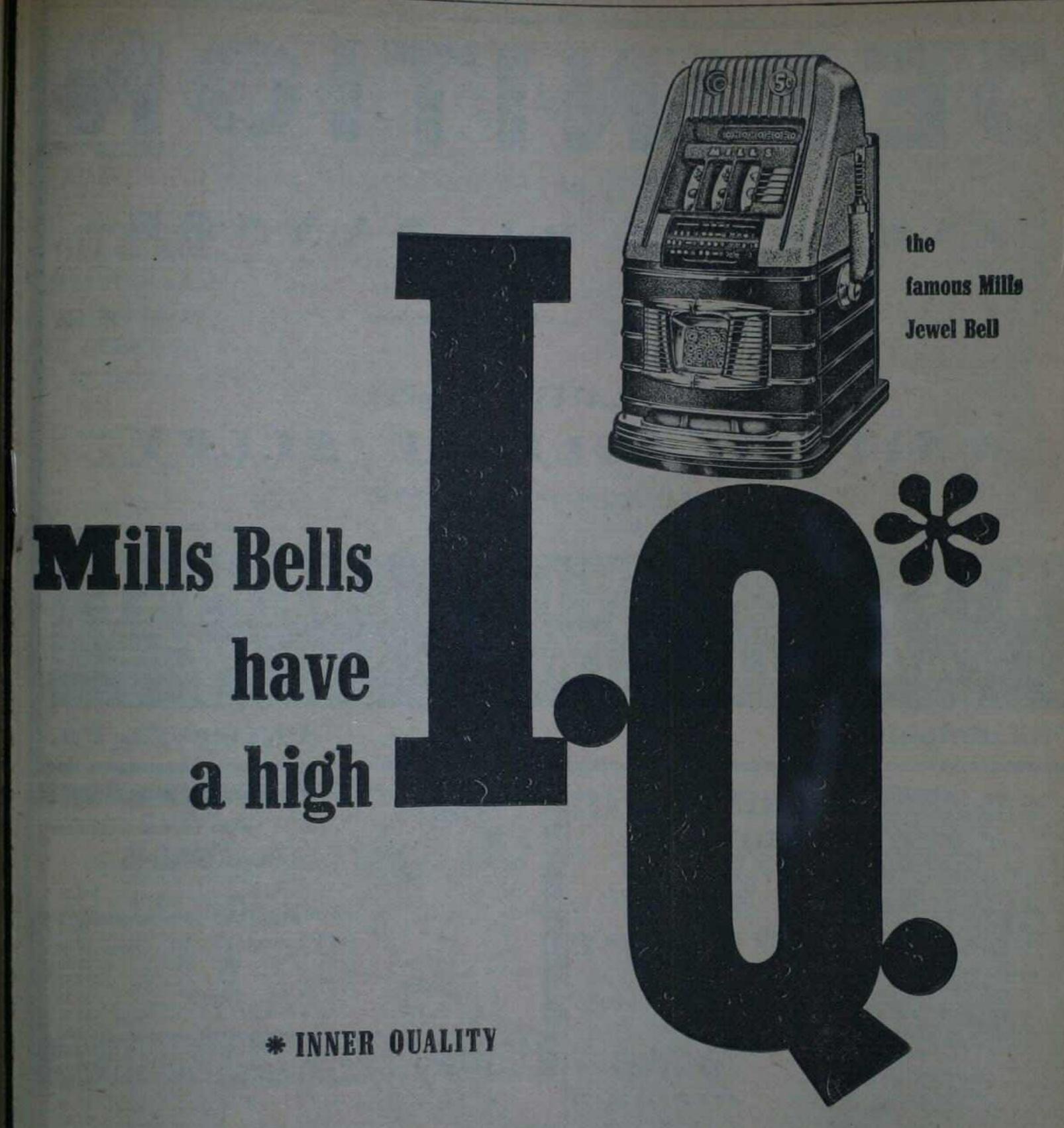
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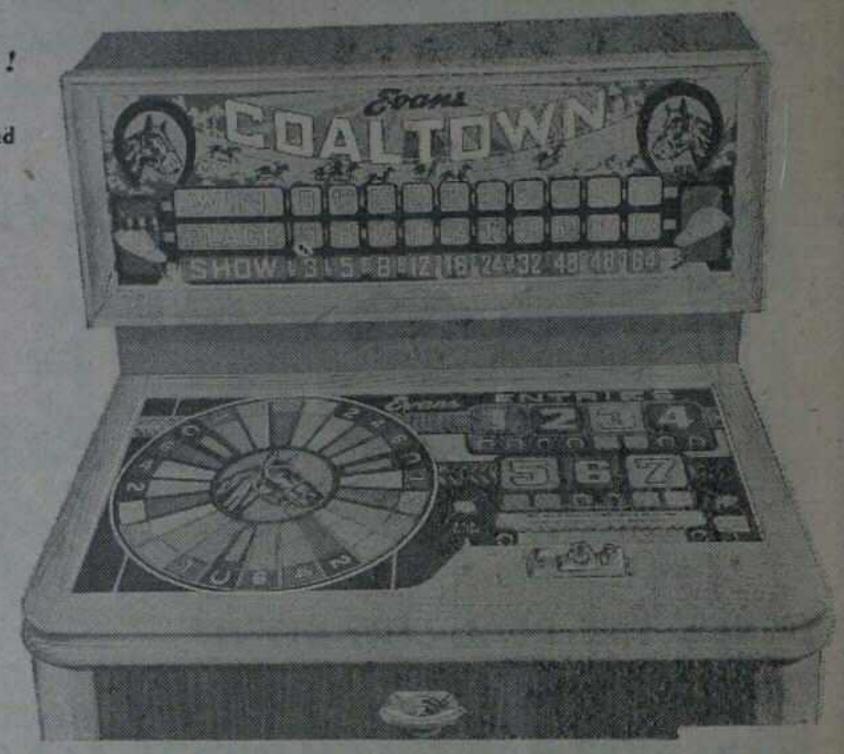
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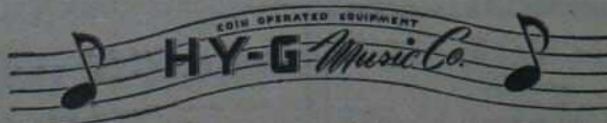
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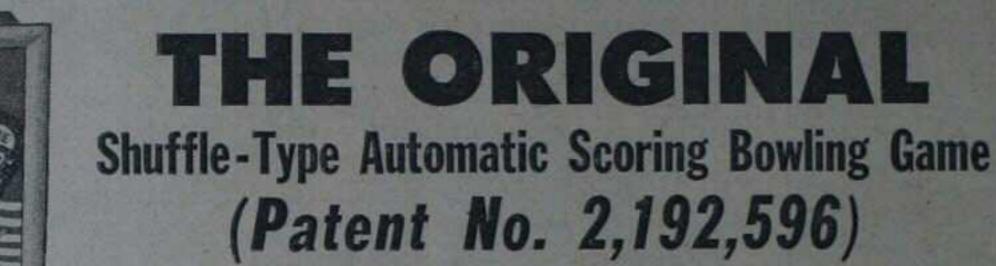
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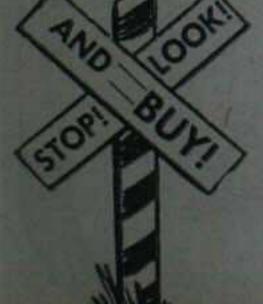


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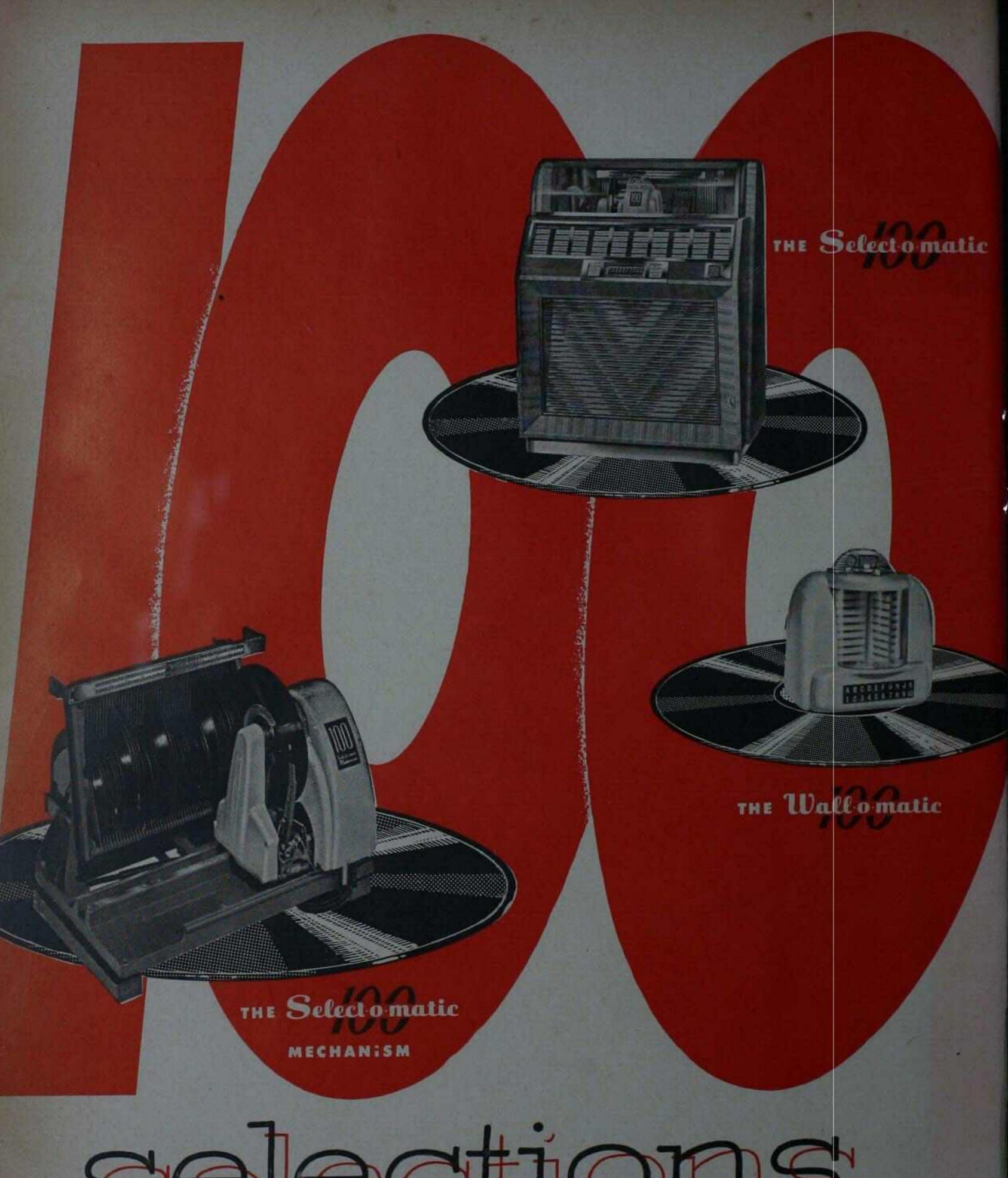
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